

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the Times.

The municipal authorities of Halifax are perplexed as to where the strange deed of the Atlantic should have their resting place.

Nixon remains completely prostrated in his cell in the Tombs, in New York, and is only kept up by stimulants.

I was stated in New York, yesterday, that the officers of a Liverpool steamer, lately arrived, severely condemned the crew shipped from that city.

The coroner's jury on the collision between a passenger train and a construction train on the St. Louis and Southern Railway.

In the money market in New York city yesterday, the rate at the opening for demand loans was 1/4 per cent.

Louis McMurray, the well-known vegetable and fruit packer in Frederic county, Md., is preparing on a gigantic scale for the packing season of 1873.

Sir Charles Dick, Bart., is now in his 70th year, the door attendant of a picture gallery in Brighton, England.

In the case of Daniel Seill vs. the Kensington National Bank of Philadelphia, in which the jury rendered a verdict for \$37,000 for the plaintiff.

Jay Gould is reported superintending at Newport, R. I., the building of a mammoth steamboat, which is to carry a train of thirty cars from New York to Sandy Hook in one hour.

At Washington, Pa., yesterday, the motion for a new trial in the case of Henry Briceland, convicted of the murder of John Allingham, was overruled.

The Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention has adopted a stringent section regulating both the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

A telegram from Sydney announces that the Parliament of New South Wales has voted the sum of two hundred thousand dollars to aid emigration to that colony.

The election for president in the French National Assembly, yesterday, resulted in the choice of M. Louis Joseph Buffet, by a majority of nineteen, over M. Martel.

Capt. Wm. N. Jeffers has been appointed chief of the bureau of ordnance, Washington, vice Rear Admiral Case, who will take command of the European squadron.

James Munroe, esp., the present Mayor of Annapolis, has been renominated by the Republicans for reelection.

A dispatch from Poughkeepsie reports that navigation in the North river, as far up as Hudson, will be open to day.

The population of the city of St. Louis is 428,126, which is an increase of 117,292 over the census of 1870.

A later dispatch from Rome states that the Pope is recovering from his recent illness.

Several bank note forgers have been arrested in Rome.

John E. Sheekel, esp., of Prince George's county, Md., died of pneumonia last Sunday.

BILLS ACTED UPON BY THE GOVERNOR.—The Governor has approved the bill in relation to interest, and the joint resolutions expressing the sympathy of the people of Virginia with the people of Louisiana in the present troubled condition of affairs in that State.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Manassas Gazette says:—"A considerable amount of damage was done to property in this section of the State by the storm on Saturday last.

A charter incorporating the English and American Bank of Farmville was granted at the March term of the Circuit Court of Prince Edward.

Among the wine makers who have succeeded in Albemarle county, is W. Hotopp, eq., whose vineyard was commenced in 1866.

As three terms of the Circuit Court in each county are provided for in the late Court bill, the General Assembly has passed another bill providing that it shall be lawful for the Circuit Court judges of this State, until the times for holding their terms.

Last week Messrs C. R. Mason, E. McMahon and Thomas K. Menifield, of Staunton, were awarded a contract for building the remaining eight-eight miles of the Big Sandy Railroad, in Kentucky.

Judge Staples and other prominent men of Patrick county, who were charged with ku kluxing, have been tried and honorably discharged.

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

The trial of the colored man Tom Wright, indicted for murdering the podler R. Gerki and robbing him, just before Christmas last, is continued in the Criminal Court, and will probably be concluded to-day.

Judge Sharkey, of Miss., has been lying for some time dangerously ill of pleurisy in this city. Judge Sharkey is connected with some of the eminent families of Maryland.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.—Just before the adjournment of the General Assembly, Governor Walker communicated to the Senate the particulars of every case of fine or penalty re-imposed, or reprieve or pardon granted, and of punishment commuted during 1872.

John Applby, of Prince William county (deceased), convicted of arson at the December (1872) term of Prince William County Court, and sentenced to be hanged on the 7th day of February, 1873.

Abner Harrold, of Frederickburg, convicted of robbery at the July term (1868) of the Corporation Court of the city of Frederickburg, and sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for the term of eight years.

Andrew J. Moore, of Alexandria city, convicted of subornation of perjury at the October (1871) term of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, and sentenced to pay a fine of one cent and to be imprisoned in the county jail for a term of one year.

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LIST OF LETTERS.

- Persons calling for letters will say they are at the office of the Alexandria Gazette, and will be sent to the address below. If not called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the dead letter office, in Washington.

Remaining in the Alexandria, Va., Post Office, April 5, 1873.

- Anderson, Annie; Hollister, John; Brown, Mrs. L. W.; Woodson, Miss; Berry, Mrs. J. A.; Moore, Mrs. G. W.; Barber, Russell T.; Misset, Frances; Bond, W. H.; Myers, Frank M.; Clark, Thomas W.; Murray, Edward; Cook, James A.; Peterson, Mrs. J. A.; Chapman, E. Rollin; Payne, Charles; Davis, Ediza; Payton, Mrs. C. W.; Davidson, Joseph; Sattler, Washington; Hickon, John Wallace; Tolson, W. J.; Dalton, W. H.; Thomas, R. G.; Edwards, Miss Sarah M.; Underwood, Miss; Folds, James; Valentine, Mrs. Mary A.; Grayson, Capt. D. C.; Woodson, Miss; Grayson, Mrs. D. C.; Whitely, Mrs. G. G.; Gentry, Absalom; Watson, E. J.; Gaines, Mrs. Louisa; Washington, Albert; Havville, M.; N. P. TRIST, P. M.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, APRIL 5, 1873.

