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ALEXANDRIA.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 26.

THE CIVIL service commission is composed of one mugwump, Mr. Oberly, one democrat, Mr. Edgerton, and one republican, Mr. Lyman. The first recently wrote a letter in which he takes the ground that federal officeholders who belong to political associations are liable to punishment; the second dissents from this opinion; the third agrees with it. The mugwump and the republican overrule the democrat, so the federal officeholders who belong to democratic associations will have to severe their connection with such associations. And this, too, under a democratic administration. But it is not at all surprising inasmuch as soon after the advent of the administration Mr. Glasscock, who had been elected vice-president of the Virginia democratic association of Washington, received a letter from the Treasury Department stating that his acceptance of that position would be disagreeable to the Secretary. Under the civil service law the mugwump and the republican are right. It is the civil service law, and not the civil service commission, that is to blame, because the law is not only un American and undemocratic, but also because it is unconstitutional in that it deprives American citizens of their guaranteed rights and privileges.

ONE OF General Mahone's numerous campaign circulars lays great stress upon the fact that the hands of the clock in the hall of the House of Delegates at Richmond were turned back on the last day of the session of that body, in order that a bill might be engrossed and signed before final adjournment. It is evident from this that the General's opinion of the intelligence of the average Virginia voter is no better now than it has been in the past. Nothing is more common in all legislative bodies than for the hands of the clock to be turned back to make time on the last day of the session. This custom is so well established in both houses of the national Congress that sticks with hooks at their ends are kept on the clocks for that sole and express purpose, and the doorkeepers stand ready to use them at the nod of the presiding officers. The national statutes contain many an act that only became laws by reason of time made by turning back the clock.

THE QUESTION of the endorsement of the national administration is not in the remotest degree involved in the approaching election in this State. The sole and single question involved in that election, but the most important one conceivable, is the defeat of General Mahone, and the consequent prevention of the restoration of the Mahone regime, and the effectual elimination of Mahoneism from the politics of the State. In the affirmative settlement of this question all the right thinking citizens of the State, irrespective of their political affiliations, should be deeply interested. The extent of the injury the Mahone blight has inflicted upon the moral and material interests of Virginia can never be told, but that it has gone far enough, no reasonable man at all interested in the welfare of the State entertains the faintest doubt.

IT IS reported from Washington that the President has already commenced the preparation of his message to Congress. It is hoped that in it he may not fail to recommend a sufficient appropriation for the proposed national bridge across the Potomac at Arlington and the national avenue from the south end of that bridge to Mt. Vernon. Such a bridge and road would add no little to the impress his name will have upon the history of his country.

EX-SENATOR CONKLING has accepted the retainer to appear before the U. S. Supreme Court in the habeas corpus cases. He will also accept the ten thousand dollars *promised* as his fee. But suppose the I O U is treated as some of the other debts of the State, what will the ex Senator do about it?

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alexa. GAZETTE]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26, 1887.

Reports here from Northumberland and Westmoreland counties are to the effect that the democratic candidate for the legislature in the district composed of those two counties is conducting a most active and vigorous campaign, is plentifully supplied with the sinews of war, and says he has gone in to win and means to do so. Congressman Taulbee, of Kentucky, spoke at Westmoreland Court House last Monday. There was to have been a discussion there, but while he was speaking, an announcement was made that the republicans would be addressed outside the Court House by Col. Mayo. About twenty went out, but the rain soon dispersed them. Mr. Taulbee says the democratic candidate there for the House of Delegates will be elected. A private letter from Mr. Buford, one of the democratic candidates for the legislature in Richmond, says the democratic prospects in that city indicate success. A private letter from Congressman Bowerbank to a friend in this city, says General Mahone will hardly hold his own in his, the southwest, part of the State, and that some of the General's former supporters there have become disaffected towards him. Mr. Miller, of Rappahannock county, here to day, says that until recently it was not supposed the republicans there would run a candidate for the legislature, but that now they have called a county convention on the 3d proximo for the purpose of nominating a candidate. He says the democratic candidate will be elected, but that there is some apathy among the democrats of that county. Democrats here to-day from Fauquier county say there is still some dissatisfaction there respecting the floater, but others from Loudoun say that any loss in Fauquier will be more than made up in their county. Representative O'Ferrall who is here gives the most favorable accounts of the democratic prospects in all the Valley counties. Capt. Jones, of the Virginia democratic association of this city, who has just returned from a trip as far up the Midland Railroad as Nelson county, says that from what he learned on that trip Alexandria and Fairfax are more uncertain than any of the other counties this side of Nelson. R. D. Beckley, colored, who has been making democratic speeches in Louisa county, says he thinks Mr. Elam, the rephblican candidate for the legislature there, will be elected, as there are a great many disaffected democrats in that county, especially in the Green Spring neighborhood.

