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THURSDAY.....APRIL 25, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Southern portion of the Middle States, falling followed by rising barometer, westerly winds, and cooler, clearing weather, following numerous local rains and storms.

For the northern portion of the Middle States, southeast to southwest winds, lower pressure, and warmer, cloudy and rainy weather.

For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, cooler southwest to northwest winds will prevail, with rising barometer and clear and clearing weather, following light rains.

Cautionary signals continue at Cape Lookout, Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, Cape Henry, Norfolk, Lewes, Del., Cape May, Atlantic City, Barnegat, and Sandy Hook.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was mild, windy, and threatening.

About midnight there was quite a severe thunder-storm, accompanied by a heavy fall of rain.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 70; 9 A. M., 78; noon, 80; 3 P. M., 84; 6 P. M., 81; midnight, 79.

LOCAL MATTERS.

SUICIDE OF MR. CHARLES J. FOX, JR.—Charles J. Fox, Jr., aged twenty-seven years, only son of Mr. Charles J. Fox, ship-carpenter, who resides at the corner of Twenty-ninth and Franklin streets, committed suicide yesterday by taking laudanum.

Young Fox was at work yesterday, as usual, with his father, near the Old Dominion Steamship Company's sheds, and at 12 o'clock started home to dinner. Upon leaving his father he asked him whether he was going home or would he have him bring his dinner down. Mr. Fox said as the day was warm he would not go home, but would be glad if his son would bring his dinner back when he returned to work. Upon his way home, it is supposed, he bought the laudanum.

After reaching home, he went up stairs, got a pillow, and then went down to the parlor. He met his mother coming into the house, and, in reply to a question from her, said he was going into the parlor to lie down. He went in and handed her a bottle labelled "laudanum," and as he did so remarked that he would give her no more trouble, or words to that effect. He then laid down on the floor. Mrs. Fox took in the situation at once, and called in friends and neighbors to her assistance. Physicians were summoned and a stomach-pump procured, but all in vain, for about 3 P. M. he died. It is supposed that he had taken the poison nearly an hour when his mother became aware of it.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM PUNISHMENT—A POSTAL CASE.—About ten days ago a newspaper was sent to the post-office to be mailed to New York, but as a revenue stamp instead of a postage stamp was attached to the envelope, it was laid aside as "unmailable." When examined two letters were found concealed within the paper, with a message from the sender that "this is done to save postage." The package was transmitted to the Post-Office Department at Washington, and two days ago it was returned with instructions to bring the matter to the attention of the District Attorney. Yesterday the sender of the package (a young woman) appeared before District Attorney Lewis and Postmaster Forbes, and entreated so earnestly and tearfully to be excused that her appeal was complied with.

This incident should serve as a warning to that large class of persons who are ever intent on avoiding the payment of proper postage on matter sent through the mails. We learn that letters or notes are often found secreted in newspapers and packages, and when so found the persons for whom they are intended never receive them.

LAND SALES.—The following sales of land have recently been made by George E. Crawford, land agent:

One hundred and thirteen acres in Hanover county, near the Junction, to Mr. William H. Climp for $3,600, and one hundred and forty acres near the same to Mr. John A. Johnson for $1,500.

Three hundred acres in New Kent county, near Summit station, to Charles Climp for $1,225.

Four hundred and seventy acres on James river, to Messrs. Herbert & Stout, for $1,500.

One hundred and two and a half acres in Powhatan county, to Dr. John C. Wilson, for $1,700.

DISAPPEARANCE OF COLORED BOYS.—Joseph Coleman, aged seventeen, but small for his age, and George Coleman, aged eight, colored brothers, who lived on Seventh street near the City Springs, disappeared after the Fifteenth-amendment parade on Monday, and their mother has since suffered great anxiety on their account. George Coleman is a remarkable-looking boy, having a head nearly double the usual size.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The meeting in the interest of the Young Men's Christian Association that was called for the 15th instant, and which was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather, will be held at Centenary church next Monday night. Some of our most popular speakers are announced to deliver addresses, and a pleasant time may be expected.

VESTRYMEN ELECTED.—The following is the vestry for St. Paul's church: Joseph R. Anderson, senior warden; E. B. Bentley, junior warden; Thomas W. McCance, treasurer; George A. Barksdale, register; D. N. Walker, John L. Bacon, H. E. C. Baskervill, A. Y. Stokes, Lewis Booker, G. B. Davenport, I. H. Carrington, and James B. McCaw.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE COUNCIL.—The Committee on Finance met yesterday afternoon and considered the resolution from the Board of Aldermen concerning an appropriation of $8,000 on account of the school fund. The question was thoroughly discussed and unanimously adopted.

