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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 1.

THE WASHINGTON *Star*, in alluding to the injurious effect the unsettled condition of the Virginia debt has had, and is having, upon the State, says: "But it is not generally believed that the repudiators speak for the great body of Virginians." They certainly do not for the great body of intelligent white Virginians, for such men are aware of the harm attempted repudiation has done their State, and know that almost any settlement would be better for her than none at all. The democratic party in Virginia accepted the Riddleberger bill, but with the understanding that it should be sustained by the courts. But the highest court in the land having rendered that bill null and void, all further attempts to enforce it must, therefore, be utterly void; and wise democrats know this as well as any body else. The legislature, at its recent session, having refused to accept the terms of settlement offered by the creditors, should have submitted those terms to the people at next fall's election. Virginians would then have had an opportunity of telling the world whether or not they are really in favor of repudiating their State debt.

AN INSPECTION of the returns of the county and town elections held in this State last week shows that wherever the democrats were divided the republicans were united, and succeeded in electing their candidates. In many counties the democrats had no regularly nominated tickets two, and sometimes three, of their party being candidates for the same office. In all such cases the republicans voted to a man for their own candidate, and, of course, elected him. Such action on the part of the democrats not only invited defeat, but, by engendering dissentions and ill feeling in their party, weakened it for the hard campaign it has to go through next fall. Discipline and marked lines are as essential to success in politics as in war.

A COLORED Baptist preacher from New Orleans, while speaking at a Baptist anniversary in Minneapolis last week, accused his white brethren of the South of hating and persecuting his race. Rev. Dr. Dickinson, of Richmond, who was present, instantly pronounced the accusation false, and proved that it is by patent facts, and then proceeded to show how such groundless accusations naturally tend to withdraw from the colored Baptists of the South the moral and material support of their white brethren, of which they stand so much in need. The evil effects of the blind leading the blind were never more glaringly illustrated than in the case of the negroes of the South and their shepherds.

MR. RATHBONE, who has recently been appointed consul general to Paris, an office worth at least fifteen thousand dollars a year, is such a negative democrat that many, even of his home acquaintances, did not know, until he was appointed, that he had ever been a democrat. The idea of the present administration seems to be that democrats are so enamored of their party that they will cheerfully submit to anything in order to be permitted to continue their allegiance to it. But, unfortunately for the party, democrats are subject to the same emotions that affect other and less patriotic people.

THE STATE democratic committee has determined to call a State democratic convention, and Mr. Barbour, its chairman, is in favor of such a convention being held in August. Gov. Lee and others of the party are opposed to a convention this summer. Well, convention or no convention, unless something be done to consolidate the party, dispel its dissatisfaction, if not disaffection, and revive, stimulate, and enthuse it for next fall's campaign, it goes without saying that it will enter that campaign with no very bright prospect of success. Providence helps those who help themselves.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has permitted his wife to make a pilgrimage to the grave of John Brown, and, the newspaper accounts say, she was delighted with the visit, and brought a flower away from the mound as a souvenir. It will be remembered that he refused to allow her to visit the Governor's mansion, in Richmond, lest she should meet there the daughter of ex-President Jefferson Davis.

IN VIEW of the fact that the Alexandria Light Infantry scored 612 5 points out of a possible 820, and that they stood 12 in a class of 30 companies at the recent national drill at Washington, why their drilling should be singled out as the especial object of adverse criticism, and that, too, at their own home, is something for which there is no good reason.

MR. BLAINE, as late as yesterday, said he had never felt sure that he was not elected President in 1884. But there are many other things about which Mr. Blaine is not sure, though every body else is; the Mulligan letters, for instance.

"Cigarette smoking is doing more injury to the eyes than anything I know of," said an optician recently.

Sixteen million dollars is the comfortable sum in the possession of a patent medicine man in this country who fifteen years ago was a plain, ordinary every day peddler.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alexa. GAZETTE]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1, 1887.

