



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 5, 1884.

THE GAZETTE last week called attention to the fact that though the New York Tribune now denounced the democrats of Virginia for removing the inefficient officers of the Western Lunatic Asylum, and attributed their removal to a partisan spirit, it had said never a word when, two years ago, the Mahoneites removed the capable and experienced officers of that institution for the sole and acknowledged reason that they were democrats.

THE Philadelphia American, in alluding to the Sherman bloody-shirt resolution, says that had Virginia "taken the step which decency and duty demanded in the investigation and punishment of these outrages, no opening would have been left for action on the part of the national Senate."

ALL THE Southern democrats in the U. S. House of Representatives voted for the Fitz-John Porter bill. Most of them were ex-Confederates. But twenty years have elapsed since the war, they are again citizens of the common country, they assist in making the laws for the whole country, and they represent people who are taxed to support the government.

OF ALL the charities now appealing for public aid in Virginia, none is more worthy of a hearty support than that which has for its object the establishment of a home for old and indigent ex-Confederates in Virginia.

A MAN named T. E. Mace, who printed a Mahone weekly paper in Winchester, and failed, as all who essay such unseemly and ill advised objects do, has moved to Washington, and, as the only available means to get an office, says he was bulldozed and driven out of Winchester by the democrats of that town.

A GREAT many people besides ex-Governor Foster, of Ohio, think Mr. Arthur

can not be elected President if nominated by the next national republican convention. It is because Southern people think that way that so many of them would like him to be nominated.

THE INDICATIONS now seem to be that Congress will pass the bill to pay what are known as the French spoliation claims. These claims are just; the money to pay them was turned into the Treasury by the French government; the claimants are citizens of this country, and the means to pay them are at hand and will not be missed.

LETTER FROM RICHMOND. (Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) RICHMOND, Va., February 4.—There was a rumor at the Capitol to-day that the committee appointed by the Legislature to make an investigation into the affairs at the penitentiary had in making the investigation discovered something which will, when embodied in a report strike the Legislature with the force of a big bombshell.

THE Mahoneites referred to the statement of the Superintendent with great satisfaction. They pointed to Superintendent Williams' reports with pride and pleasure, and told the people to look and see what a great thing the managers of the penitentiary had accomplished.

Major C. S. Stringfellow opened the argument this morning in behalf of the petitioners, and was followed this afternoon by Judge George L. Christian and Col. John B. Young in behalf of Newman. Major Stringfellow closed the argument to night, and the committee will be able to make their report at a very early day.

General Fitz Lee has been here for some time giving his advice and assistance in the construction of a militia law. It is understood that the new bill to be submitted for adoption will provide for a special militia tax. It is scarcely probable, however, that such a measure will get through.

STRONGBOW.

A GIRL OF MANY MILLIONS. The Miss Leslie Ayer's marriage to Commander Pearson, to-day, will be a dismal blow to the numerous fortune seekers who have persisted in annoying this estimable young lady as only fortune-hunters can.

THE young lady in question is by no means a beauty, but has pleasing manners, and if she dressed a little less showily in the street, would be more attractive.

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Judge Lowrey, of the House committee on elections, as chairman of a sub-committee, yesterday recommended that Representative Mayo, in the contested election case of Garrison vs. Mayo, of Virginia, be given his seat on the prima facie evidence.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6, 1884. John Creed, a straight-out republican from Fairfax county, Va., and who, a short time since, got, through Mr. Dezenford, a position in the Government printing office here, has been removed by the influence of General Mahone.

THE Public Lands Committee of the House heard arguments this morning upon the proposition to make railroad land grants subject to taxation. The railroad people have abandoned all hope from Congress, and those who profess to know about the legal points of their charters, say their hopes from the courts have no better foundation.

It is understood to-day that the Fitz-John Porter bill will probably not come up in the Senate for a month. The prevailing opinion among the members of the House this morning is that there will be enough democrats in the House with the republicans to defeat the Morrison tariff bill reported yesterday.

At the reception given to the Illinois press association at Lincoln Hall last night, the speech of the evening was made by Mr. Finerty, the Fenian from Chicago. He said that though the American government had never been able to protect a naturalized American citizen in foreign countries, yet it was now proposed to drape the American flag with the Illinois credit by paying her debts.

Messrs. Boudinot and Pike were before the House Committee on Indian Affairs to-day and testified in regard to large land grants in the Indian Territory that had been made to certain U. S. Senators; also to the effect that Phillips, an Indian agent, had introduced a large sum of money from an Indian appropriation for the services of Secretary Teller and Senator Dawes.

