

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16.

The Radical Senators held a caucus yesterday on Mr. Traubull's resolution, now pending in the Senate. The result was that they at last, agreed to support it, with an amendment omitting that part instructing the Committee on Investigation and Retrenchment to consider the expediency of so amending the laws under which appointments to the public service are now made, as to provide for withdrawing the public service from being used as an instrument of political or party patronage.

The Washington Chronicle says that there has been paid out of the U. S. Treasury, the sum of \$28,000,000, to indemnify States for money advanced in equipping troops during the late war. There are claims of this character which have been suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury amounting to \$4,300,000, no money being available for the purpose of meeting the payment, the law authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to use money for this purpose in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, having been repealed in 1870.

Mr. Williams, the new U. S. Attorney General, in reply to an address of his friends from the Far West, who are now in Washington, said "his best energies would be devoted to an enforcement of the laws and the suppression of violence; that he felt a pride in the development of the Far West now represented in every branch of the Government; that he had a profound conviction in the ascendancy of the Republican party for many years yet, and should earnestly labor to secure its future triumphs."

In the contested-election case of Bowen vs. De Large, of South Carolina, De Large, who now occupies the seat in Congress, has failed to put in any rebutting evidence against the testimony put in by Bowen. Additional testimony from the confession of one of the commissioners of election seems to have satisfied De Large that he cannot make a successful contest, and it is supposed that he will make no further effort. Bowen is the bigamy man.

The N. Y. Times now declares war against Messrs. Charles O'Connor, Samuel J. Tilden, William F. Havemeyer, Daniel F. Tiemann, John J. Cisco, and their fellow-Democrats, who recently brought about the victory of reform in New York. It says: "Indeed, Mr. Andrew H. Green is the only one of the Democratic reformers in whose permanent fidelity to his trusts we are disposed to place a grain of confidence." So it goes.

Although the apportionment bill just passed the House of Representatives, provides that a Territory to be admitted as a State into the Union, must have a population of 137,000, the friends of the bills admitting the Territories of Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah have not ceased their efforts to bring about their passage.

The House of Representatives passed a bill on Tuesday requiring the owners of lands in the South, sold for Federal taxes who may recover them in court, to pay all taxes, costs, &c. It also provides that the persons who bought them may draw back from the treasury the amount they paid for said lands.

There is doubt as to whether an amnesty bill can be passed before Congress takes its recess on Thursday next, though several Southern republican members, with many Northern ones, united with the democratic vote, will make an effort to inaugurate the new year with a universal amnesty law.

There is apprehension in some quarters that trouble may arise from the recent personal assault of the Russian Czarovich on the German Prince de Reuss. It was certainly a strange affair.

Gen. Sherman and Lieut. Grant have arrived at Cadiz. The Grand Duke Alexis is in Canada. He is expected to go to St. Louis about the 29th. He has been invited by Gen. Sheridan to a buffalo hunt on the plains.

Complaint is made in Baltimore of the high price of oysters. It is said that dealers will have to "come down"—or the consumption of oysters will be much lessened.

We have received J. S. Living Age, for this week, with a good selection of articles from late foreign magazines. Also, the January number of Peters' Musical Monthly, with new music for the piano.

In the Ku Klux trials at Columbia, S. C., yesterday, the defence was engaged in proving by many witnesses, the terror existing among the whites in the up country at the time of the alleged outrages. The testimony showed that Jim Williams, the colored captain of militia, had threatened to slay the whites from the cradle up, and to apply the torch. Wm. Bratton, colored, testified that he was lieutenant in Williams's company, and was reduced to the ranks on account of his dissent from Williams's violent measures. The defence asked further time to bring witnesses to show that the Ku Klux was organized for self protection, and had ceased to exist of itself.

In reply to a remark by Mr. Morton, of Indiana, in the debate in the Senate on the proposed investigation into frauds and abuses, that "the movement was for the purpose of hurting the Republican party," Mr. Schurz promptly said, either the party is not what it pretends to be, a party of reform, or the party should, instead of repelling the denunciation of abuses, rather encourage that spirit which should prompt its members fearlessly and without hesitation, whenever they find a wrong in this Government, to disclose it before the eyes of the country.

