

Alexandria Gazette.

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16.

LOCAL NEWS.

For this section fair weather, colder Saturday morning, followed by slowly rising temperature, light to fresh northwesterly winds, becoming variable.

SPECIAL ELECTION.—A special election was held in the Third ward yesterday to fill a vacancy in the Common Council from that ward. Mr. C. J. W. Summers was the democratic nominee and was opposed by Mr. B. F. Waddey. There were 682 votes polled of which Mr. Waddey received 376 and Mr. Summers 305. 294 of the voters were cast by colored men. If the democrats had turned out they could have easily elected their candidate. It is understood that Mr. Summers will contest the election on the grounds that the official notice, as published, read that the election would be held on Wednesday Dec. 15, whereas the 15th was on Thursday, and that the polls were closed at 4:25 o'clock instead of at sunset, 4:42.

It is said by some of Mr. Waddey's friends that he will probably not qualify as a Councilman for the reason that he expects soon to go to Richmond—the department of the R. & D. railroad with which he is connected having recently been ordered to that city from Washington.

PERSONAL.—Cards are out for the wedding of Mr. George H. Hopkins and Miss Jennie Wheatly, of this city, to take place at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday next.

Miss Georgia Louise Kilbourn and Mr. Frank Gordon, son of Governor Gordon, of Georgia, were married at St. John's Church, Washington, yesterday.

Mrs. J. V. Davis has returned to this city after an absence of several months.

Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee is in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. T. Beckham. Mrs. Lee has been on a visit to New York and is on her return to Richmond.

Mr. D. G. Watkins, who illness at his home near this city, has been notified, it is reported, in a critical condition.

Mrs. J. E. M. Church, who was here last summer on a visit to friends, and who has been confined to her bed at her home in Beachville, S. C. for more than six weeks is improving.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—The Richmond and Danville Railroad have commenced the removal of their offices from Washington to Richmond. This change will take about thirty-five officials and clerks to Richmond. Among those who will lose their positions by the change is Mr. F. F. Marbury, of this city, who for a number of years has been connected with the treasury department of that road.

The New York Tribune of yesterday says: "William Rockefeller, Roswell P. Flower, and R. T. Wilson, who were elected directors of the Richmond and West Point Terminal Railway Company at the general meeting at Richmond on Tuesday, will decline the positions. They have not been informed officially of their election, but they gave public notice yesterday they would not serve."

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was cloudy and cold till about 1 o'clock, when it became clear. There were six lodgers and one prisoner at the station house.

The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases:

Andrew Grady, colored, arrested by officer Franks for disorderly conduct at the Third ward polls yesterday, was fined \$5.

A saloon keeper, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was fined \$10.

REDUCING EXPENSES.—A reduction in the expense of collecting customs revenue has been determined upon and the plan prepared by Assistant Secretary Maynard has been approved by Secretary Fairchild, and will be put into effect. Mr. Maynard summarizes the plan as follows: Among the ports affected and the amounts of reduction are the following: Alexandria, \$1,575; Cherrystone, \$2,562; Petersburg, \$3,085; and Tappanhook, \$707.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge N. B. Meade presiding—Harlow Bros. vs. John W. Baggett, order enjoining sale of Baggett's property advertised to take place to-morrow.

Administration upon the estate of Geo. Laycock was committed to the Sergeant.

Court adjourned till court in course.

THE WEATHER.—The predicted cold wave reached this city last night, after the heavy rain of the day, and this ice formed in the gutters and in other exposed places. To-day has been bright and bracing, the northwest wind being sufficiently cold to make the temperature exhilarating.

500 large gilt frame paintings to be sold at half price Friday and Saturday only at the Washington Fair, 428 King street.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE U. S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS IN THE VIRGINIA COUPON CASES. THEIR CONSISTENCY, ETC.

