

LOCAL NEWS.

FIRE.—The alarm of fire about three o'clock this morning was caused by the burning of the block of old two-story framed buildings that stood on the southwest corner of the intersection of King and St. Asaph streets.

The corner house was occupied by A. Dreifus as a second-hand furniture store, and by Washington Fisher, a colored barber, the former being insured for \$500 in the Virginia Company of Richmond, and the latter for \$1,000 in the Maryland Company of Baltimore.

The alarm was general, and the site of the fire being in the centre of the city, notwithstanding the hour, a large crowd was present. The fire department was out with its usual alacrity—the Columbia steamer having the plug at the corner of King and Washington streets, and the Hydrant that at the post-office corner, and the Relief Hook and Ladder Company wherever most needed.

The heat for a time was intense, and lest the cars of the A. & W. R. R. at the St. Asaph street depot, on the opposite side of King street, should take fire, a locomotive was brought hurriedly from the Henry-street depot and they were carried out of harm's way.

The fire is said to have been beyond all doubt the work of an incendiary, but as yet suspicion attaches to no one. Before the flames had been entirely extinguished the roof of the house at the intersection of Pitt and Prince streets, formerly occupied by the late L. B. Taylor, esq., caught fire from a flying ember, but the flames were put out before much damage had been occasioned.

LADIES' UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.—The active work of this truly benevolent society commenced on the 20th of December last, since which time there have been assisted one hundred and nine families, the expense averaging a little over \$8 a day.

The distribution of articles for the month of March was as follows:—Toa, 134 lbs.; meal, 154 bushels; sugar, 149 lbs.; rice, 9 lbs.; bacon, 185; molasses, 14 gallons; potatoes, 14 bushels; coffee, 11 lbs.; soap, 22 pairs; shoes, 15 pairs; dresses, 17; flannel skirts, 16; chemises, 10; drawers, 11 pairs; flannel jackets, 3; pants, 3 pairs; night gowns, 7; cloaks, 3; flannel shirts, 9; beans, 7 quarts; corns, 4; grits, 3 lbs; flour, 9; wood, 24 cords; coal, 14 tons; herrings, 2 doz.; boots, 1 pair; paddies, 2 pairs; vests, 4; hominy, 27 quarts; eggs, 1 doz.; bodies, 2; crackers, 7 lbs.

There was in the treasury at the beginning of February \$24.51. During the month the receipts of the society in money from all sources amounted to \$259.79, making a total of \$284.30. Bills were paid by the Treasurer during the month of February amounting to \$210.89, leaving a balance in the treasury up to date of \$73.41.

HON. S. S. COX.—As will be seen by the report of the meeting of the Directors of the Alexandria Library Company, held last evening, the Hon. S. S. Cox, member of Congress from the city of New York, has consented to deliver his justly popular lecture entitled "American Humor," for the benefit of the Library Company on Wednesday evening next, at Sarcpta Hall.

THE MISSION AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—Rev. Wm. F. Clarke departed last night from the course ordinarily pursued at Missions, and preached a controversial sermon, at the request of some persons who desired to be informed as to the grounds upon which the Catholic Church claims a divine mission to convert the world.

GERMAN BANKING COMPANY.—Among the alterations to be made in the old Alexandria Fire Insurance Building, now rented by the German Banking Company, will be the lowering of the first floor to a distance of two feet from the ground, and a corresponding lowering of the windows. As the work cannot be done by the 1st of April, the operations of the new company cannot be commenced at that time.

ATTEMPTED WIFE MURDER.

