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The reported movement in the South to make General Grant President irrespective of party nominations, the more recent proposal of the Washington Gazette to make him Captain General for life, the Grant fever that is so prevalent at the North, and various other indications, all show that the people of the country are tired of the present form of government, and that they regard the Constitution as among the slightest objections to a change in that form. The provisions of the Constitution have been inoperative for a long time, but we hope that before that instrument is utterly scouted and disregarded it may be altered or abolished in a regular and constitutional way, and not by the mere will of the party managers in different parts of the country.

The Washington Sunday Gazette suggests that at this juncture it would be well for the southern members, upon the reassembling of Congress, to present and pass a bill creating the office of Captain General, with a salary ample to maintain the dignity of the station, and declaring Gen. Grant General in Chief of the Armies during life. As wild a vagary as we have yet seen in this age of vagaries.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Heavy frosts, and ice a quarter of an inch thick, are reported in and around Richmond and Petersburg.

N. L. Price, tried Saturday at Pittsylvania Court House for the murder of Dandridge Burnett, colored, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter. He was fined $500 and discharged.

Near Barbee's Cross Roads, Fauquier county, Saturday morning, Jacob Stribling, colored, killed Nelson Prest, colored, by striking him on the head with a wagon standard. Stribling is in jail at Warrenton.

Henry Johnson, colored, who escaped from the jail at Lynchburg on Friday last, was recaptured in Petersburg last Saturday night. Johnson was recently sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years for larceny from the person, committed in Lynchburg.

The Goochland Gazette says: "We regret to have to chronicle the fact that the Rev. R. H. Phillips, principal of the Virginia Female Institute, was stricken with paralysis on Friday of last week. At last accounts we are glad to say he was much better and in a fair way for recovery.

The Richmond Dispatch says: "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia will assemble in this city on the 12th of November proximo, and officers and members of all the subordinate commanderies have been ordered to attend. There will, probably, be present five hundred Knights, and their brethren here are thinking to give them a splendid reception. There will be one or more grand parades, and it is proposed that the city shall be decorated in fine style."

The Blue Ridge Echo says: "From Mr. Willie Yates we learn the following facts relative to the killing of Mike Rubinson on Flint Hill last week. The dogs had treed a coon near Robinson's house, he went up the tree, while there his brother also heard the dogs, came to the spot with gun in hand, taking the figure of his brother in the tree for that of the coon, he fired, and inflicted a wound from which Mike died in a few minutes after being lowered from the tree."

The Richmond State says: "Last night Mr. James S. Nash, a farmer, living near Carbon Hill, Henrico county, died under horrible circumstances. He had just returned from Richmond, and was going in his fodder house to get some fodder to feed his horse. By some means his lamp was overturned and ignited the fodder, and the unfortunate man becoming blinded and suffocated by the blazing pile was burned to death. The fodder house was totally destroyed, and his remains were discovered this morning. Nothing was left but his trunk, his arms and legs being burned off. He leaves a wife and several grown children.

The Indian War.

The Secretary of the Interior has received a dispatch from special agent Adams, dated camp at White River, October 24. He reports that he visited the camp of the hostiles between Grand and Gunnison rivers, and that after holding a conference with them the captive woman and children were delivered to him without conditions. He then proceeded to General Merritt's camp on White River, where he arrived on the night of the 23d. After conferring with Gen. Merritt he will return to the camp of the hostiles, and proceed thence to Chief Ouray's home at Los Pinos (where he expects to arrive on the 30th instant,) with a view to accomplishing the other purposes of his mission, in which he hopes to be equally successful. He adds an expression of great hopefulness that further hostilities may be wholly averted. General Adams also reports that after leaving the hostile camp he met Indian runners who reported that their "look outs" had a fight on the 20th with a hunting party from Merritt's camp—brought about accidentally by a scout firing on an Indian—in which the scout, named Hume, Lieutenant Weir and two others were killed. The Indians claim that they were posted at that place merely to observe the movements of troops; that they did not want to fight, and did not fight until after Hume killed one of their number.

Secretary Schurz yesterday received a short dispatch written by Agent Adams from Plateau Creek, on the 21st instant, from which it appears that he did not take the surrendered captives (namely, Mrs. and Miss Meekers, Mrs. Price and two children) to General Merritt's camp, but immediately sent them with an escort to Lake City, to proceed thence via Del Norte to Denver. He adds in this dispatch that the "Indians are anxious for peace and desire a full investigation of the troubles."