In Antoni vs. Greenhow, they decided that the taxpayer and others holding coupons could compel the State to receive them in payment of all dues to the State. Reason given, that the State had contracted with the bondholders that these coupons should be received in payment of taxes, etc.; and as the constitution forbade a State to pass any law which impaired the obligation of contracts, it forbade any act of the legislature declining to receive them. Therefore the act of 1873, repealing the act of 1871, was void, and the officers of the State were compelled to recognize this law, and in their individual capacity must act in accordance with the original contract and receive the coupons. In the case of the habeas corpus decision of Ayers, Scott and McCabe, the same Court gave an opinion that a State could not be sued by an individual in consequence of the 11th amendment, and that the State could enter into and retire from a contract at her will and pleasure, without restraint by the law or the courts, on account of 11th amendment. They thought coupons as good as gold in Antoni vs. Greenhow; they were worth nothing against the will of the State in the case of Cooper and al. vs. Marye and al. In the case of Point-dier vs. Greenhow the mere offer of coupons subjected the treasurer to punishment as a trespasser if he sued for taxes; and in the case of Cooper et al. vs. Marye et al. it was decided that a tender was not payment and did not interfere with the suit for taxes, when the State wished to sue.

In the rulings of the State Courts the coupons are worth nothing. In Judge Bond's court they are equal to gold. The latest circular of the agent of the bondholders appears to be for the purpose of deterring the payers, who have bought his coupons, from funding them, as this would probably bring about the acceptance of the Riddleberger bill as a settlement of the debt.

Just received 60 fancy hanging lamps at the Washington Fair, 428 King street, to be sold at \$2.50 a piece Friday and Saturday only.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

In Washington last night the vicious station, belonging to Mr. Thomas Nelson, of Clarke county, was put under perfect control by Prof. Gleason, and for the first time was harnessed to a wagon.

The lady managers of the Confederate Bazaar held a large and enthusiastic meeting this morning at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The reports they received were encouraging and the collections large.

The Baldwin Theatre Company played The Danites to a fair audience at the Opera House last night. To-night East Lynne will be played.

The members of the Alexandria Musical Association gave a complimentary dance last night to their lady friends at their hall, on King street, which was well attended. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

The Bachelor Club rooms are being handsomely furnished and decorated with portieres, lace curtains, lambricquins, &c.

EXCURSION RATES.—On Dec. 22 25th round trip tickets between all stations on the Virginia Midland Division as well as between all stations on the Washington and Ohio Division of the R. & D. R. R. will be sold at the rate of four cents per mile one way, the same to be good to return until January 21; and again on Dec. 29th 31st round trip tickets will be sold at the same rate to be good until January 5th.

Chinese papers print no local news unless it is brought into the office with a request to publish. It is not such a bad plan. When a man in China carries too long at the flowing bowl, and on his way home gets into a discussion with a lamp-post on the labor problem, and calls the post "no gentleman" and says he can "lick it in two seconds," and is gathered in by a policeman, he is not obliged to call around at the newspaper office next morning and ask the editor to keep his name out of the police report.

There are different ideas of politeness. In a ferry-boat a fellow sat and spat against the wall, as though firing tobacco juice at a mark. The ladies were disgusted. Then an officer came in and asked him what he meant by such conduct. "Can't you see the notice?" the officer exclaimed. A framed injunction read as follows: "Out of respect for the ladies, gentlemen will not spit on the floor." "And that's why I'm spitting on the wall," said the passenger.

There are two brothers in Philadelphia whose habits, in one respect, are dissimilar. One of them arises at four o'clock in the morning, and the other in the winter, and has done so for forty years. He is in excellent health, although in his eighty-second year. His brother is four years older, and is also in good health; but he always sleeps until nine in the morning.

Woman and Her Diseases is the title of a large illustrated treatise, by Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., sent to any address for ten cents in stamps. It teaches successful self treatment.

A large stock of trimmed and untrimmed hats at half price at the Washington Fair, 428 King street.

FOR A USEFUL PRESENT a nice cloak for your wife or child would be very acceptable, and no one keeps a better stock at more reasonable prices than our former townsman, CHAS. BAUM, of 416 Seventh street, Washington, who has an immense establishment and at present is making a great display of Holiday Goods. Pay him a visit.

