



ALEXANDRIA. SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 25.

AMONG THE most important agencies in building up a city are its schools. We fear our people do not appreciate this as fully as they should, and it may not be amiss to say a few words to them on the subject.

FROM WASHINGTON. (Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25, 1887.

Secretary Fairchild this afternoon telegraphed to all assistant treasurers directing the payment of July interest checks and coupons upon presentation.

Colonel Lamont and Mrs. Cleveland arrived in the city at 9:30 o'clock this morning and proceeded direct to the White House. Mrs. Cleveland is in the best of health and is enthusiastic over the pleasant time spent among her school friends in New York.

Signal Corps station at Kitty Hawk, N. C., reports the two-masted schooner Rachel H. Collins in distress abreast of Bodys Island. Her rudder is gone.

Secretary Fairchild has denied an application for an allowance of drawback on boards planned on one side on the general ground that such boards are not manufactured articles within the meaning of Section 3,019, U. S., regulating allowances for drawbacks.

Secretary Fairchild has addressed a circular letter to importers of steel wire rods stating the claim of the American Iron and Steel Association that importations of steel wire rods smaller than No. 5 wire grade should be classified for duty at the rate of 1 1/2 cents per pound as "steel wire," and saying that if the importing interests desire to be heard on that question, they will be given an opportunity to do so any time after July 7th next.

Pension Fraud. As stated in yesterday's GAZETTE, Dr. R. N. Mills and John Ludlow, two attorneys of Elmira, N. Y., were arrested by agents of the Pension Office in Virginia on Thursday for defrauding the Government out of a large amount of pension money as agents for Francis Patterson, of Elmira, better known as "Blind Patterson."

CLOSING EXERCISES. ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY. A very large and appreciative audience filled Lannon's Opera House last evening, the occasion being the 54th annual commencement of St. John's Academy.

The principal next introduced Hon. Charles E. Stuart, Speaker of the House of Delegates of Virginia, as the representative of the University in the absence of Capt. Kemper, chairman of the local committee, who is in California on official business.

THE OVER-FEEDING OF INFANTS.—From some inquiries recently made at the Philadelphia Hospital we learned that of sixty-six foundlings received during four years into that institution, thirty-five died within the first year.

DEATH OF AN EX-ATTORNEY GENERAL. LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 25.—Gen. James Speed, whose serious illness was announced in these dispatches several weeks ago, died at 3:15 a. m., at his home, in this county.

A MOTHER'S TERRIBLE DEED. EDINBURGH, June 25.—Mrs. Leckie, wife of a Presbyterian minister at Airth, near Grangeonmouth, County of Stirling, Scotland, in a fit of temporary insanity last night, cut the throats of her three children and then her own.

INCORPORATED. NEW YORK, June 25.—The Danville Ice Company filed a certificate of incorporation in the county clerk's office to day. Its capital is \$50,000. It proposes to manufacture ice at Danville, Va.

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED. BALTIMORE, June 25.—John Thomas Ross, colored, convicted of the murder of Emily Brown, white, whose body was sold by him to the Medical University, was today sentenced to be hanged.

LONDON STOCK MARKET. LONDON, June 25.—The London stock markets are calm. It is the general feeling in the markets that the worst in the New York Stock Exchange has passed.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.—The Catoctin Iron Company, at Frederick, Md., yesterday went into the hands of Thomas Gorsuch, who filed bond for \$100,000 as receiver.

THE SECRETARY OF THE Treasury has appointed Jas. M. Porter storekeeper and gauger for the fourth Virginia district.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL. NEW YORK, June 25.—The stock market opened tame but generally firm. There are some buying orders for London being received.

NEW YORK, June 25.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, \$1,270,725; Loans, decrease, \$884,400; Specie, decrease, \$482,300; Legal tenders, decrease, \$1,586,000; Deposits, decrease, \$3,192,700; Circulation, increase, \$48,800.

BALTIMORE, June 24.—Virginia 6s consolidated 35; past-due coupons —; 10-40s —; new 3s — bid to day.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, June 25.—There are no features of interest to report in flour, transactions are principally confined to the near wants of the retail dealers.

BALTIMORE, June 24.—Cotton dull; middling 11 1/2. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat—Southern nominally steady; red 85 1/2; amber 84 1/2; No 1 Maryland 86 bid; Western easier and dull; No 2 winter red spot 85 1/2; July 84 1/2; Aug 83 1/2; Sept 84 1/2.

CHICAGO, June 25, 11 a. m.—Wheat opened a shade weaker at 70 for July, and is now quoted at 69 1/2; 69 1/2; Corn weaker; July 35 1/2; July oats 25 1/2; July Lard \$6 30; July ribs \$7 20.

