



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

An act of incorporation, granted by Judge Shackelford, of the Sixth Circuit, to the Ellis Gold Mining and Reduction Company, has been filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce gave a dinner yesterday evening in honor of its guest, M. Michel Chevalier, the celebrated French economist.

The Directors of the Northern Central and the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Companies held meetings in Baltimore yesterday.

The Indians who escaped from the Cheyenne agency, Indian Territory, on the 6th inst., are said to have formed a junction with another hostile band on Cimmaron river.

The city of Duluth figures in a suit before the Supreme Court of the United States. It seems that the Duluth people dug a canal which will destroy the harbor of Superior City in Wisconsin.

In reply to a dispatch from U. S. Marshal Packard, at New Orleans, Mr. Wm. P. Frye, of the Congressional Investigating Committee on Louisiana affairs, says that by the agreement and the award the Louisiana Legislature was to remain as the award left it, and that the Democrats violate their good faith by their recent action in unseating four more Republican members.

Henry M. Brent, jr., esq., of Winchester, has been appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Eighth Masonic District of Virginia.

A policeman in Lynchburg drew one-fifth of the fifty thousand dollar prize in the Greensboro' lottery.

A RUNAWAY BALLOON.—Considerable excitement was caused last evening by a dispatch from Atoe, N. J., stating that the basket of Donaldson's balloon from Barum's hippodrome, at Philadelphia, had been found seven miles from that place with the body of a man in it, and that the balloon itself was seen going seaward.

The United States military authorities have informed the Governor of Texas that they will co-operate with him in putting an end to the raids and outrages in Texas, and have given orders accordingly.

It is very distressing to read the accounts of the destruction of crops caused by the late cold weather, and our sympathies go out towards the farmer in his affliction.

In the libel case of ex-Congressman Bowen against the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier in that city, yesterday, the day was occupied with evidence to implicate Bowen in a murder committed seven years ago.

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The committee representing the American Presbyterian churches have adopted a plan for the constitution of the proposed confederation of the Reformed churches holding to the Presbyterian system, to be submitted to the council which is to be held in London.

Judge Blatchford, in the United States Circuit Court, at New York, rendered his decision yesterday in the case of Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, arrested upon attachment from the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for refusing to appear before the grand jury of the District as a witness.

The St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald says that hundreds of persons are daily passing through that city on their return east from California, and that they are unanimous in picturing a gloomy condition of affairs on the Pacific coast.

While we are mourning over the killing of early vegetation by the untimely April frosts, it is at least slightly consoling to be told that what seems to be a universal calamity has its mitigating features.

There was a large meeting of Boston ladies in that city last night in aid of the woman's department in the Philadelphia centennial.

Upon the best Washington authority the New York Bulletin learns that it is the purpose of the government not to put in circulation any of the silver coinage, in pursuance of the resumption act, until the price of gold has fallen to about 110, as with gold ranging above that quotation the coin would naturally be bought up for export.

The Baltimore American, for want, we suppose, of a better subject, is publishing illustrated descriptions of the burial places of that city. Hark! from the tombs a doleful sound, My ears attend the cry: Ye living men, come view the ground Where you must shortly lie.

Valentine's recumbent figure of Gen. R. E. Lee was received at Lexington, on Monday. There was a general turnout of the citizens, and addresses were delivered by Gen. Jubal A. Early, ex-Governor Letcher and Col. William Preston Johnston.

The Department of Agriculture reports an increase of about 1,500,000 acres in the area of winter wheat, but estimates that this may be balanced by the amount which has been winter-killed, and will be replaced by other crops.

It was rumored in London yesterday that Prince Bismarck has addressed a note to Luxemburg similar to that sent to Belgium.

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On the North London Railway, a short time since, a passenger remarked in the hearing of one of the company's servants how easy it was to "do" the company, and said he had often travelled from Broad street to Dalston Junction without a ticket.

