

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 14.

The New York papers say that the frauds upon the U. S. government in this place "have been going on for more than seven months—that they are great and extensive, amounting to near a million of dollars in all—that the investigation into the affairs of the delinquents is still going on, and that farther arrests in Alexandria are expected to be made."

Wm. Rolls and Thomas R. Alexander, considered "disloyal and dangerous" have been arrested, and sent from Fairfax Court House, by the U. S. military authorities, to Washington and imprisoned in the Old Capitol. Capt. J. P. Lee, Adjutant General's Department; privates S. B. Hammond, General Lee's escort, and G. Weaver, 6th Virginia cavalry, have been captured and sent to the Old Capitol prison, Washington.

A wharf is being erected by parties connected with the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company at the foot of Seventh street in Washington. From this wharf a line of steamers will be run to Alexandria about the first of the coming year, where a slip is being extended from Vowel's wharf for their accommodation.

Confederate accounts from Gen. Longstreet to the 10th represent that his forces had retired from Morristown, and were in line of battle at Rutledge. On Monday last there was considerable cavalry skirmishing on the Clinch river. Rutledge is the shire town of Grainger county, Tenn., near the Virginia line."

It is reported that the Russian fleet now lying off this place will leave on Thursday next. The steamer young America makes an excursion to the vessels on Wednesday afternoon, to give those who wish, an opportunity to visit them.

The Richmond Enquirer, in referring to the arrival of ex-Governor Pratt of Maryland at City Point, states that if he takes the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy he will be welcome; but should he refuse, he would be sent back.

On Saturday last the members of both Houses of the U. S. Congress were entertained on board the Russian flagship, lying off this place, where speeches, and sentiments, and eating and drinking were the order of the day.

A Dalton, (Ga.) dispatch, dated the 7th, says that the Federal forces have advanced to London. A body of cavalry appeared at Ringgold on Monday last, but were driven back by the Confederates.

We are happy to announce that the reported death of our old townsman, Daniel Cawood Esq., published by us, last summer, is incorrect, as he was living near Charlottesville, in September last.

W. K. Sebastian, of Arkansas, arrived in Memphis on the 4th, inst., on his way to attend the present session of the United States Senate.

There was a heavy rain storm on Saturday night from the South East.

Washington dispatches to the New York papers say the Army of the Potomac will be immediately reorganized and made larger and better in every way than it has been at any former period. Its chief command will probably be tenured to either Hooker or Thomas. "It is believed that Thomas would prefer remaining where he is. Hooker's reputation, since the battle of Lookout Mountain, stands higher than ever. He is considered at Washington by some folks, as the next commander of the Army of the Potomac." The present Corps Commanders, with one exception, will be relieved."

Southern accounts from Charleston are up to the 10th instant, Thursday. On Wednesday General Gilmore opened fire on the city, eight shells falling therein, striking five buildings, but doing no personal injury. The Confederate batteries opened and for a time silenced the Federal guns, but during the night the shelling was resumed, and twenty more shells reached the city. On Thursday the Confederate batteries kept up a constant fire on Forts Gregg and Wagner, driving off the working parties. There was but little firing on Sumter, and none on the city during the day.

The reported death of Mr. J. A. Adams of the Louisiana Guard Artillery is incorrect, he was not severely wounded and is a prisoner in Washington City.

C. C. Beckwith was on Sunday taken before Col. Fish in Baltimore, upon the charge of "cursing the President of United States." He took the oath of allegiance and was dismissed.

The work of repairing King street, is progressing rapidly. From Henry to Washington street, the work has been completed.

General Washington died on the 14th day December 1799, sixty-four years ago to-day.

The reported death of Henry Fossett, son of Mr. Jas. Fossett of this place is confirmed.

Private letters from Colima, Mexico, dated November 26th received by a commercial house in San Francisco states that "General Comonfort was killed on the road between San Luis Potosi and Guanajuato while fighting a band of Mexicans who favored a French occupation. The French had possession of Queretaro and Guanajuato, and were marching on Guadalajara and Morelia. Manzanilla was attacked by robbers on the 18th of November, and the custom-house was destroyed. Colima was surrounded by Conservadores. The Juarez Government was represented to be powerless and anarchy reigned within his nominal jurisdiction.

Miss Calista Mather, daughter of a prominent Chicago merchant, has instituted a suit to recover from S. Aaron Pitney, of the same city, the sum of \$25,000 for an alleged breach of promise to marry. The doctor not only did not marry her, but adding insult to injury, actually perpetrated matrimony with his house-keeper. The plaintiff is young and fair, and the defendant an old man.

A couple in Eaton, N. H., who have been married sixty-five years, during their lives have had no occasion to call a physician on account of disease. They have had eleven children, and from 1827 to 1863 but one death occurred in the whole family.

[COMMUNICATED.]

When persons buy turkeys and geese which are brought here from the North, with their heads and feet on, and their entrails in, and give 12½@15 cts. per lb. for the same, are they aware that they are purchasing in many instances poultry which is damaged by not being drawn, and are in reality paying 18 to 20 cts. per lb. for the same? Any physician will tell you that fowls kept for some time with the craws and intestines not emptied, must become unhealthy food. It would be much better for the hucksters to have the fowls properly cleaned and prepared, and ask in proportion. It is not known, too, that enormous profits are now made upon poultry bought up in the country places at the North, transferred to the cities, and then sent here for sale. If the warm weather continues, however, the price of poultry must come down, and then the "hoarders," of turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens will have to "stand from under."—Nothing but a "cold snap" can save them. A freeze may enable them to keep up the prices.

A CITIZEN.

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To such an extent has the extortion in the way of measuring OYSTERS to buyers, at the wharves, been carried, and the high prices asked there, that the trade is likely to be broken up entirely. From some vessels, the restaurant keepers will not buy at all, and other dealers are preparing to get their supplies from Washington and Baltimore. The grievance is particularly hard upon private families who wish to buy a bushel or two of oysters at a time. There are some honorable exceptions in the craftsmen who bring up oysters—but in many cases the gouging is beyond any thing ever seen elsewhere. The town authorities ought to take the matter in hand.

A. B.

DIED.

December 13th inst., Mrs. NANCY HURDLE, in the 97th year of her age. Her funeral will take place to-morrow, Tuesday, 15th inst., at 3 o'clock, from the residence of her grand son, Thomas L. Monroe, No. 80, south Pitt street. Her friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

In Philadelphia, on the 11th of December, in the 22d year of her age, after a short illness, HENRIETTA M. HOWARD, wife of John C. Howard, and daughter of Newman and Matilda Cross, of this city.

Those of our subscribers who are not called on by the carriers, would oblige us by leaving their dues, at the Printing office, on King street, over French's Book store, where advertisements are received, and orders for Job Printing, of all kinds, executed with neatness and dispatch.

LOST.—A POCKET BOOK, containing a discharge and other papers, of no value to any one except myself. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at No 36, Queen street. GEO. H. MOUTHORP.

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2,500 LBS. NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, just received and for sale by R. H. GEMENY, No. 7, cor. King and Union sts. dec 12—tf

APPLES—50 bbls of choice APPLES, just received and for sale by R. H. GEMENY, No. 7, cor. King and Union sts. dec 12—tf

Go to SCHWARZ'S and look at his assortment of Bonnets, Furs, and Cloaks. dec 4—tf

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