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ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1872.

CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday the House bill for the appointment of a Chief Medical Surveyor of the Army was passed. Mr. Sherman announced that the Tariff bil would be brought up on Monday next, and that whatever changes it makes in duties will not go into effect until July. Bills in relation to providing public buildings at Cincinnati, Harrisburg and Sacramento were passed, and a favorable report was made on the bills appropriating $400,000 for public buildings at Utica, Raleigh and Little Rock.

In the House of Representatives bills were introduced to institute a national plan for storm and flood signals by means of telegraph and cannon, and to further endow and support agricultural colleges. A proposition to amend the Constitution was submitted, which provides for female suffrage and to permit the members of the House from the Territories to have the same rights as those from the States, which was referred. The Deficiency Appropriation bill was taken up, and a motion to strike out the item for the support of the Marine Corps was rejected. An amendment providing for the publication of the official gazette of the Patent office was agreed to.

The Executive Council of the National Board of Trade, in session in Washington, last week, concluded to memorialize Congress in favor of the appointment of a commission to meet a similar commission to be appointed in behalf of the Dominion of Canada, to negotiate a new treaty of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, on a broader and more comprehensive basis than that upon which the former treaty rested.

The London Times reports that the Emperor of Germany, acting as Arbitrator, has decided the question of the northwestern boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions in favor of the United States. This is one of the questions negotiated under the Treaty of Washington and involves the possession of the Island of San Juan in the Pacific, south of Vancouver's Island.

Philadelphia is making extensive preparations for the reception of the centennial commissioners, who are to meet in that city next month for general consultation as to the best and most appropriate plan for the celebration of the centennial anniversy of the independence in 1876. The City Council have appropriated $25,000 for the entertainment of these commissioners during their stay in that city!

In speaking of combining the opposition to the present Administration, the Washington Patriot says:—"Platforms and professions have no value at such a crisis as this, and can hope to make no impression on the public mind. Certain fundamental principles upon which we may all agree, constitute the only creed needed for the present emergency."

It is stated that suit is to be commenced by the Government against the Piedmont Railroad, running from Danville, Va., to Greensboro', N. C., to recover the road from its present owners, the Government claiming to be the owner thereof. The road was built during the war by the Confederacy.

The Southern Claims Commission have considered 12,000 claims representing $30,000,000. Of this amount it is said they will allow as coming within their rules about $8,000,000 or $9,000,000. The total amount of all damages filed and to be filed, which they deem just and equitable, is estimated at $20,000,000.

Col. W. W. Walker, of Westmoreland county, it is said, is among the speakers selected to canvass New Hampshire for the Democracy. Col. Walker is an eloquent and impressive speaker.

Senor Roberts, the Spanish Minister, has officially proposed to the Secretary of State to enter into negotiations for a new treaty of commerce between the United States and Spain and her Dominions.

The Sclavonic World, of Prague, says the Prince of Servia is about to marry a Russian princess, and predicts from this alliance no less important a result than driving the Turks from Europe.

The Japanese Embassy was formally presented to President Grant yesterday. Addresses of a mutually friendly and congratulatory character were exchanged between the President and chief of the Embassy.

It is said that Holden, of North Carolina, was given his choice, by the President, of two positions, namely: Minister to Peru or to the Argentine Confederation, but has declined to accept either.

There were one hundred and twenty-one deaths from small-pox in Philadelphia last week, a decrease of seventeen as compared with the week previous.

Copies of the American case in full, as submitted to the Geneva Board, of Arbitration will be distributed in the British Parliament on Saturday.

The last pet slang in New York is "like a bul-bul," originating in Effie Germon's clever speeches in the play of the Veterans.

We have received the February number of Blackwood's Magazine. Contents: French Home Life; a Century of Great Poets; Serpent Charming in Cairo; the Maid of Sker—part VII; Quinet's "Creation"; an Educational Experiment in Yorkshire; and the Reasonable Fears of the Country—a very interesting number.

