



ALEXANDRIA.

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12.

SOME of those who once denounced the readjusters as flat republicans have already commenced to talk about having the "Shylocks" and "bloodsuckers"—the owners of Virginia bonds—"at mercy" and forcing them "to surrender." Such talk is by no means conducive to the settlement of the State debt, and to the removal of the great impediment to Virginia's rise and progress occasioned by the existing unsettled condition of that debt.

His right was to have his coupon received for taxes when offered. That was the contract. To refuse to receive them was an open breach of his obligation. It is no remedy for this that he may acquiesce in the wrong, pay his taxes in money which he was entitled to pay in coupons, and bring suit to recover it back.

A NORTHERN republican manufacturer has sent the following dispatch to the democratic Congressman from his district: "The President's message has my unqualified approval. Will support him on that platform; his arguments are unanswerable, and must meet cordial endorsement from intelligent and patriotic manufacturers and business men everywhere.

Bears from the Dismal Swamp killed six cows on the farm of John Castine, in Pleasant Grove district, near Norfolk, on Thursday night.

The Young Men's Christian Association of the University of Virginia is to be provided with a \$50,000 building through the liberality of a Northern gentleman.

Livingston, Nelson county, was visited by burglars a few nights since and the safe of M. K. Estes & Co., blown open. Only \$8 was secured but the safe was wrecked.

A dispatch from Charlottesville says: "Complaint of irregular mail is heard everywhere just now, and some effort has been made to discover who is to blame."

Gen. Mahone asserts his claim to the leadership of the republican party in Virginia, and will probably be awarded the empty honor of a nomination for the United States Senatorship.

The annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. John L. Buchanan, will be submitted to the Legislature in a few days. The report will make a good showing for the public schools.

The surgeon of the State penitentiary has recommended to the governor that he pardon Sarah Robinson, who was sent from Fauquier county fifteen years ago, when she was only thirteen years of age.

Abraham Sparrow, colored, has been arrested and sent on to the grand jury of Nelson County Court, on the charge of attempting to wreck a train on the Richmond and Alleghany railroad on the 24th ult.

The company composed of Rosenberger, Shirley & Co., bankers, at New Market, and Rosenberger, Spindle & Co., bankers, at Warrenton, have determined to establish a bank at Gordonsville. They will begin operations January 1, 1888.

In the Circuit Court of Richmond on Saturday the jury in the case of M. J. Moore vs. the City of Richmond, returned a verdict for the city. This was a suit brought by Moore to recover \$5,000 damages for injuries received by him July 21, 1887, by falling into a hole in the sidewalk.

It is probable that at an early day some of the democrats in the Legislature will decide upon the policy of suspending for a time the operations of the coupon crusher. Some of the members, however, oppose the plan though seeming willing to yield the point if it do so will hasten a settlement of the debt.

The board of education has confirmed the election of James H. Johnson as president of the colored Normal School at Petersburg. Johnson succeeds John M. Langston, whose term of office expires on the 1st of January. Johnson is an experienced educator, and is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of colored Masons of Virginia.

Eight thousand dollars out of the twelve thousand dollars worth of coupons recently tendered in payment of taxes at the office of the assistant treasurer of Richmond, have been withdrawn on account of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, and put in for identification, instead of resting simply upon a tender.

There is some excitement in Danville over a bill offered in the Legislature granting a charter to the Richmond and Danville syndicate for a line of railway from Danville to Bristol, Tenn. Many are of opinion that the Richmond and Danville Company have no idea of building an independent road, the sole object being to get possession of the Danville and New River Narrow-Gauge Road, and thereby head off lines of road in contemplation from Norfolk to that point.

Mr. Thomas Nelson, of Clarke county, owner of the stallion Banker, closed a contract yesterday with Prof. O. R. Gleason, in Washington, for the subjugation of the horse. The animal has killed several men and injured several others, and has for some time gone unhandled and unshod. Last night the professor's assistants left for Clarke to bring the animal to Washington. On Wednesday night he will be handled by the professor, and a large number of Virginians who know the animal will be present.

LETTER FROM RICHMOND.

(Special Cor. of the Alexandria Gazette.)

