

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON.

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The food question, famous in all treatment of national economy as a science, never had such interest for a people as has the house question for the homeless and roomless in Washington. Where Congress is to sleep—where eat—where the third House is to refresh itself with slumber and food after its exhausting labors in legislating for our beloved country—is the sphinx riddle which is the principal topic of our conversation. It might be libellous to tell the prices that the hotels will charge for board during the approaching session.—To convey to the Northern mind a series of the enormity of rents of \$1,200, \$1,500, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$3,500, for houses that would shrink out of the society of the buildings between the Fifth and Seventh avenues, above Fourteenth street, in New York, one would have to employ photographs of the exteriors and interiors, and borrow from Cologne the phraseology descriptive of smells. From \$40 to \$120 a month is the price of a furnished room for a single gentleman. We saw a mother, with a babe in her arms, stand aghast to-day, at a demand of twenty cents a quart for milk, principally drawn from the pump.

At —'s restaurant, yesterday, the proprietor, rescuing his reputation from a charge of extortion, in a flutter of German rage pointed to the cauliflower in his market-book as costing 75 cents, to the beef-steak 35 cents, to the butter 50 cents, and so through the contested bill of fare. Coal is selling at \$11; wood at \$8, \$9, \$10. But emerging from these details of the ruin of Washington domestic life, where is the shelter for the people who inevitably will come to Washington in December? No one can tell. Already engagements of houses and rooms in Baltimore have been made. Georgetown is taken up. The enormous prices of lodgings and dwellings all over Washington indicate the demand for quarters, and the demand is not anywhere near its height. It is estimated that an investment in Washington of \$5,000 in a building, on a lot worth \$1,500, pays at present rents an interest of 500 per cent.

A PROPHECY IN JEST.—The following extract from a burlesque article in the New Monthly Magazine for 1821, vol. II, entitled "Specimen of a Prospective Newspaper, A. D. 4796," is curious: "The army of the Northern States (of America) will take the field against that of the Southern provinces early next spring. The principal Northern force will consist of 1,490,000 picked troops. Gen. Congreve's new mechanical cannon was tried last week at the siege of Georgia. It discharged in one hour 1,120 balls, each weighing, five hundred weight. The distance of the objects fired at was eleven miles, and so perfect was the engine that the whole of these balls were lodged in the space of twenty feet square." A subsequent article in this specimen states that "by means of a new invention Dr. Clark crossed the Atlantic in seven days." How little did the writer anticipate that in forty years these, to him, wild fancies would be almost realized.

Memphis papers contain meagre information of another engagement at Pine Bluff, Ark., between three thousand Confederates under Marmaduke and the cavalry garrison of the town, under Col. Clayton. The Confederates are reported to have been repulsed with loss. Twelve of the Federal troopers were killed.

Captain Francis A. Crouch, Sixth Maryland reg't., convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, has been dismissed the U. S. service.

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ENGLISH AND GERMAN DAY-SCHOOL ALEXANDRIA, VA.—The English and German day-school, under the direction of Prof. R. F. Hunt, is in operation since last Monday, October 5th, inst.

Parents and Guardians who wish to give their children a thorough education in all the common branches, generally taught in English and German schools, are respectfully invited to send them to that school at Phoenix Hall, corner of King and Royal streets, second story. The Committee. J. KLEIN. H. L. PAULI.

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REV. C. C. BITTING will re-open school, Sept. 15th, 1863. Apply at No. 9, Alfred st. above King. aug 25—dtf

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE.—The undersigned, having qualified as administrator on the estate of Henry Mansfield, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons indebted to said estate, to come forward and make immediate payment, and all persons having claims are required to present them properly authenticated for settlement.

EMANUEL FRANCIS,

Administrator of H. Mansfield, dec'd.

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FOR ALEXANDRIA, WASHINGTON, AND LANDINGS ON THE POTOMAC RIVER.—The steamer WHILDEN, Captain Riggin will leave pier foot of Barre street, Baltimore, every Friday, at 3 p. m. for Alexandria, Washington, and landings on the Potomac river.

Returning, will leave Washington every Tuesday, at 6 a. m., and Alexandria same day at 7 a. m., for Baltimore and landings on the Potomac river.

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