A BEAUTIFUL LINE OF Christmas Cards and Art Novelties dec 16 At JOHN D. H. LUNT'S.

BARGAIN IN A PIANO. HANDSOME SQUARE 7-OCT ROSEWOOD PIANO; round corners; overstrung bass; fine tone; warranted, for \$85, including NEW STOOL and delivery in Alexandria.

V. BECKER'S WAREHOUSES, 801 Ninth street northwest, Washington, D. C. Orders received for Tuning and Repairing. [11] NOTICE.

I hereby inform the public that I have taken a STAND IN THE MARKET, and will sell nothing but Mr. A. LOEFFERT'S SAUSAGE, from Washington.

WM. FURBER, Next to L. Bendheim's stall. dec 16

TRY LUNT'S COUGH SYRUP FOR COUGHS AND COLDS. Price 25c; sample bottle 10c. dec 15

FOR SALE. A LOT OF FRESH COWS at Charles Cox's, corner King and Fayette streets. dec 15 O. D. MILLER.

THE LADIES' FRIENDS—A CARPET SWEEPER and an ENTERPRISE MEAT CUTTER. Both are useful all the year round and make a capital Christmas gift. dec 15 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY will be enjoyed more if there is a nice CARVER and FORK for the host to carve with. We have them at all prices. dec 15 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

ICE SKATES are very cheap this year, and we have a nice line. They make a Christmas gift that always delights the boys and girls. dec 15 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

GUNS, PISTOLS, PERCUSSION CAPS, WADS, &c., at a further reduction in prices to close out. We have on hand the Merino Felt Wads, Baltimore make, at manufacturer's prices. Call at 58 King, corner of Royal street. dec 7 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

PERRY'S HARNES OIL SOAP. Three sizes—\$1, 50 and 25c sizes; the finest article in the world for harness. For sale by feb 27 W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

SOMETHING NEW FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT. Rose Jars and Potpourri, Japanese goods of all kinds. Scrolls, Screens, Mats, Bowls, Teapots, &c., &c., at nov 22 E. J. MILLER SON & CO.'S.

NEW MACKEREL. FANCY NOS. 1 AND 2 MACKEREL just received; white and fat. GEO. McBURNEY & SON. sep 15

ONE POUND BLOCKS COD FISH. Fancy stock. GEORGE McBURNEY & SON. sep 9

WALL TRADE, 1887. Offers a full line of FANCY and STAPLE GROCERIES at low prices. J. C. MILBURN, sep 9 New No. 113 N. Royal st.

HAVING a very large assortment of Wax and Patent-head, French Washable Face and Bisque. Movable Joint Dolls, I will sell them very cheap to close them out. dec 12 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER.

FLORIDA ORANGES, choice, received to-day by dec 15 J. C. MILBURN.

SAN BLAS COCONUTS just received by dec 15 J. C. MILBURN.

PRIME BALDWIN APPLES, red, received to-day by dec 15 J. C. MILBURN.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The physicians have issued a bulletin showing an increase in the diseased growth in the throat of the Crown Prince.

The trial of the persons charged with responsibility for the fire at the Opera Colonne in Paris resulted in the sentence of M. Carvalho, the manager, to three months' imprisonment and a fine of 200 francs.

The official military gazette of St. Petersburg makes a statement showing the increase of the German and Austrian forces on the Russian frontier, and intimates that Germany and Austria are preparing to invade Russia.

An English detective, by mistake, arrested an American calling himself Pomery, in Copenhagen, yesterday. The American minister believes that Pomery is John Benbow, who is wanted in San Francisco for having perpetrated a fraud.

A GREAT SCHEME—"Well, Jack," said his friend, "I see you are going to get married a week before Christmas. You told me some time ago that that important event would not eventuate until about the middle of January."

"Yes, I know, but I have changed my mind on the score of economy."