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 11, 1887.—Speaker Cardwell is overwhelmed with applications for positions as pages in the House. No less than thirty or forty boys are seeking these positions, among them are nearly all of the old pages. He will make appointments sometime to-morrow or the day after. Nearly every other delegate has been urging the claims of one or more of the applicants for these positions; and the Speaker has been worried no little in his efforts to please the majority of the delegates in regard to this matter. The position of page in the House of Delegates seems to be a kind of a starter for a politician, as there are now no less than five legislators, who, away back in their boyhood days, were pages in the House.

The contested election case of Ellis vs. Houston for a seat in the Senate from the Kanawha district will be considered by the committee, to which it was referred, to-morrow afternoon. Senator Jones, of High land, is the chairman of this committee, and he tells me that it is quite probable that a sub-committee will be appointed to gather up all the facts in the case. The contestant and the contestee will each be represented by counsel, and it will take the committee a week or so to get at the bottom of all the facts.

The committees of the House of Delegates will be announced to-morrow. The action of the Speaker in regard to this matter is looked forward to with considerable interest, as there are a number of Delegates who are exceedingly anxious to serve upon certain committees. The committees for Courts of Justice and Finance are the most important ones, and for the chairmanship of the latter the friends of Col. Buford, of Richmond, are urging his appointment. Mr. Pollard, of King and Queen, was chairman of the Finance Committee the last session, and he has every reason to expect that he will either be reinstated at the head of this committee or be made chairman of the Committee for Courts of Justice. There are fifteen or twenty Delegates who would like to serve on the Committee on Railroads and Internal Navigation.

The leaders in the House this year on the republican side are Dr. Webb, of Rockingham, Col. Wm. C. Elam, of Louisa, Col. George A. Martin, of Norfolk county, and ex-Judge Edmund Waddill, of Henrico. The last named Delegate is the chief talker on the republican side, and the first day of the session his colleague, Dr. Webb, face-tiously declared that if Mr. Waddill was made Speaker the democrats would be no more annoyed with Mr. Waddill's famous old chestnut, "Mr. Speaker," (with the accent on the "er") in this connection it will be well to add that during the session of 1885 G. Mr. Waddill called upon the Speaker no less than six hundred and seventy times.

Letters have been pouring in here to-day from Danville in regard to the bill looking to the establishment of a road from Danville to Bristol, Va. The bill was introduced by the Legislature who took a modified one the day the Legislature were sworn in. He was compelled to do this, as his disabilities had been removed after the passage or adoption of the anti-dueling oath.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Governor has urged in his message the abolishment of the office of Register of Lands, the number of applicants for that office has not diminished. The proposition to give the Second Auditor control of the office of Register of Lands, which was discussed and agitated for six years at least, it looks now as if the recommendation of the Governor will be carried out.

Mr. Eugene Higgins has decided to resign the office of chief clerk of the appointment division of the Treasury.

The city of Hoboken has won its suit against the bondsmen of ex-Collector of Revenue John McMahon, who defaulted in 1883, to the extent of \$47,454.

The total sum set aside by the Finance Committee of the City Council of Philadelphia for permanent improvements next year is \$2,292,500, which covers sewers, streets, school houses and water works.

The New York World congratulates M. Ferry upon the fact that he was not called upon Saturday to cross the Ferry managed by that old friend of the human family, M. Casron.

The New York Times says Scotch potatoes, with some consignments of the vegetable from Ireland, are arriving at that port in considerable quantities. This is the first time that this has been the case for five years.

Mr. King, in his letter regarding the position of second vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, says his resignation was to insure harmony in the management of the road.

At Plymouth Church Brooklyn yesterday morning Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott informed the congregation that Rev. Charles A. Barry, of Wolverhampton, England, had declined the call to the pastorate.

The new high license law, which has just gone into effect in Philadelphia, will drive out of the liquor business those who cannot pay the \$500 license, and many others, who cannot secure the necessary bondsmen.

A passenger train on the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad was stopped by train robbers near Texarkana the other day and the express car, mail and passengers relieved of all cash to the amount of about \$40,000.

The sixth day of the trial of Tom Woolford, charged with murder, closed without incident at Macon, Ga., on Saturday. The defense was practically closed, and argument began to-day. The prisoner for the first time showed some signs of weakening on Saturday during the trial, but at night, when being carried to his cell at the jail, whistled as he went up stairs.

