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**LOCAL ITEMS.**—The soldier who died in the guard house on Tuesday night, is reported by the surgeon to have died from intemperance, and possibly some previous exposure.

Capt. Griffith, Provost Marshal in this place, reports to Gen. Montgomery, the Military Governor, that a number of soldiers are in the habit of coming into Alexandria from the neighboring camps, procuring citizen's clothes here, and, in this disguise, going to Washington. Gen. M. will take the requisite steps in the matter.

Complaints having been made as to the insalubrity of the guard-house in this place, it is stated that Gen. Montgomery is in no way to blame for that—the fault arises from the prisoners themselves in a great degree—and the practice of allowing so many soldiers to come into town, where they procure liquor, and have to be confined in numbers.

Christ Church, in this place, is hereafter to be opened on Sunday mornings as well as afternoons. The officiating clergymen are generally chaplains in the U. S. army.

A colored man in Washington, yesterday, whilst loading a pistol, fired it accidentally, it is presumed, and killed his own child standing near.

**RELIEF ASSOCIATION.**—A regular weekly meeting of the Volunteer Relief Association of this city, was held at the office of W. B. Price, yesterday afternoon.

The report of the Distributing Committee was made, which shows that on January 1st, there was distributed from the Supply Store 377 rations to 166 destitute families, as follows:

1260 lbs. meat;  
932 lbs. flour;  
36½ bushels corn meal;  
4 barrels of fish.

The Secretary stated that the amount of donations received by the employees of Messrs. Rosenthal & Bro., was \$57.62, whereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due and hereby tendered to those gentlemen for the very liberal aid they have bestowed upon the charity in which we are engaged, and the Society furnish them a copy of this resolution.

The meeting then adjourned.

**BUSINESS UNION MEETING.**—We understand that at the Business Meeting of the Union Association, last night, the subject of allowing citizens to remain out after 10 o'clock, was laid on the table. A committee on celebrating the 22d, was appointed.

**CAMP VENDERS.**—There has been a falling off in the business with the camps, carried on by the vendors of cakes, pies, &c. The trade which was at first so lucrative, quickly attracted great numbers, but competition soon brought down the profits, and the bad weather and condition of the roads has sensibly diminished the number of sellers, and the sutlers are gradually monopolizing the business.

**ROBBERY.**—The bow-window of the store of Mr. Wm. Woods, on St. Asaph street, adjoining the depot building of the old Washington and Alexandria railroad, was robbed last night. The padlock was wrenched off, three panes of glass broken out, and all the articles in the window stolen.

A letter from a former resident of Alexandria, now in Maryland, says,—"You can hardly imagine the pleasure that the perusal of the Local News gives us here—bringing us, as it does, the doings in our dearly beloved home, and the best summary of the day, that we have."

**FIRE.**—Last night, about 9 o'clock, a fire occurred in a frame dwelling on the northeast corner of Washington and Queen streets, which was extinguished before much damage was done.

**LIQUOR SEIZED.**—Eight barrels and twelve boxes, containing liquor, were seized yesterday afternoon, on board the steamer Thomas Collyer, by the military authorities here. The liquor was consigned to J. C. McCracken.

**OYSTERS.**—Prices have declined, and small oysters, of good quality, are now selling at 40 cts. a bushel and dull, with a fair supply. There are no large ones at the wharf.

**RIVER MOVEMENTS.**—Since our report yesterday, there has been but one arrival, that of an oyster boat, which passed the Potomac batteries last night without being fired at. The captain reports no news whatever below.

The U. S. House of Representatives, yesterday, by a vote of 93 to 60, passed the bill authorizing the issue of one hundred and fifty millions of U. S. Treasury notes, and for the redemption or funding thereof, and also for the funding of the floating debt of the United States. The clause making the notes a legal tender was retained in the bill.

The party at the President's House, in Washington, on Wednesday night, is described as very brilliant. It was largely attended. All the foreign ministers were present. There was no dancing. The entertainment was liberal and elegant.

Three car loads of invalid soldiers left Washington, yesterday, for Philadelphia, having been removed from the hospitals about the city and sent North, where they will enjoy better facilities for improving their health.

There are now six daily first class trains between Baltimore and Washington. In former years four regular trains were generally found sufficient to accommodate all the travel at the busiest season.

The Richmond papers says that the Federal Commissioners, Messrs. Ames and Fisher, will not be allowed to come within the Confederate lines to visit the Federal prisoners.

Mrs. Gaines, widow of the late General Gaines, is on her way to Louisiana.

Secretary Chase sent another letter yesterday to Congress, stating that it was absolutely necessary to press the treasury note bill to a vote.

