



ALEXANDRIA. MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 27.

THE FARMERS of Campbell county, in convention assembled, have pledged themselves to support no man or party which does not adopt as his or its leading policy the reduction of duties upon imports to a strictly revenue basis.

POLITICIANS think they know everything, but they are frequently mistaken. Mr. Cleveland has made a safe President, undoubtedly, but where such a consideration affects some men favorably nowadays, it is either totally inoperative or else has an antagonistic effect upon many others.

FROM WASHINGTON. [Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.] WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27, 1887.

An astute North Carolina democrat closely connected in his personal relations to both the Senators from that State, said with a grim humor to-day that if Cleveland would only take as the successor of Secretary Lamar the well known temperance apostle of Georgia, Senator Colquitt, now being spoken of in that connection, the stroke of policy which such appointment would prove in its influence on the German vote of the country could not well be surpassed.

MR. SHERMAN says the democrats are responsible for the accumulation of money in the Treasury. And he says this in the face of the fact known to every well informed American citizen, that save only and except for the republicans in Congress, aided by Mr. Randall's small so called democratic contingent, the accumulation referred to would have long since been stopped by a reduction of the tariff from a protective to a revenue basis.

THE BRICKLAYERS' union in Chicago have withdrawn their demands and declared their recent strike off. The loss in wages caused by the strike amounts to about two and a half million dollars. Even had the strike succeeded that loss could never have been made up, but as it is not a cent of it will ever be regained.

THE Leesburg Washington has entered upon its 52d year, thirty-six of which it has been under the conduct of its present owner and editor, Captain Wm. B. Lynch. The Washingtonian is a deservedly prosperous paper, sound and conservative in its views, and richly merits the success that it has attained.

CRESSON is a royal place, and right royally does the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to whom it belongs, convey people to and from it. It is nearly three hundred miles from Alexandria, and yet, by leaving here on the six o'clock morning train, one will reach there between three and four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, after so easy and comfortable a ride, on so smooth a road, that so far from being wearied, he will attend the night's rest until it closes before thinking of retiring.

Among the Congressmen in the city to-day is Representative George Wise, of Richmond. Mr. Wise, when asked by the GAZETTE's correspondent about the condition of the democratic party in his district, replied that it was favorable, and that if wise councils prevailed, and mouth men were kept quiet, and candidates selected for the legislature who were unobjectionable to any class of democratic voters, of whom there are many in Richmond, and in every county in the district, he believed the majority would be greater next fall than it was two years ago.

In answer to a communication from a Memphis, Tenn., firm Secretary Fairchild has written that the Treasury Department, under its rules, cannot undertake to decide the question submitted as to whether wines and liquors imported from foreign countries into Maine, can, after payment of duty, be withdrawn from the custom house and sold in original packages in that State un-

der the protection of the Treasury Department.

The Treasury Department has decided that imported cows cannot be embraced in the category of "household effects," and are, therefore, not entitled to free entry on the ground that they are to be kept for personal use.

G. W. Wilde, a prominent member of the knights of labor of Richmond, has been, through the influence of Representative Wise, of that district, appointed a postoffice inspector, at a present salary of \$1,200, to be increased to \$1,600.

The Virginia and Maryland democratic associations of this city have determined to make a united excursion to Bay Ridge on the 13th proximo, on which occasion there will be some good old-time democratic speeches.

THE CASE OF REV. F. M. TODD. As stated in the GAZETTE, in pursuance of a formal call the Washington Presbytery met at the Westminster Presbyterian church, Washington, Saturday morning, for the purpose of considering the rumors and charges affecting the moral character of Rev. F. M. Todd, of Manassas, Va.

Mr. Todd stated that he did not desire to conduct his case, and requested that Rev. Dr. Sunderland be designated as his counsel. That was done.

Rev. Mr. Nourse, of this city, moved that in accordance with the request of Rev. Mr. Todd a committee be appointed to inquire and report what should be done in the matter of the rumors and charges affecting the character of Mr. Todd.

Dr. Hamlin insisted that the word charges ought not to be used in the proceedings. He said there were no charges, and it was unjust to Mr. Todd to denominate mere rumors as charges; that the rules prescribed that charges should be filed in a formal manner, with specifications. There were no such charges.