The fiftieth annual commencement of the National Medical College (being the medical department of Columbian College), takes place on Thursday evening next. There will be seven graduates in medicine, and six in pharmacy, among the Graduates in Pharmacy being Americus Davis, of Virginia, and Washington C. Milburn, of the District of Columbia.

A Columbia, S. C., dispatch states that the bill granting $1,800,000 in aid of the Blue Bidge Railroad has been passed by the Legislature over Governor Scott's veto. The validating bill will probably pass to-day, which will place four millions of bonds now under hypothecation on the market.

New England is, according to statistics, the most unhealthy portion of the country, except the Gulf States. The number of deaths every year in New England is one out of sixty-eight people; in the Gulf States, one out of sixty-three; in the Northwestern States, one out of one hundred and twenty.

The issue of stamps by the U. S. commissioner of internal revenue during the month of February amounted to $17,830,347 89, as follows: Tobacco stamps, $4,486,608 64; distilled spirit stamps, $11,531,850; beer stamps, $456,400, and adhesive stamps, $1,355,489 25.

At the Baltimore Stock Board yesterday there were sales of Orange and Alexandria 4th mtge 8s at 83; and Orange, Alexandria and Manassas 7s at 85a85¼.

Over eighteen hundred bills, exclusive of joint, concurrent, and simple resolutions, have been introduced during the session of the present Congress.

The bill to prevent the carrying of fire arms by boys has only passed one branch of the Legislature.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

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

The New York Journal of Commerce thinks that one of the principal objects of the Japanese mission to this country is to float a loan in the American market—in other words, to borrow money. Japan, it says, has lately been studying up the mysteries of Mr. Boutwell's finance, and it is said that she possesses a genius who actually understands the Boutwellian system, syndicates and all, and is anxious to try it on Japan.

Andrew J. Jones, late president of the Western Railroad Company, charged with a fraudulent use of the bonds of the company, was tried before the superior court of Moore county, North Carolina, last week, convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of $10,000 and to be imprisoned one year in the penitentiary. He takes an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The regular mail steamer from the western coast of Africa, which arrived at Liverpool yesterday, brings the intelligence that President Roye, of Liberia, who was imprisoned for certain illegal acts committed while in office, and who escaped, was drowned in the harbor of Monrovia while endeavoring to swim to the steamer just before its departue for Liverpool.

Dr. Jaynes' granite building, on Chestnut street, Philadelphia was nearly destroyed by fire last night. The building belongs to the estate of the late Dr. David Jayne, and the loss is probably covered by insurance. Shannon's tea store adjoining Jayne's drug store, was deluged with water, and a large stock of tea and coffee ruined.

General Porter, the President's Secretary, in his examination by the Senatorial Investigation Committee yesterday, denied the accusation that Leet and Stocking were backed up by the influence of the "White House" in conducting the "General Order" business of the New York Custom House.

H. H. Helper issues an address from Sailsbury, N. C., to the "honest republicans" of that State calling on them to accredit a delegation to the Cincinnati convention. He contends that another four years of such republicanism as is now maintained in North Carolina will bring it down to "infamy and disgrace."

It has come to light that one of the Louisiana State Senators named Lewis was bribed by Governor Warmouth to support his administration in the Legislature, and $30,000 were deposited in a New Orleans bank to be paid to him when he fulfilled the terms of the written agreement.

City elections were held in Maine yesterday, Portland re-elects a Republican mayor. Lewiston elects a Republican by 528 majority; the Democratic candidate last year was elected by 58 majority. Other towns head from show little change from last years's vote.

It is reported from London that a treaty has been concluded between Brazil and Paraguay, by which the former continues to exercise a protectorate over the latter, which, besides ceding certain territory, undertakes to pay all the expenses of the protectorate.

The barge A. B. Hill, laden with lime, and having on board a crew of two white men and one colored, is supposed to have been sunk by the gale last Saturday morning near New Point in Chesapeake Bay, and all hands lost.

A London Times' dispatch from Paris says General L'Admirault has reconsidered his determination to retire from the Governorship of Paris, which position he threatened to resign because the Rappel was allowed to appear.