A one-legged colored man named Richard Smith, was brought to the city about eleven o'clock last night and committed to jail on the charge of attempting to kill his wife. The particulars of the case as stated by Justice N. S. Wright, the committing justice, are as follows: Smith with his wife lived at Freedmen's Village in this county; about a week ago they had a difficulty, the wife leaving the house of her husband and going to her mother's house in another part of the village; from thence she went to another house in the suburbs of the village, to which house her husband went yesterday, armed with a gun, loaded with slugs, and aiming at her head and fired, the ball striking her on the curve of the forehead and glancing off, taking a portion of the scalp with it; Smith then hurried away as rapidly as possible and concealed himself in a field, near by, but finding that the whole village had been roused and that the county was being beaten up by an excited mob of about two hundred of his own race, who were threatening to lynch him, he went to the house of Mr. Corbett, near by, and begged that gentleman to protect him until he could deliver himself to the township magistrates; Mr. Corbett at once accompanied him to the office of Justice Wright by whom a commitment was made out and the prisoner sent to the city in charge of constable Boles. The woman is severely, but it is thought, not fatally injured.

FISHTOWN.—It was stated yesterday that Col. Stewart was actively engaged in getting the fish ward in readiness for an early commencement of business. The packers to be engaged there this year will be Messrs S. J. Reed, J. E. McGraw, J. T. Armstrong, Cook & Co., Johnson & Co., and Cogswill & Co. The refreshment booths will be kept by J. P. Coleman, G. Krieg, and Mr. Brown, of Washington. A cargo of fresh fish was received from Capt. Guy's shore at Waller's and a cargo this morning from Mr. Cawood's shore at Fowler's. The house of Chappell & Storer, of New York, had an agent here this morning making arrangements for shipping fish to the New York market.

EAST ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD.—The delay in opening connection between this city and the north by the East Alexandria Railroad, is occasioned by the non-acceptance of that road by the E. & O. R. Co., in consequence of a failure on the part of Mr. Suit to fulfill some of the conditions of the contract, which required the construction of a first-class railroad with all the necessary appurtenances. It is understood, however, that connection will probably be made some time next week.

BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of the German Co-operative Building Association, held last night, a vote of thanks was tendered the officers of the Association; a dividend of \$5 upon every share of stock was declared, and the following named gentlemen re-elected: Robert Portner, President; Justus Schneider, Secretary; Louis Stein, Treasurer; and G. E. French, Isaac Eibner, Thomas Rishell, J. H. Reid, B. F. Price and E. Francis, Directors.

POLICE REPORT.—Affairs at police headquarters this morning were exceedingly quiet. The only case reported at the Mayor's and magistrates' offices, was that of a young man, who, for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged.

Five lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

ROBBERY.—The grocery store of Mr. Thomas Darley, northwest corner of the intersection of Cameron and Washington streets, was entered last night through a side window by unknown thieves who robbed it of a lot of cigars, tobacco and crackers.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Prof. Harris, the man with the iron jaw has postponed the exhibition he was to have given to-night in the house at the corner of Fairfax street and Ferry Alley, because the room in which the show was to take place had not been licensed as an exhibition hall.

The Lenten services now in progress in the Catholic and Episcopal Churches and the revival going on in the M. E. Church are attended by large congregations and much religious feeling has been excited.

The tops of the wells of the pumps at the intersection of Fairfax and Wilkes and Franklin streets having been discovered to be in a dangerous condition, are now being repaired by Superintendent of Police Clifford.

The two storied framed dwelling house on Patrick street, between Wilks and Gibson recently occupied by W. F. Remington has been sold by the Alexandria Co-operative Building Association to J. T. Nalls for \$610.

Letters from Cumberland now say that water will not be let on the whole length of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal until the 15th inst. instead of the 10th as heretofore stated.

J. M. Moore has obtained the contract for building the new reservoir of the Alexandria Water Company and expects to commence work about the first of next month.

The time for closing the bids for the erection of a steeple upon Grace Church is drawing to an end rapidly.

The Hydrant Sun Fire Engine Co. desire to return their thanks to Mrs. Hudson, and to Messrs. John Perry and Thomas Perry and to Mr. G. Wm. Ramsay for cigars furnished us at the fire this morning.

A CARD.—I return my sincere thanks to the Relief Hook and Ladder Company for their promptness in extinguishing the fire on the roof of house No. 112 Prince street this morning.

JUDGE LOWE returns his thanks to the firm and citizens generally for their efforts to save a corner loss by fire the property at the St. W. corner of King and St. Asaph streets.

