

LOCAL NEWS.

ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.—Last night, about 10 o'clock, Mr. Rau, a merchant, keeping a store on King street, while passing near the corner of Pitt and Prince streets, was assaulted by two men dressed in soldiers' clothes, knocked down, and an attempt was made to rob him of his watch, &c. Mr. R. called loudly for assistance, and persons coming to the rescue, the robbers fled.

The gunboat Juniper arrived at the navy-yard from the Potomac flotilla, reports the river obstructed with ice as far down as Lower Cedar Point. A large number of transports and schooners are blocked up in it. A schooner was run into by the gunboat Perrywinkle and sunk, near Point Lookout, but the crew were saved.

Some sickness from colds, pneumonia, &c., prevails; and this is the weather when there ought to be no unnecessary exposure. Healthful exercise is always good; but, the aged especially and the very young should guard against disease produced by cold.

WOOD.—The country carts, to day, with wood for fuel, were quite numerous—but there was no diminution in the price. Some of the farmers adjacent to town are contracting to furnish supplies at \$10 per cord.

The steam ferry boat between Washington and Alexandria, attempted to make the regular trips, this morning, but after-reaching the Coal wharf, met with such obstructions from the ice, as compelled her to return.

We learn that a few days ago, a part of the wharf, at Fort Washington, was carried away by the running ice. It can soon, however, be repaired, upon the removal of the ice.

Owing to the accumulation of the ice in the Potomac, the mail boats between Washington and City Point have been compelled to suspend their trips.

It is said that "a number of guerillas made a raid into Occoquan on Tuesday night last, and carried off property belonging to Messrs. Haislip, Smoot, Hammill, and others."

We regret to announce the death at his residence, Prospect Hill, in this county, of our former fellow townsman, Mr. Jas. Roach.

Preparations are making to have a convention of the loyal refugees of Virginia, in Alexandria, on the 22d of February.

There was a light fall of snow early this morning.

The Thermometer, to day, at 11 o'clock, was down to 19.

A military Convention of the Adjutant Generals of the loyal States was held at Columbus, Ohio, last week. The object of the meeting was to compare notes as to the best method of raising troops, and the adoption of a uniform military system. The Convention adjourned, to meet at Boston on the 10th of July next.

The New York News "hopes that the War Department will in a few days rescind the order prohibiting the publication of its 'Personals' to the South."

RETURN OF MR. BLAIR.

[Dispatch to the Baltimore American.]

ANNAPOLIS, January 25.—Mr. F. P. Blair, Sr., arrived here at 4 o'clock this afternoon on his return from Richmond, and went to Washington. In conversation he stated that among many of the leaders in Richmond, Mr. Davis included, there is a strong feeling toward making peace on the best terms attainable.

From the James River.

A letter received in Washington, dated headquarters Army of the Potomac, on Tuesday, furnishes an account of the demonstration made on Monday night by the Confederate gunboats on the James river. The fleet consisted of eight vessels, three of them ironclads, mounting four guns each, three wooden vessels, mounting two guns each, and the Buford, with one gun, and another steamer with three torpedo boats. A deserter reports that the flotilla was discovered when near the Union batteries, and replied to the fire opened upon them. One of the ironclads the Fredericksburg, passed the obstructions at the lower end of the Dutch Gap Canal, but three others, in attempting to follow, were grounded, and the Fredericksburg was compelled to return to their assistance. The Drewry, a wooden vessel, could not be got off, and was abandoned. At daylight one of the Union shells penetrated the magazine of the Drewry, causing an explosion which completely demolished her. The remainder of the fleet put up the river. Another attempt on Tuesday night to pass the Union batteries was expected. The dismounting of one Union gun was the only damage done. Extensive preparations to guard against such an attempt was being made at City Point and Aikin's Landing.

The case of Mr. Levin L. Waters, State Senator from Somerset county, Md., charged with having raised and displayed a Confederate flag in April, 1861, was yesterday disposed of by the Military Commission. Mr. Waters was discharged on the plea of limitation, the offence having been committed more than two years ago.

The crim. con. case of Millsbaugh against Adams was concluded at New York on Wednesday. The jury rendered a verdict of ten thousand dollars for the plaintiff. The case has given certain of the New York papers for some time the "diet of dirt" of which they are so fond.

The Washington Chronicle discourages the idea of a speedy Peace.

MARRIED.

On the 23d of January, 1865, by Rev. T. Rimick, of Georgetown, D. C., Mr. JOHN LINDER to Miss CAROLINE CLERY, both of Alexandria, county, Va.

DIED.

This morning at his residence in Alexandria county, JAMES ROACH, Esq., aged 50 years.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, intend giving an EXHIBITION at Liberty Hall, Cameron st., on Tuesday evening next, at 7½ o'clock. Tickets 25 cents, to be had of any of the teachers or scholars of the school, or at the door, on the evening of the exhibition. jan 27-4t

CEDAR POSTS.

200 SAWED CEDAR POSTS, averaging 9 feet in length, for sale by D. R. WILSON, No. 4, Prince street. jan 26-2w*

B E W A R E !!

TAKE GOOD NOTICE!

As I am now in New York to buy up all the bargains, I have succeeded thus far that I can sell you the following goods:

- Good Calico, at 30 cts. per yard.
- Very best Merimaek Print, at 35 cts. per yd.
- The best Pacific Delaines, at 45 cts. per yd.
- Cotton, 3 wide, for 32 cts. per yard.
- Cotton, 4-4 wide, for 37 cts. per yard.
- All Wool Flannels, at cost price, and all goods in proportion.

I am now determined to sell goods without regard of cost. This is no humbug, and I will ask my customers and the public in general to give me a call and convince themselves.

For your own pocket's sake call early and take your choice.

I have marked the goods out in plain figures for everybody to see them, so there is no deception at HENRY SCHWARZ'S, jan 23-1f 132, King street.

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

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

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

N. H. STEVENS,

NO. 16, SOUTH ROYAL STREET,

Has just received a lot of FRESH BUTTER and EGGS direct from the country.

jan 24-3t*

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

NEW BACON.

JUST received a lot of superior new HAMS, SHOULDEBS and BREAKFAST PIECES. For sale low by F. G. SWAINE, No. 26 Royal Street. jan 8-tf

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

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

D. W. KILMER.

Office No. 114 Prince street, corner of Pitt. jan 3-1y