President Thiers yesterday, in reply to a deputation of Englishmen, stated that the present passport system was only temporary, and promised encouragement for the tunnel project.

A large meeting was held at St. Louis yesterday in the interest of the national Sængerfest next June. A liberal subscription was made to construct an immense building.

The woolen manufacturers of New England were before the House Committee on Ways and Means yesterday to oppose the present tariff on imported wools and cloths.

The press of California severely condemn the sending of General Howard on a mission to the Apaches, now that General Crook is about to take the field.

Resolutions have been offered in the Ohio Senate asking Congress to vote an amendment to the national constitution, making foreign-born citizens eligible to the Presidency.

Pere Hyacinthe delivered an address at a Protestant meeting in Rome last night on the diffusion of the Bible.

Late foreign papers announce the death of M. Alex. Melatine, Russian Minister of the Interior.

The New York Assembly committee have agreed to report in favor of the repeal of the Erie directors' classification act.

J. S. Belcher, Merryville, California, has been appointed to the Supreme bench, vice Sprague, deceased.

Mrs. Bramlette, wife of Governor Bramlette, died at Louisville yesterday.

The railroad fare from New York to New Orleans has been raised from $50 to $53.

From Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

RICHMOND, March 4.—There was but little of interest in either branch of the Legislature, to-day, as usual on Monday.

The Senate passed the following House bills, which now go to the Governor for his approval: To authorize en election of certain officers in the town of Jeffersonville; to amend the code in relation to fire companies, authorizing an increase of membership from 60 to 90; to authorize the corporate authorities of Winchester to borrow money for water purposes; and to prescribe the duties and compensations of county officers; House joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to furnish to the judges of the State copies of the reports of Court of Appeals, at actual cost of publication, was also passed. A number of House bills were read twice and referred.

The House Committee on Roads made an adverse report upon the Senate bill to incorporate the Columbia, Fairfax and Prince William railroad company.

The House passed the bills prescribing the times for holding the terms of the Circuit Court in the 5th, 10th and 14th circuits, with amendments; and authorizing the Board of Public Works to release the mortgage or pledge executed by the town of Petersburg on 3,500 shares of the capital stock of the Petersburg Railroad company.

The bill fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly at $2 per day, which was committed on Saturday to the House Committee on Retrenchment and Economy, was reported back to-day with an amendment, in the nature of a substitute, fixing the pay at what it now is—$6 per day. A minority report, signed by three members, recommending the per diem to be fixed at $5, was also presented.

Several "leaves of absence" were granted in the House to-day.

The House took up the Senate bill amending the charter of the A., M. & O. R. R Co., by providing for the condemnation of the outstanding stock of the companies now composing this consolidated company, and after amending it, ordered it to be engrossed.

The Senate adopted a resolution requesting the Auditor of Public Accounts, Second Auditor and the Treasurer to revise the laws for the assessment and collection of taxes, both for State and county purposes, and make report, with such information and statistics as are pertinent to said subjects, to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth at its next session, with a proviso that the performance of the duty shall be without charge.

The House bill to amend and repeal certain sections of the Code, in relation to pilots, was taken up, and the substitute reported by the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation, agreed to; the substitute provides that there shall be no compulsory pilotage above Hampton Roads, but increases the fees from Hampton Roads to sea; the bill, as amended, was passed.

The bill reapportioning the State for representation in Congress, as agreed upon by the Conservative Caucus, was taken up in the Senate and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to provide for the payment of the interest on the debt was laid on the table.

The Senate then took up and passed the following bills; to incorporate the Valley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows; to incorporate Jeffersonville College; to incorporate the Virginia Valley Railway and Internal Improvement Co.; to amend the act providing more effectually for the protection of sheep in the county of Loudoun; to authorize the Fredericksburg, Orange and Charlottesville Railroad Company to receive subscriptions to its capital stock from citizens of the counties of Orange, Madison, Greene, and Albemarle to be paid for in lands lying in said counties; to incorporate the west Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company; providing for new grants when title papers are lost or destroyed.

