

**EXCHANGE OF SICK AND WOUNDED PRISONERS.**—According to the New York Tribune Gen. Butler has proposed to Commissioner Ould the exchange of all sick and wounded prisoners held by either party, who are, or shall be unfit for active service during the next sixty days. The proposition has been informally accepted. According to the terms proposed the Federal government is to transport the Confederates to Fort Pulaski near Savannah, Georgia, and receive theirs there. It is thought that five thousand Federal prisoners at Andersonville will be released under this agreement.

The N. Y. Post has a dispatch from Buffalo, which states that a number of Confederates from Canada, captured two small steamers, the Parsons and Island Queen, near Bass Island, on Lake Erie, Monday afternoon, and have gone up or down the lake probably for reinforcements, guns and ammunition. The capturing party numbered about thirty men, armed with revolvers, and bowie knives. No other arms were noticed. The captures took place at Middle Bass Island. Wood enough was taken to last for two days.

Among the drafted in Washington, yesterday, were Messrs. Nicholas and Hay, President Lincoln's private secretaries, two sons of Com. Aulick, (who furnished substitutes,) Wm. Rapley, Alderman of the First Ward, Mr. Whitman Bestor, private secretary of Mr. George W. Riggs, and Frank B. Medlar at present superintendent at Arlington but formerly a captain in the Ira Harris (N. Y.) cavalry.

Latest advices from Mobile represent all quiet. The Richmond Examiner of the 15th says:—"There is no renewal of the report that Farragut was transferring his fleet from Mobile to Wilmington."

The U. S. Navy Department has received information of the destruction of some salt works on Bon Le Cerus Bay by the U. S. steamer Tritonia. Two hundred sheds were given to the flames.

The whole number of deaths in the military hospitals of Washington during the months from December 3, 1863, to July 1, 1864, is officially reported at 3,632. The reported deaths of contrabands during the same period, was 1,062.

A very heavy fog prevailed this morning early, and continued for several hours. While it lasted navigation on the river ceased, for fear of accidents. The fog cleared off about 9 o'clock, a. m.

The tides have been unusually low in the river for the last few days. From the Cove to the southern side of Hunting Creek, at low water, the river has presented the appearance of a vast meadow.

Col. T. B. Lamar, U. S. A., brother of Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, died in Florida, on the 30th ultimo.

Gold, in New York, yesterday, declined to 222½.

SENATOR REVERDY JOHNSON, of Maryland has come out, in a published letter in favor of Gen. McClellan, and "very, sharply" against Mr. Lincoln. Speaking of the latter he says:—

"Notwithstanding the gallant deeds of our army and navy, and the manifest justice of our cause, the Union is even more effectually broken now than it was when his administration commenced. Whatever of honesty of purpose may belong to him (and I am willing to admit that he has had it) his vacillation—his policy, now conservative, now radical—his selection of military officers grossly incompetent—his treatment of those who were evidently competent—his yielding in this to what he has himself been often heard to say, as an excuse, was 'outside pressure'—his having not only not punished, but, as far as the public knew, unrebuked the vandal excesses of military officers of his special selection, shocking the sentiment of the world, and disgracing us in the view of Christendom, by the burning of private dwellings, and depriving them (often exclusively female occupants) of home and means of livelihood—all demonstrate that he is grossly incompetent to govern the country in this crisis of its fate. How can an honorable man believe that one who has so signally failed for almost four entire years, can be successful if another four years is granted him? No one in Congress—certainly not twenty members—believe him equal, or at all equal to the mighty task.

"He has been tried and found wanting.—Let us have a change. None, if loyal, can be for the worse. It is not that we wish, to use his own classic figure, to swap horses in the midst of a stream, but that when we are on a journey, and safety depends on our making our destination at the earliest moment, we should cast aside a spavined and tain horse, and secure a sound and active one."

