



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1875.

The political friends of Gen. Grant, that is those to whose personal advantage it is that he is President of the United States, are accustomed to claim for him three qualities: reticence, perseverance, and the capacity to find the right man for the right place.

The Petersburg Index Richmond letter says: "Three or four trades unions have within the past year gone into bankruptcy, dissolved and let loose their members to work anywhere at any price."

We rely upon the Baltimore Sun for the accuracy of the figures contained in the very significant statement that in the sixteen States that have held elections this year there has been a Democratic gain of 129,694 votes since 1873.

The Natchez (Miss.) Democrat says: We have heard of an instance of industry on the part of a young lady of this county well worthy of being noticed.

The Railway Mail Division of the Postoffice Department will hereafter require all railroad postoffice clerks and route agents to stamp the word "missed" on every letter or newspaper that comes into their hands erroneously.

An ingenious Chicagoan has invented a railway notion which will be highly appreciated by travellers. It is simply a pocket lamp, which can be lit in a moment, fastened to a window blind in a railway car, or adjusted on the side of the car for any convenient height.

The Revenue Bureau has abandoned the use of Federal troops in the South in making raids on whiskey stills, thus drawing from the Administration the last excuse for keeping troops in that section.

NEWS OF THE DAY. "To show the very age and body of the Times." Augustus Mayhew, a well-known contributor to the London Punch, is dead.

The Dabolis, of Croton, Conn., have manufactured almanacs for over a century. It runs in the family. No. 104 is just issued.

A delegation from the Indian Territory is in Washington endeavoring to have the Federal Court established in the Territory, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty of 1866.

The Commissioners of Charities and Corrections of New York have resolved that hereafter the outdoor poor applying for relief shall be given the necessities of life, instead of money and orders for groceries, as heretofore.

The cotton crop this year is said to be the largest ever produced, and it is estimated that it will bring a return over three hundred million of dollars to the Cotton States.

The report of the Commission appointed to investigate the Sugg Fort and Witwits cases made their report to the Secretary of the Treasury yesterday, but nothing is known as to their conclusions.

The Mark Lane Express says that large imports of grain have kept the English market down, business being dull and prices barely maintained.

An international regatta has been arranged to take place in New York harbor on or about the 22d of June next, and the Centennial Commissioners will award medals and diplomas to the winning yachts in addition to the prizes offered by the yachting organizations.

The extensive sugar refinery of Kattenhorn, Hopke, Offerman & Doecher, situated at Hastings on the Hudson, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$500,000, while the insurance is less than \$300,000.

In the French Assembly yesterday an amendment was offered to the Press bill, providing penalties for attacks on the Republic, which is aimed at the Boanapartist faction.

LETTER FROM RICHMOND. Christmas at Richmond—The Earthquake—Poetry on the Subject—The Legislature—Work for Them—Death of a Prominent Man, &c.

Nothing of note has occurred in Richmond since I last wrote. A large number of the members of the Legislature spent their Christmas here, and were as jolly as any of the boys.

The first matter that will be up will be the election case of Knight vs. Johnson. How this will be decided I cannot say.

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The Grand Jury of the Louisville City Court have returned ten indictments against various persons for betting on the late election.

A Cincinnati jury has found that Egner, who knocked down another man, beat him until he was senseless, and then threw him into a furnace, was only guilty of murder in the second degree.

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known restaurant keeper, was stricken yesterday morning about half past 8 o'clock and died about 1 p. m. This is a very trying weather upon old and delicate people.

A storm last night about 11 o'clock blew down a tree on King street. It was very violent, but how long it lasted this deponent saith not, as the pleasant sounds of the dashing of the rain and sighing of the wind soothed him into forgetfulness.

Now, these words may have been very exasperating, and it was not unnatural that the lady to whom they were addressed and her husband should become indignant; but how Mr. Bergin is to be indicted and punished for a criminal offence we cannot comprehend.

Another very singular circumstance is that Mr. Heuser, counsel for Mr. Bergin, made no objection to the holding of his client to bail to answer the charge of "insulting" Mrs. Maddox.

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A Woman's Question. "Do you know you have asked for the costliest thing Ever made by the Hand above— A woman's heart, and a woman's life, And a woman's wonderful love?"

"You require your mutton shall always be hot, Your socks and your shirts shall be white; I require your heart to be true as God's stars, And pure as heaven your soul."

"You require a cook for your mutton and beef; I require a far better thing; A seamstress you're wanting for stockings and shirts— Look for a man and a king—"

"A king for a beautiful realm called home, And a man that the Maker, God, Shall look upon as he did the first, And say—'It is very good.'"

Not long ago reports were spread regarding a communistic Russian sect termed Nihilists, who gave great umbrage to the Russian government, and caused a despotic banishment by the Czar of a large number to the banks of the Volga.

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A Washington Belle. To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: At the sale of Gen. Washington's effects, Mr. Ashford attended the sale, and among other purchases he bought the hand bellows and poker used by Washington in blowing and chinking his fire.

Mr. Lewis D. Crenshaw, a well-known mill owner and merchant, died in Richmond last night.

COMMERCIAL. ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Dec. 28.—The receipts of Wheat are light, and the market is quiet and unchanged; offerings of 996 bushels, with sales of a fair white lot at 133 and red at 135, 137, 141 and 142—latter for prime; there were no choice samples on "Change" Corn is very dull, the bulk of the offerings being cheap and unfit for storage, and prices are off; sales of new mixed at 50 and 52; offerings of 900 bushels. Rye is quiet and unchanged; offerings light, with sales at 80.

ACTS THAT HAVE BECOME LAWS.—Gov. Kemper has approved the first acts of Assembly passed this session, as follows: To amend act prescribing the time for holding the courts in the First judicial circuit. To incorporate the East Rockingham and Page Farmers' Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

How ADVERTISING EFFECTS BUSINESS.—The man who advertises his business, if what he offers for sale is honestly what he represents it to be, or what it ought to be, is constantly assisted in his business by those who have been attracted to him and tested him. A buyer has read his advertisement, and gone to his store, or workshop, or warehouse, whatever it may be, and tried what was recommended. If it has satisfied him he is pleased and recommends it to his neighbor, who is likely to go to the same place and tell his neighbor in turn.

WADDELL'S DANGER.—The excitement in San Francisco over the presence and employment by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company of Captain Waddell, formerly of the Confederate privateer Shenandoah, was such that the Alta printed a double-headed article depicting any mob demonstration against him. The Alta says: "It has been reported along the city front that a number of whalemans who suffered so terribly ten years ago, and who are serving on board the whaling fleet now recruiting at this port, have arranged to abduct Captain Waddell and give him a remarkably lively cruise in the Arctic before the masts of one of these self-same old and much abused blubber hunters."

It took Sir Isaac Newton less than three years to thoroughly digest the principles of gravitation, while an Indiana farmer has spent eleven years trying to find out why a cow never kicks until the pail is two-thirds full.—Detroit Free Press.

A highway robber in Brooklyn, and an ex-convict, who asked by the justice what he was arraigned for, replied, "Working at my trade."

CLOSING OUT SALE AT COST FOR TWO WEEKS. As we are about to take stock and wish to REDUCE IT before doing so. FERGUSON & BROS., 96 King street.

LOVES, HOSIERY, HANDKERCHIEFS, UNDERSHIRTS, &c.—Wholesale and Retail—Baltimore Prices to Country Merchants.—Down Prices on all styles of Goods.—Monday, Dec. 27, 1875.—We are constantly receiving large additions to our stock and every department is complete. All goods purchased low and will be sold at popular prices. D. F. BRASHEAR, H. B. HOUMES, 84 King street.