At the night session of the House, the Senate bill to complete the organization of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company was taken up, discussed and passed, and House bill to amend the act prescribing the duties and compensation of certain township officers was considered till adjournment. Q.

Letter from Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

RICHMOND, VA., March 4, 1872.

The Legislature wags on "in the even tenor of *its* way," which is "peculiar." If outsiders can judge from the manner in which they are proceeding to the work before them, there is no question, but that with great reluctance many of the members will leave the delightful haunts of Richmond to return to their dissatisfied constituents, and they will delay the day of their departure as long as possible. They have now entered upon their extended term, and their works prove the "second state" to be worse even than the first. They seem, some of them, to be unsusceptible to considerations of reason, expediency, policy, or justice; like the heathern gods, they have ears but they hear not; eyes but they see not.

The Governor's veto message having been disposed of in the House, it is thought that the anti-funders cannot muster sufficient strength to overcome the veto in the Senate, but still matters will be left in no better condition, in as much as being defeated in this they will decline to make an appropriation to pay the interest, which the Attorney General decides is necessary, and thus the funding bill, though a law, presents the curious anomaly of an uneffective and inoperative one. These matters are consuming much time, and time which is costing the State heavily, and yet nothing is being effected, and a satisfactory disposal of these questions seem to all appearances as far in the future as ever. O.

LAWS.—Since those last reported the following acts of the General Assembly have become laws: authorizing the County court of Spotsylvania to rearrange the boundaries wherein the fence law shall be operative; to amend the Code in relation to records at large of courts; to amend the code in relation to the release of an insane wife's interest in realty; to amend the code, in relation to juries in civil cases; to provide a Special Court of Appeals; extending the time for the collection of taxes and county and township levies in certain counties for the year; to incorporate the town of Mount Jackson, in the county of Shenandoah; to amend the act passed to incorporate the Masonic Hall Association in the town of Harrisonburg; to amend the act to incorporate the Potomac and Manassas Railroad company; incorporating the Blue Ridge Springs company.

POLITCAL DISABILITIES.—A week or so ago, Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives, directing the Clerk of the House to have prepared an alphabetical list of the persons for the relief of whose political disabilities bills are now pending. In accordance with that resolution, a number of writers have been set at work and the lists are being made as rapidly as possible. There are between twelve and twenty thousand names now waiting action by the House, and each Monday adds largely to the number.—*Washington Patriot.*

The Danbury, Ct., News says:—"A young lady in a neighboring town has taken up dentistry for a living. All the gentlemen patronize her. When she puts her arm around the neck of a patient, and caresses his jaw for the offending member, the sensation is about as nice as they make 'em. One young man has become hopelessly infatuated with her. Consequently he hasn't a tooth in his head. She has pulled every blessed one of them; and made him two new sets and pulled them. She is now at work on his father's saw. He holds the saw.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A King George correspondent of the Fredericksburg Star gives an account of the accidental shooting of Mrs. C. W. Elkins of that county, by her little boy knocking down a loaded gun. The gun was discharged as it fell and the entire load of ten large shot lodged in the hip, driving the clothing some distance into the flesh. Several of the shot were extracted by Dr. Ashton, and at last accounts it was thought her recovery was possible.

Mr. Rhodes, who lives some four miles from Fredericksburg, had his right hand badly shot on Saturday by the accidental discharge of his gun. He had been out hunting, and on returning went to place his gun in the rack, when it was discharged from some unknown cause, the load passing through his right hand.

The Legislature has retained the clause in the revenue laws requiring sample merchants to take out a license to do business in this State.

The report that there is or has been small pox in Fredericksburg recently is without foundation.

HOW TO FIND A GOOD FARM.—Men who go to a strange place to look for a home are compelled by the nature of the case to labor under disadvantages. They know nothing of the country in a topographical and agricultural sense, and they do not know what to do first, and yet they are always in a hurry, being on expense, and desire to see the most of the country in the shortest possible time. Unless they have taken the greatest pains beforehand, being ignorant of the place and the country, and perhaps of the peculiarities of the soil, they must act entirely in the dark, and are fully apt either to pass by the best of the country, not seeing it, for the want of a few hours ride in the right direction, or to spend days, in fruitless attempts to find what they want, when they might find it in a day or two.