COMMISSIONER RAUM.—The Washington Republican says: "It is understood that a number of Virginia Republicans, who differ with Internal Revenue Commissioner Raum regarding the sentiments expressed in his recent letter to Collector Van Auken, have recently visited the President to urge the removal of the Commissioner on the ground that the letter in question was a violation of the civil service rules. It is also understood that the letter was written with President Hayes' approval. In view of this fact it would appear that the raid on the Commissioner will not effect its object."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

There have been 1,300 cases of yellow fever in Memphis this season, and 498 deaths. Refugees are returning to Memphis in considerable numbers.

A young man named Steel, formerly of Rockville, Md., but more recently of Washington, was shot, and it is supposed fatally wounded, by a young man named Lamon, nephew of Ward H. Lamon, at Martinsburg, last week.

Jos. H. Riddle, head of the firm of Riddle, Coleman & Co., and President of the Franklin Savings Institution, and his son, George D. Riddle, cashier of the Savings Institution, who have heretofore been looked upon as solid and substantial business men, were found guilty on four counts for embezzlement and two for conspiracy, at Pittsburg last Saturday.

Early yesterday morning a fire broke out in Pinkerton tunnel, Pittsburg division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, near Confluence, Pa. A fire engine was sent from Cumberland, but could not do much good, on account of the fire being near the centre of the tunnel, which is a half mile long. It is wooden lined and was still burning late last evening. Freight trains are stopped and passengers are transferred in wagons.

Gen. Fairchild, United States Consul General at Paris, in a dispatch to the Department of State, dated October 10, calls attention to the significant fact that the exports to the U. S. from France are continually and rapidly increasing. For the quarter ending September 30, 1879, the value of the exports to the United States was $12,532,152, which is an increase of $2,527,773 over the corresponding quarter of 1878.

In the Criminal Court of Washington last Saturday, Stone, the negro murderer, was sentenced to be hanged on Friday, December 19th, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m. Stone heard the dreadful sentence with the utmost composure, showing the same stolidity and apparent indifference that marked his bearing during the trial. He even smiled after hearing the sentence, and then amused himself with scribbling upon a piece of paper on the table before him until the proceedings were over and the bailiff took him out of the court room.

A dispatch from Mount Vernon, Ohio, reports a temperance crusade at Fredericktown, near that place. The ladies of the place, at the ringing of a bell, marched to Ed. Randall's saloon, broke open the door and windows, cracked his demijohns, spilling the liquors, and completely gutted the place. They afterwards visited the saloon in Conner's Hotel, and attempted the same performance, but the proprietor saved his liquors by agreeing to remove them from the town. Several drug stores were then visited, the proprietors of which closed and barred their doors against the assailants.

A mass meeting of the Irish residents of New Orleans was held yesterday afternoon at Odd Fellows' Hall for the purpose of considering the condition of affairs in Ireland, and the relations of landlords and tenants. The meeting was largely attended. Mayor Allen presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Fathers Finn and Moynahan, Major E. A. Burke and Colonel McGloin. Resolutions were adopted approving the course of Hon. Mr. Parnell and others and expressing sympathy with the oppressed people of Ireland. A meeting of Irish citizens of Lowell, Mass., was held yesterday afternoon to devise means for assisting Irish tenant farmers. It was decided to hold a meeting in Huntington Hall early in November, and to canvass the city for subscriptions.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Prince Bismarck is ill.

M. Carel Socialist, has been elected Municipal Counsellor at Lyons.

Great excitement prevails at Constantinople over the posting of seditious placards.

A foot of snow fell in London yesterday morning. Great damage has been done to fruit and shade trees.

Charles Tomlinson of the firm of W. D. Tomlinson & Co. the suspended Liverpool Cotton brokers, has absconded leaving behind a wife and eight children.

Adolphus Rosenberg of the London Town Talk was to day sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment on the indictment charging him with publishing defamatory libels.

It is stated that a daughter of the French General of division de Galliffet Commandant at Tours has eloped from Paris to London for the purpose of marrying a son of Musurus Pasha the Turkish ambassador there.

A dispatch from Madrid says: In the Council of Saturday the Minister of Colonies presented a plan for the recognition of the right to immediate liberty of slaves in Cuba, and their civil rights of citizenship, but withholding the enjoyment of political rights until the expiration of 8 years of forced labor.

A dispatch from Rome says that an American lady and gentleman named Beron were attacked in a railway carriage on the Alta Italian line a few days ago by two men, one of whom drew a revolver and the other a knife. After a violent struggle the robbers succeeded in getting possession of the gentleman's purse and watch, and escaped by jumping off the foot board when the train slackened its speed

A dispatch from Kashi says: Gen. Gough's brigade has arrived here to succor the force holding the entrenched camp at Shutargardan, the commander of which reports that he is surrounded by thousands of Mangals. His signals that he can hold his own, but from the heavy firing it is clear he is hotly engaged. General Gough will march for Shutargardan to-day. If the position should prove untenable it will be evacuated, but if the enemy disperse the force will remain at Shutargardan, and General Gough's brigade return to Cabul. A cabul dispatch states that the Kotwal of Cabul and four others have been hanged for complicity in the massacre of the British Embassy. There has been fighting between Ali Kheyl and Shutargardan, in which the enemy was defeated with heavy loss, and communications have since been reopened.—The tribes which were infesting Shutargardan have dispersed. Yakoob Khan is in General Robert's camp and is in a pitiable state of apathy and depression.

