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MAGENTA, CAPT. BAULSIR,
Leave for Richmond, DAILY, at 6 o'clock, A. M. State Room furnished FREE of CHARGE.
MATTANO, CAPT. HICKS,
Leaves for Cherrystone, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, and for Mathews, Yorktown and Gloucester every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at 6½ o'cl'k, A. M., touching at Portsmouth, going and returning, connecting at Old Point with the New Line Steamers to to and from Baltimore.
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BALTIMORE STEAM PACKET COMPANY.
STEAMER "EOLUS,"
FROM
NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH TO FORT MONROE, EASTERN SHORE, MATHEWS COUNTY, GLOUCESTER AND YORKTOWN.
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.
The New and Fast Steamer "EOLUS," Captain P. McCARRICK, will commence her regular trips to the above-named places on the 9th SEPTEMBER.
This Steamer will leave the Government Wharf, Norfolk, DAILY, at 6½ and Portsmouth at 7 o'clock, A. M., every
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY,
for Cherrystone—every
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,
for Mathews and Gloucester counties and Yorktown, touching at Old Point, going and returning on each trip.
This Steamer connects with the Baltimore Steam Packet Company's Steamers "LOUISIANA" and "ADELAIDE," for Baltimore, and the Steamers "THOMAS COLLYER" and "CITY OF RICHMOND," for City Point and Richmond.
Through tickets sold on this Steamer to Baltimore, City Point, Richmond and her connections.
This Steamer is especially adapted to the service in which she has been engaged, being very Fast (having made the trip in 13¾ hours less than any steamer on the route), having Fine Accommodations, and is noted as an excellent Sea Boat, and will make her trips regardless of the weather.
For freight or passage, apply to the clerk of the Steamer, or at the Office of the Company.
FARE:
Fare to Old Point ..... 50c.
Fare to Mathews, Gloucester, Yorktown and Cherrystone $1 50
Fare from Cherrystone, Mathews and Gloucester counties and Yorktown to Baltimore 6 00
" " " " Richmond 4 00
THOS. H. WEBB,
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IMPORTANT TO TRAVELLERS
THE OLD AND ESTABLISHED
BALTIMORE STEAM PACKET CO.,
So well and so favorably known to the Public as the
M. N. FALLS' LINE,
Are now Running their Favorite Steamers
LOUISIANA,
CAPT. GEO. W. RUSSELL;
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Passengers taking these Steamers arrive in Baltimore in time to connect with the early trains to Washington and all points North and West.
Through tickets can be procured on these Steamers for Washington, Philadelphia, New York, and all points North and West.
Baggage checked to all points free of charge, and special attention given to their delivery.
These Steamers run in connection with the celebrated Steamers THOMAS COLLYER and M. MARTIN, of the Norfolk and Richmond Line.
Any information desired will be cheerfully given by the Clerks of the Steamers or on application to the office of the Company in Norfolk.
☞ Be sure to inquire for the FALLS' LINE.
THOS. H. WEBB, Agent.
aug19—tf Norfolk, Va.

NOTICE TO TRAVELLERS.
THE NEW FAST AND MAGNIFICENT STEAMERS
M. MARTIN,
CAPT. GEORGE M. LIVINGSTON,
AND
THOMAS COLLYER,
CAPT. P. McCARRICK,
CARRYING THE U. S. MAIL AND ADAMS EXPRESS FREIGHT,
These Steamers will leave the Government Wharf, Norfolk, daily, on and after Monday, Sept. 18th, at 6½ o'clock, A. M., for Richmond, touching at Portsmouth, Old Point, City Point, and the different landings on James River.
No expense has been spared in fitting out these steamers expressly for day travelers.
They have large, open, airy saloons, from which all objects of interest along the route may be seen.
Travellers taking these Steamers will arrive in Richmond at a much earlier hour than by any other line, as their speed is unsurpassed.
Through Tickets can be procured on these Steamers to Petersburg, Lynchburg and Danville, and connect with the trains running West and South.
These Steamers are under the Superintendence of Col. M. N. Falls, and run in connection with the Baltimore Steam Packet Company's Steamers.
Their Tables are supplied with all the Delicacies of the markets.
☞ Be sure to inquire for the FALLS LINE.
For freight or passage apply to the Clerk of the Steamers, or to THOS. H. WEBB,
aug19-tf Agent, Norfolk, Va.

