



Official Journal of the City of Alexandria.

Henry L. Blossat, Business Manager

—GEN. G. W. P. Custis Lee has resigned the Presidency of Washington and Lee University on account of ill health.

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—THE city house which Mr. J. C. Flood is building in San Francisco will be a very expensive structure, like those of Gov. Stanford and the Crocker. No room will be done in ivory and gold. The cost is fabulous. At one time Mr. Flood would not hear of having it done, but the architect finally prevailed, and he will be allowed to carry out the original plans. He has furnished complete drawings—one might say paintings—of every room, just as it will appear when finished—some two years from now.

—WE are not fond of the mysterious or the horrible, says an exchange, but the Maxwell-Preller case in St. Louis is too weird in its character to be overlooked. The latest phase is that the insurance company in which Preller's life was insured for \$20,000 declines to pay the amount, alleging that the body found in the trunk is not Preller's, but a corpse bought elsewhere to be palmed off on the insurance company. This seems to be borne out by the fact that Maxwell, while with Preller in Boston, endeavored to purchase a body. The smiling remark of Maxwell when arrested: "It will all be cleared up at the right time," seems to point in the same direction."

VERY REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

Mrs. Mary A. Dailey, of Tunkhonnock, Pa., was afflicted for six years with Asthma and Bronchitis, during which time the best physicians could give no relief. Her life was despaired of, until in last October she procured a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, when immediate relief was felt, and by continuing its use for a short time she was completely cured, gaining in flesh 50 pounds in a few months. Free trial bottles of this certain cure of all Throat and Lung diseases can be had at J. Geiger's Eagle Drug Store.

School Examinations.

The closing exercises of the Female Department of the Public Schools of Alexandria were held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings as published in our last issue. We did not attend personally through unavoidable obstacles, but the proceedings have been faithfully reported to us.

Mrs. Grayson's examination came off on Wednesday in strict privacy and seclusion. Not a single auditor present! Not one member of the School Board, not one parent of the children was there. Poor little orphans! 'tis a pity they have no one to take any interest in their educational progress. We were informed by the teacher that some of the children did remarkably well in reading and geography.

Mrs. Canfield held her examination on Thursday morning before a select audience of eleven ladies.—Not a gentleman was present, and the members of the Board, in particular, were again conspicuous by their absence. The scholars, notwithstanding this discouraging state of things, were pronounced by the few present to have acquitted themselves brilliantly. The 2nd class, children of 10 and 12 years, read and spelled through the Sixth reader, compiled from the best authors in the English language, and spelled through old Webster's much reviled but extensively used speller, went through a strict examination in Geography on the board, and worked through every rule of Common and Decimal fractions, and as far as simple interest, with scarcely a blunder. Among those who particularly distinguished themselves in Arithmetic were little Misses Hettie Weil and Cellie Hess. It was quite a pleasure to see the vigor, rapidity and correctness of their performance on the board.

The first class were carried through an exhaustive examination in Astronomy, Physical Geography, History, Grammar, Natural Philosophy and Arithmetic. Their compositions and copy books were submitted to the audience, and received general approval. Where all did so well it would be invidious to make distinction, but we were informed that in Arithmetic Misses Ellen O'Shee and Judith Cruikshank particularly distinguished themselves, and that the compositions of Misses Augusta Warshauer and Elize Baynard were much admired.

Considering the great interruption to the course of study, which the frequent closing of the Public Schools necessitates, and the consequent very irregular attendance, Mrs. Canfield's examination reflected great credit on both teacher and scholars. They deserve the more commendation because they have to struggle against, not only the difficulties naturally and inevitably attached to scholastic pursuits, but against the utter indifference and total want of interest manifested by the whole community in the matter of education. What encouragement has a scholar to diligent study whenever her parents will not take the trouble to walk a few blocks to hear her examined.

What incentive has a teacher to faithful performance of her duty when she receives no recognition of her constant and untiring efforts from those who should be most interested in them? We doubt if in any other community of the civilized world such utter indifference to

education, one of the principal factors of civilization, could be found. And it is entirely useless to attempt to build up a good school system in our Parish until our people wake up to a sense of their great responsibility in this matter, and their lamentable failure, so far to act up to it.

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Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly For July

Contains two articles which will attract considerable attention. The leading one, "England's Last Struggle With Russia," in which the Crimean war and the causes that led to it are described by T. F. Galwey; the other article is on "Victor Hugo." Both are profusely illustrated and intensely readable. Marc F. Vallette contributes a careful study of the "Early Life of Mary Stuart," which is accompanied by ten illustrations. American subjects in this number are, "The Grain Commerce of New York," by Oscar W. Riggs, with seven illustrations; "The Aztec Eagle, and When It Was Found," and other Mexican topics, by Mrs. Emily Pierce; and "Our Northern Lakes and Mountains," by James B. Townsend, with eleven illustrations. There are many shorter articles and poems, several interesting stories, including the new serial, "Of Two Evils," by Prof. Clarence M. Boutelle. Published by Mrs. Frank Leslie, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York City, at 25 cents per number, or \$3.00 a year, postpaid.

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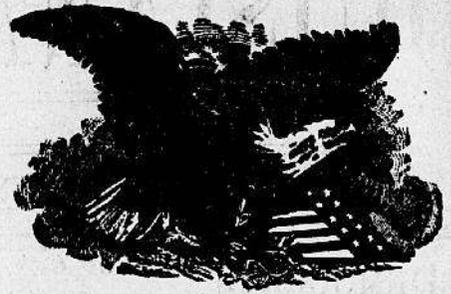
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