GEN. GRANT'S LATEST SPEECH.—General Grant attended a farewell banquet in his honor at San Francisco Saturday night, and left at midnight for the East. In response to a toast he said:

GENTLEMEN OF SAN FRANCISCO: The unbounded hospitality and cordiality with which I have been received since first I put my foot on the soil of California has taken deep root in my heart. It was more than I could have expected, and while it entailed some little fatigue at times, I assure you I have been grateful for it. I have previously been in California and on the Pacific coast, but have been away a quarter of a century, and when I landed here the last time I found that none of the pioneers had grown old; but if I should remain away another quarter of a century I might be compelled to confess that some of you had grown old, [applause,] and I want to see you again in your prime and youth. Gentlemen, in taking my departure, I want to thank you for the farewell reception given me this evening, and to express the hope that whether or not I am to have the happiness ever to visit your city again, I shall, at least, meet one and all of you elsewhere, and if it should not be in this life, that it may be in a better country."

Confession.

WATERBURY, VT., Oct. 27.—Cyrus Deaver aged 35 years has confessed that he set fire to a number of buildings in this place recently.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence of the Alexa. Gazette

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27, 1879.

The following changes in the postal service in Virginia were made to day: Molley E. Augle, to be postmaster at Glade Hill, Franklin Co., vice T. E. Wills, resigned; a postoffice established at Tan Yard, Henry Co., with W. A. Carter as postmaster; the postoffice at Summit Station, Richmond and York River Railroad, to be removed to its original site, at Dispatch, New Kent Co., with Mrs. Sally D Duval as postmaster, and a new postoffice to be established at Summit Station.

The receipts at the Treasury from internal revenue to day amounted to $747,660; from customs, $418,870. The National Bank notes received for redemption to day amounted to $100,000.

The cause for which Justice L. I. O'Neal, formerly of Alexandria, has been bailed in the sum of $500 for his appearance before the grand jury, was a difficulty between him, as attorney, and Mrs. Borland, a client, and really showed nothing criminal on his part. His client, at his advice, took a second mortgage on a piece of property to secure a debt of $600. After the property was sold, to pay her there was left only $90, which was deposited in bank, and which was offered her as soon as she applied for it.

All the arrangements for the opening of the National Fair to-morrow have been completed. An immense crowd is expected to be present, but the streets of the city to day do not indicate that many strangers will be in the crowd. All the governments departments will be closed in order to give the clerks and other employees an opportunity to attend.

The case of W. E. Fletcher, the owner of the old Commodore Ap Catesby Jones' estate, near the Great Falls, in Fairfax Co., Va., for the murder of a man named Kipple, in the Marble Saloon, in this city, was called in the Criminal Court here this morning, but was postponed for one week.

Four or five boats loaded with coal arrived at Georgetown this morning from Cumberland, and the telephone announced that more would arrive during the day.

As previously stated in this correspondence, most of the New Yorkers now in office here have been sent home to work in the radical interest from now until the election, but it is noticeable that the interest taken to get them off was much more manifest at the State than at the Interior Department.

Mr. Raum, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, says that Mr. Foster, who addressed him an open letter from West End, near Alexandria, criticising his correspondence with Mr. Van Auken, was appointed to a clerkship in the Second Auditor's office from Minnesota, and how he got to Alexandria is more than he knows. He also says that Mr. Foster will be "talked to" by those in authority about that letter. With regard to a reported raid that is to be or has been made upon Mr. Raum, for the correspondence referred to, he says he dosn't fear it in the least; that the Secretary endorses his course; that the leading and respected republicans of Virginia approve it, and that if Mr. Van Auken had not showed up all right on the State debt question he would have been made to "walk the plank" immediately. The Commissioner is perfectly satisfied with his own course; is assured of being sustained by the Administration, and talks as though all he wants to make a vacant chair in any of the internal revenue offices in Virginia is to know that its present occupant is active in opposition to the payment of the State debt. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hawley says that Foster's letter reads like the letter of a crazy man, but that he will not be turned out of office for writing it. He also says that Mr. Foster is credited to Minnesota on the official apportionment register.

Senor Arosemena, Minister from the United States of Columbia, accompanied by the Secretary of State, called at the White House this morning and presented his credentials.

