

Stanton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th.

An Argument for Cleveland.

There is one argument in favor of the nomination of Cleveland that does not apply to any other candidate; and that is, that he would get more votes than any other from the independent voters who are not very closely bound to either political party, and the two great parties of the country are so evenly matched as to numbers in the Southern States that the independent voters will determine the result, if they vote with any degree approximating unanimity for any one candidate. There is no doubt that Cleveland would get more of that vote than any one else.

The only argument, says the Richmond Times, which is ever advanced against ex-President Cleveland by his opponents—indeed the only one they can advance against him—is that as President he did not remove all the Republican officeholders. Such an objection is absurd that it may well be characterized as a pun. Setting aside the fact that when he entered the White House he found on the United States statute books a civil service law which his oath of office compelled him to respect, he could not, in the short space of four years, have removed all the Republicans he found in office without doing the public service irreparable injury. He was the first Democratic President the country had been blessed with for a quarter of a century. During that long period of Republican rule, over one hundred thousand offices had been created, every one of which was filled with a Republican, and if Mr. Cleveland had gone to work to remove this vast army of officials in one short term of his office, the wheels of Government would have been completely clogged and public business would have been paralyzed. Had he been re-elected there is no doubt that by the end of his second term a Republican officeholder would have been as hard to find as was a Democratic official when his first term began. In acting as he did Mr. Cleveland was governed by that sterling sense of conscientious regard for the public welfare which is one of his most eminent characteristics. His enemies will have to seek other causes against him, if they hope to destroy his popularity with the masses of the Democracy.

A Terrible Storm in Virginia.

A violent wind-storm, accompanied by rain and hail, raged over Southside Virginia Thursday night. Houses, trees and fencing were blown down, and in Dinwiddie county the wife of Milton R. Rose was killed. The new residence of Mr. Milton R. Rose, of which Mrs. Rose and her children were the occupants, (Mr. Rose being absent from home,) was literally taken from its foundation, carried up into the air for some distance and then landed in an open field. The house was almost completely demolished, and Mrs. Rose was instantly killed, her body being found some hours afterward in the wreck. Strange to say, the children all escaped uninjured with the exception of the youngest child, who was slightly bruised. The same night a terrible storm passed over that portion of Princess Anne county near Creed's bridge, demolishing in its course about fifteen dwelling-houses and barns, and otherwise destroying farm property. It was the severest storm that has passed over that country for many years.

Officers of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia "Independent Order of Odd Fellows" met in Richmond on Tuesday of last week and adjourned on Wednesday night. The next meeting will be in Norfolk next April. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:— Grand Master, D. R. Stansbury, of Alexandria. Deputy Grand Master, Thomas N. Kendler, of Richmond. Grand Warden, J. V. Grinstead, of Alexandria. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Robinson, of Lynchburg. Grand Secretary, T. Wiley Davis, of Richmond. Grand Treasurer, John W. Ferguson, of Richmond. Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, W. F. Larrabee, of Hampton. The appointed officers were:— Marshal, H. V. Vall, of Norfolk. Conductor, T. W. Tourney, of Old Point.

Cleveland to the Cleveland Democrats of Lexington.

A gentleman of Lexington, whose name is withheld, wrote to ex-President Cleveland informing him of the action of the Lexington Democrats in organizing a Grover Cleveland club. The following is the substance of the letter received by him from Mr. Cleveland. The letter is written at Lakewood, N. J., and dated April 18th: My Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter which informs me that a Democratic club has been organized at Lexington, Virginia, and has been given my name. Assuming that the purpose of the club is to further and promote the triumph of the principles of true Democracy, I regard it an honor to have my name associated with it. It is a time when the importance to push and advocate, with the utmost zeal, the principles of our party are clearly defined, but it is also a time when an earnest day out of season, our political brethren should be warned against dalliance with temporary shifts, and notions which can serve no other purpose than to discredit us with the thoughtful people of the land, and to distract our attention from the support of ideas we know are Democratic, and to which we have assurance we can win a majority of our voters. Young men truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

Easter Monday was a disagreeable day in consequence of the rain, but it was much worse in England and France where they had a violent snow-storm and very cold weather. Telegraph poles were broken down, and the snow so much drifted as to prevent travel. The fruit prospect is probably destroyed.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Without the Easter morning, says the New York Journal of Commerce, this would be a dark and dreary world. It is true that after the desolateness of winter we have the warmth and verdure of spring. The streams are released from their icy fetters; the branches that were bare and brown reveal their waving foliage; the robins which left with the first chill of autumn, come back to greet us with their happy song; the fruit trees once more put out their fragrant blossoms, and the lawn and meadow are carpeted again with living green. Then follow the long bright summer and the golden harvest, and we half forget the bleak winds, and the biting frosts that spread over the earth its fatal mantle and laid away all that was bright and lovely to decay and death. And when the winter once more comes creeping in with its blighting touch, we recall the vernal succession and wait with a patient spirit for the promised return of song, and leaf, and flower and fruit.