MEETING OF PROPERTY-HOLDERS.—A meeting of Jefferson-Ward property-holders will be held Friday night at Thon's Hall, corner Seventeenth and Main streets, to take action as to the nomination of candidates for the approaching election.

ACQUITTED.—In the Hustings Court yesterday Benjamin Jones (colored), charged with stealing a lot of law-books from R. T. Daniel, was tried and acquitted.

The civil docket will be called at 11 o'clock to-day.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT THE THEATRE. Mr. Doutney will to-night hold his temperance meeting at the Theatre. An interesting evening is promised. On Friday and Saturday evenings the meetings will be held at Mozart Hall.

BANKRUPTCY.—The bankruptcy business is very brisk. Two parties went in yesterday. There have been twelve this month, some of them very well known businessmen.

PAY YOUR TAXES IF YOU WISH TO VOTE AT THE PRIMARY.—The City Conservative Committee will have prepared and printed for use at the primary and general election a list of all white voters who have heretofore paid, or shall *before the 1st day of May* pay their capitation tax. Only a week is allowed the clerks and printers between the 1st and 7th (the latter the primary-election day) to arrange, print, and verify the list. They cannot do with less time.

Persons who pay on or after 1st of May should preserve their capitation-tax receipts to show both at the primary and general election.

But as it will be to the advantage of the voters and the officers of election likewise, it would be well for all voters to *pay up before the 1st of May*. Then all such persons will find their names on the printed list.

The list of names will be in alphabetical order, under the heading of the ward in which they reside.

PERSONAL.—Mr. P. W. Grubbs is appointed to act as a member of the Board of Primary Election Commissioners from Monroe Ward. Mr. Powhatan R. Dupuy will be superintendent *pro tem.* of Monroe Ward in place of Mr. Regnault.

Owing to the high winds the brig Aquidneck did not leave yesterday. Some of our readers will be a little surprised to learn that Mr. J. B. Ladd leaves with her for Rio Janeiro.

Colonel W. H. Peyton, of Staunton, arrived in the city yesterday *en route* home from the National Sunday-School Convention held at Atlanta, Ga. *En passant* it may be stated that Colonel Peyton has been urged to take charge of the Markham House of Atlanta.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—Letters and postal-cards addressed as follows remain unclaimed in the Richmond post-office: V. D. Lingrey, J. H. Little, E. D. Lindsey, R. H. Leftwich, Moses Lynn, M. Lynch, John Magee, Sylvester Martin, Mary A. Manning, Ann Mayo, George W. Mayo, Rev. Mr. Muller, Rev. W. A. Miller, Mrs. S. A. Morris, F. N. Montgomery, W. B. Moore, Mrs. A. E. Moore, P. B. Neal, Mrs. M. C. Newell, Jordan Nelson, W. H. O'Neil, Miss M. Patteson, Miss C. N. Patteson, Madam Pola (or Tola), B. F. Penyear, Ed. Quarles, Jane Quarles, Peyton Randolph, H. S. W. Randolph, Norman Randolph.

JUDGE BOND'S OPINION.—The opinion of Judge Bond, concurred in by Judge Hughes, in the case of Faris and the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company, settles a number of suits.

The petition of George Faris was to be paid the amount of judgment recovered against the company, upon which execution was issued, and levied upon personal property belonging to it. The Court held that the bondholders had a prior lien and decided against Faris.

THE MOZART THIS EVENING.—The programme for this evening will consist of instrumental selections, and will be very pleasing. The orchestra will perform the overture "Semiramis," by Rossini; the "Circassian March," by Strauss; and the "Polka Militaire," by Asher. Messrs. Thilow and Reinhardt will play the duo, for organ and piano, from "Faust"; Messrs. Kessnich, Laube, Baseler, and Hoen will play a string quartette, by Kassemeyer, and a selected quientetta, "Irrlicht," by Jungmann. Mr. Kessnich will play as a solo for violin "The Arkansas Traveller," arranged by Vieuxtemps.

THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.—The concert at Leigh-Street Baptist church to-night by the choir of Pine-Street Baptist church promises a rich treat to the citizens of Church and Union Hills. It will consist of solos, duets, quartettes, &c., and the enviable reputation of this choir is a sufficient guarantee that all who go will be amply repaid. Persons who attended the one given a week ago say it was one of the best they ever heard. At Leigh-Street they will have an entire change of programme.

LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.—Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., will deliver his highly interesting lecture on The Land of the Midnight Sun at the First Baptist church on Tuesday night.

POLICE COURT, WEDNESDAY—*Justice J. J. White presiding.*—The following cases were disposed of:

William H. Jackson, charged with having in his possession a lot of candles, one lamp, &c., of the value of $4. Convicted of petit larceny, and sent to jail for five days and to be punished with twenty stripes.

James McClernan, charged with assaulting and beating B. M. Dunleary. Fined $2.50.

Washington J. McCreary, charged with stealing about $15, the property of the trustees of Christ church. Not guilty; but being a person of disreputable character, was required to find surety for good behavior for sixty days in the sum of $200. Committed in default.

John Jones, charged with having in his possession two turkeys supposed to have been stolen. Continued until to-day, and accused bailed in $200.

Isaiah Turner (an old offender), charged with being a common vagrant and suspicious character. Committed to jail and labor for fifteen days in default of $100 surety.

B. M. Dunleary, charged with shooting at James McClernan and Patrick Cummins in the bar-room of Patrick Cummins, being a public resort, &c. Sent on to the grand jury of the Hustings Court for the first Monday in May. Accused bailed in $500.

[For the Dispatch.]

The Sunday-Liquor Cases.

The papers have published several articles intended to prove that Judge Christian has no jurisdiction in the Sunday cases. Let us see:

1st. The penalties are not the same in the State law and the city ordinance. The pretence that the word "penalty" applies only to fines is not an argument at all. Look at your dictionary. "Penalty" and "punishment" are synonymous almost. The death-penalty is hanging.

2d. As the Police Justice has no power to declare a saloon-keeper's license forfeited, it follows that if Judge Christian has no jurisdiction, no court in Richmond has that power; and hence that the Legislature has made one law for the counties and towns, and another for two or three cities; that a charter may be forfeited in Henrico, but not in Richmond.

A LAWYER.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Congregation "Beth Shalome" held the 23d day of April, 1878, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas the Board has heard of the death of its late associate, Jacob A. Levy, a life-long member of this congregation, and for many years its honored president; and whereas it desires to give expression to the deep sense of the loss it has sustained; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Jacob A. Levy this Board and the Congregation Beth Shalome has lost its oldest and most honored member, who has been called away, full of years, to reap the reward of a well-spent life; and whilst recognizing the hand of an All-Wise Providence in this sad bereavement, this Board and Congregation must yet lament the departure of one whose best years were devoted to the truest interest of his Congregation and to the promotion of all that appertained to religious advancement. Devoted, kind, and steadfast, as husband, father, and friend, he was never failing in love for his family and untiring in zealous acts of disinterested friendship. Keenly alive to the varied duties of life he was firm in his adherence to principle, and his character as a citizen and a merchant was a model for imitation. Closely clinging to the faith of his fathers he followed strictly the teachings of the God of Israel, straying neither to the right hand nor to the left, and one of the Divine lessons instilled within him was his love for his fellow-man. His charities extended to all within his reach.

Resolved, That this Board, speaking for itself and the Congregation Beth Shalome, tender to the family of its deceased friend the sympathy it so deeply feels, and begs to be allowed to drop its tear of sorrow over the grave of one honored in life and lamented in death.

Resolved, That this preamble and these resolutions be published in the *Jewish Record* and the Richmond *Dispatch*; that they be entered upon the records of the Congregation; and that a copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

S. A. WINSTOCK, President.
Edward Cohen, Secretary *pro tem.*

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HEART-DISEASE CURED.—*Americus, Ga.*, November 7, 1877.—This is to certify that I was taken with a disease of the heart in February, 1875, and suffered for six or seven months, when my attending physician told me that I had neuralgia or apoplexy of the heart, and that there was no chance for me. Mr. John L. Oliver sent me word to try Dr. Pierce's Medical Discovery, which I did, and found relief from the first dose; after using four bottles I was enabled to go to my daily labor, and have continued at work ever since, never feeling any symptoms of the disease. It is certainly a great medicine.
THOMAS EDWARDS.
G. W. HEATH, W. R. JOHNSTON, JOHN L. OLIVER, } Witnesses.

