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Northern newspapers have Southern exchanges to be sure, but that they never read them or don't believe what they see in them is equally as patent, for if they did they would not be continually talking about the reasons they have for believing that the solid South will be broken up before the next Presidential election, and that the tariff or some other measure of governmental policy will be the means by which the desired dissolution will be effected. The solidity of the South will never be dissolved until the people thereof are satisfied that no matter how they vote their State governments will be in the hands of reputable white men, and as that condition can never be reached as long as the negroes continue to vote as they have done ever since the privilege of suffrage was conferred upon them, there is no likelihood that the South will be anything else than solid, at least during the lifetime of the present generation. But as soon as it is reached the solidity complained of, and which, paradoxical as it may seem, is at present both necessary to the welfare of the Southern people and yet injurious to their interests, will dissolve like mist before the morning sun.

If there had been any doubt of the existence in our midst of a very high order of histrionic talent, it must have been dispelled by the exhibitions given the past two nights at Armory Hall by some of the ladies and gentlemen of the city, who rendered two difficult plays in a style that would have reflected credit upon professional actors. Such talent should not be allowed to lie dormant, but should be encouraged to still more exalted attainments, and thereby elevate the tone of the public taste for amusements. A desideratum in Alexandria is a lack of amusements—such amusements as offer much to please and nothing to offend, and we trust that the performances which were so highly enjoyed may be but the germs of many pleasant occasions during the winter. People thirst after recreation, and such exhibitions as we refer to can but prove elevating and certainly most enjoyable. To the actors and actresses who so well played their parts on Tuesday and last night our citizens are indebted for two of the most agreeable nights that have been spent in Alexandria for many a day, and the accomplished actors and beautiful and elegant ladies who thus exerted themselves to please have laid the public under an obligation that we are sure will not soon be forgotten. When we have in our midst such talent as that referred to, our people ought not to suffer for lack of amusement of the most exalted character.

The Washington newspapers are at last beginning to appreciate properly the danger their harbor is in from the narrowing and shallowing of the channel of the Potomac just below this city, by reason of the mud taken by the dredges from the river off Washington and dumped back again at or below Rozier's Bluff. We have pointed out this danger repeatedly, but the Washingtonians have regarded it as of no consequence. What possible advantage can broad and deep channels to Georgetown and Washington be to these cities if the main channel of the river, that formed by their junction, be so obstructed that its passage will be impassable to any but the lightest draught vessels? And yet just such a channel is being made by the short sighted and foolish means alluded to. Enough money has already been spent in dredging out the Washington and Georgetown channels to have given excellent harbors to both those cities, but the work has to be done over again almost every year, and every time the mud taken from them is dumped back into the river a few miles below, with the natural effect of rapidly reducing the width and depth of the channel at that point. There is only one way of permanently improving the harbors of the District cities, and that is by merging the Washington and Georgetown channels into one, and when that shall be done there will be no more need of dredging, and no more danger of obstructing the main channel of the river, at least from the cause to which we refer.

No matter how wrong Colonel Ingersoll may be in some things, he is certainly right when he says "there is nothing more biased nor prejudiced than a so called independent newspaper." The New York Journal of Commerce is usually one of the fairest journals published in the North. It supported Hancock, and almost invariably takes the part of the South, and yet what could be more unfair than the implication contained in the following:

"Just so far as the South accepts the situation" [that is the result of the late election] "in this spirit" [that is in the light of a dispensation of Providence] "is it probable that she will be treated with justice and even with magnanimity by the next Administration and Congress."

Has the South done anything to induce the belief that she does not consider Garfield's election a dispensation of Providence? Didn't she save the country from civil war in 1876 by refusing to assist the large number in the North who wanted to resist, with force, the success of the fraud then perpetrated? And has she not in the case of the recent election advised the democrats of the North to accept the situation, though she is aware of the frauds committed in that election? And yet it is made to appear that she is "malignant," and that the justice to be meted out to her by the new administration will depend upon the quietness with which she acquiesces in Mr. Garfield's election. Well, there never was a road without an end, and the South will have justice done her one of these days, even if she may not believe that "Garfield's election will turn out for the best after all."

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence of the Alexa. Gazette.

