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ALEXANDRIA:

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 22, 1858.

The late advices from Eng and announce that a variety of new Atlantic telegraphic projects, offering tempting inducements to capitalists and embracing essential modifications in the construction and scientific workings of the cable, are already discussed in that country. Among these it is said that the plan of Mr. Rowett has attracted much attention, as well from the simplicity of the cable he proposes, as from the cheapness with which he offers to construct for the ocean between the points of Valonia and Trinity Bay—the contract price per mile for which he engages to take it across the Atlantic, in working order, amounting in the aggregate to less than a million of dollars.

The Baltimore American says that Mr. Swann, the Mayor of Baltimore, convinced that his orders for the preservation of order and the protection of voters at the polls, were either inefficiently performed or entirely disregarded by many of the officers on duty on election day, has already dismissed a large number against whom charges have been substantiated, and is now prepared to fill the vacancies thus created with the best and most reliable men that can be obtained for the service.

Preparations are going on upon an extended scale for the annual Fair of the Agricultural Society of the United States, which is to be held this year at Richmond, during the next week. The annual address is to be delivered by a distinguished statesman and orator of New England, the Hon. Caleb Cushing. Addresses are also to be delivered by Governor Wise, and Messrs. William C. Rives, James Lyons, and William H. Macfarland.

Oliver A. Hobson, indicted for shooting James Hanbury, on the 4th of January last, with intent to kill, was tried before the Circuit Court of Richmond on Wednesday, adjudged guilty, and in accordance with the verdict of the jury, sentenced to three months imprisonment in the city jail, and the payment of a fine of \$1—the imprisonment to be prolonged for three months, unless the said fine and costs of prosecution be paid before the expiration of that term.

The committee appointed by the Medical Society of Richmond county New York, to investigate the number of yellow fever cases which have occurred outside the walls of quarantine during the past season, have made their report, setting down the total number to the present date at thirty-nine, and the deaths at sixteen.

The New York Post says: The number of likenesses taken by photographic process daily in this country, exceeds calculation.—The present era, as we have intimated, may be styled the era of photography, and the present generation, will leave more portraits for posterity to remember them by than any that has preceded it.

The Fair of the Loudoun Agricultural Society, at Leesburg, was well attended, and gave much satisfaction. A yearling colt belonging to Mr. N. Berkeley took the premium, among the horses. The Society realized a profit of about \$800 by the fair.

The property, books, seal &c, of the National Monument Association in Washington, have been formally delivered up to the old Board of Managers, who, without opposition, will now take the management of affairs.

The Democratic State ticket has been elected in Indiana, and the Indiana State Journal says that the result of the Congressional election is not a "Republican" victory, but an Anti Leconte triumph.

Gen. Duff Green is writing in the Philadelphia papers on the subject of Banking, &c. He writes a great deal, on a great many topics.

The Union announces that Mr. J. Glancy Jones has been appointed Minister to Austria. His adoption by the President has followed close upon his defeat for Congress.

We regret to see that in several counties of the state there appears to be much indifference as to "reorganizing the militia," or even electing the officers.

Dr. W. Sherman, Surgeon in the United States Navy, has appealed to Secretary Toumey from the decision of a court martial dismissing him from the African squadron.

Salt was quoted at Turk's Island on the 2d inst, at 7 1/8 cents, with more than half a million bushels on hand.

The Circuit Court for Loudoun County, commenced its Fall term last Monday.

The Railroad Reports and Documents, necessarily exclude much miscellaneous reading. Advertisements omitted will be attended to in our next.

What's in a Name! The Democrats of Orleans county, in the State of New York, recently assembled in convention, to take action upon the political questions of the day, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the terms Hunker, Barnburner, Softshell and Hardshell, have become obsolete, and hereafter will be known only by the term Democrat; and that we will regard all as such who are sound upon national politics and adhere to the usages of the party.

African having determined that they have a "local habitation and a name," they adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Democracy were raised up by Providence to govern the country.

News of the Day.

"To show the very age and body of the TIMES." Intelligence has been received from Venezuela, dated at Caracas on the 25th of September. Friendly relations were fully restored between that republic and England and France. The country was enjoying repose, and the people anxiously awaiting the return of Gen. Paez, to whom the next presidency would be tendered.