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An adjourned meeting of the Hydrant Sun Fire Engine Co. will be held to-morrow [Friday] evening, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested.

A regular meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Co. will be held to-morrow [Friday] evening, at 8 o'clock.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.—In bankruptcy.

It is ordered by the Court, That the order entered at Richmond on the 13th day of February, 1874, relating to deposits of assignees in bankruptcy be amended so to make the First and Second Bank at Alexandria, Va., a place of deposit for such assignees as may reside in and adjacent to said city.

NORFOLK, March 3, 1874. R. W. HUGHES, District Judge. A copy—test: CHAS. S. BARRY, Clerk. [ms 3]

NOTICE.—The steamer COLUMBIA, Captain James Harvey, will resume her regular trips on SATURDAY, March 7th, leaving Baltimore at 4 o'clock p. m. Returning will leave Alexandria on TUESDAY EVENING, at 10 o'clock.

50 BBLs PRIME LABRADOR and 50 BBLs PRIME SHORE SPLIT HERRINGS, just received per schr H. N. Squire, from Boston, and for sale by N. LINDSAY & CO., mh 5 Commercial Exchange Building.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

Baltimore Annual Conference. STAUNTON, March 4.—The Conference assembled this morning, Bishop Doggett presiding, and was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. Dr. Gardner.

The galleries of the Church in which the sessions of the Conference are held, were crowded with spectators.

Bishop Glossbrenner, of the church of the United Brethren, being present, was introduced, the Conference rising to receive him.

A letter from the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., was read showing that the assets of last year were over forty-six thousand dollars more than those of the year preceding. The letter urges that each member of Conference should try and sell over one hundred dollars' worth of books this year, which, with the other receipts of the concern, would clear the House of debt entirely.

The Conference was addressed by Drs. Hagood and McFerrin, who urged the adoption of the plan recommended in the letter as the best means of clearing the Publishing House of debt.

The East Baltimore, Washington and Winchester districts were then called, and the characters of all the ministers upon those circuits passed upon favorably.

A memorial was received from the Lewisburg district praying the Conference to memorialize the General Conference not to change the relations of the Lewisburg circuit.

Upon calling the Winchester district the Presiding Elder, Rev. Mr. Wheelright, whose health is very precarious, rose and made a short but pathetic address, concluding by saying that though weak, he was willing to die in the service. His enfeebled condition, and his words, full of pathos, deeply affected the congregation, many of whom were moved to tears.

Alexandria Postmastership.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The delay in the confirmation of W. N. Berkley as postmaster of the city of Alexandria is occasioned by a request of Mr. Lewis McKeezie that the confirmation should not be considered until the return of Senator Lewis, who is home sick. The object of the request is to obtain from Mr. Berkley a promise to retain R. Bell, jr., in the position of assistant postmaster, but this Mr. Berkley positively refuses, and is confident, as are all others who know anything about the case, of his confirmation, irrespective of his action in reference to Mr. Bell, who, it is thought, will certainly lose the position he now holds.

From New York.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Upon his arrival in this city from England, Dr. Porteus presented his credentials and applied in the usual manner for a license to preach. Bishop Potter gave him a license for this diocese, and Bishop Littlejohn gave him a similar one for that of Long Island. After lecturing in Dr. Duryea's, Plymouth, Dr. Carroll's, and other churches, Dr. Porteus received letters from the Bishops revoking his license, the charges being, that he preached in non-Episcopal pulpits and delivered lectures on frivolous subjects.

Considerable anxiety is expressed respecting the safety of the German steamer Graf Bismarck, which left Bremen for this port three weeks ago via Southampton, at which port she took on an extra cargo and passengers, and left on the 15th of February for New York, and has not since been heard of.

Miss Ada M. Noyes, a well known actress, of Charleston, S. C., died to-day of hydrophobia, caused by the bite of a favorite dog.

Church Union.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Committees representing the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America and the General Session of the Presbyterian Church South, have had several meetings, at which the subject of consolidating the churches was thoroughly discussed and the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed. Their final action was as follows: The committees unanimously agreed to report to their respective bodies, which will meet in May and June of this year, that a plan of cooperation is practicable, so far as the leading features of the Ecclesiastical work is concerned, especially that relating to home and foreign missions and the public action interest.