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Senator Thurman's opinion, which is that there can be no election nor appointment of a U. S. Senator from Ohio until after the 4th of next March, and that should the called session of the Senate be delayed until such an election or appointment be made, the question that would be raised by it would give occasion for the democrats of the Senate to debate it for months before the Senator could be admitted, gives great satisfaction to the democratic employes of that body, who, now considering themselves out of the woods, manifest little concern about the way General Mahone may decide to act. Men who put themselves in the General's place say he will certainly act with the democrats, for the following reasons: His wish is to carry his State for his party next fall. Of the 31,000 votes his ticket received at the last election a large number were good and true democrats, who were induced to vote as they did by no other reason than that they really believed it was the stronger of the two. All of these will leave him if he votes with the radicals. Then, too, there is but little for him to gain by a radical affiliation; for, if he joined that party, it would have to be at the foot of the class, as Wickham and the other most prominent white leaders of the Virginia republicans would rebel if an attempt were made by the new administration to put him over them. They also say that as Messrs. Folkerson and Paul, who were elected to Congress by democratic votes, will naturally desire to be re elected, they can not afford to vote with the radicals, so that the General, with no influence in the Senate, where the democrats would see that none of the appointments that might be given him should be confirmed, and, with no following in the House, where the two members referred to will have to be democrats, if they want to be re-elected or desire to accomplish any legislative work, if he turns republican, will not only ruin all hopes of success in Virginia, but occupy a decidedly unenviable position in Congress.

With reference to Virginia politics it is said here that what is most likely to happen is that a conference of the leading democrats of the State of all opinions on the debt questions will be held, at which a plan for the settlement of the State debt will be devised, and that the adoption of this plan will be the main question involved in next fall's election. For the democratic candidate for Governor numerous prominent gentlemen are mentioned; among them Mr. James Barbour, Dr. Moffett, Major Daniel, Hon. John T. Harris, General Fitz Lee, and J. W. Johnston, president of the James River and Kanawha canal. As regards the republican candidate it is said General Wickham could get it if he wanted it, but that it is a position that has no attractions for him.

The question about the managers of the coming inaugural ceremonies is still the leading one among the republicans of this city. At a meeting of one of the rings last night a resolution was adopted, under which a committee of fifteen was appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee to be appointed by a meeting of the other ring, to be held to-night. When the composition of the committee was announced Mr. Sypher, of Louisiana said that two of its members (Henry Willard and C. C. Glover) were democrats, and proceeded to make a violent harangue, in which he denounced the citizens of Washington in the grossest possible terms. Messrs. Crosby Noyes and Clarence Burton repelled his assault upon the people of the city, telling him that he was afraid to go back to Louisiana lest he be sent to the penitentiary of that State. The meeting to be held to-night will, it is said, be attended by a large number of negroes, who, it is supposed, will appoint a committee composed largely of their own race, which is exactly what the committee already appointed desires, as, in that case, the latter will either not recognize it, or else take complete control of its members.

A dispatch received at the War Department to-day from General Miles, approved by General Terry, is to the effect that at numerous points on the frontier traders have secured large stocks of guns and ammunition for the purpose of swapping them with the Indians for the skins and furs which the latter have in great abundance, and that unless the government prevents the proposed exchange by seizing the traders' stocks the Indians will not surrender and hostilities be prolonged indefinitely, but that if the recommended seizure be made the hostile Indians will surrender at an early date and affairs on the frontier be quieted at least for a time.

The following changes in the Virginia post offices were made to-day: Thomas H. Fallon appointed postmaster at Conn Wharf, Northumberland county, vice J. F. Pope, resigned. The offices at Pond Gap, Augusta county, and Denton, Rockingham county, discontinued for want of candidates for the postmastership, the papers that went to the former to go to Ferrel and those to the latter to Cross Keys.

The known friendship existing between Mr. J. R. Tucker, of Virginia, and the President elect, will, it is supposed, be of great advantage to the former in the next Congress. It will be recollected that of all the Virginia congressmen interviewed upon the subject of the Chicago nomination, Mr. Tucker was the only one who spoke favorably of the nominee.

The Baptist Association now in session here at its last night's meeting adopted a resolution abolishing the color line, and inviting all the colored Baptist churches in the city to membership.

Bedford and Quesnan, the two negroes to be hanged to-morrow for the murder of young Hirth, are in sad plight to-day, while Pion, whose sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life is happy in escaping their dreadful fate. They will be hanged in the corridor of the jail between twelve and one o'clock to-morrow.

The new wharf at the Arsenal has been almost completed. Its builder is Mr. H. K. Bradshaw, of Alexandria.

