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A strong effort is to be made at the next session of Congress to improve the coast defences and to increase the force of the army. A much cheaper and infinitely more effective means of strengthening the country would be for the radicals to change their policy toward the South, and instead of abusing and maligning the people thereof, and thus naturally prolonging the estrangement existing between the two sections, adopt a milder and more conciliatory course. As the North forced the South back into the Union, it strikes reasonable men that it is the part of wisdom to make her contented with her position, and the part of folly to be continually annoying and harassing her oftener without than with cause. A foreign war would rally all the citizens of this country to its defense, South as well as North, but it is only natural to suppose that the Southerners would be more eager for the fray if they were treated as the equals of their fellow citizens of the other sections of the Union. The United States, thoroughly united and in accord, could get along without either an increased army or improved coast defenses, and the money required for the two latter purposes be appropriated to the reduction of the public debt.

Mr. Hayes, in his Thanksgiving proclamation, says "at no previous thanksgiving season has the material prosperity of the whole people of the country been more universal," and that during the past year "the general prevalence of domestic tranquility, the supremacy and security of the great institutions of civil and religious freedom, have gladdened the hearts of our people and confirmed their attachment to their government." And yet all the members of the Cabinet and all the radical speakers and press have, during the whole campaign ending to-day, been reiterating the assertion that the condition of the negroes of the South is more deplorable now than in the days of slavery; that such a thing as domestic tranquility had no existence at the South, and that the supremacy and security of civil and religious freedom in the South was vouchsafed only to the white people thereof, and none of them, the republicans and independents being excluded with the negroes from the accruing benefits; and, if we are not mistaken, Mr. Hayes himself intimated as much in some of his recent speeches.

In alluding to the recent proposal of Secretary Sherman and Senator Blaine to depose Mr. Thomas Scott from the presidency of the Pennsylvania Railroad and install Gen. Grant in his stead, a stalwart republican journal says that the "General's integrity of character would be a perpetual guarantee of the honest conduct of the road." The journal here referred to was not speaking ironically, but in good faith, and the natural inference therefore is that partisans in estimating a man's character are influenced by other reasons than his actions, for, from Gen. Grant's duplicity to President Johnson before he went into the White House until he bought pardons were issued to the whiskey ring just before he left it, his whole career was a succession of deeds that in no vocabulary under the sun could be given as illustrations of the word integrity.

The fact that Secretary Schurz refused to go to New York and make speeches in favor of a man whom Mr. Hayes had removed from office for cause, and Secretary Sherman had personally appealed to Senators to make that removal permanent, is seized upon by the radicals as a good and sufficient reason for his deposition, and great pressure is to be brought to bear upon Mr. Hayes to effect that purpose. Senator Conkling made Mr. Hayes and Secretaries Evarts and Sherman eat their own words, and work to elect a man Governor of New York whom they had declared was unfit to be Collector of the port of New York. Mr. Schurz, however, refused to do his bidding, and for that reason the stalwarts are doing their best to "bounce" him.

Elections are now in progress in eleven States in the Union, Virginia among the number. As the voting is by ballot, of course nothing can be known of the result until after sundown, by which time to-day's issue of the Gazette will have been printed. So far as this city is concerned the probabilities are that those who regard their own and the State's honor and interest have been successful, and the same is true of the State at large, and the quotations of Virginia securities in the Baltimore stock market to-day indicate that the same impression about the result of the election in this State prevails there also.

The best and cheapest policy for this country to pursue as regards the conduct of its foreign relations, is to abolish its diplomatic service entirely, leaving the consuls, of course, to attend to their respective duties. But the republicans are not only opposed to this sensible course, but wish to enlarge the diplomatic service, and Minister Kasson has gone to Bucharest to establish diplomatic relations with the Roumanian government, and the United States will probably soon have an expensive legation located there.

Sale of a Ship.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 4.—The war ship Pyramus, which was captured by Admiral Nelson from the Danes in one of his famous engagements, and which served as a training ship here, has been sold for $7,000.

British Settlers.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 4.—Four more British tenant farmers, delegates with Messrs. Gordon, Wilkins and Walker, are now here, and will travel through the province.

The indisposition of Bismarck is said to be slight.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence of the Alexa. Gazette.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4, 1879.

The receipts at the Treasury to day from internal revenue amounted to $125,169 and from customs $542 864. The National bank notes received for redemption to day amounted to $129,000.

Intelligence was received at the Treasury Department to-day to the effect that Silas McLean had been arrested at Kansas City, Mo., for counterfeiting.