On Wednesday last, Polly Jones, colored, died on the farm of Wm. B. Bowie, esq., near Melwood, in this county, at the advanced age of 111 years.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

The ground at present occupied by Rev. Dr. Hall's Presbyterian Church, corner of Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth street, New York, was sold at auction on Tuesday.

The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, lessees of the New Castle and Wilmington Railroad, give notice that the lessee will now purchase the stock of the New Castle and Wilmington Company at par, with interest added from January 1, 1875, to May 1, 1875, after which no interest or dividends will accrue to the present stockholders.

The ship Hagerstown, loading at New Orleans for Havre, with 5,768 bales of cotton on board, was struck by lightning during a thunder storm yesterday morning, and the cotton set on fire.

The Thurmanites, or Adventists, failed to ascend from Harrisonburg, Va., on Tuesday night. After tea washing and lovefeast, in which about sixty persons participated, they quietly awaited the advent of Christ until an hour after midnight, when the meeting broke up, the believers going away sadly disappointed.

A New York dispatch states that three men were engaged in cleaning out a cesspool at Factoryville, Staten Island, came upon between twenty and thirty thousand dollars in gold coin. It seems the premises were formerly owned by a city bank cashier, who proved a defaulter to the amount of \$160,000.

A Philadelphia commercial traveller, who has been selling in Richmond under a license taken out by his firm, has been arrested and held to bail on the strength of an opinion by the Attorney General that a license is a personal privilege.

Some very horrible story may almost at any time be heard from Mexico. The latest tells of ten savages of Ixtacoles burying three men alive, leaving their heads above ground and then hacking them to death with knives and hatchets.

The jury in the case of Alice A. Early vs. the editor of the Chicago Times, for libel, yesterday, rendered a verdict giving the plaintiff \$25,000 damages. The Times, after making the offensive charge, published a retraction, but this, it appears, did not satisfy the lady.

The mines in Clearfield county, Pa., are all being worked with reduced force, under protection of special police, at the old rate of fifty cents a ton. A great many miners are leaving to seek employment elsewhere.

The Dutchess of Sutherland and the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans were present yesterday at revival services in the Haymarket Theatre, London, conducted by Moody and Sankey.

Planters of the Tierras Calientes, in Mexico, have decided to introduce some of their sugar into the United States and Europe, for the purpose of making its quality known abroad.

The Union Pacific Railroad is now in passable condition, with the exception of about six miles lately damaged by the freshet, over which transfer is being made by teams between Lawrence and Green river.

In an affray at the village of St. Paul, Indiana, Saturday, David Mandlove shot his father, Jas. Mandlove, three times, the wounds resulting fatally. David was arrested, but there are fears that he will be lynched.

The Postoffice Department yesterday ordered postal car service on the entire length of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad extension from Grafton, W. Va., to Chicago.

Ex-Treasurer Parker, of South Carolina, was arrested at Columbia, yesterday, on the charge of embezzling \$28,000 of the Sinking Fund money of the State.

The Naval Examining Board, at Washington, will report in favor of promoting Lieutenant Commander Philip to the grade of Commander.

The Presbytery of New Castle, Del., has rejected the overture from the General Assembly concerning rotary eldership in the Presbyterian Church, by a vote of 46 to 14.

Messrs. Maynard and Orth, ambassadors from the United States to Turkey and Austria, respectively, sailed from New York yesterday in the steamship Russia.

In consequence of a break in the Delaware and Harris Canal at Lockawoxen, Pa., about fifty feet in length, navigation will be suspended about four days.

Dispatches from Mackinaw, Mich., last night report extremely cold weather and ice as solid as at any time during the winter.