The true way to make the best of your time is to go to a regular real estate agent who knows the country and makes it his business to inform you concerning it. Tell him plainly how much land you want, and what kind of a farm, and for what purpose you expect to buy it. He don't expect to sell you a farm until you see it, and if he is a man of sense, he is not fool enough to be at the expense of advertising land that he knows practical men will not want when they look at it. He will not spend his money to take you to see lands that there is no probability of your wanting. After you have talked with him, and have looked at his descriptive and price list, go out and see some of the property. Weigh all things in favor of it, and against—see whether it suits you or not—compare it with other places you know of, and if it suits you, buy it; if not, look at another, and if you don't find something to suit you try another.

THE TICHBORNE CASE.—The Tichborne trial at London has been brought near to its close by the announcement of the jury that they are prepared to give a verdict, which will be against the man who turned up from Australia as a claimant to the baronetcy and its rent-roll of $150,000 a year. Previous to the defence commencing its side of the case, the claim of the assumed Sir Roger Tichborne seemed to be supported by proof that was almost conclusive, but the Attorney General picked such flaws in it and so contradicted its strongest points that the verdict which the jury has now ready has been expected at almost any time during the past month. It was a bold and desperate plot that Arthur Orton, a London butcher, laid to win the rich prize of position and wealth by representing himself as the lost heir to the title and estates, and he has produced evidence in his favor that will undoubtedly cause many to regard the finding of the jury as unjust and his case as, at least, not disproved. The best legal talent in England has been engaged in the contest, and every step through the Court exhaustively fought on each side. It will go down to history as one of the great romances of jurisprudence. A remarkable feature of the trial was the issuing of bonds by the plaintiff for the purpose of raising money to carry on the suit, and made payable in the event of his winning. At one time the current of evidence and opinion set so strongly in his favor that the bonds were sold for £40 on the £100. The result is a decided misfortune to the speculative buyers.—*Balt. American.*

BUCKLAND MILLS.—Mr. J. B. Hunton in calling to thank us for our reference to his unsurpassed water power of Buckland, exhibited to us samples of cloth of beautiful texture and pattern on which he proves from his ledger that he made over 25 per cent net profit. He intends to get a charter at once for a joint stock company and with the data at his command first convince our people of the truth of his statements and then solicit subscriptions to his enterprise. We trust he will succeed beyond his most sanguine hopes. In this connexion it may not be irrelevant to state that there is sufficient water power at Buckland not only to drive his woolen mills to their fullest capacity, but half a dozen other mills beside them. In other sections where water power is at the command of enterprise, sumac mills have been erected which pay their owners a profit of $30 per ton on every ton they grind. Within a radius of five miles of Buckland millions of pounds of this valuable product annually withers and rots. Why does not some man of capital start a sumac factory at Buckland, and reap the profits of this branch of business? Is the dependence of our people to rest forever only upon what they can dig by laborous effort out of the earth?—*Warrenton Index.*

ORIGIN OF A SAYING.—A correspondent of the Literary World writes:—"I have vainly endeavored to ascertain the origin of the saying. 'If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mohomet must go to the mountain.' Can you enlighten my ignorance?"

It is said that when Mahomet first declared his system of religion to the Arabs, they demanded proofs of his miraculous power, such as Christians claimed for Jesus and Moses. Mahomet replied that it would be tempting God, and provoking His wrath, to grant their demand. Nevertheless, he commanded Mount Sofa to come to him. Of course it didn't.—Whereupon he exclaimed: "God is merciful! Had it obeyed my words, it would have fallen on us to our destruction. I will, therefore, go to the mountain and thank God that he has had mercy on a stiff-necked generation."