The following changes have been made in the postoffices of Virginia to day: Henry J. Yancey appointed postmaster at Ruffner's Store, Augusta county, vice M. L. McCue, resigned; Robert F. Marshall appointed postmaster at Allegany Station, Allegany county, vice J. J. Rowan, removed for cause—dilatoriness in making his returns.

The bonds which Mr. Parker, the contractor for building the connecting link of the Virginia Midland railroad from Orange Court House to Charlottesville, have been signed, and the work will be commenced at the earliest practical moment. The road will be about twenty-six miles long. The iron, or rather steel, that will be required in its construction, was bought by Mr. Parker before the recent rise in that material, and by so doing he makes $35,000. When the road is completed the line between Orange Court House and Charlottesville will be run as a branch, like the branch to Warrenton.

General Farnsworth, of Illinois, now in the city, but recently from New York, in a conversation with your correspondent this evening, expressed great doubts about the result of the New York election, founding them upon the scratching of Cornell's name, which, he said, would be much greater than was generally imagined. The General, however, is an independent, and, as is natural, is induced to believe that the independent republicans of New York are more numerous than partisans, who reason more correctly, report them to be.

A circular issued from the Treasury Department to day prohibits the importation of neat cattle from Canada.

The alterations in progress on the House side of the Capitol are going on at a rapid rate, but the quantity of rubish there is so great that a casual visitor can not tell what improvements are really being made. The two most recent changes in the officials of that side of the Capitol are the removals of Mr. Lamar, the tally clerk, and Mr. Baker, a clerk in the Clerk's office.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Nearly $2,000,000 in gold from England arrived in New York Sunday and yesterday.

Mr. Hayes yesterday issued a proclamation appointing Thursday, November 27th, a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Twelve hundred emigrants from Liverpool for Texas arrived at New Orleans yesterday. They will invest from $100 to $5,000 each.

The picture of the Yellow Stone in the anti-room of the Senate gallery at the Capitol in Washington has been disfigured by an unknown vandal.

The winning horses at Washington, D. C., yesterday, were Fleming Girl and Charley Ford. Time 2:35, 2:34 2:34 and 2:27, 2:28, 2:26½, 2:27, 2:26½ respectively.

Stettauer Brothers, dry goods merchants of Chicago, have failed. Liabilities over $1,000,000. The largest creditors are Claflin & Co., of New York, to the extent of $100,000.

Willie Tessar, aged fifteen years, died at Cairo, Ill., yesterday from the effects of a cut in the abdomen, which was inflicted by David Pumon, a negro. Pumon is in jail. The assault was unprovoked.

Elections were held to day in eleven States—Maryland, New York, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Wisconsin elected full state tickets with legislatures, Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia and Mississippi elected state legislatures, and Pennsylvania elected a state treasurer.

Ice formed yesterday morning in all the gutters of Memphis, and yesterday was by far the coldest of the season. Fully 500 telegrams have been sent by physicians advising that all can return with safety. The epidemic has closed for the season.

The whole of New England, Northern New York and the lake region have been visited by a severe snow storm. Several casualties are reported on the lakes. The snow fell quite lively at Hagers own on Sunday evening, and yesterday morning the housetops were covered.

General Sherman in his annual report shows that of the army of 25,000 men, nearly 4,000 are employed about store houses, arsenals, in the signal service and in experimenting, leaving an effective army for protecting the frontier of less than 20,000.

A dispatch from Boston says: "Walter Hastings, recently deceased, left the bulk of his fortune, after the decease of his wife, to Harvard College. It is estimated to amount to $500,000, which is the largest donation ever made to the college."

Leighton Finley, nephew of Senator Butler, who passed a satisfactory examination and was assigned to the 9th U. S. Cavalry, has been transferred to the Infantry, and his place by special order of Mr. Hayes been given to young Parker, a nephew of Attorney General Devens, who failed to pass the required examination, though given two chances.

Letter from Fauquier.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

SALEM, FAUQUIER CO., VA., Nov. 3.—Gen. Wm. H. Payne spoke at The Plains to day, and will speak at Markham to morrow morning. He has put in some solid work during this canvass, and is the idol of old Fauquier county. The contest for the Legislature is a bitter one, but there seems to be no doubt of the election of Col. Robert Stribling, the regular nominee of the Conservative party. Mr. Wm. H. Strother, the candidate of the readjusters, is a popular young man, and many of his friends regret that he has consented to become a candidate, and thus dig his own political grave.