The Southern Claims Commission report that the whole number of claims presented up to the end of November is 10,029, and the entire amount \$26,599,000. The Commissioners transmit reports on 580 cases on which they had decided. The number disallowed is about 230. The whole number rejected is 256. In the cases decided and there-with reported the amount claimed is \$1,056,357, the amount allowed is \$344,168, and the amount disallowed \$1,312,189.

The New York Tribune contains an article in favor of breaking up the 200 gambling houses in New York, and the driving from the city of the 2,500 professional gamblers, ruffians, and thieves connected therewith. A list of 95 of the more open of these is given, all of which, it is said, are known to the police, who are urged to break up the business and drive the conductors from the city.

The bills giving Wm. P. Preston, \$1,347 as reimbursement for expenses incurred in contesting the seat of J. Morrison Harris in the Thirty-fifth Congress; appropriating \$312,000 for the Geneva and Washington Commissions, and \$23,751 to cover the Macartney deduction in the Postoffice Department, were passed in the House of Representatives yesterday.

Fant & Co., bankers, in Washington, yesterday transmitted to the U. S. Treasurer the sum of \$11,000, being the unexpended balance in their hands of the money taken by Seth Johnson, the defaulting teller, for his bond speculations.

Dr. Rendle, an eminent London physician, remarks, that the sculp of persons who have had the small-pox, and been seamed and pitted in the face, is always exempt from marking of any kind, even after the severest form of the disease.

The documents accompanying the President's message disclosed a large disbursement from the national treasury for the "secret service fund." It seems to have been found out that \$120,000 of it was paid in Washington to a "Ku Klux witness."

It is said that a resolution is to be offered in Congress, to declare the famous Yellowstone region in Montana, a Government reservation, in order that it may be held as a national park or pleasure ground.

A fine of \$5 has been imposed upon those butchers in the Washington market, who offer for sale what is called "blown meat."

A "drip" of \$25 fell into the "conscience fund" at the Treasury Department yesterday.

Neither House of Congress was in session today.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

In the trial of Mrs. Wharton at Annapolis yesterday, the Court decided that the evidence of Mr. Van Ness, as offered by the State, was not admissible. Chas. L. Ketchum, the eldest son of the late Gen. Ketchum, was then examined, and testified as to his conversations with Mrs. Wharton about the \$4,000 in Government bonds, and her note given to the General for \$2,600. During his examination the counsel for the State offered in evidence the books of Gen. K., containing his entries as to this indebtedness of the prisoner, but objection was made to their being admitted.

A report from Helena, Arkansas, says a murder was committed in Lake Village, Chicot county, on Monday last, by two white men, who killed G. W. Ryan, a colored lawyer, who recently located there. The killing grew out of a political difference in the late election in that county. Intense excitement prevails and hundreds of armed men are pouring into the town. It is feared the murderers will be taken from jail and lynched.

The Wheeling (West Virginia) city council on the 14th inst. passed an ordinance exempting the property of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in that city, from future taxation, upon the condition that the company shall build repair and workshops there, to cost upwards of \$100,000.

A dispatch says that Charles Mellon, of the firm of Mellon, Ward & Co., Boston, who was in 1869, with other persons, convicted of fraud against the Government and sentenced to five years imprisonment and a fine of \$100,000, has been pardoned by the President and the fine remitted.

The tobacco manufacturers are urging upon Congress the necessity of some definite action in relation to the tax. The present agitation upon the subject is very disastrous to their interests.

The New York Times of yesterday, says:—We regret to hear from Washington that Mr. Callender, the bank examiner for this district, has been suffered to resign, in place of being summarily dismissed.

One of the marked features of the provision trade this season, is the very large increase in the exports, the low prices prevailing inducing unusually large purchases for foreign account. The lower House of the States-General of Holland has adopted the treaty recently negotiated with Great Britain for the transfer of the Island of Sumatra to the latter Power.