WOMAN'S PAST AND PRESENT POSITION.—The following is taken from the Baltimore Sun of this morning:

"Mrs. M. A. Combs, a lady of Fauquier co., Va., delivered a lecture last night at Masonic Temple, on 'Woman's Position, Past, Present, and Future.' She did not consider it an advocate of female suffrage, but of female rights. She contended that woman civilized Egypt long ago. Young America says we will not be governed by woman, not even our mothers shall control us. Napoleon asked Madam Campan what the French men needed. Her reply was 'Mothers—women who are educated.' That is what we need in America now. She claimed that woman should fill all office that a man does, if she is qualified for it, and receive the same compensation. She said the Lord did not give the command to Eve not to eat the forbidden fruit, but to Adam; before Eve was tried, therefore, Adam was the transgressor. Paul says the man was not deceived, but the woman was; and also, she has been deceived ever since. The lecturer cited John of Arc, Charlotte Corday, Mrs. Candace, a female sovereign of Ethiopia, and Zambona, Queen of the East, as examples of woman's capacity. She did not consider it the highest right of a woman to vote, when the lowest and meanest man can do so. She urged that women should have an equal chance in the battle of life. Talent and genius have no sex. The lecture was of considerable length and very interesting."

GEN. W. H. F. LEE.—The Petersburg Index-appeal says:

"J. Armistead Carter, Senator Taylor, Judge Cockerill and General W. H. F. Lee are prominently spoken of in connection with the Senate vacant by the election of Judge Thomas to the office of Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. Any one of these gentlemen would make an able and influential member of the Senate, but our sympathies rather incline to General Lee, as he is, in a certain sense, an adopted citizen of Petersburg."

Errors of the The Press.

The Rev. Dr. Hartfield preached last Saturday evening at the Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, from James iii. 7: "Doth a fountain send forth, at the same time, sweet water and bitter?" The subject of his discourse was the character and influence of the newspaper press of this country. He said, in substance:

Much that I shall say will be in the form of criticisms of the average newspaper of our times. I freely concede that there are many papers to which these criticisms do not apply. Such will not be disturbed by discussions like that upon which we are about to enter. There can be no question as to great value of honest, able and well-conducted newspapers. They are among the best fruits of an advanced civilization. Every such press is a fountain sending forth sweet and living waters, and it takes its place side by side with the Church and the School as an agent for enlightening and blessing the world. A good newspaper is as necessary to a family as pure air, and wholesome food and drink. Among the prevalent faults of newspapers I notice:

First: Their impertinent interference with the private affairs of individuals and families. The position of a printing press renders no one free from the obligation to mind his own business. Individuals and families have secrets with which the outside world has no right to interfere. It is a shame that newspapers should ever be degraded by retaining gossip and scandal.

Secondly: The personalities in which they indulge. It is not only a disgrace, but a blessing among nations, to be often obliged upon the public stage to such terms as know and hate are bandied to and fro. I have lately seen in a daily newspaper prominent citizens described by the following epithets: "Moral infidel," "Old persimmon," "big hypocrite," "Invidious and grandiloquent blabberer." These personalities are a stream of very bitter water.

Thirdly: The unfair treatment of political opponents is a serious cause of complaint. The press is not called upon to expose the frailties of private citizens, but it may speak the truth about those who ask to be elected to public office. The truth should be proclaimed with candor and decency. No newspaper is justified in uttering falsehoods about political opponents, or in dishonestly defending political friends. Do I exaggerate when I say that the public have ceased to expect truth from political parties? They have become weary of the lies which are told; and the treatment of opponents that they are met with is losing their influence with the people. Franklin once advised any one abused by an editor to take a club and break his head; and from his time until now club law has been about the only one available for those who suffer from the licentiousness of the press. Recourse to the courts often results in many repetitions of the original libel, and in the printing at last of such an account of the trial as aggravates the original offence, while if the injured party gets a verdict the case is appealed on some technicality. The ability of public men to be treated with such extent that many of our best citizens refuse to be candidates for office.

