

LOCAL NEWS.

REMARKABLE LECTURE.—Starting Views—Sin and its Conception—Five Love Nations—Woman's Rights—Common Pers.—Cause of Color—Why People are Rogues, &c. &c.—Last night Mrs. M. G. Brown, whose advent has created some sensation in this city by reason of the startling views she entertains in regard to life, death and the marriage state, delivered a lecture in the parlor of the Mansion House. Mrs. Brown, who is a lady apparently of about 75 years of age, very stout and imposing looking, commenced her lecture by saying that she owed all her knowledge of theology to her father—That she had gone where man could never go in the pursuit of knowledge; namely, into Eternity. She declared that God did not make the devil, but left her audience in the dark as to who did. That God was never alone in Heaven as some have supposed. That as the inauguration of a President of the U. S. necessitates the employment of persons to carry on the measures of the government, so God was obliged to employ ambassadors to carry out his views. Man is not made after the image of God, as ministers maintain. An image is stationary, and all knew that man went sometimes forward and then backward, and was never stationary. The ministers of the present day would not go after knowledge. A great many of them did not believe in Jesus Christ. She hinted that the lack of knowledge in the ministry was owing to their being fond of the company of others, and that it would be better were they to be by themselves more. Eve was taken from the bosom of man; the devil soon took possession of Eve, and caused her to bring forth Cain. After he was born, she awoke to her sin and then brought forth Able. What the devil delights in was the birth of children. He first secures the mother and she transmits her sins to the child. Were it not for this the devil would kill every child as soon as born. Death was not the work of God; he would be glad if man were to live for ever. It was the devil who caused death. He killed all who he thought would live to the glory of Christ. The marriage state had never worked well, and never would until woman was allowed to be at the head of affairs. Woman represented Christ in this world. Woman had been since the world began a prey to the lusts of man; had been murdered and brutally treated. It would not be so much longer. Woman would be taken from man. He would no longer have her to attend to and minister unto him. The birth of children would soon end. God was coming; children would be born but God would sow the seed. (Seeing one of our prominent citizens looking startled at these views, she remarked that some persons might be allowed to retain their wives, at which our friend seemed greatly relieved.) There should be, she said, in the family circle no separate purses, and there should be only one purse—all should be allowed to come and take freely. That was the plan she pursued. She was disgusted at the meanness of men—buttoning up their pockets and swearing to their wives that they had not a cent—not allowing them enough money even to get a new bonnet. That was the cause of so much stealing in the world. Mothers had to steal money to provide clothes for the coming infant, and consequently the vice was transmitted to the child. She never allowed any man to keep her purse. (It was observed that several ladies in the audience looked very intently at their "liege lords" while these views were promulgated, but the gaze was not returned.) Mrs. Brown would assure everybody that there need be no fear of death. She could prevent it. She had staggered upon the cure. Life was like the earth, it became parched and needed watering. The "Metaphysical Discovery" would cure all. The liquid she discovered must be poured into the head, ears, eyes, &c. It would put water into the body, and life would never go out. (A gentleman in the audience was heard to ask would not so much water be injurious and apt to cause dropsy. There was a great reason why God made negroes black. (Mrs. Brown several times asked whether she should state the reasons, and murmurs of assent were heard, but she refused to do so.) She closed with an earnest appeal to all to rescue themselves, and seek the benefit of her discovery, which she was willing to impart—either for nothing or for five dollars—the latter preferred. It is a source of regret that the lecture cannot be given in full. It was a most remarkable production, and as a friend said, if all she said were true, he believed he would at once commence to get ready to leave this world, or at least, his home, for if Mrs. — obtained possession of the purse, there would be no more happiness for him in this life. There was a large audience, and among them some of the judiciary of the State.

AN ALEXANDRIAN IN ST. DOMINGO.—A REMINISCENCE.—One of the results of the visit of the Commissioners and their suite to the Island of St. Domingo, is the resuscitation of one of our old towns-people, well known to the Alexandrians of the last generation, and who now resides on the Island, but whose numerous enquires about Alexandria and everybody in it showed that he had not forgotten his native place or its old inhabitants. The person alluded to is JOHN B. HEPBURN, who emigrated to St. Domingo somewhere about the year of our Lord 1830, and was known there as Count Lemonade. The Count was a celebrated confectioner while residing here, and was famous for the grandiloquence of his business advertisements, of which the following announcement of the opening of a "gingerale fountain," on one occasion, furnishes a brilliant example. He brought that refreshing beverage to the notice of the public in the following style: "John B. Hepburn has the felicity of announcing to his friends the delectable intelligence that he has now ready to offer to them as a palliative to the calorous and desiccating atmosphere an ambrosial beverage which he introduces as a succulent of the season, the Oriental Vinum appellated Ginger Ale."