WAFFLES.—One quart sweet milk, three small teaspoonfuls DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER, a little salt, five eggs, the yolks and whites beaten separately, a small cup of melted butter, enough flour to make a not very stiff batter. Mix the Yeast Powder with the flour while dry.

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INCIPIENT TARTAR AND SCURF removed by MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE. Fifty cents a box.

STRAWBERRY SHORT-CAKE.—One quart flour, one teaspoon salt, two teaspoons Dooley's Yeast Powder, three tablespoons butter, one egg, two tablespoons white sugar, and about half-pint sweet milk. Sift the flour, powder, and salt together; rub in the butter, cold; add the egg slightly beaten, then the sugar and milk, and mix into a smooth dough, just soft enough to be easily handled; roll out in two pieces quite thin to size required; lay one on top of the other and bake in a hot oven, in a well-greased pan, about fifteen minutes, and separate while yet warm—not hot. Use one for the bottom crust, cover with a layer of berries, then lay on the other piece and cover as before. Serve with powdered sugar and cream. The above will make a large cake; half the quantities will make a fair-size one.

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DISCOLORED TEETH rendered beautifully white by the use of MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE. Fifty cents a box.

BEST GUNPOWDER TEA at $1.50 per pound.
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The cause of my trouble and discontent
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Take this advice, you will find it best:
Hereafter smoke WHITLOCK'S Key West.

And if for one you'll pay 10 cent,
To get something good and be content,
Be sure you get WHITLOCK'S Model Cigar;
They are for sale most everywhere.

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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

RICHARDSON & CO., 5 P. M., new brick dwelling and lot on Nineteenth street between Broad and Grace.

ROBERT B. LYNE, 5 P. M., trustee's sale of framed house and lot on Jay near Buchanan street.

J. THOMPSON BROWN, 5 P. M., a framed dwelling on Twenty-fourth street next to the corner of N.

JAMES M. TYLER, Sergeant, 12 M., in front of the City Hall, a lot of dry goods.

E. B. COOK, 10 A. M., furniture, chromos, &c.

TELEGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

ACQUITTAL AND DISCHARGE OF A. P. THOM FOR THE KILLING OF MAJOR PITTS IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY—CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS TO BOSTON—THE RECENT INDIAN RAID INTO TEXAS—DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE IN GEORGIA—HEAVY STORM IN WEST VIRGINIA—RAILROAD DISASTER IN MISSISSIPPI—THE SITUATION IN THE EAST AND PROSPECTS FOR PEACE—ANARCHY AND RAPINE IN BULGARIA, &c., &c.

Washington.

WHAT THE REPUBLICANS PROPOSE TO MAKE THE COMING CAMPAIGN—PROTECTION OF STEAMBOAT PASSENGERS—CONTESTED-ELECTION CASES—CONCERT FOR THE LEE-MONUMENT FUND—THE PACIFIC-RAILROAD FUNDING BILL—FOREST PROTECTION—PERSONAL—VARIOUS ITEMS, &C., &C.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, April 24.—It is now known positively that the Republican caucus have determined to make the coming congressional canvass a bloody-shirt one, and Democratic congressmen have to-night informed your correspondent that General Banks, in his Middlesex Club speech, they knew but gave utterance to the views of the caucus. He then said, it will be remembered, that the Confederates who had failed to conquer in war were bent on doing so in peace, and that if the Democrats ever came into power they would go for paying all the southern war claims. The one object of Republican congressmen, in fact, seems to be now to prepare for the campaign, and they show a system and energy in their preparations that portend no good to the Democratic party or the country. They are daily conciliating the Administration and working up the southern war-claim issue most industriously. I asked one of these Democrats if the Radicals expected to gain in the South, and the reply was, "Certainly, and they are hopeful even of gains in Virginia." When I smiled at this remark he added, "It is a matter of life and death with the party, and there is no telling what these leaders and managers will not do to secure the next House. The Democrats begin to realize the situation."

THE STEAMBOAT BILL.

