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MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Quite a number of cases came up for adjudication this morning. Most of them were for disorderly conduct, and all came from the use of intoxicating drinks. A number of business licenses were granted, and other business disposed of.

UNION FIRE COMPANY.—The Union Fire Company met at Relief Hall last night, and after some preliminary business, elected the following officers:—J. Lewis Coles, Foreman; George Chase, Assistant Foreman; W. W. Burdick, Secretary; E. B. Cooper, Treasurer; John M. Ramsey and John H. Thomas, Representatives; F. Clark, Steward; Wm. C. Winship and Wm. S. Crosby, Auditors; Thos. McCuen, George Burr and Benjamin Chase, Investigating Committee.

The meeting, after having been addressed by Messrs. Coles and Birrell, adjourned.

The Washington National Republican of this morning announces, apparently by authority, that Mr. Cameron has resigned the office of Secretary of War of the U. States, and has been nominated as Minister to Russia, and that Mr. Stanton, for a short time Attorney General under Mr. Buchanan's administration, has been nominated to the Senate as Secretary of War.

Snow.—Last night a heavy snow storm began and continued until about 10 o'clock this morning, when the sun made its appearance. Snow is lying upon levels to the depth of two inches.

RIVER MOVEMENTS.—The river, notwithstanding the cold, is now little obstructed with ice. A few vessels have passed up from below, and several U. S. transports have brought down provision from Washington.

The U. S. Navy Department has received dispatches giving an account of the capture and destruction of two vessels from Nassau, N. P., attempting to run the blockade of the coast of South Carolina—both, we believe, heretofore reported in the newspapers.

A writer in the Norfolk Day Book complains of the license extended sometimes to officers in the Confederate army—of the arrest of persons for light causes, and of the stringent regulations concerning furloughs. He asks for a "reform" in these particulars.

The value of landed property is increasing in several quarters of Ireland.

The transportation of army stores and provisions from Baltimore to Washington has been immense for some days.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that the U. S. Treasury Department has made a mistake in the coupons to the 7.30 treasury notes, by which holders of notes of the fifty million loan, Feb. 19th, will receive \$15,000 less than their due, and the holders, Aug. 19th, will receive \$15,000 more than their due.

Cheever's anti-slavery escapades in Washington are said to be condemned there by all conservative men—his lecture and his sermon. One of his reported doctrines is—"that, as far as slavery is concerned, Union men have no more rights than Secessionists."

The Philadelphia News says that several persons "have been arrested in Alexandria on suspicion of being engaged in the attempt to set fire to the Mansion House hospital." Nothing whatever, we believe, has been heard of this in Alexandria.

A correspondent of the Newburyport Herald, writing from Rockville, Md., says that "Uncle Tom," the hero of Mrs. Stowe's famous cabin romance, was owned in Rockville, and that a part of his family are still owned there, by one of the ladies, who acknowledges herself to be a Secessionist, and an admirer of Jeff. Davis.

The celebrated tragedian, Edwin Forrest, has just completed a most successful engagement at the Academy of Music, in Philadelphia.

Prairie hens, from the Western prairies, via New York, have recently been for sale in the Alexandria market, at \$1.50 per pair. No buyers.

The Washington letters to the N. Y. papers speak of the "dreadful state of the roads in Virginia."

An accident to Mr. H. English, of New York, at Willard's Hotel some days since, when he fell and broke his leg, has resulted fatally. The leg was amputated soon after the accident, but under the prostrating effects Mr. E. yesterday expired.

The U. S. House of Representatives has passed the civil appropriation bill with the clause to continue the coast survey.

The two hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the first Presbyterian church on the American continent was last week celebrated in the old Presbyterian edifice in Jamaica, L. I., which was built in 1818, on the foundation of its predecessor, erected in 1693. The church was established in 1662.

One of the contemplated financial measures for the relief of government was brought forward in the U. S. Senate yesterday. It is a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue one hundred millions of dollars in treasury notes, to run for five years, bearing an interest of 7 3/10 per cent. on all notes of \$100 and over, and those of less denominations to be exchanged in amounts of \$100 for the large bills, the interest on the entire amount to be secured by laying a direct tax of ten millions of dollars per annum.