In the Court in general term, to day, A. W. Harris, of this city, was admitted to practice as an attorney in the courts of the District of Columbia. Harris is well known in Alexandria, having served two terms in the City Council, and being one of the leaders in republican politics in this city. He commenced the study of law in the office of the late Prof. George W. Mitchell, who—being one of the first colored lawyers admitted to practice in the District courts—made for himself an enviable reputation as a lawyer. After the death of Prof. Mitchell Harris continued his studies in the law department of Howard University, where he completed his course of studies at its last annual session.

Balloon Ascension.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—A special from St. Charles, Mo., yesterday, says: Will Brayton, the aeronaut, made an ascension from here yesterday at 2 o'clock. The wind was blowing at such a rate that it was with difficulty the balloon was inflated. He went up in tights and without a basket, having only rings to hold to. The balloon barely escaped being dashed to pieces against the sides of the houses on Main street so strong was the wind. Brayton hung head downward, holding by his legs, when 500 feet in the air. He expected to stay up only a short time, but the balloon went so fast that it soon passed out of sight. He crossed the Mississippi river at Grafton going almost due north. It is feared now that the balloon became unmanageable. Brayton with no clothing but tights would not be able to endure the cold long. Mr. Dowsey, of Louisiana, editor of the Journal and a nephew of Prof. Wise, assisted Brayton. The aeronaut was advised by his friends not to try to make the ascension in such a wind, but he would heed no advice, and has perhaps fallen a victim to his rashness.

BISHOP PURCELL.—Here to test the question whether the church property formerly held by Archbishop Purcell, but since turned over to his assignee, is liable for the archbishop's debts, a suit has been instituted in Cincinnati by John D. Mannix, assignee, to settle the question. All this property was held in the name of the archbishop under the canon law of the Church for the diocese. The point at issue is whether this constitutes him owner of the property. It is claimed that although the letter of the law may make him owner the spirit of the law is against it. Among the items of property transferred are St. Patrick's Cathedral and a number of other places of worship built by donations of church members.

A collection was taken up yesterday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Petersburg, Va., Rev. T. J. Wilson pastor, for the benefit of Archbishop Purcell, the contributions aggregating $400.50. The congregation was very small, and the sum subscribed averages $4 per member. Father Wilson's appeal to the congregation was a very feeling and touching one. Bishop Purcell was consecrated in Baltimore October 13, 1833.

The Suit Against Mr. Tilden.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Argument was heard to day before Judge Blatchford in the United States Circuit Court on demurrer to the bill of discovery filed by the Government in the suit begun against Samuel J. Tilden for unpaid income tax. U. S. Attorney Woodford and S. B. Clarke appeared for the Government, and ex-Judge Porter and Aaron J. Vanderpool for the defendant. Judge Blatchford gave his decision overruling the demurrer, and directed the plaintiff to serve his proposed form of order.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Oct. 27.—There was a general resumption of business this morning in all branches of trade.

Synod of Virginia.

SECOND DAY.

The committee on division of Synod was taken up. The report showed the vote of the Presbyteries to be—

For division of Synod,	110
Against division of Synod,	111

Greenbrier Presbytery did not vote, but it was thought by the committee that, if her vote had been counted, there would have been a small vote in favor of division.

The committee unanimously recommend that, in view of all the facts, and the equal division of opinion in the Presbyteries, that the matter of dividing the Synod be relinquished for the present. The report was approved, and a resolution was offered sending the matter up to the General Assembly.

Rev. Dr. Morton was opposed to this, as he favored division. The resolution was lost.

The report postponing any further action on the division of Synod was then adopted.

Rev. Dr. Strickler is chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools. The report showed the number of

Teachers,	2,459
Scholars,	17,685
Average attendance of teachers,	1,873
" of scholars,	11,458
Increase of teachers,	131
" scholars,	1,098
Decrease of teachers,	67
" scholars,	383
Number of teachers added to the church	38
Number of scholars added to the church,	402
Amount contributed to the church,	$5,188.87
Amount contributed for missionary purposes,	$2,468.82

The report was appropriately referred.

Dr. Hobson, chairman of the Evangelical Committee, read the report of that committee, giving reports from each Presbytery.

Abingdon Presbytery lacked means to carry on evangelical labor.

Chesapeake Presbytery sustained all feeble churches, but recommended the employment of a regular evangelist.

East Hanover—one half of this territory is evangelical ground. It has no evangelist.

Greenbrier Presbytery has a large field, and the work here is more hopeful than heretofore. Three new churches have been added by this labor. Two more evangelists wanted for this rich and inviting field.