NOTICE.—On and after FRIDAY, the 18th instant, the Steamer
JENNY LIND (CAPT. J. C. SNOW)
will leave Johnston's Wharf, foot of Commerce street, Norfolk, at 7 a. m. and 2 p. m., and Myers' Wharf, Portsmouth, at 7¼ a. m. for FORTRESS MONROE and HAMPTON, touching at NEWPORT'S NEWS on her Afternoon Trip. On Wednesdays leaves Norfolk, from Johnston's wharf, for Hampton at 6½ o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m.; and leaves Myers' wharf, Portsmouth at 6¾ a. m. Returning leaves Hampton at 8 a. m. and 6 p. m.
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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

NEW LINE STEAMERS,
The New Line of Steamers for Baltimore and Richmond, and Harnden's Express Route, Leave Daily, at 3½ P. M., from Wharf foot of Market and Roanoke Square.
The Steamers of this Line are all new, and their remarkable speed is due to their construction, the most approved Modern Models of the fast Hudson river steamers having been adopted.
The superiority of these models gives them a great advantage over the boats of the old style of naval construction, and the newness of their Boilers and Machinery guarantees to the public their perfect safety.
It is hardly necessary to inform our patrons that, with their powerful Machinery and fine water lines, they do not require the slightest approach to "racing" to enable them to attain a much better rate of speed than any boats in these waters.
The NEW LINE is composed of the following elegant Side-Wheel Steamers, superbly fitted up with Saloons and single and family State Rooms:
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CITY POINT, CAPTAIN TALBOT,
DICTATOR, CAPTAIN DEERING.
MAGENTA, CAPTAIN BAULSER.
The TABLES are supplied with every luxury the markets afford, and equal to first-class hotel fare; and, notwithstanding the superior advantages offered to the public in point of elegance, comfort, safety and speed, the fares are as low as by any other line.
They connect with the elegant New Line of Steamers for Cherrystone, Mathews county, and all points on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and also with the Steamers for Newbern, Edenton, Plymouth, and all other points in North Carolina.
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They navigate the James river entirely in the day, thus affording passengers time for seeing the fortifications, Dutch Gap and other objects of interest.
The Proprietors of the Line are now negotiating for one of the most superb and fast Steamers of the Hudson river to run on the James river, and intend to make their Line the permanent institution of Norfolk; and, grateful for the very large share of patronage they have already received, request a continuance of the public favor. H. V. TOMPKINS, Agent.
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Norfolk, Va.
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NOTICE.
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Will run between NORFOLK, SUFFOLK, and SMITH FIELD, as follows
Leave Norfolk for Suffolk every
MONDAY AND THURSDAY, at 9 a. m.
Leave Norfolk for Smithfield every
WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 6½ a. m.
Leave Suffolk for Norfolk every
TUESDAY AND FRIDAY, at 10 a. m.
Leave Smithfield for Norfolk every
WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 4 p. m.
For freight or passage, apply on board, foot of Commerce street, or to CYRUS E. STAPLES,
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The Norfolk Post.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1865.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

THE SANITARY CONDITION OF NORFOLK.

NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 27th, 1865.

EDITOR POST:—I want to second your suggestions of yesterday morning, respecting preparations for the much-to-be-dreaded approach of the cholera.

It is so easy, so habitual, with most people to let indolence, or, at least, indifference, carry them beyond the point of safety when danger threatens, and then when they are in the grasp of the foe, begin to deplore their want of preparation for the trial; and, perhaps before they can sufficiently recover from the first surprise, to make one real effective effort to meet the danger, they are so securely fettered and fastened as to make effort useless.