The Boston Journal has a letter, giving the particulars of the capture of the town of Biloxi by a Federal expedition, which consisted of the United States gunboats Water Witch, New London, and the Lewis. In addition to the regular officers and crews of the several steamers, detachments of forty-five marines from the guards of the flag-ship Niagara and the steamer Massachusetts, and two boats' crews from the Massachusetts, accompanied the expedition, which was a purely naval enterprise, the whole being under command of Com. Melancthon Smith, of the Massachusetts.

A letter from Manassas, dated at the camp of the Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, January 21, written by an officer of that regiment, states that the men are now building winter quarters, and some of the companies have finished their cabins.

The impression that the difficulty between Capt. Richie, of the frigate Saranac, and his officers lying at Panama, has been caused by Southern sympathy on the part of the latter, is said to be a mistake. It is a matter of personal, or rather professional nature.

The N. Y. Journal of Commerce of yesterday thus speaks of financial matters in that market on Tuesday. "The patience of our citizens is sorely tried by the ignorance and imbecility which are allowed to cumber the settlement of our financial difficulties, but there seems to be no present remedy.—The banks have paid into the Sub-treasury to day the last instalment of the government loan, amounting to three and a half million dollars."

A courier arrived at Acapulco previous to the 26th ultimo, with intelligence of the defeat of the Spanish army, in a severe battle at the National Bridge, near Vera Cruz.—The battle lasted five hours. Intelligence from Western Mexico represents a general termination of internal dissensions among the people, and a union of all parties to resist the foreign invasion.

The slave-trader Gordon, who was to have been hanged to-day, has received a respite for two weeks.

M. Foussagrives strongly recommends, cream as a substitute for cod liver oil in cases where the latter cannot be borne on the stomach.

The Sea Island cotton brought from Port Royal by the Vanderbilt and Ocean Queen, was sold by auction in New York yesterday by order of Collector Barnoy. The lots were from one to fourteen bales, averaging from one hundred to five thousand pounds. The lowest price realized was 28 cents per pound, and the highest 70.

The injury done by the heavy rains to railroads, gardens, and cellared goods houses and streets, must amount to at least \$50,000, yet it is so distributed that most of those who suffer will feel it but little.

A letter from Fortress Monroe, dated Feb. 4, says:—"The correspondent of the Boston Traveller, accompanying the Butler expedition, was ordered to leave on the charge of having published the condition of the officers and men of the New England division, which should not have been made public."

A letter from New York, dated Feb. 5, says:—"The European advices by the Portland steamer, seem to quicken the suspicion many entertained here that England and France intend to recognize Jeff. Davis, and break the blockade, so as to obtain enough of cotton and tobacco."

The order of Secretary Chase, directing the payment of the coupons of the 19th of August 7 3-10 bonds, in New York, will be so far modified as to make them payable also by Treasurer of the U. S. at Washington, and by the Assistant Treasurer at Boston and Philadelphia.

Charles and Wesley Parker, two negroes, escaped from Lovettsville, Loudoun county, Va., have reached Washington, and are in the custody of the Provost Marshal there, for examination.

Two men, named Hurley and McGee, have been arrested in Washington, for robbing the clothing store of Smith & Co.

There are 514 sick and wounded U. S. soldiers in the General Hospital in Alexandria.

The Forty-seventh regiment, in Canada, drill on snow shoes, and have attained a creditable degree of perfection in this new branch of military tactics.

A religious malady called the "jerks" prevails in some counties in Illinois. Young ladies have it, so do old men and youths also. The attacks are like epileptic fits.

The present Duke of Wellington will inherit and enjoy the title of Prince of Waterloo, which Belgium gave to the Iron Duke. So the Belgian chambers have just decided.

It is understood that the U. S. Government has ordered the charter of all the large transports which can be secured in New York for special service. Another expedition to some point South is under way. It is not improbable that a portion of the army of the Potomac will be detached for the service.

The Senate Naval Committee have agreed to report a joint resolution to restore Charles Hunter to the active service. He is under orders to assume command of the Montgomery, now in the Gulf.

Rumor grows into belief that Secretary of War Stanton will speedily resume in fact, as he has commenced to do in form, the conduct of the war which usage and departmental law give him the right to do.

Secretary Chase gave a select party last night, at which the Hutchinson family were present and gave some of their songs.

The N. Y. Herald spoke of Mrs. Lincoln's party as "a social blunder," but the Chevalier Wykoff comes to the rescue, and praises her for initiating the old regime when the White House was silk stockings and patriots.

There is a great sleighing carnival in N. York. Anything on runners lets for \$5 an hour.