No steps have thus far been taken toward effecting an organic union of the denominations represented, but the harmony which has thus far prevailed renders it probable in the minds of many that this consummation will be realized at no distant day.

Financial.

LONDON, March 5.—3.30 p. m.—The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 3 1/2 per cent., which is 1/2 below the Bank rate. The bullion in the Bank of England has increased £283,000 during the past week. The proportion of the bank reserve to liabilities, which was last week 49 per cent., is now 47 1/2. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank on balance to-day is £90,000.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The amount of gold advertised to be sold to-day is \$1,000,000. There were twenty-seven bids, aggregating \$4,197,500, at 119.35 to 119.95.

Marine Intelligence.

LONDON, March 5.—The steambship Wyoming for New York, (that pack back to Liverpool a second time with the loss of her funnel, has transhipped her cargo to the steamship Minnesota, which left Liverpool yesterday.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 5.—The steamship Hansa, from New York for Bremen, arrived here this morning. She experienced the heaviest gales which prevailed on the Atlantic last week and suffered much damage.

Escaped.

HAMILTON, ONT., March 5.—Yesterday afternoon Mollie Holbrook, alias Mary Hoy, who was in charge of a detective en route from New York to Chicago, on the charge of stealing \$20,000 in bonds, escaped from custody here by leaving the train and throwing herself into the arms of a policeman and claiming protection. She was taken before a magistrate and discharged, as she could not be detained.

The Indian Fam'ne.

LONDON, March 5.—Dispatches from Calcutta report that the distress among the famine stricken people in Eastern Tibet is increasing. In one village alone eighteen persons have starved to death within the past four days. The number of applicants for employment on the government relief works has increased from 15,000 to 30,000 within a week.

Inspector of Liquors.

TRENTON, N. J., March 5.—In the house a bill was introduced providing for an inspector in each county of all liquors offered for sale, and the flogging of all persons selling liquors without the seal of the inspector \$300, and the liquor to be confiscated.

Heavy Suit.

NASHVILLE, March 5.—A test suit, involving the validity of a note one and a half millions

of the new issue of the Bank of Tennessee is now before the Supreme Court of this State.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, March 5, 11 a. m. For the Middle States, winds veering to easterly and southeasterly and clear or partly cloudy weather. For the South Atlantic States, gentle to fresh northeast to southeast winds, lower temperature than on Wednesday, generally cloudy weather and possibly light coast rains.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Stocks active. Money 3/4. Gold 112. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat a shade firmer. Corn firm. BALTIMORE, March 5.—Virginia siles, old, 35; Virginia siles, consolidated, 61 1/2; do. peelers 40; West Virginia 11 1/2. Cotton firm for good grades; others dull and weak; low middings 14 1/2. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat weak; white choice 18 1/2; fair to prime do. 17 1/2; choice amber 18 1/2; good to prime red 16 1/2; common to fair do. 16 1/2. Corn firm; receipts light; white Southern 72 7/8; yellow Southern 70 7/8; mixed Western 80. Oats dull; Southern 55 1/2; Western 55 1/2. Rye dull and unchanged. Hay unchanged. Provisions firmer.

AMUSEMENTS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

HON. S. S. COX.

(Member of Congress from New York city.) Will deliver his celebrated lecture, ENTITLED, "AMERICAN HUMOR," AT SARCPTA HALL, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING NEXT, At eight o'clock, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY COMPANY.

Tickets 50c. For sale at French's bookstore, at Lunt's and Cook's drug stores, and at the hotels. mh 5-td

SIXTH ANNUAL BALL.

OF THE HYDRAULIC STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO.

WILL BE GIVEN AT SARCPTA HALL, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 6th. Master of Ceremonies—Wm. H. Smith. Four Managers.

R. W. Falls, B. F. Penn, R. M. Latham, John Sullivan. Committee of Reception.

Henry J. Nevett, Thomas Lannon, M. B. Harlow, H. P. Berkley. Committee of Arrangements.