A private letter received here from the famous Allen O. Myers, of Ohio, says that Hamilton county, the county containing the city of Cincinnati, will go democratic next month, and he fears the State will go the same way. As Mr. Myers has left the democratic, and joined the labor party, and is opposed as much to the State as to the national democratic party, and is withal a wide awake politician, his letter is considered by the Ohio democrats here as decidedly encouraging.

A friend of ex Congressman Tucker, of Virginia, in talking about that gentleman to day, said he never did a wiser thing in his life than when he abandoned politics, and that he has made more money by following his profession in the short time since the adjournment of Congress than he did during his whole term of service in that body.

Mr. Widdecomb, one of the Arrow Steamship Company, of Alexandria, informed the GAZETTE'S correspondent to day that one of the compartments of the iron steamship Pocahontas, to be built by that company, has been completed by the contractors in Baltimore, and that two others are nearly done, and that when three are finished they will be brought to Alexandria on a barge, as it costs no more to tow three than one. He says that just as fast as every three are completed they will be towed to Alexandria and set up. He says the central compartment will be set up first and the work prosecuted from that in both directions.

The announcement of the approaching nuptials of Secretary Bayard and Miss Sophie Markoe is made. Miss Markoe is the daughter of the late Frank Markoe, the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, who lost his fortune on account of his Southern sympathies. She is about forty years old, but doesn't look so, and for years past has been a clerk in the State Department.

A democratic politician from West Virginia, here to day, says that nobody can tell what Dan Lucas is going to do a month ahead, but that he would not be at all surprised if by the time Congress meets he would get out of the way and let Mr. Faulkner take his seat in the U. S. Senate.

Surgeon General Hamilton to day received a telegram from Health Officer Smith, of New York city, as follows: "Britannia was detained in first instance because diagnosis of surgeon of cases which died at sea was unsatisfactory. On the 16th instant, a case developed that was very suspicious. Autopsy and biological examination confirmed suspicion of cholera. Another case developed on the 23rd and another on the 24th. The infection among Alesia's passengers destroyed. There need be no apprehension concerning Britannia." He has also received a telegram from Dr. Porter, in charge of relief measures at Tampa, Fla., saying: "Do not as yet need professional assistance. There have been about 225 to 250 cases of yellow fever and 34 deaths up to date. There were 14 new cases yesterday. About 80 sick in town." Information was also received to the effect that the hospital will have to be enlarged so as to afford additional accommodations.

It is now definitely stated that Secretary Lamar will go upon the Supreme bench, that postmaster General Vilas will be transferred to the Interior Department, and that assistant Postmaster General Stephenson will be advanced to the head of the Postoffice Department. The official announcement of these changes will be made at an early date.

The argument in the case of the condemned anarchists of Chicago, will be made before the U. S. Supreme Court to morrow. The prevailing impression is that the writ of error asked for by the prisoners will be denied upon the ground that no constitutional questions are involved in the case.

The work of the dredges engaged in deepening the Washington channel has been suspended for the past two or three days by the breaking of the machine that forces the mud they take up on the flats.

Notwithstanding the prevailing inclement weather the races here went on to-day according to the programme.

Mr. Holmes Conrad, of Winchester, was here yesterday. He says if the democrats carry the election in Virginia next month, Mr. Barbour will be the next U. S. Senator from that State.

Letter from Rappahannock.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria GAZETTE.]

WOODVILLE, Va., Oct. 24th, 1887.—There is but little excitement on the approaching election. Basil Gordon, the nominee of the democratic party, is assured of his election, and quietly awaits the result. There was an incipient move by a republican to have himself run by his party in opposition to Mr. Gordon but this failed. So Mr. G. has the field before him with not even the excitement of this opposition, small as it would have been. Mr. Gordon is a large land owner in this county and by far the richest person in it; and his contributions to his party have always been generous. Besides this, he takes great interest not only in the politics of his State but in all matters of a general character, and is public spirited and progressive in his views and sentiments. That he will make a good, safe and popular representative is assured not only from his well known opinions on public matters, but also from the fact that he is a young man of decided business talent and is fond and and proud of his State, its history and zealous for its future. If we only had more such men to go to Richmond it would be all the better for the State and the people.