The Senate Committee on Commerce—Mr. Conkling chairman—to-day heard Messrs. Whitney, of Michigan; Sherlock, of Ohio; Copeland, of New York, and Marshall Parks, of Virginia, members of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Steamboat-Owners, in advocacy of the passage of the House bill for the better preservation of the lives of passengers and the protection of freight. This Association represents a capital of $100,000,000, and controls all the steamboats of the United States. Senator Ransom is a member of the committee. The bill will be reported favorably, and pass the Senate. For years unsuccessful efforts have been made to get just such a bill through Congress.

PROTECTION FOR AMERICAN BOOKS.

All of the Philadelphia publishers and others to-day, through Senator Wallace, petitioned the Senate against any reduction of the tariff on foreign books. They say the reduction proposed in the Wood bill will seriously injure the trade, and that an *ad-valorem* system opens the door to fraud.

CONTESTED-ELECTION MATTERS.

The sub-committee to-day heard the concluding argument in the Alabama case of Shelly and Haraldson, and it is very certain that General Shelly will continue in his seat, and that the colored contestee, Jere Haraldson, will have either to raise cotton or look for some place within the gift of his party. The Florida case of Bisbee and Finley will be next taken up, and the news from that State to-day has added somewhat to the interest in it. Mr. Thornbury, a Republican member of the committee, however, says if the Archer precinct is thrown out then Bisbee is still elected. My own opinion is that while Finley (Democrat) was elected, he will fail to furnish such proof of it as the law requires.

A CONCERT FOR THE LEE-MONUMENT FUND.

The concert to be given at Willard's tomorrow night in aid of the Lee-monument fund excites interest, especially among southerners here. Colonel S. Bassett French, secretary of the Monument Association, is in the city to aid in the preparations, and Mr. Frank Potter and other talented amateurs known in Richmond are to participate in the entertainment. Baltimore will not only contribute its best musical talent, but will help to swell the audience.

PROTECTION OF FORESTS.

The House to-day passed the Senate bill which holds out substantial benefits to those who protect and improve the forests on Government lands. So important is this matter considered, especially by western members of Congress, that the House Committee on Public Lands had gotten ready a bill similar in its features to that which passed the Senate and was concurred in to-day by the House.

THE THURMAN PACIFIC RAILROAD FUNDING BILL.

The House agreed to the motion of Mr. Cox, of New York, to go to the Speaker's table, and there was at once a flutter among the Pacific-railroad men. At ten minutes past 2 Mr. Thurman's bill was reached, and the gray-headed chief of the lobby, who occupied a seat in the east gallery, was at once the object of interest to all who recognized his presence and knew his position. He communicated rapidly with his staff, who hurried from time to time below, but quickly returned and reported to him. He evidently knew that all eyes in the reporters' gallery were levelled at him and his party. Mr. Cox moved to put the bill on its passage without reference to the Committee on the Judiciary. General Butler, who is said to be one of the counsel for the Pacific roads, rose to a point of order, and contended that it was a money bill and must go to the Committee of the Whole under the rules. Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, who rarely speaks, showed clearly that it was not, and Mr. Randall ruled that the point was not well taken. Messrs. Frye, Conger, and other Republican members of the committee explained why they voted in committee to have it referred to them, and Messrs. Knott, Cox, and other Democratic members of the committee made it clear that a full committee favored the immediate passage of the bill. A member here said that the Committee on Pacific Roads had agreed to report this very bill. Mr. Cox said that it was not the fault of the House that this bill had not passed sooner, as it not only voted for a similar one at a previous session, but was only prevented from voting on this bill earlier by circumstances over which its friends had no control. General Butler said that it had not been read even by members of the Judiciary Committee, and that no lawyer would vote for so important a bill—and one which he regarded as unconstitutional—under the circumstances. General Chalmers made a spirited and telling reply. Mr. McMahon, of Ohio, advocated the immediate passage of the bill. At twenty minutes past 4 o'clock the roll was called, when the bill passed—ayes, 243; noes, 2—Butler and Lynde.

Few more important measures than this have come before Congress for years, and its almost unanimous adoption by the House is regarded to-night as the most signal victory yet gained over the great monopolies and the hitherto irrepressible lobby—the lobby which fought this bill.

THE BANKRUPT BILL.

At 5 o'clock Mr. Durham moved to take a recess until 7½, so that members might then deliver speeches, which are to be sent to their constituents, and the House agreed to it. Mr. Stephens announced that he would call up the Senate bill repealing the bankrupt law to-morrow, but was informed that it will come up the first thing to-morrow as unfinished business. It will pass with but little opposition.