A STORY FROM PARIS.—During the last year I was in Paris, I heard a very pretty story. A party of merry, bright eyed American girls were at a window, looking out upon a court yard. Soon a seemingly old man crossed the yard. "That's the Marquis of X." said one of the girls. "He lives in a garret of the house, and lives by giving French lessons." "I'll begin lessons with him to-morrow, then," said one of the youngest girls. And she did so. She soon perceived that her master was one of the most polished men she had ever met. He was not over thirty. Want and grief alone had bedent him into premature old age, for he had an aged and sick mother to keep, which his earnings could not always do. What did our little American girl do? She quietly proposed to marry the Marquis. I need not tell you how readily he accepted. This is the happiest marriage between a poor French nobleman and a rich American girl that I know of. I can give the number of the house and the street where the first act of the comedy took place. The Marquis walks now as straight as any one, and the dowager Marchioness may frequently be seen at the Bois sitting by the side of her brilliant daughter in law, whom she worships, as well she may.

Thus far the New York Times' efforts to raise a Presidential Pension Fund have not met with much success, the total subscriptions up to the last account aggregating less than $14 000. The project is thoroughly un American, and it is not surprising, therefore, that the people have declined to take much stock in it.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Hanlan withdrew from the international regatta, which takes place on the Thames to-day.

There are fourteen murder cases on the present calendar of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in New York.

The regular Democratic City Committee of Boston last night unanimously nominated Hon. Frederick O. Prince for mayor.

The earthquake shock previously reported as felt along the coast of Victoria to Alaska was accompanied by a tidal wave.

A heavy snow storm commenced at Little Rock, Ark., yesterday morning, and continued without intermission until evening. The snow fall is the heaviest ever known at Little Rock.

The Georgia Legislature yesterday elected Judge James Jackson chief justice of the State Supreme Court, and Martin I. Crawford second associate judge.

First reports of the disaster at the St. Peter (Minn.) insane asylum were considerably exaggerated. The total loss of life is now estimated at from 10 to 15.

The Denver Times yesterday announced that Jay Gould has purchased the Denver and South Park railroad the purchase money, amounting to nearly $2 250 000, having been paid over.

The annual report of the Light House Board for the last fiscal year will contain valuable information with regard to the progress made in the electric light during the past year by Prof. Norton the scientific expert of the board, with a view to placing it in light houses and doing away with the oil lights.

A man named George Stevenson has been arrested in New York charged with burying his child in his back yard without a permit from the authorities. Stevenson at the examination exhibited a physician's certificate of death, and stated that he buried the child in the yard because he had no money to pay for a funeral.

The Dominion Line steamer Montreal, for Liverpool, went to sea from New Orleans yesterday, through the jetties, with the largest cargo ever taken from the port, consisting of 6 669 bales of cotton, 42 658 bushels of corn and 2 000 packages of miscellaneous cargo. Let the South export and import and she need have no fear of the "solid North."

The Congress of Santo Domingo has passed a decree that, considering the proofs sufficient that the remains found in the Cathedral September 10, 1879 are those of Christopher Columbus, a monument to enshrine them shall be erected at the capital. All American governments are solicited to make subscriptions therefor, the government of Santo Domingo contributing $10,000.

The annual hog killing festival on the farm of Peter Morgan, near Middletown, N. J., yesterday, was celebrated by the father, mother and son getting into a fight, in which Peter beat his wife, who retaliated by knocking him in the head with an axe. The son then took the axe and beat his mother until she was insensible. The mother and son were afterwards put in jail. The injuries of the father are serious.

The two most noted prognosticators of the age, Mr. Tice, of St. Louis, and Mr. Vennor, of Montreal, have made out their weather programme for the winter. Mr. Vennor predicts "tremendous snow falls as far South as Washington;" Mr. Tice, "heavy rains in the South and heavy snows in the North, with extremely low temperature." The latter says also that we have entered upon a "period of unusual perturbations, of which the maximum will not be reached before a year from next fall."

As mentioned in the Gazette, Miss Eliza McCormick Cameron, eldest daughter of Hon. J. Donald Cameron, was married at Harrisburg, Pa., at noon yesterday, to Mr. Wm. Hamblower Bradley son of Justice Bradley, of the United States Supreme Court. The bride was attired in superb white satin, cost no matter. The outfit having cost $900, and was made by Worth. The presents were numerous, handsome and costly. They consisted principally of silverware and china dishes. Col. Thos. A. Scott sent a point lace fan, costing $150. The handsomest single present was given by Mr. W. T. Walters, of Baltimore. It was a magnificent solid silver soup tureen.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

There has been a lively slaughter of partridges the past week.

A beautiful new chapel is now going up in Fredericksburg for the use of the Presbyterian Church. It is cruciform and in Gothic style, built of native granite, and adorned with pillars of handsome red granite. It will cost about $25 000, and is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. French, and the memorial of a young lady whose parents formerly resided in Fredericksburg.