A gentleman from the lower end of the Northern Neck of Virginia, here to-day, says the late rains have not been advantageous to the hay crop of that section, to which the farmers thereof now pay considerable attention. He says that more hay has been brought there by the steamboats this spring than ever before, as stock raising has also increased there, and as the hay and fodder crops last year were short. He also says the grocery trade of that region, which of recent years had gone to Baltimore, has now in great part returned to Alexandria, the merchants of which city keep it well drummed, and can afford to deliver the same class of goods cheaper than their Baltimore rivals. In talking about the condition of the section of Virginia referred to, he said its future might be prosperous, but he was afraid such a future was a long way off. Most of the land is rented by tenant farmers, who only cultivate the best land, which they have worn out by continual use, no rest and no fertilizers. The few prosperous men there, he says, were the overseers and tenants of the former land owners, some of whom now own the plantations and live in the houses of their old employers, who have become poor and are growing poorer, as the profits of the land they still own will not allow them to pay the high wages now demanded by farm hands, who by one or two day's work at oystering can make enough money to support them for a week.

Ex-representative Barbour, of Virginia, is disposed to look upon the recent town and county elections in his State as decidedly favorable to the maintenance of democratic control of the State government. There were considerable gains he says in doubtful counties, and hardly any losses where the democrats were well organized and had regularly nominated tickets. Mr. Barbour, as previously stated in this correspondence, is in favor of holding a State convention of the party next August, and agrees with the GAZETTE that the apportionment of voters to delegates should be increased, so that the number of delegates may be smaller and none be chosen except those who intend to take an active part in the proceedings, and matters to be determined may be patiently who are willing to spend two or three days at the convention if necessary, and so that the and deliberately considered, which it would be almost impossible to do in such a crowd as usually composes a democratic State convention.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, left here this morning for Richmond. The Senator, in a conversation with a friend yesterday, said he was well satisfied with the result of the recent elections in his State, and thought they indicated that a strong effort next fall on the part of the democrats would secure the election of a democratic legislature. The Senator thinks Mr. Cleveland has made a good President and will be renominated.

The Second Comptroller of the Treasury has decided to disallow all bills for wine, liquor and cigars contracted for the entertainment of the board of visitors to the naval academy at Annapolis, and, it is understood, will do the same with similar bills at West Point.

Quite a large party left here this morning for Fredericksburg, to attend the wedding of Mr. B. H. Warner, president of the Columbia Bank, and engaged in an extensive business as a real estate agent in this city, and Miss Mary Hamilton Phillips, daughter of A. K. Phillips, of Fredericksburg, and grand daughter of the late Hamilton Rogers, of Loudoun county, Virginia. Among the party were Messrs. Biscoe, president of the Virginia democratic association of this city, Mr. Luttrell, and several other well known Virginians.

The interstate commerce commission has received a communination from G. S. Baskerville, of Dublin, Va., complaining that the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company are making unreasonable charges. In support of his complaint he forwards a freight receipt showing, as he alleges, that the company made a charge for 100 pounds on a 10 pound package.

Sir Edward Thornton, who is still here, says he has no ground to hope that the U. S. Government will pay any portion of the Virginia debt.

Charges have been brought against the personal character of Dr. Thompson, colored, appointed by the President U. S. Minister to Hayti.

The Death of Col. Austin Smith.

To the editor of The Charleston News and Courier:

An item appeared in your paper to-day under the heading "Cream of the Mails," in which the following statement is made in reference to Col. Austin Smith, son of the late ex-Governor Smith, of Virginia: "Austin Smith, the great bowie-knife fighter, was killed at the battle of Seven Pines." Please allow me to correct this mistake. Col. Smith was killed at the battle of Gaines's Farm the second of the seven days around Richmond. He was on General Whiting's staff, whose division led the advance of Jackson's corps in the attack on McClellan's rear and whose charge broke through Fitz John Porter's lines of defence on Friday afternoon and dislodged him, though I observe that one of our doughty generals has recently tried to claim his laurels. A more courteous or kindly gentleman than Col. Smith I never knew. As an instance of his considerate kindness I may mention the following: I was a private in the Hampton Legion Cavalry and a courier with General Whiting when Colonel Smith was killed. On the night before I reached our bivouac at Topotomy Creek at dark without a blanket. Col. Smith observing it insisted on sharing his with me, and we slept together, heads in saddles, till 4 o'clock in the morning, when his servant led up his favorite horse, a light dappled grey, a magnificent animal, dead lame. After examining him he told the servant to saddle another horse, and turning to me, with a disturbed look, said: "Fairly, that's a bad omen; I will be killed to-day." "Oh, no," I said; "on the contrary, I think it fortunate you can't ride the gray to-day; on him you would have been a conspicuous mark for every sharpshooter; you will be safer on the other horse." But, alas! his premonition was verified. That day the gallant gentleman fell, shot through the shoulder, and died before the morning of the next day, lamented by everybody who knew him. Of him might we truly say with Sir Ector: "He was the meekest man and the gentlest that ever ate in hall with ladies, and he was the sternest knight to his mortal foe that ever put lance in rest."