Mr. Nourse said he did not intend to imply that there were charges, but had adopted the language of the call. His only object was to get the matter before a competent tribunal with as little delay as possible.

The moderator explained that in calling the presbytery to order he had said there were charges or papers purporting to be charges, in his possession. He had not submitted them because he thought that a committee, when appointed, should have them.

Dr. Sunderland said Mr. Todd was ready for trial, and his earnest request was that the inquiry should be prosecuted with all the diligence practicable. He was ready at any moment. Dr. Sunderland then went into a history of what occurred at Manassas when he went down to the meeting of the church session there.

Before Dr. Sunderland concluded his review of what occurred at Manassas, Rev. Mr. Fleming, temporary clerk of the presbytery, called him to order, making the point that Dr. Sunderland was discussing the merits of the case and was out of order.

The moderator then read copies of the affidavits as follows: We, the undersigned, members of the First Church of Prince William and of Manassas Church prefer the following charge against our minister, Rev. F. M. Todd, to wit: That, on the 24th of May, 1887, he was seen by one Robert Turner in the woods of Mr. Currie, in Prince William county, about 200 yards from the road, with a lap-robe spread and lying down upon it with a white woman. This charge is based upon the accompanying affidavit.

The complaint was signed by nine male and female members of Mr. Todd's churches. The first affidavit, signed by Robert Turner, reads as follows: I left Mr. Currie's and started home by the road lying along the line dividing Mr. Molony's and Mr. Currie's farm, to the line of Mr. Meredith's farm and Mrs. Hall's, on which I lived. I was looking for this line for the purpose of building a brush fence on it.

Another affidavit, signed by John Carrao, told the same story about the visit to the place after Mr. Todd and the woman and the horse had disappeared. Dr. Sunderland then presented the following exceptions to the charges presented: We propose for record only, and not with any purpose or desire to delay investigation or in any way obstruct or embarrass the proceedings in this case, the following exceptions to the document presented as a charge against Rev. F. M. Todd.

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1. There is nothing stated in this document which may not be consistent with the innocence of the accused as to any offense within the meaning of our book.

2. The document does not in express terms allege any such offense, but leaves it to be inferred from the circumstances recited.

3. No offense is formally charged, and no specification under such charge is given, as required by P. 164, s. 15-16.

4. The affidavits attached to the document purport to be unperfected copies only of the originals traced in pencil lines.

5. On the showing of this document the only ground on which Presbytery can proceed in the process against Mr. Todd is to assume in the outset that the man and woman said to have been seen under the alleged circumstances were there and then together for an improper and impure purpose. But nothing of this sort is alleged in the document; all is left to inference, suspicion and conjecture.

6. The form of this document is vague and inadequate in another respect. A certain man is charged with being in company with an unknown woman. The man is claimed to have been recognized by the neighborhood, subjecting every such woman to the most harrowing suspicion and yet depriving each and all of them of any opportunity to repel it—even those women whose names are signed to this document, unless we shall call them here to prove an alibi.

After considerable debate as to what should be done, the motion to appoint a committee to inquire into the case and report as to whether an investigation should or should not be had was adopted. Rev. Drs. Fullerton, Childs and Hamlin and Messrs. Walker and Lyman were appointed such a committee, with instructions to report at 12 o'clock. The committee retired and the presbytery took a recess.

At 12 o'clock the committee returned and submitted a report, stating that in view of the character of Rev. F. M. Todd, and that he had asked for an investigation, such an investigation be granted, provided such charges be formulated and presented, and that when the presbytery adjourn it be to meet at the New York avenue Presbyterian church at 10 a. m. next Thursday.

After debate the report of the committee was amended so as to have the presbytery meet at the New York avenue church at 10 a. m. next Tuesday instead of on Thursday. Mr. Nourse subsequently said that he had in his possession all the papers of the accusers. These papers had been sent to him to be placed in the hands of the committee when appointed, and (producing a package of papers) he stood ready to hand over all those papers whenever the committee should be appointed. Mr. Nourse had disclaimed that he represented the accusers. He said that they requested him to act for them, and he refused. But the original affidavits and all other papers relied upon by the accusers to make out their case were sent to him Friday, and he would place them in the hands of the proper tribunal.