THE Mississippi River Convention met at Lincoln Hall this morning. The impression is that it will recommend that Congress appropriate four and a half million for the improvement of the Mississippi, half a million for constructing supply reservoirs on the upper waters of that river, and nine million for the Hennepin canal.

THE House Foreign Affairs Committee agreed to-day to continue the suspension of the operation of the statute respecting the importation of guano for five years longer. In the Senate the same subject was under consideration.

THE House District Committee had before them this morning the bill to protect fish in the Potomac river in the District of Columbia and to provide spawning ground for shad and herring in said river, but postponed its consideration until they could consult with the fish commissioners.

THE Senate Finance Committee to-day referred the bill to extend the bonded term for whiskey to the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the probable effect of its passage.

THE House Committee on Pensions to-day agreed to report favorably a bill to abolish pension agencies, and providing that pensioners draw their money directly from the Treasury.

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THE citizens in the neighborhood of Downey's and Pulman's stores, corner Columbus and Franklin streets, would be very thankful to his honor, the Mayor, if he would instruct his police to give some attention to this locality at night.

COURT OF APPEALS YESTERDAY.—Harris vs. Kedd. Argued and submitted. Gordon and vs. Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company. Argued and continued until to-day.

Oscar Wilde's new book, "Impressions of America," will be eagerly read by all who assisted to make the poet's trip so decidedly pleasant.

LEGISLATIVE.

In the State Senate yesterday bills were reported to incorporate the Virginia Baptist Sabbath School Convention; to amend the Code in relation to ferries; to incorporate Stevens Lodge, No. 1,435 of the Grand United Order of Odd-Fellows of the county of Alexandria.

A bill was introduced to establish a corporation court for the city of Roanoke. The House bill to authorize the Virginia Female Institute to borrow money and secure the same by mortgage or trust, deed was passed.

The bill providing for the manner of choosing registrars, judges and clerks of election for the several counties and cities and to repeal sections 8 and 24, chapter 8, and sections 2 and 3, chapter 7 of the Code of 1873, was passed.

The bill to amend the Code in relation to the pay of jurors was passed by yeas. Senate bill to amend the Code in relation to the jurisdiction of corporation courts and to render valid certain jurisdiction assumed by the courts, was ordered to its engrossment.

A number of bills on the calendar were advanced to their engrossment. The report of the House committee on the report of Judge W. B. G. Staunton, of Fauquier county, was concurred in.

In the House of Delegates bills were introduced to incorporate the Piedmont Normal Institute; and to amend the Code in relation to attachments sued out against non-residents.

A resolution was introduced inquiring into the expediency of so amending the law as to require tax collectors to make out separate tax tickets for all school monies to be collected by them.

In response to a resolution calling upon the late Attorney General for a list of delinquent treasurers and tax collectors who have been proceeded against, and the result of such proceedings, Mr. Blair sent in a communication, and among the list of treasurers given is that of J. H. Chichester, treasurer of Fairfax county, three cases, date of notice October 12, 1881, judgment November 14, 1883, amount of judgment, \$17,773.06.

The bill to protect wages and salaries from garnishment process was passed. The report upon Judge Newman, of Hanover, will probably be made to-day. It is thought he will be turned out.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Rev. P. H. O. Ryan, colored, died at Roanoke, Va., Sunday with symptoms indicating poison.

Mrs. Catherine Morgan Dix, widow of Gen. John A. Dix, died in New York Sunday, aged 77 years.

Dr. Thomas A. Elliot, one of the most eminent physicians in South Carolina, died at Orangeburg, Wednesday, aged eighty-two years.

The President has nominated Henry D. Lyman to be second assistant postmaster general, vice Richard A. Elmer, resigned; also, Wm. H. Dickson to be attorney of the United States for the Territory of Utah.

Milton B. Steele, of the firm of Steele & Bro., merchants, of Stephens City, Va., died Sunday morning of cerebro meningitis, aged 39 years. He was a highly esteemed citizen enjoying the confidence of the community.

The report that a reconciliation had been effected between the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and the Duke of Edinburgh, second son of Queen Victoria, is pronounced untrue. The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha was present at the family dinner given by the Emperor yesterday to Prince and Princess Christian, and also met the Crown Prince, but he maintains his right to form the court circle of Coburg as he pleases.

COMMUNICATED.

EXAMINATION IN MUSIC.—We were much pleased with the little entertainment given last Thursday by the pupils of St. Mary's Academy. The instrumental music was good. Many of those examined were only beginners, but even these did their parts well. The choruses, which were beautiful selections were all well rendered.