JOHN S. FAIRLY.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 26.

A TOUGH STORY.—A story is published to the effect that a colored convict escaped at Louisville, Ky., a few days ago, and immediately sought the woods. He had not more than reached them before he was unfortunate enough to come upon a party of men playing cards. It was a small limit, and there was $50 reward offered for the criminal. One man laid down three jacks, another three queens, another three aces, and a fourth a full hand, and fell in pursuit of the criminal. They captured him, divided the money, raised the limit and proceeded with their game.

LONDON LAWYERS.—I suppose that there are black sheep in all the professions, but really the legal flock seems to contain more than its fair proportion. In two days last week no fewer than five solicitors were struck off the roll by order of the court. Two of these gentlemen by act of Parliament had been sentenced to penal servitude for forgery or embezzlement; another was pronounced by the court guilty of embezzlement, and the other two had failad to account for funds entrusted to them.—*London Truth.*

VIRGINIA NEWS.

H. R. Pollard, of King and Queen county, was defeated for the office of Commonwealth's attorney of that county by seventeen votes.

Under a decree of the Richmond Chancery Court the Gallego Mills property in that city will be offered at public auction again on the 16th of June.

The slate-pencil factory in Albemarle county is very successful, the profits being good and employment given to a large number of people. The quarry from which the slate is taken is within a few feet of the factory.

Tom McDonough, a well-known character about the docks in Richmond, lost his life Monday night as the result of a bet that he could not swim across the dock. Some of McDonough's companions in a bar-room bet him four drinks of whisky that he could not accomplish the feat. He accepted the wager, and, accompanied by a crowd, went the water and jumped in. When about two-thirds across McDonough went down and never appeared again.

Rev. H. Melville Jackson delivered the address on the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial window of the Pegram battalion at the Confederate Chapel, in Richmond, yesterday evening. His theme was "Religion an Element of Strength in the Soldierly Character." Closing, Mr. Jackson said: "I charge the historian of these times that he shall not fail to tell future ages that the Southern soldier was a Christian warrior. He was irresistible because his faith was in God and in the justice of his cause."

A Boulanger Demonstration.

There was a brilliant assemblage at the military fete at the Opera House in Paris last night. General Boulanger was absent. While the company was assembling thousands of persons gathered in the vicinity of the Opera House, shouting "Resignation! Resignation!" "Long live Boulanger!" "We will have him!" &c. At 11 p. m. the crowd outside had greatly increased in numbers, and had become so turbulent that the republican guard which was held in readiness in the court-yard of the Opera House was ordered out to disperse the mob, which task was accomplished amid volleys of hisses from the crowd. At midnight the crowd began to reassemble, and was soon much larger than before, and it seemed that there would be a riotous demonstration when the guests departed from the Opera House. All the streets from the Madelaine and the Faubourg St. Honore to the Elysee were guarded by soldiers. There was also a large force of police on duty. It was at one time rumored that a mob was marching to the Elysee Palace, a crowd having crossed the Place de La Bourse shouting "Vive Boulanger."

During the night cries of "A l'Elysee" were raised by the crowd, and fully one thousand young men formed a procession and marched at a swinging pace in the direction of the palace, shouting as they went, "We want Boulanger." Before they arrived at the Elysee, however, two strong bodies of police suddenly appeared and easily dispersed them. The palace is strongly guarded by police, and nobody was allowed to loiter in the neighborhood. No arrests have been necessary.

At 2 a. m. fifty policemen were stationed at the British embassy. The troops and police prevented rioting. The people dispersed, and the city was quiet.

HOW FOOLISH NEGROES HARM THEIR OWN RACE.—At the Baptist anniversaries in progress in Minneapolis last week, Rev. Mr. Jackson, a prominent colored Baptist pastor of New Orleans, spoke from the persecution his race has received of their white brethren, and of their hatred of their colored brethren.

Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of Richmond, Va., arose and said he wished here and now to pronounce the statements of the colored brother false. Continuing, Dr. Dickinson said: "There is no man living, I might claim, who has had better opportunities of knowing how the white Baptists of the South feel towards their colored brethren than myself, and I tell you they are as friendly to this race as are you white Baptists of the North. Think of it, when emancipation came and you took charge of this race you found half a million of them Baptists—converted and baptized in slavery times largely through the faithful prayer and toil of the southern whites. Since the war we have not done all we might have done for the religious culture of the negro, and one reason of it is to be found in just such speeches as this colored man has made here to-day. What he has said will do harm here at the North and it will do harm in the South, where Baptists do not enjoy being put in a fa'se position."

Rev. Mr. Jackson: "I do not mean that we are persecuted much to day. There has been improvement, but the most the white Baptists of the South can claim is that they are doing nothing. I who stand before you to day have stood on the block alongside of my wife and been sold to the highest bidder, and I can never forget the cruelty of the whites of the South to my race."

The President of the Society: "I need not tell you that Dr. Dickinson is a warm friend of our work in the South, and his paper has been unwavering in its advocacy of every effort to elevate the colored people, and he has proven a true friend to us and to our Southern missionaries."

Dr. Dickinson: "It is my desire to help you and these colored people that lead me to protest against such misrepresentations of Southern whites. They are not caring much what you say about them—they have gotten use to being misrepresented—but it does harm in many ways and gives us too good an excuse for withholding the aid we might give the colored brother."

Opposed to a Convention.

Gov. Lee, when asked by a Richmond *State* reporter for his opinion as to the propriety of calling a State convention of the democratic party, said yesterday: "I understand that the democratic State central committee decided when they last met in Richmond that a State convention should be called. I suppose now the only way not to have the convention would be for the committee to reconsider their action. It would be perfectly agreeable to me to have the matter decided by those who have control of it. From advices which I have received, however, from all parts of the State the necessity for calling a convention is not apparent, and I think the committee would so determine if they had assembled after the adjournment of the legislature, instead of during the early part of the session. At that time the party was somewhat divided—a portion was drifting towards repudiation, another portion going in for paying the last dollar of the debt if an increase of taxation had to be resorted to, and some of them were almost willing to pay in coupons in order to bring about such a result; while still another portion occupied a conservative middle ground, and were in favor of standing upon the Riddleberger settlement or something approximating it. Since the failure of the debt negotiations the differences which existed in the party in the main have disappeared after the propositions made by the legislative committee to the representatives of the council of foreign bondholders were rejected, and which embraced what the State could really pay without interfering with the welfare of her schools and the appropriations to her wounded and disabled soldiers," &c. "The outlook," concluded the Governor, "as far as I can see, points to a united and harmonious democracy next fall, and that means victory. I do not, therefore, see how a convention can improve the present condition of the party. It might disturb it."