FASHIONS IN NEW YORK.—Lilies of the valley are now the favorite flowers, and make the most charming boutonnieres Easter toilets are now distracting the brains of Belgravia, as men and women insist on new suits for the all-important Sunday. The quaint, picturesque hats now exhibited promise to be most becoming to the fresh sixteen-year-old maidens who will first sport the gay Dolly Vardens.—Among the new styles is a Leghorn straw, with a high crown, rolling brim, and straight cape, trimmed with rose-colored crape and Chantilly lace. Another, around hat of which straw had a green scarf of China Crape, white plume, and bunch of trailing rose buds at the back. The flats so fashionable last year have reappeared, and trimmed with crape feathers and flowers.—*Letter from New York.*

The Washington Star says:—"The item afloat in regard to Mrs. ex-President Tyler, that she is 'a lady of venerable years' is incorrect. She is the second wife of Mr. Tyler and was married to him during his Presidency—an event, from the youth of the lady, creating a great sensation at the time. She is still a very beautiful woman and of youthful appearance."

A CHEYENNE THEATER.—A Western correspondent of the Boston Transcript says:—"Monday night we visit the theater. The entrance is through the largest bar-room in town which is saying a great deal for it, for the competition is strong in Cheyenne. The theater is a branch of the bar, as are also a museum and a faro bank. If one can judge from the size of the crowd the latter must do a smashing business. We are entertained for a while by the minstrel performance. During the entertainment one of the actors jumps over the front of the stage, goes to the bar and gets a drink, then climbs back, takes his place, and the play proceeds.

ACCIDENT TO MRS. STOWE.—A dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., of the 29th ult., announces that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe has met with a very serious accident at her residence in Mandarin. She was standing on a high table arranging the drapery of her window, and stepping backward her feet caught in her hoop skirt, and she fell to the floor, striking the base of her brain on the sharp edge of a bedstead, while her back fell on a ritz bath tub which was standing near the table. She was picked up insensible. The latest dispatch announces an improvement in Mrs. S's. condition.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has decided that it is the duty of bank depositaries, situated without the limits of the Government contract with Adams Express Company, to receive and redeem defaced and mutilated currency under the Treasurer's late circular, on the same terms as other despositors; and that the expense of farwarding such currency to the Treasurer will be borne by the Department; the banks to pre-pay the charges to the nearest point within the contract, and to be reimbursed therefor by the Department.

ACCIDENTS.—A blacksmith's bellows exploded recently at Louisville, on account of gas being drawn into it from the fire, and then igniting. It went off with a report like a cannon, and was torn to pieces, but no one was injured. And here is another A sweet potato has exploded in Indiana and seriously scalded a child. First it was mince pie, then lager beer, and now a blacksmith's bellows and a sweet potato have turned to engines of destruction. Next!

The Chinese shoemakers at North Adams, Mass., of al the inhabitants of that town, were alone patrotic enough to celebrate the birthday of Washington, which they did by giving a feast in their shops, and by letting off a prodigious quantity of the most superior imported crackers.

The New Orleans volunteer fire department celebrated their thirty fifth anniversary with a procession yesterday, filling the streets with spectators.

Yesterday the thermometer ranged from zero to 13 degrees above along the lake shores, about 25 degrees on the Ohio river, and 32 degress in New England.

The Court of Appeals met in Richmond to-day.

To the Stockholders of the German Co-operative Building Association of Alexandria.—Financial Condition of the Association at the close of the fourth year, February 22, 1872.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT. DR.

To amount received from dues		$40,554 56
" " loans	28,111 71	
" " initiat'n fees	240 25	
" " premiums	861 75	
" " fines	287 23	
" " forfeitures	32 00	
" " transfers	39 50	
" " deposit	152 54	
		$70,279 53

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By amount paid on loans		$52,100 00
" " expenses	1,075 00	
" " int. on adv'ce dues	40 88	
" " " deposits	82 00	
" " withdrawals	1,421 81	
" " incidental bills	194 45	
" " property on Washington and Columbus streets	14,073 25	
" " fire insurance	11 71	
By balance cash in bank	1,279 80	
		$70,279 53

ASSETS.