The Associated Banks have proposed through a special Committee a scheme of finance which neither finds favor with Mr. Chase nor with the Congressional Committee.

There are two Lanes in the U. S. Senate—one from Indiana, the other from Kansas: the last has his seat contested by Mr. Stanton.

The Jayhawkers of Kansas and Missouri, are so called from their leader, Jennison, who was popularly known as a "Gay Yorker."

Much anxiety exists in Washington, in consequence of the prevalence and spread of the small pox there.

The new (or Union) Baltimore Corn Exchange commences business to-day.

The "economy of printing" is strongly recommended in the newspapers—that is, paying one dollar for an advertisement is sure to gain the advertiser four dollars.

The reported arrival of the Pensacola at Annapolis is doubted by the Baltimore American—which paper thinks that her destination is elsewhere.

It is now said that Gen. Sigel's resignation will not be received—but that he will be requested to remain in the U. S. service.

There is a report, we do not know on what foundation, coming in a letter from St. Louis, dated the 9th inst., that a fight had taken place near Springfield, Missouri, between four regiments of Federal troops, supposed to have been commanded by Colonel Carr, and a superior force of Confederates, forming part of the army of Gen. Price. From six to eight hundred of the Federal troops were either killed or wounded, and the remainder taken prisoners. The telegraphic dispatches from Missouri, make no mention of any such fight.

On the 12th instant, a book bindery and printing establishment in New York, on Frankfort street, was burned down—loss \$70,000.

The railroad between Strasburg and Winchester is being laid.

The New York World says:—"Some of the radical friends of Postmaster-General Blair have urged him to resign to escape the odium of the 'pro-slavery policy' and prolonged delays of the Administration; but it is understood that he declines on the ground that the importunities referred to arise from an ignorance of facts which it is at present impossible to enlighten; and it is affirmed that he retains the confidence of Senators King, Wade, and other radicals in Congress, who are in a position to know the true position of affairs."

The latest death of any importance in the English literary world was that of Mr. Arthur Hughblond. He was favorably but not widely known, both as a poet and a translator.

Com. Nutt, of Manchester, N. H., is undoubtedly the smallest dwarf in the world, and the showmen have been attempting to rival each other in the way of big offers and every kind of inducement to obtain the privilege of showing this remarkable little man to the public. Barnum has lately gone to Manchester, and, with his usual success, will probably take the tiny commodore by storm, and come back in triumph with the dwarf under his arm.

The voters of Genoa township, Delaware county, Ohio, without reference to party have held a public meeting, and adopted a petition to the Ohio Legislature, praying the passage of a law prohibiting negroes from emigrating into, settling or holding property in the State, and also asking, if the act be constitutional; that the negroes now in Ohio be removed beyond the limits of the State.

The last letter in the London Times from Naples is dated December 14th at which time the eruption of Mount Vesuvius had nearly subsided. Speaking of its destructive ravages, as witnessed at his last visit, the writer says: "Torre del Greco had become what Pompeii was after the earthquake."

In N. Y. on Saturday, there was slightly improved feeling consequent upon the decline in exchange and gold. A disposition to anticipate the action of Congress in the matter of the tariff, gives rise to speculative transactions, and prices fluctuate hourly. In breadstuffs, there was an increased demand for wheat for export, and a steadiness in flour and rye. Provisions are going forward in large quantities.

The U. S. Senate, yesterday, refused to take up the bill for compensating the owners of the British vessel, Perthshire, for an illegal detention by the blockading fleet; Mr. Hale remarking that enough had been done for Great Britain for the present.

By an arrival at New York from Nassau we learn that on the 29th ult. the British ship-of-war Conqueror, 101 guns, struck on a sunken rock on the east side of Rum Key, and when last heard from the rock had pierced five feet through her bottom. The frigate Bull Dog had gone to her assistance.

Gen. Meigs has preferred charges against Capt. Reuben P. Hatch, Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers. He is accused of "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," in having last December, at Chicago, paid for 50,000 feet of lumber at the excessive and exorbitant rate of \$10 a thousand, although he knew that a charge of fraud in the matter was pending against one Wilcox, his clerk and agent at the time.

