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And now comes General Longstreet and adds his testimony to that of ex-President Davis, of the late Secretary Stanton, of every body acquainted with the relative condition of the two armies after the first battle of Manassas, and of every man who was in Washington or between Washington and Manassas at the time, to the effect that the Confederates would have had no resistance and no obstacles to overcome had they advanced upon Washington on the evening of the day upon which that battle was fought. Mr. Stanton, as we have heretofore stated, went so far as to say that the city could have been captured without opposition even as late as five days after the battle. The people of this city were sick at heart when they realized the fact that the Confederates were not upon the heels of the routed, unarmed, and utterly demoralized army, that tired, worn and panic-stricken crowded their ranks, and many a Confederate who singly and at once unobtrusively obeyed the order to wade across Ball's Run and pursue the fleeing enemy had his hope so shocked when that order was countermanded that it never recovered and he went through the remainder of the war with nothing to stimulate him but his duty. Here is what General Longstreet, General Lee's trusted lieutenant says upon the subject: "The Confederates made a great mistake in not following up the victory at Manassas and taking possession of Washington, which I believe now as I believed then, could have been done. That would have led to the border States rallying to their support, to a large party to the North demanding a peaceful settlement between the two sides of the country, to the recognition of the Confederates by the European powers, and probably to the supremacy of that party in the South which would have produced a temporary political revolution in the Union in favor of the Confederates. I was at that time and was in favor of immediate pursuit of the Federals."

The General says this in an interview with a reporter for the New York Herald, according to whom "the General thought there was a mistake about the order not to fire upon the retreating Federals or to pursue them, and to return to his former position, because he was impressed with the importance of following up the victory by crossing the Potomac and taking Washington. He confirms the reports of the better sketched fleeing of the Federals from the battle ground of Manassas, and of the things they left behind them. "There was little fighting," General Longstreet said, "after the Confederate reinforcements came up. "The panic of the Federals set in almost immediately, and from the orders given to me after the Federal retreat commenced, not to fire but to fall back behind Ball's Run, it appeared that the Confederate chiefs were scarcely less confused than the Federals were panic-stricken. The former did not know how to profit by the victory."

Mr. Newberry, a Mahonite candidate for the Legislature, says, "Four years hence re-adjustment will be one of the planks in the national platform." We heard a Mahonite yesterday say the whole of the State debt should be repudiated, as the Yankees, to whom the debt was due, had set free the negroes, the security upon which it was contracted. General Mahone wants to deprive the creditors of thirteen millions of their just claim, his candidate for Attorney General wants to apply the principle of re-adjustment to the national as well as to the State debt, his member of the House of Representatives from the old "tenth lexicon" wants to pay the national debt with greenbacks, his lieutenant, Newberry, wants re-adjustment made a national question, and his supporters in this city want the entire debt repudiated. Truly the President's notions in giving the General his "earnest and hearty support" are sadly at variance with his words, to the effect that "he is opposed to any party whose success would injure public credit."

It appears that our Washington correspondent had excellent authority for stating that Judge Hunter, of King George county, would stand the Mahonites any longer, and had returned to the democratic fold, and now votes the regular democratic ticket, as his informant is the Judge's own brother, the deputy clerk of that county, a worthy, reliable, popular and highly respected gentleman. But in addition to this, we are informed by a commission merchant of King George county, that he heard the report about Judge Hunter's re-avowal of Mahonism from several reliable citizens of that county a long time before he heard a notice of it in the Gazette. We don't know that the Judge has ever denied this report, and there is everything to induce us to doubt that he has, and we shall not believe he has until we hear it directly from himself, or see it over his own signature. Suppose General Mahone's home organ includes this among its numerous excerpts from the Gazette!

The greenbackers, who, in the South, have always heretofore assailed the radicals, have now, in Virginia, transferred their support to the Mahonites, but this is by no means natural, as one of the chief apostles of the Mahonite faith, Mr. John Paul, a year or two ago wanted to pay the national debt by printing two thousand millions of greenbacks. We have never heard that this gentleman has changed his views respecting the payment of the national debt. Indeed it is unlikely he has, inasmuch as his candidate for Attorney General wants to repudiate that debt, and if he succeeds in inducing Congress to adopt his views, the principle of honesty will, not only be entirely "eliminated" from that debt, but greenbacks be reduced to the value of Confederate money.

The recent tergiversations of the President in the Corbridge, Mahone and other matters are by no means out of accord with his well established character, and do not surprise any one at all acquainted with his previous history. His own words prove that in 1857 he thought Governor Wells, of Louisiana, was not an honest man and had no friends among honest men, and yet in 1876 by the same testimony he has shown that he thought the Governor eminently reliable and trustworthy. Impostrophe is the lot of all, but the President has that disqualification developed to so great a degree and in so many different ways as any of his predecessors. As regards incidentally he is not excused even by the fraud he succeeded in.

