

**LOCAL NEWS.**

**DR. COX'S LECTURE**, last night, at Liberty Hall, was well attended, and gave much pleasure to an appreciative audience. His theme was English Poetry, and he handled it with eloquence, taste and skill, and with a warmth of feeling, which enlisted the sympathies of his hearers. The recitations were beautiful, and the explanations judicious. The Lecture was listened to throughout with great attention, and much applauded.

A most beautiful specimen of penmanship, around, and in the centre of which, are very handsomely executed likeness of Gen. J. P. Slough, U. S. Military Governor of this place, and his staff, the whole designed and written by J. D. Williams, a member of the District Volunteers, is now in the Royal street window of Mr. J. M. Stewart's store, corner of King and Royal streets. All who see this proof of the handy work of the penman must see that he is a master of his art.

Mr. Geo. M. Frost, recently employed at the depot of the Orange & Alexandria and Washington & Alexandria Military Railroads, has been ordered to another station. Messrs. Beekman and Pattengill, conductors on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, have also been ordered to another station.

**THE CHESAPEAKE BAY** about Annapolis, is again opened to navigation, and the large fleet of transports and other vessels which have been safely anchored in the Roads for the past week are fast disappearing. The channel is clear to Baltimore, and a great number of vessels engaged in coasting trade have moved towards that city.

**THE ICE**, in the river, is weakened by the moderate weather we have had for three or four days past, and openings begin to appear. But it is yet too thick and solid, for the passage of ordinary steamboats—and the blockade continues. No communication with Washington yet by water.

**OYSTERS** are non est, in this market; the supply from vessels having been exhausted several days ago—and, we believe, there was but one boat load up when the freeze commenced. Some of the dealers are bringing a few from Washington, by land.

**LEGISLATIVE**.—No business of importance was transacted on Wednesday. A committee of conference was appointed in both houses on the disagreeing votes on the bill concerning Notaries Public.

**ACCIDENT**.—Mrs. W. W. White, residing on Wolfe street, accidentally fell on the ice in her yard, yesterday, and was quite severely injured.

**OUR CARRIERS** for the western end of the city, will call upon their subscribers to-morrow, for their dues, and we commend them to favorable attention and prompt payment.

**THE CITY** is very quiet, and but for the occasional march of troops through the streets, there would be an unusual dullness. Business is said not to be brisk.

**SNOW**.—It commenced snowing about two o'clock to-day.

**PEACE PROPOSITIONS.**

[From the Washington Chronicle.]

Yesterday it was announced that the President of the United States had started for Fortress Monroe. The mere rumor caused a thrill in every loyal American heart. It suggested that, in his sovereign capacity, he had gone for the purpose of concluding peace with the Confederate authorities; that Mr. Seward had proceeded to consult with these authorities was sufficiently known. We have been overwhelmed with telegrams and letters from friends who are anxious to know whether these efforts to secure secure peace, &c. &c., have any foundation. In reply, we have to say, that we hope these efforts, whether coming from private individuals or public persons may succeed. For our own part, slavery being practically and constitutionally abolished, we are ready to concede everything else to recall our erring brethren. On the subject of confiscation, who does not know that many of the leading Republicans in Congress objected to the law, which has been partially and ineffectively enforced? Who does not know that those who have purchased under this law in the city of Washington and elsewhere, admit that they have the frailest of titles? Why, not, then, at once give up a law for the sake of perpetual peace, which all nations in times of war have regarded as temporary? Next comes the Amnesty Proclamation, with all its exceptions as to great offenders. Why not make this general, without exception?" &c.

**U. S. CONGRESS**.—In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Sumner made an ineffectual attempt to get up his resolution of inquiry relative to the peace commissioners. The proposition to except Louisiana from the operations of the joint resolution excluding the votes of certain States in the Electoral College, was debated, but no action reached. In the House, a resolution reported by Mr. Law to pay the five surviving soldiers of the revolution, an annuity of \$300 during the remainder of their lives, was adopted. Mr. Elliot, from the special committee on the subject made a report upon freedmen's affairs, accompanied by a bill which he said was designed to take the care of their property out of the hands of the Treasury agents. It was postponed for a week. The Illinois and Michigan Canal bill was passed.—The deficiency bill was taken up, and the House non-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out the appropriation of \$38,000 for employees of the House, and asked a committee of conference.

**THE PEACE MISSION.**

The steamer at Annapolis from City Point on Wednesday, reported that what are called the "Peace Commissioners from Richmond" were then "on board a steamer and were understood to be awaiting the arrival of some one from Washington." President Lincoln left Washington and proceeded to Annapolis, yesterday, where he embarked for City Point, in order to meet the Commissioners. Secretary Seward is already there.

The Richmond papers say that Col. Mosby is in that city, nearly well.

Gold, in New York, to-day, 205½.

**FOR RENT.**

**STORE and DWELLING HOUSE**, on Cameron street, between Royal and Pitt, next door to White's Grocery store. It is a good stand for business. Possession given immediately. Inquire of **JAS. CHATHAM.**  
feb 2—tf

**A COURSE OF LECTURES.**

A course of lectures, three in number, will be delivered at

**LIBERTY HALL,**

during the coming and succeeding two weeks.

Second lecture by

**REV. J. McKENDRY REILLY,**  
of Baltimore.

Subject:—"Our Age, Country and Bible."

Third lecture by

**HON. JAS. K. DOOLITTLE,**

Senator in the U. S. Senate from the State of Wisconsin.

Subject to be announced hereafter.

Tickets for a single lecture 50 cents, for the course \$1, to be had at Mr. Bell's book-store, the State Journal Office, Mr. Entwisle's and Mr. French's Book Stores, and at the door.

Proceeds to be applied to the benefit of Christ Church.

Doors open at 7 o'clock; Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock. Jan 30—tf

**VICTOR BECKER,**

**PIANO TUNER & REGULATOR,**

Will attend promptly to the Tuning and Repairing of Pianos, Melodeons, Accordeons, &c., &c. Orders will be received at Mr. Robert Bell's Book Store, No. 61, King street; with Mr. John H. Parrott, and at V. B.'s residence, 241, King st.

V. BECKER also offers his services and long experience in the business, to Persons wanting new Pianos, and wishing the advice of an able and disinterested judge. feb 1—1m

**J. F. RODES & CO.,**

WHOLESALE

**WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS,**

No. 229 Pennsylvania Avenue,

(Opposite Williard's Hotel.)

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

feb 1—1m

**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

**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

**ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE**

**Job Printing Office,**

King st., over Stone's Book Store, opp. Theatre

All Kinds of **JOB PRINTING** neatly executed.

Jan 19—tf

**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, SHOULDERS and BREAKFAST PIECES.**

For sale low by

**F. G. SWAINE,**

Jan 3—tf

No. 26 Royal Street.

**DR. W. KILMER.**

Office No. 114 Prince street, corner of Pitt.

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