The N. Y. Tribune says that not one single white inhabitant of South Carolina has closed with the proffers made by Gen. Sherman in his proclamation, when he landed on the coast.

Gen. Burnside is a native of Indiana, a graduate of West Point, and about 37 years of age.

The N. Y. Albion thinks that the British steamer Rinaldo has probably gone to Bermuda.

Mr. Tennyson has written an inaugural ode for the coming exhibition in England. It has been set to music by Mr. Sterndale Bennett.

Mr. Weed writes from Paris that the last letter Prince Albert ever wrote was one, at the request of the Queen, "to soften the despatch to Lord Lyons" (?)

Archbishop Hughes has had an interview with the French Imperial family, but, it is said, found the Emperor very "non-committal."

The account of there being a number of Southern families at the hotels in Montreal, &c., is untrue.

Mr. Dawes, in the U. S. House of Representatives, made a furious onslaught, yesterday, upon the expenditures and contracts of the government, denouncing them as ruinous, and declaring that it costs two millions of dollars every day to support the U. States army in the field. He said that this state of things could not be continued much longer, adding that "faith without works was dead."

The shipments of coal to North America during last month from the various ports in Great Britain amounted to 17,909 tons, being an increase of 2,503 tons over the corresponding month of last year.

It is stated, in the Washington letters published in the N. Y. Times, that some of the sutlers in the regiments round Washington have been charging the soldiers from 6 to 15 per cent. discount on treasury notes. The discount in New York has declined.

The N. Y. Herald says:—"A difficulty is presented as to the disposition of all the cavalry regiments accepted in the service. The commanding general asked for twenty-seven regiments, and the whole number accepted and authorized to be raised is seventy-three. This is forty-six more than Gen. McClellan wants or knows how to dispose of. This excess will cost the government about forty-six millions of needless expense."

Great activity continues to prevail at the Brooklyn navy-yard. The purchased ship Onward went into commission on Saturday.

At the first board in New York, yesterday, there was another tumble in stock prices.

Much impatience will be felt until we learn how the news of the release of Mason and Slidell was received in Europe. The dispatches in relation to this case were published on Saturday, the 28th ult., the day on which the steamships City of Washington, Teutonia and Jura sailed for their destinations. Allowing eleven days for their passage out, we may expect to have return advices by the steamer Glasgow, which was to sail from Liverpool on the 8th, or by a steamer that would leave on the 9th, for Portland. If disappointed in this, the news could not fail to come out in the Europa and Bavaria, which sail from England on the 11th inst. So we shall not remain in suspense after about the 21st.

The London News says that the building for the International Exhibition of 1862 is now entirely roofed in, and the greater part of the flooring of the southern courts has been laid down. The offices are in a great state of forwardness, and the eastern dome rises rapidly in its tall columns.

The quantity of anthracite coal sent to market last year from the different mines in Pennsylvania, was 7,955,206 tons; while in 1860 the quantity was 8,640,053 tons; showing a falling off the past year of 494,847 tons.

WAR NEWS.

Most of the vessels composing the Burnside expedition left Old Point on Sunday for their destination, but where that is at the writing of this paragraph is not known. Some say Norfolk, some Wilmington, N. C., some Yorktown, some Pamlico Sound, some a point farther South.

Gen. Jackson, with his force augmented, according to report, to eighteen thousand, has again appeared before the town of Hancock, Md. He reached the Virginia shore opposite that place on Saturday, but up to the time of our latest dispatches the town had not been attacked. It is stated that Jackson's army, before their first appearance at Hancock, had visited the town of Bath, in Morgan county, Va., where they encountered a force of five hundred Federal soldiers, who repulsed them twice, but at last, when an attempt was made by the Confederates to surround them, the Federal troops fell back from their position, and had reached Hancock, Md.

Advices from Cumberland, received via Wheeling, state that Federal troops are engaged in throwing up entrenchments on Patterson's creek, eight miles east of the city. A Confederate force is reported some fifteen miles distant.

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