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LATEST NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

On yesterday, the nomination of Judge Robertson for Collector of the Port of New York was confirmed by the Senate, whereupon the two disappointed and disgruntled New York Senators—Conkling and Platt—resigned.

The effect of this action on the part of these Senators will be to divide the Republican party in New York into two hostile factions—the one supporting the President and the other Conkling.

The purpose of these Senators is to get the Legislature to endorse their action by re-electing them to the Senate, and thus rebuke the administration of Garfield.

The colored people of this town, under leaders from their own ranks, have endorsed the policy of Gen. Mahone.—*Fredericksburg Recorder.*

This is not at all surprising, but altogether natural, as "the policy of Gen. Mahone" is the policy of the Radical party, and has for its object the "success of the colored Americans of the South," as euphoniously expressed by the negroes of Omaha when endorsing the policy of Mahone. The wonder is, not that the negroes should endorse Mahone, but that white men, and especially Democrats, should do so. The issue is now so plain that a wayfaring man, though a fool, cannot err therein, and the man who will now support the policy or party of Mahone is either a Republican or is deceived as to the effect of the success of that party. That man must be ignorant indeed who cannot see that by supporting the Mahone party he is aiding the Republicans to get control of the State Government, when it will be virtually under the domination of the negroes, as they will constitute a large majority of that party, and the minority of whites in that party will be compelled, *ex necessitate rei*, to yield to whatever demands the negroes may make, and among them will be the repeal of the law making the intermarriage of whites and blacks a felony. The first demand will be the repeal of the capitation tax as a prerequisite to suffrage, and as surely as the night follows the day, the repeal of the law forbidding the intermarriage of the races will follow, if that party gains the control of the State, and retains it for any length of time. The only danger is, that the people generally have not considered properly the effect of the success of this party. They are honest and unsuspecting and do not suppose that the party that they have considered as organized for the purpose of readjusting the State debt, will be used for any other purpose, much less the surrender of the State Government to negro domination, but such is the fact. We hope the honest masses will appreciate the situation before it is too late. If you are a Republican, vote for the Mahone ticket; but if not, be sure to vote against it.

A Readjuster, in a letter to the Fredericksburg *Recorder*, says the Readjusters of Virginia would prefer to see the State government in the hands of the Republicans rather than see the Funders get it again.—*Abingdon Standard.*

Not exactly correct—that expresses the preference of the Mahoneites, but not of the honest readjusters, and it should be borne in mind that there is a wide difference between readjusters proper, who look to the readjustment of the debt, and the Mahoneites, who are laboring for the defeat of the Democratic party, and the success of the Republican party. The Mahoneites will vote the same ticket with the Republicans, whilst the readjusters proper will vote with the Democratic party. Mahone cannot make Republicans of honest Democratic Readjusters.

As the Abingdon *Standard* says, "there are in the Readjuster party men who are just as honest in their belief and convictions as there are in any party, and it is these men who are kicking out of the traces, and refusing to follow on in the track of destruction These men have the interest of the dear old State at heart. They love her and wish to see her prosper and do well, but know that by going over to the Radicals that it is only a step backward Let the people of Virginia who wish to see the State debt settled, and see Virginia what she was in *ante-bellum* days, rise up in their might and close the split in the Democratic ranks, and we will yet be great, when the voice of patriotic people, like the voice of God, demand it."

CONDITION OF MRS. GARFIELD.—The wife of the President has been ill for some days, but was reported somewhat better on Saturday last. Dr. Boynton, who has been the physician of General Garfield's family for many years, and who was called to Washington by telegraph when Mrs. Garfield's case assumed a dangerous phase, said Saturday afternoon:—"Mrs. Garfield is suffering with a low nervous fever. It is not distinct typhoid, nor is it intermittent. It comes nearer the old typhus fever. She has been for several days, and is yet, in a precarious condition.—There's no doubt about that. What has made the case alarming has been her high temperature, running up to 104 and 105. To-day there is a change in that respect; a lowering of the temperature, and if that continues there will be a change for the better. Indeed, there is some change for the better today, and we hope it may be permanent. To-day is the first we have felt encouraged about her; but we can't tell with any positiveness as to the result for several days yet. She is not out of danger by any means. The hot weather has had some effect; not much. She now suffers but little pain."

STANLEY MATTHEW'S NOMINATION CONFIRMED.—Though the committee reported adversely, approximating unanimity, against the nomination of Stanley Matthews for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, on Thursday last the Senate, by a majority of one, confirmed his nomination. The Alexandria *Gazette* says that as under Radical rule the new judge had to be a Republican and a Northern man, Judge Matthews is probably as satisfactory to the South as any one else would have been.

