

# THE LOCAL NEWS.

## ALEXANDRIA, VA.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Two English sailing vessels entered the port of Charleston, S. C., a few weeks ago, there being at the time no blockading ships before that port. Lord Lyons now demands of the Secretary of State that these vessels be allowed to leave Charleston unmolested, on the ground that at the time of their going in there the blockade was not effective.—What answer the Secretary will return we do not know.

Of the Boston Boot and Shoe market the Reporter says:—Trade continues as noticed last week, with but little variation. There are few or no buyers in the market, the business at present being with the Provinces, New England and from the West. The market is fairly supplied with most kinds of goods and these are generally held at firm rates.

The Prince de Joinville goes daily to the outposts, with reconnoitering parties, and is almost as well known to the troops as their own general.

They have evening auction sales of books in New York, at which volumes published to be sold for two dollars each, sell for two cents.

Captain Poore, who was the commander of the steamer Brooklyn, off Charleston harbor at the time the Sumter escaped from that port, having asked a court of inquiry, his request was granted, and the court is now in session.

Colonel Marshall, of the Seventh Maine, died at Baltimore last Friday, of typhoid fever. His regiment started for Washington next morning.

The Cambridge is at Old Point from the blockade off Beaufort. The Albatross lost two men drowned in a fruitless attempt to land a few men south of Beaufort.

Assistant Secretary Fox, from Fortress Monroe, reports that there are no guns whatever in battery at Mathias' Point. Those that were recently there were evidently field pieces, in transit.

The Secretary of War has directed the promotion of twenty sergeants for meritorious services, to the positions of second lieutenants. Among them was Wm. Griffin, a sergeant, who served twenty years under Gen. Lyon.

The President has appointed a commission consisting of Hon. David Davis, Ill.; Hon. Joseph Holt, Ky.; and Hugh Campbell, St. Louis, to investigate all claims against the United States government in the Department of the West prior to the appointment of Gen. Fremont.

The recruiting office at Bridgeport, Conn. having been open a month without enlisting one recruit, has been closed, and the party has returned to Governor's Island, but will leave again shortly for some other place.

John C. Rives, who has published the Congressional Globe for many years, has paid the family of each soldier from his district ten dollars for each month, and intends to continue his gifts.

We hear that Joseph Segar, esq., has been elected to the United States Congress from Hampton, Va.

During the past week lake freights have advanced at Chicago ten cents per bushel on grain, and railroad freights ten cents per barrel on flour.

There was a slight fall of snow at Troy, New York, on the 23d inst.

The telegraphic cable across the Ohio river at Evansville, Ind., has been broken.

Rev. W. Bacon Stevens, of St. Andrew's church, has been elected Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania, by the Episcopal Convention at Philadelphia.

The supply of forage now in store in Washington for government use is quite limited. The government is paying \$22 per ton for hay. There has been no arrivals for several days. Cargoes are being landed at Locust Point, Baltimore, and at Annapolis, to be forwarded to Washington by railroad.

It appears from official data that the State of Pennsylvania has seventy thousand men in the field, and that thirty additional regiments are organizing.

Information from Camp Wildcat says that Gen. Zollicoffer has retreated beyond Loudon, and is supposed to be falling back to Cumberland.

Reliable information has been received at the State Department that Messrs Mason and Slidell, the Confederate Commissioners to Europe, made their exit from America via Mexico, and not by the route originally indicated.

The mayor of Mayence, France has issued an order prohibiting the baker of the town from making bread of American flour, notwithstanding the opinion of the chemists that the flour was pure and of good quality.

The Courier, published at Bowling Green, contains a card from Breckinridge, avowing his intention to resign his seat in the United States Senate.

In expectation of a Federal advance to Leesburg, Gen Evans had been largely reinforced.

Trains of fifty cars each have commenced running on the road between Washington and Baltimore.

The arrival of a number of Northern and Western Senators in Washington, gives token that the session of Congress is at hand. These Senators are all on a friendly footing with the President, and represent the feeling of the republican party of their several sections.

Captain H. L. Shields, of Troy, N. Y., was arrested at his country residence, in Bennington, Vt., on Thursday, by order of the government, on a charge of treasonable correspondence. Capt. Shields graduated at West Point in 1814. He was in the Mexican war, and was breveted for his bravery. He has relatives in Virginia.