The President says he will not remove good men from office if they efficiently fill, and yet he turns out Commissioner of Pensions Bartley, though he writes him a letter at the same time vouching for both his goodness and his efficiency. About as much consistency in this as in saying to be in favor of preserving public credit and at the same time supporting re-adjustment.

The Baltimore papers, by publishing one-sided statements, reported interviews, &c., &c., are trying to make themselves and their readers believe that Baltimore's true stands in no danger of being diverted, but they had just as well open their eyes at once to the fact that New Orleans has greatly injured her grain trade, and that the Richmond merchants' lull at the idea of Baltimore's competition.

It will be seen by a dispatch from Richmond in another column that the State Central Committee of the republican party have called a State convention of their party to meet in Staunton on the 21st of August. This looks as though some at least of the Virginia republicans will object to being sold out to the Mahonites.

General Mahone says the negroes are practically a unit in his support. Time alone will determine whether his assertion in this respect be correct or not, but it is the stronger reason why the white people should be a unit in their opposition to him.

FROM WASHINGTON. Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. WASHINGTON, D. C. June 21, 1861. General A. J. Warner, ex member of Congress, and author of the Warner silver bill, has been settled upon as the chairman of the State re-organizing committee of the democratic party of Virginia. The Hon. G. H. Thompson, Secretary of the U. S. House of Representatives, resigned. General Warner was elected on account of his known energy, and the coming campaign in his State under his management will be prosecuted vigorously, and it is held here with favorable prospects of success. Senator Barsum of North Carolina, is in the city. He says the democratic party in his State is troubled a little as regards the re-organization, some of the party having gone off on that question by making it the primary issue of the campaign, but that he thinks energy will remain attached to the old organization to secure the election of the regular ticket. The radicals are profiting by the difference existing in the democratic party, and are hoping to profit still more by opposing the temperate movement started by one wing of the democrats. General Pleasant is in the city. He says the municipal and railroad men have accepted the office of the Conklingites in the New York Legislature, and will now resort, and so he thinks with success, to all the means at their disposal to elect two Administrators to the Senate in place of Messrs. Conkling and Platt. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and Platt, charged with the conspiracy in the recently developed crack in the department, so far from being removed, as reported, has been entrusted with an important and responsible Treasury trust. He has been granted a furlough on pay, and will soon leave for Europe in charge of the new 31 per cent bonds, into which the redeemable 5s held there are to be converted.

The action of the central committee of the Virginia republicans to day, in calling a State convention of their party, to meet in Staunton on the 21st of August, is considered here as indicating that the white republicans of that State do not intend to sacrifice their principles even at the bidding of the President, and that they will adopt a pronounced debt repaying platform and run a straight republican ticket. Their selection of Staunton, the scene of the Mahonites' defeat last year, as the place for the convention, and which is as far removed as possible from the Mahone influence, tends to confirm this idea. The Potomac Manufacturing Company have commenced the removal of their factory on the Navy Yard to Alexandria, and have ordered the construction of two merris, which they will also set up there as soon as completed. Such work as the government may want done by these factories will be done in Alexandria, as the company own the patent will not sell it for less than \$500,000.

Among the more recently developed specialties of the Star route swindle is one in which a steamboat route was first obtained, but as there was not enough water on the route to run a steam boat the river and harbor bill had to be availed of in order to secure the requisite depth of water, the contractor thus killing two birds with one stone and reaping a large reward. Mr. French, railroad auditor of the Treasury, has finally turned up. He says the remarks he diverged in his two recent opinions, respecting the route of the Pacific Railroad, was caused by information in his possession when he made his last report that he did not possess when he made his first. He also says that his last report was not intended for publication, but was given to the President at the Railroad Company for his private information when in Europe.

It is not known as the White House when the President will return, but if the information was there would not be given out lest he should be met on his arrival by a swarm of office seekers. The delegation of the Mahonite wing of the Virginia republicans who are to effect the straight ticket delegation that called upon him last week, have not yet arrived.

The democratic clerks in the pension office appear to be concerned about the reported resignation of Mr. Dudley, the new commissioner, to the effect that he will discharge them all. They say that no matter what the new commissioner's wishes may be in this respect he has not the power to execute them without the consent of Secretary Kirkwood, and that they are certain the Secretary will not consent to the discharge of an efficient clerk simply because he is a democrat.