The residence of Rev. Father Donohue, of St. Vincent's Catholic Church, at Plymouth, Pa., was entered by burglars at an early Thursday morning.—Chloroform was administered to the priest, after which he was robbed of money and jewelry to the value of $300.

A Clever Young Man Killed.

IN THE EFFORT TO SAVE HIS LIFE, HE LOST IT.

About 2 o'clock on the morning of Friday week, as the first section of No. 10 through freight was crossing the bridge over Greenbrier River a few miles east of Ronceverte the caboose became detached and was left standing on the bridge. Mr. Charles H. Baker, about 24 years of age, a son of Thos. Baker, of Martinsburg, W. Va., and a grandson of George B. Dieffender, of Winchester, Va., who was on his way from Hinton, W. Va., where he was employed in the Round-house as machinist, to attend a church festival at Williamson's, where he had been formerly employed, and where his affianced lived, was asleep in the caboose, and when aroused and apprised of the threatened collision between the caboose and the approaching second section of the train, not knowing he was upon the bridge, jumped off, and fell a distance of 40 feet upon the rocks below, and was instantly killed, his head and face being terribly mashed. When found, he had one boot on his foot and another in his hand.

His remains were first taken to Hinton, where they were taken charge of by the Masonic Fraternity, of which he was a member, placed in a neat casket, and sent in charge of Messrs. W. P. Burke and R. W. Harris, to Winchester, where they were interred in Mt. Hebron Cemetery Sunday afternoon by Hiram Lodge, according to the Masonic ritual—Worshipful Master R. W. Hunter, officiating. The funeral sermon was preached at the Market Street Methodist church by Rev. Mr. France.

The anticipated collision occurred, but it would not have killed Mr. Baker if he had remained in the caboose. It is a sad occurrence, and it is made more so by the fact that Mr. Baker was engaged to be married in a short time to a lady at Williamson's. All the accounts we have of him are favorable as to his character. The Masonic Lodge of which he was a member is Low-Moor Lodge, No. 166.

WHY THE NEGROES SUPPORT THE MAHONE PARTY.—At a meeting of the colored readjusters of Fredericksburg last Wednesday week, the course of Senator Mahone was warmly endorsed. One of the speakers, Andrew Williams, said he "wanted the law so fixed that the colored man should have the right to sit on juries, hold office, and marry white women"—a sentiment which was loudly applauded.

If you want negroes to marry white women, then go with Andrew Williams in support of the Mahone party. If that party should be successful by aid of negro votes—the negroes constituting the great majority of the party—then it would have to yield whatever the negroes demanded.

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTING READJUSTERS.—In a letter of the 4th inst., published in the Lynchburg *Virginian*, Capt. J. H. Rives, Republican Collector of Internal Revenue for the Lynchburg District, says:

"I am a Republican, and in no sense a Readjuster, yet I am willing to support the Readjusters in the coming election. I do not admit, and do not think my position involves 'any cost of principle."

"In no sense a Readjuster," but a "Republican," and yet "willing to support the Readjusters in the coming election.

Let Democratic Readjusters ask themselves why this Republican and debt-payer is willing to support the Readjusters in the next election?

FIRE IN HINTON, W. VA.—At half-past three o'clock on last Tuesday morning the "Hinton House," owned by Capt. W. C. Ridgeway was burned.—Fortunately the weather was calm, or else the whole town would have been in danger of destruction. By great exertion, the Wickham House, just across the street from the Hinton House, was saved. There was no insurance, and the loss is $5,000. All of the buildings attached to the hotel were destroyed, including the law office of Mr. J. W. Malcolm, the shoe shop of Mr. Graham, and the store room of McGuire & Co., the last whom sustained a loss of not less than one thousand dollars.

SEASONABLE ADVICE.—Prof. Fontaine gives some hints for abating the mosquito pest, which is sure to come with the advent of sunny days. Mosquitos require water for the deposit of their eggs and the rearing of their larvæ. Therefore all cisterns should be made close and covered with close woven brass wire-netting. No old tubs, barrels, or receptacles of water, ought to be permitted and no stagnant pools left undrained within a mile of any dwelling. Common lime ought to be poured into every cesspool and spring A pound of strong lime to every one hundred gallons of stagnant water is sufficient.