A detachment from Gen. McClernand's command proceeded from Cairo to Columbus, Ky., on Wednesday last, for the purpose of exchanging sixteen prisoners.—Generals Polk and Pillow received the party cordially, and the exchange was effected.

Capt. Francis G. Young, of New York, quartermaster of Baker's brigade, in his account of the late battle at Edward's Ferry, says:—"When the general retreat commenced it was *saute qui pou!* I got the Colonel's body to the island before the worst of the rout, and then, looking to the Virginia shore, saw such a spectacle as no tongue can describe. Our entire forces were retreating, tumbling, rolling, leaping down the steep heights; the Confederates following them, murdering, and taking prisoners. Colonel Devan left his command, and swam the river on horseback. Col. Cogswell, after unavailing bravery, had ordered the retreat himself, but, being wounded, was taken.—The one boat in the Virginia channel was speedily filled and sunk. A thousand men thronged the further bank. Muskets, coats, and everything were thrown aside, and all were desperately trying to escape. Hundreds plunged into the rapid current; and the shrieks of the drowning added to the horror of sounds and sights. The Confederates kept up their fire from the cliff above. All was terror, confusion, and dismay. A captain of the Fifteenth Massachusetts at one moment charged gallantly up the hill, leading two companies, who still had their arms, against the pursuing foe. A moment later and the same officer, perceiving the hopelessness of the situation, waved a white handkerchief, and surrendered the main body of his regiment. Other portions of the column surrendered; but the Confederates kept up their fire upon those who tried to cross, and many not drowned in the river were shot in the act of swimming."

Scouts sent out from Gen. Keyes' brigade, on Friday, passed around Fairfax Court House without encountering the Confederate troops. They were supposed to be near Centreville, but were not far from Fairfax Court House. The State has extended his picket line to Annandale.

A resident at Annandale was arrested, charged with conveying information to the Confederates. He denied the charge, but refused to take the oath, and was taken to Washington.

Official dispatches announce that General Kelley, of the U. S. army, attacked the Confederates at Romney, on Saturday morning, and after a severe battle of nearly two hours succeeded in routing them, capturing all their cannon and a large number of prisoners. The dispatches say that the Federal loss was small.

A dispatch from Gen. Fremont, dated on Saturday evening, announces that Major Seagoni, at the head of a small force, drove two thousand Confederates from Springfield, and took possession of the town, raising the Union flag over the Court House.

Further reports from the different counties in Western Virginia, show that the ticket for a division of the State has carried almost unanimously. The vote is not full, owing to the prevalent disturbances.

The weather is now most delightful. Altogether, this has been one of the finest seasons ever experienced.

### Foreign Items.

The Duke D'Aumale, in a letter, rejoices that his nephews have joined the Federal army. Mr. Russell's last letter says he heard expressions of discontent, and even secession sentiments, uttered in the West. The London Star denounces the existence of a party in England that seeks to embroil England with the United States. The King of Holland was on a visit to the Emperor Napoleon. The Paris bourse was flat. Breadstuffs in Paris were declining.

According to their wont at this season of the year, lords and commoners of England are paying their respects to their constituents; and delivering themselves on public affairs generally. Of course the war in America comes in for a good share of notice by almost every speaker.

An exhibition of 250 dogs was held in London in September. They were divided into 44 classes. The bloodhounds were greatly admired, and a pair was bought by the Earl of Derby for 150 guineas.

The claims of France against the Mexican government amount to nearly \$8,000,000, while those of England are \$14,300,000. The Debats, like the English official organs, pretends that the only objects of the expedition are the protection of foreign residents and the securing of the gradual payment of their claims.

At the agricultural exhibition at Tavistock, Sir. L. Lawrence said he wished he could congratulate them upon the approaching winter. He looked forward to it with some dread. There could be no doubt that the failure of cotton, caused by the state of things in America, was arriving at a very serious pass.

A proclamation was published in Warsaw on the 14th, declaring Poland in a state of siege. The military again occupied the public squares of Warsaw. A national demonstration had been fixed for the 15th.

The cotton factories of Spain, were closing on account of the want of the raw material.