A dissipated young man named Jeremiah Fisher, of excellent family and in good business in New York, committed suicide a few days ago, because his mistress abandoned him.

Blondin is astonishing the Londoners. His last feat is a pantomimic drama, in which he enacts the character of an ape. To add to the attraction, Miss Adele Blondin, his little daughter, assists her venturesome papa.

The Cincinnati Gazette states, on the authority of a letter from Cumberland, that General Lander will probably resign his commission in consequence of having been ordered to retreat from Romney.

The London Times congratulates Europe that the military force of France now bids fair to shrink to reasonable limits.

London is discussing the form than an intended memorial to the Prince Consort should assume. Among many suggestions, one is to erect a Museum at South Kensington, in which the Prince always took the most lively interest.

Vieuxtemps and Ole Bull, the renowned violinists, appeared at a concert recently given in London. The concert, by the way, was a sort of *alla podrida* affair, the selection comprising between forty and fifty pieces.

Fould's report on the French finances caused great excitement on the Bourse, and funds declined considerably. At the close, however, there was some recovery.

The sale of property levied upon to satisfy the assessments against sundry citizens of St. Louis as friends of secession, for the relief of the Union refugees from southwest Missouri, commenced on the 3d instant, and attracted an immense throng of persons.

The French steamer *Catinet* sailed on Thursday for Havana. The *Pomone*, flagship, is still in Hampton Roads, and it is probable that the French fleet will be represented for some time, one or two vessels being always in port. Another steamer is daily expected.

The Confederate Fort Henry, which the army of General Grant is now threatening, is a fortification on the east bank of the Tennessee river, in Henry county, just below the dividing line between Tennessee and Kentucky.

Savannah, now threatened by the forces of Gen. Sherman, contained in 1860, 22,292 inhabitants. It is the centre of a very extensive system of railroads.

Most of Captain Porter's mortar fleet, now fitting out at N. York, is finished and ready for service.

The effect of monster ordnance upon stone fortresses will soon be experimentally tested by the Federal government. It is now sending to the South some of the largest mortars ever cast in this country.

Affairs are unchanged on the Lower Potomac. The King Philip went down to the flotilla on Wednesday, and returned in the afternoon. Heavy firing was going on from Cockpit Point, supposed to be directed at an oyster sloop which was passing, and which ran into Mattawoman creek.

It is thought the U. S. treasury note and loan bill will pass the Senate early next week. The tax bill will be taken up immediately afterwards.

Gen. Cass has laud within the limits of the city of Detroit, worth, it is said, \$400,000.

Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, in the U. S. House of Representatives, said in his speech yesterday, that the expenses of the U. S. government were now over two millions of dollars per day.

The restaurant keepers in Washington are still holding meetings, in relation to their interests.

Carl Schurz has reached Washington, and declares himself disgusted with Spain.

A Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia Gazette says:—"The rumored running of the Mississippi blockade by the Vanderbilt is confirmed. She left the port of Havana the latter part of December, and after a run of about one week landed her cargo, passengers and mails in New Orleans.—Her cargo, it is said, consisted of powder, clothing and miscellaneous articles."

A dispatch from Lisbon announces that the Brazilian mail brings news of a satisfactory adjustment of the political questions in the River Platte, and of the prospect of an immediate and solid reorganization of the Argentine Republic, under the auspices of Buenos Ayres.

The enlistment of sailors is dragging.—The Secretary of the Navy has called upon the Secretary of War for authority to take them from among the enlisted soldiers.

## WARRIED

February 2d, 1862, by Rev. John Effinger, Mr. DAVID L. BERKLEY, of Washington, to Miss FRANCES ANN WORTHINGTON, of Alexandria, Va.

## DIED.

On Tuesday, the 14th of January, 1862, at her residence, near Fort Washington, in Prince George's county, Md., ELIZA ANN, wife of Mr. John Kitlin, in the forty-fifth year of her age.

**TO MRS. MARY ROSE.**—Take notice, that on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1862, between the hours of nine in the forenoon and three in the afternoon of that day, at the law office of W. J. Waterman, No. 83 West Fayette street, Baltimore, Md., I shall proceed to take the depositions of Thomas H. Stanford and Harvey L. Price, to be used as evidence for me in a suit in equity, now pending in the County Court of Alexandria county, Virginia, wherein I am complainant and you are defendant, and if from any cause, and you are defendant, and if from any cause, the taking of the said depositions shall not be completed on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned from time to time until the said depositions shall be completed.

Given under my hand this 24th day of January, A. D. 1862.  
Jan 24—w4w ROBERT ELDRIDGE.