DID MAHONE DODGE?—Mahone did not vote for nor against confirming the nomination of Stanley Matthews for Judge of the Supreme Court. It suited him to be absent, for he did not wish to choose between pleasing the President and Conkling, the former favoring and the latter opposing Matthews. The leader of a party that boasts is independence should have more independence than to dodge a vote under such cir cumstances.

EX GOV. HENDRICKS AS A POLITICAL CRITIC.—In an interview in the Kansas City *Times*, ex-Gov. Thomas A. Hendricks is quoted as saying:—"Garfield will eventually yield to Conkling. The President is a weaker man than Hayes, and Hayes was certainly a very weak man. What Conkling says about the right of Senators to dictate nominations is a heresy. The Senators are simply a jury to pass upon nominations. Grant is the deadest politician in the country."

TAKING AN EYE OUT.—The Greenbrier *Independent* says that about two years ago Mr. B. F. Livesay, who lives two miles from Lewisburg, W. Va., on the Frankford road, while engaged in building a chimney was struck in the eye by a small piece of stone which destroyed the sight and caused him much suffering. On Monday last Drs. S. H. Austin and S. C. Beard operated upon Mr. Livesay, successfully removing the eye-ball. The patient is doing well.—After the removal of the eye it was cut open and the piece of stone was found embedded in the centre of the eye-ball.

Negroes Endorsing Mahone's Policy.

The policy of Mahone meets the approval not only of the negroes of this State but of the far West, and the Richmond *Whig* grows jubilant over it. The *Whig* says:—

"The Omaha resolutions are interesting, as showing how even the colored citizens of the far West regard the magnanimous and patriotic stand taken in the Senate by Gen. Mahone."

The following is one of the resolutions referred to:—

"*Resolved*, That we believe that the political success of colored Americans in the Southern States depends upon a close alliance with the independent movement represented by Hon. Wm. Mahone."

And yet the *Whig* expects Democratic Readjusters to support the "independent movement represented by Mahone" which is to effect the "political success of the colored Americans in the Southern States." Is this the kind of readjustment that Democratic readjusters have been expecting to effect through the party led and controled by Mahone? We trow not. They can now see how they have been deceived and imposed upon by Mahone and his selfish and ambitious, unscrupulous and treacherous coadjutors. The masses who have been striving for readjustment of the debt, and not seeking office, or working for the "success of colored Americans in the Southern States," now see that the party with which they have acted under a misapprehension of the purpose of its leaders for readjustment, but to effect the "success of the colored Americans in the Southern States," which is a polite way of expressing negro domination in the South—equivalent to the more striking, though less elegant expression of "putting the bottom rail on top." Democratic readjusters cannot be expected to stultify them selves by voting with a party having such an object in view. Truly, as Mahone says, Readjustment is no longer a primary issue.

The Philadelphia *Times* says:

"The Republican Senator from Virginia has been made so small by recent events at Washington that probably it won't occur to any one that it is worth while to dig him out from under the wreck."

Now, says the Lynchburg *Virginian*, if the Democratic Senators would just give the President to understand that he must keep his hands off Virginia, if he wants their support in maintaining the prerogatives of his office against Bosses like Conkling and Mahone, they would only do what the situation demands. They need not solicit patronage as the price of their support. We would not have them do that; yet they might well say that they leave him to distribute his patronage among the members of his own party without let or hindrance; but that the moment he indicates a purpose to give the patronage of the government to Gen. Mahone, that it may be employed for his aggrandizement, and to carry Virginia for repudiation, they will make war upon him and his appointees in the Senate. If they will do this, every honest Republican in the North, and every true Democrat in the South, will applaud them. They have done nobly thus far; and being now in a position to demand a recognition of their wishes, in favor of the appointment of honest men of the Republican party to office, they should demand that no repudiationist shall be appointed to office in Virginia. If they will do that, William Mahone will soon find his level.

"GOLLY, HOW HE HAS SWUNK."—Since the breaking of the "deadlock" in the Senate, and the defeat or indefinite postponement of the election of Gorham and Riddleberger, the influence of Mahone has "grown small by degrees and beautifully less," having shrunk to diminutive proportions, reminding those who heard it of the story told by Senator Vance of the negro who had caught a large cat-fish and put it upon a string, after which he walked away, when another negro in his absence took off the large cat-fish and put in its place a small one. When the owner of the string of fish returned, he was amazed to find his large cat-fish looking so small, and could not, for some time, convince himself that it was the same. He soliloquized as follows:

"Yes, dis is de same place—dis is de same string—it must be de same cat-fish; but, "*Golly, how he is swunk.*"—Mahone is in the same place, on the Republican side of the Senate, on the same Readjuster-Republican string; but, "golly, how he has swunk." Like the Irish corporal, he is "progressing backwards" with amazing rapidity.