We have read with interest the suggestions made by the GAZETTE and its Washington correspondent, touching the probable outcome of the conflict between our State and the Federal Courts, and we believe the views of your paper correct, and that there can be but one result, and that the State must sooner or later submit to the powers that be. The contest is an unequal one, and the laws of the United States will not make an exception at this day in favor of the attitude the State has taken on its debt question.

H. Z Shackleford, a well known citizen of the "F. I" neighborhood, was buried last Friday. He had long been an invalid.

The Rev. Jno. Ambler, rector of the Episcopal Church at this place, resigned some time since and his place has been taken by the Rev. Mr. Gregg, who has made a good impression for the short while he has been here.

There is a perfect failure of the apple crop here, and hence little brandy made.

There have been two arrests already for illicit distilling—Larkin Atkins and Charles McFarlan, in the county. This will put a stop to this practice here for awhile.

Corn is selling at about $2 per barrel, and that price will be maintained. B.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The civil suit of holders of Kansas Pacific Railroad bonds against Jay Gould and Russell Sage has been withdrawn.

It is rumored that the Red Star Line steamer Westernland has foundered at sea with 400 passengers and a crew of 90.

Cholera has broken out on the steamship Britannia, which has been for some time detained at lower New York quarantine. The record thus far is one death and one new case. The Britannia is carefully guarded.

A plot has been discovered at Sofia, to assassinate Prince Ferdinand and M. M. Stambuloff and Natchevitch. The plot originated with a Slav committee at Odessa. An emissary of the committee has been arrested at Varna.

Mrs. Potter gives the thespians of New York to understand that she is Mrs. James Brown Cora Urquhart Potter, whose uncle was once governor of Maryland, and is now minister from the United States to the Republic of France.

The police of Baltimore were kept busy yesterday arresting both white and black "repeaters." About fifty were sent to jail half of whom were taken from the Philadelphia boat when it reached its wharf, early in the morning.

Prince Victor Napoleon has issued a manifesto in reply to the manifesto issued by the Count of Paris some time ago. He demands an appeal to the people, and asserts that the Napoleons alone can give France a strong democratic government.

The attorney of the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railway, says that the company has up to date, settled with the relatives or legal representatives of forty of the people who were killed at Chatsworth, and with sixty of those who were injured. The highest amount paid out on death loss was $2,000.

A man died suddenly in South London a day or two since and the police took charge of the body. On searching the clothing of the dead man the fact was discovered that he was an American and was connected with a dynamite conspiracy. The names of his fellow-conspirators were given, but the police will not be able to arrest them because they have not committed any overt acts. An inquest over the remains will be held to-day, when full disclosures regarding the conspiracy are probable.

The Synod of Baltimore, composed off all the ministers and a representative ruling elder from each congregation in the three Presbyteries of Baltimore, New Castle and Washington, began its eighteenth stated meeting in Dover, Del, last night. As the synod at this meeting will discontinue the delegated system, all the offices under that system will be vacated, new officers will be chosen, and all the committees will be reorganized. Among the matters of importance to be considered are two cases of judical appeal from the Presbytery of Washington City, (one, the Todd case) and an overture from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and one from the Presbytery at Rio de Janeiro. Dr. J. H. Nixon, of Wilmington, was elected moderator.

Yesterday opened in Macon with damp and drizzly weather. The event of the day incident to the arrival of the Davis family was a reception to Mrs. Davis at the fair grounds, where a vast multitude of ladies gathered to pay their respects. Last night a reception on a grand scale was given in honor of Miss Winnie Davis by the Thalian Club, which was largely attended by the elite of the city and State. Gov. Gordon and staff arrived yesterday from Atlanta and to-day Mr. Davis will review the old veterans from all parts of Georgia and adjoining States. Fully thirty thousand visitors are in the city. The ladies of the city tendered a reception to Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hayes and Miss Winnie Davis. Citizens presented Mrs. Davis with a silver soup tureen, and officers of the fair presented Mrs. Hayes with a diamond brooch. At the german Miss Winnie Davis was presented with a diamond ornament.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

It snowed at Charlottesville and Staunton yesterday.

