



FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29.

EX-CONGRESSMAN ELLIS, of Louisiana, in his interview with the GAZETTE'S Washington correspondent, published yesterday, suggested a very wise course of policy for the democratic party to pursue...

THE RESULT of the loss of the vote of three of the smaller States of the South in 1876 was the election of a republican President. Nothing is plainer than the fact that the vote of the Southern States is that which elects democratic Presidents.

A DELEGATION has gone from this city to Richmond to urge the legislature to pass the Mineral Railroad bill, that will connect Alexandria by rail with the coal fields of West Virginia.

SENATOR PUGH, of Alabama, says he never spoke slightly of the President when the President said if he, Pugh, could stand having his son appointed to a lucrative place in the office of the fourth auditor of the Treasury...

THE TAX receivable coupon feature is one of the several objections those who want the State debt settlement kept open for their own possible advantage urge in opposition to that settlement.

SOME of those who oppose the settlement of the State debt base their opposition upon the ground that the people of the State can not stand a higher than the present rate of taxation.

high liquor license, will supply all the money that is needed for the settlement of the State debt, and a good deal more besides.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29, 1887. The late Vice-President Hendricks was a relative of Major Thomas P. Morgan, an ex-Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Among the recent arrivals here is that of General Mansur, a new congressman from Missouri. The General was opposed by an independent democrat, who tried to defeat him by arousing northern feeling against him, but failed signally.

A gentleman from Alexandria county, in the city to-day, being asked by the GAZETTE'S correspondent about affairs in his county, among other things, said the people were very busy getting in their spring crops of vegetables and small fruits.

Representative Lee, of the Alexandria district, had a much smaller reception on his arrival here to day than usual, only twenty-five people from his district meeting him at the depot this morning.

The Charleston party returned this morning, highly pleased with their treatment and with everything they saw and heard while on their trip.

Public printer Benedict says if any new people are put on the pay rolls of the government printing office, or any of the discharged ones reinstated, just so many of the present employees will have to lose their places.

Messrs. N. W. Howe and S. A. Elerson, of Richmond, are here for the purpose, it is said, of making large investments in real estate in this city.

A practical and experienced dredger, in talking to the GAZETTE'S correspondent about the reclamation of the flats off this city, said the weight of the made ground was so heavy that it was constantly forcing the mud beneath it into both the Washington and the Georgetown channels.

AN OFFICE seeker from Virginia was approached by an office-holder from his district in the Internal Revenue Bureau a short time ago, and told that for a consideration he would deliver his papers to the congressman from that district with whom he was on familiar terms.

Mr. Henry Wickham, of Virginia, was in the city yesterday. His father is a member of the joint legislative committee appointed to treat with Sir Edward Thornton for the settlement of the State debt.

ANDERSON, Ind., April 29.—Six tramps became engaged in a fight at the natural gas well near here yesterday. Two of them were pushed into the flames of the burning gas.

MONTREAL, April 29.—Reports from Medicine Hat say that the Blood Indians are becoming bold and are firing upon scouting parties of mounted police.

LETTER FROM RICHMOND.

RICHMOND, Va., April 28th, 1887.—Sir Edward Thornton has made a fine impression upon the legislators who have seen him this afternoon. But few have as yet extended to him a cordial hand shake.

I was talking to-day with a friend of Judge Blakey, of Essex, and he told me that he did not think that the legislature would have time to investigate the charges of drunkenness and embezzlement which have been made against the Judge.

There are several matters of importance to the people of Alexandria still pending before legislative committees.

The bill introduced in the House to-day by Mr. Webb, of Rockingham, to incorporate the Potomac and Alleghany Railroad and Improvement Company names as incorporated.

The Governor sent a message to the General Assembly, in which he stated that the object of the message was first, to call attention to the resignation of Judge John H. Fulton, of the Fifteenth judicial circuit.