All this is especially true of the time when disease threatens. Habits and sanitary conditions which, viewed in the light of reason and prudence, would shock and alarm, are permitted to exist and exert their weakening, destructive influence, upon individuals and the community, without one serious thought by those most deeply interested.

For example:—No other part of any city ever suffers as much from an invasion of disease as the poorer, densely-crowded portions, where dirt and degradation run riot, and accomplish their work unchecked. Yet, if a warning voice is heard, or friendly hand outstretched to save the endangered, it is the voice or the hand of some favored one, whose own life is secure. The imperilled walk their death-darkened streets, and breathe their death-laden air, with apparent heedlessness of their danger. For this reason there is a moral responsibility resting upon the well-to-do, the wealthy and strong, which will not permit them, innocently, to wait for the cry of distress from the poor denizens of the hovel and the hut. It is known that the occupants of the miserable dens which crowd so closely every narrow, filthy lane in our cities, are ignorant of their danger, and so, though death stalk right through their homes day and night, will pass on and become an easy prey to any virulent disease that may casually be introduced among them. But this is not a plea for the poor, the degraded alone, but for the rich, the refined, as well. If charitable motives will not induce the better to attempt the relief of the poorer portions of the inhabitants, yet should self-interest operate to lead them to the work, for the sway of an epidemic is not confined to its first victims, its place of beginning. It may, ere its course is run, have visited the palace and have destroyed wealth's fairest and richest treasures, as well as have given a deeper shade to the dark life of poverty.

So, rich, happy neighbor, when, on your way to the place of business or pleasure, you pass the street or hovel where misery and sin, the natural fruits of poverty and ignorance, are fast maturing, do not let the sad sight pass unremarked, or the terrors which such scenes foretell pass unrebuked. Speak out your thoughts; tell the people that something must be done, or the power to do may soon be lost. Seek to save the blinded children of wretched poverty from the fate their own ignorance hides from their eyes, and so place another barrier between death and your own household.

Especially in Norfolk should we think of these things. No city is more exposed to infection from foreign ports, for, though less intimately and less extensively connected with such ports by commerce than some other of the Atlantic cities, yet it is at any hour liable to receive the seeds of some malignant distemper, which, in a few short weeks, might destroy one-half of the city.

That the present condition of the lower parts of the city is just such as would help to develop and hasten the work of such germs of death when once planted here, is patent to every clear-sighted person of cleanly habits and good taste who has had occasion to pass through any of the narrow, closely-packed alleys or lanes leading North and South from Main street all the way from the Custom House to Church street.

It is no exaggeration to say that the offensive stench arising from the gutters, yes, from every square foot of pavement in these lanes, is really shocking, and it does seem as though the occupants of such places must die of sheer disgust at their situation.

It may be almost utterly impracticable to prevent the inmates of these places of filthy misery from living as they do, without any regard to personal or other decency; but it is practicable to cause the streets where these dens are to be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly, and to be kept so day and night through every week in the year.

Labor and lime are cheap. Business is flourishing and profitable. Monied men, all men of any commercial or other importance whatever, can well afford to pay the light tax which would be imposed upon them were this work of cleansing and renovating performed.

The authorities are responsible for the work, and they should look to the people, expecting not only full support in the effort to put the city in a safe condition, but severe censure if they omit such effort. F.

"The Man With the Naval Uniform."

MR. EDITOR:—I think you treat with too much levity, in your paper of yesterday morning, a matter of very grave importance to the reputation of our city. A people must have very loose notions of morality and decency, that permits the chief conservator of the peace and morals of a neighboring city, to violate, with impunity, the rules of decency and good breeding, by committing acts for which an officer in the United States army would be court-martialed and cashiered, and a gentleman in most any respectable community would be excluded from society, and frowned upon by all good men. It is indeed humiliating to a people when the Mayor of a city, a husband, and the father of a family, can so far forget the dignity of the position he occupies, and so degrade his office, as to introduce into the company of ladies and gentlemen, a "disreputable character," under the guise of relationship, and live with her in an undisguised state of immorality, through the consent of a "convenient husband." What right has a Mayor to introduce cattle of this sort to the families of our citizens, who, unaware of the true status of the "article," may at any moment compromise their reputation by associating, either in private or public, with an object of notorious repute. Are our domestic hearths to be defiled even by those we select to protect their purity? "INQUIRER."