Nothing of interest has occurred in California since the last express. Gen. Fremont's movements in Missouri form the principal topic of conversation and newspaper discussion. Old Californians, the press, and well-informed men, generally concur in representing Fremont as totally incompetent to creditably discharge the duties of his present position.

Mr. Packard, a native of Maine, and a fugitive from Florida, has arrived at New York in the steamer McClellan. He says that Col. Brown, in command at Fort Pickens, made all of his arrangements to open his batteries upon Pensacola, on the 16th inst., but he was prevented by affairs at the mouth of the Mississippi, which rendered it necessary for two of the ships, which were to have taken a part in the action, to go and aid the fleet there.

In the trial of Wm. Smith at Philadelphia, for piracy the case was given to the jury on Friday morning under the charges of Judges Grier and Cadwalader. The jury, after an absence of half an hour, rendered a verdict of "guilty."

Prince Napoleon has arrived in Paris, from his recent visit to this country. He made the voyage from Boston in nine days. The London Times unites with the London Post, in denouncing the Orleans princes for joining in the war in this country—and thinks Prince Napoleon's course contrasts well with their conduct.

The Kentucky correspondent of the New York Tribune says, that the city of Louisville is now under a mild form of martial law, and that to go beyond its limits southward is hardly possible.

### 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.

JOHN CRAVEN.

### GROCERIES, &c.

#### PROVISION STORE.

CALL at the cheap Provision Store, No. 8 Fairfax street, (opposite Leadbeater's Drug Store) and get a supply for family use.

SWEET POTATOES, IRISH POTATOES, APPLES, ONIONS, CHEESE, GOOD BUTTER, RAISINS, &c., &c.

JOHNSON & CO.

### 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, Ethereal Oil, Lamp Oil, Lard Oil, Alcohol, Dy 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.

THIS is to give notice that we have this day sold out our STOCK OF GOODS and entire business in Alexandria to M. Treuman & Co. Thankful to our friends and customers for past favors, we will be pleased to hear that the same has been bestowed upon our successors, who will endeavor to do the best with the best of facilities to please our numerous friends and customers.

SCHOOLHERR & BRO.  
Alexandria, October 24, 1861—3t\*

THE UNDERSIGNED, having purchased of Messrs Schoolherr & Bro., their entire stock of goods, earnestly solicited a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon them, having determined to do all in our power to merit the same.

M. TREUMAN & CO.  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

WILL be sold, at the U. S. Subsistence Store House, in Alexandria, Va., at 3 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday next, a lot of condemned SUBSISTENCE STORES, consisting of Salt Beef, Hard Bread, Bacon, Beans, Pork, Cheese, &c., &c. Alexandria, Va., October 26th, 1861—3t\*

NOTICE.—The subscriber has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of George W. Maxwell, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment, and those having accounts against the said estate to present the same duly authenticated.

ALVINA V. MAXWELL,  
Administratrix.  
oct 24-4t

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,  
oct 18-1d Secretary pro tem.

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

I. 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 11-3w

### 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

### HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c.

HARDWARE, CUTLERY, HOUSEKEEPERS GOODS, FANCY ARTICLES, IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC SEGARS, CHEWING AND SMOKING TOBACCO, &c., &c.—JOHN T. CREIGHTON, at his old stand, No. 88, King street, has on hand the best assortment of GOODS in the above line to be found in the market. To suit the present demand he has added many things to his usual variety, such as—Imported and Domestic Segars, of various brands, Chewing Tobacco in bars, tin foil and paper packages

Imported and Domestic Smoking Tobacco, Fancy Pipes and Pipe Stems, in great variety, Tobacco Boxes, Pouches and Wallets, Tooth and other Brushes, fine Tooth and Pocket Combs

Pens, Pen Holders, Blue and Black Ink, Ink Stands, Lead Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Pocket Mirrors, Shaving Soaps and Cream, Razors, Razor Straps, Emory Paper, Sweet Oil, Chamois Skins, Leading Lines, &c., &c.

Special attention is asked to a variety of ARMY TELESCOPES, of extra quality.

The above GOODS were purchased for cash, and will be sold wholesale and retail, at a small advance.

Any article of TINWARE furnished at short notice. For sale, a second hand CYLINDER STOVE for coal—a first rate Stove for a store. Call at 88, King street.  
oct 14-4w

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