We hope because our eyes have seen the change in each revolving year. The spring may have been delayed and the ice fingers may have mocked our eagerness, and have begun long and late in releasing the frozen earth from their deadly grasp, but all this seeming reluctance has had its end, and the brightness and beauty have not only been all the more welcome, but have come in with swifter feet when called to a new life by the impatient sun. The eyes, unaccustomed to weeping, see the lesson thus written upon the revolving seasons, and the heart which has never been wrung with the anguish of bereavement, accept the assurance thus given that new life shall follow the dreariness of decay. But when the sorrow comes with its blinding tears and ties that made the heart's sweetest comfort have been rudely severed, the stars go out one by one behind the gathering clouds, and to the eye of sense there is no hope above the hiding grave. The child has fallen asleep in its mother's arms to a lullaby bring back the lost color to the cheeks, the faintest robe, and hides it in a silken casket, and lays it away to its rest. It is winter with her now, the child is in her heart, and verdure and bloom have all gone out of her life. The flowers may blossom again about her home and the birds sing once more beneath her windows, but will this one bud so dear to her find some spring-time for its return? Friends walk together in sweet converse along the path of life, "two souls by love together knit, two hearts that beat as one," until they come to the dividing of the way. One fades from the path into the land of silence, and the other with bitter moans and faltering, stumbling feet, as if the strength had all gone out of the tottering limbs, goes on alone. The spring in the natural world may come ever so early after the desolate winter, but it does not bring the glad sunshine to the aching heart. When the frozen turf hid beneath its covering so brown and bare no one that was fondly loved and longed for, the future seemed bright with the promise of returning verdure. But when the form of one so fondly cherished lies buried in its icy clasp, the assuring voice seems but a mocking echo. The fierce December blasts howl their hoarse dirges above the hiding tomb, and there comes from neither earth nor the brooding heavens any answer to the agonizing cry. The voices of nature make sweet harmony for one whose happy spirit is attuned to the music they sing, but they cannot restore the lost chord when the living beings have been rudely jarred or broken.

Into a life burdened at every step with griefs that find so little help or comfort in the visible world about us, there comes with the Easter anthem not only a blessed hope, but a positive assurance that answers every question of the aching heart. The old inquiry that springs so often to the lip, "If a man die shall he live again?" does not wait for a response at the portals of the hiding tomb. It has been answered by One who has been dead, and whose living life and immortality to light, and leading captive the blighting frost that makes the hopeless winter for those who have been bereaved. The seal of the sepulchre has been broken and the hiding stone forever rolled away. The resurrection is not something to be revealed, but a fact accomplished. There comes to all the children of men this day an invitation within which is bound up a new life for a lost and dying world. "Come see the place where the Lord lay" has in the pledge of an open tomb for all that have been laid away to the last slumber any may know. "He is not here; he is risen," has in it the prophecy and pledge that every eye now closed shall open once more to the light of a new and brighter day. The first fruits are an earnest of the harvest, but here we have the ground of a still surer faith, for He, whose rising we commemorate this day, whose promise that he will bring with Him when the call is issued all that have fallen asleep in this blessed hope. The new life is no longer a theory; it has had its beginning and there is to be no end to it. The resurrection is not a mere fact, but a promise that will bring with it the triumph of the living and the resurrection of the dead. The resurrection is not a mere fact, but a promise that will bring with it the triumph of the living and the resurrection of the dead.

A great change in the opinion of Western democrats on the free-coinage question is reported by Reginald D. Woodward, who has just returned to New York from a trip to the West. At the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference Monday a resolution pledging the members to vote the prohibition ticket was adopted after a lively discussion by a small majority. The Louisiana State election took place yesterday, with five tickets in the field. In the factional division of the Democrats growing out of the lottery question, it is probable that a Republican ticket was elected.

Ex-Governor Campbell, who is certainly pretty well informed in regard to Democratic sentiment in Ohio, says it is the banks so to confine the river between its banks as to prevent the overflows is generally believed, and in this work the suffering States and the Federal Government should co-operate.

REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Baron Fava, Italian minister to the United States, who was recalled by his government because of the lynching of Italians in New Orleans, has received orders to return to his post at the Italian legation in Washington.

