

**Newport.**

Notwithstanding the severely cold weather prevailing Tuesday, large numbers of persons were on our streets to witness the military display which was unusually fine, and the companies taking part in the battalion drill acquitted themselves very creditably. The battalion was under the command of Gen. George W. Tew, and was composed of the following companies, viz.:

Newport Light Infantry, Lieut. Col. G. Sherman commanding, forty-five muskets.

Aquidneck Rifles, Cos. A and B, Capt. Delaney, seventy-two muskets, with drum corps of eighteen drummers.

Burnside Guards, Capt. Johnson, thirty-two muskets.

The Newport Artillery, Col. J. H. Pond, made (as is usual with them) a street parade, with fifty-five muskets, independent of the battalion arrangements, and a detachment from this company fired a national salute at noon, from Commercial wharf.

Lily Pond, which was on Monday, entirely free from ice, yesterday was entirely frozen over, and is hard enough to bear a person upon its surface. At sunrise the mercury stood at 8° above.

Deacon Samuel S. Peckham died Monday evening, at his residence in Ayrault street, aged 77 years. He held at the time of his death the office of Vice President of the Aquidneck National Bank, and within a fortnight this bank has lost both its President and Vice President by death.

The *Daily News* of Monday reports the arrival at Fort Adams, of a steamer with troops. This is a mistake. No troops are expected to arrive before April. At noon Monday a schooner, which had run ashore on the south point of Goat Island, set colors for assistance, and in response to the signal the steamer "Whatcheer" went to her aid, and made fast to the vessel with her hawser and the hawser parted, and the steamer for her convenience went to the wharf at Fort Adams and remained there for a short time.

The Newport Light Infantry were out for a short time Monday evening for street drill, marching from their armory on Thames street to Washington Square and back to their armory at a "double quick," the weather being too cold for comfort. Lieut. Col. G. Sherman was in command.

We have seen no thermometer, but think we are correct in making the statement that Monday night was the coldest of the present winter.

To-day being the anniversary of the birth day of the Father of his country, will be more generally celebrated in our city than is usual. All our military will parade, the music being the Post Band from Fort Adams, and the Taunton Brass Band. The latter is employed by the Newport Artillery.