A Cincinnati paper notices the last solitary banquet of a "last man's" club in that city. In the cholera season of 1832, seven gentlemen agreed to meet annually and dine once together as long as they lived, a bottle of wine to be sealed and drunk in memory by the last survivor. The first reunion was held on the 6th October, 1832, and on the 6th October, 1858, Dr. Vattier, sole survivor of the seven, drank from the bottle and pledged the six dead friends, whose empty plates were his only society at the last melancholy feast.

A committee of the stockholders of the New Haven County Bank have reported that more than half the capital has been wasted by reckless speculation. The report fixes the blame on the president who has loaned large sums without the knowledge of the directors, in one instance loaning \$30,000 to Henry Dwight, without receipt. A new board is to be chosen. The bills of the bank will be good, the stockholders sustaining the loss.—There is much excitement.

A woman, formerly of Newark, N. J., but who for the past year had been living in Chicago, a few days since started, with a sick child in her arms to return to Newark.—When near Cleveland, Ohio, the child died in her arms. The mother, disconsolate, and far from friends, with scarcely money enough to reach home, rather than leave her babe among strangers, continued on her journey, and reached Newark, having carried the dead infant in her arms the entire distance.

The clergy of England are making vigorous onslaughts on the customs of wearing hoops and diminutive bonnets. At a recent meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a Rev. Mr. Marriot quoted scripture to prove that both these gay fashions were irreligious. It is said that his fair auditors showed no visible signs of contrition or repentance.

The schr. E. H. Miller, at Providence, from Gillimiere river brings news that Dr. Livingstone had gone up the Nile with his small steamer. The disturbances with the native tribes continued, and the new Governor had started with a force of three native and forty European troops against them. News had been received of a victory over the natives at Champanee, on the Zambesi.

At Pungkeepie, a young lady named Catharine Ritcher, has recovered \$5,500 damages from the Hudson River Railroad Company, for personal injuries, consisting of a crushed foot. She attempted to get out of the car, when it started, threw her down and crushed her foot. Her father had previously recovered \$750 for the loss of her services and for medical attendances.

The geological museum of the late Hugh Miller has been purchased by the Government for £500. In addition to this sum another of about £600, subscribed all over the country, with a view to the purchase of the collection, will be handed to Mr. Miller's widow. The collection will remain in the Edinburgh Museum.

An interesting little son of Mr. Widdowson, a clerk in the office of the auditor of the Post Office Department, Washington, on Wednesday morning, was choked to death by a piece of meat getting into the windpipe. Dr. Holston was called to his assistance, but arrived too late to prevent fatal consequences, although he made an incision into the windpipe.

The citizens of Norfolk are contributing liberally for the relief of the yellow fever sufferers at New Orleans, and have resolved also to extend aid to those of Charleston, if necessary. At the town meeting, held on Monday night, a large sum was subscribed on the spot, after which collecting committees were appointed.

The New York Journal of Commerce in a recent number expresses the confident belief that the desired union of the two continents can be most surely effected by a system of telegraphic connections extending across the American continent, via Bering's Straits, thence through the Asiatic and European dominions of Russia.

A dispatch from St. Louis, says, the steamboat Flying Cloud was sunk on the 17th inst., at Devil's Island. The boat cost \$55,000, and was insured for \$15,000. The same day the steamboat R-4th was sunk at Cape Island, valued at \$20,000; insured for \$15,000. Both boats will be raised.

The St. Louis Republican contains a letter from the Hon. James B. Clay, of Ky., in favor of the success of Judge Douglas, in Illinois; and it promises a similar letter from the Hon. J. Crittenden in a few days. Gov. Chase, of Ohio, is about to take the stump in Illinois in opposition to Douglas.

Letters announce the affluence intelligence that Rev. S. Keener C. D. D., formerly pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church Ninth Street, Washington, and recently President of the Lyceum (Va.) College is lying dangerously ill at his residence in Lynchburg.

The London News is quite hopeful that the combined improvements of Hughes, Thompson, and Helly, would, when they reached Trinity Bay, triumph over the existing difficulty in transmitting intelligible signals through the cable.