THE FLORIDA CONFESSIONS.

There has been a good deal of talk to-day, and it is continued to-night, in regard to the Florida confessions. Democrats say they believe that McLin and Dennis tell the truth when they swear the vote of Florida was stolen from Tilden, but that Mr. Hayes will, nevertheless, remain undisturbed in the presidential chair. Mr. Montgomery Blair and those who are working with him see more in this disclosure than anybody else. Mr. Blair, I hear, says Mr. Tilden did not inspire the Maryland resolutions, and knew nothing about them before they were offered. Nobody, not even the Florida delegation, however, can tell whether the confession has been forwarded to Washington, nor does anybody seem to have known in advance that these worthies intended to make a confession.

Of course there are those who say the confession is a part of the Blair plot, and that Mr. Hewitt is connected with it.

Both Dennis and McLin got Federal offices as their reward, but the offices did not pay enough.

BRIEF ITEMS.

At a late hour last night the President and his advisers agreed to nominate ex-Congressman Smith as collector for New Orleans, and his name was sent in to-day. He is a Vermonter by birth.

Mr. Vance, of North Carolina, presided during the "bunkum" session of the House to-night.

A large crowd of revenue gaugers from all parts of the country are here looking after their pay.

Secretary Sherman went to Philadelphia with the President's party.

The House Banking and Currency Committee continues to hear bankers, &c. on the question of resumption.

Secretary McCrary and General Sherman have gone to Old Point to be present at the Artillery-School examination at Fortress Monroe.

William D. Reamy, aged twenty-three, and Miss Sallie Combs, aged nineteen, both of Stafford county, Va., have been made one by a Washington minister. They left home without telling the old folks.

The House agreed to-day to meet at 11 o'clock after May 28th.

[Associated Press reports by telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NOMINATIONS.

George L. Smith was nominated for collector of customs at New Orleans, La.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate has confirmed the following nominations as consuls: Ford at La Union, Salvador; Eckstein at Amsterdam; Banscerva at Chin Keang; Shaw at Manchester; Wesson at Quebec; Howells at Toronto; and as collector of customs, House for San Augustine, Fla.; and postmasters, Burton for Bainbridge, Ga., and Billingsly at Marion, Ala.

OTHER ITEMS.

The President will remain in Philadelphia until Saturday.

Senators Gordon, Lamar, and Jones, of Florida, have accepted an invitation to visit Boston as the guests of the Commercial Club there. The invitation came through Congressman Morse, of Boston, and was also extended to Representatives Ellis, of Louisiana; Chalmers, of Mississippi; Whitthorne, of Tennessee, and several other southern congressmen. Senator Gordon started for New York to-day. The balance of the party leave for Boston Friday.

XLVTH CONGRESS—Second Session

WASHINGTON, April 24, 1878.

SENATE.

The bill appropriating $4,933.33 to pay the Richmond (Va.) Female Institute for rent of buildings from October 1, 1865, to October 10, 1866, was laid over under an objection of Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin.

The two bills authorizing the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to extend its road and telegraph line, and the bill to incorporate the Texas-Pacific railroad, heretofore reported favorably, were laid over, on motion of Mr. Edmunds.

The bill annulling an act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico incorporating the Society of the Jesuit Fathers was passed.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Territories, in explanation, stated that the committee had unanimously agreed that the annulled act was in violation of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which prohibited Territorial Legislatures from granting private charters for special privileges.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House, Mr. Rea, of Missouri, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill authorizing the North Louisiana Railroad Company to construct a bridge across the Anachita river at Monroe, La., and across the Red river at Shreveport, La.

The bill removing the political disabilities of Robert J. Chapman, of Texas, was passed.

After a short discussion the House passed (yeas, 243; nays, 2—Butler, of Massachusetts, and Lynch, of Wisconsin,) the Thurman funding bill, and took a recess until 7:30 o'clock.

Tornado in Georgia.

ATLANTA, April 24.—A special to the *Constitution* states that a cyclone passed over a section of the country four miles from Rome, Ga., yesterday, clearing everything as it went. As far as heard from eight persons were injured. Several horses and mules were killed. Trees three feet in diameter were twisted over and swept away. Nine buildings were blown down. The path of the cyclone was three hundred yards, passing from southwest to northeast.

Heavy Storm in West Virginia.