POSTSCRIPT

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Execution of a Murderer.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 1.—George H. Disque, the wife murderer, suffered the extreme penalty of the law in the western corridor of the Hudson county jail, Jersey City, a few minutes after ten o'clock this morning. The condemned man maintained his fortitude to the last. The following is a story of the crime for which he was punished: About 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, October 6, 1885, the wife of Policeman Michael Desmond, who occupied the lower floor of the house in which Disque lived, heard the latter quarreling with his wife. Then came the sound of a heavy fall, after which all was still. About half an hour later Disque came down stairs dressed in his best. He met Mrs. Desmond's little girl in the hallway. "For God's sake, Kitty," said he, "take care of Carrie and Annie until I come back." The girl promised to look out for the two children, who were playing in the yard. Disque never returned. It was 3:50 o'clock that afternoon when Disque walked into the Hoboken police station. Roundsman Peter Jacobus was in charge and greeted Disque pleasantly. "I've had a fight with my wife, Pete," said Disque. "She took a stool and a knife to me, and I cut her throat. I cut it good, too. I guess she's dead. Here's the key to my room, you had better see about it." Officers Kaiser and Nelson were sent to Disque's home. They found Officer Desmond, who had been awakened by his wife, peering through the keyhole of Disque's room. The door was opened and a frightful sight was revealed. Lying on the floor in a pool of blood lay Mrs. Disque's body. Her throat had been cut from ear to ear in three distinct gashes. The dead woman's ten-months-old baby had crawled to the side of the body and was patting its childish hands in the mother's blood as it cooed in vain for the smile which till then had always greeted it's approach. In the adjoining bedroom were found Disque's bloodstained suit and undergarments, the bloody water in which he had washed his hands and the keen bladed knife with which the deed was done. Both rooms gave evidence of the woman's desperate struggle for life. Her hands were cut to the bone where the knife had been drawn through her fingers, and bloody finger marks on her hair showed how her head had been drawn back to slaughter her. The remains were photographed, and the pictures formed an important link in the chain of evidence, upon which he was convicted. He was sentenced to be hanged March 26th, but upon a writ of error being secured, the execution was postponed. Last April the Supreme Court affirmed the judgment against him and he was sentenced to be hanged to-day. Twelve years ago the father of Disque died in the arms of his friend Heentze, who has since become sheriff. This morning the sheriff was compelled to officiate at the execution of his old friend's son. Disque during the past few days, showed but little concern over the fate which awaited him. He ate hearty meals, slept regularly and chatted brightly with his keepers. His last request was that as few persons as possible should be admitted to the execution. He refused to see his mother last week, as he believed the shock of the sad parting would kill her. His little son visited him daily while he was in prison, but his wife's relatives refused to allow his daughter to see him. His body will be cremated. He made a full confession to the Rev. Mr. Meury. In speaking of his crime he said: "I am sorry for it of course, but I really remember nothing about it. That day seems like a dream to me."

Foreign News.

HAMBURG, June 1.—A great fire broke out at nine o'clock last night in the Strand. The Huebener Quays were speedily destroyed. Six large sheds were next gutted. The flames communicated to two British vessels, the City of Dortmund and the Gladiator, and destroyed them. The masts and rigging of many other vessels lying at the docks were burned. At one o'clock this morning the fire had spread over an area of about 300 by 400 yards. By four o'clock the flames were under control and not likely to spread further. It is not known whether there was any loss of life. The damage will be immense, reaching, it is estimated several million marks.

LONDON, June 1.—Twelve hundred coal miners at Bachmut, Russia, who are out on strike, attempted to rob a brewery owned by a firm of Englishmen. Fifty English workmen attached to the brewery mounted horses and resisted the attack of the strikers. During the fight which occurred three of the workmen were killed. Many of the strikers who are all Russians have been arrested. The conflict was ended before military aid arrived.

The president of the Cambridge University boat club publishes a letter addressed to the students of the University in which he says that the college clubs seem disinclined to subscribe toward paying the expenses of sending the Cambridge crew to America for the purpose of rowing against the Harvard University crew. He therefore appeals to individual members of the University to assist in raising the necessary amount He urges the importance of the proposed race and says: "We ought to initiate such contests with the American college, as they would be sure to draw the two institutions into closer relations. Nothing but good can result from such meetings."

The Sultan of Turkey has ceded the Island of Cyprus to England.

PERNAMBUCO, June 1.—Several warehouses here and 25,000 bales of cotton have been destroyed by fire.

Mr. Sherman's Speech.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 1.—Senator Sherman, on invitation of the legislature of Illinois, this afternoon addressed the members of that body and an assemblage of republican politicians from all sections, and citizens and ladies, on the political questions of the day. His text was: "The principles and tendencies of the two great political parties." This led him to review at some length the position of the two parties before and during the civil war. He reviewed at some length the relations of the two parties to legislation since the war and the political results in the nation. Referring to existing issues, he said: "The future opens before us an infinite variety of questions which will turn on the extent of national authority. The revenues must be reduced. This the republican party did many times since the war. * * * Nearly all the articles except sugar, from which a large revenue is derived, are articles of luxury, mainly consumed by the rich. A protective tariff has been placed on sugar for the benefit of the sugar planters of Louisiana, but we now propose as one means of reducing the surplus revenue to largely reduce this tax, and as a protection of sugar growers some propose to pay out of the duties on sugar a bounty for the home production of all kinds from cane or beet or sorghum. This policy of protection has been extended to the products of the farm, the yield of the mines, as well as the fabrics of the mechanic and the manufacturer. In this the levying of taxes is made the means of national growth and development nearly trebling in 20 years our domestic manufactures, and at the same time by competition reducing prices. Mr. Sherman undertook to defend the republican notion of protective tariff, and concluded as follows: "The Southern people taunt us with waving the bloody shirt, we believe they wave the confederate flag. Jefferson Davis says they 'are now baring their breasts for the rights they fought for.'"

