

# THE LOCAL NEWS.

## ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The Wheeling Press gives an account of a serious freshet at Piedmont, Va., on Saturday last, and the drowning of two soldiers. A letter from Darnestown says, "During yesterday the Potomac river rose so high as to compel the Federal pickets to forsake the tow path of the canal, so at present there is no danger of either of the contending armies crossing in force." Great fears are entertained that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal has been seriously injured, and the transportation of coal has ceased.

There was a considerable current in the river yesterday, and much drift wood from the upper Potomac floated down. A number of persons in boats were busily engaged in gathering the wood, and bringing it to shore, to be used as fuel. It is said that application has been made in the proper quarter for an order to allow the wood felled in the neighborhood of the town, within the Fedelines, and not wanted by the military, to be brought in for sale. If this is granted, and it would be an act of humanity to do so, the price of fuel ought to fall.

The Court of Inquiry in the case of Col. Miles—who was charged with being drunk at the battle of Bull Run—after examining a number of witnesses whose testimony was very conflicting, decided that although there was ground for believing the accusation of Colonel Richardson was sustained by the evidence, the interests of the service at this time would be best promoted by staying all further proceedings.

The report of the investigating committee in regard to the expenditures incurred by General Fremont at St. Louis, exposes a series of frauds upon the government of the most extraordinary character. The name of General McKinstry is freely used in these transactions, and the California contractors are very deeply implicated. Some of the charges are declared by Fremont's friends to be unfounded.

### Foreign Items.

Sir James Graham, Baronet, died on the 25th ult., at his seat at Netherby.

Mr. Russell's latest letter to the Times is dated October 10th. In it he asserts that persons of weight and position were again urging on the President and his Cabinet the necessity of an advance for political reasons. The writer argues that the South can afford to play a waiting game longer than the North.

Affairs in Poland are unchanged. The Catholic and Protestant Churches and the Jewish synagogues still remained closed at Warsaw, but the negotiations for their reopening was continued. The people prayed before the doors of the churches. National songs were no longer sung.

The London Times gives a report that the French Senate will be convoked early in December to deliberate on the partial reform of the Constitution, with a view of placing it on a wider basis, so as to allow more latitude to the members of the Legislatif Corps in the discussion of the budget.

An editorial article in the London Daily News of the 25th of October joins issue with the challengers upon the question of the material resources of the North, and proves by statistics that the United States were never so well able to carry on the struggle as they are now.

Mr. Grantley F. Berkley writes very strongly in favor of the Confederates in the London Morning Herald, and broadly asserts that they are thus far the victors.

The health of Lord Brougham was improving.

Another exciting trial was in progress in Dublin, that of the cab driver Curran, on the charge of having committed the late atrocious outrage on a young lady whom he was driving. The case was creating intense excitement in Dublin.

The New York Herald denies that Archbishop Hughes goes to Europe on government business. Nevertheless it is thought he will while in Europe counsel against the recognition of the Southern Confederacy—he being for the United States.

The Washington Republican says that Gen. Hunter, who succeeds for the present Gen. Fremont, "commanded a leading division at the battle of Bull Run, but was wounded so early in the day that he reached Washington, travelling in an ambulance, almost as soon as Mr. Russell. He saw no service in the Mexican war, nor in any of our Indian wars."

## GENERAL NEWS.

The New Orleans Picayune thinks whiskey and ice must be growing exceedingly scarce in Richmond. A "friend just returned" informs the editor, on entering a fashionable drinking saloon in the Confederate Capital, he saw this placard posted over the counter: "Drinks fifteen cents each. No bills changed except at heavy discount. Gentlemen will please refrain from eating the ice in their tumblers after drinking."

From the Richmond Examiner, of Nov. 4, we learn that the work on the Merrimac is still uncompleted, and that there are great complaints of slowness and imperfection in the iron work as furnished by the foundries there, and adds that it is certainly high time that the Merrimac was completed if there had been a proper regard for river defences.

The harbor at Beaufort or Port Royal is the best in the State of South Carolina, and is about equi-distant from Charleston and Savannah. It is but little frequented, but has a good draught of water, and is large enough to receive the entire expedition.

Major Doubleday, U. S. A., of Fort Sumter fame, is now an assistant of Brig. Gen. Barry, Chief of Artillery of the Army of the Potomac, and is in charge of the artillery (heavy) of the fortifications on the Maryland side of the river.

The steamer Mount Vernon will hereafter be known as the Mount Washington, and the Powhatan as the King Philip, there being already a Mount Vernon and a Powhatan among the steamers on the southern coast.

From a statement furnished the government by Gov. Dennison, it appears that Ohio has now enlisted, in the field and camp, for three years service, 60,250 soldiers, to which number 21,000 will be added on December 1.

A second crop of tobacco is growing at Enfield, Connecticut, a crop that has shot up from the old stalks, cut more than a month ago. It is fully a foot and a half high, and will be cut early next week and sent to market.