Fourthly: The accounts of vice and crime which occupy so large a space are highly objectionable. It may be necessary for a class of persons to collect and examine the statistics of crime, but it is not for the drunkard, the gambler and the gambler is encouraged by advertising lotteries and city concerts. Ignorant charlatans, by their so-called "medical advertisements," are permitted to persuade men and women that they can violate the laws of God with impunity. The "Personal Notices" it is hard to speak of, which are so common before a prominent newspaper. They are used as a means for promoting licentiousness. The evils I have spoken of are of slow growth, and the most we can hope is that they may be gradually corrected. It is to be remembered that the people who patronize a newspaper are largely responsible for its character, and the publisher should be held to account for what he will sell. I venture to suggest a few methods by which the evils we are deploring might be corrected. Every person who writes for a newspaper might be required to append his proper name to his articles, but on this point I speak rather tentatively than dogmatically. The impersonality of the press, while it has its advantages, is constantly operating in many ways to the public detriment, and chiefly by giving a fictitious importance to the utterances of worthless men. If we know who the Bohemian was who had behind the editorial, we would often care nothing for opinions and predictions which now mislead us. More stringent laws for the punishment of libel are needed in many of the States. Editors should also be held to a moral and social responsibility for the character of their journals. If they send out sheets adapted to the promiscuous reading of a congregation, they are doing the work of a blackguard, and should be consigned to a blackguard's place and executed from decent society.

The chief method of reforming the abuses of the press is, however, for respectable men to patronize only respectable newspapers. The duty of good citizens toward unprincipled papers is to let them alone severely. Such a course would abate a nuisance that has become intolerable. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will stand up against the evil doers?

Spelling Bee. As there is so much talk in town about the "Spelling Bee"—that will be given at Sarepta Hall next week for the benefit of the Liberty Company, we insert an account of one given in Philadelphia at the Academy of Music a short time since:

"The War of Words.—The Spelling Bee, that decidedly novel entertainment to city amusement seekers, which has been so eagerly looked forward to, took place last evening, at the Academy of Music. Its novelty, and the secret belief of many that they could probably beat the champions, brought a crowd to the Academy such as is seldom seen within its walls. The seats in the parquette, parquette circle and balcony were all sold early yesterday morning, and those whom the contagious excitement reached later in the day stood in a line last evening from the ticket office across the entire front of the building. Many left without gaining entrance. Within there was not a foot of unoccupied space.

At 8 o'clock the contestants, eighty in number, composed of equal numbers of ladies and gentlemen, marched upon the stage and took their seats, the ladies upon the right and the gentlemen upon the left.

Mr. Dennis F. Deary, one of the Managers, announced the object of the meeting, and that the proceeds would be turned over to the building fund of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Several songs and duets were sung, and Mrs. Shoemaker recited a couple of pieces. The well known trio, entitled "The Schoolmaster," was sung, and caused much hilarity.

Mr. Shoemaker then stepped out with his spelling book, and the excitement of the audience had reached its highest pitch when they were spell-bound and silently awaited the first shot. A six word word, "peripatetic" and the first stood firm. The seventh brought down a pretty lady. "Muscatene" was an appropriate word, but inappropriately spelled. "Lizard" was the word the fortune of the first man out. "Gourmand" spoiled the appetite of another man, and "castillon" retired another lady. "Duelist," of course, killed his man, and "benizon" acquired a new meaning for a young lady. "Cloroforu" quitted a youth, and the "fascu" produced a discordant sound in a lady's ears. "Catt," "inocucivable," "finautal," "turren" and "Anglicene" had their victims.

"Two or three words were spelled when (as understood) "adable," or "adible," (Webster) was spelled "addi," "adi," by a young lady, who, according to the rule, went out for trying a second time. "Flukeyism" has been the death of men before, and this case was no exception. "Reision" and "quasi" brought down a couple, when "reseat" was spelled for another word of the same sound, and the gentleman claimed his place. He was ruled out by the committee, on the ground that he should have asked before spelling if he were in doubt. The audience were unanimous in having him replaced, and "he lived to fight another day."

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The "spell" was broken at a quarter before 11, and the audience dispersed, much pleased with the entertainment.

CURIOS.—Mr. Albert S. Hoffman, son of our townsman, Edward Hoffman, esq., was drowned while attempting to cross the Shenandoah river on a dam, near Strasburg, about two weeks ago. A curious circumstance occurred in connection with the search for the body. A cousin of the deceased when a boy, had been told by his mother, if a loaf of bread were thrown into the water at the point where a person had been drowned, that the loaf would float to where the body lay, and there remain. We are told it was tried in this case, and singular to say, the loaf did float directly to where the body was found.—Winchester Times.