We notice with pleasure indications of reviving business in various sections of the Union. It is not likely that any important change will take place before spring, but it is quite certain that the feeling has greatly improved within a few months.

Upwards of two hundred new suits have been instituted in the next term of the Circuit Court for Essex county. The average number per term, for the last seventy years, has never exceeded seventy-five.

Jones' Hotel, at Philadelphia, was sold out on Monday by the sheriff. It appears that the proprietors have lost money, although the house was always full of visitors.

The chess match between Morphy and Harrwitz, has been brought to a termination by the illness of the latter. The game stood: Morphy 5, Harrwitz 2, drawn 1.

The Philadelphia North American estimates the population of that city at the present time to be in the neighborhood of 650,000.

The Admiral of the French fleet in the Gulf of Mexico has left Paris with energetic instructions to protect the property and persons of French citizens in Mexico.

At New Orleans, Oct. 20, the fever again showed an increase, but in the Charity Hospital the deaths are less numerous, the number for the twenty-four hours being only five.

Causes Assigned.

We can detect causes and influences which operate, not only to retard and fetter our coal mining enterprise but every pursuit and every individual exertion; but also the prosperity of the whole community. We feel that this is not the time nor the place to discuss these causes and influences, but in this connection we would mention a few of them, and leave a full discussion for another and more appropriate occasion.

First: We propose, that the policy of the Central Government is not such as to encourage and protect industrial pursuits generally.

Second: That our home legislation has been insufficient and often impractical.

Third: No State or community can prosper, or advance under the single pursuit of tilling the earth.

Fourth: The people, who constitute the bone and muscle of communities, are chiefly uneducated, and therefore incapable of individual enterprise.

Fifth: Lack of business, or practical information and enterprise, the result of our previous propensities.

Sixth: Want of capital, arising from these and various other causes.

Seventh: Dependence on others for commercial and financial facilities, arising from indirect exports and imports.

Eighth: Unfinished internal improvements or investments that confer little or no benefit.

Ninth: Destruction of external trade.

Tenth: No State, however rich in internal resources, can be prosperous without development. These and many other propensities might be advanced, as reasons for the low state in which we find our industrial, commercial and financial facilities or condition, and therefore, since we cannot find any direct or local agency, must be amongst the reasons why our coal fields, our iron mountains and our minerals generally are of so little direct or immediate benefit to the people, individually, or the State at large; for these reasons and our manufacturing facilities run waste, and our soils are impoverished.—Rich. Eng.

Tragedy in Arkansas. We learn from Mr. J. D. Harris, of Pontotoc county, that an awful tragedy was enacted in that county a few days since, in which three men were killed. There was a free negro living in that county, who some time since killed a white man near Fort Smith, and Governor Harris issued orders to Mr. Young Brown, sheriff of that county, to arrest him. He accordingly, with two other men, went to arrest him. When they got near the house the negro ran to a crib where he had fire-arms. One of the sheriff's men ran to the door of the crib, and seeing the negro there with a pistol, he ran away, and the other man that was with the sheriff then ran up to the door, when the negro shot him dead. The sheriff then shot the negro, wounding him; at the same time the sheriff received a shot in the head, the ball entering the upper part of the skull. The sheriff, though badly wounded, then clinched the negro, but having no knife the negro cut him all to pieces, and thus ended his troubles. The negro being wounded, found he could not get away, and shot himself. His mother and wife laid him out, thinking they would give him a decent burial, but Mr. Harris's father-in-law took the body, threw it on a log-head, and burnt it up.—Chic and Chic Herald.

The Fort Smith Times says:—The negro above referred to undoubtedly the one who, in cold blood, and without cause, murdered Mr. S. B. Stephens, in this county, two or three years ago. He was a desperate negro, and has met his just reward, though at the sacrifice of the lives of three men.

