

LOCAL NEWS.

FIRE—About 12 o'clock last night, a fire broke out in a frame building, at the Southern end of Pitt street, near Yeates' garden, owned and occupied by a colored woman named Georgianna Nelson. The inmates escaped, but the building and all its contents were burned, though the firemen were promptly on the ground, but could render no assistance on account of the want of water. It is said by the occupant that some colored men threatened yesterday morning, to burn her house down, but they were not known. Loss about \$500.

POTOMAC RIVER—Acting Master W. G. Morris, commanding steamer *Cœur de Leon*, reports a schooner, name unknown, sunk directly in the channel, off Lower Thomas Point, about half a mile below the buoy off Maryland Point. The wreck lies in a bad position for vessels unacquainted with its locality.

ICE—The cold weather continues. The river is full of ice, and Hunting Creek frozen entirely across. The ice houses can now easily be filled. The amusement of skating is common, and ladies are frequently seen enjoying themselves on the ice, and some of them are very graceful skaters.

THE PARSONAGE, or Minister's House, of the First Presbyterian Church, is being handsomely repaired and fitted up for the residence of the Pastor.

TURKEYS.—A number of Turkeys, were offered in market for sale, this morning, at prices ranging from \$2.75 to \$4.00, in general, averaging at least, 35 cts. per lb! Sales were slow.

The McMullen resolutions in the Confederate Congress for a peace commission of fifteen members have not been acted upon, and it appears improbable that they will obtain more than one vote—that of the mover. Mr. Miles, of South Carolina, has offered a series of anti-peace resolutions, which are probably intended to settle the policy of the Confederate Government on this subject.

Gen. Butler's evidence before the War Committee was, according to the Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, "a lifting of the veil that has so closely covered many of the disasters and blunders that have cost such treasures of blood and money in front of Petersburg. At the conclusion of the examination summonses were issued to Gen. Grant and other high officers in the Army of the Potomac and James."

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

FOR RENT.—That valuable BUSINESS STAND, No. 7, N. W. corner of King and Union streets. Possession on the 1st of February. Apply at No. 13 King street
Jan 13-eotfl

WE ARE now offering our stock of FRENCH MERINOES, CASHMERE, PLAIDS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS, &c., at a great reduction on this season's prices.
R. L. WOOD,
No. 170, King, below Washington street,
Jan 13-1m

U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate Mr. Sumner's resolution confirming yesterday the President in terminating the effect of the feature of the treaty of 1817 with Britain, was passed. Resolutions concerning the case of Gen. Paine of Kentucky, and "retaliation for cruelty inflicted upon Union prisoners," were considered but not acted upon. In the House a resolution offered by Mr. Ganson directing an inquiry into the cases of persons confined in the Old Capitol and other military prisons, the causes of their arrest and detention, &c., was, after debate, passed by a large majority. The civil appropriation bill was considered in committee of the whole.

LEGISLATIVE—The Senate, on Tuesday, passed the bill increasing the rate of interest to 7 per cent.; also, a bill extending the time for the collection of taxes for 1861 and '2.—Mr. Brown introduced a bill "in relation to the collection of taxes in counties infested by the public enemy." In the House of Delegates, Mr. Harmon presented a petition of William Bushby, jailor of Alexandria county, which was referred to a committee. An amended resolution in relation to Commissioners to confer with Gen. Ord, in regard to sustaining the civil government, was passed.

In the U. S. Senate, yesterday, Mr. Trumbull offered a bill to amend the judicial system of the United States, and explained that its object was to abolish the district courts of the United States, and substitute the circuit courts therefor, and to establish a court of appeal in each judicial district. Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to regulate the management of captured and abandoned property in the rebel States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce. It directs the President to appoint a board of five persons, who shall have the management of abandoned rebel land or lands forfeited for non payment of taxes, make regulations for leasing them, employ freedmen, and sell captured or abandoned personal property.

The anniversary meeting of the American Colonization Society was held in Washington, on the 17th. Mr. Latrobe, of Baltimore, the President of the Society, presided.