"Economy? How's that? Can you get married cheaper before Christmas than after?"

"I'll explain. You see, if I don't get married until January, Julia will expect me to make her a Christmas present worth at least fifty dollars. If she is my wife before Christmas, she will be satisfied with a gift costing not more than fifty cents."

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.—Among the District Deputy Grand Masters appointed by the Grand Master at the session of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Richmond are the following:

District No. 1, Frank A. Reed, Alexandria; District No. 2, W. L. Jeffries, Culpeper; District No. 14, George E. Bushnell, Winchester; District No. 15, E. J. Armstrong, Luray; District No. 21, H. R. Green, Delaplane, Fauquier county; District No. 22, S. J. Quinn, Fredericksburg; District No. 23, Wm. H. Prout, Charlottesville; District No. 36, W. M. Bucher, Harrisonburg; District No. 43, S. Fouché, Leesburg.

A SINGULAR CHINESE SUPERSTITION.—Some years ago as a punishment for certain political offenses, a Tibetan Lama was informed by the Emperor of China that after his death his soul would not be permitted to revisit this world. But on the Lama's death recently his pupils besought the Emperor to withdraw this interdiction. Yielding to their solicitations, the soul has been allowed to reappear in the person of a baby. The Manchu residents of Tibet now appeal on behalf of this infant for the restitution of all the deceased saint's posthumous honors. —Fall Mall Gazette.

SHOT AT BY MISTAKE.—Mr. Minor Stone, the agent of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad at Taylorsville, while on his way home in the dark on Wednesday night, was suddenly shot at with a double barreled shotgun by Henry Terry, living a little north of the Little river. Mr. Minor was carrying a lantern in his hand, and Terry, taking the object for what he had long feared as a jack-o'-lantern, shot at it. As Mr. Stone was some distance off he was not hurt, but the mistake might have proved fatal.

Salvation Oil is an infallible cure for headache, backache, pain in the side and limbs, and all rheumatic and neuralgic affections. It relieves pain and extirpates the disease that causes it. Price twenty-five cents a bottle.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL. There has been only a moderate business doing during the week just closing and the speculative feeling manifest last week has weakened decidedly causing a decline in prices for staple produce. The money markets are quoted more active and the stringency in the country has in no wise been relieved. U. S. bonds are quoted firm. Business in State securities is more or less uncertain. The offering is occasional and the demand indifferent. Past-due coupons fundable at par are wanted at 65, and the non-fundable are quoted at 28.30. Railroad securities are dull and nominal. We quote Va. Mid. 25s at 114 1/2, 4ths 69, 5ths 99a 10c, Inc. 25s.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The stagnation existing in the stock market yesterday afternoon was continued and intensified this morning, the opening being steady to firm at insignificant changes from last evening's prices. The fluctuations were limited, and at 11 o'clock the market was extremely dull and steady to firm at small fractions better than first prices. Money 4 1/2.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Virginia 6s consolidated 41; past-due coupons 65; 10-40—; new 3s— bid to-day.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE DEC. 17

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Flour, Superfine, Extra, Family, Fancy brands, Wheat, Longberry, Fat, Damp and tough, Corn, white, Yellow, Corn Meal, Rye, Oats, Butter, Virginia prime, Common to middling, Eggs, Live Chickens, Dress'd Chickens, Live Turkeys, Dress'd Turkeys, Dress'd Pork, Hind quarters Beef, Fore quarters Beef, Veal Calves, Irish Potatoes per bushel, Onions, Apples per barrel, Dried Peaches, peeled, Cherries, Dried Apples, Bacon, Best sugar cured Ham, Butcher's Ham, Breakfast Bacon, Sugar-cured Shoulders, Bulk shoulders, lg. cl. sides, bellies, Bacon Shoulders, Smoked Beef, Sugars—Brown, Conf. Standard A, Granulated, Coffee—Rio, La Gajarra, Java, Molasses B. S., C. B., Sugar Syrup, Herrings, Potomac No., Pot. Family B, Do. half barrel, Mackerel, small, per bbl.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes No. 3, medium, No. 3, large fat, No. 2, Clover Seed, Timothy, Plaster, ground per ton, Ground in bags, Lump, Salt-G.A. (Liverpool), Fine, Turk's Island, Wool—Long unwashed, Brown Middling, Merino, unwashed, Do. Washed, Sumsac, Hay, Cut do., Wheat Bran 3 ton car, Brown Middling, White Middling, Hominy Chop, Cotton Seed Meal.