Lexington Presbytery—Rev. Robert Scott has been successful in his evangelical work here. The Presbytery is earnestly co operating with Mr. Scott in his work. Request from Clarksburg for the organization of a church had been attended to.

Maryland has no evangelist, Montgomery Presbytery has none churches and mission fields supplied by pastors.

In Roanoke Presbytery the same is the case, and pastors have the work to do.

West Hanover continues to employ Rev. T. D. Bell, and will soon be assisted by the Rev. Mr. Epes.

Winchester work always arduous, but is well done.

The Presbytery is divided into four districts, and the minister of each church is an evangelist. Action on the report of the committee on Evangelical Labor was postponed by a motion made to that effect.

Dr. Graham took the chair, and Rev. Mr. Campbell addressed the Synod. He said in East Hanover Presbytery they were doing more work now than ever, and only lack of money and means prevented more.

If they could raise means much more could be done.

Mr. Campbell paid Dr. Pryor a deserved compliment for the very zealous work he had been doing, and said he was certain that others might do as much, and that in the future he hoped they would. In Petersburg Dr. Witherspoon, Rev. Mr. Jones, and Rev. Mr. Winn were extending their work southward.

In East Hanover there was a larger field of missionary labor than anywhere else in the State. A considerable degree of efficiency and a likelihood of good results was given as the appearance of affairs in East Hanover Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Lacy regarded the question as one of the most important ones that could be brought before the Synod. He thought the church was accomplishing something, and he thought it was drifting in the right direction; but the church had not begun to approach the standing in this matter that it should. It should talk about, write, and work for evangelical labor.

The Presbyterian Church was well calculated to do this work and do it efficiently. Now the question is, does it do it? In its stated pastorate this Church was doing its part nobly, it is not doing all that it should for evangelistic work. Mr. Lacy spoke at length on this subject, showing great zeal and interest in this work.

Rev. Mr. Walker also addressed the Synod in favor of urging forward the missionary work. He said the people on the western verge of the Synod were hospitable, and zealous in faith and spirit.

The further discussion of this subject was deferred.

The Synod then took a recess until after Divine service, when Rev. Dr. Hoge, of Richmond, presented the merits of the Virginia Bible Society; after which the Synod adjourned until 9:30 o'clock next morning.

THIRD DAY.

Before going into the unfinished business, a resolution was offered asking the appointment of a committee whose duty it should be to take into consideration the matter of expenses incident to the attendance at Synod, and to consider the propriety of ascertaining the expenses and making a pro rata assessment among the various Presbyteries in order to secure a larger attendance at Synod.

The resolution was docketed.

Under the head of unfinished business the report of the committee on Presbyterial record again came up, and the minutes of the various Presbyteries were placed under consideration.

The Presbyterial record committee was resumed until the hour for the special order of the day was taken. This was the report on committee of sustentation, which was followed by remarks from Rev. D. McIlwaine, who addressed the Synod in the interest of domestic mission. He said it was a great point, when brethren undertake to do something greater than they have ever done; to be convinced that they have the strength and ability to do the thing. He did not propose to go into any lengthy discussion of the question, as the report of the committee, which had been just read, had covered the ground entirely.

If the grand scheme of home work was to succeed, the church must realize the fact of unity, not forgetting the wants of those at a distance in attending the wants found at home. He said he had come as the representative of the church, and to remind the brethren of the need of mission work, and the demands that it had upon the attention of the Synod. He alluded to the pleasure it gave him to be present, and complimented the various Prebyteries on the zeal they had already evidenced in this work. But he wanted to call their attention to work which laid outside of the bounds of the Virginia Synod, and called especial attention to the fields in Texas and other southern localities, and recommended hearty work by every means possible. The amount required in money was $10,000—a sum largely in excess of that asked for previously. This money was wanted from the Synod of Virginia to be sent to the General Assembly for the sustentation fund.

On motion of Dr. Martin, Col. T. L. Preston was invited to address the body next day at 10 o'clock in the interest of the Stonewall Jackson Institution.

The Synod took a recess to hear Dr. Dabney preach, after which Dr. M. D. Hoge, of Richmond, spoke at some length on the subject of Foreign Missions, after which the Synod adjourned until 9½ o'clock next day.—*Danville Post.*

Baldwin Augusta Fair.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

STAUNTON, VA., Oct. 24.—The Staunton fair opened last Tuesday, the 21st, and closed this evening. Owing to the rain and cloudy weather, the attendance was small during the first and second days, but on Thursday the attendance was very gratifying, and many pronounced it the best fair day Staunton ever had. Many persons were attracted to the grounds on the third day to witness the English hurdle race, which took place upon that day. There were a number of entries for the race, but there were but five starters. The distance was one mile over six hurdles. The first hurdle was knocked down on the first round, though the rest were nicely cleared, and the race for the first prize, a beautiful silver cup, presented by Mr. Crowell, proprietor of the Virginia Hotel, was awarded to Mr. Manning. Fortunately, and contrary to the expectations of many persons, there were no bones broken and no accidents of any kind as usually attend such races. It was the first hurdle race held on the fair grounds, and was, consequently, quite a novelty to the Augusta people. It was purely an English race, no others being allowed to enter for it; and, in fact, we think there was but little disposition to enter such a dangerous race.

