

The English papers tell a queer story of a distinguished lady now residing in the East who, some thirty odd years ago was a leading belle in London,—a Miss D—, only daughter of Admiral D. She first married a noble earl, well known as a leading statesman, and upon their marriage being dissolved, was united to a German baron. Subsequently, she became the wife of an Arabian chief, the Shiek M—. For six months in the year the Hon. M. M—, as she is called, from the fact of her brother having succeeded to a peerage, resides between Damascus and Balbec with her husband, passing the remainder of the year with him in camp. It was upon the occasion of an English traveller visiting this camp that his country woman was pointed out to him, when she expressed, though an English lady, how happy she was as a wife of the Arab chief.

An army letter in the N. Y. Tribune, dated Warenton, July 27, says:—"The enemy's cavalry are endeavoring to destroy our railroad communication with Washington, and this morning tore up the rails near Burke's station. To operate upon Richmond we must acquire a sure base of supplies. A good plan would be to strongly fortify some point in the interior of Virginia, throw a large quantity of rations there, and guard it. Communications could easily be kept open from there as we advanced, while a very large force would be required to do so from Washington."

The Baltimore American says:—"A few days since Henry J. Stahle, esq., editor and proprietor of the Gettysburg Compiler, was received in Fort McHenry as a State prisoner, having been sent there by an order purporting to have been signed by Major Gen. Couch. The basis of the charge is that the accused, on a certain occasion whilst in Gettysburg, pointed out to the Rebels the place where a number of Federal soldiers were stopping, which led to their arrest. The whole affair is believed to be a sheer fabrication, and Capt. Andrews, the Assistant Adjutant General, has written to the General upon the subject."

Eighty-eight prisoners of War and State reached Washington yesterday. Among them were two commissioned officers, Lieut. James B. Clarke, 18th Mississippi, and Lieut. F. W. Bannett, 12th Mississippi regiment. Some of these prisoners were captured on Monday, near Gaines' Cross Roads, and the remainder were taken in the neighborhood of Front Royal.

The gunboat Resolute has arrived at Washington from Maryland Point, bringing up two men, who were captured crossing into Virginia from Mattawoman Creek, on Monday night. They both belong to Virginia, and had come over after goods, but they were unsuccessful in purchasing, the storekeepers being afraid to involve themselves in trouble by selling to them.

The steamer Cosmopolitan, from Port Royal on the 25th inst., has arrived at New York, with 185 wounded from Gen. Gilmore's Corps. Several died on the passage.

The minimum standard height for the regular army is 5 feet 3 inches, but it has been semi-officially announced that no limits of stature are established for drafted men. The matter of stature, we are told, will only be considered by the Board of Enrollment in the general examination as to the physical fitness of the man for military service.

Yesterday, the Marshal, under the instructions of District Attorney Carrington, seized, in accordance with the provisions of the confiscation bill, the property of B. S. Slocumb, in Washington, who is alleged to be in the South.

The Baltimore Sun speaking of the City Family Markets, in Baltimore, which, by the bye, are generally cheaper than ours, says:—"The supplies in the family markets of the city, are abundant, but it has rarely occurred that every article of necessity commanded such high prices as at the present time. The supplies of all kinds of meats are ample, but the cost of obtaining them is almost beyond the reach of those who are dependent on their daily labor for support." Prices are, too high, and profits too great.

One night last week, a free negro entered the dwelling of Mrs. Millan, in Fairfax county, on the Occoquan road, about five miles from this place, robbed it of several articles, and committed an outrage upon the person of Mrs. M. He then made his escape and avoided capture until yesterday when he was arrested, and brought to this place this morning, and committed to the county jail to await his trial.

Mr. McKee, editor of the St. Louis Democrat, who was recently arrested for publishing a letter of President Lincoln respecting the removal of Gen. Curtis as head of the army of Missouri, was one of the most prominent among the editors who called on the Government to arrest any publisher who published news "contraband of war."

The steamer Planet arrived at Memphis on the 22d instant from Port Hudson, having on board 160 Confederate officers who are en route for Sandusky via Cairo. When the boat reached Helena, twenty-five of the prisoners threw themselves from the guards of the boat into the river, for the purpose of effecting escape. It is supposed that a few of them reached the shore, but the majority of them were drowned.

Lt. Col. James A. Hardie has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General—vice Gen. Canby assigned to the command of the city and harbor of New York.

DIED.

In Berlin, Md., on the 28th of June, BEDFORD LEE, aged 11 months and 18 days, son of Wm. H. and Sarah E. Barley, of this place.—"Suffer little children to come unto me."