A FLEA weighs less than a grain of salt, and leaps a yard and a half at a jump; and we are told that "were a man of 150 pounds weight possessed of equivalent agility, he could spring from the dome of the Capitol to China, and go round the world in two jumps." It is a fortunate thing for steamship companies that a man can't go round the world in two jumps; and although he is not as agile as the humble flea, he can jump from the dome of the Capitol into the next world—and that is more than a flea can do.

Spelling Match.—I see there is going to be a "Spelling Match." I suggest that any one be allowed to contend for the prize who will pay a small sum in addition to the entrance fee, say 25 cents. Do not restrict the contestants to any fixed number. I write on behalf of several LADIES.

Correction. To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Permit me to correct the report of the proceeding of the County Convention held last Monday and published in your paper of the 20th inst. The mass meeting of the Conservative party was invited for Monday, the 17th of May, County Court day, and not the 27th. The three delegates, two from Falls Church Township, and one from Lee, who declined to vote for Mr. R. F. Broadwater, the nominee for County Treasurer, also declined being bound by the nomination as to that particular office, but would support the other nominees. Please insert the above. THOS. MOORE, County Superintendent.

COMMERCIAL. ALEXANDRIA MARKET, April 22.—Wheat is quiet and unchanged; offerings 498 bushels, with sales of a choice white sample at 138, and red at 134, 136 and 138 for good, prime and choice lots. Corn is firmer, and prices are better; offerings of 1434 bushels, with sales of white at 88 and 90, and mixed and yellow at 88. Oats are active, and prices are better; light offerings, with sales at 71.

ALEXANDRIA FISH MARKET, April 22, 1875. The receipts since last report have been 9,000 Shad, which sold at from 17 1/2 to \$21 00 per hundred; 60,000 Herring, which sold at 13 1/2 per thousand, and a few Rock and Perch, which command high figures. The demand is brisk, and largely in excess of the supply, which is chiefly taken up by the bucksters of this city and to fill orders for Fish from the North, the salters having as yet put up but a limited quantity. The receipts now come principally from the lower shores, and are supposed to indicate that the large schools are making their way up the river, and will soon be caught by the upper seines.

In Washington, yesterday, 10,000 Shad sold at 17 to \$20 per hundred; 12,000 Herring at 12 to 15 per thousand; 2,000 bunches Rock at from 30 to 40c per bunch; 2,000 Tailors at from 2 to \$3 per hundred.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, APRIL 22. Sun rose.....5 16' Moon rise.....8 58' Sun sets.....9 42' High water.....0 00' ARRIVED. Steamer Express, Baltimore, to Broders & Co. Two-masted light schooner—a three and a two-mast—ashore on Dent's shoals; also a small schooner, loaded with barrels, ashore at Mathias' Point; also a light two-masted schooner—ashore at M-tonkin—all bound up, but the barrel-loaded vessel.

PASSED UP. Schrs T T Tasker and Mary Stockham, for Georgetown. PASSED DOWN. Steamer Jane Moseley, Norfolk, by F A Reed. Tug Mary Lewis, White Point, by F A Reed. Schrs Ives Birdsall, Georgetown, by William A Smoot. PASSED DOWN. Schrs D B Speddon, for this port, sailed from Baltimore 21st. Schrs L B Taylor, hence, at Norfolk 19th. Schrs Calvin P Harris, from Georgetown, at Somerset 19th. Schrs L B Cowperthwaite, from Fall river for Georgetown, sailed from Bristol 19th.

MARRIED. On the 21st instant, in St. James' Church, Warrenton, Va., by Rev. John S. Lindsay, WILLIAM M. SPILMAN, esq., and MRS. HENNINGHAM LYONS SCOTT, daughter of the late Robert E. Scott, esq., all of Fauquier county, Va. On the 15th instant, in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Rev. David Dilgar, M. J. C. McKENNIE, of the University of Virginia, and Miss JEANNE C. BAIN, BRIDGE, of the former city.