IMMIGRATION.—The regular monthly meeting of the Immigration Association took place at the Custom House yesterday evening at 2 o'clock, but owing to the unfavorable weather the attendance was not as large as usual. Several new members were admitted, however, and the names of others proposed. Judge Gray, of Falls Church, addressed the Association on the advantages of this section of Virginia, and showed how many it possessed over the north and northwest in respect especially to the raising of fruit. Mr. F. E. Corbett, of Arlington, introduced the subject of railroads, and after a long discussion, in which it was generally conceded that this whole section of the State, south of the Potomac and adjacent to Alexandria and Washington, has been and is still greatly retarded in its rapid improvement by a lack of local railroad facilities, a committee was appointed to investigate the subject of the comparative advantages of the environs of this and other cities and report the result to the next meeting of the Association. The Association took a recess, and reassembled at night, when there was a general discussion on various topics connected with the objects had in view by the Association, and at a late hour it adjourned to meet on the 1st Monday in May at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Custom House. The Association took a recess, and reassembled at night, when there was a general discussion on various topics connected with the objects had in view by the Association, and at a late hour it adjourned to meet on the 1st Monday in May at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Custom House. The Association took a recess, and reassembled at night, when there was a general discussion on various topics connected with the objects had in view by the Association, and at a late hour it adjourned to meet on the 1st Monday in May at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Custom House.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The building east of the Gazette office has been handsomely and conveniently fitted up by Mr. H. Jacobs, and is now occupied by S. C. Neale, esq., one of our promising young lawyers, as his office. The drug store of Messrs. Warfield & Hall, at the corner of Prince and Fairfax streets, also owned by Mr. H. Jacobs, is being improved by a more modern front, which, when completed, will give it a very handsome appearance. The interior arrangement of the store will also be changed and made more attractive. A handsome new front is to be made on the building owned by Mr. R. H. Miller, on Fairfax street, next door to E. S. Leadbeater & Bro's. drug store. COUNTY COURT.—QUARTERLY TERM.—The quarterly term of the County Court for this county, Judge R. H. Cockerille, presiding, which commenced yesterday, was closed today. An order confirming the report of Commissioners setting apart a homestead for Mary A. Boyd, widow of S. V. Boyd, was entered; and a decree in the chancery case of Beuchler vs. Walker et als, rendered, referring the matter in controversy to a commissioner. The case of T. W. Swann vs. L. C. O'Neil was continued till the next term. ANNIVERSARY.—The members of Humboldt Lodge, No. 39, U. O. G. B., will celebrate their first anniversary to-night. The lodge has been a success, as will be attested by all the members, and has done a great deal of good among the German portion of our population. The membership of the lodge is steadily increasing, the life insurance feature being the main attraction. To-night the following officers will be installed by Deputy Wm. Metzger, viz: Ph. Vogelgesang, O. M.; L. Bendheim, U. M.; H. Bender, K. I. Hreh, C. S.; Theo. Volten, F. S.; and Chas. Brill, Sch. A "SLIP UP."—It is stated that the Committee of the Virginia Legislature with their retinue, who left for Philadelphia on Monday, did not find a car in waiting at the Washington Depot, but had, like other people, to walk up to the captain's office and "pay down." This was a disappointment to some, at least, who expected that the trip was to be a sort of "dead head" affair all the way through. It is to be hoped that they will fare better in Philadelphia, or their stay there will be shortened, and the arrangements for "the centennial" be left incomplete. ALEXANDRIA GRAYS.—A meeting of this new volunteer company was held at their armory last night, when several additional members, active and honorary, were elected. An order for a uniform cap was given. The company went through the drill in which they are improving rapidly. The organization deserves the active encouragement of our citizens. DEATH OF A SOLDIER OF 1812.—John W. Ellman, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, died at his residence, near Gueenspring, Loudoun Co. Va., on Sunday, last aged 84 years. RETAINED LETTERS.—The following letters are detained in the post office of this city for the want of stamps: William R. Rust, Richmond Va.; James Keyser, Philadelphia. LIGHT-HOUSE.—There is an appropriation of \$12,500 for a light-house at Shipping Point, north of Quantico bay, Va., in the new deficiency appropriation bill. TELEGRAPHIC. DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE. FROM WASHINGTON. CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Senate, to-day, took up the Georgia Senatorial election case of Blodgett against Miller. Mr. Blair, of Missouri, addressed the Senate denouncing the usurpation by which the rights of the people of Georgia were trodden under foot. The House continued the discussion of the Shellbargen Ku Klux bill, Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, occupying the floor. FOREIGN NEWS. PARIS, April 2d—12:15 p. m.—A cannonade from Valerieu at the rate of two shots per minute is proceeding; a sharp musketry fire towards Mendon. It is reported that the Nationals suffered severely from Valerieu's fire. Nothing precise is obtainable. It is reported the committee believed Valerieu would not fire on the Nationals who occupy Vanoues, Issy and Montreuge in force. The Versailles train was stopped to-day at Clamart and forced to return. Contradictory reports are flying. The gates are shut. PARIS, March 3—6 p. m.—One Hundred thousand Nationals in three corps with two hundred guns marched via Montreuge, Issy and Reuil, all destined to Versailles. Fort Valerieu fired all day upon Reuil and the flying batteries at Mendon cannonaded the Nationals debouching from Issy on the Versailles road. Valerieu cannonaded the rear guard of the Nationals entering the Valley between Puteaux and Barzenval, some detachments retreating in disorder. There is nothing certain respecting those who passed Valerieu. There are conflicting versions. One says they surrendered, another says they effected a junction and a march on Versailles. Contradictory reports of the right there was a fierce engagement between the artillery at Mendon and the Parisian artillery. Several members of the Commune with red sashes, lead the battalions. It is said a superior Versailles officer was taken prisoner. The Montieur says the zouaves repulsed the Nationals in the attack on Castle Mendon. The Nationals loss is heavy. Colonel Burgoin telegraphs to the Commune at 11:15 this morning that Bergeret and Flourens had formed a junction and marched on Versailles and success was certain. Another dispatch says that in the afternoon Duval and Flourens formed a junction at Courbevoise where they were cannonaded by Valerieu, but the men sheltered. A concerted and successful movement was made by which they passed the line and marched on Versailles; Bergeret had two horses killed. Communication with the outside is cut off; only Peasants bringing provisions are admitted. It is said Henry commander of the Montreuge Nationals is dead. Flouret and Lockroy resign their seats in the assembly and remain to share the sufferings of Paris. It is reported that Assy was arrested by the Commune. It is stated that the Commune will adopt the families of the fallen Nationals. LONDON, April 4.—A Times special dispatch says a great battle was commenced at six in the morning by the Nationals under command of Bergeret, who at ten o'clock reinforcements from Paris. There was great animation in the bat-