Jos. H. Young, Israel Berliner, A. C. Kell. The Committee reserve the right to reject. mh 4-td

HUGENOTSHEETINGS AND SHIRT-INGS.

We offer for sale a large stock of the above goods just received from the New York agents, and regard them as the best sheetings made in this country; also a full line of Quills, Toweling, Napkins, Table Damask, Cravats, Wine Cloth, &c., &c. D. F. BRASHEAR, mh 5

LOT.—This afternoon, about two o'clock, between our store and the First National Bank, a CHECK on the latter for sixty dollars and eighty nine cents (\$69.89) payable to "Stiles' note or bearer." All persons are warned against cashing the same as payment has been stopped. mh 5-l

EVERETT'S CHEMICAL PAINTS, ready for immediate application, a full stock of various shades on hand and for sale at manufacturer's prices. We will furnish sample cards of the colors upon application. mh 5 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

PERUVIAN SYRUP, Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, Nichol's Elixir, Calisaya and Iron, Extracts Vanilla, Lemon, Strawberry, Rose, Peppermint, Orange, &c. Just received and for sale by mh 5 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

MAURY'S CELEBRATED ENGLISH TOOTH BRUSHES, Superior Fair Brushes, Toilet Soap, Spoons, Chamoise, Skins, Colognes of various kinds, just received and for sale by mh 5 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

FREDERICKSBURG WOOLEN GOODS. These are the best goods made in the State, and we offer them at Factory prices. D. F. WITMER & CO., mh 5 109 KING STREET.

DROPPING TUBES, a very convenient instrument for dropping medicines; also Glasses graduated to measure teaspoonsful, for sale by mh 5 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF SPRING CALICOES, the latest styles; also Brown and Bleached Cottons, just opened. D. F. WITMER & CO., mh 5

CHLORIDE OF LIME, for disinfecting purposes, put up in 1 lb and 4 lb packages in patent waterproof glass paper, received and for sale by mh 5 J. S. COGSWILL & CO.

CLOTHS, CASSIMERES and VESTINGS. Just opened a great many goods in this department, of choice styles and very cheap. mh 5 D. F. BRASHEAR.

PRATT'S ASTRAL OIL, Vinegar Bitters, Simmons' Liver Regulator, and Solution Citrate Magnesia, for sale by mh 5 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

CURB QUILTS, in Marshalls, Honey Comb. Also spreads. Our stock in this line is very complete. mh 5 D. F. WITMER & CO.

PLAIN BLUE and BLACK PERCALS, for trimmings, just received by D. F. WITMER & CO., mh 5

GERMAN BANKING CO. There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the above Company, on THURSDAY, EVENING, March 6th, at 7 o'clock, at Harmonie Hall, at which time the first instalment on stock and initiation fee of twenty-five cents per share will be received. mh 4-2

NOTICE.—All persons who rental FISH BENCHES on the 25th ultimo and fail to comply by Friday, the 6th instant, at 10 o'clock, are notified that I shall take possession and rent the same at the cost and expense of the delinquent renters. mh 4-2

THOS. WHITTINGTON, Clerk of the Market.

VINEGAR BITTERS, Wilbur's Cod Liver Oil and Lime, Fugger's Iodised Cod Liver Oil, Simmons' Liver Regulator, Rosadalis, Lindsey's Blood Searcher, Ayer's Sarsaparilla and Jynse's Aterative, just received and for sale by mh 4 JANNBY & CO.

CUTLERY POCKET SHALERS, Sage's Catarrh Remedy, and Pierce's Nasal Injectors, just received and for sale by mh 4 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.—Old fashioned Banda silk Handkerchiefs opened to-day by mh 4 W. N. BERKLEY.

AMMIDON & CO., QUEEN'S WARE, GLASSWARE, LAMPS & CHANDELIERS, 241 Baltimore and 60 German st., Baltimore, Jan 21-2m

WISTAR'S BALSAM WILD CHERRY, Peruvian Syrup, McMan's Elixir, Osm. Pierce's Peppet, Flegg's Relief, Pure English Mustard, Hop Nuts, Bleached Jamaica Ginger, Cream Tartar, Tarrant's Appetizer, &c. Just received by mh 4 JANNBY & CO.