The presentation of these papers in part a new phase to the situation. Considerable stress had been laid upon the fact that only copies of the affidavits were before the presbytery, and that nobody present knew where the originals were; that the copies were not evidence, and the accusers would have to be called upon to produce the originals.

Mr. Nourse's presentation of the original affidavits and of the other papers of the accused at once did away with all opposition to the immediate appointment of a judicial committee. It was unanimously decided to appoint such a committee at once and to place in the hands of such committee all the papers of the case. On motion the committee of investigation, consisting of Rev. Drs. Fullerton, Childs and Hamlin, and Messrs. Walker and Lyman, was constituted the judicial committee, and authorized to take formal and judicial charge of the case.

A little scene followed between Dr. Sunderland and Mr. Nourse. The former wanted to know if the latter appeared as a judge or as a witness counsel for the accusers of Mr. Todd.

"I want the brother to understand," exclaimed Mr. Nourse, jumping to his feet and shaking his forefinger at Dr. Sunderland, "that I object to such a language being used as that. As a man, as a Christian and as a gentleman I fling it back at him. And sir," shaking his fist at the reverend doctor, "I deny it. I deny it, sir, emphatically. I object to the 'sub rosa' and, what is more, I will let no man say such things about me. It is an implication on my character."

"I did not intend to imply anything; I simply wished to find out what he would do in the future. I wish to say, however,"

"I call the gentleman to order," said Mr. Nourse. "I will not be set upon, sir, by you," retorted Dr. Sunderland.

"Dr. Sunderland is in order," said the moderator, and the doctor proceeded to talk, which brought out considerable heat and high words.

Finally the breach was healed. Dr. Sunderland withdrawing the "sub rosa." The committee will meet at Dr. Childs's this evening, and the presbytery adjourned to meet at the New York avenue Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, when the trial will begin.

A Forgery. BRAUVOIR, Miss., June 24, 1887.

Managing Editor of New Orleans Picayune: DEAR SIR—In your issue of this morning there is copied from the Chicago Inter Ocean what purports to be a letter written by me to Col. Phocion Howe, Danville, Ill., from Beauvoir, Miss., June 20. The letter above described is a barefaced forgery, the author of which did not qualify himself for his fraudulent purpose by learning from persons in the neighborhood of Danville, from which place it appears he wrote such facts as might have enabled him to make his fiction less palpably incredible. Please give this a place in your next issue, and send a marked copy to the Inter Ocean, that the imposition practiced upon it may be exposed where it was put in circulation. Yours, respectfully, JEFFERSON DAVIS.

VIENNA NEWS.

Cannon's store, at Rock Mills, Rappahannock county, burned last week.

Isaac Warner, a wealthy citizen of Loudoun county, died last week, aged 92 years.

John Palmer, a wealthy farmer, aged 87, died near Keysville, Rappahannock county, Thursday.

Toliver Bell, a prominent Staunton young man, was killed on Saturday at Fire Creek, W. Va., by the premature explosion of a blast.

The commencement exercises of the University of Virginia began yesterday with a sermon before the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. H. M. Jackson, of Richmond.

By appointment of the superintendent of public instruction, Dr. John I. Buchanan, a normal institute for colored teachers will be held at Lynchburg from July 19 to August 16.

Robert Lee, colored, of Warrenton, who has achieved great distinction as a contortionist, has sailed for Europe with a circus company at a salary of one hundred dollars per week.

L. Wirt Robinson, of Richmond, who recently graduated at West Point, has been assigned to the Fourth artillery. Lt. R. G. Paxton, of Virginia, has been assigned to the Tenth cavalry.

William Core, white, while under the influence of whisky at Accomac Court House Saturday night, stabbed Sydney Wise, colored, in the abdomen, inflicting a dangerous wound. Core was arrested and jailed. The wounded man is thought to be better.

Wilbur Bowman, of Shenandoah county, was thrown from a horse last week and had an arm broken. Gangrene set in and he died. Jacob R. Miller, of the same county, fell from his hay mow and received injuries which caused death in a few minutes.

Gen. G. W. C. Lee, president of the Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, has been made an LL. D. by the University of Louisiana. In presenting his name to the trustees for this honor Col. Wm. Preston Johnston, president of the University, paid a high compliment to Gen. Lee's character as a man as well as his scholarly accomplishments.

