

RESTORATION OF THE OLD DISTRICT.—John Quincy Adams with that prophetic sagacity which so distinguished him, strongly opposed the policy of ceding back to Virginia that portion of the District of Columbia on the other side of the Potomac. He declared that there were those who heard him, who would rue the day the fatal step was taken, and that the restoration of the territory to the National authorities would be clamorously demanded. The events of this war have demonstrated the wisdom of "the old man eloquent," and men are earnestly canvassing the project of converting his prophecy into fact.—[Wash. Chron.

A number of persons have been arrested in Baltimore, charged with being concerned in carrying on contraband correspondence with the South. Two of them have been sent beyond the lines. An attempt to prepare means for a revolt of the Confederate prisoners in Fortress McHenry and Wests' Building hospital, has, it is said, been frustrated.

The Washington Union says that the late frauds connected with the Quartermaster's Department in Alexandria, are even more extensive than was at first supposed, and that it is believed that no means have been neglected, by some, whereby money could be made at the expense of the government.

The Confederate authorities refuse positively to permit Mr. Charles C. Fulton, of the Baltimore American to visit Richmond for any purpose whatever.

It is said that the greater portion of Georgetown, S. C., has been destroyed by fire, its own citizens, it is alleged applying the torch.

A dense fog prevailed to-day. Navigation on the River was considerably impeded by it.

The U. S. Government has decided to require not only U. S. vessels, but those of foreign nations to take out passports previous to leaving the ports. Individual passports are not required, but the vessels only are obliged to conform to the regulation. At New York, on Friday, the British barque Circasian was seized by the United States Marshal, and a number of persons on board—both men and women—were arrested. One of the latter had five four-barrelled revolvers on her person. The steamer Cromwell, of the New Orleans line, was seized on Wednesday, having on board a large amount of contraband articles. The United States Marshal found quite a number of revolvers among the passengers on the steamer Morning Star, all of which were taken and given in charge of the purser.—Mr. Secretary Seward is stated to be in New York, and has had frequent interviews with Marshal Murray, in order to so systematize the whole business of passes as to make as little delay as possible in the departure of vessels.

The Russian fleet, with the exception of the flag-ship and probably a tender, are to winter in Annapolis Roads. During the winter the Admiral designs visiting the principal West India Islands in his flag-ship.

POULTRY FOR NEW YEAR.

JUST received three hundred MARYLAND TURKEYS; also, 30 dozen fine Caickens, and other kinds of Poultry for sale by U. M. MONROE, No. 175 King street. Dec 28—1w

THE HOLIDAYS.

**GIFT ENTERPRISE!
HOLIDAY PRESENTS!**

AT
WOLFF'S GALLERY,
10 South Royal Street, two doors from King,
Alexandria, Va.

THE proprietor having just returned with a beautiful assortment of FRENCH FANCY GOODS, adapted for Holiday Gifts, begs leave to announce to his numerous friends and customers, and the public in general, that he has opened a

SUBSCRIPTION,

entitling every person for the small remuneration of \$1.00 to either of the following articles, which are now on exhibition at the above place: The prettiest French Albums, Fancy Articles ever brought to this place; also a large and beautiful assortment of Cases. Painted photographs, 8x, 10 and 10x14, and a large assortment of LOCKETS, etc. dec 21—tf

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, and 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. dec 15—tf

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, Feil, 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. 12 mo 14—tf

GREAT PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE.—The quickest and safest route to the Northwest and Southwest. Two through trains daily, and one on Sunday. Soldiers' tickets at Government rates to all the principal points in the North and West. For tickets and further information, apply at the office of the "Great Pennsylvania Route," northeast corner Pennsylvania avenue and Sixth street, under National Hotel. Office open from 5 a. m., to 9 p. m.; on Sundays 2 to 4 p. m. E. O. NORTON, Agent. Washington, oct 21—1y

I. J. PEVERILL,
EMBALMER AND UNDERTAKER,
No 60, South Fairfax street,

Keeps constantly on hand all kind of WOODEN AND METALIC COFFINS, at the lowest cash prices. Night calls attended to at No. 54, Prince st. dec 20—tf

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. dec 16

CIDER—20 bbls. Champaigne and Newark CIDER, of choice quality, received and for sale by SAMUEL MILLER, Jr. dec 22—1w cor. of Cameron and Royal sts.

BUTTER.—1,500 pounds fresh Welch and Goshen Butter in store and for sale by F. G. SWAINE, No. 26 Royal street. dec 13

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.

nov 21—tjan 1

COAL OIL.

CHEAPEST AND BEST COAL OIL IN THE CITY, by the barrel, or at retail, prices as low, or lower than the lowest—quality unequalled—'or sale at

COGAN'S,

No. 15 Royal street,

where can be had Lamps, Chimnies, Wicks, and everything connected with the trade, in every variety of style, together with a general assortment of Gas and Steam Fixtures, Chandeliers, Pendants, Brackets, Drop Lights, Glass Globes, Paper Shades, &c., of all the new styles, and beautiful patterns, at prices to please.

Gas Fitting, Alterations and Extensions promptly attended to; all work warranted.

Patent Thief Detecting Money Drawer for sale. nov 14—tf

**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 Marinees 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.

STEAMED OYSTERS.

THE place to get your STEAMED OYSTERS is at the old stand No. 90, Prince street. Tangier Sound and Coge Oysters served up in every style.

Sutlers, Hotels, and private families supplied by the gallon or bushel.

Steaks and Chops cooked to order at the shortest notice.

ISAAC Z. VAN REYPER, Proprietor. dec 15—tf

BOOTS, SHOES AND CLOTHING!

ON hand a large lot of BOOTS and SHOES, fine and coarse, of the best makes, also clothing of finest quality, which will be sold at wholesale and retail at the lowest cash prices.—Those in want will do well to call at once.

SHEARER & PAINE,

dec 18—1m* No. 5, South Fairfax st.

SIDES BOOTS, SHOES, BOOTS, SHOES, BOOTS.

JUST received a large stock of Gent's, Ladies, Misses and Children's BOOTS, SHOES, and GAITERS; also a good stock of Boys and Children's BOOTS, which will be sold very low. Call at No. 80, King st. dec 10—tf

JOHN T. EVANS.

TO GROCERS AND SUTLERS!

JUST received, at No. 5, south Fairfax st., a large supply of COFFEE and SOAP, which will be sold low to close the consignment. dec 18—1w* SHEARER & PAINE.

NEW HAMS—Just received a lot of prime NEW HAMS, for family use, for sale by SAMUEL MILLER, Jr. dec 22—1w cor. of Cameron and Royal sts.

BUTTER—20 tubs of prime GOSHEN BUTTER, just received per steamer Seymour, in small packages, for sale by R. H. GEMENY, dec 12—tf No. 7, cor. King and Union sts