An altercation occurred in Richmond yesterday evening between two negro men named Alfonso Peterson and Pleasant Moore, employed at Talbott's machine shops, about the possession of a nail keg, during which Peterson drew a knife and stabbed his antagonist in the thigh, from which he bled to death in 20 minutes. The accused remained on the spot till arrested. He claims that he acted in self defense.

The cases of Judge Coles, late county judge of Pittsylvania county, Judge Bolden, of Charlotte county and other county judges indicted for not putting colored men on their juries, came up in the United States District Court at Danville yesterday, Judge Alexander Rives presiding, and the court directed a nolle prosequi to be entered in each case. The court room was crowded, and the announcement of the order was received with applause.

The Lynchburg Advance says: "A man acquainted with the private finances of Virginia will be surprised on close examination to find how much capital there is in the State—capital capable of immediate use, and which in many manufactories might be made profitable. Why is it that this capital is not invested in these industries? We answer for two reasons: our people have been but little used to manufactories or joint stock companies, and must be educated or forced into manufacturing."

FOREIGN NEWS.

It is announced that a commercial treaty has been entered into between England and Spain.

Queen Victoria has assigned to the widow of Lord Mountmorres a suite of apartments in Hampton Court Palace.

Gen. Garibaldi has written to the president of the Chamber of Deputies, energetically renewing his request to resign.

The Lord Mayor of London has opened a fund for the relief of the inhabitants of Agram, Croatia, who have been made homeless by the earthquakes.

In consequence of the compromise arrived at with Russia, the Vatican will immediately take action with the view of filling the vacant sees in Poland, and in making the appointments will consider the claims of persons recommended by the Russian government.

The English papers are divided upon the subject of the rumored troubles in the Cabinet, the Times asserting positively that Mr. Bright is determinedly opposed to coercive measures in Ireland, and not disposed to yield to any such plans that may be proposed and advocated by other members.

The schooner Abraham Lincoln, bound from Monrovia to Cape Palmas, Liberia, when off the coast between Bassa and Sicme was struck by a squall and capsized and of the thirty-four passengers on board only four were saved. The vessel and cargo were a total loss. The vessel was loaded with provisions and carried $5 000 in money belonging to the Liberian government.

Box in Norfolk—The City's Big Business Room—Alexandrians There.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Sometime ago, during the hot summer months the writer had occasion to visit the above city and after his return in a letter descriptive of the place, he incidentally spoke a little derogatory of the climatic situation, for which the Landmark took him quite severely to task, and in justice to Norfolk he will before the close of this letter make ample amends. Your correspondent accompanied by Mr. J. M. Hill, a young man who usually parts his name in the middle, left Alexandria Monday night on the steamer Jane Moseley. Nothing of special interest occurred on the downward trip, and at 7:30 a. m. we landed at our dock, and after breakfast took a stroll among the wharves and shipping. Very lively and animated is the scene. As far as the eye can reach along the water front you can see scarcely anything but cotton piled and stacked, bale upon bale, in the warehouses, under the sheds; even in the streets you can see nothing else, not by the hundreds of bales, but by the thousands. Here are emptied into the city daily, train load after train load of this precious staple. Three railroads have their terminii here, the Seaboard and Roanoke, the Richmond and Danville, and the A. M. & O., and the cars of all these roads are taxed to their utmost capacity to accommodate the freight. Lying along the wharves are a large fleet of vessels of all nations, from the modest fore and aft schooner to the mammoth iron steamship—regular leviathan specimens of marine architecture. What a thrilling sight it is to see the hurry and bustle of the loading and discharging of cargo after cargo, the din and noise occasioned by the shouts of the stevedores, the yells of the draymen, the clanking of great chains, the panting and blowing of the steamers, as like roaring animals, they pull and tug at their cables and fastenings, seeming impatient at delay and eager to be off across the ocean with their burden. O, idleness, thou art indeed a curse! Cotton is shipped from here to all the principal continental ports, but the majority goes to Liverpool. Oh, how I thought of you, old Alexandria, and amid all this Babel of noise and confusion did I most sincerely wish that ere long you could emulate this city's example.

Another great industry in Norfolk is its immense oyster trade, being the largest market for bivalves on the Atlantic seaboard, and just here is a peculiar characteristic of this place. You go into a restaurant and call for oysters. It is not unfrequently you can get them at all, and when you do they are very indifferent, and higher than the Fonticoe or George Appich would furnish them.