In the Circuit Court of Richmond, on Saturday, Judge B. A. Hancock presiding, the case of Seddon against Rosenbaum, for \$40,000 damages for an alleged breach of contract relative to the purchase by the plaintiff of the defendant of 250 shares of Richmond and Danville stock, was submitted without argument, and after a short consultation the jury brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant, Rosenbaum. Mr. Seddon will appeal.

The Attorney General was asked, in Richmond, on Saturday, if any steps had been taken by counsel of the foreign bondholders looking to his arrest for contempt in disobeying the order issued by Judge Bond, in relation to serving processes, and he replied, "Not yet." The sickness of Major Leigh R. Page, who is associated with Mr. Royal, is probably the reason why some move has not been taken against the Attorney General for having served notice of a suit upon the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine company.

Rev. J. D. Blackwell, D. D., pastor of the Monumental Church, of Portsmouth, died yesterday morning after a brief illness of peritonitis. Dr. Blackwell was 66 years of age, and was a very prominent minister in the Southern Methodist Church. He was a candidate for Bishop at the last quadrennial conference. He was born in Fauquier county, where all his relatives now reside, and, after the funeral on Tuesday, the remains will be placed on the Washington steamer and conveyed to Fauquier for interment.

THE EGYPTIAN CONVENTION.—The Egyptian question, which was so positively announced a few weeks ago as settled, has been growing more unsettled ever since until now it is in a nebulous state, in which its exact shape and bearings are difficult to make out. The treaty which came so near being signed that its signature was actually announced as a fact, much to the financial betterment of several speculators who were long of Egyptian consuls, has hung fire until now it is understood that Lord Salisbury's government no longer care to sign it at all. They will content themselves with a secret understanding with the Porte that if British troops are substantially withdrawn from Egypt Great Britain shall have the exclusive right to reoccupy the country if such action ever again becomes a military necessity. The way out of the difficulty is welcomed by the Sultan, who has been greatly perplexed as to the advisable course for him to pursue. Russia and France both threatened trouble for him if he signed the convention giving England the sole protectorate over Egypt. France, however, would have dropped her opposition if Russia had not insisted upon hers. Russia has practically won another victory over England and eastern diplomacy. The Muscovite contempt for English statesmanship can hardly be wondered at in view of these repeated retreats of the westerners after the silent battles of intrigue. The French Government has sent a note to the Sultan, in which it distinctly refuses to accept the situation which will result from the signing of the Egyptian convention with England, and says that if the convention be ratified France will take measures necessary to protect her interests, which will be endangered by the disturbance of the equilibrium of the Mediterranean. On the other hand, France offers formal assurance that she will protect and guarantee the Sultan against whatever consequence may result, if he will refuse to ratify the convention. By so doing, the note says, the Sultan will strengthen the ties of friendship between France and Turkey and protect his country from the encroachments and ambition of England.

Upon receipt of this note the council of ministers was summoned, and a note to the Powers was drafted, complaining of French interference in the internal affairs of Turkey. The note will be submitted to the Sultan for approval. It is rumored that Russian troops are advancing from Kars as a menace to Turkey. The London Morning Post says: "The Egyptian negotiations have reached an acute stage. France threatens to break off diplomatic relations with the Porte and resume her claims regarding the protection of the Oriental Holy places if the convention be ratified, while Russia demands recompense in the direction of Erzerum. The Porte, therefore, asks England whether, in the event of the ratification of the convention, Turkey can rely upon the effective fulfillment of the convention relating to Cyprus. A reply to this note has not yet been received at Constantinople."

Dr. Reynolds, an examiner in the pension office in Washington, has been knighted by the King of Italy, receiving at the hands of Baron Fava, the Italian minister, on Thursday, the cross of the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy, of which order he was made a chevalier of the second rank. Dr. Reynolds is a citizen of Wisconsin, and served in the war from that State. He has been knighted in recognition of his contributions to science, and especially in his researches in relation to the aborigines of the Potomac and Shenandoah Valleys.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

At a fire in a London tenement yesterday three persons were burned to death, and others killed in jumping from the burning building.

Chancellor McGill, of Newark, on Saturday, granted an injunction restraining the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company from further prosecuting its work on the Staten Island bridge. The chancellor made the injunction permanent and perpetual.

