



ALEXANDRIA. SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 26.

SOME PEOPLE, who are utterly ignorant of negro character, and, strange as it may seem, some who live in the South, have said the action of the President in nominating a colored man for a position in Washington, and the rejection of that nomination by a republican Senate, would tend to divide the negro vote. No man at all familiar with negroes ever entertained such an idea, and the following extract from a letter of J. M. Langston, one of the most intelligent men of the race, to the New York Herald, should be sufficient to dispel it from the minds of those who do:

"Nothing less than a cabinet position accorded one of our representative colored men—a man about whose color and identity with the negro race and its general welfare there can be no doubt—would work the result you contemplate, and then it would be necessary to have every prominent democratic Senator vote affirmatively on the proposition to confirm such nomination in order to induce, by reason of their confidence in the sincerity of our democratic friends, a considerable number of his class of voters to leave the republican to vote with the democratic party."

THE TESTIMONY in the Texas case, now being investigated by a committee of the U. S. Senate, yesterday, was to the effect that of all the republican office holders in the county in which, according to Mr. Hoar, "republican government has been upturned," there was not a single one who had not been accused of stealing public money, and that one of the three memorialists—the men upon whose charges the investigation was ordered, had been indicted six times, and that the reputation of the other two was by no means good. And yet it was upon the bare word of such men that a hundred other men were brought all the way from Texas, at great expense to the government, in order that Mr. Hoar might try to make matter for the next republican campaign. And this is only a fair sample of the partisan spirit of the republican Senate.

NOW THAT the Governor has called a special session of the legislature, if he would advance the interests of his State, his party, and his own, he will advise the members of that body to appoint a commissioner to open negotiations with the creditors of the State for the settlement of the State debt upon the best terms it may be possible to make with them, and will use all his influence to have those terms accepted. He will have hard material to operate upon, to be sure, but by doing so he will show the democracy of his State and of the whole country that he is in favor of the honest payment of debts and of the observance of pecuniary promises, and that he is opposed to efforts intended to impair the obligation of contracts and to set at defiance the decisions of the highest court in the land.

THE REAL true blue and consistent democrats, democrats in principle, in Congress have prevented, and very properly, any reduction in the tobacco and whiskey tax. To have made any such reduction would have given the protectionists ground for the maintenance of the existing protective tariff for the benefit of Northern manufacturers. What the democrats, what the people, most want is the removal of the tariff tax on the necessities of life, not the internal revenue tax on the luxuries, whiskey and tobacco.

THE PRESIDENT has not yet signed the bill for the redemption of the trade dollars. That even those who will be directly benefited by the bill think the effect of the House amendment, adding the redeemed dollars to the regular monthly purchase of silver, will be injurious, was made evident the other day by one of them, who said he hoped the bill would be signed, because he had a large number of the trade dollars, but that if he didn't have any he would hope it would not be signed.

GOVERNOR HILL, of New York, in bislate speech, said:

"The suggestion that there have been or are democrats who are not responsible for any faults of their party—or, in other words, democrats who are better than their party, is a professed explanation or defence which I repudiate. I have little admiration for the democracy of those professed democrats who always claim to be better than their party."

The President will understand the application of the Governor's remark.

MR. INGALLS, who has just been elected president pro tempore of the U. S. Senate by a strict party vote, including that of the two Senators from Virginia, is the man who twenty-five years after the death of John Brown, when time had allowed cool and deliberate judgment to resume its sway, and with all the facts of the case before him, wrote an article in the North American Review, in which he attempted to make a demagogic that diabolical and self-confessed murderer-wretch.

Mrs. Lisa Swaffield, of Beverly, Mass., who has recently been taken to Florida by her husband, who hopes that change of scene and climate will restore her to sanity, is the victim of a practical joke. A few weeks ago her husband joined a hunting party. On the way home one of the party hurried in advance and told Mrs. Swaffield that her husband had been shot and killed. She fainted, remained unconscious for several hours, and when she regained consciousness was insane.