TRACES, LOG, OX, BREAST, BACK-BAND AND OTHER CHAINS, at 88 King street, corner of Royal—Just received a full supply of the above goods, which will be sold wholesale and retail at a small advance on cost. Call and see. mh 4

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON. WE KEEP constantly on hand an assortment of READY-MADE WORK, such as Doors, Sashes, Blinds, Frames, Mouldings, Brackets, &c. B. F. PEAKE & CO., mh 12

FERTILIZERS. IMPORTANT TO FARMERS! ONLY \$40 A TON. GUANAHANI, AN IMPORTED NATURAL GUANO! A GENUINE ANIMAL DEPOSIT. Imported only by the GUANAHANI GUANO COMPANY, PETERSBURG, VA. (The Company guarantees that every cargo will be analyzed before it is offered for sale.) [Letter of Professor P. B. Wilson, late Assistant of Baron J. Von Liebig.] CHEMICAL LABORATORY OF PROF. P. B. WILSON, No. 30 Second street, Baltimore, December 1st, 1873.

Maj. N. M. TANNOR, President Guanahani Guano Co., Petersburg, Va. Dear Sir: I have drawn samples of the Guano, as it has arrived in cargo lots, and find it exceedingly uniform in the amount of Phosphoric Acid it contains, namely, from 15 to 19 per cent. This is combined with Lime, and is of Animal Origin, and readily assimilable by plants. It contains potential Ammonia and Nitric Acid, having a combined Nitrogen value equal to from 2 to 3 per cent of Ammonia, with the alkalies Potash and Soda, and valuable proportions of Sulphate of Lime. The whole forming a very desirable combination, when applied to land, and the crop receiving proper tillage, must, in my opinion, give as good results as any Guano offered to the farmer.

Being of Animal Origin, the organic matter has undergone partial decomposition, and it necessarily contains a valuable amount of HUMUS, which makes its fertilizing power much greater than fertilizers which are compounded largely of Peruvian Guano, which, beyond its Ammonia and small phosphoric value, has little or no power in absorbing from the atmosphere of nitrogen in the soil the moveable elements absorbed by moisture and brought down by the rains, as the Guano you are now placing upon the market. All of the components of this Guano are very soluble in the soil, and possess such physical properties as to render it at all times and under all circumstances as immediately available plant food.

The two samples you sent me for analysis, from the deposit which you inform me you intend to ship, show a decrease in phosphoric value, but a large increase in its Nitrogen compounds. I think, however, from previous observations of cargoes, that you may reasonably expect that cargoes taken from where those samples were drawn, will materially improve in the saline compounds, (Phosphates, Alkalies and Magnesia.) Respectfully, &c. P. B. WILSON, Analytical and Consulting Chemist.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, West Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1873.

Maj. N. M. TANNOR, Petersburg, Va. Dear Sir: In compliance with your request, I have analyzed sample of "Guanahani Guano" and have made additional examination of an average sample from a lot of 300 tons, the result of which I beg to embrace in the following: The Guano is a brownish powder, with lumps of combination of Lime with Carbonic, Phosphoric and Nitric Acids. It contains a considerable quantity of animal origin, (about 20 per cent) and when dried, is a pale brown powder. The Guano is evidently of animal origin, and the minute bones, which were discovered in the same, indicate that it is the result of the decay of bats, mice, etc. The quantity of organic matter, which is still present, is about 12 per cent, and this yields about 2 1/2 per cent of Ammonia. A portion of the Nitrogen is present as Nitric acid, of which about 3 per cent were found. All the Nitrogen present would be equivalent to about 2 1/2 per cent of Ammonia. The Phosphoric Acid in the Guano averaged about 12 per cent, equal to 2 1/2 per cent of Bone Phosphate. A considerable quantity of the Phosphoric Acid, however, is present, as so called neutral Phosphate of Lime which, being slightly soluble in water, renders the Guano as quick in its action, as a corresponding quantity of Super-Phosphate would do. The small percentage of potash, which was found in the analysis, adds to its value. From all the experiments which I have made of the Guanahani Guano, no doubt can exist that it is a valuable manure. Yours truly, F. A. GENTH.