FOR RENT.—That large and most desirable BRICK HOUSE, No. 59 Washington street, corner of Queen. This is a most delightfully situated house, with 18 rooms, in a most healthy and pleasant neighborhood; is in good order and condition; has large yards on the west and south, with grapes, fruit trees and flowers. E. J. LLOYD, No. 134 Queen street, dec 5-11

FOR SALE.—The elegantly situated three-story BRICK HOUSE, 106 Duke street, between Pitt and St. Asaph, containing ten rooms and bath room, with hot and cold water. The house is furnished throughout with gas and fixtures, and is a most desirable residence, being located in a pleasant neighborhood. The adjoining lot is offered with the above-mentioned property, or it will be sold separate if desired. For terms apply at No. 40 south St. Asaph st. (no 10)

COMMISSION MERCHANTS. RICHARDS PAYNE, JR. W. V. MOSS, Warrington, Va. LONDON, VA. PAYNE & MOSS, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 34 King street, Jan 10-3m Alexandria, Va. SHINN & CO., (Successors to Samuel Hartley,) GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 13 Union street, Alexandria, Va. Particular attention paid to the selling of FLOUR, GRAIN and all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and filling all orders for GROCERIES, OILS, LARD, SUGARS, &c., &c., at the lowest market rates. Agents for the sale of James S. Welch's celebrated brands of FAMILY FLOUR. Agents for the sale of the "ROUND TOP HYDRAULIC CEMENT." J. LANSON, J. BROTHERS & CO., No. 11 King street, Alexandria, Va. GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Wholesale Dealers in GROCERIES, LIQUORS, PROVISIONS, SALT FISH, AND PRODUCE. Also keep on hand a general assortment of Canned Fruit, Pickles, Sausages, Packing Oils, Lamps and Ship and Naval Stores. All orders and consignments promptly attended to, and goods forwarded without delay to consignees on arrival. Agents for Dupont's Gunpowder. Agents for the Baltimore and Potomac Transportation line. mh 10-11

