



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. MONDAY, AUGUST 30.

THE SENATORIAL CONVENTION.—Representative delegates from the Conservatives of this Senatorial District, comprising Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William and this county and city, will meet here to-morrow to nominate two candidates for seats in the State Senate in place of Lieutenant Governor H. W. Thomas, of Fairfax, and Mr. Thos. E. Taylor, of Loudoun, whose terms expired with the adjournment of the last Legislature.

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vided himself with a light buggy, and having relays of horses stationed along the road, drove every day to and from San Francisco in less time than the train could make. He was the last man at his office at night and the first one in the morning. He was known as a good liver and won many friends by his generosity and hospitality. Mr. Ralston, in 1858, married a brilliant and accomplished niece of J. D. Fry, of San Francisco, by whom he had several children.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FAILURES.—The latest dispatches from San Francisco show that the failure of the Bank of California has not produced the serious effect that was feared, and that there is already a reaction. The city was quiet on Friday night, Saturday and yesterday, and the excitement has almost entirely abated. It is admitted that President Ralston's ventures had been both rash and immense, and that startling developments are yet to come. He did not wish to resign his position, but the directors refused his appeal to be allowed to continue in office. The liabilities of the bank are \$14,000,000, and the assets between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000. A call on the stockholders for additional subscriptions is talked of, after which eighty cents on the dollar may be paid to creditors. Beyond the suspension of the Merchants' Bank and the National Gold Bank financial institutions have not suffered. The former will open this morning and the latter in a few days, and both will pay up in full. This is settlement day in San Francisco, and if there are to be any further failures they will probably occur now.

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Major John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the next annual meeting of the Association of the Army of Northern Virginia, to be held in Richmond during the State Fair.

The text of a treaty between the United States and Belgium, regulating the reciprocal relations of the two countries with reference to commerce and navigation, has been made public by the President.

A Russian force has taken the field against the Rhokand rebels. The rebellion is reported to have spread to the southern districts of Russian Turkestan. The town of Khokaid is in the possession of the insurgents.

The freight on the Virginia Midland Railroad is now exceedingly heavy, and taxes the company to its fullest capacity to meet the demands upon it for transportation.

The Rev. F. G. Scott, who has been in charge of the Episcopal congregation in Gordonsville for the past year, has resigned.

Judge B. R. Wellford declines the professorship in Washington and Lee University, to which he was lately elected.

The United States consul at Tripoli has prudently evacuated his post, leaving his wounded susceptibilities in the care of the navy.

Spain is to send 22,000 men to Cuba. Transports have been secured to convey them.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the Times.—The residence of Mr. Young, managing editor of the New York Sun, was entered yesterday morning by a burglar, who chloroformed Mr. Young and his wife, who were asleep, and then proceeded to ransack the room, but was frightened off, after taking fifty dollars, by Mr. Young returning to consciousness and raising an alarm.

Col. Edward Longstreet, a member of the firm of Longstreet & Denison, of Syracuse, N. Y., was found in his room on Friday night in an insensible condition from the effects of laudanum and chloroform, self-administered. His suicide is attributed to financial embarrassment, the firm having failed for \$40,000.

There was a destructive fire yesterday at Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, a station on the Allegheny Valley railroad, destroying the entire business portion of the town, including the new Masonic Temple and a large number of business houses. Loss estimated at \$100,000; insurance \$40,000.

The treasurer of the State of New Jersey has come to grief, he having been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$200,000 of State funds. There is talk of an extra session of the Legislature to appoint a new treasurer, and another idea is that Sooy may resign, in which event the Governor can appoint a treasurer.

The Bakers' Association of Toronto, Canada, announces a further rise in bread to twelve cents wholesale and thirteen cents retail. A meeting is called by the Mayor of that city for Wednesday next to take into consideration the causes of the present depression in business.

minister, aged eighty years, was killed at Lodi, Ind., Saturday afternoon, by being run over by a train.

The specie exports through New York last week were \$444,853, of which \$30,000 were gold coin. The remainder consisted of silver bars.

One hundred and ninety-three car-loads and five thousand crates of peaches, by steambond, were received Saturday at New York from Maryland and Delaware.

Capt. Green Walden, of the United States revenue marine, died yesterday, near Portland, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Sartoris sailed on the Baltic for England Saturday. The President and party sailed down New York bay with them.

The council of the Roman Catholic Bishops of the Province of Quebec will be opened on Wednesday, in the Basilica in that city.

