

**LEGISLATIVE.**—A petition from J. T. Lucas, asking permission to call to his assistance, the military, for the purpose of collecting taxes standing for over two years, was received in the Senate to-day, and referred to the committee on Courts. The bill fixing the salaries of certain officers was taken up and passed—it provides that the salary of the Governor shall be \$5,000, Attorney General, \$1,200; Secretary of State, \$1,800; Auditor, \$2,400; Treasurer, \$1,000; President of Senate, and Speaker of House, \$8 per diem; Members, \$4 per diem; Sergeant-at-arms, \$4 per diem; and each Door-keeper, \$3 per diem; mileage of members, 20 cts. per mile. The bill calling a State Convention to revise the Constitution and abolish Slavery, was taken up, amended and passed. It provides for the election of delegates to said Convention on the 12th of Jan. next, to meet at Alexandria, and none to be members, unless "loyal" prior to 1861. In the lower house the reporter for the "Virginia State Journal" took an oath of allegiance to the U. S., "Restored Government," &c., &c. No other reporter was allowed to obtain the proceedings from the clerk or by reporting, in as much "as it would defeat the object of the resolution" passed yesterday, and the presiding officer "does not wish any reports to go out unless revised." We learn, however, that the House bill providing for holding Circuit Courts in cases where there shall be vacancies in the Judgeships thereof (authorizing Gov. Pierpont to designate a Judge to hold Courts in such cases) and House bill authorizing Judges temporarily holding Circuit Courts to fill vacancies in the Clerkships thereof, were passed. A bill to extend the Stay law till the 1st of January, 1865, was introduced by Mr. Johnston, and referred to the Committee on Courts, which committee was also instructed to inquire and report, whether any, and what amendments are needed to the "Oath law," as necessary for the protection of Widows, Orphans and Infants, &c.

Gen. Hooker's friends are trying to have him restored to the command of the Army of the Potomac.

John Muir, esq., was arrested yesterday, by the military authorities here, and is now imprisoned in the county jail.

It is said that there are now about six thousand Confederate prisoners at Camp Douglass, Illinois.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**—The undersigned, having taken out letters of administration on the estate of William Devaughn, deceased, hereby gives notice to all parties, having claims against said estate, to present them properly authenticated for settlement, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,  
Administrator.

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**TEAS! TEAS!!**  
JUST received from New York and Philadelphia (direct from importers) a large and well selected assortment of Gun Powder, Young Hyson and Black Teas, some of very superior quality.  
F. G. SWAINE,  
No. 26 Royal street.

**RAISINS.**—Just received a lot of whole, half and quarter boxes of layer Raisins.—Also Currants and Citron for sale by  
F. G. SWAINE,  
No. 26 Royal Street.

**FOR RENT.**—A STORE on King street, vacant LOTS on Columbus and Union sts. Apply at 208 King street. dec 15—3t

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer, writing from Brest, France, on the 23d of November, says:

"The steamer Florida is ready for sea, and is only waiting now for her complement of men before again starting on her mission of destruction. It is rumored here that the Alabama, and another steamer larger than she is, are not far off, and will make an effort to relieve the Florida, knowing that the Kearsage is the only United States steamer on the coast of Europe, or has been on this side of the Atlantic for the past eight months. These ships, with the Georgia, at Chorborg, and two steamers nearly finished at Nantes, will make up a fleet of six vessels for the Confederates."

It is said that agents are in Washington from several New England States to induce negro men to enlist in negro regiments from those States, to help them to fill up their quotas under the draft.

In the Georgetown custom-house, Wm. H. Craig has been appointed deputy collector, vice E. J. Brown, removed; and Thos. J. Lazenby appointed weigher and measurer, vice Jonathan D. Cathrell, removed.

Every man killed in this war makes a vacant niche in some household. We realize that every soldier who is killed on the battlefield is missed and mourned by loving parents, sisters and friends.

General Merrill has been assigned to the command of Gen. Buford's Division of Cavalry.

Eleven executions for desertion will take place in the army of the Potomac on Friday next.

**THE HOLIDAYS.**

**CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!**

**HOLIDAY PRESENTS!**

At the store, No. 86 King street, one door below Royal, can be found one of the largest stocks, suitable for holiday presents, in the city, comprising Gentlemen's and Ladies' fine Gold and Silver Watches and Chains. Fine Diamond Rings, Breast-Pins, Ear-Rings, Fine sets of Jewelry for Ladies, Gentlemen's Seal Rings, Hair Chains—all styles and patterns; Napkin-Rings, Cake Baskets, Sugar Bowls, Fruit Dishes, Fruit, Fish, Pie and Butter Knives, Castors, Goblets, Cups, Fine Gold Pens and Silver Holders, Gold Pencils, Gold Bracelets, Salt Cellars, full Breakfast and Tea Sets, and in fact, every article usually kept in a first class jewelry establishment, most appropriate for presents, being both useful and ornamental.  
CALL AT 86 KING STREET.