MR. EDITOR:—Little did you imagine, a day or two since, when you bid high for a Miss-Harris-case in Norfolk, in order that our city might keep pace with Chicago, Richmond and other places of great note, in moral as well as material growth, that you were very nigh having your most ardent desire fulfilled. In fact, the mine was prepared and the train laid, but from some potent cause the explosion did not take place. The rumor is, that a high official of a city, not more than a thousand miles from Norfolk, had extensively interfered with the "rights marital" of a young mixer of brandy-smashes, claret punches, and other cooling drinks; and it was feared by the "high official's" friends that the "injured husband" might throw the gay Lothario's official breeches out of the window, and proceed to manufacture a claret punch out of his eyes and nose. But the chivalrous husband thought better of the matter—forgave the erring wife—received her to his panting "buzzum" and treated her deceiver with cool contempt. He is a philosopher—is this man of cocktails. It is said the free use of the oil of palms healed the wounds of the afflicted husband, and all parties are fully satisfied. We congratulate the public upon the happy adjustment of this little affair, without in the least compromising the fair fame of the parties concerned or the moral dignity of the city. Woman is frail, husbands are forgiving, and high official dignitaries are generous.

In reply to the letter of Judah P. Benjamin, published in the London *Times*, in which he justifies the enormities committed against the Federal prisoners, as retaliatory measures for the Dahlgren expedition, and the estoppage of exchange by the Federal Government, Lieut. H. A. Wise, of the United States Navy, sent the following communication to the *Times*:

REPLY TO MR. BENJAMIN FROM CAPTAIN WISE, U. S. NAVY.

To the Editor of the London Times:

SIR; In Mr. Benjamin's attempted defence of the cruel and atrocious treatment of Federal prisoners, published in the *Times* of to-day, he has omitted to state that for a long time the exchange ceased because the Confederates refused to comply with the cartel in giving up captured negro soldiers as "man for man"—a theory which the Federal Government, on the score of justice and humanity to the soldiers of the Republic, refused to accede to. But let this pass, *and to quote the words of Mr. Benjamin*, "without betraying the confidence of official intercourse," permit me to make a positive denial of the charges he has revamped against Col. Dahlgren, who fell in midnight ambush near Richmond, brutally butchered, stripped not only of his clothing and wooden leg, the memento from a bullet in battle, but his finger hacked off for the ring it held! Yes, his own servant, who in the early morning removed the naked, bloody and mutilated remains from the roadside to the shade of a hedge, told me of these facts; and perhaps Mr. Benjamin himself may have seen the carcass when it was publicly exhibited in the shambles of Richmond before being thrown, as the papers said, "to a dungheap for the dogs to feast upon," and thus add his testimony to the story.

But, with reference to the papers found upon the body, can it be possible that Mr. Benjamin is not aware that the document which it was presumed he had lithographed in *fac simile* and distributed abroad was a forgery, and so clumsily executed that it scarcely resembled the writing of Dahlgren, and even the signature was misspelt? This forgery was exposed with bitter indignation by Admiral Dahlgren, the father of the dead colonel, published far and wide in the United States, and never to my knowledge was the miserable, unmanly trick to defame the reputation of a gallant soldier even paliated by the press or people of Richmond.

The sole object of Dahlgren's expedition was the release of our suffering soldiers from the dens of the Libby Prison, as he told me on parting, expecting and prepared to sacrifice youth, hopes and life in that noble attempt; and no doubt had he succeeded in reaching the ground for operations, he would have made his saber felt as he had before in many a dashing charge on all who stood in his path, but *not* to "assassinate the President and the heads of the Cabinet," as Mr. Benjamin asserts. No; such a thought never entered the brain or reached the true heart of that brave boy, and Mr. Benjamin will have to produce more of his "numerous facts bearing on the subject" before he can cite a similar case to that of Dahlgren in justification of the cruelties perpetrated upon Federal prisoners.