The foot and mouth disease is spreading among the cattle in Cumberland and Aberdeenshire, England.

The failure of the Bank of California has not caused any of the smaller banks to suspend except in Los Angeles.

Fourteen Montreal dry goods firms have been compelled to make arrangements with their creditors during the past week.

Cardinal McCloskey intends to prolong his stay in France. He will return to Paris to-morrow.

Henry G. Lambert, publisher of the Brooklyn Daily Post, was drowned on Saturday, while bathing.

FAUCONIER ITEMS.—A camp meeting is to be held at Fauquier White Sulphur Springs, commencing on the 10th proximo and continuing for ten days. The renting of cabins and grounds for tents, will take place on Thursday. Several eminent divines and a celebrated revivalist have been invited, and there is every reason to expect clerical talent of the highest order. The lessees of the Springs property give assurance that order shall be preserved. The railroad trains from Washington to Warrenton will run at special rates during the meeting, and hacks and vehicles will be at the depot in Warrenton to convey persons and baggage to the grounds at reasonable rates. The meetings will not be held under the auspices of any particular denomination.

On last Monday R. A. Howdershelf bought 220 acres of land, near The Plains, belonging to the estate of Jacob Howdershelf, deceased, for \$21.25 per acre. Messrs. Forbes, Brooke and Hutton sold under decree in Faint vs. Downman, 355 acres, known as 'Melmer,' to J. W. James, trustee, for \$9 75 per acre.

The corner stone of the brick edifice, proposed to be erected by the colored Odd Fellows of R. H. Lee Lodge, will be laid on Friday, on which day a banquet, parade and fair will come off. This Lodge numbers among its members the thoughtful, industrious and provident of the colored race in our midst.

The festivities of Warrenton which have kept up such a lively pace all the summer, culminated last Wednesday night in a grand dress ball and "German," given by the young gentlemen at the Town Hall.—Warrenton Index.

COMMUNICATED.—The Silver Currency Experiment. Under Mr. Richardson's administration of the Treasury Department, the government undertook to introduce silver change into circulation to a small extent, by paying out \$5 to every applicant therefor at the Treasury. The measure was, of course, only tentative, prompted by the hope that it would remain in circulation, long enough, at least, to justify an experiment on a larger scale. It failed, however, and the silver rapidly disappeared. Now, however, regardless of this result, preparations are being made for the accumulation of a vast amount of the metal, and the vaults of the Boston postoffice are being strengthened to hold ten millions of silver change, which is to be used in redemption of the government's silver certificates. Other immense amounts are accumulating elsewhere. The fact that at present silver is below gold in value may serve to keep it afloat for a while, but ere long the result will be the same as in the case of Mr. Richardson's experiment. In the mean time that holy army of martyrs, the brokers, are sitting around on their haunches, waiting with gaping, watery mouths for their time to die in, and buy it up at low rates, knowing that such a foreign operation must soon collapse, leaving open a fine field for the exercise of their benevolent vocation. My prediction is, that in three months the silver will disappear, and the small paper currency will take its place. And so with every like attempt until a general resumption of cash payments, when specie and government circulating paper shall be upon a par. This thing of silver for market women, grocers, and groggers, and gold for bankers and bigbugs, won't do. I should have added the well-known instance of the operations of a certain distinguished baker of our town, who saved up all the little silver three cent pieces, and sold them at a premium. A difference of one per cent. will set all the brokers at work in the same way, as they are very keen after business about this time. A. B.

COMMUNICATED.—IN THE MAIL CAR WASHINGTON AND LYNCHBURG RAILROAD POSTOFFICE, Aug. 28, 1875. For the especial benefit of the spelling bees of your city who have tender communications to forward "in haste" over the rails and through the medium of the U. S. M., I desire to furnish your many readers with two samples of chirography exactly as they were addressed or rather scrawled upon the envelopes as they passed to-day through the hands of this postal clerk: Miss Ehekzander (Alexandria, Virginia.) Mr. Pitchburg (Pittsburg,) Pennsylvania.