Amounts secured by deeds of trust and shares	$71,086 59
Property on Washington and Columbus streets	8,073 25
Amount due the Association	1,309 47
" cash in bank	1,279 80
	$81,749 11
On advance stock instalments	209 50
	$81,539 61

MEMORANDUM.

Amount of shares sold	784
" " withdrawn	73
" " cancelled	28
" " on hand	115

Value of each share taken $104 at maturity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT PORTNER, President.

JUSTUS SCHNEIDER, Secretary.

COUNTY OF ALEXANDRIA TO WIT:

On this 5th day of March, A. D. 1872, before me, Albert Stuart, a Notary Public for the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, personally appeared Robert Portner, President, and Justus Schneider, Secretary of the German Co-operative Building Association of Alexandria, Va., and made oath in due form of law that the annexed statement, to which their names are signed, is true, to the best of their knowledge and belief

Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid. ALBERT STUART,

mh 5-1t Notary Public.

THE SECOND ANNUAL BALL,
For the benefit of
THE GERMAN SCHOOL,
Will be given at
HARMONIE HALL,
MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 25th, 1872.
The committee pledge themselves to make this the Grand Fancy Dress Ball of the season.
Committee of Arrangements.
I. Schwarz, S. Lindheimer,
E. Weyman, A. Drifus,
I. Eichberg.
Floor Managers.
H. Strauss. S. Blondheim.
Tickets, admitting a gentleman and ladies, $1; to be obtained of any member of the committee and at the door. mh 5-td

NOTICE.
The firm of HOOE, WEDDERBURN & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent, P. B. Hooe and B. H. Johnston alone signing in liquidation, and assuming the liabilities of the firm.
P. B. HOOE.
GEO. C. WEDDERBURN.
B. H. JOHNSTON.
Alexandria, March 1st, 1872.

COPARTNERSHIP.—We have this day formed a co-partnership under the firm, name and style of
HOOE & JOHNSTON,
and will continue the General Shipping and Commission business at No. 2 Prince st.
P. B. HOOE,
B. H. JOHNSTON.
Alexandria, March 1st, 1872. mh 5-3t

GRAHAM FLOUR, Wheaten Grits, Oat Meal, Nutrina and Barley. These goods are all fresh. For sale at 147 King street.
mh 5 W. F. BROOKES.

CHEAP KID GLOVES.
ONE AND TWO BUTTONS,
ALL COLORS AND SIZES.
A job lot. No more of them to be had at the prices.
jan 27 WITMER & SLAYMAKER.

1000 BUSHELS SURPRISE OATS for seed, in store and for sale at 201 King street.
jan 30-2m AUGUSTUS WALL.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

FALLS CHURCH, Va., March 3.—Among the many attractions claimed for our village, the last, but by no means the least, is the Free School. This, a graded school of one hundred pupils, we have for some time past flattered ourselves was one of the best, if not *the* best rural school in the State, and under the management of its efficient principal Job G. McVeigh, esq., formerly of Alexandria, it bids fair to maintain its claims. Mr. McVeigh, to a thorough education, adds the faculty of imparting information rapidly, and, while commanding the respect and obedience of his pupils in the school room, associates with them in their recreations as an elder brother to whom they look for counsel and assistance, and this brings about between pupil and preceptor a condition of mutual respect productive of the happiest results. Mr. McVeigh, though not required by the regulations of the Board of Education to do so, commenced with this session the study of the classics in connection with the English branches, which, though at first somewhat demurred to, is now conceded by his pupils themselves to be of vast benefit to them, so much of our English language being immediately derived therefrom. On the 1st inst. the higher class of the school was examined in the presence of the Trustees, Messrs. Roberts, Shreve and Bailey and numerous friends of the scholars and school, and the universal sentiment of the spectators was, that the progress of the pupils was in every way highly satisfactory. They acquitted themselves admirably, even in the more difficult branches, Mathematics, English Grammar and Latin, while their proficiency in all was very evident, and where all did so well it would be improper to make any distinction. It was a noticeable feature that the examination was not conducted on the show principle of angels in white, stage costumes, et cetera, to give it effect, but plainly, and in such manner as to exhibit defects, had they existed, rather than to conceal them. The examination was most rigid and lasted about six hours. At the close some congratulatory remarks were made by Messrs. J. H. Sargent, J. C. DePutron, Benj. Shreve and Dr. Lloyd, which had the happy feature of brevity, after which the school was dismissed. The people of our section have always been anxious to bring about a recognition by the State Government of the necessity of a Free School system, and any effort to impair the system, now that it is just getting fairly established, would be met by our people with universal condemnation. S.

