

# The Local News.

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21, 1861.

## ALEXANDRIA, VA.

We would again suggest that our resident citizens save their copies of the Local News—as, they will furnish a useful record hereafter of town matters, marriages, deaths, and local incidents—besides containing a brief history of the operations of the war and the events of the times.

**A RECENT DECISION OF THE MILITARY COURT.**—We find the following in the New York Tribune:—

"ALEXANDRIA, VA., Oct. 16, 1861.—A very important case came before the Provost Court of this city to-day. Heretofore this Court has confined its attention mostly to criminal cases—not desiring (as Judge Friese said in delivering the sentence of the Court to-day in the case first above alluded to) to interfere in the ordinary collection of debts of other civil cases, but these cases being of a peculiar character, and there being no civil Court in Alexandria to which the case might be referred, the Judge decided to go out of his usual channel and take them up.

The case was this: "A merchant of New York named Moore, I think, had claims against two merchants of this city, or rather against two firms. When the Union troops first occupied this city, the members of these firms having taken an active part in the secession movement, concluded that they had better go still further South, and accordingly abandoned their stores and stocks and fled with the enemy. It was shown before the Court that both members of one of the firms were officers in the Confederate army, and that at least one of the other firm occupied a like position. It was also shown that they had left no responsible agent here to settle their business, and that those who were now selling the goods they had left behind, were self-constituted agents; and when asked to pay any debt due from the firm, replied that "they had no authority so to do."

These facts having been stated to Judge Friese in advance—with the assurance that they could be proved by competent witnesses—he decided that it might be brought before his court; and accordingly the claimant had his case properly prepared by S. Ferguson Beach, esq., the naval officer, and a good Union-lawyer of this city, and brought before the Court to-day.

The affidavits and evidence, as above stated, having been submitted, and the parties heard in defence, Judge Friese decided:

First. That it was a legitimate case to come before a military court, as it was evidently an attempt to take advantage of existing circumstances, caused by the rebellion; and especially so as the parties hoping to reap this advantage were in arms against the Government, and would be "aided and abetted" by the carrying out of their scheme.

Second. That as all the civil courts in this city had been superseded and suspended by the military occupancy of the place, it was only just and equitable that loyal men having claims against disloyal refugees, should be aided by the military authorities in obtaining their dues.

Third. The claims having been clearly proved, and no reason shown why any stay of proceedings should be granted, the Court ordered that all the goods left by these absconding debtors should at once be taken possession of by the Court for the benefit of the claimant; that the stores should be forthwith locked up, the keys handed to the Court, and a military guard detailed to watch them; that they should be held in this way for five days, in order that the friends of the parties might, if they chose, redeem the goods by paying the claims; that if, at the end of the five days, the claims were not paid, then the goods would be disposed of in liquidation of the claims.

The stores were accordingly closed, and all the goods are now under military guard and in charge of the Court.

**THE LORD'S DAY.**—The Churches yesterday opened for Divine Service were tolerably well attended, and in each of them the usual services took place. We heard of no note-worthy incident during the day.

Lieut. H. H. Dalton, of North Carolina; Surgeon P. Lansdale, and Assistant Surgeon Wm. M. Page, of the U. S. Navy, just arrived in New York, from the African Squadron, tendered their resignations, and were immediately arrested and sent to Fortress Lafayette.

**AN INJURED VESSEL.**—The schooner "Lady Ann," of Jersey City, was yesterday the centre of attraction on the city wharves, in consequence of the injuries sustained by her in passing the Confederate batteries upon the Potomac river. A portion of the cabin carried off, a breach in her rail, damages to a mast and shrouds constituted the injuries she received—an account of the firing by the batteries will be found in another column.

The schooner was moored to Shinn's wharf, and during yesterday, it is not an exaggeration to say, she was visited by thousands—including a number of ladies. All day long a crowd remained on the wharf, and kept the vessel's captain and men busy narrating the particulars of the disaster.

The rumors mentioned and theories made by the crowd would fill a "triple sheet," but as twilight came down, the crowd began to diminish until the vessel and her injuries were left "alone in their glory."

The Baltimore News Sheet publishes a letter from Harper's Ferry, giving an account of the recent skirmish at the Ferry. There was one man killed and five wounded on the side of the Confederates. Colonel Ashby is still alive, performing acts of gallantry as well as valor. Mr. Abraham H. Herr has been arrested and taken to Richmond. It is reported that his extensive mill has been burnt, and that it is also the intention of the Confederates to destroy Harper's Ferry.

The St. Louis Democrat learns that Dr. Winer, Surgeon of the Twenty-Third Illinois Regiment, of Col. Mulligan's Irish brigade, started on Wednesday, by order of Gen. Curtis, for Gen. Price's headquarters, with an offer to effect the liberty of Colonel Mulligan by tendering in his place the release of Gen. Frost from his parole of honor, who was taken after the capture of Camp Jackson. We hear also that a like exchange will be tendered for Col. Bowen.