Col. Wertebaker, of Charlottesville, has sold his residence to Mr. R. P. Valentine.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25, 1887.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill is now in the hands of a conference committee. It is not probable the House conferees will agree to the Senate amendment providing for an appropriation of \$85,000 for an ice and police boat on the Potomac; but they may agree to an appropriation of \$10,000 to enable the District Commissioners to keep the Potomac open between this city and Alexandria during the winter by contract. If they shall not agree to the Senate amendment Mr. Barbour will see each member of the committee and urge them to adopt the proposition referred to. It is understood that should it be adopted the Alexandria ferry company will put ice plows on their boats and contract to keep the river open, during the prevalence of the cold weather, for five thousand dollars a year. Should the Senate amendment be adopted, it is reported that the river men will petition the District Commissioners to name the boat William Mahone, after the General, the author of that amendment.

Representative Trigg says the Speaker has promised to recognize him to move the passage of bills to reimburse Virginia for the money she has advanced the government, and that as soon as Gen. Mahone shall get those bills through the Senate, he will call them up in the House, and that it will be utterly useless for him to do so until they shall have been passed by the Senate. The Senate claims committee has reported in favor of referring the claim of K. N. Blake, of Stafford county, Va., to the quartermaster general for investigation.

Mr. T. B. Nalle, of Culpeper, Va., who was pursuer in the navy during the Mexican war, is here to day to get his pension under the Mexican pension bill.

In the debate on the resolution for an investigation of the accounts of the Pacific railroads, in the Senate yesterday evening, Mr. Riddleberger shocked the dignity of the Senate and showed his disrespect for Mr. Edmunds by interrupting that senatorial sage to ask if anybody had a chestnut bell. Subsequently he provoked a laugh by saying that he never owned a share of railroad stock in his life, and could scarcely say that he owned a dollar of anything else.

In the House yesterday Mr. Barbour presented a petition of citizens of Alexandria county, Virginia, for the erection of a bridge across the Potomac at Arlington. A prominent democratic politician from West Virginia here to day says it is pretty well understood that Governor Wilson of that State, now that the legislature has failed to elect a Senator, will appoint ex Representative Daniel Lucas, who led the twelve democratic opponents of Senator Camden in the legislature, U. S. Senator to serve until the next legislature shall elect one.

Among the strangers in the city to day is Mr. P. C. Warwick of Richmond, a member of the Virginia legislature. Mr. Warwick doesn't know what the extra session of the legislature that has been called will do, and didn't know it had been called until he read it in the newspapers here this morning. In talking about the debt question of his State he said that by the provisions of the Riddleberger bill the creditors were entitled to about four million dollars more than was shown by the totals of the tabulated statement of that bill, and that this increase resulted from a failure to account for the interest on a certain portion of the debt.

Mr. Page, the first democratic representative from Rhode Island for thirty four years, was sworn in to-day. He will serve five days, and for that time will draw out of the U. S. Treasury about ten thousand five hundred dollars, being the amount of the salary, mileage and stationery money for a representative from his State for an entire congressional term, and this, too, though his republican predecessor, whose seat was declared vacant a few weeks ago, had received almost as much by drawing his pay up to that time. Contested seats should be decided early in the first session of the term, but instead of that they are usually put off to the very last, so that the illegal as well as the legal member draws full pay, and the latter for little or no service.

Mr. Allison and some of the best lawyers in the Senate say the commissioners to be appointed under the interstate railroad bill must be nominated during the present session of Congress, or that an extra session of the Senate must be called to confirm them. Mr. Allison, of the Senate, Mr. Kelley, of the House, and other experienced congressmen are talking this morning about the possibility of the necessity of an extra session of both houses, as the condition of the appropriation bills is such as induces them to doubt the ability of Congress to pass those bills by Friday next. But a similar doubt is expressed toward the close of almost every short session.

In the House yesterday evening Mr. Brady moved to amend the naval bill by providing that Brooklyn and Norfolk be the places where the two dry docks shall be located, but his motion was defeated and the location left to the Secretary of the Navy.

In the Senate to day the Senate conferees on the postoffice bill reported that they insisted on the subsidy provision of that bill, and asked to be discharged and that another conference committee be appointed.