A Novelty. We had the pleasure of listening to an explanation, on Monday last, of a new mode of imparting instruction in dancing invented by Professor H. Krouse, who has been teaching with much success in California and some of the Atlantic cities, and comes here with excellent testimonials as to his ability. This system appears to be founded upon mathematical and scientific principles and to be worthy of public attention. The theory is that as there are seven notes in the musical scale, by the various combinations of which all kinds of harmonies are made, so there are seven steps which compose all kinds of dances, and each of these steps is represented by a character, so that in a few lessons the pupil is able to read a dance as though any music, and a class can dance at sight.

Professor claims that this method saves much time, and is more thorough than the ordinary method of teaching dancing; and he is about forming classes in which the practical advantages of his invention will be made apparent.—Union.

William and Mary College. Last week the College of William and Mary opened under the new organization made by the Board of Visitors at their meeting in July last. This organization, the Norfolk Argus says, does not materially differ from the old, except in omitting the department of law and dividing that of languages into two departments. There are now six departments or schools, and Belles Lettres and Intellectual Philosophy and Belles Lettres, History, Political Economy and Constitutional Law, Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, Mathematics, Latin, Latin Literature, French, Spanish and Italian, and Greek, Greek Literature and German. The course of studies in each department has been extended, and requires three years of study, making the undergraduate course as extensive and as thorough as in any institution in the United States.

Alexandria Market, Oct. 21. We have no change to note in the market for breadstuffs, and in the absence of large transactions, we cannot give reliable quotations, though there has been no change of importance.

The Markets. BALTIMORE, October 21.—Flour is dull but steady; Howard street and Ohio \$5.25. Wheat closed firm; red, 115 1/2; white 123 1/2. Corn is firm; white 74 1/2; yellow 83 1/2. Whiskey is steady at 24 1/2. Provisions are dull; bulk meats 60c.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Flour is firm; State at \$4.25; Ohio \$4.40; Ohio \$4.35; Southern \$4.50. Wheat is lower; Western red 103 1/2. Corn is lower; mixed 70 1/2. Pork is steady; mess 116 1/2; prime \$14 1/2. Lard is steady at 104 1/2. Whiskey is steady at 24 1/2.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A large sale of coffee took place this morning, including 4,000 bags of Rio at 10 1/2; average 11 1/2; his light bags Java at 14 1/2; 25,000 bags Java with drawn for private sale, 4,000 bags of Rio were drawn on private terms.

GEORGETOWN MARKET.—\$11 a good demand for wheat at good prices, \$1.28. White corn also in good demand at \$1.75.

WASHINGTON PRICE CURRENT.—Rye 70 to 75 cts. Oats 44 to 45c. Corn, white 50 to 52c. Potatoes 80c to 1c.

ESTRAY STEER OR BEEF.—Came to my residence, on Sunday, the 17th inst., a RED STEER OR BEEF. On his right horn are the initials "S. H." He is marked with a cross and ring cut out the right ear, and two rings on the left. His stomach and the end of his tail are white. The owner will prove property, pay charges, and take him away. THOMAS W. SWANN, Oct. 22—31\* Oakville, near Alexandria.

Letter from Alexandria.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

WINCHESTER, Va., October 20, 1858.—The Alexandria Riflemen, under command of Capt. Arthur Herbert, and the officers of the Mount Vernon Guards, arrived here yesterday afternoon, about 4 o'clock. They were received by the Morgan Continentals, of Winchester, Capt. B. Washington, and the Hamtramck Guards, Capt. Butler, of Shepherdston. After marching through the principal streets, the battalion halted in front of the Court House, where the welcome speech was delivered by C. Lewis Brent, esq., of this place. The address was received with great applause, and was a beautiful production, reflecting great credit upon the orator.

After the address, the Riflemen were marched to the Morgan Continentals' Armory, where they stacked arms, and were taken in charge by the military and citizens. They are quartered amongst the citizens of the place. Your correspondent, Lieut. Humphreys, Ed. Ashby, and Chas. Jett, had the good luck to enjoy the unbounded hospitality of William Miller, esq. Our quarters were lucky in getting into such good quarters, as Mr. M. is, every inch of him, a Virginia gentleman.

The town is crowded with strangers. The New York Cavalry, of Frederick county, commanded by Capt. Drake, and the Augusta Guards, of Staunton, Capt. Baylor, arrived here yesterday. By invitation of the Ladies, the Riflemen visited the Continental Fair, last night. The beauty of Winchester was well represented. The Winchester Band was present, and performed some beautiful airs during the evening.