Ex-Minister Catacazy's furniture, carriages, horses, lease of house, &c., are advertised for sale in Washington.

Report of the Southern Claims Commission.

The following are the allowances made to loyal Virginians by the Southern Claims Commission in their report just submitted to Congress, but they have to be approved by Congress before they can be drawn:

- John T. Armstrong, \$154; Armstrong Family, of Petersburg, 9,500; Samuel Anderson, 250; George Ward, 176; Richard Southern, 2,062; John O'Brien, 170; Harriet Tennent, 458; James M. Walker, 303; Robert Hamilton, 1,845; Robert Vandenberg, 4,115; Mary Jane Little, 2,616; Levi Parker, 274; George O. Wunder, 3,020; Joseph Nichols, 381; D. M. & J. B. Meterslaugh, 3,118; Manassas Presbyterian Church, 450; John R. Garrison, 617; H. McWilliams, 53; Caroline Heater, 5,163; Jos. W. Kay, 778; William Wirts, 413; Milton Schooler, 65; G. E. M. Walters, 1,524; Joel E. Parr, 1,071; Joseph Pierpont, 336; Zalmon Richards, 1,002; P. & P. Sewell, 797; John T. Patton, 1,040; Harriet Lamb, 89; William H. Moneh, 111; James O. C. Haskins, 200; Eliza & James Gilson, 1,247; Lambert C. Page, 349; Edward Rimes, 410; John Ziegler, 628; T. J. Peacock, 76; R. E. Roberts, 857; H. C. & L. P. Thomas, 6,500; H. W. Throckmorton, 3,103; Sir Jasdot Karner & Josiah Millard, 3,106; Oliver Hodges, 505; James Lary, 503; James Aker, 2,007; Lewis P. Griffith, 508; Benjamin Peyton, 430; William Virts, 129; Mrs. Sarah King, 277; John F. Newton, 1,109; John Kenly, 240; A. Henry Vies, 945; Robert Gummel, 1,068; John H. Tucker, 1,598; Louisa Kearney, 2,030; Fred & August Schneider, 1,645; David Mansfield, 501; Samuel Kline, 307; John E. Webb, 300; Elias Goad, 350; Benjamin Watts, 200; Richard Tyoes, 310; Benjamin Turner, 320; John Stafford, 195; John T. Gibbs, 300; William Pugh, 370; Exam White, 160; Edwin F. White, 1,000; Warren White, 500; David White, 400; J. J. Martin, 765; Wm. R. Topping, 153; Wm. H. Timberlake, 975; Riley Jones, 300; Jas. Mills, 100; Jas. F. Parly, 2,873; Margaret G. Lee's heirs, 13,467; Wm. Walters, 255; Thos. Jones, 222; C. L. Hollingsworth, 43; Lewis McKenzie, 3,102; John J. Hall, 625; John Henson 729; Nathan Webster, 2,714; Richard L. Patterson, 9,755; Henry Whit, 129; Matthew Tisdel, 250; Marcus Peal, 215; Jacob Turner, 125; Rev. Hiram W. Reid, 110; George W. Mitchell, 74; Benjamin J. Grubb 2,780; Seth and Cyrus Osborn, 1,233; William Sagar, 1,749; Robert S. Lacy, 219; Virginia Scott, 1,950; Malvina A. G. Hayes, 1,265; Reuben Ives, 180; William Mary, 942; Lewis Tresler, 202; John G. Sibley, 600; Jason Skeeter, 149; David L. Finch, 1,180; Charles E. French, 1,342; David Fultz 1,395; Gustavus Fritter, 143; Arthur Foreman, 400; Samuel Fish, 388; Joshua Foulk, 150; William Ferris, 407; Richard Foreman, 200; Isaiah Farley, 78; Susan A. Davis, 1,449; Levi Denney, 406; Henry Dane, 219; Samuel Etheridge, 320; William & Robert Elliott, 56; Joseph M. Kline, 275; Oliver Chauterline, 69; Thomas Cook, 202; Martha A. Clark, 315; A. W. F. Carlin, 458; Richard Cruikshank, 620; Oliver Cox, 460; Nelson Conner, 550; Susan T. Cruit, 3,416; Virgil P. Corbett, 3,252; George Corpew, 566; John Coleman, 175; Ephraim Clark, 1,032; B. D. & B. T. Carpenter, 382; Lott M. Crocker, 380; General John S. Crocker, 2,337; J. N. Carpenter, 2,290; Hiram Crocker, 1,236; Francis Bailey, 179; Ambrose Cook, 37; 493; Ambrose Cook, 37; 420; Terrill Bailey, 281; Temple G. Blum, 990; George Breck, 218; Lewis Bailey, 431; Richard H. Bryan, 200; Joseph Baldwin, 52; Mrs. M. W. Bodine, 1,275; Lyman Brightman, 655; John W. Pullman, 425; Samuel Barrett, 1,307; Thomas Bowser, 130; Daniel H. Barrett, 416; William Beckett, 450; Randolph Birch, 301; George Baylies, 670; William Burgess, 680; Noah Hixson, 506; Jane Milligan, 600; John Miller, 509; Elizabeth Garber, 110; George W. Grady, 100; Jacob Silvus, 200; Abram Garber, 340; Samuel H. Plaugher, 125; David Wampler, 275; Jacob Moyers, 118; Fred. K. Kline, 568; James M. Vine, 251; Bazil Hall, 10,720; Christian Myers, 185; Martin Garber, 357; John B. Kink, 373; Thomas H. Nelson, 750; William Jones, 80; Solomon Hoge, 1,600; George W. & Jacob Hoes, 500; Daniel Moler, 2,150; William T. Rumsey, 3,123; John Gilbert, 750; William D. Smith, 894.

