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**CITY COUNCIL.**—There was a regular meeting of the City Council last night.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**—A claim in favor of Lewis Evans, from the Common Council, was referred by that body to the Committee on Claims, which has since been reported. A resolution was passed by this board suspending the regular meetings of the City Council till November was concurred in.

A resolution for purchasing a horse for service in the Garbage Cart was passed.

A resolution appropriating \$150 for repairs to the Fire Apparatus was passed.

The resolutions from the Common Council in reference to the celebration of the Fourth of July were received, and the first one concurred in, but the 2d amended by striking out the appropriation of \$200. After which the Board adjourned.

**COMMON COUNCIL.**—A claim of Lewis Evans, for \$2 for a tithable, improperly charged to and paid by him, for 1862, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A resolution suspending the rule fixing the regular meetings of the City Council, until the second Tuesday in November next was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred, on the 28th of April last, the communication of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department in relation to the condition of the Fire Apparatus made a report which was adopted, and thereupon it was ordered that the Auditor issue his warrant to A. Moran, J. Tacey and A. C. Harmon for \$150 or so much thereof as may be necessary to put the engines and hose in proper condition.

The resolution from the Board of Aldermen instructing the Committee on the Poor to purchase a horse for service in the Garbage Cart, was passed.

A communication from T. G. Carver and others inviting the City Council to unite with the "military and loyal citizens" in celebrating the approaching Fourth of July was read, whereupon it was resolved by the Common Council.

"That the City Council of Alexandria will cordially unite with the military and the loyal citizens in celebrating the coming anniversary of our National Independence."

"Resolved, That Messrs. Arnold, Baker, and Dyson, of the Common Council, and Messrs. Bell, McKenzie, and Burchell, of the Board of Aldermen, be a committee to represent the City Council in making all necessary arrangements for said celebration; and that the sum of \$200 be appropriated to defray such expenses as may be incurred by them."

Notice was received from the Board of Aldermen that they had amended the last resolution by striking out so much thereof as relates to an appropriation of \$200.

The Council refused to concur in the amendment, and asked a Committee of Conference, but without further action the Council adjourned.

It is stated that Governor Curtin, of Penn., has received from the Secretary of War directions to form a volunteer force of fifteen regiments, of which five will be cavalry, designed it is understood as a defence for the State border in any contingency of raids.

A man has been arrested in Philadelphia charged with circulating counterfeit postal currency.

## ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The Confederates to-day were at work on intrenchments at the edge of the woods skirting the plain not far from Fredericksburg.

There was some picket firing this morning, but nothing of greater importance in that quarter.

NEW YORK, June 9.—Advices received here from the Army of the Potomac say that matters remain there substantially in statu quo. The position of the Federal troops on the south side of the Rappahannock has been strengthened. The pickets of the opposing forces were in close proximity.

### Latest from the Rappahannock.

The Washington Chronicle says:—"A severe engagement took place yesterday morning between the Federal cavalry and that of the Confederates, under General Stuart, at Rappahannock Station. No official advices as to the result had been received up to twelve o'clock last night. No authentic details of the fighting have been received, and no intelligible idea can be formed of the real character of the operations."

Social life in England, or rather court life, has received a powerful impetus by the advent of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the world of fashion is rapidly reassuming the aspect it wore during the early years of the present reign. The obdurate retirement of the Queen contrasts strangely with the bustle and animation constantly prevailing in the court of the Prince of Wales. The young couple are out almost every night, at the opera or theatre, or honoring some distinguished members of the aristocracy with their presence at dinner. They mingle freely in all the gayeties of the town, and their faces are becoming quite familiar at all the usual haunts of people of fashion. They appear to be winning for themselves "golden opinions from all sorts of people," and in case of anything occurring to the Queen, would unquestionably ride into power on the very topmost tide of popularity. The Prince does not by any means confine himself to the mere gayeties of life, but is to be seen at more important gatherings, attending the exhibitions at Eton, and other schools and colleges, anniversaries of agricultural and scientific societies, and, in short, seems to be pursuing about the same career that rendered his late father so popular.

From the way some of the Boston papers talk, one might suppose that city was a very paradise for negroes, yet the statistics kept by the register show that in every year of the last eight, the deaths among the colored population far exceeded the births. Were there no arrivals from without, it is probable the negro race in the Eastern States would eventually become extinct.

In the Washington Circuit Court, to-day, the case of Mrs. Emily F. Wiley against Marshal Brown and Jesse B. Haw, next of kin of the late Tillotson Brown, is appointed to be heard. Mrs. Wiley claims to be the offspring of Tillotson Brown, (long known as one of the proprietors of Brown's Hotel,) and his lawful heir, and as the estate is a considerable one, the case excites interest.

U. S. ship Shepherd Knapp, was recently lost by running on a shoal in entering the harbor of Cape Haytien, W. I. Her armament, guns, stores &c., were saved.

A sail boat capsized in the harbor of Baltimore, yesterday, and two out of five of the persons in it, were drowned. One of the persons drowned was Tilly, a paroled Confederate prisoner.

Between the 1st of January and the 1st of June of the present year, 24 cases, 47 demijohns, 53 kegs, 6 cans, 39 barrels and 12 jugs of liquor have been seized by order of Captain Todd, Provost Marshal, in Washington, as a punishment to violators of the military laws of the District, and transferred to the Medical Purveyor.

Since the returns from the entire line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal have been received, the total revenue for the month of May exceeds \$6,000, and the revenue received from the 1st of January to the 1st of June exceeds that of any previous year.

By special authority from Adj't. Gen. Thomas, Gen. Prentiss has detailed Colonel Pride, of the 33d Missouri regiment, to superintend the organization of colored regiments in Missouri.

From a report of Admiral Porter, it appears that, from the 25th of March to the 18th of May, the fleet under his command has captured sixteen blockade runners and driven four on shore.

The scenes on board the U. S. gunboat Cincinnati, which was lately destroyed by the batteries at Vicksburg, are represented as heart-rending. She was riddled with balls and a large portion of her crew killed or mortally wounded.

Senator Sherman, of Ohio, is in Washington. Last winter he made special opposition to military arrests, saying that two-thirds of them had been wrong, and it is thought that his errand hither at this time is with reference to the subject generally. Senator Trumbull took much the same ground, and hence he was persistent in getting through the bill providing the means of proceeding in courts with persons who might be arrested by Executive authority. His late speech at Chicago is in affirmation of his views as expressed in the Senate.

One of the largest New York jewelers has just arrived in Paris for the purpose of replenishing his stock. He says his business never was so good as now. The shoddy aristocracy are covering themselves with jewels.

Jacob Forney, a resident of Lancaster, Penn. was accidentally killed on Saturday last. He has for some years past been an engineer on the Pennsylvania Central railroad. On the day above mentioned, when the train under his charge was near Coatesville, Chester county, deceased was in the act of looking back at his train from the window, when his head struck a telegraph pole with such force as to crush it in a shocking manner, killing him instantly.

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