In concluding the Governor says: "The highest court in this State having declared that a contract entered into by a former Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners on behalf of the State, and what is known as the Kendall Bank-Note Company was binding upon the State, and having affirmed judgment against the said Board of \$30,000 with interest, and a joint committee of investigation appointed by the Legislature of 1884 having reported that there was no reason or justification for a rescission of this contract with the said company, and as the debt pronounced valid by the Court of Appeals is accumulating at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, I express the opinion that the subject should be disposed of as soon as possible."

At six o'clock yesterday evening, Sir Edward Thornton and Mr. Braithwaite, and their secretary, Mr. Bouvier, left the Exchange and Ballard House and walked up to the Governor's Mansion.

And now, after these introductions, I am sure I represent Virginia when in her name I welcome within her borders the representatives of the Council of Foreign Bondholders, and say that she respects and confides, and on the other to your representative Virginians whose hearts best so strong for the peace and prosperity of the Commonwealth.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That a joint committee consisting of three members of the Senate and five of the House be appointed by the Senate and five of the House by the House, who shall be charged with the duty, first, of meeting with a commission from the Council of Foreign Bondholders and ascertaining what amount of the bonds of Virginia is owned or controlled by said Council of Foreign Bondholders; second, to demonstrate to said commission the inability of the people of the State to pay a redemption of the said bonds, and also to show what are the revenues and the necessary expenditures of the government and the available revenues for the payment of interest, and to point out to them that which addresses itself to their interest as well as to the interest of the State—and we bid you welcome to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On the first time in the many years of agitation touching the public debt the holders of Virginia securities have sought a conference with the representatives of the people of the Commonwealth.

Our actions, we trust, will all tend towards securing a settlement of this distressing and harassing question without increasing the present burden of taxation and within the boundaries laid down by the resolutions which are the chart for our guidance.

In the discharge of your duties we beg to assure you that every facility for inquiry into the exact condition of the financial affairs of the State, past and present, will be afforded you and nothing will be done by this committee to create a settlement just to the State, just to the creditor, and that will meet the cordial approval and support of all our people.

The committee are ready to receive any communication from you or to meet you at any time for conference.

Sir Edward Thornton gracefully expressed his thanks for the kind words of welcome that he had heard, and said that it gave him pleasure to meet the Executive of the State and the gentlemen composing the committee on the part of the Legislature, and that he hoped a satisfactory result would be the outcome of the conference.

Legislative.

In the State Senate yesterday a resolution authorizing the debt commission to employ a stenographer, and to allow them to sit during the sessions of the General Assembly was adopted and was subsequently communicated to the House and passed by that body also.

The bill to appropriate money to build a laundry, &c., at the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum, was reported.

A resolution was introduced inquiring into the expediency of passing a general law authorizing the trustees of school districts, under the order of the county or city court of the county or city in which the property is situated, to sell and convey unused school houses and property, and reinvest the same in school property, or cover the same into the treasury of the county to the credit of the district to which it belongs.

Mr. Meredith introduced a bill to relieve the treasurer of Prince William county.

The bill to establish and concerning public burying grounds in the magisterial districts of the State, which provides that the boards of supervisors of the various counties may construct public cemeteries—two in each district, one white and one colored—private lots to be sold by and cemeteries to be kept in order by the boards, was passed.

The bill to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts, by and with the consent of the Attorney General, to settle claims held by the Commonwealth against the sureties of defaulting officers, was also passed.

In the House of Delegates among the bills introduced was one by Mr. Downing, of Warren, to amend section 8 of chapter 248, Acts of 1885 '86, in relation to submitting the question of liquor license to the qualified voters of the several counties, corporations and magisterial districts.

Bills were also introduced to appropriate money to build a laundry, &c., at the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum; and to regulate the appointment of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute, and to amend certain sections of the act respecting the appointment of a new board.

The Governor sent a message to the General Assembly, in which he stated that the object of the message was first, to call attention to the resignation of Judge John H. Fulton, of the Fifteenth judicial circuit.

He also recommended that the Executive be clothed with power to remove or suspend, subject to the action of the Senate, any member or members of the Boards of Visitors of the institutions of the State.

The Governor called attention to the great importance of enacting a statute upon the subject of the depositories of public money. He says it would be wise if the Legislature would take this matter under consideration and designate, with the necessary safeguards, the depositories of public funds and the rate of interest to be charged thereon.