The following Virginia claims are wholly rejected, on the various grounds of disloyalty, want of proof of loyalty or facts, and want of jurisdiction by the Commissioners over the subject matter of the claims; Patterson Allen, William Bayne, Massena Beazley, Henry A. Bartley, John R. Bigelow, John C. Brawner, James Bowers, William Bill, Uriah Byrd, J. R. Bowles, Isaac Butler, Benjamin Childrey, Joseph Click, Isaac Coftman, John N. Cronset, Francis E. Dodson, Thomas K. Davis, John Davis, E. T. Davis, James Early, S. P. Fisher, James Frendly, William T. Fauber, Henry Frank, Noah Flory, Joseph Flory, George Rix, Luke F. Johnson, John W. Spiers, Lydia Hooff, Hannah Uplike, George H. Southall, Anna Perry, John Davis, John H. Harrison, Peter Nair, Joseph F. Newlander, Henry Suteaman, Joseph Wampler, David W. Garber, Joseph F. Kline, John D. Miller, John Wampler, Jonas Wampler, Jacob and John Harshberger, Abner Shumaker, Abram Morrell, Jacob Good, Robert L. Martin, Daniel J. Uplike, Benjamin A. Vance, John N. Garrow, John G. Newville, William Lowe, Joe Mann, Emily J. Grover, Abram Lovell, William H. Newman, Louis Von Hoffman, S. D. Fisher, Mason Shipman, Peyton L. Thomas, Thaddeus Higgins, Samuel Ziegler, Samuel Garber, Mrs. F. L. Shepard, Jackson Showalter, William H. Rowland, Amelia McClay.

FANNY COLE.—The Baltimore American of Tuesday says:—The unfortunate woman, Fanny Cole, who was so brutally wounded with a hatchet by the blind man, Frank Batty, is still improving, and her friends have hopes of her ultimate recovery. It appears that a companion of her's was rescued from an infamous life sometime since by Father Foley, and on recovering her senses her first wish was to summon him to her bedside. He has been regular in his visits ever since, and she says she will lead a better life. On Friday last, at her request, she was baptised by Father Foley in the presence of her two brothers and sister, who have come from Virginia to visit her. Fanny Cole is a native of Lancaster county, Va., and her proper name is Mary Manning. She was a simple country girl, and not having the advantages of an education and many of the chances for enlightenment, at an evil hour she fell a victim to the deceiver, and was deserted by him. When scarcely over eighteen years of age she left her home clandestinely and went to Alexandria, where her handsome face attracted to her many admirers. Here she lived until about eight years ago, when she took up her residence in Baltimore, and finally opened the bagnio in Josephine street. It has been twelve years since she left her home, and when she received her injuries a sister and two brothers hastily repaired to this city, and have been at her bedside since Thursday overwhelmed with grief and carefully watching over her.