The corner-stone of the Lee monument will be laid in Richmond to-morrow with imposing civic and military ceremonies.

The new Anatomical Hall at the University of Virginia was dedicated yesterday, Dr. Paul B. Barringer delivering the address.

Mr. James R. Gilliam, a prominent young merchant of Lynchburg, and Miss Jessie Banfield, daughter of Mr. F. D. Johnson, a prominent jeweler of that city, were married yesterday.

The republicans of Petersburg last night nominated Robert McCandlish and W. W. Evans for the House of Delegates. The latter is a colored man. McCandlish is an ex-member of the Legislature.

On a requisition from the Governor of Virginia Governor Lloyd, of Maryland, yesterday issued a mandate for the delivery of P. F. Wommack, who is wanted in Virginia on the charge of embezzlement.

Ten carloads of corn en route from St. Louis, via Norfolk, for Liverpool, and 500 bales of cotton from Memphis, Tenn., and Montgomery, Ala., for the same destination, passed through Lynchburg yesterday on the Norfolk and Western road.

Yesterday Gov. Lee received a letter from Hon. Roscoe Conkling accepting a retainer in the habeas corpus cases of Attorney General Ayers and Messrs. Scott and McCabe, which come up before the United States Supreme Court on the 14th of November.

A telegram from Christiansburg, Montgomery county, announces the death there of ex Attorney General James C. Taylor. The deceased was elected attorney-general on the ticket with Governor Walker, and served several terms in the Legislature.

A picked corps of cadets from the Virginia Military Institute, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Shipp, and the students of Washington and Lee University will attend the corner-stone laying at Richmond to-morrow. Gen. G. W. C. Lee will be unable to go, owing to his feeble state of health.

The only members of Gen. Lee's family who will be in Richmond on the occasion of the corner-stone laying are Gen. William H. F. Lee and Capt. Robert Lee. Gen. Custis Lee is unable to go on account of ill health; Miss Mary Lee is in Scotland, and Miss Mildred Lee is in Paris.

In Isle of Wight county last Monday a farmer named Henry L. Jones shot and almost instantly killed a man named Wm. Saddler, hired by him and engaged in working upon the farm. The two men quarreled over the putting of a horse into the stable, when Jones got his gun and shot Saddler, the load taking effect in his neck. Jones made his escape from the neighborhood.

No instance is known where Salvation Oil has failed in giving immediate relief from rheumatism or neuralgia. At all druggists. Twenty-five cents.

The catarrh remedy, Ely's Cream Balm, has proved most satisfactory. Prior to two months ago I had not breathed freely through my nose for three years; now I am but little bothered in that respect. The pain has left my head, as have most other disagreeable symptoms. I confidently believe it to be a sure cure.—S. M. LOGAN, Bynumville, Charlton Co., Mo.

I have used one bottle of Ely's Cream Balm, and it is the best remedy I have found for catarrh in fifteen years.—V. G. BARRAGE, Attorney, Hardinsburg, Ky.

POSTSCRIPT

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Baltimore Election.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

BALTIMORE, Oct. 26.—The election is one of the quietest ever held in this city. An immense vote is being polled. The republicans are polling their full strength, but the labor men are doing very little. It is almost too early to give figures, but from democratic headquarters the statement is made that Latrobe, democrat, will get between 3,000 and 4,000 majority. His election, however, is certain whether the majority be large or small. This is the hardest fight we ever had and is a square one. G. E. E.

[By Associated Press.]

BALTIMORE, Oct., 26.—The friends of the rival candidates for mayoralty honors were in the field early this morning and when the polls were opened long lines of anxious voters were in readiness to deposit their ballots. The day is cloudy and cold, but the full strength of both tickets is being voted and the contest seems remarkably close. Both side seem confident of victory. Some little fighting is reported in the southern section of the city, but nothing serious has yet occurred. No business houses are closed, though merchants generally are taking more than usual interest in the contest.

Slide of Rock.

DEADWOOD, Dak., Oct. 26.—A slide of rock has occurred on the 16 feet level of the Iron Hill mine, bringing down ore of the estimated value of $100,000. A chunk as large as a man's head, which is one mass of horn silver so rich that part of it was sawed off for the assay, has been brought over from the mine and placed on exhibition.

Fight with Brigands.