Capt. R. F. Morley, general manager of government railroads, has been compelled, on account of ill health, to ask leave of absence for a few days, during which time, Thos. H. Canfield, assistant manager, will act as general manager.

Within two or three days, telegraph communication will be established with Gen. Hooker, on the Lower Potomac. Thirty of the thirty-five miles are already completed. The line will probably be extended to Port Tobacco, where the lower flotilla can be reached.

It is apparent, from the military movements and the activity displayed in Washington, that a battle is about to be fought. It would not surprise us if there should be one in a very few days.

Colonel Ashby, with his cavalry, was in Martinsburg, November 1. The Confederates have been moving grain to Winchester for the past week.

Romney has been deserted by all except the females and one hundred negroes, leaving the federal forces in undisturbed possession.

Secretary Seward has written a letter stating in substance that Jewish Rabbis cannot act as chaplains in the United States Army.

Over one hundred additional resignations are reported in the army.

In Ohio the hog crop is so large that swine are selling for three dollars per hundred, gross; and, what is better, the pork is of a superior quality.

The gale of Wednesday night was very severe in Baltimore, the wind having been higher than on the night of the severe gale a week ago. On the Chesapeake bay it was so severe that the steamer Georgiana, Capt. Pierson, was obliged to anchor and wait until the wind abated.

The Northern papers continue to speculate on the probable destination of the naval expedition. The World announces "on the best authority" that the landing place of the fleet will be in the vicinity of Port Royal, South Carolina.

Senator Johnson, who is one of the select committee of the Senate to make investigations touching the cause of the disasters to the federal arms, has not yet arrived. For several weeks past he has been addressing Union meetings in leading Western cities.

A United States soldier in Baltimore, on Wednesday, whilst eating a lunch, fell back suddenly and expired. He swallowed a large piece of meat, which lodged in the throat and produced suffocation.

Dr. Everett, son of Edward Everett, died in Boston, last week.

Mr. Jackson, an English M. P., in a recent speech, declared that the Americans ought to be allowed "to fight it out, for fight as they will, it will ultimately result for the benefit of England."

The Washington Republican argues against the establishment of any such thing in this country as a permanent military establishment.

It is said that two men were caught "tapping the telegraphic wires," somewhere in Missouri, and getting news for the Confederates—and it is added they were both killed.

A patrolman, in Washington, was, on Wednesday night, attacked and severely beat and wounded by two cavalry soldiers.

Secretary Cameron lately visited West Point and went on to Albany. Secretary Seward has returned to Washington.

The "Barney case" is still going on before the Orphans' Court in Washington.

There was another heavy gale in the Chesapeake bay on Wednesday night. The steamer from Old Point to Baltimore was damaged. No tidings from the naval expedition.

The London Times is veering round entirely. Its latest articles are all against the South, and in favor of the Federal government, and of non-interference in the matter of recognition or the blockade.

The price of newspaper advertising in England is six times as much as it is in this country.

There is scarcely ever anything heard in these perilous times of the ex-Presidents Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore, Pierce, and Buchanan. They are all Union men but Mr. Tyler.

Most of the persons arrested in Baltimore on the day of election, have been since released.

Parson Brownlow has suspended the publication of his paper in Tennessee. He assigns as a reason, that he has been indicted by the grand jury at Nashville, and has been summoned to stand trial for alleged treason to the Confederate States.

It is stated that the Hon. Townsend Harris having sent home his resignation as American minister to Japan, R. H. Pruyn, of Albany, is appointed to succeed him.

Gen. McClellan has issued an order that the passes given by General Scott shall be honored hereafter until further orders, the same as before his resignation.

Acting Major General Heintzelman will, it is believed, be raised to the rank of Major General, while Col. Cochrane, of the Chasseurs, will be given a brigade.

The body of the late Col. Baker has been sent on to New York, to be shipped for California.

A fatal affray, resulting in the death of one or two persons, recently occurred in Halifax, N. S., between some sailors and the police.

Counterfeit five dollar notes of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia are in circulation.

Six Confederate Commissioners to Europe, from Cuba, sailed lately from St. Thomas.

## CIVILE BELLUM.

[From the London Once a Week.]

"In this fearful struggle between North and South, there are hundreds of cases in which fathers are arrayed against sons, brothers against brothers."—*Amer'n Paper.*

"Rifeman, shoot me a fancy shot  
Straight at the heart of yon prowling vidette;  
Ring me a ball in the glittering spot  
That shines on his breast like an amulet!"

"Ah, Captain! here goes for a fine-drawn bead;  
There's music around when my barrel's in tune!  
Crack! went the rifle, the messenger sped,  
And dead from his horse fell the ringing draagoon."

"Now, Rifeman, steal through the bushes, and snatch  
From your victim some trinket to handsel first  
blood;  
A button, a loop, or that luminous patch  
That gleams in the moon like a diamond stud!"

"Oh! Captain, I staggered, and sunk on my track,  
When I gazed on the face of the fallen vidette,  
For he looked so like you, as he lay on his back,  
That my heart rose upon me, and masters me yet."