Mr. S. F. Shackleford, an industrious and successful young farmer, near this village, is, we regret to say, seriously ill with typhoid fever.

The Blue Ridge was covered with snow this morning.

Large crops of wheat were sown this fall, and it is looking well.

There are still a great many fat cattle in this section, and stock cattle are coming in quite freely. Col. Robert Beverly has made two consignments of his fat cattle to Liverpool, England, and will send another lot in a week or two.

Apples are very abundant this season but seem to keep badly. Chestnuts are scarce and the crop is considered a failure.

Gen. Payne is prominently mentioned as successor to Col. Withers, and if elected will make one of the most brilliant and useful members of the United States Senate from the South. B.

General Grant

BURLINGTON, IOWA, Nov. 4.—Gen. Grant's train reached here at 10 30 o'clock last night, and he received an enthusiastic welcome. Gov. Gear conducted him to a platform, and on being introduced by Mayor Adams, Gen Grant made a happy speech, after which the party entered carriages and were conducted to the residence of Mayor Adams. To-day Gen. Grant will visit points of interest, and give a grand reception.

Mutiny.

KEY WEST, FLA., Nov. 4.—Arrived, British brig Geo. S. Berry, Capt Howard, with lumber from Pensacola for Montevideo in a state of mutiny. The captain was very badly cut by the mutineers. His life was saved and the mutiny quelled by his daughter.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Virginia Midland railroad company has commenced a building 50 by 20 feet at Warrenton depot for the storage of cotton.

Major A. Shaw has resigned the superintendency of the Richmond and Petersburg R. R., and will be succeeded by Mr. Theodore Klein, late of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta R. R.

The greatest interest and anxiety was felt in Petersburg last night as to the result of the election to day. Both the funders and readjusters held grand mass meetings. In order to preserve order at the polls and through the city an extra police force was put on duty, and all the bar rooms are closed.

The Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of Virginia which recently met in Richmond have elected the following officers: Rev. R. H. Mullen, G. W. P.; Geo. W. Williams; G. W. A.; Dr. M. B. Pottenger, G. S.; R. C. Trayler, G. T.; Z. T. Hirzheimer, G. C.; J. W. Hopkins, G. I. S.; Rev. G. C. Vanderslice, G. Chap., and R. S. Barrett, P. G. W. Patriarch. The next annual meeting will be held at Staunton next October.

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Index says: The long expected case of Poindexter vs. the State will come up for a hearing before the Court of Appeals in a few days. Poindexter is very cheerful and sanguine of the result of this hearing by the Appellate Court. He has entirely recovered from the attack of dyspepsia which he had soon after his commitment to jail and the officers of that institution represent that he is looking better than they ever saw him. He has been frequently visited by lady friends and during the summer was the recipient of luscious fruits at the hands of friends in the country.

Colonel McDonald, the State fish commissioner, in his annual report says: The new hatching house at Red Rock, on the Rappahannock, has been completed. At this hatchery during the present season over 4,000,000 fish were hatched, 500,000 of which were sent to Fredericksburg, about 200,000 placed in the Mattaponey, and about 300,000 in the Rappahannock rivers. The commissioner is now stocking the New river with an approved species of European carp. There are now three hatching houses in the State, one at Red Rock, on the Rappahannock, another at Wytheville, and the third, a small one, at Lexington. Colonel McDonald has been tendered a position by the United State fish commissioner, but has not yet accepted it.

The Virginia Agricultural society has adopted the amendment to its constitution proposing that one third of the members of the Executive Committee shall retire annually and be not immediately eligible for re-election, and has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, George W. Palmer, of Smyth; First Vice President, W. A. Burks, of Staunton; Second Vice President, Col. Robt. Beverly, Third Vice President, Col. Randolph Harrison. Under the new amendment the retiring members were Dr. Moore, Mr. Geo. W. Palmer, Col. Dulany and Dr. Taylor. The following were chosen in their places: Maj. A. H. Dewey, of Charles City; Dr. Geo. A. Quinby, of Loudoun; Maj A. R. Venable, of Farmville, and Dr. Armistead Wellford, of the county of Richmond.

The Warrenton Index says: "Dr. Alban S. Payne left for Atlanta, Ga., on the 30 inst. to fill a chair in the Medical College there. He will give satisfaction in his new field and add to the reputation he has already made. The following extract from minutes of the transactions of the medical Society of Virginia, held at Alexandria, on the 23 ult., shows the estimation in which he is held by the profession of his State: 'Dr. Alban S. Payne, of Fauquier county, was unanimously elected by the Committee on Nominations of the Virginia Medical Society, President of that body and declared the election. HUNTER MCGUIRE, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations; S. O. GLEANS, M. D., Member of Com. and Ex President Va. Med. Society. [Counter signed] L. S. JONES, M. D., President of the Medical Society of Virginia."