The Alexandria boys are making friends every where, and getting quite popular, especially with the ladies. The Riflemen were complimented very highly upon the admirable manner in which they were drilled. They will, decidedly, be the best drilled company in the parade to-day.

Efforts are being made to induce the Riflemen to stay until Friday next, but I presume they will reach home to-morrow. D.

MARRIED. On the 19th inst., at the Assembly Church, by the Rev. Andrew G. Carothers, Mr. THOMPSON, to Miss JOSEPHINE C. DAVIS, daughter of Samuel Davis, esq., both of Washington.

On the 19th instant, in Bridge Street Church, Georgetown, by the Rev. J. H. Boeck, D. D., CHARLES G. TALCOTT, of Washington city, to THEODOSSIA LAWRENCE, daughter of the late Robert Barard, of Normanston, D. C.

On this city, on Tuesday, the 19th instant, MATTIE F. A., the wife of William Francis McLean, in the 27th year of her age.

She was a prey to consumption, and lingered through weary months and years of suffering—lingering towards that grave, which is to all a certainty, but was to her an open and expounded fate. It was a human being looked through the eyes of death, she was that being, who she gave kind counsel—the husband whom she comforted in his hours of trial, and who now looks to her as an angel in Heaven—all can bear witness to the unflinching spirit that bore her up, and sustained her in the shadow of the dark valley. Her life had been one long sermon, acted and felt, upon the noblest of all texts—"humanity." Her departure was the first closing of such a scene, and to all who beheld it better than a hundred homilies. Truly, the weak are strong in Christ.

Religion had in her the most constant of servants and examples.

She leaned upon the staff, while bending beneath the rod. "Thy rod, and thy staff, O Lord." "And to her hour of death.

The red roband was given, Faith, and courage, and trust in breath, Hymn of praise, and trust in Heaven. And they, the few who knew her well, In their hearts her words remain.

Then in good time the sufferer fell, She did not live, or die in vain" (Washington city, Baltimore, and Hagerstown papers will please copy)

On the 20th inst., EMMA ELIZA BROWN, the wife of Thomas Brown, in the 24th year of her age, died of cholera, and was buried on the 21st inst. Her husband attended her funeral, and departed on the 22nd inst. from the residence of her parents, James and Catherine Walker, near the corner of King and Pitt streets.

In this city, on the 20th instant, RICHARD NORMAN, only child of Joseph W. and Sarah C. Wells, aged 2 years and 6 days.

And is my dear boy gone, That precious darling fled, And his mortal frame, Reposing with the dead?

Yes, yes, the conflict's o'er, The mortal strife is past; Our Norman is no more, We saw him breathe his last.

ALMANAC. 1858. SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, OCTOBER. RISES SETS MOON'S PHASES.

22 Friday... 6 34 5 26 3. N. M. 23 Saturday... 6 36 5 24 Full... 22 9. M. 24 Sunday... 6 37 5 23 Last q... 29 3 23 M. 25 Monday... 6 38 5 22 First... 5 11 58 M. 26 Tuesday... 6 39 5 21 New... 3 32 M. 27 Wednesday... 6 40 5 20 High water. 28 Thursday... 6 41 5 19 Oct 22 6 41

MAKING LIST. PORT OF ALEXANDRIA—OCTOBER 21. SAILED. Sebr. Cornelia, Dainty, Philadelphia, coal by D. A. Lowe.

Sebr. Warstedt, Smith, New York, coal by Borden Mining Co.

Sebr. Transit, Davis, New York, coal by Fowle & Co.

Sebr. Alvarado, Dawes, Norfolk, coal by D. B. Smith.

Sebr. Mary Ann, Bowen, Newburg, coal by D. A. Lowe.

Sebr. John Rogers, Elliot, Providence, coal by D. A. Lowe.

MEMORANDA. Sebrs. J. W. McKee, Satterly, C. A. Crook, Dillingham, Eliza Farrow, Cranmer, Ann Maddala, Butter, Sarah Edwards, Davis, and H. Lewis, Chambers, from this port, and J. R. Giffilan, Smith, from Georgetown, D. C., arrived at New York, 19th inst.