DRY GOODS. ROBT. L. WOOD Will continue his CLOSING OUT SALE. He is selling great bargains. ap 6

WHITE GOODS in great variety, Tartans, Swisses, Nansooks, Plaid, Striped and Plain Victoria Lawns, from 12 1/2 up. Cambrics and everything else to make our stock complete in this and other lines. D. F. WITMER CO. ap 6

CORSETS—A full line of Corsets just received. WM. N. BERKLEY & SON, 64 King street. ap 6

RECEIVED—64 SERGE, for Gents' Spring Overcoats. WM. N. BERKLEY & SON, 64 King street. ap 6

SUN UMBRELLAS, in latest styles; a full assortment, all colors. D. F. WITMER CO. ap 6

GENTS' FANCY HALF ROSE, all names. G. BERTS, at D. F. WITMER CO'S. ap 6

SEAMLESS KID GLOVES, Spring shades, just received. D. F. WITMER CO. ap 6

NEW GOODS JUST OPENED. A large assortment of Prints, Printed Calicoes, Percales, Silk Plaid Mohairs, now very fashionable, Pacific Lawns, some very handsome, Black Grenadines, Black Mohair Alpaca, Victoria Lawns, Plaid Mohairs, English Gaiters, Black Ties, Irish Linens, fine sets of H. Henry, Gentlemen's Half Hose, in all varieties, Linen Handkerchiefs, Hemstitched also, at all prices and qualities. Corinthis Seers, Kid and Brim Gloves and Gauntlets, Ladies' Gaiters, Black Ties, &c. A handsome line of Ladies' Silk Sun Umbrellas, all colors, blue, brown, black and plain, Linen Shirts, Towels, 104 Cotton Shewings, with a large stock of Bleached and Brown Goods—all of which are sold at low prices. J. M. STEWART. ap 3

SPRING OPENING! DRESS GOODS! DRESS GOODS! April 22, 1875. The very latest styles in the market. Black Silks very cheap. A full assortment of Domestic. We invite purchasers' attention to our stock. [ap 3] D. F. WITMER CO.

BLACK GOODS DEPARTMENT. A LARGE ALPACAS AND MOHAIRS. A large invoice of our favorite brand that has been so satisfactory in the past, both in color and wearing qualities, no goods that we have ever kept having given less satisfaction. Also new styles Black Grenadines, Black 6-4 Mouselines, etc., just opened by D. F. WITMER CO. ap 2

D. F. BRASHEAR, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS. Notions, Hosiery, &c., &c. No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va. Keeps constantly on hand a full and complete stock of all styles of Fancy and Staple Goods usually found in a first class Jobbing and retail house, and will be sold to merchants at the most wholesale prices and at retail as low as the same goods can be found in any well regulated house in this country. H. B. HOUMES, [D. F. BRASHEAR, S. D. HAAPER.] ap 22

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STATE TAXES. The final period allowed by law for the payment of STATE TAXES for 1874, having passed, and I being required to make my final settlement with the Treasurer, I hope that all who come forward, will be able to settle their bills, and thereby save me the very disagreeable necessity of enforcing the law in regard to delinquent tax bills. Tax payors will be called upon as far as possible by either myself or Deputy. For the convenience of those who wish to pay at once, I will have my office at No. 4 Market House, entrance on Fairfax Street, from 9 to 10 a. m. and 4 to 6 p. m. every day. JOHN W. CAMPBELL, ap 7-21 City Sergeant.

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NOTICE. ALEXANDRIA CANAL COMPANY. The Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Canal Co. will be held in the office of the Auditor of the City of Alexandria, on MONDAY, the 24th of May, proximo, at 12 o'clock, m. P. G. UHLER, ap 6-24wd Clerk Alexandria Canal Co.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE JAMES NEY CAR COUPLING CO. will be held at the office of Col. Kemper, on MONDAY, the 23rd of April, at 12 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, April