Yesterday morning James M. Young, who shot and killed George Hinton Saturday night, was brought into court at Petersburg. He occupied a seat next to his counsel, Captain R. G. Pegram, Major C. S. Stringfellow and Mr. W. B. McElwain, of that city. The prisoner, who is about twenty years of age, appeared at court unshaven and presented a very careworn appearance. Several cuts were visible on his head, which are alleged to have been inflicted by Hinton with the pistol which he (Hinton) took from Young after being shot. The examination trial was postponed until Friday morning next, and the prisoner remanded to jail till that time. The court room was densely crowded, many spectators not being able to obtain even standing room around the doors. The difficulty was not brought on by a political quarrel, as has been stated, but resulted from an old grudge and abusive language alleged to have been used by Hinton in allusion to Young's family and Young's abuse of Hinton. Mr. Hinton's funeral took place from Grace Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and was largely attended.

The Late Senator Chandler.

DETROIT, November 4.—The funeral of the late Senator Chandler will be very imposing. The remains will lie in state from 8 a. m. to-day to 10 a. m. to-morrow, attended by a guard selected from state companies. The funeral takes place from the house at 2 p. m. The friends of the deceased conclude not to allow a post mortem examination. Places of business will be generally closed during the funeral ceremonies. At a large meeting of the citizens of the State and city last night appropriate resolutions were adopted.

Until yesterday it was generally supposed that Mr. Spaulding was the last man who saw Senator Chandler alive. Congressman Willetts, of Monroe, who was in this city yesterday afternoon, states that he being in Chicago last Friday, attended the meeting which Senator Chandler addressed, and afterwards called upon the Senator at the Grand Pacific; went to his room about 12 o'clock, found Mr. Chandler sitting by the fire enjoying a cigar, and conversed with him about twenty minutes. He seemed well and in good spirits; did not mention any pain although he coughed a great deal. "Upon my leaving, at about 12:20, he bade me good night, saying he would have a good night's rest and then go home. I was called at 6 and took the Michigan southern train."

DEATH OF A BRAVE MAN.—Yesterday Capt. C. F. Pardigon, a well known French citizen, died after a few days' illness. He was about fifty years of age, and had lived here since 1858. At the breaking out of the war he cast his fortunes with the South, and joining F company fought bravely through the war. Entering the army as a private he was promoted to the position of aid on Gen. Wise's staff. At the close of the war he commenced teaching languages and was afterwards private tutor in the family of Gen. Bradley T. Johnson. At the breaking out of the Franco Prussian war he went to the home of his birth and tendered his services. He afterwards returned to Virginia. At the time of his death he was teaching a school here.

Mr. Pardigon was a member of F Company Association, and loved to talk of the struggle for southern independence, in which he threw his whole heart. His devotion to that cause was beautifully illustrated in his dying hours. At the surrender at Appomattox all that was left him was his old army blanket, and this he preserved with religious care, and shortly before he died he called for the old blanket with the well known and loved stamp of "C. S. A." upon it, and he was only satisfied when he had it by his side.

Capt. Pardigon, on account of his political opinions and writings while in Paris, was not in accord with the present Government authorities there.—*Richmond State.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

Gen. Salomon was proclaimed President of Hayti Oct. 23.

The Cuba and Porto Rico members of the Spanish Cortes talk of withdrawing if their demands are not complied with.

The Porte has decided to carry out promptly all the reforms which it considers necessary, as well as those to which it is bound by treaty stipulations.

George Augustus Sala, the well known English journalist and author is about to start for a four months tour in America, principally in the Southern States, his object being to avoid bronchitis.

It appears that a great many of the miners who recently left Durham, England, for New South Wales have found out that they have been deceived by false promises. This has consequently checked emigration.

A Constantinople dispatch says: "Owing to the want of money and the soldiers, &c., clamoring for pay, a catastrophe must ensue. Some think it will take the form of foreign intervention, others fear disorders in the capital or provinces."

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily News says: At the political trials at Kieff on the 28th of October one man was sentenced to be hanged, two men were sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for ten years, one to six years, two to four years, one to one month and two to one week imprisonment.