The removal of republican postmasters in Virginia in order that their places may be filled with Mahonites still continues, and what is more to the purpose, is generally approved of by the republicans here who are in office, who are not Virginia. But the Virginia republicans here who are not in office, and who are not office seekers, do not give it their approval, and openly condemn the recent instruction sent from the post office department to the republicans of Falls Church to forward the name of a Mahonite for appointment as postmaster at that place. This was going it right strong, wasn't it?

A Loudoun county farmer here to day says harvesting has commenced in that county and that the crop will be at least an average one. A Fairfax farmer says the crop in his county will be a fair one, for though the straw is neither tall nor rank, the heads are well filled.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The report that yellow fever has appeared in Galveston has not been confirmed. The city of Elizabeth, N. J., according to the latest figures, owes \$5,341,291, and its property assessment amounts to only \$12,000,000. The San Francisco Examiner prints a story to the effect that the real Roger Tibbels is living at San Diego, California. Miss Nichol G. E. Rice, a well known lady of West Baltimore, died on Sunday night, at the advanced age of eighty nine years. She was the sister of the late Mr. Salmon E. Rice. Secretary Wisdom says he sees no occasion for demanding the resignation of Assistant Secretary Upton. The latter will soon retire, however. George I. Sney, of New York, has donated \$20,000 to the Western Female College at Moore, Ga., making \$70,000 given by him to the college within two months.

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics reports that the total value of the exports of domestic provisions, tallow and dairy products from the United States during the month of May, 1861, were \$9,092,632. At the close of business at the United States treasury yesterday there had been \$48,400,000 of five per cent coupon bonds received, or approximately 23 per cent, exclusive of those presented for certificate at the London office.

At a meeting of the city council of Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday, Mr. J. H. Wade tendered as a gift to the city a large tract of land on the eastern limit, valued at not less than \$500,000, which he has for some years been converting into an exceedingly beautiful park. It will be known as Wade Park. Col. Tom Balford, the murderer of Judge Elliott, escaped from the lunatic asylum at Annapolis, Ky., the other day and appeared in Louisville. He passed his time calling upon the keeper of the jail where he was confined before the trial and buying tickets. He was returned to the asylum.

Dr. Albert G. Mackey, of Washington, one of the most prominent Masters of the country, died at Old Point yesterday. Mr. Mackey was for many years a prominent physician of South Carolina, and was one of the shining lights of the Masonic order and recognized authority on matters pertaining to Masonry. He leaves a widow and three sons. The north bound stage on the San Antonio and Laredo line was stopped Saturday night near Rio station by one masked man, who compelled the two passengers to alight and assist in rifling the mail. Checks, drafts and post office money orders, amounting to \$6,000, were not taken. The stage was detained two hours. The driver and passengers were not robbed of anything. Baltimore was visited yesterday afternoon by a violent storm, which did considerable damage to all parts of the city. The rain fell at the rate of seven inches an hour, and the wind blew almost a gale. Harford Run flooded the culverts along its bed. There were also floods from the Harford Run and other sewers in West Baltimore. A large warehouse, owned by McMechan street, and a narrow escape was had from a serious accident.

A dispatch from Mizzouin, dated the 17th inst., reports the arrival there of the mate and four men of the schooner Eastern, who say that during the voyage the cook killed Captain Hervey, and was imprisoned on deck. The vessel on fire. The Eastern left San Francisco May 31st for Mizzouin, with a cargo valued at \$70,000, including a lot of ginger and common powder. The cook, a Chinaman, was chained and left to his fate with the vessel. FOREIGN NEWS. A revolt against conscription is threatened in one of the Austrian provinces. The French army of occupation in Tunis has been fixed at 10,000. Prince Leopold took his seat in the House of Lords as the Duke of Albany yesterday. The relations between the Sultan and the French embassy are strained in consequence of the Tunisian affair. Harimann, the nihilist, has not been arrested. A friend of his at Geneva received a letter from him dated London, saying he is in possession of starting for New York immediately. Five persons were killed and several others injured in the late riot at Marseilles. One hundred and twenty five persons have been arrested. Further trouble is feared. The summonses against the Protestant missionaries for open air preaching at Calcutta have been dismissed, the court deciding that the authorities in issuing the prohibitions acted ultra vires. The Porte has suppressed the local post offices in Constantinople. He calls upon the powers to take the necessary steps to the frontier, and hopes they will suppress the same services between Constantinople and foreign countries. The Italian government has expelled a leaguist with Boring Bros. and Hambro & Co., and subscribers will be open to the principal cities of Europe on the 1st of July. It may be stated that this loan is for the resumption of specie payments. Official advices have been received from Canada announcing that the Amer's forces defeated the rebels at Ayer's Bluffs, with heavy loss on the latter side, at Kay's Bluff. The Amer's loss was trifling. Re-inforcements are being sent from Cuba to Candahar. The Whitechurch and Ellesmere Banking Company (limited), located at Whitechurch and Ellesmere, England, and established in 1840, has suspended in consequence of a petition filed by one of the largest shareholders. It is thought the creditors will be paid in full. The bank has sustained heavy losses in the past few years, mostly owing to the agricultural depression. The liabilities are considerable. Mr. Gladstone made a humorous speech in the British House of Commons yesterday relative to the responsibility of the United States for the outrages in Ireland. He said he was not aware what grounds Mr. Stanhope had for speaking of preparations in America for outrages in England. He pointed out that the newspaper intimation by no means limited the commission of outrages to various parts of England, but indicated individuals having some particular prominence. This allusion to threats to shoot himself and Mr. Forster was received with laughter and cheers. Mr. Gladstone said, in conclusion, that viewing the nature of these extraordinary propositions, the government thought it right to bring the facts to the knowledge of the government of the United States.