Leaving the wharves, and going up Main street, you are struck with the vast improvement that has taken place in this pre Adamite old town within the past two or three years. Rapidly are the old landmarks disappearing to make room for this age of progress. Handsome stores and public buildings line the streets for blocks and blocks. The principal one is the new Academy of Music. Through the courtesy of Mr. Ward, the gentleman who has charge of the box office, we were shown through the house. Their without exception the most costly and by far the handsomest opera house in the country. This is no exaggeration, and Mr. Gus Williams, whom I was with, told me it beat any he had ever seen. He has performed in every city in the Union. The stage is about 50 feet deep and 75 or 95 feet in width. The scenery and all its appointments are most lavish, while its gas jets are a perfect marvel of beauty. The auditorium is lit by electric lights, and will seat 1 500 people. The cost of the structure was $123 000 and is owned and managed by Mr. Van Wyck. I doubt whether it will ever be a financial success as the gorgeous temple of the drama is about fifty years ahead of Norfolk. The churches are quite handsome, while the custom house just "takes the cake." I will have to say one thing, though, for the comfortable pavements and streets, which are simply nice, while there seems to be about one barroom to every ten inhabitant, both of which the streets and bar rooms are unfortunate for the city's interest. Of course the first person I called on in Norfolk was my old friend Roch Saunders, who since his residence in Norfolk has become one of the most popular young men in the city, which is quite an eulogy, for in all the world you will never find a more noble fellow, generous to a fault and possessing at the same time all he attributes to a gentleman, a courteous gentleman, a good citizen and a sincere friend—yes, old boy, there is only one friend I have to allude to, but he does not live in Norfolk. Roch is now the manager of one of the largest bottling establishments in the South; look out for waves. Our old and esteemed citizen L. D. Harrison, the eloquent speaker of the auction block and temperance rostrum is also located here as the head auctioneer for Messrs. Leigh Bros. & Paulet, the large firm of auctioneers south of Baltimore and their wisdom was shown in securing such an auction annex as Mr. H.

We went out, by invitation, on board the flagship Tennessee lying in the Roads with ten or twelve other U. S. war vessels. As soon as we boarded her the officer on deck had the pennant run up the mizzenmast spanker-boom—what ever that is—the sailors all manned the yards and we were treated amazingly well. It is a beautiful fleet, lying out in the glittering waters of the bay, just breezy enough to cause a ripple on the surface; the vessels are all closely rigged, there graceful and tapering masts and pure white sails clewed to the yards forming a matchless contrast.

Meandering pensively one day down the main boulevard we met Mr. Uexandorf the republican congressman elect to the Forty eighth Congress. We hailed him and enquired how he was fixed. Says he, "d—d good." That struck our nerve centre.

Leaving Norfolk at 4 p. m., we had a race with the Excelsior, both boats reaching Old Point within about five minutes of each other. We left Old Point just as the sun was setting, and about nine o'clock we were fully out on the trackless main with a full bright moon shining on the ocean, making a brilliant sheen, which made it seem as if our ship was sailing through a sea of molten silver. All was serene and still on board save the regular beating of the wheels which anon would send flying from her prow myriads of dazzling water meteors. Who could calmly look out upon such a scene without feeling awe inspired and a fear of Him who is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient.

Before closing I would mention something that is due to the steamer and her officers. No body of passengers could have been treated with more attention than we. Such a table, too, as they set, ye gods. A Sybarite, either of ancient or modern times, could not complain. Captain J. T. Barker is too well known and liked for comment, whilst Purser W. L. Baker is one of nature's noblemen with a big "N." First officer Posey and Chief Engineer Goldsborough are old and tried veterans of the first water. Gen'l. V. D. Groner, the agent in Norfolk for the line, and also the Boston line, is one of Norfolk's most solid men, and manager of the largest steamshipping interests there. I forgot to mention our efficient Superintendent of Gas, Mr. Roxbury, who was a fellow passenger, and who by his rendition at parting of "The Gas House Bells are Ringing," wound up the ball.

COURT OF APPEALS YESTERDAY.—Thomas Smith, esq., of Warrenton, and George J. Hooper, jr., of Richmond, were allowed to practice as counsel in this court.

Williamson et als. vs. Graham et als., and Abbott Iron Company vs. same. Argued by John M. Johnson, esq., for the appellants and James Alfred Jones for the appellees, and continued until to-day.

Legal proceedings are about being instituted against Dr. C. S. May, late superintendent of the Danvers, Mass., insane asylum, who is charged with criminal intimacy with the matron of the institution.

In cases of great obstinacy, attended with constant coughing, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup renders prompt and permanent relief. Price 25 cents.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPH NEWS

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—Application was made by the receivers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company to the United States Circuit Court at Pittsburg this morning for permission to issue deferred income bonds, and Judge McKennan granted a decree authorizing and empowering them to do so.