The ladies' riding match came off on the same day. There were eight ladies entered for the prizes, and the riding was pronounced by all as splendid. The first prize, a beautiful ladies' saddle, was awarded to Miss Annie Davis, daughter of the late Braxton Davis, esq., well known in Augusta county. The second premium, a beautiful bridle, was awarded to Miss Reid. The third premium, a fine riding whip, was awarded to Miss Herndon. There were several flat races during the day. The racing was not so good, as there were but few fast horses present. Mr. Arch Walker won a premium in the trotting race, his horse winning two straights.

Maj. Geo. Chrisman, of Rockingham, had on exhibition some very fine Durham stock, which were highly complimented. There was also some fine stock exhibited by other parties, and the usual amount of cereals, fruits, fancy work, &c. We noticed some very elegant wagons and carriages, from the manufactory of Messrs. Click & Miller, Bridgewater, Rockingham Co. This firm deserve credit for the manner in which they are pushing forward their enterprize, which has already amounted to success.

On account of the extreme cold weather on the last day of the fair, there was a very limited attendance, but taken altogether, we suppose it was as successful, financially, as usual.

An Actors' Brawl.

A dispatch from Wilkesbarre, Pa., says:

A firm of amateur managers of theatricals, Mishler & Miller, brought a company here on Thursday and produced the drama of "Daniel Druce," F. C. Bangs assuming the leading role, and Miss Josephine Bailey personating Dorathy Druce.

It appears that in the afternoon Bangs went out from his room, which adjoined that of Miss Bailey, and with some friends imbibed somewhat freely; Upon returning to his quarters he found the door connecting his apartments with those of Miss Bailey locked, whereas the door was ajar when he left.

Bangs, when he attempted to open the connecting door became enraged at its being closed and immediately became violent to a desperate degree, accusing Manager Miller of attempting to alienate Miss Bailey. Miller, a rather prepossessing, broad shouldered gentleman, came out upon the hallway, whereat Bangs, who is a powerful man, seized him, and lifting him as though he were a child, three times dashed him to the floor.

The noise aroused the employees of the hotel, and the proprietor ordered that Bangs and Miller be ejected. Two of the porters went to the task, but the irate actor drove them both down stairs, and then paid his compliments to the terrified Miller again. Soon reinforcements arrived headed by one Brown, an athletic colored man, but Bangs dispersed the entire crowd and "bounced" Brown incontinently down stairs.

The whole crowd sustained severe injuries, and when the actor was finally overcome his clothes were literally torn from his person. The heroine subsequently came to the pacification of Bangs with warm caresses instead of bullets.

A Native of Virginia.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Nellie Decamp, alias Ellen Cooper, who died on Saturday night from an overdose of chloral, was a native of Virginia. She was intelligent, of good education and manners, and it is said that she was very respectably connected. She was known to the police as the keeper at different times in this city of houses of ill fame, and had just moved into the house on 53rd street in which she died, and which is filled with most elegant furniture, rich carpets, bric-a-brac, etc., which are scattered in confusion through the rooms as they were left by the cartmen who brought them. It is not known whether she had any relatives in this city or not, and the public administrator has been notified.

THE DESPISED SUNFLOWER.—Everybody knows the common sunflower, of the genus Helianthus, which abounds in most of the backyards and inclosed grounds of the small towns and villages, and, indeed, throughout the rustic regions of the whole republic. The sunflower is selfsowing, we believe, and grows spontaneously in every part of the country. It is so common here that nobody cares for it; yet it is not without a large, gorgeous kind of beauty which would be appreciated were the plant scarce, or were any pains taken to rear it. Elsewhere the sunflower, if not admired, is esteemed for practical reasons. Many of our native aboriginals make bread of the seeds. It is cultivated in the South of Europe, sometimes as a field crop, the seeds being used as food for cattle and poultry, and also for making oil, which is little inferior to olive oil, burns in lamps, and is employed in the manufacture of soap. Meal and bread are said to be got from the seed in Portugal, and these roasted are often substituted for coffee. The seeds are also used like almonds for making soothing emulsions, and in some parts of the Old World are boiled and fed to infants. The leaves are good fodder for cattle, the stems serve for fuel, and contain much potash. The different species of sunflower indigenous to the United States number some 40, scattered from ocean to ocean and from New England to the Gulf. For a plant generally counted unworthy, as it is with us, it surely has many valuable uses.