Differences Settled.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 1.—The difference between the millers and coopers has been practically settled. A conference was held last evening at the rooms of the miller's association and the situation received full and fair discussion, which resulted in an agreement being reached on the basis of 38c for elm and 38½c for oak barrels which is based on 15 cents for making and the present price of stock. The agreement takes effect July 1 and will bind all of the mills and all of the shops not now under contract. The result is regarded as a practical solution of the coopers' trouble and was hailed with satisfaction by all members of the craft in the city.

Pleuro-Pneumonia.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 1.—The legislative committee which has been investigating the pleuro-pneumonia outbreak in Cook county, heard a great deal of testimony from all sides yesterday and last evening, and announced that a bill will be reported. It will be an amendment of the law which passed last month, extending the powers of the live stock board. The proposed amendments will be in the line of the recommendations of the federal veterinary expert, Prof. Law, extending the 30-day limit of the governor's quarantine, and prohibiting cattle not only moving into and out of the quarantined district, but prohibiting any movement within the district.

Mysterious Death.

NEW YORK, June 1.—Virginia Kelly, a colored woman, occupying a furnished room in a tenement house in the rear of a foundry at No. 226 west 30th street, gave a party last night, at which Matthew Norwood, also colored, was a guest. This morning he was found lying dead beneath his window, clutching a woman's sacque in his lifeless hand. The police think he was thrown from the room, which is in the third story. The woman professes she does not know how he met his death.

Fire.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 1.—A fire broke out about two o'clock this morning in the rear of Laubenstein's block, Collinsville, which was totally destroyed, together with Barbour & Smith's block. Three stores, four saloons, two tailor shops, a drug store, a jeweler's shop and one family were burned out, also the Knights of Pythias Lodge rooms. The total loss is estimated at $35,000; insurance $20,000.

Trial of a Train Wrecker.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 1.—The trial of Dennis Noonan, on the charge of train wrecking, began yesterday before the Criminal Court. He is charged with taking out a rail on March 30, 1886, causing a Missouri Pacific freight train to run off the track, wrecking several cars. He was shot by a policeman while running away, but escaped and went to California.

Strange Disease.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., June 1.—A strange disease, communicated by contact, has caused a dreadful havoc in DeWitt county. It is believed to have been communicated from imported French stallions, and is said to be common in France. It was first noticed in DeWitt county, in 1885. Forty mares have died from it and many are now ill. Nine stallions are here under treatment.

Dunkards.

EATON, O., June 1.—The national annual conference of the German Baptist, better known as Dunkard or Tunker, church is in session on the farm of Jos. Furray, near here. The attendance is very large, at least 10,000 people being on the grounds viewing the peculiar doings of these people.

Brutal Murder.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, June 1.—A brutal murder is reported from Montreal, a colony near Whitewood. Settlers found the body of Samuel Poole, formerly of London, Ont., tied by the neck to a tree about 100 yards from his house with his head smashed and his face disfigured.

Proved an Alibi.

AUSTIN, Tex., June 1.—Joe Barbour, arrested for train robbery and supposed to be the ringleader in the McNeill Station affair, has proved by reliable witnesses that on the day of the robbery at 6 o'clock in the afternoon he was at Florence, about 40 miles from McNeill.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Treasury estimates that the public debt has decreased $10,000,000 during May.

The shipments from the mines of the Cumberland coal region for the week ended Saturday, May 28, 1887, were 64,429 tons.

A large eight story brick storage warehouse of irregular shape, situated in the block bounded by King, Charlton, West and Washington streets, New York, with its contents of cotton, rags, wine and general merchandise, was almost entirely consumed by fire last night. The loss is difficult to estimate, but present calculation places it at anywhere from $250,000 to $300,000.

Correspondence has recently passed between the Secretary of State and the British minister on the subject of the immigration of Irish crofters whose transportation expenses it is currently reported are met by the English government. Secretary Bayard has intimated to the British minister that the sending of paupers to this country by the British government would be regarded as an unfriendly act.

