

THURSDAY MORNING, November 19, 1874

NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS.—The volume of our original correspondence this week compels us to omit our usual editorial speculations and to summarize our current news.

The Steamer Louisiana and the Steamer Falcon collided at Smith's Point, mouth of the Potomac, Chesapeake Bay, on Sunday morning last between 1 and 2 o'clock. The Louisiana was struck upon her port side by the Falcon, which caused her to fill and sink rapidly. The passengers, baggage and valuables were transferred in safety to the Falcon. The value of the steamer and cargo is estimated at \$150,000.

Wm. E. Underzook, chief conspirator in the celebrated insurance frauds and murder of Winfield Scott Goss, expiated his crimes on the gallows in the jailyard at West Chester, Pa., between twelve and one o'clock on Thursday, 12th inst. Underzook died game and made no sign of guilt or innocence, though protesting that he suffered death unjustly.

The Democrats of Washington applied to Secretary of War Belknap for the use of a cannon to celebrate the recent victories, but the Secretary refused, and the Democrats sent to Baltimore one, and on Monday saluted the ears of the President and Cabinet with a little Democratic thunder.

The difficulty between the white Republicans and the negroes in Baltimore city seems to be augmenting. On Saturday afternoon a prominent colored politician, President of one of the ward organizations of that party, was whipped by a white man, said to be a Custom-house official. "Let us have peace."

It will be a curious, and not altogether undesirable result, if the late elections cause such a change of front as to relieve the republican party of the special guardianship of the colored voters. They have been rather an elephant to that party, and it will be a matter of curiosity to see how the Democrats get along with them. — Baltimore American.

It is announced that Butler is determined to push the civil rights bill through Congress at the next session. Suppose he, has he any more power to accomplish it now, than he had at the last session? Hardly as much, it is to be supposed.

Governor Groome, on Wednesday last, issued his proclamation setting apart Thursday, the 26th day of November, as a "Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer in Maryland in acknowledgment to Almighty God for his abundant mercies."

One important result of the recent Democratic victory is noted in a telegram from Montgomery, Alabama: "Real estate is held twenty-five percent higher than before the election."

The present republican majority in the U. S. Senate is 25. Thus the two-thirds republican majority is broken up, and undoubtedly for all time.

American securities advanced immediately on the announcement that the State elections had gone Democratic. We have no doubt that real estate will also advance.

[COMMUNICATED.]
PHYSIC HILL, Nov. 16th, 1874.

DEAR SIR:—The recent democratic victories in the land have inspired with new hope and armed with increased vigor hundreds of thousands of our best citizens.

The question naturally presents itself, what were the causes that led to this sudden change—this great revolution, so decisive in its character and comprehensive and extended in its action?—Since 1861, to the present day, lawlessness and oppression have existed to a greater extent in this country than ever before known in any country claiming to have constitutional restrictions. The great Magna Charta of these United States had received almost universal respect and obedience to its exacting and unyielding provisions, with sacrificial hands, broke the talons which had so long held in authority that mighty scroll, and snared its proportions and paralyzed its powers by slinging it over with political fungi called Constitutional Amendments.

Then followed official acts at which the whole civilized world, except the Administration's part of it, stood amazed. Offices were filled from the highest to the lowest throughout the country with robbers, thieves and plunderers of private, as well as public, moneys.—So vast the amount stolen by the Administration appointees in the last nine years, that, were the exact amount known, it could hardly be computed by millions.

In our Congress seats have been and now are filled by fanatical Puritans and Shylocks from the North, and revengeful and ignorant negroes and thieving adventurers of the South, that were formerly filled by such men as Clay, Chase, Calhoun, King, Buchanan, Clayton.

Our currency is unsettled and unsatisfactory to almost all parts of the country. The staple products of the South are no longer yielding that enormous percentage to Eastern capital, which, in times past, bloated their coffers to

such an extent as to make them the money power of the country.

High protective tariffs oppress the poor and put beyond their reach the very necessities of life. The Southern people have been down trodden by beastly soldiery and a corrupt judiciary, armed by authority from Washington, under the Ku-Klux and similar enactments of Congress; and in more than one State have misruling governments been established, contrary to the declared wish of the majority of its citizens.

The "Civil Rights bill" is so pregnant with hideous and ugly sights that white men spit upon it.

These are not all, by many, of the instances of misrule and oppression that characterize this government. Many are untold, and some so revolting to humanity and decency that my pen refuses to record them here; but enough has been told, they have cried aloud for vengeance, and they are already being avenged. In the language of one of our great statesmen, the cause of our recent victories was "discontent with radical rule"—the reason of discontent, "our radical rulers have in the last nine years persistently set at naught every instinct, feeling, habit and teaching of the American people."

