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**CITY COUNCIL.**—There was a called meeting of both boards of the City Council held last night.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**—A bill of Mr. John Summers for \$108.80, for repairs to Fire Apparatus, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A resolution from the Common Council requesting the Military Governor of this place to apply the funds in his hands, collected from fines and forfeitures, to the improvement of the streets, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, Messrs. Vansant, Burchell, Agnew and S. F. Beach. 4.

Noes, Messrs. Bell and McKenzie. 2.

A communication from the Mayor, containing the amount of licenses, fines, &c., collected since March 4, 1863, was received and laid on the table. (The amount from licenses is \$1,662 54 and from fines, &c. \$892 81, making a total of \$2,555 35.)

An order referring to James Vansant the sum of \$61.25 for taxes improperly assessed, was reported from the Committee on Claims, and passed by the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

**COMMON COUNCIL.**—A communication was received from the Mayor, containing a statement of the number of merchants' and traders' licenses issued during the present year, and the amount received therefor.

A communication was received from the Mayor, in relation to a fund in the hands of the military authorities, derived from fines and forfeitures, in consequence of violation of military orders, which was read, and the following resolution adopted:

Whereas, the Council is informed that a considerable fund has accumulated in the hands of the Military Authorities, from fines and forfeitures; and whereas the streets of the city have been much injured by the travel upon them of army wagons and other heavy vehicles in the military service,

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Military Governor be respectfully requested to apply the said fund to the repair and improvement of the said streets.

A communication was received from Lt. Col. Towers, Provost Marshal of the city, referring to the Council the application made to him from Francis M. Johnson, for leave to continue the frame building recently erected by him on Irwin's wharf, contrary to corporation law—and the question on granting the leave being taken, after a long discussion, in which Messrs. Tacey, Carlin, Moore and Clark opposed the application, and Messrs. Massey and Arnold favored granting the same, it was rejected by the following vote:

Ayes, Messrs. Carlin, Hulst, Neale, Baker, Dyson, Moran, Massey and Arnold. 8.

Noes, Messrs. Clark, Moore, Garwood and Tacey. 4.

An account of John Summers, for repairs to Fire Apparatus, amounting to \$108.80, was received from the Board of Aldermen, and their reference thereof to the Committee on Claims, concurred in. Adjourned.

Accounts state that large portions of Fairfax, Fauquier and Culpeper have been swept bare of everything like provisions and forage during the recent military movements. Numbers of horses, running loose, are being taken up, in Fairfax.

Capt. Plumb, of the Federal army, died in the cars on his way down from the front on Thursday. Dr. Graves, connected with the Contraband hospital in this place, died on Monday night.

The Smithson court martial in Washington was engaged yesterday in the examination of Mr. Bell, the deputy collector of Alexandria, and Mr. Wilson, of Washington, witnesses for the defence.

The portions of the O. & A. Railroad, injured during the late military movements, are being rapidly repaired.

The famous trotting mare, Flora Temple, died a few days ago, at Belfast, Maine. Her owner valued her at \$1,600.

A number of canal boats, with coal from Cumberland, are now arriving at Georgetown.

In Georgetown, houses are in demand, and several new ones being built.

Information has been received in Washington confirming the Confederate account of the advance of the Federal forces in Southwestern Virginia.

The British steamer Plover arrived at Hamilton on the 5th, from Charleston. The Plover did not communicate with Charleston.—The Federal Admiral deemed it important to prevent all intercourse.

A dispatch from Washington to Gov. Andrew states that the quota of Massachusetts, under the new call for volunteers, is 15,120 men. Active and liberal measures to induce volunteering will be made.

Governor Seymour has issued a spirited proclamation, calling upon citizens to fill the quota of New York, by volunteering.

The newspapers report a recent meeting of a Georgia regiment in Bragg's army, which was only quelled by force. The men contended that they only volunteered for the battle of Chickamauga.

Raisins are now raised in California from the Fihersagos grape. They are put up in the best Eastern style, are perfectly cured, fair and comely in appearance, and of the genuine flavor.

The ship Hahneman, of Liverpool, reports having been fired into and boarded by a Confederate privateer, on the 1st of July. After examining the papers of the Hahneman, the privateer left her.

## FROM THE FRONT.

The Washington Chronicle says, "Our advices from the front up to last evening are to the effect that Lee has retired his army to his position of two weeks ago. General Meade will no doubt rest upon the same ground in a few days which he abandoned last week."

According to an army correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, "On Sunday there was another sharp artillery fight between a heavy body of Confederate cavalry and Gen. Merritt's brigade of Buford's cavalry. This took place about three miles beyond Manassas Junction. The fight lasted three hours, when finding himself outnumbered, Gen. Merritt was forced to fall back." The same correspondent is confirmed in the belief "that General Meade, after having awaited Lee's attack, will not pursue and endeavor to force him to a general engagement."

## GEN. GRANT—GEN. ROSECRANS.

LOUISVILLE, October 20.—Major General Grant assumes command of the armies of the Ohio, the Cumberland, and Kentucky, with plenary powers. He left for Nashville this morning to assume direction of affairs at Chattanooga. Gen. Thomas takes command of Gen. Rosecrans' army, Rosecrans being ordered to Cincinnati to report by letter to the Adjutant General at Washington. Gens. Garfield and Stedman arrived to-night.

The property known as Belle Vue, in Prince George's County, Md., opposite Alexandria, was sold yesterday, divided into tracts as follows: Lot A, 70 acres, 1 rood, 27 perches, at \$28, to Lucien Berry; lot B, 77 acres, 6 perches, at \$28, to same; lot C, 75 acres, 1 rood, 20 perches, at \$28, to same; lot E, 67 acres, 3 roods, 9 perches, at \$50, to E. D. Johnson; lot F, 81 acres, 28 perches, at \$73, to same; lot G, 72 acres, 2 roods, 4 perches, at \$81, to Alfred F. Grimes.

As the present condition of things, it is admitted on all hands, cannot last forever, would it not be well for parents to think of having their sons taught some useful trade, instead of bringing them up as hawkers of newspapers, peddlars of cakes, and shoe-blacks?

Mr. William Wilson, of the firm of Wilson & Burns, in Baltimore was arrested by the military in that city, yesterday, on what charges is not as yet known.

An International Shakespeare memorial is proposed in England, and all people who speak the English language desired to unite in it. The Prince of Wales, and the dignitaries in Church and State in England, are engaged in the plan.

Some fine rock fish were caught in Hunting Creek, yesterday, by the seine haulers—one of them measured three feet in length. This is the largest rock fish we ever remember to have seen caught in the creek. It sold for two dollars.