Mr. Hoar introduced a resolution in the Senate to-day inquiring whether colored infants were excluded from the founding asylum of this city, and if the government appropriates any money to the support of that asylum, his object being to obliterate all racial distinction in that institution, and thereby abolish it as an asylum for white infants.

The bill for a cable railroad in this city was reported favorably in the Senate to-day, with the route somewhat changed, and with a proviso for the payment to the city of four per cent. of the gross earnings.

The commerce committee this morning struck out all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill to change the Norfolk customs district, and inserted the original House bill. The latter bill is supported by the Yorktown district, the former by the Norfolk district.

The House judiciary committee to-day agreed to report favorably on the Senate bill changing inauguration day from the 4th of March to the last Tuesday in April, and extending President Cleveland's term and the 50th session of Congress until that date.

Messrs. Anderson, of Kansas, and Hepburn, of Iowa, rank republicans, tried to day to delay the River and Harbor bill so as to endanger its passage, but they failed.

W. T. Travers has been appointed assistant keeper of the light house at Old Plantation Flats, Va., vice L. T. Lewis, removed.

New Schedule of Wages. CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A committee of the Chicago Daily Newspaper Association and a committee of the Typographical Union held a conference yesterday and agreed on a new scale of wages. Compositors will henceforth receive 46 cents per 1,000 "ems" on morning newspapers, and 41 cents on evening papers. Advertisements will be set by the week. No change was made in the hours. The agreement will remain in force five years, beginning March 5th. Changes in the agreement can be made only on 30 days previous notice, and all difficulties are to be settled by a joint committee composed of members of the newspaper association and the typographical union, which, if unable to agree, will select an arbitrator whose decision shall be final and binding upon all parties.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

An extensive bed of iron ore has been discovered near Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The clergymen of Cleveland, Ohio, have been invited to attend the performance of "Black Crook."

It is again said that the President has determined to appoint Assistant Secretary Fairchild to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Severe snow storms are reported in various parts of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New York, Dakota and other sections.

The question whether the President can appoint the interstate commissioners after the adjournment of the Senate has been raised.

Miss Van Zandt's attempt to restrain a Chicago museum keeper from exhibiting her figure in wax has proved futile, the injunction having been dissolved.

Mr. John W. Neale, of Cox's Station, Charles county, Md., was killed while ducking in the Wicomico, Thursday, by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Gov. Hill's private secretary has notified Rev. Mr. Powell, spiritual adviser of Mrs. Druse, the Herkimer murderess, that the Executive will not interfere with the execution.

Lieutenant Powell, of the Signal Service, who tendered his resignation to the Secretary of War some time since, has reconsidered his action and will remain in the service.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey propose to erect a building in Chicago, to cost \$250,000, for the training of Christian workers. They will try and have similar buildings erected in New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Hon. George H. Pendleton had an interview with the President yesterday, and said, after he left the White House, that he would remain in Washington a short time longer and then return to his post at Berlin.

Joseph Harrabar, a Pole, was dangerously stabbed in Philadelphia last night by Morgan Carr, a youth who attempted to rob him. Carr had been incited to assume the role of highwayman from reading trashy novels.

Congressman Glass, of Tennessee, is quoted as saying recently: "I have closed out the last republican postmaster in my district, and am proud of it, and I would cheerfully repeal the civil service law if I could."

Ex President Andrew D. White, of Cornell University, has declined to become a member of the interstate commission, because to accept would interfere with other arrangements. There were no political considerations involved.

The Pittsburg box mystery was solved in Cincinnati yesterday by a young physician named John Osborne stating that it was the body of a colored man who died at the Cincinnati Hospital and had been sent to the Electric College as a subject.

The Texas State Senate yesterday, by a vote of 21 to 8, passed a prohibitory amendment to the constitution, which will be submitted to the people for ratification at a general election to be held for that purpose on the first Thursday of August next.

Jos. Villard, a Baltimore liniment vender, was butted to death at an early hour this morning at his boarding house in that city. The unfortunate man was drunk when he entered his room, and it is supposed accidentally set his clothing on fire while endeavoring to light a lamp.

