

REPORTS FROM RICHMOND.

An intelligent gentleman, well-known in this city, arrived here on yesterday from Richmond having left there on Saturday last. He was a resident of that city at the breaking out of the war, and has remained there up to this time. He represents the present conscription as intolerable, taking all between sixteen and sixty. The able-bodied are sent into the field, the weaker ones put in garrison, and even the cripples assigned to duty in hospitals as nurses and attendants.

The defences around Richmond have been very much strengthened since McClellan's campaign. A line of earthworks now extend from Drury's Bluff to the Appomattox river, and there are other works all the way from chance to Richmond. A feeling of gloom prevails the city in regard to Charleston, and its fall is admitted as almost certain.

The Confederates have three iron-clads finished, viz., the Richmond, Chickahominy, and the Ladies' gunboat. The means for the building of the latter have been contributed entirely by the ladies, and is to be called the Lady Davis. The Richmond has been in commission a long time, and is lying off Fort Darling. The latter two are receiving their armament, a portion of which will consist of a newly invented gun by Lieut Brooke, formerly of the United States Navy, throwing a solid steel bolt with great force. This gentleman, who furnishes this information, saw some experiments with this gun in which the bolt penetrated six inches of iron and eighteen inches of oak backing.

In addition to the vessels above named there are three other iron-clads in process of construction at Richmond.

The old model of the Merimac is still adhered to, although the vessels are much smaller. The electrician who fired the torpedo at Dutch Gap on the occasion of Gen. Foster's reconnoissance is much blamed for the few seconds delay which prevented the total destruction of the vessel. No boat of any description is allowed to pass up or down the river in the vicinity of the torpedoes.

Our informant feels assured that Sawyer and Flynn were not executed on the day appointed, which was the day before he left Richmond.

Gold was selling at Maury's for sixteen dollars, silver at fourteen, and United States greenbacks were worth twelve dollars.

John Minor Botts is living on a farm in Culpeper at a point near Buford's recently cavalry fight.

The defences of Richmond are now commanded by Gen. Elzey, the officer who was superseded in the command of Fortress Monroe by our Government shortly after the breaking out of the war.—[Nat. Int.]

TO THE PUBLIC.—In the Alexandria News of Saturday 22d inst., appeared a notice of the capture of bread from several of the craft, which bread was said to fall short in weight. I was one of the sufferers. On my bench I had between two and three hundred pounds of bread, out of which six loaves were taken because they were said to fall below the standard weight about half an ounce to the loaf, while many other loaves were one and even two ounces over the weight required by law.—The bread taken from me were twisted loaves; and in their manufacture and baking, as is known to all bakers, there is so much more surface exposed to the formation of crust, that more moisture is extracted than from loaves of any other form, hence their lightness sometimes.

I was fined six dollars, and my six loaves confiscated, while another baker, also fined for having about ninety-six light loaves, had one half of it returned to him, and was told to take it into the market and sell it as though of full weight!

I appeal to the public towards whom I have always endeavored to act with honesty to decide if I shall be condemned, or if it is just I should be fined under the circumstances.

Very Respectfully, JAS. H. SIMPSON.
Alexandria, Va., aug 24—11*

The resumption of School exercises will soon take place—as the summer holidays are now drawing to a close. Notwithstanding the times, we have some excellent schools in Alexandria, and to some one of these every parent, who is able, should send his children. We have never known the period when discipline, order, and the advantages of education were as important to the young as they are now.—The appearance of hundreds of boys about our streets, and their deportment generally, lamentably prove this. Parents will yet learn that there is something more important for their children than to make a few pennies, or a few dollars, in selling newspapers about the streets, or chaffering and peddling with the passers by. A good school or a good trade, are worth more than all the money to be gathered up, by ruining the morals and characters, and dispositions of boys.

Private J. T. Barnett, Company A, Eleventh Penn., volunteer cavalry, has been sentenced by court-martial to be shot for a crime which is set forth as follows: being absent from his company without leave, he did, in company with one private, Hiram Evans, stop a carriage containing Mr. Saml. Hoffhermer, of Farmersville, Va., Mr. Benjamin Alder, Louis Hamburger, and Saml. Mann, and by force of arms take from them a large amount of money—say some \$16,000, two gold and one silver watch, one diamond breast-pin, and a gold headed cane."

EDUCATIONAL.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

THE Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY will commence on MONDAY NEXT, AUGUST the 1st.