Arrival of a Tragedian

NEW YORK, November 18.—Among the passengers by the steamer Canada, which arrived from Havre this morning is the tragedian Signor Salvini who makes his first reappearance in this country at Philadelphia on the 29th instant.

Regatta.

LONDON, November 18.—In the first trial heat this afternoon of the contestants for the American prize in the International regatta from Putney to Chiswick, two and a half miles, the Australian sculler Laycock won as he pleased.

Suicide.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Charles Roach, a native of Christiana, Norway, who arrived in this country on the 7th instant, committed suicide yesterday at French's hotel by shooting himself in the right temple.

Tarred and Feathered.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Mr. Gairdner, a landlord in Galway county, was tarred and feathered by a body of armed men last night.

Sudden Death.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 18.—Hon. John Lee Chapman, formerly Mayor of this city, died suddenly this morning.

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A Suggestion.

All of our citizens who had the pleasure of witnessing the two performances given this week at Armory Hall for the benefit of the Old Dominion Boat club, which met with such a complete success, are satisfied that we have decided dramatic talent in our city, and in view of that fact and of the pecuniary success that crowned their efforts, I beg leave to offer a suggestion through your columns.

For several years past a noble band of charitable ladies have given their time and attention to the alleviation of the distress of the worthy poor of our city, and under the name of the Ladies' Union Relief Society have done much good. It is not charity to give to every one who calls on us for assistance, but it is a well known fact that many worthless persons make a living, and a good one, by begging, and most of them spend all they get in liquor; while the more worthy will not go around to ask assistance, and thus many who are really in want of the necessaries of life are kept in want, while the more brazen get all they want and more than is good for them. Now the Union Relief are in want of all the aid they can get and my suggestion is that these two companies keep up their organizations and give several plays for the benefit of the Relief society during the coming winter, when we for there will be much suffering, and all may be assured that the proceeds arising will be put to a good use.

We feel confident that the young ladies and gentlemen who so kindly gave their time and talents for the benefit of the boat club would do as much for our suffering poor.

There are two trousseaus to stock. How could they not each take a month and give us two or four plays? We think they will be glad to do what they can and we feel sure our citizens will give them a hearty support, for such an object.

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R. F. & P. R. R.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad took place in Richmond yesterday. The receipts from the transportation for the past year amounted to $828,613 93; receipts from rents, $1,747 82 making the gross revenue $3 036 126; expenses of transportation, $176 611 97; net revenue $155 718 98, which exceeds that of the previous year $66 43. The payments on account of interest on bonds and dividends on guaranteed stock amounted to $102 712 06, leaving a net profit of $8 006 77, as against $48 866 63 last year. Bonds of the company to the amount of $600 000, bearing eight per cent interest, fall due on November 1, 1881. The directors have decided advisable to ask the holders of such bonds that, with their assent, said bonds may be extended for a period not exceeding twenty years, with all the existing securities, at six per cent per annum in lieu of eight, payable semi-annually, with coupons attached to the bonds.

Judge Cuthbert was re-elected president of the company, and the following directors: Chas. Chauncey and A. S. Biddle, of Philadelphia; Isaac H. Carrington, Richmond, on part of the individual stockholders, and Dr. L. B. Anderson was reported as director on the part of the State.

HOW SHE ARGUED.—Mr. Goober was a gentleman who lived in the Mormon country. He had but one wife, and never thought of taking any more till one day an elder tackled him and told him solemnly it was his religious duty to seek unto himself a few others. Mr. Goober went home and sadly informed his wife of what the elder had said, and Mrs. Goober said she would have no objection provided the elder would come around and argue the case with her piously. Goober told the elder, and the elder dropped around. He smiled sweetly as Mrs. Goober advanced to meet him. But, alas! that smile was his last—for a week or two. The next thing he knew he was skipping around the room with his coat slit up the back and his hat knocked into pi, while Mrs. Goober whooped him up with the broomstick. He finally jumped out of the window and escaped with his life, a sadder and wiser man. The next time he met Goober he told him he had a celestial revelation by which he (Goober) was relieved from the necessity of taking any more wives. The one he had (Mrs. Goober) would count for almost a thousand in the New Jerusalem.