- Steamer Geo. H. Spout, Philadelphia, to P. A. Read.

On Friday, the 4th inst., at 11 o'clock, the 8th year of age, Mrs. ELIZABETH OKELL, a native of Kilmory, near Kilmallock, Co. Wick, Ireland.

On Friday evening, April 5, 1873, the infant child of C. C. and Susan A. Stone, 30th friends of the family are invited to attend a funeral, to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 10 o'clock, from 89 Willis street.

At Glenwood, Stafford county, Va., the residence of her grandfather, Judge R. C. L. Moore, Wednesday morning, March 28th, 1873, HARRIET WINSTON, daughter of John M. and Anna M. Hull, aged 22 months.

After a lingering illness, on Friday afternoon, April 4th, 1873, WILLIAM MCKENRICK, eldest son of the late P. Ravenagh, of Baltimore.

NEW BOOKS TO-DAY.

The Doves and other Stories, by Eliza Garrett, author of "Occupations of a Farm Life," 1 vol., 12mo., new edition, 21c.

Green's Notion House.

Agents wanted in every city, town and village in the State.

ORANGE, ALEX. & MANASSAS R. R. CO. NOTICE.

NEW PARASOLS—LATEST STYLES.

CITY PROPERTY WANTED.

PRIME COUNTRY LARD, for sale by R. M. LAWSON.



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1873.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.—In the Supreme Court of the U. S. on the 2d inst., in the case of the Board of Public Works of Virginia vs. Columbian College and others, legatees of John Withers, it was decided that the decree in favor of the Board vs. Selden, Withers & Co., was final and conclusive of the matters passed upon by the State Court; and being so, they must be treated as a finality in other States, and that the Board is entitled to pursue assets belonging to Withers' estate in the hands of the legatees.

In the case of Walker vs. Whitehead, in error to the Supreme Court of Georgia, the decision of the Court below was reversed, upon the ground that the act imposing taxes on debts by the State is unconstitutional, as impairing the obligation of contracts. This was an action upon a promissory note, which was dismissed in the Court below, because it did not appear that certain taxes, chargeable on all debts, had been paid on this debt. Under this decision, what becomes of the tax imposed by Virginia upon railroad and city bonds, &c.?

The Baltimore Sun says that "the issues on the subject of freights between the people of the West and the railroad companies are rapidly assuming definite shape, and on the part of the people the organization in many of the States is presenting an aggressive front to the corporations that are charged with unjust discrimination in freights and extortion in the transportation of grain. The railroads contend that their charges generally are not more than will pay on the capital invested. The farmers, however, seem determined to solve the problem, and force, by State legislation, regulation of transportation rates."

Chalkley Gillingham, of Fairfax county, writes to the Manassas Gazette:—"I keep a record of the weather, and we had in March the highest and lowest barometer that has been since 1871. The barometer, on the 29th, at 12 o'clock, noon, was lower than it has been since the 15th of November, 1871, and on the 6th it stood at 30 in. 45 100, which was something higher than on Christmas day, 1870. I have no record of a higher barometer than that in four years. Highest point reached 30.45 in. lowest 28.95."

The Conservatives in Virginia can only hope to succeed in the next State election, by entire union and harmony among themselves and an issue between Conservative and Radical political principles. If they permit their adversaries to introduce into their ranks other issues, about which their best men may differ, they will be divided and defeated.

It is said that several of the old and experienced naval officers, who are perfectly familiar with the coast off Halifax, are unreserved in pronouncing the loss of the steamer Atlantic as the result of inefficiency and negligence. They state also that there was an utter lack of discipline among both officers and crew.

The Richmond Whig says:—"The Governor having failed to sign the act recently passed by the Legislature, in relation to the funding of the public debt, also the embezzlement bill and an act known as the warehouse bill, they have failed to become laws."

Private advices from Arizona state that the Apache Indians have been effectually subdued by General Crook's policy. Paymasters and other officers travel with smaller escorts than ever before, and there are no fears of trouble with the Indians.

Stockholders in the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company, who may attend the meeting of Stockholders in Lynchburg on the 8th inst., will be passed free upon presenting to the Conductors of the road their certificate of stock.

A letter from Washington says that at a recent competitive examination for a clerkship in the Treasury Department, "Dr. Mary Walker" did not answer correctly enough the questions to secure her the coveted clerkship.

The Hagerstown, Md., Mail states that twenty-six citizens of Frederic county, some of them with families, left that city on Wednesday last, bound to the western limits of Kansas, where they intend to found a colony.

The Southern Claims Commission will probably sit all summer. It is stated that a larger number of claims than ever before will be presented to Congress next fall.

Mr. Merrick, late representative in Congress from the Prince George's district, in Maryland, is spoken of as a candidate for the next U. S. Senator from Maryland.

Pennsylvania politicians represent great excitement as prevailing in that State over the Congressional appropriation bill still pending in the Legislature.

Telegrams from Cuba bring the intelligence of a report of the capture of General Partilla by the insurgents, and other indications of increased strength of the Cubans.

The Hon. Judah P. Benjamin, the Confederate Secretary of State, and now one of Her Majesty's Counsellors at Law, will visit the United States during the summer.

The public grounds in Washington will be materially improved this year, Congress having appropriated \$130,000 for that purpose.

A reward of \$1,000 is offered for the recovery of the money that was recently stolen from the Sheriff of Rappahannock county, Va.