Near Prosperity, S. C., Thursday, Morris Shepherd, colored, quarreled with his wife and then beat her in an inhuman manner. He then struck her a number of blows with a handspike, and finished his cruel work by crushing her skull with a rock, causing the woman's death. Shepherd made his escape.

A horrible murder occurred in Hoane County, Tenn., yesterday evening. A man named Newman and a fifteen year old girl named Weaver, while in a wagon were fired on by a man named Epps and both were killed. The mother of the girl saw the assassin when he fired. Epps is being pursued by a posse of 200 men and will be lynched if caught.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS IN WASHINGTON.—A meeting of the Virginia Democratic Association of Washington, was held at their rooms in that city last night. Representative W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, delivered an address in which he said that when the democratic party came into power two years ago it was without leaders, and that the President was unknown to most of the prominent men of the party. Never having been in any legislative body he was untrained in the management of a great party, and it was to be expected that he would make mistakes, and while Mr. Cleveland had not done as the speaker would have done, still he had not thought proper to criticise his actions.

Referring to Virginia he said if she can be kept in the democratic ranks all will be well, but if not, then there was great danger of the party not succeeding in 1888. But, said he, "you must beat Mahone and let all other questions go. First, make it certain that Virginia is democratic, and then it will be time enough to talk about the tariff, civil service, or even the income tax." Concluding he said if the democratic party gets out of power it will be a long time before it will ever get back again. The minutes of the last meeting were read from, and it appeared that the committee appointed to ascertain what information Mr. Abrahams was appointed to a high position in the Treasury Department reported that they were unable to agree upon a report, and they were then, on motion, discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST BOYCOTTERS.—In the suit of the Old Dominion Steamship Company against John J. McKenna et al., in New York, Judge Brown has handed down his decision on the motion of the defendants for discharge from arrest. The defendants were placed under arrest for placing a boycott on the company during the "longshoremen's strike." The court holds that the defendants interfered with the business of the company, which was that of a common carrier, and therefore denies the motion for release from arrest.

The Supreme Court of Connecticut, has affirmed the decision of the superior court in imposing a fine on William Gliden, a printer, who attempted to enforce a boycott against the New Haven Journal and Courier.

SENATOR RIDDLEBERGER AND THE PRESIDENT.—Senator Riddleberger saw President Cleveland yesterday for the first time. The President greeted him cordially, said he was glad to see him, and then, looking at him quizzically, remarked, "You are a pretty well abused man." "Yes," responded Senator Riddleberger, "I think we make a good pair in that line, but with you it is reputation and with me it is notoriety." The President laughed heartily, and then the two had a little chat.

Dr. I. S. Stone, of Lincoln, Loudoun county, was appointed yesterday by Gov. Lee a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Wm. C. Dabney, of Charlottesville.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Thomas W. Brockenbrough, one of the oldest citizens of Richmond, died yesterday in that city, in the seventy-first year of his age.

Mrs. Lucy Minnigerode, wife of the late Rev. William Hoxton daughter of Rev. Charles Minnigerode, died in Richmond yesterday afternoon.

The wooden structure of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad over the Potomac river at Shepherdstown, is to be replaced with a substantial iron bridge.

Four of the jurors that tried John Brown are living, and among them is Mr. Wm. Rightstine, of Jefferson county, the father of Mr. Wm. Rightstine, of Riverton.

Lightning struck the residence of Daniel Taylor, near Culpeper C. H., during the storm of Saturday and knocked things about, but did no serious damage.

Cornelius Johnson, a colored youth about eighteen years old, was caught in the act of burglariously opening the iron safe in the office of Joseph Hall & Co., in Richmond, yesterday morning.

The commissioners have selected the Allen lot, at the western end of Franklin street, Richmond, as the site of the Lee monument, and have asked the City Council to give them \$20,000 for the preparatory work.

At the last meeting of the Warrenton council, resolutions were adopted appointing a committee to report the first meeting in March whether the condition of the town is such as to recommend a reduction of taxes on real and personal property from 40 to 30 cents on the \$100, and it is understood that they will report in favor of the reduction.