I am, sir, your obed't serv't,
H. A. WISE, U. S. Navy.

London, Sept. 11.

Foreign News.

England has at last been fairly scared out of all propriety by the Fenian movement, and is making as great a hubbub as if a hostile army of two hundred thousand men had already landed on her shores. General Sir Hugh Rose, who subdued the Indian rebellion by shooting the Sepoys from the muzzle of guns, is in command of the British troops in Ireland, and has under him a force which our Dublin correspondent estimates at nearly seventy-four thousand men. A sweep has been made upon the office of an unhappy Dublin weekly newspaper, suspected of Fenianism, and twelve or fourteen prisoners, mysteriously stated not to be compositors, were secured. A still more important haul was made subsequently, when the police came across a live American captain with documents and a uniform in his possession. The Privy Council has been solemnly convened to decide what is to be done with the prisoners. British war vessels hover around every portion of the Irish coast at which an invading army could effect a landing, and Donald McKay, the shipbuilder, has been called in consultation by the Admiralty, with the view of protecting British harbors by torpedoes in case of war. At the latest dates the excitement and arrests continued.

A plot to assassinate the French Emperor on his way to or from his recent interview with the Queen of Spain, at San Sebastian, is said to have been discovered. A near relative of Orsini is mixed up in the affair. The Queen of Spain insisted upon accompanying her guests on their return, so as to share their risks.

Cholera, notwithstanding its reported backward movement, was creating great havoc in France. The Mayor of Marseilles had summoned the physicians together to consult what was best to be done, and the inhabitants were fleeing from the city panic-stricken.

Sympathy for Mr. Davis.

Mr. William Wallace, who introduced the following resolutions into the South Carolina Convention, is evidently a secret enemy of Mr. Davis, whom he takes this vile method of injuring:

WHEREAS, By the fortunes of war our former noble and beloved Chief Magistrate, Jefferson Davis, is now languishing in prison awaiting his trial for treason; and whereas, the fanatics of the North, not satisfied with the wide-spread ruin and desolation which they have caused, are shrieking for his blood;

Resolved, That it is the paramount duty of South Carolina, who led the way in our late struggle for independence, and for which struggle he is now suffering, to use every lawful means in her power to avert the doom which threatens him.

Resolved, That to this end a deputation of members of this body be sent to the city of Washington, in behalf of the people of South Carolina, to ask of His Excellency, the President of the United States, to extend to the Hon. Jefferson Davis that clemency which he has shown to us, *who are equally the sharers of his guilt, if guilt there be*, and which is accomplishing so much towards restoring the peace and harmony of the Union.

The ladies of Lynchburg are equally bent upon doing him all possible harm. Do they desire to see him hanged? If not, their silence will be a more eloquent appeal in his favor than their disloyal sentiments. The people of the North might forget, if permitted, what they can never forgive. The following is from the Alexandria (Va.,) *State Journal:*

A JEFF. DAVIS MEETING PROHIBITED.—The ladies of Lynchburg and vicinity called a meeting last week to express sympathy for and petition the "President of the United States" in behalf of Jeff. Davis. From the following, which we find in the Lynchburg *Virginian* of the 22d instant, it will be seen that General Curtis very properly prohibited the meeting:

We are requested by General Curtis to say that under general orders, issued at Richmond some time since, the meeting proposed to be held this morning to make arrangements for getting up a petition to the President in behalf of Mr. Davis cannot be allowed. It will, therefore, not be held.