A bill is to be introduced in the Italian Chamber of Deputies for the preservation of ancient Roman remains in the vicinity of the Forum, the Baths of Caracalla and the Via Appia, by means of an archaeological promenade inclosing them; the estimated cost of the work is \$8,000,000.

The Pope has dispatched two special commissioners to Ireland to examine and report on the condition of affairs there. He is said to regard with great dismay the progress of revolutionary ideas in Ireland, and if he followed his own instincts would probably put the National League and home rule under ban; but he has been persuaded against this.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

New York, June 27.—The stock market was again weak at the opening this morning at declines from Saturday's figures extending to 2 1/2 per cent. in some stocks. There was an active trading in the early dealings. Prices continued weak and Richmond and West Point lost 1/2. A firmer tone was noticeable late in the hour and the early losses were partially recovered. The market became quiet, and at 11 o'clock it was fairly active and steady to firm generally and a shade under first prices. Money tight at 9/10.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE JUNE 27.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Sugar, Coffee, and other goods.

The Flour markets are without change and quiet. Wheat is steady, with a hardening tendency under light receipts; buyers still discriminate closely as to grade, but take sound, flinty, dry samples at slight advance in figures; futures are moderately active and a better volume of business is reported. Corn is firm. Rye and Oats are unchanged. Butter is hard to sell unless strictly prime. Eggs and other produce are in constant demand and prices are well sustained.

BALTIMORE, June 27.—Cotton dull; middling 11 1/2. Flour steady and quiet; Howard street and Western super \$2 50/3 10; do extra \$3 25/3 50; do family \$4 00/4 50; City Mills super \$3 00/3 50; do extra \$3 25/3 75; do Rio brand \$3 62/4 75; Patapsco superlative patent \$7 83/4; Southern 100, Wheat—Southern steady, at 50c; No. 1, 55c; No. 2, 50c; Western lower and dull, \$1 20/1 25; winter red spot 85c; June 84c, 85c; July 83c, 84c; Aug 82c, 83c; Sept 81c, 82c. Corn—Southern firmer; white 55c, 56c; yellow 48c, 49c; Western lower and dull; mixed spot 43c, 44c; July 45c; August 46c; Western packed, 45c, 46c; do mixed 33c, 34c; Aug 25c, 26c; Sept 24c, 25c. Hay easy and dull; prime to choice Western \$1 15/1 20. Provisions quiet and steady. Mess Pork \$15 17. Bulk meats—shoulders and clear ribs packed 6c, 6 1/2c. Bacon—shoulders 7c, 7 1/2c; cut ribs 9c; hams 12c, 14c. Lard—refined cut butter sides 9c; Western 12c, 14c. Coffee nominal; Rio Santos, ordinary to fair 17c, 17 1/2c. Sugar steady. A soft 56c, 57c. Whiskey steady at \$1 14/15.

NEW YORK, June 27.—Cotton firm; uplands 10 15/16; Orleans 11 1/2; futures firm. Flour quiet and heavy. Wheat unsettled and lower. Corn easier. Pork steady at \$15 15/16. Old mess Pork steady at \$14 50/14 75. Lard dull at \$6 7/8.

CHICAGO, June 27, 1 p. m.—Wheat easier; cash 69c, 70c; July 69c, 70c; Aug 72c. Corn firmer; cash 35c, 36c; July 35c, 36c; Aug 37c. Oats firmer; cash 25c, 26c; July 25c, 26c; Aug 25c, 26c. Pork lower; June 82c. Lard firm; cash and July 80c, 81c; Aug 80c.

MARINE NEWS. PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, JUNE 27, 1887.

Sun rises... 4 40 [Sun sets... 7 25]

ARRIVED. Str Meteor, Williamson, N. C. to Perry, Smoot & Co. Schir Nellie W Craig, Gardiner, to FA Reed & Co. Schir Three Friends, Philadelphia, to Wm A Smoot & Co. Schir Virginia Dare, Havre de Grace, to JB Zimmerman.

SAILED. Str Meteor, Baltimore, by Perry, Smoot & Co. MEMORANDA. Bark Albert Shultz sailed from Windsor, N. S. for this port 20th inst. DIED. In New York, on Friday, June 17th Mrs M. ALICE LUGENBEEL, widow of the late Dr. J. W. Lugenebel, formerly of this city.

SMALL HAMS for sale by J. C. MILBURN.