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Advertisement for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, featuring an illustration of a man on a horse and the text 'They who work early and late the year round need, occasionally, the healthful stimulus imparted by a wholesome tonic like Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.'

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.



THE OYSTER QUESTION.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)

RICHMOND, Feb. 5.—The special committee appointed by the Maryland Legislature to confer with a similar committee of the Virginia Legislature on the subject of the boundary line between the two States, arrived here last evening.

The two houses appointed a joint committee, consisting of Senator Christian and Delegates Evans and Lawson, to wait upon the visitors and extend to them the privileges of the two houses. At one o'clock they came to the House and were introduced by Mr. Evans and were received by Speaker Stuart.

The House took a recess for ten minutes, and during that interval the members, especially those from the tidewater country, were introduced to the visitors.

In the Senate the strangers were introduced to that body by Mr. Christian. Senator Gill, of Baltimore, a member of the Maryland legislative committee, made a few remarks thanking the Senate for its courtesy and hospitality.

President pro tem Hurt responded in behalf of the Senate. That body then took a recess of 15 minutes during which the Maryland lawmakers were introduced to the Virginia Senators.

The strangers have never visited this city before, and manifested considerable interest in the legislative proceedings and the members.

Newberry, of the "big four," was a subject of special interest to them. Several made inquiries about Parson Massey and other prominent readjusters who gave respectability to Mahone's party in other days.

During the presence of the strangers in the Senate chamber a message was received from the Governor on the very subject which brought them here. In that communication the executive recalls the fact that at the last session of the General Assembly a bill formulated by a committee of the Maryland Legislature defining the boundary between the two States was passed.

It was to become operative when the Maryland Legislature passed a similar law. The committee returned home and the subject was never attended to. Governor Cameron recommends substantially that our Legislature treat the visitors on this occasion with all due hospitality and courtesy, but take no initiative steps in the matter of defining the boundary line.

He expresses the opinion that our Legislature went as far as it could in the action taken at the last session. That having received no attention at the hands of the Maryland Legislature, although emanating from a committee of that body, he does not think the Virginia Legislature would manifest a proper respect for itself, in opening any further negotiations.

The message was read through in the presence of the visitors, who occupied seats in the Senate. One of them smilingly remarked at the conclusion of the reading that he was not surprised at the recommendations of the Governor under the circumstances.

To-night the visitors will meet the House committee on the Chesapeake and its tributaries, and the Senate committee on fish and game. The measures looking to the protection of the oyster interest now pending in the Legislature will be explained to them so far as the question of boundary line is concerned, but the tide water members seem to give it little attention.

THE LICENSE TAX.

(Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)

RICHMOND, February 5.—The assessment bill with the license clause, as reported from the Finance Committee of the Legislature, and printed, is entirely unobjectionable, containing nothing to which the merchants can object.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS TO-DAY.

SENATE.

The chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War transmitting an abstract showing the condition of the militia forces, organized and unorganized, of the United States.

HOUSE.

Mr. Dockery, of Mo., offered a resolution declaring vacant the positions of stenographers of committees of the House and providing that hereafter, on the request of a committee, the Speaker shall employ a stenographer or stenographers at a compensation to be fixed by the Committee on Accounts. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

A resolution to continue the investigation of the work at Hot Springs, Ark., was referred.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

It is reported that Baker Pasha has been defeated with a heavy loss. The investigation into the cause of the disaster to the steamship City of Columbus was commenced in Boston to-day.

The heavy rains of the past few days have caused the Ohio river to rise, and fears that damage will result are entertained.

The steamer Fris, which leaves Hamburg to-morrow for New York, will bring the remains of Lieut. DeLong and comrades of the Jeannette party.

Mrs. Barrows, of Biddeford, Me., has been convicted of murder in the first degree. She was an accessory with one Oscar Blaney in taking her husband's life.

Henry Newry, colored, of St. Louis, has confessed that he killed Henry Deppugh and another colored man named Ross, and then set fire to their house, near Alton, Ill., last March.

The British Parliament was opened to-day by royal commission, and the Queen's speech read. She congratulates her subjects upon the continuance of peaceful relations with foreign powers, refers to the fishery question, and congratulates her people upon the prosperous condition of the realm.