REINSTATED.—A few months since, for some reason unknown to the people of this community, the worthy old Postmaster, at Orange Court House, Mr. John F. Almond, was removed and Mr. Phillip Mugler appointed in his stead. Some of the party becoming dissatisfied, worked night and day to have Mugler removed, the consequence was that Judge Shumaker was sent here to look into the matter, and after a thorough investigation decided to have Mr. Almond reinstated. We are pleased to chronicle the fact that the administration has done this act of justice to the people of this section of the country. It is but justice to Mr. Mugler to say that he used his influence to have Mr. Almond reinstated.—Piedmont Virginia.

From Richmond.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) RICHMOND, Dec. 15.—In the Senate, to day, the House bills for furnishing the colleges, in which there are law schools, with surplus law publications; and with reference to sales under attachments, were referred.

A bill to establish a State Board of Health was introduced. Resolutions of inquiry were introduced; to so amending the code, allowing parties to testify as witnesses in their own cases, so as to permit the evidence of the parties themselves to be given by deposition in all cases where the deposition of other witnesses are allowed to be read in evidence under the law; as to whether or not Fredericksburg and Danville have sufficient population under the constitution to entitle either of them to a city judge.

A memorial from the American Medical Association in reference to the establishment of Schools of Hygiene, &c., was referred.

The House resolution fixing Monday as the day for the election of State officers, was disagreed to.

The Senate bill continuing the payment of interest and dividends to the incorporated colleges and other seminaries of learning in the State, was recommitted to the committee.

The bill in relation to horse stealing was taken up, and amended by making the punishment not less than three years imprisonment in the penitentiary, or death, at the option of the jury, disagreed to, and the bill ordered to its engrossment.

The bills amending section 10 of chapter 199 of the code concerning crimes and punishment; and to amend section 2 of chapter 174 of the code in relation to the removal of causes to another court, were read a third time.

The Auditor was requested to furnish the Committee on Finance with a statement of the subjects upon which, in his opinion, stamps may be placed, as a new element of revenue.

In the House of Delegates, bills were reported from committees and placed upon the calendar: to amend code in relation to costs in Court of Appeals; to authorize deputy clerks to take acknowledgments of deeds of married women; providing for the reassessment of lands of the Commonwealth; to amend the act for the protection of religious meetings and preservation of order at the same.

An adverse report was made upon the proposition to provide for the payment of the unpaid expenses of the late constitutional convention.

The Committee on Courts of Justice reported that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of preventing and punishing the drawing of checks and drafts on banks, &c., when the parties drawing them have not enough funds to meet the same; and that it is also inexpedient to amend the law allowing compensation to attorneys for the Commonwealth in Circuit courts; which reports were concurred in by the House.

The House bill to amend the act authorizing the sale of the State's interest in her works of internal improvement, was amended and ordered to engrossment.

The House bill to amend the act to provide for reassessment of the lands of the Commonwealth was taken up, amended and passed by.

The House bill to amend the road law so as to exempt from working on roads, all ministers of the gospel and disabled persons, was ordered to its engrossment.