A Bold Robbery. A most audacious, desperate and successful train robbery occurred Monday on the west bound overland train on the Southern Pacific Railroad, near Tucson, Arizona.

The management of Mr. Cabell Maddux, is being completely renovated, newly painted, and numberless improvements added for the comfort and enjoyment of its many patrons.

During the week there has been a slight improvement noticeable in business circles, especially in the retail trade, and with settled weather it is probable there would be much more activity.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL. The market for beef cattle ranged as follows: Best..... \$5 25 to 6 75; Good..... 4 75 to 5 00; Medium..... 4 25 to 4 50; Ordinary..... 3 75 to 4 00.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE APRIL 29. Flour, fine..... \$3 00 @ 3 25; Superfine..... 3 25 @ 3 50; Extra..... 3 75 @ 4 00; Family..... 4 25 @ 4 75; Fancy brands..... 5 00 @ 5 50.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The stock market was steady to firm at the opening this morning, first prices generally showing gains of from 1/2 to 1/4 per cent. over last evening's final figures.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, April 28.—Cattle.—Prices of Beef Cattle ranged as follows: Best..... \$5 25 to 6 75; Good..... 4 75 to 5 00; Medium..... 4 25 to 4 50; Ordinary..... 3 75 to 4 00.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Elmira D. Slenker, of Snow Hill, Pulaski county, who has been arrested by Post-office inspectors and brought to Lynchburg for examination before the United States Commissioner charged with using the United States mails for distributing obscene literature, is widely known throughout the whole country.

The family of John Bragg, a farmer, living on Hatcher's Run, Dinwiddie county, were all poisoned Saturday by a colored servant girl, who put arsenic in the bread she baked that day.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage delivered the address before the annual meeting of the Bible Society of Virginia in Richmond last night. The meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge is pastor.

Gen. Phil Sheridan is making up a party of friends to take a long horseback ride down through the Valley of Virginia, the scene of his old cavalry exploits.

The Corporation Court of Petersburg was engaged yesterday in the trial of the cases of forty or more merchants who have tendered coupons in payment of licenses to carry on business.

Sir Edward Thornton and party arrived in Richmond yesterday evening and proceeded to the Exchange Hotel, where special accommodations had been prepared for them.

WARRENTON, Va., April 29.—The approaching month will be one of more than usual interest to the citizens of this township for the coming elections, which take place on the fourth Monday in May, are exciting a great deal of enthusiasm on all sides.

The White Sulphur Springs Hotel, under the management of Mr. Cabell Maddux, is being completely renovated, newly painted, and numberless improvements added for the comfort and enjoyment of its many patrons.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Cotton firm and uplands 10 1/2 to 11; Orleans 10 7/8; futures steady, flour and unchanged, wheat best, steady, and firm, pork steady at \$15 50/60; lard steady at \$7 35.

RICHMOND MARKET, April 28.—The market continues quiet, with light receipts of produce, and a few notes in quotations. The few sales noted on Change to-day were on private terms.

BALTIMORE SUGAR AND COFFEE MARKET, April 28.—Sugars.—The market for raw Sugars at the Northern ports is quiet and steady. There is no late business, owing to heavy importations by the buyers.

COFFEE.—The market for invoices is quiet and shows an exciting time during the week. Prices are about at the highest, though the feeling is buoyant, owing to a slight decline in options.

CATTLE MARKETS. BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, April 28.—Beef Cattle.—Prices of Beef Cattle ranged as follows: Best..... \$5 25 to 6 75; Good..... 4 75 to 5 00; Medium..... 4 25 to 4 50; Ordinary..... 3 75 to 4 00.

QUEENSTOWN CATTLE MARKET, April 28.—At Queenstown this week there were some 151 head of Cattle offered, with sales at prices ranging from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 per lb. 837 Sheep and Lambs were packed and shipped for export.

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PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, APRIL 29, 1887. Sun rises..... 5 7 1/2; Sun sets..... 6 48; Moon rises..... 11 15; Moon sets..... 11 15.

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