Sebrs. Ellen Sawyer, Snow, from Boston, for this port, arrived at Holmes' Hole, 17th inst; Wm. H. Dennis, Hewitt, from do., for Washington, D. C., sailed 19th.

Sebrs. Maria Tibben, Bray, from this port, arrived at Boston, 18th inst; Ingomar, Cahoon, for Georgetown, D. C., el'd at do. 19th inst.

Sebr. M. C. Durie, Hall, for this port, sailed from Providence, 18th inst.

Sebr. Sarah Ann, Gray, from this port, arrived at Newbern, N. C., 16th inst.

NOTICE.—The undersigned hereby gives notice, that he will shortly open a RETAIL GROCERY STORE, near the upper end of King street, Alexandria, Va., where he will commence and carry on business as Agent for FRANCIS MILLAN. I wish to be happy to see my friends and former customers. W. M. SMITH, Oct 22—42w

LOCAL ITEMS.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ORANGE & ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Examining Committee respectfully report, that they have carefully examined that part of the company's Road, extending from Alexandria to Gordonsville, and find it, throughout its whole length, in most excellent condition.

The Bridges throughout the whole of the line of the Road, were found to be in good order, and all of them except a small work at Cameron Run, have been placed in a substantial and permanent condition.

The small bridge at Cameron is now being renewed by a permanent stone structure, which, when completed, will remove the last of the temporary works erected upon the first opening of the road, and consequently relieve the Company, in the future, from the heavy expenditures, which it has heretofore been subjected to, in respect of these works.

The various Depot houses, were found to be in good condition, with the exception of the one at Mitchell's Station, and your Committee deeming that sufficient, at present, for all the works and necessities of the Company, have no change or improvement on any of them, to recommend.

The various Depot Agents, so far as your Committee have been able to ascertain, have properly discharged their duties.

The workshops of the Company at Alexandria, were inspected by your Committee, who take pleasure in reporting the favorable opinion expressed by the Examining Committee of the past year, not only in respect to the importance of these workshops to the Company's interest, but to the manner in which they have been conducted, under the management of the efficient Master of Machinery, who has them in charge.

The attention of your Committee has been directed to the subject of iron travel, which has heretofore been one of interest to the Stockholders, in their annual meetings, and they found that on the 9th of April last, the Directors made the following order: "Ordered, that the regulations of the Company, respecting free travel, be rigidly carried out, and that the passing of any person free, without the exhibition of written authority from the Company, will be considered sufficient cause for the removal of the conductor, and that the failure of a conductor to report any person passing free will also be cause for removal." This order was immediately communicated to the different conductors, who, so far as your Committee have been able to discover, have faithfully observed its requirements.

The books and accounts of the Company, in the office of the Secretary and Treasurer, were all found in good condition, and their correctness tested by comparing many of the charges and vouchers, which in every instance were found to correspond.

The report of the President and Directors will show the receipts and expenditures of the Company, for the past fiscal year, as also the general financial condition of the company.

From this report it will be seen that the gross receipts from working the line of road now in operation, have fallen short of the total cost of the past year, in the sum of about \$14,000, and the expenditures have been reduced to a much larger ratio, leaving the net or clear profit for the present year, considerably more than those of the past. The causes for this small diminution in the gross receipts, are set forth in the President's Report, and your Committee deem it unnecessary to report them here, but they consider the large reduction in the expenditures a most gratifying result, as they are of opinion that it is only by a system of the most rigid economy in this branch of the company's interests, that the Stockholders may expect any benefit from their investments.

To the General Superintendent is confided the direction and management of the working operations of the road, and to him your Committee believe is mainly due the credit for the large reduction in the expenses referred to.

A portion of your Committee made a personal inspection of the whole line of the extension of the Company's Road, from Charlottesville to Lynchburg.

