

LOCAL NEWS.

THE MARKET, this morning, was only tolerably supplied. Prices remained very much at the quotations of last Saturday—if, any thing, higher. Fresh meats from 20 to 25 cts. per lb. Salt beef 12½ to 15 cts. per lb. Vegetables scarce. Celery 10 cts. per single stalk; parsnips 15 cts. @ 20 cts. per quarter peck; hominy 15 cts. per quart. Poultry is scarce and excessively dear; the prices of turkeys, chickens, geese, &c., varying according to weight and quality. Butter and eggs are at last week's quotations—and scarce at that. Altogether "marketing" requires "a full purse."

A letter from Georgetown, D. C., says: "The restrictions which prevented intercourse between the Maryland and Virginia shores of the Potomac, in the vicinity of Shepherdstown, have been removed. They were originally intended to benefit the military operations, and are not now necessary. The resumption of trade in that vicinity will be of advantage to the District, as considerable quantities of produce are generally received from that region, and much now in the depots there for market will be forwarded."

THE WALKING, to day, on the pavement, was dangerous, and save on those places where the occupants of houses had strewn ashes in front of their stores and dwellings, pedestrians had, for safety, to take to the middle of the streets. The sleet freezing as it fell made the sidewalks almost as slippery as glass. There were many falls and some bruises, but we have heard of no serious accidents.

WOOD.—We are requested to call attention to the length of the wood for fuel, brought into town for sale, by the country carts and wagons. It is said that although the law requires four feet to be the length, the wood is frequently but 3 or 3½ feet, and the poor who have to buy their wood by the cart load, suffer much in consequence thereof.

THE WEATHER, this morning, was cold and disagreeable—a sleet falling—the river is covered with ice—and winter in its severity upon us. We observe that the ice houses for the hospitals are being filled, and some private individuals are receiving their supplies.

A Washington paper says: "Housekeepers should beware of some ragpickers, who avail themselves of every opportunity to violate the eighth commandment."

There was an alarm of fire last night about 8 o'clock. It was a false alarm we suppose.

The New York Post says, "With the slavery controversy settled, the re-union of all who love Democracy is inevitable. It is sure to carry the country by an immense majority at the next election."

The U. S. House of Representatives, yesterday, concurred in the Senate's amendments to the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill, including one for a minister extraordinary to the Republic of Mexico.

The old Bank of Commerce of New York has reorganized under the law establishing national banks, with a capital of \$10,000,000, which is all paid in.

WAR NEWS.

In a dispatch dated January 16, from Admiral Porter, relative to affairs at Fort Fisher, it is said:—"The gunboats are now in the river, and Wilmington is hermetically sealed against blockade runners. The Confederates have destroyed the works on Smith's Island, and if they don't destroy Fort Caswell, it is no use to them—we will get that after a little while. You must not expect too much of us at one time—these works are tremendous. I was in Fort Mabalak a few days after it surrendered to the French and English—the combined armies of the two nations were many months capturing that stronghold, and it won't compare either in size or strength to Fort Fisher. The forts contained 75 guns, and many of them heavy ones. I have not yet learned what our casualties are in killed and wounded, but I think three hundred will cover them all."

The monitor Patapsco was destroyed off Charleston at 2 a. m., on the 17th, while doing picket duty, by a Confederate torpedo.—Forty or fifty of the crew are supposed to have gone down with her.

On the night of the 14th inst., the 17th Army corps, commanded by Gen. Hatch, advanced on the Pocotaliga bridge on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad, and captured it, together with the fortifications and 12 guns losing 40 men killed and wounded. The guns were spiked. The Confederates evacuated during the night and fell back to Asheps, towards Charleston. It is thought that they will make a stand at that point.

The Lowell Courier says:—"We have an intimation that Gen. Butler has received a new order from President Lincoln, but of its nature we are not informed."

Two notorious characters have been arrested in Washington, charged with the late robbery of Lewis's auction store.

Senator Wilson, of Mass., has been re-elected U. S. Senator from that State.

Prices of beef cattle have declined a little in Baltimore, this week. Also, hogs.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY  
AT THE  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
Washington Street, bet. King and Prince, Alexandria, Va.  
SABBATH JANUARY 2<sup>d</sup>, 1865.

Sermon in the morning, at 11 o'clock,  
By REV. THOMAS BOWMAN, D. D., *Chaplain U. S. Senate.*

SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.  
*In the afternoon at 3 o'clock.*

Addresses by Hon. W. S. WILLEY, of West Virginia, and Hon. HIRAM PRICE, of Iowa.

IN THE EVENING AT 7 O'CLOCK.  
Addresses by Hon. J. HARLAN, of Iowa;  
Hon. W. S. WILLEY, of West Virginia,  
and Hon. H. PRICE, of Iowa,  
Jan 17—eo3t\*

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 13—eotd

FINANCIAL.—The great feature of the market is the continued fall of stocks and gold.—There is a good reason for the decline of railroad stocks, independently of any uncertainties as to the currency, or the continuance of the war. The expenses of railroad companies are enormous, and increasing with the cost of materials and labor, and there exists much distrust as to the ability and prudence of their management. Then, again, in these days of extravagant speculation in petroleum, rubber, Government securities, &c., a dividend of six or eight per cent. a year in paper is too small to invite investment. The outside public keep prudently out of the stock market, and, hence, it is left to the management of the brokers who can do but little but to skin each other.

The fall of gold ought to render railroad property more valuable, because it must, after a while, decrease their expenses, while it adds to the value of the paper in which their fares and freights are paid.—*Nat. Int.*

The Bank of Commerce of New York is said to be authorized to enter upon the banking business, with a capital of \$10,000,000, immediately upon its compliance with the national banking law.

It is said that members of the Committee on the Conduct of the War are strongly impressed by the nature of Gen. Butler's testimony before them.

It is stated that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad was invaded on Thursday evening, near Harper's Ferry, and a freight train captured.

It is stated in Republican quarters that the elder Blair will hold an interview with prominent members of the Confederate Congress.

Judge Purcell, of the Orphans Court, in Washington, has been presented by his friends as a testimonial of respect a gold headed cane.

MARINE'S  
Dancing Academy,  
NO. 140, 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

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

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

WE ARE now offering our stock of FRENCH MERINOES, CASHMERE, PLAIDS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS, &c., at a great reduction on this season's prices.  
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