FRIENDS' YEARLY MEETING began Saturday in the meeting house on Lombard street, near Eutaw street. The first session was with closed doors, but in the evening meeting the temperance question was considered, also the matter of arbitration in disputed business transactions. Yesterday three largely attended meetings—forenoon, afternoon and night—were held at the Lombard street meeting house. The speakers were Wm. M. Way, Cecil county; Martha Travilla, West Chester, Pa.; Thos. Foulke, New York; Robert Halton, Talbot county; Ellison Newport, brother of Martha Travilla, Germantown, Pa.; Darlington Hoopes, Baltimore. Meetings were also held at the house corner of Asquith and East Fayette streets, and the place, like the house on Lombard street, was not large enough to hold the people. Among the speakers were Elizabeth Matthews, of Baltimore, and Thomas Foulke, of New York. The weather thus far has been exceptionally fine, and the Friends from a distance and the country in the immediate vicinity speak encouragingly of the work in which they are engaged. The meetings to-day will be devoted to business.—*Baltimore Sun.*

On the Oakland track, at San Francisco, on Saturday St. Julian was brought out to beat the best time made by Rarus. St. Julian was followed at a short distance by a running horse. At the word he passed under the wire at a square trot, and for the entire mile made neither a slip nor a break, finishing in the unprecedented time of 2:12¾, apparently but little the worse for his magnificent effort.

Fatal Shooting.

DETROIT MICH., Oct. 27.—This morning Wm. Copeland and George Rhinehart, while engaged in digging a town ditch across the land of Wm. Witham, in the town of Barton, four miles from Flint, were ordered by Witham, who protested against the ditch, to stop work. The men not complying Witham shot Rhinehart dead. Copeland in order to escape a like fate took to his heels. Rhinehart leaves a wife and several children in destitute circumstances. Witham has not yet been arrested.

THE STATE FAIR.—To-morrow the nineteenth annual exhibition of the Virginia Agricultural State Society will commence at the Fair Grounds and continue four days. The indications are that it will be a complete success in every way.

Thursday there will be a competitive drill of companies from Virginia and other States. The first premium for the best drilled company is $600; the second best, $400. Each company before entering for competition will be required to make a deposit of $50. Col. John B. Purcell, and such other officers of the first regiment as he may designate, will constitute the committee of arrangements.

Friday the competitive drill of the colored companies of the State will take place. The prizes offered are $100 for the best drilled company and $50 to the second.—*Rich. Whig.*

From Ludden & Bates' Southern Music House, Savannah, Ga., we have received a copy of Pulaski March, written by Prof. Henry Shoeller, of Dalton, Ga., specially for the Savannah Centennial, October 9th.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Hambleton & Co's Baltimore weekly circular says: "In State securities, Virginia consols and 10-40's have been strong and active. Consols opened on Monday at 62¾ to 63, but on large orders advanced to 65. Virginia 10-40's which early in the week sold at 52½, are in demand at an advance of about one per cent. Orange, Alexandria & Manassas 1st 7's sold from 68 to 68½. Orange & Alexandria 2nd 6's 97½, Orange & Alexandria 4th 8's 22, and Chesapeake & Ohio, class B, brought 56½.

WHOLESALE PRICKS OF PRODUCE, &c.

Flour, Fine	$4 75	@	5 00
Superfine	5 25	@	5 75
Extra	6 50	@	6 75
Family	7 00	@	7 50
Fancy brands	7 50	@	8 00
Wheat, common to fair	1 35	@	1 40
Good to prime	1 40	@	1 45
Choice	1 45	@	1 48
Corn, white	0 59	@	0 60
Mixed	0 58	@	0 59
Yellow	0 58	@	0 59
Corn Meal	0 56	@	0 60
Rye	0 85	@	0 90
Oats	0 42	@	0 46
Butter, prime	0 15	@	0 18
Common to middling	0 10	@	0 12
Eggs	0 17	@	0 18
Chickens	2 00	@	3 00
Apples	1 25	@	1 75
Chestnuts	1 20	@	1 25
Potatoes per bushel	0 50	@	0 60
Onions, per bush	0 00	@	1 00
Dried Cherries	0 16	@	0 18
Dried Peaches, peeled	0 8	@	0 11
Unpeeled	0 4	@	0 5
Bacon, Hams, country	0 8	@	0 10
Best sugar cured Hams	0 11½	@	0 12
Butchers' Hams	0 10½	@	0 11
Western	0 10½	@	0 11½
Sides	0 8½	@	0 8¾
Shoulders	0 6½	@	0 6¾
Lard	0 7½	@	0 7¾
Veal Calves	0 4	@	0 4½
Herring, Eastern, per bbl	3 50	@	4 00
Shad Roe per kit	2 75	@	3 00
Plaster, ground, per ton	4 50	@	5 00
Ground, in bags or bbls	5 50	@	6 00
Lump	3 00	@	3 50
Timothy	2 85	@	3 00
Clover Seed	6 00	@	6 50
alt, G. A. (Liverpool)	0 85	@	0 90
Fine	1 30	@	1 50
Turk's Island	0 35	@	0 40
Wool, long unwashed	0 25	@	0 26
Washed	0 30	@	0 33
Merino, unwashed	0 23	@	0 24
Do. washed	0 30	@	0 32
Sumac	0 75	@	0 00
Hay	10 00	@	12 00