The proposition made by Hon. S. B. Elkins to give \$25,000 and 25 acres of land to form a Baptist college at Elkridge, Randolph county, W. Va., was accepted Wednesday at a full meeting of the board of college trustees at Clarksburg.

At Pulaski, a few days ago, a young man named Edward Douthat, supported by a number of his friends, made an attack on Jas. A. Walker with a knife, cutting a deep gash just above the left hip, but fortunately with no serious result.

Captain Bogardus, the world's champion wing shot, defeated George Verrill, III, Saturday, by the score of 44 to 41. The match was at 510 ft. birds for \$100 a side and the game receipts. This was the third and final match.

Miss Ella Rives died Tuesday night of last week at Beaufort, Albemarle county, of pneumonia, in the fifty-fifth year of her age. She was an aunt of Amelia Rives Chanler, the authoress, and a daughter of the late Wm. C. Rives, minister to France and United States Senator.

Outer Carter, a son of Bevan Carter, of Fauquier county, and a brakeman on the Virginia Midland Road, was instantly killed Friday at Remington Station, north of Culpeper, by falling from the cars. Both legs were cut off and he was hurriedly mananged about the head and breast.

Lieut. E. L. Butts, of the twenty-first United States infantry, was secretly married to Miss Winifred Kimball, daughter of the late H. P. Kimball, a prominent member of the Mormon Church, of Salt Lake City, Utah, March 7, 1892. They were publicly married Saturday.

The friends of Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, claim that he stands an excellent chance for the democratic nomination for the presidency in case the split in the New York democracy is not healed. They assert that the Governor's record is without a flaw and that he is the greatest "vote-getter" in America.

A large paper-mill belonging to William Phillips, near Kennett Square, Pa., was destroyed by fire last Wednesday, together with all the machinery and contents, including many tons of raw cotton. The Phillipses were seriously burned about the head, while trying to save some of the machinery. The loss is heavy.

Prince Vladimir Bjoivitch, a prominent Russian nobleman, layd his cousin, Alexis Schipkoff, on the stairs, and with a hatchet killed Schipkoff. The Prince then fled, and being pressed closely by the police drew a revolver and shot himself dead. The Prince and his cousin hated each other.

Daniel L. Brown, one of the best known printers in the Valley, and for many years foreman of the Winchester Times, died in that city on Tuesday of last week of erysipelas, complicated with pneumonia, aged 36 years. Mr. Brown was married but two months ago to Miss Sallie Payne, formerly of Harrisonburg, who with one son by a former marriage survives him.

Hon. John E. Massey has issued a circular letter, calling upon the county and city superintendents and other school officials, to make preparations for an exhibit to be sent to the World's Fair, for the purpose of work for the counties and cities will be collected and exhibited at the Superintendents' conference which will be held at Bedford City next July.

The members of the medical board of the colony of Victoria, Australia, the appointment of which was conceded by the colonial government at the request of the counsel of Frederick Bailey Deeming, the supposed "Jack the Ripper," for the purpose of making the inquiry into Deeming's mental condition, express the opinion that the prisoner is shamming insanity.

Wm. Maier, who shot his young wife dead in Wheeling, W. Va., two weeks ago because she refused to kiss him, has been captured. He started for Columbus and got fifty miles away, but for some unaccountable reason came back and went to the cemetery, where he was first seen standing by his wife's grave. He was furnished, having been without food for six days.

The loss of property by the recent Mississippi floods has been estimated at two millions of dollars, but it is beyond any present estimate. The recurrence of such calamities as this, accompanied, too, by great loss of human life, is a loud cry for a remedy. That it is the banks so to confine the river between its banks as to prevent the overflows is generally believed, and in this work the suffering States and the Federal Government should co-operate.

CONGRESS.

In the United States Senate, Tuesday, April 12th, the West Virginia direct tax case came up as a special order, on motion of Mr. Faulkner, on account of the absence of Senators Morrill and Daniel, further postponed till Tuesday next.

The House passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

In the Senate, Wednesday, Mr. Morgan made another speech in favor of the free coinage of silver. Mr. Dolph, from the committee on foreign affairs, reported a resolution for the House anti-Chinese bill continuing in force for two years all laws now in force prohibiting and regulating Chinese immigration.

The House was engaged on the naval appropriation bill, and made good progress.

The Senate, Thursday, adjourned over until Monday. That body passed a number of bills, including one appropriating \$200,000 for the erection in Washington of an additional fire-proof building for the National Museum.

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In the Senate, Monday, Mr. Vest introduced a bill to prevent discrimination against the colored race in the sale of land, and the Senate passed the bill.

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