

LOCAL NEWS.

ANOTHER RAILWAY.—Yesterday a bill to incorporate the Baltimore and Washington Depot and Potomac Ferry Railway Company was under consideration. The bill creates Columbus Alexander, Robert A. Hooe, George A. Bates, Lucien Peyton, Selah Squires and others, a body corporate, under the name of the Baltimore and Washington Depot and Potomac Ferry Railroad Company, with authority to construct a single or double track railway, in the city of Washington, commencing on New Jersey avenue, at the Baltimore and Washington railroad depot, to the Potomac river, with the right to construct a wharf into said river, to be built so as not to interfere with the navigation of the Potomac river.

SURPRISE PARTY.—A number of ladies gave last night, a very handsome surprise party, to the New Club, at the Hall, at the corner of Royal and Duke streets. The affair was gotten up in the best style, and gave the greatest satisfaction. There was dancing and other innocent amusements, and the entertainment was elegant and sumptuous. The thanks of all present were given to the ladies who gave the party, and who made it so agreeable. A more delightful evening has not been spent in Alexandria, this season.

PUBLIC MEETING.—A public meeting of "loyal citizens has been called to take place at Liberty Hall, on to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of giving an expression of their devotion to the Federal and State Governments, and of their abiding confidence in the ultimate success of the Union cause everywhere." Several popular speakers will be in attendance and will address the meeting.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE.—The Washington Chronicle says that the Friends' Meeting House in this place being no longer wanted as a Hospital, has been returned to the keeping of the Friends. The repairs upon it are now in progress, and in a short time we may expect to hear of its being re-opened for Friends' meetings.

C. & O. CANAL.—The Rockville Sentinel says:—"By reference to the notice of Col. A. Spates, President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, it will be seen that the water was let off from that work on Monday.—Due notice will be given when navigation will be ready to be resumed."

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.—The Missionary Anniversary at the Methodist Episcopal Church will take place next Sunday, in the morning, afternoon, and at night. Addresses will be delivered by distinguished speakers.—These anniversaries are always largely attended.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—In the U. S. Senate, yesterday, a petition from citizens of Alexandria against the substitution of a Territorial Government for the present loyal State Government in existence, was presented by Mr. Willey.

CAPTURE.—The Washington Chronicle says that forty three of Kinchebe's command were captured on Monday near Salem, Fauquier Co., and brought into Alexandria.

ROBBERY.—Some person broke into the back part of the drug store of Mr. Henry Cook, lower end of King street, last night, and stole therefrom several articles of value, some of which were connected with soda fountains.

THE WEATHER continues very cold, and much ice is again forming in the river. Those who have counted say that snow, more or less, has fallen fifteen times this winter already. In some cases, we suppose, it must have been considerably "less."

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A little boy named Reese, living at the lower end of Union street, had his hand fearfully mashed by a hand-car running over it, yesterday.

WOOD for fuel comes in from the country but sparingly, and is sold at from \$10½ to \$11 per cord, for oak.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

According to a dispatch from Washington to the New York Tribune, the Blair mission to Richmond accomplished nothing. Mr. Davis sent no letter to Mr. Lincoln. Ex Governor Jacobs of Kentucky, who has returned from the South to Washington is represented as stating that the feeling in favor of peace pervades all classes at Richmond; but an officer, who reached Washington on Monday last from the interior of North Carolina, reports that, instead of inclining to peace, the Confederates are arming their slaves.

The steamer *Veuango* was recently captured and burned by guerrillas on the Mississippi River. Sixty thousand dollars in greenbacks fell into the hands of the captors.

Vaughn, according to the reports of deserters, was at Bristol on the 4th inst., with 700 men, and Breckinridge, with his command is reported to have gone to the Valley of Virginia. Throughout East Tennessee quiet is represented to prevail.

Salutes were fired in Washington, yesterday afternoon, on the receipt of news of the capture of Fort Fisher.

Gold fell, in New York, yesterday afternoon to 215.

U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday Mr. Sumner reported back the House bill to re-terminate the treaty of 1817 with Great Britain as to the naval force to be maintained on the Lakes, with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Johnson the Secretary of War was directed to inform the House of the number of slaves enlisted in Maryland.

In the House, Mr. Stevens reported the army appropriation bill, which embraces items amounting to \$511,000,000. Also, a bill to tax leaf and manufactured tobacco 20a30 cts. per lb. The bill for the reconstruction of the rebel States was postponed for two weeks. The military academy bill was passed, and the civil appropriation bill discussed.

Both the Constitutional amendment, and the bill "for the reconstruction of the insurrectionary States," have been postponed for two weeks in the U. S. House of Representatives.

EDGAR SNOWDEN SR'S OFFICE, corner of King and Royal streets, over Mr. Owings's Store, where he will receive subscriptions and advertisements for the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. Persons having business with the office, can transact it with him. Jan 16-1w

LEGISLATIVE.—In the Senate, on Monday, a joint resolution was passed appointing commissioners to confer with Gen. Ord, with regard to sustaining the civil government, &c.—This resolution was subsequently laid on the table in the House of Delegates. A bill to increase the legal rate of interest to 7 per cent., and a bill for extending the time for collecting the taxes of 1861 and '2, were read a second time. The bill making the National Bank of Alexandria, the place for the deposit of the public funds passed both houses. In the House, the House bill No. 11, in relation to the collection of debts, was amended, and passed.

The National Intelligencer says that "it is doubtful if Gen. Grant contemplates just now the capture of Wilmington," as his strategy seems to be to force the Confederates to keep forces at different points, so as to weaken Lee's forces before Richmond. It expects to hear of the fall of Fort Caswell, which guards the southern inlet to Cape Fear river.

The Bank of Marysville, Ohio, was robbed of \$10,000 on Thursday last.

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