Our closely scanning eyes perceived their ultimate destiny to the "dead" letter bureau of our department in Washington. WALTERS. Nominating Conventions. A meeting of the Conservative voters of Arundel's precinct was held on Saturday, August 28, in pursuance of the call of the County Superintendent. The meeting was organized by the election of B. Skinner, esq., chairman, and F. Wooster, secretary. The chairman then explained the object of the meeting, when— Judge James Sangster was nominated and duly elected to serve as delegate from this precinct in the convention to be held in Alexandria on August 31st, for the purpose of selecting State Senators. F. WOOSTER, Secretary. At a meeting held at Pullman's precinct, August 28, Wm. B. Cumber was called to the chair, and Charles Landstreet appointed Secretary. J. Owen Kerby was elected a delegate from this precinct to the Senatorial convention to be held in Alexandria on the 31st of August, to nominate two Senators to represent the district composed of Loudoun, Prince William, Fairfax and Alexandria, in the State senate. WM. B. CUMBER, F. D. Chairman. CHAS. LANDSTREET, Secretary. Pursuant to notice, the Conservative voters of Deaver's precinct met at Oak Grove on the 28th instant, and elected Mr. W. G. Moore delegate, and R. W. Gaillard alternate, to the Alexandria convention. R. W. GAILLARD, Chairman. G. W. RISTON, Secretary. GREEN GINGER for sale by J. C. & E. MILBURN. aug 28

COMMERCIAL. Alexandria Market, August 30. FLOUR, Fine, 4 75 @ 5 00; Superfine, 5 75 @ 6 00; Extra, 6 50 @ 6 75; Family, 7 25 @ 8 25; Good to prime, 1 00 @ 1 35; Choice, 1 40 @ 1 42; CORN, white, 0 80 @ 0 81; Mixed, 0 70 @ 0 80; Yellow, 0 60 @ 0 70; RYE, 0 40 @ 0 51; CHICKENS, 3 00 @ 3 03; BUTTER, prime, 0 20 @ 0 25; Common to middling, 0 15 @ 0 20; EGGS, 0 13 @ 0 14; IRISH POTATOES, 0 70 @ 0 80; BACON, Hams, country, 0 12 @ 0 13; Sides, 0 16 @ 0 17; Shoulders, 0 11 @ 0 11 1/2; LARD, 0 16 @ 0 16 1/2; PLASTER, ground, per ton, 7 50 @ 0 00; Ground, in bags or bulis, 9 00 @ 0 01; Lump, 8 50 @ 0 00; SALT, G. A. (Liverpool), 1 15 @ 1 20; Fine, 2 05 @ 2 15; Turk's Island, 0 00 @ 0 40; WOOL, unwashed, 0 40 @ 0 33; Washed, 0 42 @ 0 45; SUMMER, 1 00 @ 0 00.

REMARKS.—The receipts of Wheat are fair, and the market is quiet and steady; offerings of 3224 bushels, and sales of white at 80 and 100 for damaged, 125 for fair, and 132, 135 and 138 for good to prime; and red at 120 for damaged, 105 and 106 for inferior, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135 and 140, according to quality, later for prime, and 145 for choice. Corn is unchanged; offerings of 1488 bushels mixed, and sales at 79, 80 and 81. Oats are dull and lower; sales at 40, 45, 46 and 48; offerings of 664 bushels.

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.—The following are the receipts by the Washington City, Virginia Midland and Great Southern R. R. last week: Corn 3505 bushels, wheat 8900, rye 155, oats 1132, corn meal 120, potatoes 15, onions 20, turnips 300, garden s-e-t 4 boxes, summer 663, straw ground bark 20,230 lbs, flour 572 lbs, leather 26 rolls, lumber 3400 feet, butter 17 crates, eggs 14 lbs and boxes, calves 18, fowls 12, coops, hides 2 bales and 10 bundles, cedar 2 bbls, tobacco 15 boxes, bark 2 cars, wood 12 sacks, dry goods 1 box, dried fruit 3 boxes, hams 1 crate, spikes 10 bundles, cabbage 1 bbl, apples 2 bbls, calf skins 2 bales, su drags 35 bbls and boxes, cattle and sheep 6 cars, splint coal 2 cars, sand 3 cars, iron 4 cars.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, AUGUST 30. Sun rose.....5 28; Moon sets.....0 10; Sun sets.....6 33; High water.....0 18. ARRIVED.—Steamship E C Knight, New York, to Hood & Johnston. Steamship New York, Philadelphia, to F A Reel. Steamer Sue, Point Lookout, to J Broders & Co. She reports passing a large number of vessels in the river, bound up. Steamer Pilot Boat, Currioman, to Shinn & Co. Sch'r S W Kay, Boston, to Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co. Sch'r Louis Birdsall, Stonington, to American Coal Co. Sch'r Julia A Ward, A Denike, H W Foster, Annie E Stevens, Wm R Drury, Index, Edw'd Slade and Wm H Ke zell, for Georgetown. SAILED.—Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F A Reel. Steamer Sue, Baltimore, by Broders & Co. Sch'r Elias Moore, Oliver S Giddell, H T Reides and Benj Gerritsd., from Georgetown.