"But I snatched off the trinket—this locket of gold—  
An inch from the centre my lead broke its way,  
Scarce grazing the picture so fair to behold,  
Of a beautiful lady in bridal array."

"Ha! Rifeman, fling me the locket!—'Tis she,  
My brother's young bride—and the fallen draagoon  
Was her husband—Hush! soldier, 'twas Heaven's decree;  
We must bury him, there, by the light of the moon!"

"But, hark! the far bugles their warning unite;  
War is a virtue—weakness a sin;  
There's a lurking and loping around us to-night;  
Load again, Rifeman, keep your hand in!"

FROM THE ONCE UNITED STATES.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### ELECTION NOTICE.

IN OBEDIENCE to a writ of election from Francis H. Pierpont, Governor of Virginia, bearing date on the 12th day of October, 1861, the subscribers, Commissioners, to whom the said writ is directed, hereby give notice that, on Wednesday, the 20th day of November, 1861, an election will be held at the several places of voting in the county of Alexandria, for the following county officers:—Sheriff, Commissioner of the Revenue, Clerk of the County Court, Attorney for the Common wealth, four magistrates from each magisterial district, and county constables.

On the same day, and under the same authority, polls will be opened in each of the four wards of the city of Alexandria, for the election of the following city officers:—Mayor, Auditor, Collectors of Taxes, Measurers of Wood and Bark, Superintendent of Police, Superintendent of Gas, Members of Lumber, Clerk of the Market, four members of the Common Council, and two members of the Board of Aldermen from each ward.

HENRY MANSFIELD,  
LEWIS MCKENZIE,  
STEPHEN SHINN,  
WILLIAM ARNOLD,  
Special Commissioners.

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### A CARD.

DURING the suspension of my regular School Exercises, I am willing, for the sake of congenial employment, to receive a few students, to whom I will give thorough daily instruction in all the solid English branches, together with Composition, Book-Keeping, Mathematics, and the Physical Sciences.

This will afford a rare opportunity for improvement, to such young men and youths, as desire the quiet, order, and refinement of a SELECT SCHOOL, together with the personal instruction of an experienced Teacher.

TERMS \$12.50 per quarter—Drawing \$2.50. No extra charges whatever. Hours of instruction from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. Exercises to be commenced on the 2nd of December.

11 mo 7—1m CALEB S. HALLOWELL.

### NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS transacting business in the city of Alexandria for which licenses are required, and who have not obtained such licenses, are required to call at the Mayor's Office without delay, and comply with the law in procuring the same.

Given under my hand, this, the 31st day of October, 1861. WM. B. PRICE, Mayor.

### HEADQUARTERS, ALEXANDRIA, VA.,

October 31st, 1861.

THE city authorities of Alexandria, Va., by their corporate powers are authorized to assess revenues, impose taxes, fines, licenses, &c., to collect the same, and appropriate them, for the just and necessary expenditures of the Corporation—in which they are not to be obstructed by military or other persons, unless—otherwise ordered by competent authority.

W. R. MONTGOMERY,  
Brig. Gen. and Military Governor of Alex'n. Va.  
oct 31—1w

### I. LOUIS KINZEE,

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\*

### GROCERIES.

DRIED APPLES—A large lot on hand, and for sale at \$1.25 per bushel.  
nov 7 JOHN T. COOKE

SWEET CIDER—A nice article, just received, and for sale by  
JOHN T. COOKE,  
nov 7 Old Post Office Corner.

NEW BUCKWHEAT, just received, and for sale in large and small packages, by  
nov 6 JOHN T. COOKE.

NEW MACKEREL—Nos. 1, 2, and 3, on hand, and for sale by  
nov 6 JOHN T. COOKE.

### JOHN T. COOKE,

CHEAP FAMILY GROCER,

Corner of Prince and Pitt Streets,

(OLD POST OFFICE CORNER.)

ALWAYS on hand a large and well selected stock of FAMILY GROCERIES, which will be sold on terms to suit the times.  
nov 5—1m

### DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c.

DRUGS, &c.—We have on hand,  
125 oz. Quinine; 25 lbs Calomel;  
25 lbs Blue Mass; 20 do. Turkey Opium;  
10 do. Iodide Potash;  
50 do. Refined Camphor;  
4 oz. Sulphate Morphia;  
25 lbs. Chloroform; 200 gals. Kerosene Oil;  
Also, Alcohol, Etherial Oil, Linseed Oil and Paints of all kinds. For sale by  
LEADBEATER & CO.,  
10mo30 eolm Nos. 5 & 7 S. Fairfax street.

### WOOD.

#### OAK WOOD.

I WILL take orders for OAK WOOD, delivered at \$7 25 per cord Apply at the office of Wise & Co., on King, between Water and Union streets.  
nov 5—6w\* B. T. PLUMMER, Agent.

### 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 Strops, Emory Paper, Sweet Oil Cbamois 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 stove. Call at 28, King street. oct 14—4w