By John H. Parrott, Auctioneer. COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.—Under authority of a decree of the Corporation Court for the city of Alexandria, rendered in the suit of Geo. H. Smoot's executors against J. C. O'Neil, Sheriff, administrator, at Columbus Steele and others, I shall offer for sale in front of the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, on SATURDAY, the first day of April next, at 12 o'clock m., that LOT OF GROUND, with the improvements thereon, situated in the city of Alexandria, and bounded as follows: Beginning 75 feet west from Fairfax street; thence west on Princess street 24 feet; thence southwardly 83 feet 3 inches to a 10 foot alley, with right of way in common with others over said alley; thence eastwardly with said alley 24 feet; thence northwardly 85 feet 3 inches to the beginning. Terms: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the residue in three equal instalments at six, twelve and eighteen months respectively; the deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, satisfactorily endorsed, and the title to be retained till the purchase money is fully paid. Stamps and conveyancing at purchaser's cost. H. O. CLARKE, Commissioner of Sale. Feb 28-04

By Green & Wise. (Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.) TRUSTEE'S SALE.—By virtue of a deed of trust, dated the 26th of November, 1863, executed by Margaretta Ragan and Jeremiah Ragan, her husband, recorded in liber K, No. 4, folio 656, of the land records of Fairfax county, Va., the undersigned trustee will sell by public auction, at the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, Va., at 12 o'clock m., on TUESDAY, the 25th day of April, 1874, the following described property, viz: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND situated in Fairfax county, Va., and lying south of "Great Hunting Creek," and on the east side of the road leading from Alexandria to Mount Vernon, being SEVEN DISTINCT PARCELS OF LAND, containing 205 acres, 2 rods and 27 poles, more or less—all adjoining one another and fully described in a deed from George G. Barton and Eliza M. H. wife to Jeremiah Ragan, dated October 21st, 1865. Terms: Cash, stamps and conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser. GEO. W. BRENT, Trustee. mh 23-4 C. W. WATLES, Auctioneer.

By Beck, Knox & Kerby. (Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.) SALE OF A LIVERY STABLE ON WASHINGTON STREET. The subscribers, as Commissioners of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, Va., in the suit of Henry A. Arnold vs. Alexander Arnold's Administrator et al., will sell by public auction, in front of the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, Va., on SATURDAY, the 15th day of April, 1874, the PROPERTY, to-wit: a lot of land, situated between King and Cameron, now and for some time occupied as a livery stable, the same being real estate of which Alexander Arnold died seized. Terms: One-third cash; the residue in three equal instalments at 4, 8 and 12 months, respectively, from day of sale, with interest; title to be retained till full payment of purchase money, and purchaser to give bonds for deferred instalments, with good personal security. LYSANDER HILL, S. FERGUSON BEACH, Auctioneers. mh 11-04

By Han. C. Addison, Auctioneer. NEW HORSE AND CARRIAGE BAZAR. No. 211, 213 and 215, 11th street, south of Pennsylvania avenue, and 1000 F street north. Washington, D. C. Open daily for the transaction of business from 6 a. m. till 8 p. m. Regular auction sale days, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, without regard to weather. Horses, Mules, Carriages, Buggies, Harness, Carriage Trunks, Saddles, Bridles, Halters, Horse Blankets, &c., at private sale and auction. Reference—Business men in general of Washington and Georgetown, D. C. HAN. C. ADDISON, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant, Washington, D. C. Feb 2-3m

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WILLIAM MURRAY, MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 7 NORTH FAIRFAX STREET. Has just received his SPRING AND SUMMER ASSORTMENT OF CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, AND VESTINGS. He invites his friends and customers to call and examine his stock. mh 22-11

NOTICE.—By virtue of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company, held at Alexandria, on Tuesday, the 14th instant, a general meeting of the Stockholders of the said Company will be held at Charlottesville, on TUESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1874. A full attendance is respectfully requested. By order of the Board: P. B. BORST, President. mh 15-14 B. F. GRAYSON, Secretary.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS and the public generally are hereby notified that we shall, from the 1st day of April, 1874, to the 1st day of January, 1875, have manufactured at the brick yard binding on St. Asaph, Pitt and Wythe streets, in the city of Alexandria, BICK of the best quality, which we will sell at the lowest market price. Application for the same may be made to us, as no one is authorized to set for us in the sale of said brick. mh 22-24 3m W. D. COISE & CO. OPENING DAY. I shall open on THURSDAY, April 6th, BRUSSELS AND ENGLISH MILLINERY. Pattern Bonnets and Hats of elegant variety—to which I call the attention of the ladies. MRS. C. L. SIMPSON, mh 21 5 doors east of the A. & W. R. R. MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS. A general meeting of the Stockholders of the POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY will be held at the Mansion House, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1874, at ten (10) o'clock a. m. J. B. WINSTON, Secretary. Richmond, Va. mh 1-11d

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WATER STOCK. \$1500 ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY STOCK FOR SALE. W. D. COISE & CO. mh 28

ENGLISH LAWN GRASS SEED.—Just received and for sale by E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO. mh 22