Prof. Charles Siedhorf and his wife, Matilda, aged 91 and 92 years, respectively, tired of a long and futile struggle with destitution, committed suicide yesterday at Union Hill, N. J. The aged couple were to have been taken to the poor house yesterday, but rather than submit to this they took cyanide of potassium. The professor was formerly a lecturer on chemistry and electricity. He left several rambling letters.

THE AFGHAN REVOLT.—Telegrams from Merv confirm the statement that English engineers are actively fortifying Heret.—Walls and trenches are being strengthened, and redoubts built to resist artillery. The Afghans are displaying hatred of the English, and the Ameer has been obliged to appoint military officials to protect the men on the works. The aim of the English authorities is to enable a garrison of 10,000 men at Herat to withstand a siege for ninety days.

News has reached Merv from Herat that the Ghilzais have defeated a thousand of the Ameer's regular troops and captured five guns and considerable baggage. Dahernell, the commander of the Ameer's forces, was captured and beheaded. The inhabitants of the province of Herat and of the adjoining districts are greatly excited over the success of the revolted tribe, and, it is stated, are ready to join the Ghilzais.

Taxation in Wilmington, Del.

WILMINGTON, Del. June 1.—City Council last night fixed the tax rate for the coming fiscal year at $1.70 on the hundred dollars. This is the highest on record, and is necessitated by last year's deficiency. The city assessment is $30,816,883.

DIED.

On Tuesday, May 31, at 11:30 a. m., at the residence of her husband, 56 south St. Asaph street, JULIA ANN FRANCIS, wife of Emanuel Francis. ☞ Funeral at 4 p. m. Thursday. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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SLEEVELESS VESTS, from 25c to $1, for ladies, at
my12 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

HOME-MADE OVERALLS, Jumpers and Heavy Cheviot Shirts at
feb16 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

ANOTHER INVOICE OF STRAINED HONEY received to-day by
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NEW RAISINS, NUTS, ORANGES, LEMONS, &c., &c., just received by
nov30 J. C. MILBURN.

10 BBLS NEW HOMINY and HOMINY GRITS just received by
nov23 J. C. MILBURN.

STRICTLY PURE GROUND SPICES received to-day by
dec13 J. C. MILBURN.

FINE ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA just received by
ap12 J. C. MILBURN.

FRESH ITALIAN MACARONI, Breakfast Hominy and New York Beans just received.
oct20 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

STRICTLY PURE CIDER VINEGAR, extra strength, for pickling, for sale by
sep13 J. C. MILBURN.

TERRA COTTA 1, 2, 3 and 4-gal. COVERED BUTTER JARS. A very desirable article, at
feb15 E. J. MILLER, SON & CO'S.

CHLORITE, an elegant preparation for chapped hands and lips, for sale by
jan7 J. D. H. LUNT.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, nice Xmas presents for adults and children, from 10c to $1, at
dec23 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

BUTTER—Choice fresh Virginia, New York and Creamery Butter just received by
ap28 J. C. MILBURN.

A FULL LINE OF THE 50-Ct. SLAYMAKER CORSETS at
sep27 A. B. SLAYMAKER'S.

SILK CLOCKED BLACK HALF HOSE, Heavy and Fine, at
nov24 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

POTTED MEATS—Ham, Beef, Tongue, Turkey, Chicken, Duck and Game.
aug10 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

MISSOURI HAMS—If you have not bought one don't fail to go McBURNEY'S STORE and get one. They are simply grand. ap11

SATISFACTION TOBACCO received to-day direct from the factory, and for sale low by
jy23 J. C. MILBURN.

SUGAR-CURED HAMS, SHOULDERS AND BREAKFAST PIECES, choice, just received by
ap6 J. C. MILBURN.

EXTRA CHOICE NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES and SUGAR received direct and for sale by
jan5 J. C. MILBURN.

RHEUMATISM CURED BY DR. MITCHELL'S Celebrated Rheumatism Plaster, for sale by
ap11 W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

100 DOZEN NANTICOKE TOMATOES, very fine goods, just received by
nov23 J. C. MILBURN.

BOYS' EXTRA SIZED HEAVY RIBBED HOSE, 9 and 9½; 12½c at
nov6 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

CHOICE MACKEREL and POTOMAC ROE HERRING for sale by
feb24 J. C. MILBURN.