CANAL COMMERCE. Arrived.—Boats Beechler's, Wm Bell, W Doerner, G Porter, S Lloyd, D Stewart, W J Boothe, H C Figg, J L Reed, J H Parrott and T L Betts, to American Coal Co; S Rhinehart, to Alexandria Gas Light Co; M O'Donnell, to Bluen Avon Coal Co; P Hein, lumber, to Pennsylvania Canal R R Co.

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DIED. This morning, Mrs. HARRIET LLOYD, aged about 70 years. Her funeral will take place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mahan, No. 105 Queen street, to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Her friends are invited to attend. In Georgetown, on Saturday, at 6 p. m., Mrs. MARY ANN, widow of the late Jas. Lundie, in the 67th year of her age.

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.—I attended a called meeting of the Conservative party of the county of Fairfax, at the Court House, on Monday last, for the purpose of reorganizing the party. It was the first time in my life that I ever attended a political meeting in our county. I was much pleased with all that I saw and heard; but I think that the leaders in politics were guilty of a dereliction of duty towards our representative in the Legislature for the last two years. I know it to be gratifying to every one who is interested in the business of others, of whatever nature it may be, to know whether the business has been attended to satisfactorily or not, and I think that the meeting above alluded to should have passed resolutions of thanks to Judge Cocke for his faithful discharge of duty as our representative in the Legislature, if it is to promote the interests of the people who he represented, as his votes in the Legislature will show. I have watched his course in the Legislature, and have observed his votes on the different laws that have been passed, and I feel no hesitation in saying that he did everything in his power to promote the interest and welfare of the people of Fairfax county. He has announced himself a candidate for re-election, and I see no reason why the people of Fairfax should desire a change—especially when we compare Judge C. with other aspirants who are trying to take his place—men who have no experience in public affairs, in making laws and having them enacted. I never want to change an agent unless I can get a better one, and knowing the opponents of Judge C. as well as I do, I am confident that he is superior to them all, and the best man to represent us in the next Legislature that can be found in the county of Fairfax. I have known Judge Cocke for thirty years. I have enjoyed his society socially, and I know his political sentiments, and I am willing to bet that he will stand against the assaults of a party that has struggled and is still trying to fasten upon old Virginia the oppressive and unjust Southern States' constitution since the late war. Our political status at present is not such as would attract men of high talents and men of intelligence, and in Justice, we have the man, if the people will elect him a second time, whom we may trust. As a neighbor, he is kind, and his feelings are not only well skilled in law and in politics, but he is a farmer of the first order, and his beautiful farm, Avon, will show. He is one of the most useful men in the community in which he lives. I ever knew. To him when you may and you will find a friend. There is no one who ever enters our minds who does not seem to have his ambition excited; he wants to go higher, and I think that it is due to every aspirant whenever he is chosen by the people to represent them to continue their confidence and trust in him as long as he does his duty faithfully, as has been the case with Judge Cocke. It is right to take a man by the hand and lead him to believe that you are going to conduct him to a land of promise, and giving half way to turn and say to him, thus far shalt thou go and no further; and that the people of Fairfax will reflect well, and select the man to represent us in the next Legislature who deserves our votes.

VOTER OF CENTREVILLE DISTRICT. Fairfax county, Va. aug 30-11. SENATORIAL NOMINATION.—To-morrow the Senatorial Convention to nominate two State Senators from this district for the next Legislature will meet in this city. It is generally conceded that the nominations will be made by the seven gentlemen whose names have been prominently mentioned for these positions, viz: Gen. W. H. F. Lee, of Fairfax, Judges Sinclair and Nicol, of Prince William, and Messrs. Matthew, Taylor and Tyler, of Loudoun. The election of Alexandria, and it must also be conceded, that the names of these gentlemen cannot be nominated and elected, and the choice will have to fall upon one of the other candidates who have ardent local supporters and that they are all gentlemen of more than ordinary ability and standing. It is right to take a man by the hand and lead him to believe that you are going to conduct him to a land of promise, and giving half way to turn and say to him, thus far shalt thou go and no further; and that the people of Fairfax will reflect well, and select the man to represent us in the next Legislature who deserves our votes.

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