The New York Express in commenting upon the battle in the Valley says: "The battle would seem to have been one of the hardest fought of the whole war, but at its termination it does not appear that our forces were in a condition to follow up the retreat of the enemy, who appear to have moved away under cover of the night. This battle seems to explain the visit of Gen. Grant, Saturday, to Sheridan at Harper's Ferry. We had too many men on the upper Potomac, to be standing simply on the defensive, and the Lieutenant General doubtless calculated that if Eads could be beaten and driven back to Richmond with the line of the Potomac relieved, he could afford to transfer some of the regiments there, to the James or the Appomattox."

A desperate fight occurred on Sunday on board the steamer Charlotte Vanderbilt, which left Washington in the morning for City Point among a party of bounty jumpers, who were being sent to the front, under guard. The fight originated by some of them treading on those lying on the deck asleep. One man was stabbed, and died a few moments afterwards. The perpetrator of the act was immediately arrested and placed in heavy irons.

Humbler, the magician, was greeted on his first appearance at Liberty Hall, last night, by a large audience and the performance of his curious tricks elicited hearty applause. Prof. H. gives his last entertainment to-night. All who want to see this great magician should go early.

Yesterday a special election for a county constable, was held in this place, and Thomas I. Edell was elected. The vote was a small one.

From the Army of the Potomac.

A steamer from City Point arrived at Washington yesterday evening and reports that an engagement was expected between the opposing forces, as heavy skirmishing and picket firing was still going on in the vicinity of the Weldon Road, on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The Confederates continue to throw an occasional shell at the Federal working parties on the new railroad, but with little or no effect. Sunday night the movements of the Confederates in the vicinity of Sycamore church indicated that they were making preparations for another raid in the rear of the Federal army for the purpose, it was supposed, of getting to City Point if possible. Rumors were afloat at City Point Sunday night that the Confederates were within eight miles of that place.

There was a report current in Washington on Monday last, that a severe battle was fought on that day, on the Weldon road, and that General Lee had succeeded in dislodging Hancock and in regaining possession of the road. Inquiry, it is said, failed to establish any truth in the report.

Oysters from the vessels are now selling at from 50 cts. to \$1 per bushel according to quality.

Business in town just now is quite dull, and there is not much prospect of an improvement the coming winter—rather the contrary.

**MARRIED.**

In Washington, on the 15th instant, at the M. P. Church, by the Rev. D. Bowers, EDWIN BALL, of Virginia, to EMMA R. CATHALL, of Georgetown, D. C.

**DIED.**

In Cumberland, Maryland, on the 15th inst. LUCY NORVILLE, aged seventeen months, daughter of Richard H. and Mary R. Jones.

In Washington, on the 19th inst., Dr. ALBERT TYLER.

At Wheeling, Va., on the 11th of July last. JOSEPH CALDWELL, Esq., aged 86 years.

**A CHANCE THAT HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN OFFERED.**

**MY STOCK OF GOODS** positively to be closed out by the 1st of January. Sale to commence from this date. Having made arrangements to establish myself in New York by the 1st of January, I now offer my entire stock, from this day, at first, original cost. As I have a complete assortment of everything in the way of DRY, FANCY and MILLINERY GOODS, I invite the attention of dealers, customers, and the public in general to my large and well assorted stock. Having marked all my goods at cost, there will be one price only. To one and all this is a real chance and no humbug. A price list will be found in the store for everybody to examine. Call early, and procure your first selection.

P. S.—Goods marked out with plain figures for everybody.

H. SCHWARZ,

132 King Street.

sep 21—tf Opposite Provost Marshals Office.

**LOT FOR SALE.**

A VALUABLE LOT on the southeast corner of Princess and St. Asaph streets, opposite the county jail, is offered for sale cheap. If not sold at private sale by the 15th of October, the same will be sold on that day at public auction on the premises. The lot is the one on which formerly stood the depot of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad. Title unquestionable. For particulars inquire of

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EMANUEL FRANCOIS.

**TO TAXPAYERS.**

NOTICE is hereby given to the TAXPAYERS of Alexandria City and County, that the State Tax is now due for the years 1861-2-3, and if not promptly paid property will be distained for the collection of the same.

S. N. GARWOOD,

July 27—tf Sheriff, Alexandria County.