BELGRADE, Oct. 25.—A sharp engagement has taken place on the frontier of Servia between Albanian brigands, who had attempted a raid into Servia, and a force of frontier guards. Ten Servians and twenty Albanians were killed. Two Servian battalions have been ordered to the frontier.

Marriage Laws.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 26.—It is understood that the Dominion Government has expressed to the Imperial Government a desire that the laws in different parts of the empire bearing upon the question of marriage with a deceased wife's sister should be assimilated in order to do away with existing anomalies.

The Stanley Expedition.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The private advices from Stanley Pool about the progress made by the Stanley expedition, the substance of which was cabled from here two days ago, were dated the end of August.

DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS.—The democratic State committee was in session in Richmond last night. Mr. Barbour and nearly all of the other members of the committee were present. Members from each congressional district reported the condition of the party and the prospects in his respective locality. All of the reports were encouraging; more so, some of the members of the committee declared, than could have been expected. It is the determination of the committee to press the fight from now on until the day of election with renewed energy. The democrats have strong hopes of electing two members of the House from Rockingham, and say they have a chance at least of securing the Senator from the same county. It is understood that the reports from the counties in the southwest, where it was feared the democrats might sustain losses, are encouraging. From the first district it was reported that all of the counties, save probably Caroline, were safe for the democrats.

"Young 87 is here," remarked Smith at his breakfast table New Year's morning. "Where, papa?" "Why, May, he's everywhere around I suppose." "Then—I suppose his mamma don't mind his being cut in the snow—as I suppose she keeps a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup."

In Memoriam.

Died, at Alexandria, Va., on the 21st of October, A. D. 1887, in the sixty-seventh year of her age, Mrs. JOYCE ANN FISHER, widow of the late Samuel H. Fisher. In recording the death of this amiable and Christian lady, we know not how to reconcile the expression of our sensibility for our loss, and the veneration which her virtues had inspired, with the sobriety of ordinary eulogium. There is a sanctity hovering around recent sorrow on which the voice of praise is only an intrusion, and to which even the consolation of friendship is unwelcome and unavailing. But the tide of grief—such is the dispensation of Providence—must ebb with nature; and the moment has at length arrived when private affection may mingle its sorrows with domestic grief, and when averting the mind from the gloomy contemplation of the future, it is permitted us to look back with a sad and melancholy satisfaction on that dear, good and most estimable Christian woman whom we have lost forever. In all the relations of life, wife, (watching with earnest solicitude the last expiring moments of a dear husband) mother, sister, friend and her God, she manifested those true and ennobling characteristics of the Christian woman. Of the desolation which this sudden calamity has carried to the hearts of the family, of the dreary prostration of their hopes, affections and happiness, they can best judge. Never yet did the tomb close upon a more pure and estimable woman. Our personal attachments have, we are persuaded, no share in misguiding our deliberate conviction, that there has been rarely a being who combined so thoroughly those distinguished excellencies before herein referred to. Oh, now dear mother rest in peace.

"Heaven lifts its everlasting portals high,
And bids the pure in heart behold their God."

F.

October 26, 1887.

DRY MADERIA WINE, very old, purely medicinal in quart bottles.
oct26 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

NEW YORK CHAMPAIGN CIDER, 30c. per gallon, just received.
oct26 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

60 CASES STABLER'S and HONEY DROP CORN just received.
oct26 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

FAMILY ROE HERRING in kits, just the size package for family trade.
oct26 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

MINCE MEAT, PRESERVES and JELLIES just received by
oct29 J. C. MILBURN.

SMALL HAMS, uncanvassed, for sale by
oct26 J. C. MILBURN.

PRIME CREAM CHEESE just received by
oct26 J. C. MILBURN.

SARATOGA POTATO CHIPS, fresh, for sale by
oct26 J. C. MILBURN.

CAROLINA RICE, New Crop, just in.
oct26 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held October 25, 1887, there were present: Henry Strauss, esq, President, and Messrs. Agnew, Burke, Marbury, Lambdin, Bryant, Leadbeater and McKenzie.

The following resolution, viz: "That the Committee on Light be authorized to have erected in the place of the wooden shed on the south side of the Gas Works a building built from the brick now on hand from the stack for the purpose of storing and keeping dry the coal for the use of the Gas Works, which cannot be done in the present leaky building, which is about to fall down" —was referred to the Committee on Light with power to act.