The line throughout its whole length passes through a hilly rugged country, presenting numerous natural obstacles, difficult to overcome; the excavations at many points are very heavy, and have been made through solid rock, necessarily involving a large expenditure of time and money. Much of the masonry has already been completed, and the residue is rapidly being done, and will doubtless be ready by the time the graduation shall have been finished. This branch of the work has been done in the most substantial and durable manner, and your Committee believe will compare favorably with any other work of like character, within the State; in fact, the whole of the work has been done in such a manner, that when it is opened for trade and travel, the cost for repairs and reconstruction will be rather much less than has occurred upon the residue of the Company's road, and in the end will be found more advantageous to the Stockholders.

Your Committee do not deem themselves competent to form any reliable opinion as to the time when this work can be completed and opened for use, but they were assured by the Resident Engineers, who have the work in charge, that this can be done with proper exertions, certainly within another year; and as the completion of this work ever since it has been undertaken by the Stockholders, has been regarded as of paramount importance, your Committee would earnestly recommend that it now be pressed forward with the least possible delay, believing as they do, that any additional cost that may be incurred by thus forcing it to completion, will be more than repaid by the early realization of the profits anticipated. The Resident Engineers attended your Committee upon their visit, through their respective residences, and were most diligent and attentive in showing the progress of the work, and in doing it but your Committee, who have been so long acquainted with the important and responsible duties confided to them, with great skill and fidelity.

The Examining Committee of the past year, in their report, expressed their disapprobation of the expenditures for engineering, on the Lynchburg extension, and those of your Committee, who were members of the Committee for the past year, avail themselves of this occasion to say they are fully convinced that the Resident Engineers, at least, have not received more compensation than their laborious services justly entitle them to. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ZEPH. TURNER, JR. PHILIP C. SLAUGHTER, JR. DANIEL F. SLAUGHTER, T. T. HILL, C. F. STETTLER.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday night, the Stockholders of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, assembled at the Lyceum Hall, and were called to order by the Chairman, Col. N. S. Shephard.

Henry Shackelford presented a communication from the ladies having charge of the Fair, for the benefit of St. Mary's Hall, inviting the meeting to visit their fair at American Hall.

J. J. Halsey, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the report of the Pres-

ident and Directors, and the accompanying documents, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the President and Directors, Chief Engineer, General Superintendent, and Treasurer of the Orange & Alexandria Railroad Company, beg leave to report, that upon consideration of these documents, they with pleasure note the gratifying fact, that whilst owing to the operations of the road, the gross receipts for the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of September 1858, have been somewhat less than for the preceding year, yet from the rigid system of economy introduced in the management of the road, the net earnings of the road have been considerably increased, whilst proper care has been taken to render substantial and permanent many of the originally temporary structures along the line of the road.

The Committee further note with pleasure, that the reports above mentioned, show the available resources to complete the Extension of the road to Lynchburg, to be \$1,120,524.20, being in the present state of progress of the work, more than sufficient to complete, and stock the entire line of the road, and to render it unnecessary to offer in the market the entire amount of the 8 per cent. bonds, heretofore authorized for the purpose of raising the same.

The Committee therefore fully commend the said reports, and policy resorted to by the present officers of the Company, to a favorable reception and adoption by the Stockholders.

In reference to the resolution relating to the running of trains on the road on the Sabbath, this Committee deem it inexpedient at this time, to recommend any action on the part of the Stockholders.

J. J. HALSEY, Chairman.

Dr. C. W. Ashby felt anxious to have an expression of opinion from the Stockholders present, in reference to running trains on the road on Sunday. He urged the advantages that would accrue from a suspension of trains on the Sabbath day. It was but a very slight delay, and the Post Master General was perfectly willing that the change should be made in the transportation of the mails.—There was, too, a principle involved. We were a Christian people, and it was our duty to stop this desecration of the Sabbath. It was demoralizing; and he hoped that the Stockholders would here express their disapprobation of a continuation of this violation of God's command.

J. G. Field moved that a vote be taken on the adoption of the first part of the report.

G. D. Gray said that the subject under consideration (the running of the trains on Sunday) had been of the deepest concern to him. He had attended this meeting for the purpose of presenting a resolution similar to the one offered by his friend, Dr. Ashby. He said that he thought the resolution would be adopted by the present meeting, but he wanted to obtain an expression of opinion on the subject, from the Stockholders, in reference to the matter. He wanted to clear his conscience. It was