The honest people of the country want honest officers. The philanthropy of the people, let us hope, has been awakened to a sense of the defenceless condition of our heroic women of the South, who have had their fathers, husbands, sons and brothers shackled with irons in their presence and sent away from them to fill Northern penitentiaries because they would not degrade themselves to brutal negroes and others worse than they. Yet no cry of agony comes from them. They are martyrs to principles which make heroes.

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Now, sir, what part have you played in this great revolution? I am aware I can say nothing to add fame to your name, for your reputation is already co-extensive with the uttermost geographical limits of this vast Union, but I can say amen to it.

Twice have you represented this District in our National Legislature, and we all know how well and ably you represented the views and feelings of those who sent you there.

At the expiration of your second term in Congress it was proclaimed on all sides, that if Mr. Harris will consent to endorse the Administration and policy of Mr. Johnson, he can be returned to Congress. You refused to obey the behests of a party supporting an Administration whose arguments were stained with innocent blood—an Administration who had refused to raise its hand to stay the executioner's axe to save the life of a woman who was reviled by all the world, except Johnson, Holt and Stanton—to be guilty of an overt act of treason. Although Mr. Johnson's Administration in some respects was an oasis in the great desert of desolation, of robbery, of murder, and all things abominable, that have marked the last fourteen years of republican rule, you would not have placed at sacrifice of principle, but came back to your people to fight for their interests in Congress, and others filled your place in Congress, and fortunate do I consider this District in having the services of so pure and able a man as Judge Merriek for one term.

At our last Election greatly did we rejoice to know that you had fully realized the fruition of your labors and hopes in the election of Dr. Henkle, who, standing on the platform which you had made him, declaring that this is a white man's country, that white men must rule in power, and that the elective franchise must be regulated by each State in its own sovereign capacity; and on these principles made a change of 3,000 votes, and was elected to Congress by 1,420 majority against all radical opposition. All this was done by virtue of the Harris platform. But it did not stop here. It pervaded the State, the United States, and I am sure has gone a long way towards establishing the doctrines of "White Supremacy," and upon the successful administration of that policy depend the happiness and prosperity of this great American Republic.

I have had many private assurances from the South of the high esteem in which you are held by her people. I have living in three of the Southern States brothers and sisters, and if any one is curious enough to know why I have written this letter, I will here state, that it is to thank you. Not so much for yourself, because I have borne much injustice and many compulsory insults, which have long since passed, but it is to thank you in the name of those very dear relatives, and in their children's names, for the great and momentous part you have taken in bringing about this great and salutary change in the public sentiments of the country.

I would not be fulsome, but I must be just. I cannot say of you as Shakespeare said of Caesar, "the foremost man of all this world," but I can say of you for your great abilities, energy, moral courage and political honesty, the foremost man of all this country. I hope you will accept my honest assurances of fidelity to you personally and politically, so long as your future endorses your past.

Very respectfully yours,
Wm. M. ABELL.

[COMMUNICATED.]
Oakville, St. Mary's Co., Nov. 18, 1874.

To the Republican Party and Laboring men of St. Mary's County.—I address myself primarily to the Republican party, because I believe that said party constitutes the majority of the laboring men of this county, and notwithstanding we have suffered a heavy defeat in Maryland, as well as in the North and West, I can see no cause to be alarmed, particularly when we take into consideration how fluctuating the opinions of mankind are when they believe that no vital issue is in jeopardy. Therefore I am persuaded to believe that the change is only temporary, and more reasonable to conclude, that it is more on an experimental order than the result of well matured reflection. But it is not my purpose to predict which political party will predominate—that matter rests with, and is shrouded in, the mysteries of the future. But as regards the Democratic party, it has clearly defined itself at present as another name for aristocracy, and as such I take issue.—This is the party to which we might attribute all the horrors of a civil war unparalleled in the history of nations, and the privations and other hardships which are now borne, and have been suffered in the South since it ended.—This is the party that kept before the war nearly four millions of negroes in bondage, and nearly six times that number of poor white people also, and this is the party that is endeavoring to get possession of the Government for the purpose of robbing themselves compensation for those slaves, or vote them back into bondage or involve the counsels and families by becoming willing serfs to brutal negroes and others worse than they. Yet no cry of agony comes from them. They are martyrs to principles which make heroes.

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ANOTHER TOURNAMENT.

"New games will come to all I am And overcome it."

I wonder if Launcelot meant boys—our kind of boys. If he did, then the valor and chivalry of another tourney may be recorded. But let this be the last, and may it round up the year's gaiety in this regard. We have always thought that burlesques and parodies were not allowable, because the noblest are always ridiculed by them, and like them they love the glittering mark. Did the modern tournament present a field in which martial valor could be displayed, or one in which the victor would raise his visor to look upon the bodies of his fallen foes, we think they would be remarkably scarce.

