

LOCAL NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.—The County Court met pursuant to adjournment yesterday.

The grand jury appeared in Court with the exception of J. W. Nalls and R. L. Wood, whose places were supplied by J. G. Grimes and Jessie Oving. R. L. Wood subsequently appeared and was sent to the jury, who returned indictments against Edward Taylor for unlawful gaming—a true bill—against William Sullivan for permitting unlawful gaming at his house—not a true bill—against Charles Vessel—for unlawful gaming—a true bill—against James Wescott for keeping a faro bank—a true bill—against the same for unlawful gaming—a true bill.

Rules awarded against justices Taylor, Colton and Barkley, were dismissed without costs.

Johanson, lessee, &c., vs., Montimer & Son—unlawful detainer—judgement for pft. with stay of execution for 30 days.

Summons were ordered to be issued against the parties indicted by a grand jury, returnable to-morrow.

Benjamin Klock vs., Morgan Stevens—case—judgement for pft. for \$25.

Com. vs. F. A. Miller, on an indictment—dismissed on payment of cost.

A large number of cases were continued generally.

The Court adjourned until Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Edward Taylor and Chas. Messler were brought up, charged with gambling, and William Sullivan for permitting gambling on his premises, and were each fined twenty dollars and costs, under the Corporation laws, and held to bail for their appearance at Court.

John Curran, Lewis Boswell, John Heath and Willie Heath, four boys, ranging in age from 9 to 12 years, charged with robbing the money drawer of James M. Stewart, corner of King & Royal streets, of one hundred and ten dollars, were upon examination sent to jail for appearance before Court.

Alexandria is a considerable importing town—that is, every thing almost used and consumed here, is brought from other places.—There are but few articles manufactured in this place; and thus the "balance of trade" is totally against us; and the continuance of such a state of things, will have its inevitable results. Manufacturers here are what are wanted for permanent prosperity.

We saw to day at Mr. G. F. Swaine's store, opposite the market, the first Deer, killed in this neighborhood and brought in for sale, that we have noticed this season. It was killed in Mason's Neck, in former days, a great hunting ground.

There are reports that the Small Pox is in this place. There may have been a case or two brought to this place in the last two or three months but we do not believe the disease exists here, at present.

The sleigh bells were again jingling merrily through the streets last night and to day.—But, be merciful to the poor horses!

The Lecture Room of St. Paul's church, in this place, is now used as a Sunday School.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Pope, in response to the manifesto of the Confederate States, applauds the pacific sentiments expressed therein, and deplors the further continuance of the bloody struggle between the North and the South. He will not fail to avail himself of a favorable opportunity to urge peace. The *Standard Gazette* says that advices from Nantes confirm the report that President Juncez has issued a decree of marque to Americans against French ships, and especially against steamers of the French trans Atlantic company. One of these steamers, having on board £200,000 in specie, was conveyed from Vera Cruz by a French man of war. The Army and Navy Gazette ridicules the idea that General Sherman was obliged to leave Atlanta.

English dates to the 25th ult., have been received by the Asia at New York.

"Tom Thumb and family" are now in Paris. A letter from there says: I must put upon record that I have this day had the honor of an interview with General Tom Thumb, Mrs. Thumb, the baby and the baby's aunt, Miss Minnie. I received a polite note from the General's private secretary intimating that, although the public receptions were over, the "family" would have pleasure in receiving myself and wife at a private interview. In a handsome drawing room, No. 95, on the first floor of the Hotel de Louvre, we found the interesting party. The only visitors besides ourselves were the Peruvian Minister, with his wife and two ladies. The General, who has long been known in Europe, is in splendid health; his manners are affable and unaffected, and his toilet unexceptionable. His wife is really pretty, and like her Lilliputian sister, Miss Minnie, remarkably intelligent. But the lion of the party was the baby, a little girl twelve months old, looking the picture of health and, without exaggeration, extremely beautiful. The face has nothing of the dwarf about it, but my observation that she looked as big as an ordinary child of her age, was not approved of by the secretary, who assured me that the weight was something very far below the average, and lifting up the expensive lace frock, showed me her little feet in red morocco shoes, which are not larger than those of a moderate sized doll."

The Morgantown, Va., Post make a vigorous blow over the oil indications thereabouts, and speaks of a "Taylor farm," near the town, which is so greasy that if a hole be made in the ground a few inches deep, and a match applied the gas will ignite and blaze to the height of a couple of feet.

Some of our German citizens have organized a Deutscher Mannerchoir, and held one of their assemblies at the Magnolia House, upper end of Duke street, on Friday evening.—The entertainments were, music, vocal and instrumental, dancing, and conversation.

We noticed a few days ago the statement that one of the New York papers was edited to a large extent by a gentleman who found it desirable to spend most of his time in the Bloomingdale Insane asylum!

The subject of the raiders from Canada, is causing considerable excitement in Montreal.

The proprietors of the Boston Evening Traveller, the office of which was burned on Monday morning, issued an edition in the afternoon and resumed the regular publication of their paper on Tuesday.

The French imperial prince, only 8½ years old, went shooting recently with his father, and killed three pheasants and four rabbits.

The Washington papers say that the "detective business having become dull, Baker has discharged eight of his men!"

Mr. A. L. Spofford has been appointed Librarian of Congress, in Washington, to succeed Dr. Stephenson, resigned.

There was another robbery of a hall, in a dwelling house, last night. Front doors should always be kept locked.

Forrest is playing to crowded houses in Washington.

A New York critic wishes people would behave as well as they dress at the opera there.

Gold in New York, to-day, 228½

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No. 226 King street, corner of Alfred,
Has constantly on hand, and daily receiving a large and well selected stock of choice
FAMILY GROCERIES & PROVISIONS,
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Jan 4—12

NOTICE. **MAYOR'S OFFICE,**
Alexandria, Va., January 4, 1865.
All occupants of Houses on paved streetways are hereby notified and required by an act of the Corporation to remove the snow from the footways and gutters within six hours upon the penalty of being fined for failing so to do.
Jan 4—12 **C. A. WARE, Mayor.**

MASONIC NOTICE.—There will be a regular Communication of **ANDREW JACKSON LODGE, No. 129, of A. F. & A. M.,** on Thursday next (to-morrow) January 5, 1865, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the Masonic Hall of A. W. Lodge, No. 22, on Cameron street.
By order of **B. F. PRICE, Master.**
Jan 4—22 **M. ELDRIDGE, Secretary.**

HOOFSKIRI FACTORY.
No. 316, King Street
We also alter Hoopskirts into any shape wanted on low charges. Jan 4—12

20 BBLs. assorted **REFINED SUGARS,** in store and for sale by
W. F. HENDERSON,
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A Choice lot of **FRESH HOMINY** received this day per express, and for sale by
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SPOICED HAMS; just received 5 tierces **George & Jenkins' celebrated Hams.**
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NEW SHOULDERS. Breakfast pieces, and Dried Beef, received and for sale by
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BACON AND LARD.
10 CASKS and tierces of **HAMS,** **SHOULDERS** and **BREAST PIECES,** Lard and Dried Beef, for sale by
DAVY & HARMON,
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