THE CHAMPION HEAD LINES.—The Burlington Hawkeye deserves the palm for election headlines. It heralded its news as follows:

Marching On! The Republican Elephant Takes Possession of the Ring. He Gets the Solid Vote of the Menagerie for Garfield and Arthur. The Democratic Tiger Driven to the Jungles of the Solid South. The Greenback Monkey Climbs the Centre Pole with the Usual Result? Barnum's Celebrated Trick Mule Down with Political Epizootic. The "Three-Twenty-Nine" Parrott Shriekers Driven to Their Roost. Eaton, Kasson, Wallace and the Whole Cage of Wax Figures Upset. Wade Hampton, the Ring Master, and Carter Harrison, the Clown, Light Out for Tall Timber. David Davis, the Fat Man, Keels Over and Plays Dead, While a Republican Senate and House Sit in the Box Seats and Enjoy the Fun. At the Close of the Exhibition the Elephant Will Peek His Trunk and Take the Road Until 1884.

COUGHS—"*Brown's Bronchial Troches*" are used with advantage to alleviate COUGHS, SORE THROAT, HOARSENESS and BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS. For thirty years these Troches have been in use, with annually increasing favor.—They are not new and untried, but, having been tested by wide and constant use for nearly an entire generation, they have attained well merited rank among the few staple remedies of the age.

THE THROAT.—"*Brown's Bronchial Troches*" act directly on the organs of the voice. They have an extraordinary effect in all disorders of the Throat and Larynx, restoring a healthy tone when relaxed, either from cold or over exertion of the voice, and produce a clear and distinct enunciation. *Speakers and singers* find the Troches useful.

A COUGH, COLD CATARRH OR SORE THROAT requires immediate attention, as neglect oftentimes results in some incurable Lung Disease. "*Brown's Bronchial Troches*" will almost invariably give relief. Imitations are offered for sale; many of which are injurious. The genuine "*Brown's Bronchial Troches*" are sold *only in boxes*.

Curious Election Bets.

The loser in a Missouri bet is to stand on his head five minutes in a public square with a barrel-full of beer suspended from his feet.

In Oswego, N. Y., a storekeeper bet his opponent against a neighboring meat market that Hancock would be elected. On Wednesday morning he turned over his wager like a man, but the butcher declined to accept it.

A combination bet was made by ten democrats and ten republicans in Houston, Texas. The losers were to harness themselves to a street coach and draw the winners through the principal street. In both parties were some of the foremost men of the city.

George P. Knowls, of Racine, Wisconsin, won from Edwin Childs of Dakota one section of good farm land, 640 acres. The bet was, $500 against a certain described section that if New York State would give Garfield from one to five thousand republican majority.

In Ogdensburg, N. Y., Wm. Alger bet his mustache against E. A. Babcock's whiskers that Garfield would not be elected. On Wednesday morning he had his mustache cut off and sent to Mr. Babcock.

A wheelbarrow bet in Baltimore afforded more amusement to the spectators than had been expected. The loser was annoyed while wheeling the winner over the stipulated route by the taunts of the latter, and followed up the payment of the wager by whipping him soundly.

John S. Miller and Henry Kleindienst, of Rochester, N. Y., bet on the election, the loser to walk a block at noon, attired in his wife's night dress. Miller lost, and at noon on Wednesday appeared and walked in Mrs. Miller's night gown, followed by a crowd of men and boys.

A Harrisburg man was caught by the tempting offer of a wager that one city in the United States of over a hundred thousand inhabitants would not give 500 votes for Hancock. The stake was a supper for the Ward campaigners of the winner. The city named was Washington, where there is no voting for President. The victim said nothing, except to name the time and place for the supper. On that occasion the viands looked all right, and were just such as the written terms of the bet called for, but they were found to be seasoned with snuff and all other unsalatable substances.

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, November 18, 1880.—The market is active and prices are higher. Flour has advanced 25c on all grades. Wheat is a shade better, with but light receipts and sales of 2072 bushels at 111, 112, 113, 114, 115 and 116 for Full, and 118 and 121 for Lancaster, as to quality. But little Corn was offered, which sold at 61, 62 and 63 for choice lots of dry new. One small lot of Rye brought 93. No Oats were reported.

ALEXANDRIA CATTLE MARKET, Nov. 18.—Prices to-day ranged as follows:

Cattle, very best	4 a 4½
Good	3½ a 4
Medium or fair quality	3½ a 3½
Ordinary	2½ a 3
Calves	4 a 4½
Sheep	4½ a 5
Lambs	5 a 5½
Hogs, live or dressed	7½ a 8
Cows and Calves 20 to $40	

The market this week was fairly supplied with Cattle, and prices were about the same as last week, while sales were quite limited, but few being wanted. Sheep dull and nominal. Lambs in fair demand. Hogs in good supply and fair demand at lower figures than for several weeks past, a good many dressed Hogs being on the market, with no prospect of higher prices for the present. Cows and Calves in fair inquiry at quotations.