**CHRISTMAS AND THE HOLLIDAYS!**

AT  
**THE OLD DOMINION BAKERY.**  
NO. 149. KING STREET.

THE subscriber, at the Old Dominion bakery, No. 149, King street, is now prepared for Christmas and the holidays. He has on hand a very large assortment of FRENCH CANDIES; all kinds of CAKES, PIES, FRUITS, JELLIES, FRUITS, &c., &c. Also Toys, Fire Works and everything in his line, to tickle the fancy and please the appetite.  
Orders for cakes, pies, &c., for Christmas must be left at an early day, to secure their being ready.  
E. PIEPENBRING.

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**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!**  
Grover & Baker's Sewing Machines.

WE have on hand two of the above machines just received from the factory. Having been the agents for the sale of these celebrated machines for several years we can recommend them with pleasure.  
They Hem, Fell, Gather and Stitch in the most superior manner. Parties interested can see the machine and specimens of their work by calling on  
LEADBEATER & CO.  
No. 7, South Fairfax street.  
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**BANKING HOUSE**

OF  
**J. B. HUTCHINSON & CO.,**

57 KING STREET.

WE HAVE opened an office at the above place, for the transaction of a general Banking business in connection with our Washington House. We buy and sell gold, silver and uncurrent money, and all classes of Government securities. Stocks and bonds bought and sold on commission. Sight drafts issued, and collections made on all accessible points.—Deposits received.

We will furnish the United States 5-20 bonds at par.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, & CO.

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**  
**NOTICE.**

TO THE LADIES OF ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
FROM this day till after New Years' day, I promise to sell my whole stock of DRY GOODS at the most astonishing cheap prices.

The very best quality of Calico, at 20 cts. per yard.

De Laines from 25 cts. to 30 cts. per yard; Fine Bleached Muslin 1 yard wide at 25 cts. per yard; Double Shawls, the latest style out, from \$5 00 up; all wool Marinoses from 35 cts. to 65 cts. per yard; Black Cloth Cloaks at all prices.

Blankets, the very best quality and all wool, at \$6.00 a pair; Hoop Skirts with 40 springs at \$1.25 a pair; Hoods, Corsets and hundreds of other articles at the same rates.

If you want to save 25 cts. on every dollar, come to buy your goods at the cheap place of  
S. ROSEWALD,  
178, King street.

dec 10—tf 2 doors above Washington.

**BANKRUPT STOCK OF DRY GOODS AT AUCTION.**—The subscribers will sell at their sale rooms, No. 145, King st., a large assortment of DRY GOODS, consisting of blankets, carpets, broad clothes, Pilots, Beavers and doeskins, together with a quantity of Irish table and towel linen, with various other goods too numerous to mention. Goods removed for the convenience of sale and will be sold without reserve.

Sale to commence at 10½ A. M., and 2½ and 7 P. M. each day. LEAHY & RYAN, Auctioneers, &c.  
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**WESCOTT'S RESTAURANT!**

**ELEGANT SUPPER PARLORS,**  
(UP STAIRS.)

For Citizens and Officers Exclusively.  
ALL the delicacies of the season can be found at this establishment. Suppers for parties furnished at short notice.

Ladies entrance on King Street, next door to the Theatre building.

Gentlemen's entrance on Royal street.

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**ARE YOU GOING**

**TO SEE THE BARGAINS**

**AT H. SCHWARZ'S?** You will find now, the best Cloth Cloaks at \$10.

Elegant De Laines at 25 cts. a yard.

Towels at 20 cts. a piece.

Muffs and Capes for misses at \$5.00—and, in fact everything at a low figure.

Call and see him—free admittance and no trouble to show goods. dec 4—tf

**A CARD.**

DANIEL SHAY,

**MERCHANT TAILOR,**

HAVING taken the stand formerly occupied by W. & A. Murray, No. 19, North Fairfax street, is prepared to fill all orders entrusted to him, and promises to keep up the reputation of his predecessors. dec 9—tf

**NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.**

THE STATE TAX BILLS FOR 1861, 1862, 1863, FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF ALEXANDRIA are now ready. All persons are expected to come forward, pay their TAXES, and save trouble. Office No. 4, Columbus Street, corner of King.  
S. N. GARWOOD, Sheriff.

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

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