As it is desirable that all who are to attend should be present at the opening, those wishing to enter their sons or wards will please call on the undersigned, at the Eclectic Academy building, North Columbus Street, next to Christ Church Lecture Room, during the present week.

Circulars, stating terms, &c., can be obtained at the book stores, or will be furnished on application to RICHARD L. CARNE, Jr., Principal.
aug 24—eo3t*

THE duties of MISS ELLEN MARK'S SCHOOL will be resumed on TUESDAY, the 15th of SEPTEMBER. Particular attention will be given to the ELEMENTARY BRANCHES as the only sure base for future improvement. It is desirable that all the pupils as far as practicable, should be present at the opening of the school. Terms, for Orthography, Reading, Geography, Grammar, Philosophy, History, Arithmetic and Algebra, from five to seven dollars per term of ten weeks. Music and French at Professor's charges.
aug 24—dtsept1&eotoct10.

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION.—A competent teacher is willing to give private instruction to pupils, at their own residences, in all the branches of a thorough English and Classical education.

He will, also, assist the studies of young men in Arithmetic, Algebra, Surveying and Book Keeping, either during the day or evening.—Should a sufficient number of the latter apply, he is disposed to form an EVENING CLASS for their accommodation.

Applications, with the name and number of applicants, residence's will be attended to. Address "Teacher" at this office. aug 14—tf

WENTWORTH SEMINARY FOR YOUNG LADIES.

ALBERT E. BASSFORD, PRINCIPAL.
THE sixth annual session of this institution will commence on September 14th.

The principal will be assisted by the Rev. W. F. M. Jacobs, whose co-operation will more fully sustain the already acquired reputation of this school.

Circulars stating particulars can be obtained at the institution, Prince St., opposite Post Office. aug 15—2awtsep & dtf

A deserter escaped this afternoon, about 3½ o'clock, and made his way down King street, hotly pursued by the guard. He turned into Pitt street, where he was fired at by his pursuer, but managed to leap a fence, and had not been captured when we went to press.—The occurrence created much excitement in the neighborhood where it occurred.

The Hartford Press records the fact that an order has been issued for cutting down a gigantic old elm in that city, it being considered that a high wind might break it down and cause some serious damage to surrounding property. This elm, six feet from the ground, girths twenty four feet six inches.

The New York Evening Post, on the authority of private letters, state that the Liberals of Mexico (the Juarez party) have determined to give up the contest with the French and submit to the fortune of war.

A Moslem was executed in Sion for killing a Jew. Such an enforcement of the claims of justice was never heard of before among the Moslems, and probably never among the Christians of the Turkish empire.

EXCURSION TO GLYMONT.

THE STEAMER YOUNG AMERICA, Capt. Talbot, will make an excursion to Glymont on Thursday next the 29th inst., leaving the dock foot of King street, at 8 o'clock a. m., and returning about dark. A fine band of music will be in attendance, and everything done to make the excursion an agreeable affair. Tickets \$1 for sale at Stone's Book Store, City Hotel, Leadbeater's Drug Store.
aug 24—dtd

DOG LOST.—A SMALL SCOTCH TERRIER, with very short legs, suared to the shoulders, and odd looking, generally, was taken from the residence of the subscriber, on Tuesday night last. A reward of \$5 will be paid for its return or information that will lead to its recovery.

JOHN McHUGH,
229 King Street.
aug 24—3t*

STEAM TUG C. H. HASWELL FOR SALE.—The steam tug Chas. H. Haswell, is offered for sale cheap, for cash. Apply on board the steamer Young America, to the captain.
aug 24—2w

THREE OR FOUR GENTLEMEN can be accommodated with good lodgings at 39 Alfred street, between Queen and Cameron.
aug 24—3t*

MARK YOUR CLOTHING.

STENCIL PLATES, FOR MARKING CLOTHING, &c., with Indelible Ink, neatly cut in any style. Orders left at Stone's Book Store, No. 104 King St., where samples may be seen.
aug 21—2w

EMPIRE HOUSE FOR SALE.

THIS large and commodious establishment, No. 299 King Street, is for sale. It contains 20 rooms. The lot is 25 feet by 100. For terms &c., apply to R. JOHNSTON.
aug 15—6t.

DESIRABLE BUILDING LOTS FOR RENT.—Five Lots, each 15½ feet front, by 100 feet deep. Located in the South end of Fairfax street. Apply at this office.
aug 19—tf

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.
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KEEP COOL!

THE undersigned would inform his friends, and the public generally, that he is 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. G. SWAINE.

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