Departed this life Thursday morning, the 30th, MARY FLEMING, after a short but severe illness. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock from the residence of her brother, A. J. Fleming corner of Duke and Columbus streets.

Of typhoid Fever, at his home in Madriver Township, Ohio, on Friday the 17th April, FOUNTAIN W. WAUGH, aged 20 years, 8 months and 17 days.

The deceased was a native of Orange County, Va., from whence he removed to Ohio in August, 1860. He left a kind mother, with affectionate brothers and sisters to mourn his loss. During his illness he gave evidence sufficient to induce us to believe that their loss is his eternal gain. [Balt. Gazette, and Richmond papers please copy.]

NOTICE.

I will sell out my entire stock of ladies, misses, and children's city made BOOTS and SHOES, at a small advance over cost. Those in want of good shoes at very low prices would do well to call at No. 80 King St. JOHN T. EVANS. jy 14—2m

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CHEAP FAMILY GROCERY,
No. 26 North Royal street.
A full supply of family groceries always on hand. jan 13

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UNITED STATES MARINES.—A strong battalion of these soldiers is now being organized at the N. Y. Marine Barracks, by particular request of Admiral Dahlgren, for special and important duty at Charleston, S. C. The Battalion, which now musters between three and four hundred men, will sail in the Arago on Friday, and upon its arrival at Port Royal be increased to six hundred, by reinforcement from the Blockading Squadron. It will then operate in conjunction with five hundred picked sailors, and soon will be heard from.—[Phil. Inquirer.

It is rumored that Judge Betts, of the District Court, will give his decision in the Peterhoff case to-day; and that he has decided to condemn the Springbok, Thos. C. Hart, and the Peterhoff as well, for constructive violation of the blockade. The last named vessel has been a bone of contention between the Federal authorities and those of Great Britain for many months past. She was taken possession of as a blockade-runner, but her owners claim that she was bound for Matamoras a Mexican port.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned is running two PACKETS between Alexandria and Georgetown, leaving both places twice a week. All freight intrusted to his care will be carefully and expeditiously delivered. Charges moderate. For freight apply to George Waters, corner of High street and Canal, Georgetown, and in Alexandria, to John Davidson, Theatre building, or Freudenthal and Wilkening No. 5 King street. SHIRLEY KING.

N. B.—One of my vessels will leave Georgetown on the arrival of every steamer from New York. jy 30—1w

NOTICE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 14, 1863. }
I HEREBY notify all persons who have not paid their Corporation Licences for this year, that they can save thirty per cent. by paying their licenses on or before the first day of August next, and to such as shall pay on or before the fifteenth day of August next, ten per cent., and all persons who fail to comply with this notice after the fifteenth of August will be fined double the amount of their license. jy 14—1m C. A. WARE, Mayor.

TWO DWELLINGS FOR SALE.—The advertiser offers for sale, two comfortable DWELLINGS—one BRICK, one frame—situated at the lower end of Water street. For terms &c., apply at the Gazette office. jy 21—tf

CORN Starch, Tapioca, Gelatine, Pearl Barley, Sago, Liquid Rennet, Oatmeal, Extract Vanilla, do. Lemon, do. Orange, do. Peach, do. Strawberry, do. Raspberry, do. Ginger, and Baker's Cocoa, also, Royal Turkish Bathing Towels, Sponges, Soaps of all kinds, Tooth Brushes, Hair, do., and Perfumery, for sale by LEADBEATER & CO. 7mo 27—eo3t Fairfax st.

ICE! ICE!! ICE!!!

A large and superior cargo of PORTLAND ICE, is for sale, at my ice depot, Fairfax street, opposite Mansion House Hospital.—Those who may be pleased to favor me with their orders, will have it delivered, DAILY from wagon. mh 27—tf P. G. HENDERSON.

KEEP COOL!

THE undersigned would inform their friends, and the public generally, that they are now prepared to furnish ICE AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY OR NIGHT, at the "old stand" No. 26, north Royal street, opposite the market. F. SWAIN & CO.

P. S.—Orders for large quantities of ICE left with us, will be promptly filled at most favorable terms. mh 27—tf

FOR DYSENTERY, Diarrhea, Cholera Morbus, Summer Complaint, &c., there is no better remedy than PROF. WUNDRAM'S VEGETABLE ELIXIR. Try it, and be convinced. For sale at the Drug Store of ISAAC ENTWISLE, No. 94 King Street. je 26—1m