Earnest efforts are about to be made in Spain for the abolition of slavery in her colonies. In Madrid an anti-slavery society has been formed.

Among the U. S. Naval officers who were killed at the recent capture of Fort Fisher was Lieut. B. H. Porter.

Gold, in New York, to day, 214½.

DIED.

At his residence, in Washington, Tuesday, January 17, WILLIAM J. STONE, Sr., in the 67th year of his age.

DAVY & HARMON,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
Grocers, Feed and Flour Merchants.
Corner of Prince and Royal Sts.,
Jan 19-1y ALEXANDRIA, VA.

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE
Job Printing Office,
King st., over Stone's Book Store, opp. Theatre
All Kinds of JOB PRINTING neatly executed.
Jan 19-tf

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY
AT THE
Methodist Episcopal Church,
Washington Street, bet. King and Prince, Alexandria, Va.
SABBATH JANUARY 22d, 1865.

Sermon in the morning, at 11 o'clock.
BY REV. THOMAS BOWMAN, D. D., Chaplain U. S. Senate.
S. A. 100TH SCHOOL MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY,
In the afternoon at 3 o'clock.
Addresses by
Hon. W. S. WILLEY, of West Virginia,
Hon. HIRAM PRICE, of Iowa.
IN THE EVENING AT 7 O'CLOCK,
Addresses by
Hon. W. S. WILLEY, of West Virginia,
Hon. H. PRICE, of Iowa,
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MARINERS
Dancing Academy,
NO. 145, KING STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

SECOND AND LAST QUARTER OF THE SEASON.
The second quarter of this Academy will commence on Monday, January, 16, 1865. Application for tuition can be made at the Academy, on the days and evenings of tuition.
DAYS OF TUITION:
Mondays and Wednesdays—For Ladies, Misses and Masters, from 3 to 5 o'clock, P. M.
For Gentlemen, from 8 to 10 o'clock, P. M.
Jan 10-2w

FISH WHARF FOR RENT.—
Sealed proposals, addressed to the undersigned, and left with him, will be received by the Committee on Public Property until Monday, 23rd instant, at ten o'clock A. M. for renting the public Fish Wharf for the next fishing season, namely: from the first day of March to the first day of June 1865. The rent must be paid immediately on acceptance of the bid, or the property will be relet at the pleasure of the Committee, at the risk and expense of the party in default.
R. JOHNSTON, Auditor.
Jan 9-tf

FOR RENT.
The house on the S. E. corner of Royal and Duke Streets, formerly the Lecture Room of the 1st Presbyterian Church. The building is 52 feet long and 19 feet 6 inches wide, and is a good location for any business. It is also convenient for the delivery of lectures, or as a club room. Apply at 12½, Duke st., or at the Office at Gas Works.
Jan 10-1w

ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY.
A special dividend will be made of certain funds received from the United States for water rents among such of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company, as shall, on or before the 15th day of February next take the oath of allegiance prescribed in the President's amnesty proclamation of the 8th of December, 1863. Copies of the oath will be furnished on application to me.
R. JOHNSTON, Treasurer,
Alexandria Water Company.
Jan 8-eotd

WE call the particular attention of dealers to our stock of DRY GOODS, consisting of Cloths, Cassimeres, Dress Goods, Cottons, Irish Linens, Calicoes, Hoop Skirts, Flannels, Blankets, Balmoral Skirts, Table Linens, Towels, Oil Cloths, Lamb's Wool Shirts, Gloves, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Shirt Collars, and all Goods in our line, which we are offering at prices that cannot fail to please.
ROBERT L. WOOD
No. 170, King, below Washington st.
Jan 13-1m

NOTICE.—TO THE PUBLIC.—I will close out all of my stock of Fall and Winter Boots and Shoes at reduced prices. Call and examine at No. 80 King street before you buy.
JOHN T. EVANS,
Jan 12-1m

DR. W. KILMER.
Office No. 114 Prince street, corner of Pitt.
Jan 8-ly