Great complaints are made among many of the Union men, in Kansas and Missouri, at the conduct of the brigade under the orders of Gen. Lane. Applications have been made to the government to dissolve the Brigade, or place over it a new commander.—Gen. Lane in a fiery speech, defends himself but seems to be in a very bad humor with his accusers, and the "rest of mankind."

Mr. Ely, of Rochester, who is a prisoner in Richmond, has sent intelligence of the death at that place of Mr. Calvin Huseon, who was taken prisoner the day after the Battle of Bull Run. He was a student of law in the office of Hon. Wm. H. Seward, whose niece he subsequently married.

Five hundred United States regulars under command of Col. P. St. Geo. Cooke, arrived in Washington on Saturday night, direct from Camp Floyd, Utah.

An officer on board the U. S. steamer Seminole, says, that on her way down the Potomac, she was struck eleven times by the balls from the battery at Quantico, and that the vessel suffered severely.

Some of the Northern papers affirm, as if they knew, that Gen. McClelland approves this and disapproves that. They know nothing about it.

The Northern papers seem to be more importunate and determined than ever in urging an advance of the Federal army, now on the lines of the Potomac.

The U. S. Government has issued an order for the construction of 300 wagons, to be made upon the same principal and of the same material as the metallic life-boat.

The U. S. Post Office Department has already issued fifty-five million of the new stamps. As many more will be required.

It is said Mr. Seward has ignored the former practice of the U. S. government, and that new passports are granted to negroes as "citizens of the United States"

**LATEST FROM DOWN THE POTOMAC.**—The puny boat "Fair Eliza," loaded with oysters, arrived here at one o'clock to-day. She passed the Confederate batteries at Quantico between five and six o'clock this morning without damage—a few shots having been fired at her. She reports three schooners in Quantico, and several launches, with boat howitzers, plying about in the neighborhood.

### Foreign News.

The London News says it was reported that Prince Napoleon had sent the Emperor an important State paper on American affairs. The King of Prussia had paid a two days' visit to the Emperor of France. The Bank of France has arranged for the relief of the financial pressure. The French Government has stated that the price of bread will not be further advanced. The American Minister at Berlin was negotiating with the Hanover Government for the ratification of the conditions for the abolition of the Stadt dues. The Emperor of China is dead. Earl Russell discourages interference in international affairs in Mexico, but says the Government will exercise the right of requiring security for persons and property, and for the fulfilment of engagements. Geo. Vandenhoff, the actor, is dead. He was 72 years of age. It is stated that orders are about to be issued to prepare a French squadron for Mexico.

Lord Lyons has addressed a brief circular to her Majesty's Consuls in the Southern States, enclosing the following as embodied in the official note of Secretary Seward, viz: "The law of blockade, which does not permit a vessel in a blockaded port to take on board cargo after the commencement of the blockade, will be expected to be strictly observed by all vessels blockaded by the naval force of the United States." Lord Lyons instructs these Consuls to take this law for their guidance.

The New York Tribune says:—"Several officers of the New York regiments paid a visit to Mount Vernon on Saturday, which is now two or three miles beyond the Federal lines. They rode down, and returned by water. The small boat in which they took passage back was run into by a steamer near the Virginia shore and sunk. They hung by their hands to it until rescued by a passing craft, and brought up to the Navy Yard half drowned."

The National Intelligencer states that the whole number of vessels that passed the Confederate batteries on the Potomac since Tuesday last, and safely arrived at Washington, is between fifty and sixty, and adds:—"So that, notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, communication by way of the river is not yet cut off, though it must be confessed that the existing impediment to navigation is rather annoying."

### MARRIED

On the 20th inst., by Rev. E. P. Phelps, Mr. JOSEPH LUCAS and Miss EDMONTA PETTY, all of this city.

### DIED.

In Washington, on the 19th inst., ROBERT E. KINSEY, in the 28th year of his age, son of B. S. Kinsey.

At Falls Church, on the 17th inst., Mrs. ELIZABETH ELLISON, wife of Wm. H. Ellison, of that village.

### GROCERIES, &c.

**FLOUR! FLOUR!!**  
A NICE ARTICLE OF FLOUR, expressly for Family use, can be had at C. F. SUT-  
TLE & CO'S, No. 20, Union street. Call early.  
oct 19-1w

### WOOD.

**WOOD! WOOD!!**  
I AM PREPARED to furnish WOOD, Pine and Oak, sawed and split, or unsawed, by the cord, half, or third, from C. F. Suttle & Co.'s Steam Mill, corner of Union and Gibbon streets, or by applying at my dwelling, No. 45, Duke street, corner of Water.  
oct 14-2w JOHN CRAVEN.

### DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c.

### DRUG STORE.

**HENRY COOK & CO., 89 King st., Alexandria,**  
KEEP a constant supply of Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Spices, Perfumery, Fancy Articles, Coal Oil, Fishmeal Oil, Lard Oil, Alcohol, Dye Stuffs, Paints and Paint Oil of all kinds, Window Glass and Putty, Coal Oil Lamps, Stove Polish, Paint Brushes, and every article usually found in a well regulated Drug Store.  
oct 11-1f

### MISCELLANEOUS.

**NOTICE.**—A meeting of the Stockholders of the Fire Insurance Company of Alexandria, will be held at the office of the Company, on Monday, the 4th day of November next, for the purpose of holding an election for twelve Directors, to serve the ensuing year. Hours from 10, A. M. to 12, M. By order: T. M. McCORMICK, Secretary pro tem.  
oct 18-td

**NOTICE.**—A large BAY HORSE came to my Stables about the 22d of July last. The owner will come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of to pay expenses.  
oct 18-1w JAMES CHATHAM.

**JOHN H. DEVAUGHAN'S**  
AMBROTYPE GALLERY,  
No. 111, King Street,  
OPPOSITE THE MARSHALL HOUSE.  
oct 17-2w\*

**L. LOUIS KINZER,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

**WILL ATTEND** to the prosecution of Claims for damages sustained by citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, by the use and occupation or destruction of their property by the U. S. troops.  
oct 15-4w\*

### BOOKS, MUSIC, &c.

**JAMES ENTWISLE & SON,**  
BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS,  
No. 95, KING STREET,  
HAVE ON HAND and offer for sale at low prices, for cash, Rosewood and Mahogany Writing Desks, Leather Writing Cases, Portfolios, of all sizes and prices, Pocket Knives, Pocket Ink Stands, Pocket Combs, do. Looking Glasses, Pocket Penholders, do. Memorandum Books, Black, Blue, Red and Carmine Ink, Steel Pens, Gold Pens with and without cases, Pen Wipers, Lead Pencils, Sealing Wax, Wafers, Mucilage, Red Tape, Rulers, India Ink, India Rubber, Rubber Bands, Letter Clips, Paper Weights, Paper Cutters and Folders, Porte Monnaies, Buckskin and Leather Purses, Backgammon Boards, Chess and Chess Boards, Dominoes, Dice, Dice Cups, Checker Men, &c., &c.  
Also, a large stock of ENVELOPES, LETTER, FOOLSCAP, BATH POST, and COMMERCIAL NOTE PAPERS.  
oct 11-3

**JOHN H. PARROTT,**  
DEALER IN PIANOS, MELODEONS, GUITARS, and MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS generally, and MUSIC for the same; also, BOOKS, STATIONERY, and FANCY GOODS, No. 166, King street, Alexandria, Va.  
oct 7

### JEWELRY, &c.

**W. W. ADAM,**  
DEALER IN WATCHES, JEWELRY, AND SILVER WARE.  
All kinds of WATCHES and CLOCKS repaired.  
Store No. 78, King street. oct 11-1f

### DRY GOODS.

**NEW GOODS.**  
**HARPER & BRO.,**  
ARE now in receipt of the following goods, viz:  
Black French Cloths and Cassimeres, Velvet and Silk Vestings, Cassinets, Woollen Shirts and Drawers, Silk and Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, Stocks and Neck-Ties, Suspenders, White and colored Flannels, Canton Flannels, Brown Drillings, Brown and Bleached Cottons, Calicoes, B. bleached Jeans, Pins and Needles, French and English Merino, Mouslaines, Corsets, Merino Shawls, Carpets and Rgs, Floor Oil Cloth, Alpaca, Carpet Chain, Blue Domestic, Irish Linen, Black Muslin, White and Col'd Cambric, Cloth and Silk Mantles, 6-4 Filled Cloths, Linseys, &c., &c.  
Also on hand a lot of Silks which will be sold very low.  
oct 7-1f

**BRYAN & ADAMS, AGENTS,** have on hand—  
Brown and bleached Cottons, Brown and bleached Canton Flannels, Cassimeres, Cassinets, Linseys, White and Red Flannels, Grey Sack Flannels, Calicoes, Bed Tickings, Nett Undershirts and Drawers, Gloves, Hosiery, &c.  
oct 11-6w

### DRY GOODS.

**BRYAN & ADAMS, AGENTS,**  
No. 76, King street. oct 7

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

**I. ROSENTHAL,**  
MANUFACTURER OF  
**BOOTS and SHOES.**  
No. 98 King street, opposite Sarepta Hall,  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.  
Several good HANDS wanted immediately.  
oct 11-1m

**HENRY C. FIELD,**  
BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER,  
No. 74 King street, Alexandria,  
KEEPS on hand, and is prepared to manufacture **BOOTS and SHOES** of all kinds. **MILITARY BOOTS or SHOES** made at the shortest notice, and of the best material. Persons in want of a good article in his line, will do well to give him a call.  
oct 7

### SCHOOL.

**REV. C. C. BITTING** has opened a **SCHOOL** for **GIRLS** and small **BOYS** in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Sylvester Scott. Terms low to punctual patrons.  
oct 17-1w\*