The Chicago *Tribune*, the foremost Republican journal in the Northwest if not in the United States, pokes fun as follows:

"Mahone has ceased to hold this great republic up by the tail. It was not an edifying spectacle."

The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* writes as follows:

"The Mahone-Gorham-Riddleberger bargain was a bad one, and probably a considerable majority of the Republican senators so think now."

Others of the most influential Republican papers in the Union make similar utterances.

ANOTHER PROJECTED R. R. IN W. VA.—A company composed of citizens of Monroe co., W. Va., has obtained a charter under the name of the W. Va. and Ohio Mineral Railway Company, to build a railroad in this State from the Sweet Springs by Union, Salt and Red Sulphur Springs, to New River, thence through Summers, Mercer, McDowell, Wyoming, Logan, Lincoln, Wayne and Cabell to the Ohio River, with the main office at Union.

Liquor prohibition carried at a recent municipal election in Charlotte, N. C. One of the aldermen who favor liquor license boasted that the prohibition victory would be nullified, whereupon the new Mayor immediately called his council together and passed an ordinance stopping the sale of liquor in the city from and after June 1st. The drug stores are also prohibited from keeping liquor on sale as a beverage.

The Czar reviewed 50,000 troops at St. Petersburg Wednesday. He rode in an open carriage through the streets and on the field of review. The Cossack guard was dispensed with, but a brilliant cohort of mounted officers attended him.

Hon. Thoma A. Hendricks has left Indianapolis for an extended pleasure trip through Colorado and Mexico. He is accompanied by his wife, and they will be absent five or six weeks.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—The thrifty stockraisers of Berkeley county, W. Va., have set an excellent example by arranging for an exhibition of sheep, under the auspices of the Berkeley County Wool Growers' Association, to come off at the fair grounds near Martinsburg, on the 18th and 19th of the present month. Liberal premiums have been offered for sheep in the classes of long-wools, Merinos, and Southdowns, to which a sweepstakes prize will be added. Several noted flocks have already been entered, and a very fine exhibition is anticipated. Sheep raising promises to become an extensive and productive industry in West Virginia, which will be greatly facilitated by proper attention to the improvement of the breeds, having reference particularly to the yield and quality of the wool. The Berkeley farmers are the pioneers in that section so far as a special sheep exhibition is concerned, and the enterprise will doubtless be attended with excellent results.

EVADING LOCAL OPTION.—Local option prevails in North Carolina, and it happens that two adjoining counties, divided only by a narrow river, differ radically in their views of the temperance question. But there are some inveterate tipplers in the prohibition county, and to evade the law they resort to this arrangement: A rope with a traveling basket is stretched across the stream. When a man on the prohibition side wants a drink he goes down to the bank and sounds a coach horn kept there for the purpose, thus attracting the attention of some one on the other side, who asks him what he will have. The order comes back for the desired drink, which is generally for plain whisky and a little ice. This is put in a basket on the other side and rapidly transferred to the prohibition side before the ice in it has time to melt.

UNITED BRETHREN GENERAL CONFERENCE.—The General Conference of the United Brethren Church convened at Lisbon, Iowa, Thursday, in its seventeenth quadrennial session. Bishop Glossbrenner, senior bishop of the church, called the conference to order at 2 o'clock, P. M., and presided over the afternoon session. Bishop Glossbrenner read the bishop's quadrennial address. The total increase in membership of the U. B. Church for the quadrennial term just closed, as given in the bishop's address, is 15,000, and the number of churches built during the same time 333. About 150 delegates and visitors present, representing all the Middle and Western and several of the Southern States. The conference is composed largely of young and middle-aged men of acknowledged intelligence and ability.

SMALL-POX AT HUNTINGTON, WEST VA.—There are still four cases of small-pox in Huntington, W. Va. No new cases were developed last week. There is but little danger of catching that disease by visiting that city, as the requisite care to prevent it has been taken by the authorities.