[Letter from Ex-Governor Smith.]

WARRINGTON, Va., August 4th, 1873. Dear Sir: The extraordinary character of the season—a rain and a cold—puts it nearly out of my power to form an estimate of your Guano. The crops of corn and rutabagas, to which it was applied, look very fine. Yours truly, WM. SMITH.

BETHEL ACADEMY, FAUQUIER CO., VA., July 24th, 1873. Dear Sir: I used your Guano on my wheat last fall, and an inquiry of the best of wheat, and the best of rutabagas, and this is the opinion of those who have seen both, notwithstanding the unfavorable winter and early spring. I shall use it again this fall. Yours, BENJ. F. SMITH. [This crop of wheat, 28 bushels to the acre, was a record in the Warrington and Alexandria papers as the finest crop in Mr. Smith's county.]

WARRINGTON, VA., July 17th, 1873. I used your Guano on wheat last year, and consider it equal to any Guano I ever used. It pleased me well. LEWIS SHUMATE.

BROAD RUN STATION, FAUQUIER CO., VA., Dec. 4, 1873. Dear Sir: I left one row with-out your fertilizer, and used it on the next row. I used it at the rate of 200 lbs. to the acre. I had the corn carefully reaped and found the result as follows: From the Guano row I shelled one bushel and nearly a half gallon; from the row without Guano I got a half bushel and not quite a quart; making fully double where I used Guano. The growth of stalk was not proportionately heavy—the strength seemed to go to the grain. I think it an excellent Spring fertilizer. The land I tried it on was quite thin. Yours, A. D. SMITH.

The Company recommend an application of from 200 to 250 lbs. per acre, but not over the larger amount. Examine the letters of Prof. F. A. Genth, Philadelphia, Professor of Applied Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, and Prof. P. B. Wilson, Baltimore, late Assistant to the great German Chemist, Baron J. Von Liebig. For analysis and testimonials and further information apply to

HOOE & JOHNSTON, GENERAL AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Jan 31 NO. 2 PRINCE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

OYSTER AND FISH DEALERS. MESSRS. JAMES GRIMES and JOHN W. FORSMAN, of the firm of J. S. Cogswill & Co., keep constantly on hand the very best variety of FRESH FISH that can be bought in the market, and they invite the citizens and public generally to give them a call at their fish stalls, Nos. 1 and 2 where they will always be waited upon with politeness and secure the best fish. mh 3

NOTICE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP. We, the undersigned, have formed a co-partnership for the purpose of conducting the FISH BUSINESS, in all its branches, under the name and style of J. S. COGSWILL & CO. We can be found at our stalls, in the market, or at our Packing House, on the Fish Wharf, fronting on Union street. All orders sent to us will receive prompt attention. Can be found at our stalls, Nos. 2 and 1, Market square. J. S. COGSWILL, J. G. GRIMES, JOHN W. HENDERSON, JOHN W. TRAVERS.

CO-PARTNERSHIP. The undersigned have this day formed a co-partnership under the name and firm of W. A. JOHNSON & CO., for the purpose of conducting the POTOMAC FISH BUSINESS, in all its branches, at the old stand of W. A. JOHNSON, and all orders entrusted to them will receive their special attention. Their well known reputation in the above business is offered as an inducement to customers, who may depend on getting what they order. W. A. JOHNSON, W. JAVINS, W. H. SMITH, G. E. PRICE.

OYSTERS. JOHN STONE, on the Strand, near the Oyster Dock, will supply his customers with OYSTERS, fresh from the shell, at 75c per gallon. Give him a call. Jan 13

JOHN S. COGSWILL. At his Oyster House, opposite the Gazette office, is prepared to furnish OYSTERS to all who may desire them. All orders from the country will receive prompt attention. sep 13

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