Among the bills, resolutions, petitions, &c., introduced and referred, were the following: A resolution providing for the appointment of road overseers by township boards, thereby dispensing with their election; a petition of Geo. D. M. Hunter and Benjamin F. Chisholm, of Louisa county, contesting the election of Matthew G. Anderson and Thomas S. Watson; a petition of the Medical Society of Virginia, praying the establishment of a State Board of Health; a resolution of inquiry into the expediency of relieving members of volunteer companies from service as jurors; a resolution of inquiry into the expediency of paying petit jurors for services, by the County Treasurers, instead of the Sheriffs, and also of the propriety of allowing venire men their actual expenses when summoned, whether they serve or not; a resolution of inquiry into the expediency of requiring clerks of courts to enter on their judgment law docket, the returns of sheriffs and other officers and persons when judgments are satisfied; requesting the Committee on Schools and Colleges to take into consideration the propriety of changing the present mode of appointing county superintendents and school district boards for public instruction. Also that the census of the children in each school district be taken by the township assessor, instead of one of the members of the school board; also of allowing him the sum of fifteen dollars for the same in preference to paying one of the members of the school board \$2 per day, and report by bill or otherwise; a bill to amend the act to encourage immigration; a bill for the relief of the sureties of Benjamin Robinson, late sheriff of Greene county; a bill to amend and re-enact the act incorporating the town of Leesburg; a bill prescribing the penalty of sheriffs' bonds in the counties of this Commonwealth.

The special order of the day, the House joint resolution to discontinue the funding of the State debt, was taken up and discussed by Messrs. Daniel, Poague and Sutherland in opposition, and Messrs. Brooke, Coghill, Clayton, O'Ferrall and Douglas in favor. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the House had refused to refer the resolution was lost, yeas 20, nays 104, and the resolution was then adopted, yeas 104, nays 18. Messrs. Neale and Pearce, of Alexandria, voted in the affirmative.

The resolution directs the auditor to cease the issuing of new bonds until steps have been taken to ascertain the entire amount that will be required to pay the current expenses of the State government and the interest upon the State debt.

The amount of the State debt funded up yesterday was \$28,326,282.04. This sum comprises about three-fourths of the entire amount. The Secretary of the Commonwealth paid into the public treasury, yesterday, \$1,940, being the tax on State seal and surplus fees of office from 1st September, 1870, to 1st September, 1871. Upwards of \$40,000 were paid into the State Treasury, yesterday, by several county treasurers, the total amount on deposit now being upwards of \$1,700,000.

It is said that one of the State Senators, who has a keen appreciation of things, is preparing a bill "to prevent emigration from Virginia"—a good idea.

The Court of Appeals having refused to grant Clahoun a new trial, he will to-morrow be taken to the penitentiary to serve out a two years term of imprisonment. A petition signed by a large number of the citizens of Richmond and vicinity for his pardon, is before the Governor.

A heavy snow storm has prevailed here all day, and the sleighs are out this evening in numbers. The snow is now about eight inches deep.

The action of the House of Delegates to-day upon the Funding bill looks as though the operations of the bill would be suspended, as it is said the Senate will pass the House resolutions. The question is asked; What then? Q.

A letter from New York concerning the "fashions" says that "the costumes displayed at the recent fete, given in honor of Alexis, have been very costly. At the Naval ball, a lady wore a dress of which the train seemed to be made entirely of peacock's feathers, while the ear-rings, necklace, and aigrette, for the hair, were composed of pendants in the shape of a peacock, studded with diamonds, emeralds, and rubies, to imitate the plumage of this brilliant bird."

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Charlottesville Chronicle says:—"The circumstances of the death of old Mr. Baker in a garret room of a hotel of this place, are yet fresh in the minds of our people. On last Tuesday, Judge Cochran, after an indictment by the grand jury, issued a bench warrant for the arrest of John T. Baker, the son of the dead man, which was placed in the hands of the officers, and Baker brought before Justice Spooner, who continued the case until Wednesday next, to allow the accused time to produce witnesses in his behalf."

Mr. William M. Pierce, of James City county, was courting a few night ago. His dog tread, not willing to fire or climb the tree, Mr. Pierce left the dog in charge and started home for his gun. When he returned he found that the dog had killed two coons, laid them at the foot of the tree, and was then run up the track of the third, which he very soon put up a tree.

Mr. Marshall Luke weighed at Salem, a short time since a lot of cattle upon which he had put an average increase in twelve months, grazing and feeding, of 400 pounds. One ox being weighed separate, had gained 600, and another 473.