All the members of the Supreme Court of Appeals have refused Mr. W. L. Royall a writ of error in the judgment rendered in the Richmond Hastings Court, by which that gentleman was fined \$50 for practicing as a lawyer without paying a license therefor. Mr. Royall in this case claimed that a tender of coupons was a constructive payment of his license. He will carry his case to the United States Supreme Court.

Gov. Lee to-day received the resignation of State Senators W. E. Gaines, of Nottoway, and Brown, of Franklin, the former a republican and the latter a democrat. Mr. Gaines was elected to Congress from the Fourth district, and hence his resignation, which, no doubt, caused him to surrender his seat in the Senate. The Governor will probably order elections to be held in these two districts to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The harbor of Trieste is now lighted by electricity.

Russia is to abolish the importation of iron into her dominion.

France has sent a conciliatory note to the Vatican on the ecclesiastical question.

Mr. Dillon and his associates in the conspiracy case will be tried again in April.

Mr. Gladstone has made a permanent reduction in the rents of the larger farms at Hawarden.

Later estimates fix the number of deaths resulting from the earthquake in France and Italy at about 1,500.

Henry M. Stanley thinks Germany and England should unite in a protest against Portugal's operations in Zanzibar.

A dispatch from Mantone says that the marriage of Christine Nilsson and the Count Casa Miranda was solemnized there yesterday morning.

The British House of Commons last night, by a vote of 261 to 92, rejected Mr. Parnell's amendment exempting from closure the Committee on Supply. Mr. Sexton moved the exemption from closure of any question relating to the procedure. The motion was negatived, 170 to 80.

THE WEST VIRGINIA SENATORSHIP.

The West Virginia Legislature adjourned last night without electing a United States Senator to succeed Mr. Camden. Gov. Wilson will have the appointment of a Senator to serve until the Legislature to be elected in 1888 fills the vacancy. During the evening democrats and republicans held conference with closed doors. In the republican conference a motion was made that the members stay out of joint assembly, in which event the twelve recalcitrant democrats would either have to break quorum or see Camden elected, but the motion was lost. In the democratic council heroic attempts were made to agree on a man, but non-caucus democrats refused to come to terms unless the Camden men would bind themselves to drop Camden altogether, their idea being to hedge against the possibility of the republicans going over to Camden and electing him. Camden's friends refused to accede to the terms of the kickers, and the conference adjourned without accomplishing anything. At 7:20 p. m. the two houses met again in joint assembly and one ballot was taken, resulting: Camden 28, Maxwell 33, Morrow 10, Summerville 9, balance scattering. A motion was made that the joint assembly be dissolved, and it was carried by a vote of 47 to 42. The two houses adjourned at 12 midnight.

COURT OF APPEALS YESTERDAY.—Sheepmaker and others vs. Calk. From the Circuit Court of Nansemond county. Reversed, Judge Lacy delivering the opinion.

Smith vs. Wortham and als. From the Circuit Court of Amherst county. Affirmed, Judge Faulstich delivering the opinion, Judge Richardson dissenting.

Waller vs. Johnston and als. From the Corporation Court of the city of Norfolk. Affirmed, Judge Hinton delivering the opinion.

Newton vs. Commonwealth. Writ of error refused to judgment of Circuit Court of Loudoun county, rendered 22d January, 1887.

Royall vs. Commonwealth. Writ of error refused to judgment by the Hastings Court of the city of Richmond on the 9th of February, 1887.

Virginia Midland Railway Company vs. Reynolds. Dismissed by plaintiff in error.

Fleming vs. Kelly. Argued by R. G. H. Keen and S. Griffin for appellant, and Maj. T. J. Kirkpatrick for appellees and submitted.

FAIRFAX ITEMS.—The electoral board met at the Court House Wednesday and appointed registrars, judges and commissioners of election.

Captain Edgar Van Slyck, of Vienna, after a serious illness of several days, died on the evening of the 17th, aged fifty-three years.

In the County Court on Monday administration on the estate of Benjamin Barton was granted to his widow, Mrs. Eliza D. Barton; bond \$70,000.