ASTRONOMY FOR MAY.—The May moon fulled on the 13th. She is in conjunction with Mars on the 2d, three days after her last quarter. The most beautiful celestial picture of the month occurs on the morning of the 26th, for the waning moon will then be near Venus, Saturn, and Jupiter, though she passes her conjunction with them all on the previous day. As Venus rises on that morning about ten minutes after 3 o'clock, Saturn ten minutes later, and Jupiter about ten minutes after Saturn, if the sky is clear, it will be safe to promise a superb planetary show, well worth taking pains to witness. The new moon of the 27th throws her shadow over a portion of the earth, and causes a partial eclipse of the sun. It is invisible here, but visible in the northern part of North America and in Northern Asia. The region of the greatest eclipse will be in the Arctic Ocean, where nearly three-quarters of the sun's disc will be obscured. The greatest feature of the month is the marvelous planetary combination that distinguishes its passage. No such marshaling of planetary orbs has occurred for centuries in the past, nor will be witnessed for centuries to come. Five of the eight planets form an almost straight line with the sun and the earth. Starting from the earth on the third, our brilliant neighbor Venus heads the grand array. The glorious sun comes next in view, while little Mercury on his western side is speeding with rapid steps to join the ranks. The vast orbs of Jupiter and Saturn, a little out of the plumb, fill in the ranks slightly to the west, and Neptune closes the show only one day's travel eastward of the line. These huge denizens of space span the inconceivable distance of nearly twenty eight hundred million miles, stretching from the earth to the system's remotest bounds. Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, and Mercury clustering in the sign Taurus at the same time is a phenomenon to be remembered for a lifetime.

Arnold betrayed the sacred cause of human liberty, he was able to do so; the famous apostles of Colonial liberty trusted him. Judas Iscariot betrayed the Savior of mankind, he was able to do that, and won a wonderful reputation by so doing. He also was a trusted apostle. **BUT WHO TRUSTED MAHONE?** Surely the Democratic party did not. He entered the United States Senate over the prostrate flag of the unterrified Democracy of Old Virginia. 'Tis true he proclaimed himself a Democrat, yet no man of any party had extra credulity enough to believe him.—He fought the campaign of 1879 with the popular banner of *dodging obligations* placed prominently before the people, and the bedraggled ermine of the Old Commonwealth, bound close to the unclean robes of the advancing United States Senator carefully concealed behind him. He did not dare tell the people of Virginia that his chief aim was to place dishonest and warped creatures of his own creation upon the one hundred judicial benches of the State, and his own curious avoirdupois of ninety pounds in the Senate of the United States.

The game was played as adroitly as Ah Sin played it on Bill Nye. Indeed, the result, disgraceful as it was, reached a successful issue through "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain."

The Democratic party of Virginia are responsible for the action of the peculiar Senator in only one way, and that way was, because they preferred to stay at home. We can assure the new political comet that the Democracy of Virginia are expected to vote their full strength next November, and we will see whose funeral comes next.—*Farmville Mercury.*

If Mahone had not assured the Republicans that he was one of them, how comes it that they claim to have a Republican majority in the Senate? With Mahone's vote they only have a tie, and it requires the vote of the Vice-President to give them a majority. Why, then, all this clamor on the score of Democrats resisting the will of the majority? Isn't it clear that if Mahone be not a Republican, all the arguments of the Republican Senators fall to the ground, based as they are on the assumption that the Republicans have a majority in the Senate?—*Winchester Times.*

MEETING OF THE DEMOCATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—The committee met pursuant to the call of the chairman, A. Koiner, Esq., at 12 M. Wednesday, Dr. Lewis presiding in the absence of the chairman. He stated what he understood to be the object of the meeting

On motion of Mr. J. B. Ficklin, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the State Committee, after careful consideration, deem it unnecessary to make any change in the time or place for holding the State Convention.

M. Glennan, Esq., of Norfolk city, was elected a member of the committee *vice* W. G. Elliott, declined.

On motion of Mr. S. Woodson Venable, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

The State Central Committee, in convention assembled, congratulate the Conservative Democracy of the State upon the auspicious omens, everywhere observable, pointing to their triumph in the important campaign of this fall. Nothing is needed save to renew and complete the organization of our party throughout the State. To that end we earnestly recommend the county and city chairmen to take early steps to fill up the ranks of their committees, and to convene the voters of their respective communities as speedily as may be, that a complete representation may appear from all quarters of the Commonwealth in the 4th-of-August Convention, in order that the full and free voice of the people of Virginia may there be heard on every question properly asking party consideration and action. With such action and such an expression there can be no doubt of our success

After a full and free interchange of views on various subjects, and speeches of more or less length from a number of gentlemen, the committee adjourned to meet on the 3d of August next.—*Rich Dispatch*

AN ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT—The Washington *National Republican*, which is edited by Mr. George C. Gorham, the Mahone Republican nominee for Secretary of the United States Senate, says of President Garfield:

"This is the man who was hastily caught up by a combination of beaten candidates at Chicago in June last and nominated to be President of the United States, upon the pretense that unless the packed galleries there were allowed to hoot down Grant the country would drift into imperialism. From the nettle Grant we plucked the flower Garfield; the result is before us. The new President, intoxicated to the verge of delirium by the power which is safe only in the hands of the truly great, is engaged in the puerile effort to dictate to the Republicans of New York State whom they shall honor as a leader. There is no danger that the New York delegation to the next nominating convention can be molded by mercenaries and officeholders, but the attempt by the President at this early day to prepare the way for such a result is an offense which no parrot cry that 'Garfield is President' can conceal. It is as flagrant an abuse of the appointing power as ever disgraced any administration. It is a tyrannical effort to tear down a State organization which cannot be used in the scheme for the succession. It is a crime against the people of the whole country who have a right to a free choice in 1884, and who will not tamely submit to have officials set up over them to harass them into obedience to a Presidential dictator."

We again ask the *Whig* to give us a single good reason to show the necessity for the formation of a new, or third, party in Virginia, much less any valid excuse whatever for leaving the company of your white associates, friends and neighbors to go over to the negroes, save that most debasing of all desires, the ambition to rule for the sake of ruling and the facilities it will give to plunder the people at will, as the carpet baggers of other times did without regard to the responsibilities or consequences.

But we have no fear of the success of the Mahone secession movement either as a dissolvent of the "solid South" or of the solid Conservative party of Virginia. The real Conservative Democratic people of Virginia will reject this new evangel of American communism, this compound of Rochefort and Dennis Kearney, and its only effect after this transient excitement has passed away will be to cement them more closely and strongly together in maintenance of the purity of their social organization and in defence of the stability of their conservative political and moral institutions, by which only can they preserve their civilization, advance their material interests and secure the happiness of themselves and their posterity.—*Richmond State.*

WAR DECLARED.—All disguise is now thrown off, and there is open war, with the knife to the hilt, between the President and Senator Conkling. The crisis was precipitated by the withdrawal by the President of all the New York nominations of Conkling men, and leaving that of his enemy, Judge Robertson, to stand. This step was taken by the President because it was manifest that Conkling was going to get all of his friends confirmed, under the rule adopted, and leave his enemies to stand over. So the President, instigated thereto by Mr. Blaine, concluded to block the game on the astute and arrogant New York Senator. There is said to be great excitement at Washington and dismay among Republican Senators. The Mahone business has dropped clear out of sight, and nothing is talked of but the Conkling Garfield-Blaine conflict. It will be a battle of giants, and the party throughout the length and breadth of the land will feel the shock, and perhaps be rent in twain, which would be all the better for the country should it happen.—*Lynchburg News.*

At a recent meeting of the Mahoneites in Fredericksburg, the speech that received the greatest applause was that delivered by a negro, who said he wanted the capitation tax and the whipping laws repealed, and the law so fixed that the colored man should have the right to sit on juries, hold office, and marry white women. We don't blame the negro for these wants, but what can be said of the white men who stimulated him to express them, and whose applause will induce others to make the same demands? Surely the worst teachings of carpetbaggism are being inculcated again, but, humiliating as is the confession, the teachers are native Virginians. Fortunately, there are only a few of them, but these few should be buried politically so deep next November that the hand of the resurrectionist can never find them.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

HOIST HIM ON HIS OWN PETARD.—Garfield deliberately proceeded to give his small patronage in Virginia, and promised later to the Mahoneites, for the purpose of breaking up the Democratic party, and defeating it next fall. Now he is in trouble, and Conkling and the Grantites intend to attack, and if possible, defeat his nominations. Let the Democrats use the occasion to defeat Mahoneism. Hoist Garfield on his own petard. Let the solid Republican majority be split by the same process. He has digged a pit—"let him fall therein."—*Lynchburg Advance.*

A colored delegate to the State Readjuster convention remarked after the political meetings last Monday that he wouldn't give give a "chaw of tobacker" for the difference between a Radical and Readjuster. He referred to the Mahone wing of the Readjusters.—*Fincastle Herald.*

The Washington correspondent of the *Dispatch*, says:—

"The report is that the removal of Republican postmasters has been stopped. The President will give the patronage of Virginia to Republicans."

NOW WE HAVE IT.—Conkling and Blaine have begun their little game.—The New York Gobbler against the Maine Molucca—the Grant and anti Grant factions. The third term corruptionists against the New England Pharisees. Now this is a fight in which we in Virginia have just this interest, and only this. To succeed either party must have the help of a portion, and no inconsiderable portion of the Democrats in the Senate. The side which will "squelch" this Mahone movement can get, and ought to get, Democratic help. In this way the National Democracy can help the Democracy of the Old Dominion, and save us from an alliance that threatens the credit and progress of the State.