A REPLY TO THOMAS JEFFERSON.—An interesting reply to Thomas Jefferson has come into the possession of Rev. Alexander Sprunt, pastor of the old stone church, Augusta county. It is a massive sideboard of solid mahogany, even to the inside of the drawers, which are as spacious as the interior of a modern Saratoga trunk. The style is very antique—columns, with brass mountings at the end, and fine finish. Mr. Sprunt, when he came to live at the parsonage, found that the furniture was broken and scattered about in the yard, and that the furniture of former occupants of the house, exposed to whatever weather the winds of heaven sent upon it. Struck with the rich material and quaint design of the thing, he found on inquiry that it had been left there years ago by Rev. Dr. Wm. Brown, a former pastor of the church, when he removed to Richmond, being too heavy to conveniently transport. Dr. Brown, he afterwards found, had bought it from a friend who had purchased it at a furniture sale at Monticello, in 1841, and it had been kept around in the wood shed and lost at Kentucky. The present possessor, however, has had it repaired, furnished and varnished, and it would not be out of place again in the old dining room at Monticello.

Letter From Hamilton.

Correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette. HAMILTON, Va., June 20.—The recent interview of General Wickham and other prominent Virginia republicans with the President, and the President's non-committal response, are surely sufficient evidence of the future policy of the administration. It is the intention of the republicans to put a straight ticket in the field and try to show, what is the use of this beating about the bush? Can the republican party be strengthened by irresolution or inaction? Of course not. Then why this dallying. Can democrats be deceived? We hope not. Let us prepare now to encounter their combined forces. They are only hiding out the idea of not uniting with the Mahone party, that we may be the losers. Of course the democrats can beat the two parties separately, and do it easily; so rival efforts for the nomination may create division in our ranks, and the August Convention, thinking it has no foe to face, may put out a weak ticket, and if it does their object is attained. The Mahone ticket will be endorsed and supported by the republican party. Never before did we need more united effort and decided action. Let the best representative men of the party be sent to Richmond. Let them go there, not only to put good men in nomination, but ready to sacrifice personal preferences for party good. Let us set upon the idea that we are to fight, not only Mahone and his party, but them, reinforced by the republicans of the State, and backed by the administration at Washington. If we do this we can beat them on an open field and fair fight, no matter what the combination, and if they fail to unite force we will be none the worse for our exertions.

The idea that General Wickham and other leading republicans will never swallow Mahone is a fallacious one. The General and his confederates have many times since embracing radicalism swallowed Mahone, if not whole elephants, and it is not reasonable now to suppose that they will go long as a small goat as Mahone. Anyway we stand by our prophesy and await the result with confidence that the democracy will be equal to the occasion. Mr. George Kuhlman and wife left here today for their home near Houston, Texas. Mr. K. and his wife were married near Belmont, in this county, and went from there to Texas about 30 years ago. They spent about two weeks here, with a brother of his, Mr. Justus Kuhlman, who is a thrifty farmer near here, coming to visit. They expressed themselves with the improved appearance of old folks in the country, and found many acquaintances and friends of former time, but home they were stronger, and so much to the regret of their friends, they made their visit a brief one. Harvest will begin generally this week. The prospects are good for an average crop; and the quality will, with good weather, be excellent. Col. H. B. Poyon was in our town Saturday trying to cure himself of rheumatism and back pain by the summer bath. It is said every year is already taken by city boarders, who are now driving daily. He will commence rebuilding his handsome residence as soon as harvest is over. JUL 22.

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