Boys must play, however, and it is well that such games form their pastime, and it is well if the noble sentiments and feelings of chivalry have so soon found a place in their youthful hearts. We witnessed a short time since a Tournament in the Court House yard, Leonardtown, in which boys were the gallant knights, and the tilting on foot, yet we hope that each wore the garb of his little sweetheart in the lists, and that to please her by laying at her feet his victory, was his incentive to noble action, and that smiles rewarded his efforts.

The following is a list of the knights who participated in the Tournament: Golden Cross, Roach Abell. Briery Branch, Morgan Raley. Thornly, Willie Simms. Silver Wave, Jodie Moore. Eldon, Ford Combs. Misfortune, Alex. Mattingly. Hunt, Charlie Raley. Leonardtown, Parry Lee Downs. Raven Plume, Charlie Morgan. Bleeding Heart, Warren Jarboe. Malls, Felix Fenwick. Silver Star, Bruce Armstrong.

We have been unable to obtain an accurate account of the runs made by each knight, and therefore can only give the result. After a spirited contest, the honors were awarded and afterwards bestowed as follows: The Knight of the Golden Cross became entitled to the honor of crowning the Queen of Love and Beauty, and selected Bertie Downs, who in "graceful meekness bending" received the crown from the hands of the gallant knight, who departed with her "love-knot on his spear." The honor of crowning the First Maid of Honor was awarded to the Knight of Briery Branch, and Annie Loker received that crown with all grace. The honor of crowning the Second Maid of Honor was won by the Knight of Thornly, and was presented by him to Carrie Fenwick. Her modesty would have refused it, but she must wear it. The honor of crowning the Third Maid of Honor was awarded to the Knight of the Silver Wave, and was bestowed by him upon that little sprite, Mamie Combs, whose smile rewarded him for the labors of the tilt. The honor of crowning the Fourth Maid of Honor was awarded to the Knight of Eldon, and he rested his crown upon the brow of Eddie Norris, who received it with all her coyness and added sweetness. And the dance of the evening was one of all tournaments, at which all enjoyed themselves, we think, with but two exceptions, the old dancers teaching the young ones. At about nine o'clock most of the company got sleepy, and many young ladies were escorted to the party by beaux, had to be carried home in the arms, not of the beaux, but of their mothers. We noticed especially one young gentleman who didn't keep his eyes open long enough to dance one set, and another, who, though he did dance, seemed to do so very reluctantly. I didn't find out what he had been doing, but he was certainly being punished on this occasion. He looked as if he had a task to perform, and worked as prisoners work for crime." You may have your tournaments, and you may have your dances. You may dress them too up, comb their hair and send them to the party, but I tell you, after doing all that, Paul Combs will be thinking about something else all the time and Charlie Raley will be bound to go to sleep.

HEARST.—TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE.—There are more than ten thousand people in the United States who expect to be the happy possessors of the first grand prize in the Kentucky Gift Concert of \$250,000. All of them but one will be disappointed. One will get it, for Governor Bramlette, the manager at Louisville, has announced that the Concert will positively take place on November 30, 1874; that there will be no further postponement, and if our readers want to know more about it, write to him.

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On Monday, by invitation, I attended a party at Morganza, where I found a very pleasant little company assembled. There were several lovely young ladies present—indeed it would be invidious to particularize when all were beautiful. St. Leno was there and was the life of the company. The dancing was kept up until the wee small hours of night, when they returned to their peaceful homes thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson for the pleasant evening they had spent. Friend B. still has a good supply of his delicious blackberry on hand, and I found that he had a good many customers.

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A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

The management have determined to have the drawing of the Fifth and Last Gift Concert of the Public Library of Kentucky on the 30th day of November next. We believe now that all the tickets will be sold, and that the drawing will be a full one; but whether all are sold or not, the drawing will nevertheless certainly come off on the day appointed.

The special object of this card is to call a meeting of the ticket-holders at Public Library Hall, on the 20th of November, to make arrangements in connection with the committee appointed by the Trustees to superintend the counting of the bags representing the numbers of tickets sold. While there is no actual necessity for the presence of ticket-holders, as under our arrangements the interests of all are equally cared for, yet at the same time I would greatly prefer that as many of those interested as can, would attend this meeting and see each for himself how perfectly fair and impartial the distribution must be.

Every arrangement has been made for the drawing—but little more than a month remains for the sale of the remainder of the tickets, and whatever is done must be done promptly.

TROS. E. BRAMLETTE,
Agent and Manager,
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To the Ladies and Gentlemen of St. Mary's County.—I offer you my heartfelt thanks and boundless gratitude for the liberal patronage and kind attentions given to one who landed on your shores an entire stranger, but who