Judge Chichester has appointed Thomas Holden, B. D. Uterback and E. F. Simpson commissioners to meet a similar commission to be appointed by the Prince William County Court, to consult as to the propriety of building a bridge over Bull Run at or near the point where the road from Centerville to Manassas crosses said run.

The public schools of Falls Church will close on Tuesday next, because of lack of money to continue them till the usual time.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES

Today's Proceedings of Congress. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26, 1887.

SENATE.

The credentials of Mr. Reagan, as Senator from Texas, and of Mr. Bate, as Senator from Tennessee, were presented and placed on file.

In the latter case Mr. Hoar remarked that the credentials were accompanied by a paper purporting to be a commission from the Governor, as if the Senator were a State officer. He suggested that that paper should be returned to Mr. Bate.

The presiding officer said that that course would be taken.

Mr. Ingalls, from the committee on the District of Columbia, reported a resolution authorizing that committee to sit during the recess for the purpose of investigating the question of steam and street railroads in the District of Columbia with power to send for person and papers and employ a stenographer. Adopted.

Numerous bills were reported from committees and placed on the calendar.

Mr. Plumb, from the Conference Committee on the Postoffice appropriation bill, reported disagreement on the subsidy section, and moved that the Senate insist and ask a further conference. So ordered.

At one o'clock the presiding officer interrupted proceedings and stated that the hour had arrived for administering the oath of office to his successor as president pro tem. He returned thanks to the Senate for its kind courtesy and forbearance; and after Mr. Ingalls had taken and subscribed to the oath of office, he took the chair, and said that while he would inevitably suffer disparagement by contrast with the parliamentary learning, skill, urbanity, and accomplishment of his illustrious predecessor, he would strive to excel him in grateful appreciation of the distinguished honor conferred.

A vote of thanks was then, on motion of Mr. Harris, given to the retiring presiding officer.

HOUSE.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Gen. Sheridan inviting, on behalf of the Society of the Grand Army of the Cumberland, the members of the House of Representatives to attend the ceremonies of the unveiling of the statue of the late Major General James A. Garfield, to take place in Washington on May 12th next. In view of the fact that Congress will not be in session on that date, the General suggests that it would be very gratifying to the society should the Speaker appoint a committee to attend the unveiling ceremonies and officially represent the House of Representatives. Referred to the Committee on Library.

The space in front of the Speaker's table was crowded with members eager to catch the eye of the presiding officer and to make requests for unanimous consent, but as each was recognized there came a demand for the regular order from some member sitting in the rear of the hall, and no business was transacted.

Finally the Speaker recognized Mr. Willis, of Kentucky, who moved that the rules be suspended and the Senate amendment to the river and harbor appropriation bill non-concurred in.

Mr. Anderson, of Kansas, demanded a second, pending which

Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, moved that the House adjourn, and pending this motion that when the House adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday next.

The latter motion the Speaker ruled to be out of order pending a motion to suspend the rules, and the motion to adjourn was lost.

Mr. Hepburn then demanded the reading of the bill.

The motion to suspend the rules and non-concur in the Senate amendments was agreed to—162 to 33, and the House soon after went into Committee of the Whole on the aforesaid appropriation bill.

More Earthquake Shocks. CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 26.—About six o'clock this morning a slight earthquake shock was felt here. At Summerville and adjacent country the shock continued five seconds. The direction of the wave was from west to east. In one house a vase was thrown down but no damage was done anywhere. The shock was so slight that many persons who were sleeping at the time were not disturbed. This is the first disturbance worth mentioning since the beginning of the new year.

Rome, Feb. 26.—Three more shocks of earthquake were felt at Forli, in the Province of Campobasso yesterday. The bodies of 700 persons who were killed by the earthquake last Wednesday have already been taken from the ruins in Diano Marino and it is known that many more bodies lie buried under the fallen buildings. Almost the entire population of Diano Marino are encamped on the seashore. Three hundred communes were visited by the earthquake and as yet reports of the casualties have been received from but sixty.

The Recent Indiana Murder.