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HAVE WE A BOURBON AMONG US?—This was the great question some years ago, when an old gentleman from Canada, a half breed Indian, it is said, was proclaimed in some of the newspapers as the Dauphin, the son of the unfortunate Louis XVI. One of the Washington papers, a few days ago, gave a biographical sketch of an illustrious Washingtonian named something like Suet or Suit, who, if not himself a Bourbon, his biographer says, has cornered the whole United States by engrossing all the Bourbon which could be bought, and will thereby make a large fortune. The paper aforesaid lauds the said gentleman as a man of great genius, and perhaps he is, for editors should know if any people do. Some years ago the New York Herald nominated a Mr. Law for President of the United States because he was a successful steamboat owner. Now if old Dalgetty was right, why would not Mr. Suit be a suitable candidate? How many votes are there in millions of gallons of old, very old whiskey? Why even rot-gut commands a great many, but he has millions, and of the oldest too.

I hope the Gazette will have the honor of being the first in the field for the Bourbon candidate. On second thought, does not the said cornering cover some deep political design, and is not the cornerer a dangerous man in a republic? What if instead of selling at a large money profit, he should get into power by using the ardent instead of "l'argent?" What if Grant had been so well supplied, and after crossing had fallen back over the Rapidan, leaving his stores behind—could he not, in a few days, have marched straight into Richmond, without any Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Dutch Gap, Crater, or Bottled Bulter, to the saving of so many valuable lives? SUETONIUS.

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How long is the nusiance of the open trench on St. Asaph street to be allowed to remain. For more than four months the people of the town, and particularly of that neighborhood have been put to the most serious inconvenience, by it. St. Asaph street, between Prince and Duke, has been almost impassable for the whole winter, and is now a perfect muck. The custom house officials don't seem to mind it. Will not the Council take some action in the matter, and have the street restored to its proper condition without delay. P.

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, March 5.—The market for Wheat is unchanged; offerings of 52 bushels white and 630 of red, with sales of the former at 172 for fair, and of the latter at 167 for common, 175, 176 and 177 for good, and 180 and 182 for prime; no choice samples on 'Change. Corn is quiet and unchanged; offerings of 622 bushels mixed, with sales at 67. Small sales of Oats at 60.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, MARCH 5.

SUN ROSE..... 6.27 MOON RISES..... 3.57
SUN SETS..... 5.57

ARRIVED.

Steamship E C Knight, Johnson, New York, to Hooe & Johnston.

Steamer E C Biddle, McCue, and schrs Rachel Seaman, Philadelphia, and Freddie Waller, Washington, to M Eldridge & Co.

Schr C W Locke, Philadelphia, to John Leatherland.

SAILED.

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Steamer Wawaset, Fowlkes, Currioman, by Potomac Ferry Co.

Steamer G H Stout, Jones, Philadelphia, by M Eldridge & Co.

MEMORANDA.

Brig Josie A Devereux, Haskell, hence, at Boston 3d instant.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Feb. 28th, by Elder J. L. Purrington, THOMAS HOLDEN and BELLE J. SUMMERS, all of Fairfax county, Va.

In the Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, on the 4th of March, by Rev. James P. Smith, BENJAMIN J. HARRISON, of Baltimore, Md., to Miss HELEN M. CHEWNING, daughter of Dr. F. B. Chewning, of Fredericksburg.

DIED.

In Fredericksburg, on Wednesday, the 29th ultimo, after a short illness, ROBENETT, wife of Newton Beckwith, aged 27 years.

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