The Board of Trustees of Richmond College have appointed Rev. William F. Broadus, D. D., of Fredericksburg, general agent of the College.

A dispatch from Richmond dated yesterday, says:—"It has been snowing heavily for seven hours and still continues. The snow is from nine to ten inches deep at Fortress Monroe."

VIRGINIA.—The men and journals that say that Virginia's state is worse in '71 than in '70, worse in '70 than in '69, take their fancies for facts, and resort not to observation of wide areas but to isolated instances for their illustrations. No definite statistics are attainable on the subject, but any one who has seen with his own eyes different portions of the State, and who has combined information from various quarters, knows that the country is really recovering in a substantial manner from the poverty left by the war. Take the prices of corn and meat for a guide, and we find that the country is full to repletion of those staples; take the tobacco crop, the cotton, and the peanuts of the Southside, and we find abundant crops, at remunerative prices; take the Valley and Piedmont, and we find houses and barns rebuilt, fencing restored, fields again clothed with grass, live stock abundant and general thrift and abundance where five years ago an open country and a tenantless expanse seemed hopeless of a future.

None deny that the evils of the war and of the violent change in our social condition still lie heavy upon us. But we are bearing up against them; we are slowly but surely overcoming them, and we need but to let alone the natural effect of labor and economy to see the country return to and overpass its former standard of wealth. Destroy the credit of the State and the credit of all its citizens dies with it. Then, indeed, will be a death beyond the hope of a resurrection. Petersburg Index.

CUMBERLAND COAL TRADE.—The early appearance of wintry weather has had the effect of arresting shipments by the canal before the time fixed by the Board of Directors for stopping operations for the season. Ice has proved troublesome for the past ten days, but by the aid of ice breakers it is expected to keep the channel open sufficiently to enable boats caught along the line to get into their winter harbors before drawing off the water. The shipments of coal from Cumberland for the season largely exceed those of any previous year. There were 847,973 tons and 19 cwt. shipped, whilst last year the aggregate was 606,707.19—showing an increase for the present year of 241,266 tons.—Cumberland Allegation.

President Clarke has directed that all loaded boats arriving at Georgetown be unloaded as soon as possible in order that they may go into winter quarters up the canal before the 20th inst. About twenty boats will tie up for the season near the collector's office.

UNHAPPY AFFAIR.—A letter in the Piedmont (Orange Co.) Virginian, dated Barboursville, Dec. 11, says:—"Soon after the war a man moved from an adjoining county to this neighborhood, and in a short time married a widow. Both had children before this marriage—he daughters and she sons. Happiness prevailed in the family until a short time ago, when one of his daughters was found prostrate and suffering acute pain. On inquiry as to the cause, she confessed to her father that she had taken arsenic to destroy her life, and thereby cancel her shame. Fortunately for her she took so much of the poison—about 30 grains—that it was thrown from the stomach in an hour, but remained long enough to produce constitutional effects from which she narrowly escaped with her life. It seems she had fallen desperately in love with one of her step-brothers and expected to marry him; but he deceived her and fled to unknown parts, as soon as his villainy was discovered."

The Radicals in the Senate having found out that in attempting to suppress investigation into government abuses and frauds, they made a false move, have partially succumbed—but will take care to have a committee to suit themselves! Their leaders, it is admitted, are not statesmen, and their action on Mr. Trumbull's resolution, so far, has shown they are not even astute politicians.

The N. Y. Tribune "shocked at the late action in the Senate on Mr. Trumbull's "investigation resolution," appeals to the President to lose no time in relieving himself from the fatally false position in which, whether mistakenly or wilfully, his special friends have placed, not only himself, but a great party."

The N. Y. Herald has a "sensational revelation to a Spanish intrigue at Geneva, by which the Alabama arbitration is to be frustrated." The Herald is so very sensational—that many of its reports and stories only excite a "sensational" of a peculiar nature.

The "International Parade" is to take place to-morrow in New York, without let or hindrance from the authorities. It is a very unnecessary demonstration and only calculated to do mischief. We hope, however, there will be no disturbances.