Flour is without material change and prices, especially of well-established family brands, are well sustained by both millers and wholesale dealers. The wheat markets continue rather quiet, but we still note in the home as in other markets a constant and fairly active demand for all choice milling samples at full figures; owing to the condition of the offerings, which are mostly poor, sales run from 73 to 87. Corn is easy at 51 for damp and unfanned to 53 for dry new, and 54 for old white; yellow will bring about the same. Rye and Oats are firm. Pork, Poultry and other produce show some improvement on account of much more favorable weather.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Cotton firm and quiet; middling 10 1/2. Flour steady, with a very moderate demand; Howard street and Western super 37 1/2; do extra \$3.00 3/4; do family \$4.00 1/2; do extra \$3.25 1/2; do extra \$3.00 3/4; do Bio brands \$4.50 1/2; do Patapco super patent \$5.50; do family \$5.15. Wheat—Southern firm and quiet; red 90a 92; amber 92a 93; Western higher and quiet; No 2 winter red spot \$3 3/4 1/2; do 83 1/2 bid; Jan 85 a 5 1/4; Feb 87 1/2 a 5 1/4; May 92 3/4 a 5 1/4. Corn—Southern easier; white 52 1/2 1/2; yellow 52 1/2 1/2; Western higher and quiet; mixed spot new 54 1/2; 55; Jan 55 1/2 a 56 1/4; Feb 56 1/2 a 57; steamer 53a 53 1/2. Oats steady and quiet; Southern and Penna 31a 37; Western white 32a 40; do mixed 30a 38. Rye firm and quiet at 62a 63. Hay quiet; prime to choice Western \$13a 14.50. Provision quiet and steady. Mess Pork \$15 25. Bulk meats—shoulders and legs, rib sides packed at 7 1/2 a 9. Bacon—shoulders 7 1/2 a 8 1/2; clear rib sides 9 1/2; hams 12a 12 1/2. Lard—refined 8 1/2. Butter firm; Western packed 20a 25; creamery 27a 31. Eggs steady and firm; fresh 24a 26; lined 16a 18. Coffee nominal; Rio cargoes ordinary to fair 15a 19. Sugar quiet and firm; A soft 7. Whiskey steady at \$1 1/4 1/2.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Cotton firm; uplands 10 1/2-16; Orleans 10 1/2-16; futures steady. Flour dull and easy. Wheat better. Corn higher. Pork firm at \$15 25a 15 50; old mess Pork \$14 50a 14 75. Lard firm at \$8.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16, 11 a. m.—The leading futures ruled as follows: May Wheat \$3 1/4; May Corn 5 1/4; May Oats 33 1/4; May Pork \$15 7 1/2; May Lard \$8 1 1/2; short ribs \$8 1 1/2.

BALTIMORE SUGAR AND COFFEE MARKET, Dec. 15.—Sugars.—The market for raw Sugar is quiet and about steady, with a limited offering and demand. We quote: Muscovado, fair refining, 50 cent; at 5 1/2; and centrifugal, 96 test, at 5 1/2. For refined: sugars the trade is quiet, as usual at this season, and the market is steady and firm. We quote: hams at \$8 12 for cut loaf, \$7 50 for cubes, \$7 62 for powdered, \$7 25 for granulated. Softs—\$7 75 for mould A, \$7 37 for confectioners' A and \$7 for standard.