QUEENSTOWN CATTLE MARKET, Nov. 16.—200 head of Cattle were offered, all of which were sold at 3½@c for steers and 2@3½c for old cows; 2 extra 1400 lb heifers from southwest Virginia sold at 4½c per pound. 430 Sheep sold at 3½@4½c per lb for old Sheep, and 5@6c for Lambs. 25 milch cows sold at 25@$50 each.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 18.—Va 6s old 27 asked; do deferred 11; do consolidated 60, do 2d series 2½; new ten coupons 9½; new 10 40s 4½ bid to-day. Cotton steady; middling 10½. Flour higher firm and active; Howard st and Western super $3 75@$4 25; extra $4 75@$5 25; family $5 50@$6 50; City Mills super $3 75@$4 25; extra $5 @$5 25; family $5 50@$6 75; ice brands $6 50; Patapsco family $7 25. Wheat—Southern higher and strong; Western a shade better, closing strong; Southern red 112@118; do amber 125@128; No 1 Maryland 123; No 2 Western winter red spot and Nov 109½@109¾; Dec 109½@110; Jan 109½@109¾; Feb 1 2 26. Corn—Southern steady; Western firm and a shade better; Southern white 61@65; do yellow 63@64; Western mixed spot and new 58@60; Dec 58½@58¾; Jan 57½ bid for new; Jan 58@58½; Feb 58@58½. Oats firm; Western white 42@43; do mixed 41@41½. Rye quiet at 100@102, stay in channel. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes ordinary to fair 13@13½. Sugar firm; A soft 9½. Whiskey dull at 1 10@$1 11.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Stocks strong; Money 3@4. Flour firm. Wheat active, firm; quiet.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, NOVEMBER 18.

Sun rises ..... 6 45 *Sun sets* 4 46

ARRIVED.

Str Mattano, lower Pot'c, to J Brodure & Co.
Str Mystic lower Pot'c, to Pot'c Ferry Co.
Schr Elizabeth Lee, Washington, to American Coal Co.

CLEARED.

Schr Earl F Mason, Providence, by American Coal Co.

MEMORANDA.

Schr Geo C Medley, hence, at Norfolk 16.

GEORGETOWN CATTLE MARKET, Nov. 15.—At Drovers' Rest this week some 200 head of Cattle were offered; all sold; none left over. Prices ruled as follows: Very best 4@4 90; good 4@4½; medium to fair 3@4; common 3@3½; per lb. Some 600 sheep and Lambs were offered with sales of lambs at 5@5½, and sheep at 4@4½ per lb. Some 50 Cows and Calves sold at 20@25 each.

MARINE DISASTER.

Captain Wesley Robinson and crew of the schooner W H Morgan, of New York, reached West Point, Va., yesterday. Captain Robinson reports that on Friday night last, at 1½ o'clock, his vessel was run into and sunk by the steamer San Salvador off Wolf Trap light, Chesapeake Bay. The steamer kept on her course, rendering no assistance. The schooner had a cargo of 14 000 bushels of wheat, and was bound from Baltimore to Providence. Everything, including the vessel's papers, was totally lost. [There is probably some error in the names of the vessels.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

General Drum, acting chief signal officer, has established, to date from December 8, for the benefit of shipping and other commercial interests, a telegraphic and cautionary signal station at Hatteras Inlet, N. C.

CANAL COMMERCE.

ARRIVED.—Boat J W Burke, J H Stickney to American Coal Co; Four Sisters to Hamp. & Balto Coal Co; R J Mitchell to J F Agnew & Co.

Departed—Boats J W Burke, J H Stickney, Four Sisters and R J Mitchell.

DIED

At Oak Level, Loudoun county, Va., Nov'r. 12, 1880, Mr. P. H. SMITH, in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

Yes, we grieve his loss
But his gain is greater far;
For he rests at the cross,
Within the gate ajar.

[Leesburg and Warrenton papers please copy.]

MILL FEED—All kinds of Feed, Bran, Corn, Oats, Hay, Straw &c. always to be found at our feed store. We have on hand at present 15 tons of very fine Timothy Hay, to which we invite the attention of owners of horses.
oct 23 HARMON & SMITH

DOLL CARRIAGES! DOLL CARRIAGES!
We have in store and for sale cheap a splendid lot of the above.
oct5 McLEAN & UHLER, 76 King st.

JUST RECEIVED A NEW PATTERN OF TOILET SETS, BUD VASES, &c., at
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