A dispatch from Vienna says: A telegram from Riva in the Tyrol states that some men who were concealed behind a bush attempted to shoot the major of the 8th Austrian Infantry regiment, the would be assassins uttering as they fired cries of hatred against Austria, but that the officer escaped unhurt.

Prof. Gerhard Rohlfs' expedition, sent out by the German African Society, having explored the Kufara Oasis, was there set upon and plundered. Prof. Rohlfs was consequently compelled to return to Benghasi, though he hoped to receive help and compensation from the Turkish provincial government.

At the municipal elections throughout England on Saturday last, wherever political considerations were involved, the Liberals were mostly triumphant. In one or two very important boroughs the balance of power was completely reversed in favor of the Liberals. In Liverpool, where the town council stood forty two Conservatives and twenty two Liberals, it now stands thirty four Conservatives and thirty Liberals.

The first of a series of monthly united meetings of the English speaking congregations in Paris to promote the progress of evangelization, was held on Monday, the 31 inst. Rev. R. McCall gave an account of the operations commenced by him eight years ago, and spoke warmly of the aid rendered him by English and American ministers. Nearly all the English and American ministers in Paris were present at the meeting.

A despatch from Vienna says that Messrs. Baring & DeBlicnieres have left for Egypt where their services as comptrollers general of finances are urgently required. The question regarding the domain mortgages has been settled in the sense that the rights of holders of these mortgages shall remain intact as against the Rothschild loan. The negotiations respecting the commission of liquidation have so far been without any result and if they are continued it will be through the ordinary diplomatic channels.

The trouble at Middelburg, in the Transvaal, among the boers, arose on the occasion of the trial of a boer for assaulting a native. After the adjournment of the court, a party of armed boers forcibly took a quantity of ammunition from a store, leaving the value of the ammunition on the counter. This was in violation of an order of Sir Garnet Wolseley forbidding the boers to purchase ammunition until they had paid their taxes. A later dispatch from Cape Town says the offenders are known and will be prosecuted. The presence of Col. Lanyan, with a detachment of the First Dragoon Guards will be sufficient to preserve order.

The Elections

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—The election is progressing quietly in Brooklyn, and it is expected that by sundown, when the polls close, the total vote will not fall far short of 75,000. The democrats of the regular division claim that they will elect their entire ticket, but the republicans scout this idea, and say they are making great havoc in the democratic ranks. The Kelley boom does not appear to assert its sway with that degree of energy which his adherents had confidently anticipated.

BOSTON, Nov. 4.—The weather to day is clear and cold, and in this city, as well as in other towns of the State, the election is progressing quietly, the voting being lighter than last year and the enthusiasm meagre. At Salem a slight gain for the republican ticket is reported from some of the wards. Newburyport, at noon, reports Butler ahead in four wards and not greatly behind in the other two. He will probably carry the city by a small plurality. Lowell reports Butler ahead at noon, and will probably carry the city. Carney, democrat and independent nominee for representative, will probably defeat Goulding, the republican candidate. Paul Butler, son of General Butler, who is running for the Legislature, will probably be defeated by Pickman, the present republican incumbent.

The first complete return here, received from Hull, which gave Talbot 10 majority last year, gives Butler 26 and Long 22.

Springfield at noon reports a lighter vote than usual, and the Butler men active. The republicans are confident, however, that the city will go for Long by a good plurality. There is a heavy vote in the democratic wards of Worcester, where there is a fight over the representatives. Fall River reports that Butler will probably increase his majority of 6,000 last year. At Lawrence a majority of the votes will be polled in the afternoon.

Attempt to Break Jail.

VINCENNES, Ind., Nov. 4.—As the Sheriff of this county entered the jail last night two prisoners, who were secreted behind the door made a break for liberty, refusing to stay at the demand of the Sheriff. He thereupon fired and the ball passed through the back of one of them named Mogles with fatal effect. The other prisoner surrendered.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

MANSION HOUSE.

A J Johnson, Fulley, Tenn; J R Johnson, Henderson, Tenn; J R Fitzburger, W Va; Wm Johnson, Maryland; Capt R Carter, Fauquier, R F Fletcher, J Fletcher, E Fletcher, Joseph Fletcher, R Woolf, Loudoun; J Lake, Va; A D Rockfeller, Washington; M C Richardson, Virginia; R W Neilson, Baltimore; Wm H Fletcher, Farmville, Va; O D Miller, Rappahannock, Va.