WHEELING, April 24.—A heavy wind-, rain-, and hail-storm prevailed in this section to-day. One end of the Belair Goblet Works was blown in, and a number of men slightly and several seriously injured. It is reported that two were killed.

The Eastern Shore Homicide.

ACQUITTAL OF MR. ALFRED P. THOM.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, April 24.—Mr. Alfred P. Thom, who shot and killed Major Sidney Pitts at Eastville, on the Eastern Shore, a few weeks ago, and who had been undergoing preliminary examination since Monday last before three magistrates of the county, was acquitted yesterday and discharged from custody on the ground of justifiable homicide.

Texas.

INDIAN RAIDERS MURDER CITIZENS AND STEAL STOCK.

SAN ANTONIO, April 24.—Reports from the lower Rio Grande indicate that about twenty persons were killed by recent Indian raiders, and 150 horses ran off. The number of killed is no doubt exaggerated. Nine are known to have been killed on the northwest border between Fort Concho and Stockton river, and the snow-storm last night did great damage in the State.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

MERIDIAN, MISS., April 24.—The engine attached to a mail train, westward bound, on the Alabama Central railroad last evening, fell through the trestle of a bridge eight miles east of this place, killing the engineer and fireman.

Specie Resumption.

SENECA FALLS, N. Y., April 24.—The Gould Manufacturing Company resumed specie payment to-day, paying off their men in gold coin.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

England.

THE EASTERN QUESTION—CONDITION OF BULGARIA.

LONDON, April 24—4 *P. M.*—Inactivity prevails at the Stock Exchange to such an extent as to amount to almost a suspension of business, attention being chiefly given to Russian securities, which have declined ¼ per cent.

Lord Beaconsfield, Prime Minister, and the Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, came to town from Hartfield to-day, where the former had been visiting the latter. The Right Hon. Gathern Hardy, Secretary of State for India, has also arrived in town.

The *Times* hopes that the present condition of Bulgaria may make Russia more ready to leave to Europe the task, the difficulty of which seems so far only to have been insured by the overthrow of the Turkish power.

The situation in Bulgaria is regarded as very significant, and some of the papers believe it may accelerate the course of negotiations. It is manifest that the Bulgarians are taking a terrible revenge for the Turkish outrages of 1876, and, while the country may fall again into a condition of anarchy, rapine, and blood-thirsty reprisals, Mussulmans are goaded to despair by the tyranny of their former victims. The country is full of refugees from the scattered armies and disbanded garrisons of the Turks. These form a nucleus of insurrection, and they are joined by the inhabitants of the Mussulman villages, and they carry on a guerilla warfare against the native chieftains and Russian troops. Thus, though peace is nominally established in the East, anarchy reigns in Bulgaria, as it did before the war. The insurgents are not fighting for Turkey against Russia, but, as they say, are fighting only for their own lives and honor.

The Russian troops are the only organized force in the country, and the task of repression of disturbances falls on them. Regarding the situation, the *Times*, in a leading article, says: "While Europe is negotiating about securing the blessings of peace and freedom to Eastern lands, Christians and Mussulmans in Bulgaria are flying at each other's throats. The whole country south of the Balkans, notwithstanding the presence of the Russian army, is in a condition which shocked Europe and convulsed England two years ago. Russia for the moment seems as powerless as Turkey was, and it is time Europe should again attempt to do collectively what no single Power can do alone."

Eastern Items.

The *Agence Russe*, of St. Petersburg, says: "If the disposition everywhere is as conciliatory as here, there is reason to hope for a satisfactory result to the present complications."

Prince Gortschakoff and Prince Bismarck are both ill; the latter has erysipelas in the loins.

A Constantinople dispatch says 20,000 irregulars in the district of Batoum refuse to lay down their arms.

Italy has notified England of her disposition to support the latter's demand for laying the treaty before the congress, provided England states her views in regard to the system to be introduced in Bulgaria. Germany and Italy have both taken steps to induce England to make such a statement of her views before continuing her military preparations.

TEMPERANCE.

RICHMOND THEATRE.

THOMAS N. DOUTNEY
will on THIS EVENING hold his TEMPERANCE MEETING at the Richmond Theatre. In addition to his lecture and the music from the quartette the services of SIGNOR ALESANDRO LIBERATI have been secured, who will appear for the first time before a Richmond audience with his Magic Cornet and Kylephone. At the same time the Richmond Temperance Reform Club will be organized.
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