The market opens quiet, with a slightly better feeling. The receipts of Flour continue light, and there is no change to note in quotations. Wheat is 1c better, but receipts are light, and we note sales of 1300 bushels at 135, 137, 140 and 148 as to quality. Corn is firm, and 1054 bushels of old were offered and sold at 59. One small lot of Rye was offered, but withdrawn, and no Oats were reported. Country produce is quiet and unchanged.

THE GRAIN EXCITEMENT IN BALTIMORE.—There was considerable excitement on 'Change Saturday, growing out of the recent circular of the superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio elevators, increasing the price of the storage of grain and the charge of demurrage to the extent of $5 per car per diem for all grain left in cars longer than a specified time. The grain merchants of that city conferred with the President of the B & O. railroad to see if some arrangement could be affected whereby a reduction of the charges could be secured. Mr. Garrett replied that the order was necessary to protect the trade of the port of Baltimore; that the order would effect those mainly who speculate in wheat by allowing the grain to remain in the cars and thus escape storage charges; that these speculators have run up the price of wheat to such a high figure that European buyers cannot purchase, all of which, Mr. Garrett claimed, has created a blockade in grain and choked the elevators. Mr. Garrett concluded by stating that the order will be enforced even if it ruins speculators.

BALTIMORE, October 27.—Virginia sixes deferred 62; do consolidated 65; do second series 30; past due coupons 88½; new ten forties 63½ bid to-day. Cotton quiet; middling 11¼a11⅛. Flour dull and weak; Howard street and Western Super 4 75a$5 50; do Extra 5 75a$6 50; do Family 6 75a$7 50; City Mills super 5a$5 50; do Extra 6 25a$6 75; do Family 7a$7 75; do Rio brands $7 75; Patapsco Family $8 25. Wheat—Southern active and higher; Western dull; Southern red 140a145; do amber 150a155; No 1 Maryland 148; No 2 Western winter red spot 142½a143; Oct 142½a142¾; Nov 143¾a144; Dec 148¾a149. Corn—Southern firm; Western dull; Southern white 60a63; do yellow 63a65; Western mixed spot 65¾; Oct 66; Nov 62a62½; Dec 59¾a60. Oats higher and firm; Southern and Penna 43a44; Western white 46a46½; do mixed 40a42. Rye firm at 95a97. Hay firm; prime to choice Pennsylvania and Maryland 15a$16. Coffee firm; Rio cargoes 15a¾18. Sugar firm; A soft 9¾a9¾. Whiskey firm at $1 13.

PHILADELPHIA, October 27.—Cattle in fair demand; receipts 3500; prime 6½; good 5; medium 4¾; common 3¼a4. Sheep in fair demand; receipts 5000; prime 4¾; good 4½; medium 4; common 3. Lambs brisk; prime 6; good 5½; medium 5; common 4. Hogs in good demand; receipts 4800; prime 6¼; good 6¼; medium 6; common 5¾.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Stocks strong. Money 6a7. Flour dull and lower. Wheat dull and lower. Corn moderately active.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, OCTOBER 27.

Sun rises 6 20 | Sun sets 5 3

ARRIVED.

Stmp John Gibson, N Y, to F A Reed.
Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F A Reed.
Str Mattano, lower Pot'c, to J Broders & Co.
Str Sue, Baltimore, to J Broders & Co.
Str J W Thompson, lower Pot'c, to F A Reed.
Str Ann Eliza, Philadelphia, to F A Reed.
Schr J H Gallagher, Phila, to W A Smoot.

CLEARED.

Str Sue, Baltimore, by J Broders & Co.
Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F A Reed.
Str J W Thompson, lower Pot'c, by F A Reed.
Schr Virginia Dare, Balto, by W A Moore.

PASSED UP.

Bark Continental, (Br) Trinidad, for Washington.

MEMORANDA.

Schrs Isaac Oberton and John Bird, hence, at Baltimore 26th.