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J A Scott and H Lodge, Va; W C Short, Baltimore, Md; Jas B Reid, Brentsville, Va; Henry Heaton, Leesburg; Richard Lewis, Va; John J Rather, Leesburg; Charles A Munson, Loudoun; George Hews, Cal; W F Newton, Loudoun; Wm H H Benton, Loudoun; Wm A Seaver, Loudoun; G M Chancellor, Va; Wm Hough, Va; A J Best and wife, Va; J Mitchell and wife, Va; Charles P Mengee, York, Pa; C N Turner, Va; Mason Jones, Va; Dr David Stephenson; R McCoy and family, Va; John F Shveock, Farmwell; C H Fadeley, Farmwell; Jas Huggins, Farmwel; W P Helm, Warrenton, Va; Dr P L Robinson, Fauquier Co; W P Brooks, Rappahannock; L C Garnett, Madison, Va; B F Eastham, Va; M G Cummers, Charles Co Md; Wm Marshall Fauquier Co; Gen McDongall, Scotland.

Letter from Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

RICHMOND, Nov. 3.—Nothing in the way of dramatic success has ever exceeded the success of Ford's Opera Company, in Richmond, last week. The house was packed and jammed every night, and the amateur Pinafore company, which played at Mozart Hall, had as large houses also. The worn out opera seems to have gained a new lease of life in Richmond. The Gazette's correspondent actually found the Coroner to day with the opera before him, trying to chant bewitching solos.

So far as the gay season is concerned here it is thought Richmond will not be as gay as it was last winter. The "Mosaic Club," which was so popular last year, will, it is understood, not be reorganized this. The "Mosaic" was an organization which combined amateur theatricals with dancing and met twice a month. The German Club will be in existence as usual.

Saturday night the Richmond Athletic Club held its annual meeting and elected Captain John Hampden Chamberlayne, of the State, President. As its Vice President, the club elected Mr. Howard Bayne, who, in company with Mr. Peyton Hoge, walked over nearly the whole State last summer, and who visited Alexandria in his route. Mr. Bayne is a real athlete and a splendid specimen of what physical culture will do for a man.

It is considered in boating circles here that there is some probability that the annual regatta of Virginia oarmen will take place in Richmond in July instead of Fredericksburg. Wherever it does take place it will be a grand affair. Richmond will have at least two crews. Norfolk, Portsmouth, Fredericksburg, Lynchburg, Petersburg and Washington will also have crews a four in the race. Never before in Richmond have manly sports been so popular as now, and with their growth—with boating and the gymnasium—dissipation among the young men becomes less frequent.

Since this correspondent's last letter the Gazette brought the following brief obituary to Richmond:

"Died, October 4th, near Markham, Fauquier county, Miss Maud M. Coleman, eldest daughter of the late Professor Lewis M. Coleman."

So the opening of the month of October was the close of this young life. Not only over the cultivated society circle of Alexandria, where she was so much loved, but in Richmond as well, the intelligence of her death cast a deep gloom. In her an earnestness, an unselfishness, a sweetness of disposition, and a bright christian life, were added to rare conversational powers, a cultivated mind, and a thoughtfulness of others, and so made up a character which had no defect to mar its beauty seen and loved of all. She had but stepped on the threshold of beautiful womanhood and died with the summer like the flowers.

"Ut nuda defluxit aequina,
Substitit, ut vesperi rosa;
Brevis omnis est floscul sors,
Rapit nunc extrema mors."

In Richmond some years ago, on a Sabbath afternoon, the Rev. Dr. Hoge's church was filled by a procession of beautiful girls, who were following to the grave one of the loveliest of their companions, taken suddenly from their midst. We all remember how Richmond society mourned. Since then death has suddenly visited the circle more than once, and this winter another will be missed. That which we call the society circle is as a grand orchestral symphony; each life is but a note in the volume of music, and when one dies only a single note is hushed. There is a pause in the music and it goes on again, but is it the same music? Has not one note dropped from the score forever? The exquisite theme, the rich harmony, the depth of expression, which together made up that grand work in its completeness are all sympathetic and touched with the loss of the one note and the symphony is not the same we once knew, although it be heard again and again. It is a thought inexpressibly noble and august that the music thus lost here is heard from arch to arch in heaven!—It is not true that these die, else why do we know of singing angels around a throne of glory? It is not true that the sweet girl dead is cut down forever, else why is it that our minds teem with images of the beautiful after they have gone from us? The tone of the voice, the sparkle of the eye, the smile hovering about the lips, all come back in after years and follow us through life, softening, chastening us of earth.