Unless Garfield at once dissolves the alliance with Mahone—withdraws the support of his office holders in Virginia, and ceases to let Mahone control the patronage of the State, then the Democrats ought at once to aid Conkling in breaking down the power of the administration and force it to surrender to his dictation. There should be no mealy mouth works in this matter. Conkling can succeed in his plans if he has Democratic support, and Blaine will be powerless to prevent it. Such a stew is brewing.—*Lynchburg Advance.*

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mr. Henry Miller, blacksmith at Free Union, met with a serious, if not fatal, accident, while returning home from the races at Chestnut Ridge Wednesday night last. It is not certainly known how the accident occurred, as he was found lying in the road in an insensible condition by Mr Robert Harris, not far from Mr. L. R. Waddell's place. Mr. Harris and Mr. Thompson, who were returning from town, gave information to persons living in the vicinity, who repaired to the assistance of the injured man and had Dr. Gordon summoned. The Dr. rendered all surgical aid that the time and place admitted, after which a spring wagon was procured and Mr. Miller taken to his home. It is supposed that he was thrown from his horse and dragged by his foot hanging in the stirrup, there being indications on the ground as of a body being dragged

Mr. Miller is is said to be a worthy man, has a wife and five little children, and it is to be hoped the result of the accident will not be so serious as anticipated.—*Charlottesville Chronicle*

The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria *Gazette* under date of April 30th, says:—

"A man of affairs here, who has correspondents in Richmond upon whom he relies, inasmuch as they are not natives of the State, and are by no means interested in politics, says that he is certain that General Mahone has lost all his strength, but that of the comparatively few men in every county who hope to obtain office through his influence, and, to use his expression, "Mahone will not be able to carry one half the State, let alone the whole of it."

We not only believe we shall have a close fight this Fall, but a doubtful fight and after the fight is over there will be but two parties in the State known and recognized in every county, town, and city—the one the Radical-Republican and the other the Conservative-Democratic.—*Lynchburg Advance.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY.

MAY 15TH, 1881.

Passenger Trains run as follows:

WESTWARD.	No. 1. Mail.	No. 3. Express.
Leave Richmond	8 00 a m	10 00 p m
Due Gordonsville	11 00 a m	1 20 a m
" Charlottesville	11 50 a m	2 20 a m
Lynchburg Junc	11 55 a m	2 25 a m
" Lynchburg	2 25 p m	4 38 a m
" Staunton	3 00 p m	4 40 a m
" White Sulphur	6 45 p m	8 05 a m
" Hinton	11 00 p m	10 55 a m
" Huntington	9 30 a m	5 15 p m
E. L. & B. S. R. R.		
Lve Huntington	9 40 a m	5 20 p m
Due Ashland	10 40 a m	6 00 p m
C., B. S. & P. P. St'rs.		
Lve Huntington		5 30 p m
Due Portsmouth		9 30 p m
" Maysville		1 00 a m
" Cincinnati		6 00 a m

No. 1 MAIL—Runs daily except Sunday from Richmond to Huntington; daily, Williamson's to Huntington.

No. 3 EXPRESS—Runs daily from Richmond to Huntington.

No. 5 ACCOM.—Leaves Richmond daily, except Sunday, at 3:30 p. m. and arrives at Charlottesville at 7:15 p. m.

No. 21 MIXED—Leaves Charlottesville daily, except Sunday, at 4:40 p. m. and arrives Staunton 8:00 p. m.

E., L. & B. S. R. R. Trains run daily.

C. B. S. & P. P. Steamer leaves Huntington daily.

EASTWARD.	No. 2. Mail.	No. 4. Express.
C. B. S & P. P. St'rs		
Lve Cincinnati		4 00 p m
Due Maysville		10 30 p m
" Portsmouth		4 00 a m
" Huntington		11 30 a m
E., L. & B. S. R. R.		
Lve Ashland, Ky	3 45 p m	11 15 a m
Due Huntington	4 45 p m	11 55 a m
C. & O. RY.		
Lve Huntington	6 00 p m	12 00 n'n
Due Hinton	2 40 a m	6 40 p m
" White Sulphur	5 45 a m	8 55 p m
" Staunton	10 10 a m	12 40 a m
Lve Lynchburg		12 56 a m
Due Lynchburg Junc	11 55 a m	2 25 a m
" Charlottesville	12 10 p m	3 10 a m
" Gordonsville	1 30 p m	4 0 a m
" Richmond	5 00 p m	7 00 a m

C. B. S. & P. P. STEAMER leaves Cincinnati daily.

E., L. & B. S. R. R. TRAINS run daily.