The *Virginian*, on the following day (Saturday) contains the following note from one of the ladies engaged in getting up the meeting:

MR. EDITOR: As the intention of the meeting of the ladies, which was called for, seems to have been misunderstood, will you please publish this explanation. The meeting was simply to appoint some lady who, in our estimation, would prepare the best petition, in behalf of our late President, to His Excellency, the President of the United States. No desire to "excite or inflame the feelings" was contemplated by us, as such a course would have thwarted the great object we had in view.

We direct the attention of our readers to the manner in which this lady alludes to "our late President," and to "His Excellency, the President of the United States." Mr. Johnson is still alluded to as the ruler of a foreign government, and not as "our President." And yet the writer is no doubt a loyal lady—as loyal at least as two-thirds of the people lately in rebellion!

In speaking of the settlement of the Mexican question and the probable enforcement of the "Monroe Doctrine," the New York *Herald* says:

There are only two possible issues of the Mexican muddle—one is by a war, in which the United States would certainly be victorious. This country is now ready for another campaign. We have the men, the money, the arms and the ships all ready for the contest.—Within a month the government could have half a million veteran soldiers in Mexico. These troops would be under the command of such Generals as Grant, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Slocum, who are unequalled in the world. Farragut and Porter would command a fleet of iron-clads before which the mammoth abortions recently exhibited by France and England would be utterly helpless. To again bombard Vera Cruz, to land our soldiers, to march on Mexico, the population rising as we went, would be easy work for the men who have conquered both nature and the rebels during the late war, and who think nothing of fighting battles above the clouds, traversing a continent to reach the enemy, or sailing triumphantly through fire and water to capture a city. Were the American people as belligerent as Europeans profess to believe, and did not the wisest statesmanship guide and restrain the popular instincts and prejudices, a war would be inevitable. It is useless to deny that the majority of our leading generals are eager for another conflict, and fret under the insult which the presence of Maximilian in Mexico continues to offer to this republic. Could their wishes be granted the call to arms would immediately resound from one end of the land to the other, and veteran volunteers would flock to the recruiting stations by thousands, both in the North and in the South. It is useless to deny, also, that this would be the speediest method of reconstructing the Union.—The first war in Mexico drowned out the old nullification troubles in the blood of comrades from Massachusetts and South Carolina, New York and Mississippi. A second war with Mexico might end in the same way all the differences which exist between the two sections of the country.

REMEMBER THE PORTER.—A New York correspondent of Boston *Transcript* says: "The general complaint with travelers this season is the unrighteous extortions at the hotels." This writer is stopping at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where he must expect to pay very exorbitant prices, but what we are coming at is this. He says: "The pluck of the bluff old fellow is to be admired, who, when leaving the hotel, being importuned by the porter, cried out, 'Landlord, have I paid my bill?' 'Yes, sir,' said the landlord. 'Well, then, why don't you pay your servants?' was the reply of the bluff old gentleman, and a very sensible reply it was too."

BALMORAL SKIRTS.—A "fashion" man in New York, who caters for the lady readers of the New York *World*, says, with thick winter dresses, balmoral skirts are making their appearance, and will undoubtedly be as extensively worn as ever. The newest styles are in gray, or dark linsey woolsey, bordered with algerine stripes—these are peculiarly adapted for street wear, with suits of Aberdeen winsey, which will probably compose the most fashionable of winter walking costumes. There are also very handsome balmoral skirts, made of red-striped Saxony cloth, of a very fine quality, bordered with a broad band of plain black velvet. These look extremely well with black silk or black poplin suits.

Striped black and white skirts are still worn, with a fluting round the bottom, bound on either edge, with black, or scarlet braid.

White skirts to be worn under ball and party dresses are deeply bordered with rows of fine tucks alternating with insertions of cluny guipie.

THE COMET COMING.—The comet of Bella is nearing its perihelion, and will soon be visible in the heavens. It has rather a long journey to perform, being at present about one hundred and ten millions of miles distant.

On the 1st of November next, it will be close to the bright Alpha Pegasi Markab, one of the four bright stars forming the well known square of Pegasus. It then pursues a Southerly course, crossing the celestial equator about the middle of December. It then crosses its old