The Mississippi Central railroad was protested yesterday on bonds due 1st of August last. The road is leased to the Southern Railroad Association, but both failed to provide necessary funds to avoid protest.

One of the men arrested in the Indian Territory for robbery of the Southern Express, jumped from the steamer en route from Cairo to Union City, Mo., yesterday, after shooting at and missing his custodian, whose pistol he had seized, and was drowned.

CROWN, LONDON LAYER and VALEN-CROWN RAISINS, new crop, just received and for sale by the pound or box, at the CHINESE TEA COMPANY'S, dec 16 No. 11 North Royal street. LOST—A large oblong blood-stone PLAIN GOLD SHANK RING. The finder will be rewarded by the owner, Col. J. W. Minor, if he will leave it at the Banking House of W. D. Corse & Co. dec 14-51

LIST OF LETTERS.

- Remaining in the Alexandria Va., Postoffice, December 16, 1871. Persons calling for letters will say they are advertised and give the date of the list. If not called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the dead letter office. Barbour, Matilda Lewis, Jerry Brown, Mrs Mary J Maddox, C.H Beach, Mrs 29 Payne Mellon, Miss Jane Brown, James Col MacKintosh, Lizer Bates, Charles E Millstead, Mrs Marstena Bradley, Aaron McMakin, Mrs M.A Butler, Mrs Mary Murphy, Mrs Martha Caldwell, John R L Morton, Robert Col Crutchfield, Mahala Moore, William Crupper, P Scott Marshall, Miss Susan Chichester, Mrs M E Mason, William Cole, John G O'Connell, T Conaway, Thomas Jas Pease, Mrs Washington Cross, Anderson, col Phillips, Mrs Annie Coston, David Penn, William Dickson, Miss Mary Robinson, Norvel W Douglas, Wm G Eckenroth, Henry T 2 Robinson, Miss Lucie Hunter, R A Rowland, Isaac Haines, Miss J V Handy, Rev H J Hall, Miss Emma Hamilton, E W Howard, Abram Jones, Catherine Jackson, Mrs E Johnson, Capt F Johnson, William Johnson, Henry Jackson, Mrs Lucy Johnson, James Kelly, Mrs Daphne King, Charles Kropper, Joseph Kelley, Mrs Mary A Lucas, Miss Anna Lee, ar, Simon N. P. TRIST, P. M. dec 16-11

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Dec. 16.—The market for Wheat closes very active at an advance of 1/2c on the higher grades; offerings of 100 bushels white and 1314 of red, with sales of the former at 100 for very good, and of the latter at 150, 155, 158, 162, 163, 165, 168 and 170 for fair to prime, and 173 and 175 for choice. Corn is active; offerings of 3275 bushels mixed, with sales at 63, 64, 65, 66 and 68 for new, and 70 and 71 for old. Small offerings of Rye; no sales reported. Oats are dull at a decline; offerings of 474 bushels, with sales at 50 and 53.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, DEC. 16.

SUN ROSE..... 7 1/2 MOON SETS..... 8 5/8 SUS SETS..... 4 40

SAILED.

Steamer Express, Nickle, Baltimore, by Jos Brothers & Co. MEMORANDA. Brig Chimborazo, Coombs, hence, at Boston 14th. Brig Maria Wheeler, for Portsmouth hence, at Vineyard Haven 13th. Schr E F Cobado, Swain, hence, at Providence 15th.

MARRIED.

On the 14th inst, at the residence of the bride's father, by Elder John Clark, MR. GEORGE CLAY TURNER and Miss ELIZA CORDELLIA ROBINSON, both of Rappahannock co. At Fairfax station, Va., December 14th, 1871, by Rev. B. P. Duffin, FELLIX COMPTON to Miss ELOISE FAIRFAX, both of Fairfax co.

DIED.

On Friday, 15th inst, Doctor WILLIAM BRISCOE, of Okeana, Delaware, 20th Friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 9 o'clock, from his residence, on King street, near St. Asaph.

GREEN'S NOTIO HOUSE,

No. 76 King Street.