No. 2 MAIL—Runs daily except Saturday from Huntington to Richmond; daily, Huntington to Williamson's.

No. 4 EXPRESS—Runs daily from Huntington to Richmond.

No. 6 ACCOMMODATION—Leaves Charlottesville daily, except Sunday, at 4:45 a. m., and arrives at Richmond at 9:00 a m.

No. 22 MIXED Leaves Staunton daily, except Sunday, at 6:00 a. m., and arrives Charlottesville at 9:30 a. m

For Rates, Tickets, Baggage Checks, apply to any office of C. & O. Ry.; or Depot or Ticket Office of any connecting line.

JOHN H. WOODWARD,
Ticket Agent, Staunton Va.
CONWAY R. HOWARD,
G. P. and T. Agent.

W. M. S. DUNN,
Engineer and Supt. may17

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE AUGUSTA NATIONAL BANK AT STAUNTON, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, MAY 6TH, 1881:—

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$227,499 49
Overdrafts	2,806 20
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents	46,278 56
Due from other National Banks	9,951 31
Due from State Banks and Bankers	8,015 46
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures	9,550 45
Current expenses and taxes paid	4,092 43
Checks and other cash items	2,466 78
Bills of other Banks	4,558 00
Fractional paper currency, nickel and pennies	755 70
Specie	8,730 00
Legal-tender notes	24,727 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 pr. ct. of circulation)	2,250 00
Total	$401,584 02

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$100,000 00
Surplus fund	8,500 00
Undivided profits	7,304 82
National Bank notes outstanding	45,000 00
Dividends unpaid	10 00
Individual Deposits subject to check	229,253 84
Due to other National Banks	6,541 70
Due to State Banks and bankers	4,974 66
Total	$401,584 02

State of Virginia, City of Staunton, ss:

W. T. TIMS, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. P. TAMS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 1881.

C. MCN. WHITTLE, N. P.

Correct—Attest:
DAVID KAYSER,
M. P. FUNKHOUSER,
C. S. BAKER. } Directors.
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OFFICE OF THE VALLEY MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION,
Staunton, Va., May 16th, 1881.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In justice to Mr E. L. Edmondson, I will say that the reports published by the Rockingham *Register* and Staunton *Vindicator* in regard to the award of the first prize offered by our General Agent, are entirely incorrect.

Mr. Sawyer did not secure the largest amount of work, but was beaten by Mr. Edmondson $2,000. The watch was awarded Mr. Edmondson, who is the rightful owner and winner of the prize. Very Respectfully,

C. L. COOKE, Secretary.

WOOL! WOOL!

Our farmers will find that washed and unwashed wool, *if of the best quality*, FREE from BURR and DIRTY TAGS, will command the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE. Black Wool does not bring as much when *shipped*, and may be as useful at home. Call and see us before selling.

may17 BAKER BROTHERS.

NOTICE! As the Chapel of the Augusta Female Seminary cannot possibly accommodate both citizens and the strangers attending the General Assembly, Miss Baldwin respectfully request the citizens to give place to the strangers, at her Commencement Exercises, on the evenings of the 23rd and 24th of May. may17-1t

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS A TRUE TONIC

CURE DYSPEPSIA

IRON BITTERS act like a charm on the digestive organs, removing all dyspeptic symptoms, such as tasting the food, belching, heat in the stomach, heartburn, etc.

INDIGESTION

IRON BITTERS are highly recommended for all diseases requiring a certain and efficient tonic.

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MESSRS. W. H. & M. PAGE,
DEALERS IN
TOBACCO, SNUFF & CIGARS,
have removed their Store from No. 2 North Augusta Street, to
No. 5 East Main Street,
next door to Gabe Hirsch's, where they will be pleased to see their friends and customers.

W. H. & M. PAGE,
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HAIR BRAIDS

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CLEEK'S MILL,
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DR. J. ST. P. GIBSON,
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Corner Frederick and Augusta Streets,
OFFICE HOURS—7½ to 9 A. M., 1 to 3, and 6 to 8 P. M. may17-3m

LAND SALES.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—In pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, entered at the March term, 1881, of said court in the cause of "H. J. Lushbaugh & Bro. vs. B. B. Donaghe's Adm'r, &c.," we the undersigned Commissioners, appointed for the purpose