PERRY'S HARNESS OIL SOAP. Three sizes—3 1/2, 50 and 25c sizes; the finest article in the world for harness. For sale by W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

WROUGHT SPIKES FOR BRIDGE AND BOAT BUILDERS at 85 King, corner of Royal street. An assortment of sizes for sale cheap to close out. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

NEW VALENCIA AND DAHESA TABLE RAISINS, New Currants, French Prunes, Jamaica Oranges and Malaga Lemons just received. GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

NEW EASY LAWN MOWERS, Garden Hoes, Rakes, Trowels, Ladies' Garden Scis, Grass Cutters and all other seasonable goods at lowest cash prices. JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, Alexandria, Va.

PAINT YOUR OWN BUGGY—Just received the following new line of Coaches: Olive Fonce, Ponceau, Ecarrlate, and Jet Coach Black. Call for sample. For sale by J. T. CREIGHTON & CO.

COFFEES—We do not sell package Coffees; sell only pure Coffees, freshly roasted and ground at our store. J. C. MILBURN.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SCYTHES, Hay Rakes, Scythe Stones, &c., at wholesale and retail by J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

CHOICE FLORIDA ORANGES and FANCY MESSINA LEMONS just received by mh14 J. C. MILBURN.

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

FRESH ITALIAN MACARONI, Breakfast Ham and New York Beans just received. GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

NEW RAISINS, NUTS, ORANGES, LEMONS, &c., &c., just received by J. C. MILBURN.

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

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

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

POSTSCRIPT. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. Fire and Supposed Loss of Life. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 25.—Fire broke out last night at eleven o'clock and totally destroyed the large brick block, corner of Bay and Clay streets, occupied by Clark & Loftus, furniture; Watson & Co., drugs, and Sable Bro's., leather. The loss on the building and stock is fifty thousand dollars; insurance about thirty thousand dollars.

Killed by a Train. MEXICO, Mo., June 25.—Three men horribly mangled were brought into the city last evening by the Wabash express. Two were dead and one was dying. The men were walking along the Chicago and Alton track which parallels the Wabash, and stepping over on the latter to avoid a Chicago & Alton train, they were struck from behind by a Wabash train, which they did not see approaching and two were killed.

To Celebrate the Death of his Wife. RACINE, Wis., June 25.—A sensation was caused here yesterday by the issuance by an ex-Alderman and prominent citizen of this city of 150 invitations for the celebration on Sunday next of the death of his wife. The lady died last spring. It is reported that the man has bought \$50 worth of fire works to be used in the "celebration." A commission has been appointed by the county judge to examine into his mental condition.

The Thistle Victorious. GLASGOW, June 25.—The Thistle won the prize in the race to day, covering the course in 4 hours, 6 minutes and 45 seconds. The time of the Irex was 4 hours, 15 minutes and 45 seconds. During the contest the Irex got to the windward of the Thistle and rounded the first flag boat two minutes ahead. The Thistle, however, quickly regained the lead and won.

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Mine Disaster. VIRGINIA, Nev., June 25.—A rescuing party has managed to reach the 400-foot level, where the recent explosion occurred. They found five miners dead. They had evidently been asphyxiated while endeavoring to escape.

London Stock Market. LONDON, June 25.—The London stock markets are calm. It is the general feeling in the markets that the worst in the New York Stock Exchange has passed.

The Genesta. LONDON, June 25.—A steamship reports having seen the Genesta off Portland Bill, Isle of Portland, Dorsetshire at 8 a. m. to-day.

Denial. VIENNA, June 25.—It is officially denied here that King Milan intends to abdicate the Serbian throne.

DIED. At the residence of her son, Charles Brawner, near Dumfries, Prince William county, June 20, LUCY A. BRAWNER, wife of W. L. Brawner, in the 75th year of her age.

WHEAT CROP.—Wheat harvest commenced in this section this week. Here and there we hear of a good crop; but accounts generally so far as received by us are not favorable for an average crop.

LIST OF LETTERS. The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice June 25. Persons called for letters will please say they are advertised.

Snort Down.—Dr. Edward H. Duggan, a prominent physician of Brooklyn, N. Y., was shot dead in the street by a young man named George Weidler, yesterday evening.

PRESENTATION.—For some years past, a full length oil painting of Gen. R. E. Lee has been hanging in the sheriff's office in this town.

MYSTERIOUS POISONING.—A case of mysterious poisoning in the family of Capt. W. W. Hudson, at Lewisville, King George county, has caused no little excitement throughout the county.

DEERLESS ICE CREAM FREEZERS, for sale at reduced prices, at 88 King street, corner of Royal. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

VERY handsome assortment of P. K. and SILK 4-IN HANDSCARFS, from 5 to 50c, at my16 A. B. SLAYMAKER'S.

INDIA GAUZE, Gossamer and Balbriggan Shirts, long and short sleeves, just received at my12 AMOS E. SLAYMAKER'S.

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