WARSAW, Ind., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Dunham, the wife of Farmer Dunham, who, with his child was so brutally murdered, is now in a fair way of recovery and, although not yet able to make a statement that would be received in court, she can converse intelligently about the affair and says she and her husband were in the barn getting ready to do the milking when Plew came in and soon got to quarrelling with her husband, and in a short time they got to blows. She ran into the house, and in a few minutes Plew came into the house and felled her to the floor. The last she can remember is hearing the baby cry with all its might. Plew has not yet had his preliminary trial and will not have it until Mrs. Dunham makes a statement that will be accepted in court.

The German Elections.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—La Liberte, in an article on the German elections, says: "It can now be plainly seen that a blunder was made when the provinces of Alsace-Lorraine—and more especially the latter—were annexed by Germany. It is apparent that it would have been better to have neutralized the provinces, as was suggested by sagacious minds during the negotiations between France and Germany after the war of 1870. The paper in conclusion asks: "Will not experience inspire statesmen with a desire to consider whether a wise and just compromise could not disarm the hatreds on both sides, appease distrusts, and avert the chances of war?"

Extra Session Probable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Despite the wish of the President and of members of both Houses of Congress to avoid the necessity for a called session of the two houses or a special session of the Senate, the opinion is entertained this morning by several Senators that matters in respect to the appropriation bills are rapidly drifting into a position, in which they have not already reached it, which make a called session inevitable.

Accident to Gen. Butler.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Philadelphia says: "Gen. Benj. F. Butler had a fall on a slippery wooden sidewalk in this city this morning, causing a severe wrench or possibly a dislocation of the shoulder. He is all right otherwise and left Philadelphia to-day for Boston."

Death of Cardinal Jacobini.

ROME, Feb. 26.—Cardinal Jacobini died at one o'clock this afternoon.

An Extra Session of the Legislature.

Governor Lee yesterday issued his proclamation calling the Legislature to meet in extra session on March 16. While no mention is made of it in the proclamation, it is generally understood that the reason for reconvening the General Assembly at this time is to consider the embarrassments that have resulted to the State from the recent coupon litigation in the courts. The revisers of the code expect to have their work completed by the first of April, and this will have to be submitted to the Legislature. Yesterday the State board of indemnity, of which Gov. Lee is a member, discussed the debt question, but it is believed no measure was suggested which promised to remedy the present troubles. During the past two weeks Gov. Lee has seen many democratic members of the Legislature and no doubt received communications from others. He has been considering the question of calling that body in extra session for some time past, but it is probable did not until very recently conclude to do so. It is quite certain that the debt question will be the most important measure that will be considered at this called session.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette.

In reply to the card of Mr. Louis Kraft, chairman of the citizens' committee, I have to say that the term "self constituted" was not intended to apply in any reproachful sense to any of its members except such as had busied themselves about the affairs of my company. In common, I presume, with everybody else, I considered that the volunteering of any number of persons to do a good thing, especially when they did it exceedingly well, entitled them to thanks, not blame; it was the attempt to fore-empt to which I objected.

If he will examine the files of the city papers, however, he will see how easy it was for me to be misled. The meeting to which he refers was held on the night of the 31st ult., in a report of it one of them on the 1st inst., it is said: "A committee has been out for several days soliciting contributions to defray the necessary expenses, and the decision of the joint committee will depend upon the soliciting committee's report."

The other paper said: "Committees for the other companies were then appointed to solicit subscriptions from the citizens and report at a future meeting."

On the day following, the same paper, in speaking of the organization of the committee thus appointed, said: "The committee consists of Messrs. E. T. Lewis, John Donnelly, L. Brill, jr., and G. A. Appleton. As I am unwilling to do the smallest injustice to any one, I cheerfully accept Mr. Kraft's version of the matter and withdraw the objections I have expressed."

President Grant's Farewell.

First Lieutenant Jesup Nicholson has been placed on the retired list of the United States marine corps.

William Henzen, the celebrated epigraphist, is dead.

Safe, reliable, harmless and cheap is Bull's Cough Syrup. We do not wonder at its popularity.

"He saw before him the Gladiator die. Yes, and he wouldn't perhaps, if there had only been a sensible man to rub him well with Salvation Oil."

LIST OF LETTERS.

The following is