Coffee.—The market for invoices is quiet and steady, with a moderate supply of stock offering, and a limited demand for small lots only. The jobbing trade has been more active than usual. The speculative prices advanced over 1c in the week, and lost a portion of the rise on Thursday. Rio invoices are quoted nominally at 18 1/2c for old and 19c per lb for new crop.

RICHMOND MARKET, Dec. 15.—The market remains quiet. Very little doing in Flour, which is steady. Offerings of grain very light. Sales of some 400 bushels of Wheat 92a 94 for longberry, and 88.30 for shortberry. Corn brought 55a 56 for white. Spring Oats sold at 40.

LYNCHBURG MARKET, Dec. 15.—The receipts of Tobacco continue fair, and prices are well maintained. For all kinds of produce there has been no change since last report and the market is quiet.

FREDERICKSBURG MARKET, Dec. 15.—No change is noted in the market whatever, and there is very little doing.

CATTLE MARKETS. BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 15.—Beef Cattle.—Prices of Beef Cattle ranged as follows: Best..... 84 25 a 4 65 Generally rated first quality..... 3 62 a 4 00 Medium or good fair quality..... 2 75 a 3 00 Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows..... 2 00 a 2 50 Extreme range of prices..... 2 00 a 4 65 Most of the sales were from..... 2 75 a 4 00 Total receipts this week 2217. Total sales 1030. Of the receipts 536 came from Virginia.

The wholesale trade this week was as active at it was last week, with prices equally as high, but the retail sales show a decline of 1/4c from last Thursday. The general average of the offerings was not as good as last week, though there were among them some very superior Kentucky steers (sold on private terms) which were unequalled by any seen here for months past. A large majority of the offerings were of an indifferent order.

Sheep and Lambs.—There was a light offering of Sheep and the market this week with a fairly good demand. Prices were fully 1/4c higher than last week, independent of the quality, which was better than it was then. We now quote butchers' Sheep at 34 1/2c, with a few extra at 5c, and Lambs at 44 1/2c per lb gross. Receipts this week of Sheep and Lambs were 2010 head.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 15.—Beeves—no trading in Beef Cattle; dressed Beef unchanged; native sides sold at 6a 7c per lb, with a few selections at 8c. Sheep and Lambs—market slow; Lambs declined 15c per 100 lbs; Sheep sold at \$3 70a 75c per 100 lbs, with a carload of Christmas stock at \$6; and Lambs at \$3 35a 65c per 100 lbs. Hogs—live Hogs nominally weak at \$5a 30 per 100 lbs.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 15.—Cattle—market slow and lower; shipping Steers \$2 95a 5 50; stockers \$2 40a 15; mixed \$1a 25; Texas as Cattle \$1 50a 35. Hogs—market fairly active; mixed \$4 75 a heavy \$5 40a 45; light \$5 15a 55 15. Sheep—market weak and quiet; Western \$3 40a 30; feeders \$2 80a 3; Lambs \$5a 75c.

QUEENSTOWN CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 15.—At Queenstown this week there were some 142 head of Cattle offered, with sales at prices ranging from 2 to 4 1/2c per lb. 709 Sheep and Lambs were offered. Sheep brought 34 1/2c, and Lambs 5c above per pound. Some Cows and Calves were sold at \$25a 45 per head. Market for Cattle, Sheep and Lambs was brisk.

ROCHESTER LAMPS! ROCHESTER LAMPS! There is nothing more suitable for a Xmas Gift than one of these splendid lamps in nickel, brass or decorated vases. At nov 22 E. J. MILLER, SON & CO'S.

PAINT YOUR OWN BUGGY.—Just received the following new line of Colors: Olive Fonce, Ponceau, Eariate, and Jet Coach Black. Call for sample. For sale by jan 25 W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

NEW EASY LAWN MOWERS, Garden Hoers, Haks, Trawls, Ladies' Garden Sets, Grass Cutters and all other reasonable goods at lowest cash prices. JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, sep 30 Alexandria, Va.