On motion it was resolved that the joint Committee on Streets be authorized, and are, hereby, directed to have a regular grade established for the northwestern section of our city, bounded by King street on the south and Columbus street on the east, running north and west to the city limits, said grade when determined upon to be reported to the City Council for approval and ratification, and the sum of $500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and is hereby, appropriated for the work.

Petitions of Thomas Leadbeater, for the owners, for reduction of assessment on the property corner of Market alley and Royal street; also a petition of the Young Men's Christian Association for remission of taxes on their property were referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of the Young Men's Christian Association for the erection of a gas lamp in front of their premises, on King street, and for free use of gas in it and in their building, was referred to the Committee on Light.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Light, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Light hereafter leave out of the statement the item which reads as follows: "estimated amount of uncollected bills for previous years;" which for 1887 was reported as $8,860.45, it appearing that there is nothing in the office of the company showing any account or names of parties owing this amount or any books by which the parties can be identified. It seems many of these claims stood for many years since the war, which are uncollectable.

A petition of A. B. Hopkins and others to have the curb set, &c., on Queen street; also a bill of J. Entwisle, jr., $207.40, for medicine; also a petition of G. W. Swain for permission to erect an addition to his house; also a petition of Perry, Smoot & Co. for permission to erect three frame houses on Cameron street; also a petition of sundry citizens for a gas lamp at the southeast corner of St. Asaph and Gibbon streets; also a petition of S. Dickerson, President, for a gas lamp in front of Zion Church; also a petition of Wm. Woolls and others to have repaired the pump at the corner of First and Royal streets; also a petition of E. J. Miller and others for a crossing from the northeast corner of Wolfe and Washington streets to the northwest corner of same; also a petition of L. E. Uhler and others to have the crossing at the southwest intersection of Duke and Washington streets repaired; also a petition of Johnson and Caton, commissioners, for abatement of taxes; also a petition of L. Bendheim for return of tax on horse wrongly assessed; also communication of S. F. Beach, attorney, in regard to taxes due by the Virginia Iron Shipbuilding Company; also a petition of Mrs. E. Deevers for reduction of assessments; also a petition of T. J. Fannon to have the sewer extended through his property; also a notice from the Clerk of the School Board as to election of members; also the report of the Committee on Public Property as to repairs to the Hydraulion engine house; also the report of the examiners of the jail; also a resolution in regard to adjournment until November 10, 1887, were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in.

On motion it was resolved that ten per cent. discount be made on the tax bill on the house and lot now occupied by J. T. Beckham, esq, and owned by the estate of S. H. Janney, decd., the bill having been made out in the name of Mrs. H. H. Cook. When the executors asked the collectors in July last for all claims for taxes against the estate of Mr. Janney, this bill was overlooked.

The Board then adjourned.

Teste: JNO. J. JAMIESON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, held on the 25th day of October, 1887, there were present: John T. Sweeney, esq., President, and Messrs. W. S. Moore, Aitcheson, Snowden, Clarence Moore, Gronau, F. E. Corbett, Hinken, L. W. Corbett, Smoot, Strider, Bayne, Germond and Kelley.

The following were referred to the Committee on Finance, viz: Petition of L. Bendheim for remission of $4 personal tax; petition of Johnson and Caton for an abatement of taxes on property southeast corner of Gibbon and Alfred streets; proposition of Virginia Iron Shipbuilding Company to convey to the City Council the Pioneer Mills in settlement of taxes due, and the petition of Mrs. O. Deevers for a reduction of assessment on real property.

The following were referred to the Committee on Streets, viz: Petition of A. B. Hopkins and others to have curb set, gutter paved and street graded on Queen street, between Alfred and Columbus streets; petition of William Woolls to have repaired the pump at the corner of First and Royal streets; petition of L. E. Uhler and others to have repaired the crossing at the southern intersection of Duke and Washington streets, and the petition of E. J. Miller and others for a crossing from the northeast corner of Wolfe and Washington streets to the northwest corner of said streets.

The following were referred to the Committee on Light, viz: Petition of Wm. H. Whiting and others for a gas lamp at the southeast corner of St. Asaph and Gibbon streets, and the petition of Zion Church for a gas lamp in front of their church building.

The prayer of the following petitions were granted, viz: Of George W. Swain to make an addition to his dwelling at the corner of Wolfe and Lee streets, and of Perry, Smoot & Co. to erect three frame dwellings on the southeast corner of Cameron and Lee streets.