If above the inurned ashes of the sweet and good bright flowers could spring and reflect the character of those who lie beneath, then the new made grave of the one to whom this humble tribute is paid, would be covered with a canopy of surpassing loveliness and the modest violet, the pure white rose and the lily-of-the valley would bloom in beauty vying there forever.

STRONGBOW.

The Blacksburg Agricultural and Mechanical College.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

HEWLETT'S, Nov. 3.—How far soever it may be from the truth, it will be a difficult matter to divert the public mind from the conclusion that the proposed change in this institution has been predicated on personal considerations. The learning, varied accomplishments, Christian character, energy and industry of the President, together with the success which has crowned his efforts in organizing the school, fully attest his fitness for the position. The reorganization on the proposed plan must necessarily displace Mr. Minor, and necessitate the appointment of a merely military man. If experience has indeed demonstrated the importance of teaching farmers military tactics and bringing the discipline of the institution entirely under military rule, nothing better for the State, her farming interests, and the fund which has been appropriated to that purpose, could be done than to merge the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College into the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington. This would greatly promote the prosperity of that world renowned seat of learning, remove a heavy pecuniary burthen from the state, and dispose at once and for all time of the petty jealousies and heart burnings which are supposed to nestle somewhere in the faculty at Blacksburg. If, therefore, it must indeed be a military school, par excellence, the Legislature should not hesitate one moment in placing the whole machinery at Blacksburg, endowment and all, under the control of the trustees and faculty of the Virginia Military Institute. But if the institution is assigned to prepare our farmer's sons for the active and responsible duties of civil life, then let the military feature be subordinate to the civil, and if the present military professors can't yield implicit obedience to the authority of the President, let some one be appointed who know how to obey, as well as command.

Under the new order of things in Virginia military discipline upon a farm would be a grand accomplishment. Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. The spacious farms, covering over extended fields of ample acres, are being divided into plats of from one to one hundred acres. In the place of fifty mules and as many oxen, one poor steer or a spavined horse, makes the draft suffice. A cosy cabin supplants the grand old mansion of a dozen rooms, and a hardened son of toil, rising early and working late, with a tidy wife, to do the milking of one cow and the cooking for herself and liege lord constitute the sum total of laborers. Inspiring indeed would be the evolutions of military tactics in this family, and on such a farm. At the sound of reville, beaten by the frugal wife, the wearied husband would spring from his bunk, and prepare for drill. Barney merges from his bed, stretches his wearied limbs and instinctively falls into line. "Attention, Barney," cries Capt. Smith. With ears erect and head elevated Barney awaits the word of command, "By right flank; forward march; hep, hep, hep, halt." The Captain now clears the rubbish from his ordnance, and under a similar command, Barney moves forward. "Right about march—by left march—right about wheel—forward march." Barney performs all the evolutions; keeps his eyes fixed on the ground; fifteen paces to the front; steps 28 inches; moves off with the left foot; promptly aligns at every halt, and marks time at the ever memorable, "hep, hep, hep." While Capt. S. is drilling his company, Mrs. Lieut. Smith stands in military posture, awaiting the tardy movements of "Tiny," as she sluggishly rolls from her easy bunk and prepares for the morning drill. "Attention, Tiny!" cries the Lieutenant. At the word of command stand fast on right hind leg, and take one step forward with the left—"forward march—halt!" Tiny stretches her legs, exposes her bar, and awaits the next command. "Posterior left test—posterior right—anterior right—anterior left." As each command is uttered the rich tide pours from the distended udder, and soon the morning evolutions are complete by the last order. "Attention, Tiny! by left flank, forward march!" As Tiny enters her barracks, "halt," calls her to a stand, and she is locked up for the day.

The wearied Captain beats tattoo at an early evening hour, and the whole command retire to rest.

By all means let the Legislature attend to this matter as soon as possible—turn Virginia into a great military camp, and make our annual fairs a reunion of the Army of Virginia, where competitive drills shall be had before the Commander in Chief of the United States army. HANOVER.

Railroad Accident

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 4.—A train on the Greenwood Lake railroad this morning ran off the Hackensack draw bridge. The engineer was killed. One car is reported to be in the river, and several lives are said to be lost.

Temperance.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 4.—The Womens' National Christian Temperance Union Convention has adjourned to meet in Boston in 1880.