SLEIGH BASKETS! SLEIGH BELLS! Sleigh Runners, on hand and for sale cheap at 328 King, corner of Royal street, Alexandria, Va. Call and see. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON. dec 2

FENCING WIRE.—We have now a full stock of Fencing Wire, both with and without barbs, twisted and ribbon, and we are selling it low. JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, sep 30 Alexandria, Va.

NATURAL COLOR LAMBS' WOOL SHIRTS and DRAWWEBS, soft as silk, and said not to shrink in DEAWEBS. Call and see them at 328 King, corner of Royal street, Alexandria, Va. AMOS B. SLAYMAKER. oct 7

DINNER SETS in French China, Carlsbad, Porcelain, and Printed English, from \$15.00 up, for 125 pieces. Call and examine them at nov 22 E. J. MILLER, SON & CO'S.

DRY GOODS.

J. E. TACKETT. E. C. MARSHALL.

THE XMAS HOLIDAYS

Will soon be upon us, when we can again indulge in the time-honored custom of giving presents to those we love and esteem, and the people being wise in their generation more than ever, combine the useful with the beautiful in their selections.

There is not the slightest necessity for you to puzzle your brains about what will be an appropriate present for this one and that one; but come see our stock and have the question settled at once.

We can show you an elegant assortment of

HAND BAGS AND POCKET BOOKS, in all shapes, colors and sizes and at all prices, from 5c to \$3 and \$4. Then there are the

HAND-PAINTED FANS and those that are not hand-painted.

The White and Colored Silk and Cashmere Mufflers

are certainly nice for gentlemen, and our stock of them is larger and better selected than ever before.

Umbrellas, with and without Gold and Silver Handles, in Silk, Gloria, Alpaca and Gingham, for both ladies and gentlemen, and as for

SILK AND LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS we have enough for all, and some of them are exquisitely beautiful.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and our

TIDIES AND TABLE COVERS are things of beauty. The Table Covers are of Felt, Raw Silk, Chenille and Plush.

TOWELS as handhome as ours when given to those keeping houses make the heart glad, and COMFORTS not only produce pleasure, but give also what their name implies. We have an immense quantity of them at prices from 75c to \$11.

OTTOMANS, RUGS and MATS in abundance. We have before called your attention to the very low prices of these goods, and we have been rewarded by large sales, and the same is true of

GENTLEMEN'S TIES. What is more acceptable to either a lady or gentleman than a NICE PAIR OF GLOVES? and we have all kinds. We would need a great deal more space than we have to mention half of the useful and beautiful articles suitable for presents that we have in stock.

ONE PRICE.

J. E. TACKETT, 431 and 433 King street.

AMUSEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE ONE WEEK AND SATURDAY MATINEE, Commencing MONDAY, Dec. 12. Change of Bill Each Night.

Mr. WALTER S. BALDWIN, Miss PEARL MELVILLE, and an Excellent Company, in a Powerful Repertoire, Presenting To-Night the Great Emotional Drama,

East Lynne. ADMISSION, 10, 20 AND 30 CTS. Seats on sale at Summers & Allen's drug store, dec 9

FANCY GROCERIES.

IMPORTED GLACE FRUITS. VERY FINE THIS YEAY. PINEAPPLE FRITTERS, CRYSTALLIZED GINGER, FINE CHOCOLATE CREAMS, FINE FRENCH CANDY.

For sale by G. WM. RAMSAY.

LOST AND FOUND. \$30 REWARD—Stolen from the stable of the subscriber on the night of December 14, a FRESH COW, black with a little white on belly and short horn horns. Fifteen dollars will be paid for the recovery of said cow and fifteen for the capture and conviction of the thief. dec 15 A. W. HARRISON.

WANTED.—A BOOK-KEEPER and CORRESPONDING CLERK. Must have some knowledge of the grocery business. Address application to box 200 dec 15

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LECTURE. There will be a grand lecture given by the Hon. FREDERICK DOUGLAS, of the District of Columbia, At ROBERTS CHAPEL, DECEMBER 16, 188