The bill of James Entwisle, jr., for medicine furnished the poor, amounting to $207.40, was ordered to be paid.

It was resolved that when the City Council adjourns that it be to meet on November 10th next.

A communication from the School Board announcing four vacancies thereon, was received and read.

The petition of Thomas J. Fannon to have the Henry street sewer extended over his lot, was read and the work ordered to be done by the Superintendent of Police under the supervision of the Committee on Streets.

The report of the examiners of the city jail was referred to the Committee on Public Property.

The report of the Committee on Public Property, recommending necessary repairs be made to the Hydraulion engine house and appropriating $115 therefore, was adopted.

The following were received from the Board of Aldermen and their action thereon concurred in, viz: Resolution in reference to uncollected gas bills; resolution to erect a brick coal shed at the gas works; petition of the Young Men's Christian Association for a gas lamp in front of their building and for free gas; petition of same for exemption from payment of taxes on their property; petition of M. D. Gregory and other for a reduction of assessment on real property; resolution allowing discount of ten per cent. on tax bills of S. H. Janney's estate, and resolution appropriating $500 to be used in establishing a grade for the northwest section of the city.

The Board then adjourned.

Teste: JAMES R. CATON, Clerk.

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

THURBER'S SHREDDED OATS—A fresh lot just received.
je9 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

A FULL STOCK OF FLOWER POTS and SAUCERS for same for sale by
sep23 J. C. MILBURN.

FRESH BUTTER and EGGS constantly received and for sale by
my31 J. C. MILBURN.

LARGE CANS TOMATOES, Nanticoke brand, for sale at 10c each by
mh25 J. C. MILBURN.

THE BEST ROASTED and GROUND COFFEES for sale at J. C. MILBURN'S,
je7 17 north Royal st.

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

PEERLESS ICE CREAM FREEZERS, for sale at reduced prices, at 88 King street, corner of Royal. [je9] J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

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

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The stock market opened firm to strong this morning, first prices being from 1/8 to 3/8 per cent. above last evening's closing figures generally. There was a quiet business at first, but the market soon became active. The increased activity was accompanied by more decided strength, and several stocks advanced small fractions. The improvement was of short duration, however, and part of the gains was again lost, after which the market once more became quiet and steady. The list developed no further feature, and at 11 o'clock the market was very dull and steady at a shade better than the opening figures. Money easy at 4.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 26.—Virginia 6s consolidated 45; past-due coupons 61; 10-40s 35; new 3s 62 bid to-day.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE OCT. 26

Flour, fine	$2 25	@	2 50
Superfine	2 75	@	3 00
Extra	3 50	@	3 90
Family	4 10	@	4 60
Fancy brands	4 50	@	5 00
Wheat, Longberry	0 74	@	0 80
Fultz	0 75	@	0 79
Mixed	0 75	@	0 80
Fair Wheat	0 70	@	0 75
Damp and tough	0 60	@	0 70
Corn, white	0 52	@	0 53
Yellow	0 53	@	0 53
New Corn	0 46	@	0 48
Corn Meal	0 56	@	0 58
Rye	0 50	@	0 55
Oats, new	0 32	@	0 36
Butter, Virginia prime	0 18	@	0 20
Common to middling	0 12	@	0 15
Eggs	0 20	@	0 21
Live Chickens	0 9	@	0 10
Veal Calves	0 5	@	0 6
Irish Potatoes per bushel	0 40	@	0 65
Onions	1 40	@	1 50
Apples per barrel	1 50	@	2 00
Dried Peaches, peeled	0 7	@	0 8
" " unpeeled	0 4	@	0 5
" Charries	0 14	@	015
Dried Apples	0 3	@	0 5
Bacon—Hams, country	0 13	@	0 13½
Best sugar cured Hams	0 13	@	0 13½
Butchers' Hams	0 13	@	0 13½
Breakfast Bacon	0 12	@	0 00
Sugar-cured Shoulders	0 8	@	0 8¼
Bulk shoulders	0 6½	@	0 6¾
" lg. cl. sides	0 8	@	0 8¼
" fat backs	0 7¾	@	0 8
" bellies	0 8	@	0 8¼
Bacon Shoulders	0 7	@	0 7¼
" Sides	0 9¼	@	0 9½
Lard	0 7¼	@	0 8
Smoked Beef	0 14½	@	015
Sugars—Brown	0 5¼	@	0 5½
Off A	0 5¾	@	0 5⅞
Conf. Standard A	0 6⅜	@	0 6½
Granulated	0 6⅞	@	0 7
Coffees—Rio	0 19	@	0 22
La Gauyra	0 22	@	0 24
Java	0 25	@	0 28
Molasses B. S.	0 15	@	0 16
" C. B.	0 17	@	0 18
Sugar Syrups	0 22	@	0 33
Herring, Eastern, per bbl	3 50	@	5 25
Potomac No. 1	5 00	@	5 50
Pot. Family Roe ₱ bbl.	9 50	@	10 00
Do. ₱ half barrel	4 75	@	5 25
Mackerel, small, per bbl	0 00	@	0 00
" No. 3, medium	00 00	@	00 00
" No. 3, large fat	13 00	@	14 00
" No. 2	15 00	@	18 00
Clover Seed	4 00	@	4 75
Timothy	2 65	@	2 75
Plaster, ground, per ton	4 75	@	5 00
Ground in bags	5 75	@	6 00
Lump	3 50	@	3 75
Salt—G.A. (Liverpool)	0 75	@	0 80
Fine	1 20	@	1 30
Turk's Island	1 15	@	1 20
Wool—Long unwashed	0 26	@	0 27
Washed	0 30	@	0 34
Merino, unwashed	0 22	@	0 25
Do. Washed	0 30	@	0 34
Sumac	0 70	@	0 75
Hay	10 00	@	13 00
Cut do	18 00	@	19 00
Wheat Bran ₱ ton ₱ car	17 25	@	17 75
Brown Middlings "	17 25	@	17 75
White Middlings "	19 00	@	19 25
Hominy Chop "	19 00	@	20 00
Cotton Seed Meal "	24 00	@	26 00