The San Domingo rebellion under Luperon is extending. President Guillermo is preparing for battle, and a conflict is daily expected.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

At the Baltimore Stock Exchange yesterday Orange and Alexandria fourths were steady at 83 bid, and 83½ asked.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Nov. 4.—The market is quiet with little change to note in prices. Flour is steady and firm. The receipts of Wheat continue light, and but 1100 bushels were offered to-day, which sold at 125 for damaged, and 135, 140, 141, 142 and 145 for good to choice. Corn is slightly lower, and we note sales of 700 bushels of white at 56c. 102 bushels of Rye sold at 85. There were no offerings of Oats reported.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Nov. 3, 1879. Prices this week for Beef Cattle ranged as follows:

Best Beeves	4 25 a 4 87½
Generally rated, first quality	3 75 a 4 12½
Medium or good fair quality	3 25 a 3 62½
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 40 a 2 [illegible]
Extreme range of prices	2 40 a 5 [illegible]
Most of the sales were from	2 75 a 3 [illegible]

Total receipts for the week 7680 head; sales [illegible]

The offerings have been quite heavy this week, considerably in excess of the demand. The decline has been felt on the better grades and less on the others, and the market has continued to a later hour than for a long time, showing a very difficult job for sellers to effect sales. The quality averages better than last week, there being a longer line of middles than last week, though fewer common and top Cattle on the other hand.

Milch Cows—There is a full supply, but the demand is fair at former prices, $18@50 per head, as to quality.

Sheep and Lambs—With some increase in the receipts there has also been an improvement in the quality of the offerings. There are some better taps than last week among the Sheep and but few good Lambs, and that class is in demand. We quote butcher Sheep at 3½@4½c, and Lambs at 3½@5c per lb gross. Stock Sheep, Wethers 3½c per lb, and Ewes 2½@3c per head. Arrivals this week 4700 head.

Hogs—There is a decrease in the receipts and some improvement in the quality of the offerings, though there are some more common Hogs than last week. The supply is considered fully equal to the demand, which is reported fair in all the yards. We quote at 4¾@5¼c, with some very extra at 5½c per lb net. Rough stock is reported as very hard to get off at almost any reasonable price. Arrivals this week 8331 head.

BALTIMORE, November 4.—Virginia sixes deferred —; do consolidated 66; do second series 30½; past due coupons 82½; new ten forties 51½ bid to day. Cotton quiet; middling 11 a 11½. Flour more active, but unchanged. Wheat—Southern dull and lower; Western dull; Southern red 135@130; do amber 135@130; No 1 Maryland—no bid; No 2 Western winter spot and Nov 136; Dec 143½@142½. Corn—Southern steady; Western dull; Southern white and yellow 58@58; Western mixed spot and Nov 57; Dec 55@55½; Jan 55½@55¾; steamer—no bid. Oats steady; Southern 41@41; Western white 42@43; do mixed 40@41; Penna 42@43. Rye lower at 90. Hay firm; prime to choice Penna and Maryland 15@$16. Coffee steady; Rio cargoes 17¾@18½. Sugar strong; A soft 9¾@10¼. Whiskey firm at $1 13.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, NOVEMBER 4.

Sun rises..... 6 29 | Sun sets..... 4 59

ARRIVED.

Str J W Thompson, lower Potomac, to F A Reed.

CLEARED.

Str Ann Eliza, Philadelphia, by F A Reed.
Schr Mary D Garman, Georgetown, by master.
Schr Dick Williams, Fredericksburg, by master.

MEMORANDA.

Schr Wm Mason, hence, at Boston 31.

OUR LOW PRICED TEAS cannot be excelled for purity and excellence of flavor. Try them. F. J. DAVISON, sep15 147 King St.

25 BBLS J. B. FICKLEN & SONS' BELMONT XXXX EXTRA FLOUR in store and for sale by aug25 CHAS. S. TAYLOR, Jr.

PICKLING and PRESERVING SPICES of all kinds. The purest and best. For sale by F. J. DAVIDSON, sep 15 147 King St.

BUCKWHEAT—Another supply of choice Buckwheat Flour just received and for sale at reduced prices by oct 29 J. C. MILBURN.

CORSETS! CORSETS!—The best and cheapest in the market. Prices 50c, 75c, $1 and $1 25 per pair at oct 29 C. C. BERRY'S.

NEW VASES and BOQUET HOLDERS, something handsome. Call and see them at R. J. MILLER & CO'S., sep 1 65 King street.

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CORNS CAN BE CURED while you sleep by using PEL'S WONDERFUL CORN SOLVENT. Price 25c a bottle. For sale by sep24 L. STABLER & CO.

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NO CURE NO PAY!—LUNT'S AGUE CURE never fails. A sure cure for chills and fever. For sale by sep 11 LUNT & DAVIDSON.