FORFEITED.—Judge Hughes, of the United States court, yesterday rendered a decision in the case of the cannons, guns, and other munitions of war, seized in Richmond last July on board the schooner E. G. Irwin, on the charge that they were intended for the insurgents in Hayti. The decision was that the steamer, Mary N. Hogan, was in July last in New York, made ready to be sent to the waters of Hayti to cruise and commit hostilities in those waters as a gunboat in behalf of the insurgents of that island against its government, and that the munitions seized on board the Irwin were intended to be put on the Hogan, and used as her armament in hostilities against the Haytian republic, and, therefore, the property was forfeited. A decree was accordingly entered for the forfeiture and sale of the goods.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.—Yesterday afternoon, about 4 1/2 o'clock, Mr. W. Wood, while standing in front of the jail, heard a scream come from within the building, and immediately entering the jail he ascertained that W. S. Palmer, one of the prisoners, had attempted to take his own life. Palmer had borrowed a knife from J. C. Johnson, another prisoner, to pick a splinter (as he said) from his hand, and going back into his cell where W. D. Palmer, his nephew, was, he bade his nephew good bye and made a cut at his own throat with the knife. W. D. Palmer caught his uncle's arm and prevented any injury being done, except a slight cut on the hand.

Dr. J. F. Fauntleroy died at his home in Leesburg last night. He was a prominent physician and generally esteemed. He was upwards of eighty years old and a native of Clarke county.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a stated communication of Turner Ashby Lodge, No. 232, A., F. & A. M., held in Masonic Hall, Markham, Va., January 18th, A. D. 1884, A. L. 5884, the following resolutions were adopted:

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Resolved, That the members of this Lodge wear mourning for our brother for one month.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge, and copies of the same be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and also the Alexandria Gazette, The True Index and The Virginia for publication.

H. R. GREEN, C. M. SMITH, Committee. H. S. ASHBY, H. W. CARTER, W. M. T. M. TRIPLETT, Secretary.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Stocks have been quiet and lower this morning. The decline in prices ranged from 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent, the latter in Oregon Trans., which sold down to 22 1/2. Stocks subsequently became strong and higher.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, February 5.—Flour is in fair receipt with a quiet but steady local demand. Wheat is firm with light offerings and good demand for choice grades; Fultz sold on 'Change this morning at 108 for good and 100 for inferior, while good longberry brought 110, no prime or mixed were sold. Corn is strong; white brought 62 1/2; no yellow Corn, Bye or Oats were offered. Produce is without change and receipts are increasing.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 5.—Va. 6's def'd., do consolidated 39; do 2d series —; do past due coupons 50 1/2; do new 10-40's —; do new 3 1/2 bid to-day. Cotton quiet; middling 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4. Flour firm without change. Wheat—Southern quiet and steady; Western lower and dull. Southern red 110 1/2; do amber 115; No 1 Maryland 113; No 2 Western winter red spot and February 100 3/4 @ 10 1/2; March 107 3/4 @ 10 1/2; April 109 1/4 bid; May 110 3/4 @ 11 1/4. Corn—Southern quiet and steady; Western firmer; Southern white 60 1/2; do yellow 57 1/2; West'n mixed spot 59 1/2 @ 59 3/4; March 58 1/2 @ 58 3/4; May 61 1/2 @ 61 3/4. Oats steady and quiet; Southern 41 1/2; Western white 42 1/2; do mixed 40 1/2; Penna 40 1/2. Rye quiet at 67 1/2. Other articles unchanged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Stocks higher. Money plenty at 1 1/2. Cotton dull; up to 10 1/2; Oats lower. Corn 1/2 @ 1/2 lower.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Feb. 4.—Beef Cattle.—Prices of Beef Cattle ranged as follows: Best 6 3/4 @ 6 5/8; do fair quality 5 3/4 @ 6 1/8; do medium or good fair quality 5 1/4 @ 6 1/8; do ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows 2 7/8 @ 3 1/2. Extreme range of prices 2 7/8 @ 6 5/8. Most of the sales were from 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2 per 100 lbs. Total receipts for the week 796 head; total sales for the week 862 head. Trade has been exceedingly slow again this week, and the quality of the offerings does not average as good as last week, common Cattle being more numerous, though there was some improvement in the quality of the extreme tops. There is little if any change in prices of tops, but in other grades 1/4 @ 1/2 lower figures prevailed, and towards the close of the market we quote common to fair Cattle at former rates. We quote common to fair Sheep at 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4; fair to good 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4; and good to extra 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4 cents per lb. Lambs 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4 per lb. Arrivals this week 3123 head.

Hogs.—There is a very heavy increase in the receipts over last week, and a general improvement in the quality. There are some few extra heavy Hogs, the heaviest offered here for a long time, which sold at a fair fraction over our highest given quotations. Trade is reported moderate to good with the increase in receipts and improvement in prices. We quote common to fair Hogs at 7 1/2 @ 8 cents, fair to good 8 1/2 @ 9 cents per lb. and extra a fraction higher. Arrivals this week 6912 head.