Flour is firm, with a hardening tendency. The Wheat markets are rather more active, and we note an advance of 1c per bushel for strictly prime milling samples, but there is not so much change in speculative grades and futures, and there is nothing reported to encourage a movement in either direction; sales ranged on 'Change to-day at from 70 to 75 for inferior to fair, and at 79 for a car of mixed. Corn is quiet and unchanged. Rye and Oats are strong. Butter is growing abundant and prices have declined. Eggs and other produce are wanted at full figures.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25.—Cotton dull and steady; middling 9½. Flour quiet and steady; Howard street and Western super $2 37a2 75; do extra $3 00a3 60; do family $3 75a4 50; city mills super $2 37a2 60; do extra $3 00a3 62; do Rio brands $4 25a4 50; Patapsco superlative patent $5 10; do family $4 75. Wheat—Southern quiet and steady; red 77a81; amber 79a82; Western fairly active, firm and higher; No 2 winter red spot 80¼a80½; Nov 81a81¼; Dec 83¼a83¼; Jan 84¾a84⅞. Corn—Southern nominally steady; white 45a49; yellow 45a48; Western dull and steady; mixed spot 50¼a50⅝; Oct 50a50½; year 48¾a49¼. Oats steady; Southern and Penna 30a35; Western white 35a36; do mixed 33a34. Rye firm at 58a60. Hay quiet and steady; prime to choice Western $14a15. Provisions quiet and steady. Mess Pork $15 00a15 25. Bulk-meats—shoulders and clear rib sides packed 6¾a8¾. Bacon—shoulders 7¼a8; clear rib sides 9¼; hams 12½a12¾. Lard—refined 8. Butter firm; Western packed 17a20; creamery 22a25. Eggs fairly active and firm at 20a21. Coffee dull and easy; Rio cargoes ordinary to fair 18½a19¾. Sugar steady; A soft 6⅝. Whiskey steady at $1 14a1 15.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26, 11 a. m.—All of the grain markets opened easy, but provisions continued strong and sold at higher prices. Dec Wheat started at 73¾ bid and reacted to 73½. Dec Corn opened at 45¼ and is now selling at 45⅛a45¼. Oct Oats 25¼. Jan Mess Pork $12 35. Jan short ribs $6 25.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Cotton quiet; uplands 9⅝; Orleans 9¾; futures steady. Flour quiet and firm. Wheat lower. Corn higher. Pork weak at $14a14 50; old mess weak at $13 50a13 75. Lard firm at $6 80.

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oct4 J. C. MILBURN.

NEW YORK BUCKWHEAT and NEW PEARL HOMINY just received.
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