The B. & O. R. R. As stated in Saturday's GAZETTE, Mr. Samuel Spencer, formerly General Superintendent of the B. & O. R. R., at a salary of \$25,000, Thomas M. King, Second Vice President, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. Mr. Spencer took the oath of office and addressed the directors.

The directors decided to call a meeting of the stockholders on the 12th of January to consider the matter of issuing \$5,000,000 of six per cent third preferred stock. First, it furnishes the company with at least \$5,000,000 of bonds which can be disposed of; and, second, the company will be relieved in the future from making large cash investments in the sinking funds, by placing therein consolidated mortgage bonds which will have practically no interest.

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POSTSCRIPT

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Congratulatory Resolutions, &c. [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, Dec. 12.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Heston, of Loudoun, introduced a resolution congratulating Attorney General Ayers and Messrs. Scott and McCabe for the part they took in bringing about the recent decision in the United States Supreme Court, which settled the debt controversy, and congratulating the State upon the result.

Mr. Tyler, of Richmond, offered a similar resolution in the House. Both lie over till to-morrow.

How the republicans will vote upon the resolutions is now a matter of conjecture.

Mr. McGruder, democrat, of Shenandoah, is opposed to any further debt legislation, and has introduced a resolution in the House with this object in view. His resolution was referred to a committee. B. P. O.

Ordered to be Removed to Richmond. [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 12.—A telegram received here this afternoon from New York announced that all Richmond and Danville Railroad offices in Washington were ordered to be removed back to Richmond. B. P. O.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12. SENATE.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal of Thursday, Mr. Hoar offered a resolution naming the Senators to constitute the standing committees for the fiftieth Congress.

The resolution was adopted. A similar resolution naming the Senators to constitute the select committees was also offered by Mr. Hoar and adopted.

A large number of communications and petitions was presented and referred.

Many bills were afterwards introduced and referred, among them one for preliminary surveys for the Potomac and Chesapeake free ship canal.

HOUSE.

A number of Executive communications, principally relative to private land claims in New Mexico, were laid before the House by the Speaker and appropriately referred.

Mr. Springer, of Ill., presented the petition of Owen G. Chase, who claims to be elected Delegate from the Territory of Cimarron, commonly known as the "public land strip." After debate the petition was laid on the table.

Speaker Carlisle, having left the chair and having called upon Mr. Crip to preside, briefly requested the House to relieve him of the responsibility of appointing the Committee on Elections. He said that the early selection of that committee by the House would greatly facilitate the appointment of the other committees.

A resolution was adopted providing that the House will to-morrow proceed to the election of the Committee on Elections, and the House then adjourned.

Fuel Famine.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 12.—Deputy United States Marshal Currier, who has traveled much about the Western part of the State during the last two weeks, says that the condition of the people so far as fuel is concerned is truly pitiable. Coal is not to be obtained at any price, and many cases of actual suffering are reported everywhere he went. The last cold wave exhausted what little supply they had, and should another follow soon none can estimate the misery that will ensue, and probably death. In a majority of cases where there is such a scarcity of coal it is partially the fault of the railroad companies and the dealers. The latter did not order coal until late in the fall. Then the mines were not of sufficient capacity to supply the orders. The railroad corporations saw that they would be cut short if all the dealers were supplied, and by one pretext and another failed to deliver coal to the dealers, but put such restrictions and rates upon it that the mines were compelled to furnish them in advance. Their supply is not limited, but they have hoarded it up to the suffering and detriment of thousands of people who have settled upon the prairies of Western and Southwestern Kansas.

Body Found.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 12.—Patrolman Aaron B. Steelman, of Life Saving Station No. 29, this beach, discovered a body at an early hour this morning on the strand. It is supposed to be that of William Reed, the eccentric and wealthy iron and oil prospector of Pittsburg, who with his mysterious electrical diving rod went to Somers Point, in search of buried wrecks, supposed to contain treasure, and was drowned there from a small skiff on October 21st. Coroner Irving will hold an inquest to-day. It is reported that a large reward has been offered for the recovery of the body. A considerable sum of money, jewelry and valuable papers were found upon the body. Mr. Reed's family at Pittsburg have been telegraphed for.

Double Tragedy. WHARTON, Tex., Dec. 12.—A double tragedy took place last night on the Wharton plantation, ten miles from here. A tenant on that plantation named James Porter quarreled with his wife, and grabbing his Winchester he ran out of the house, declaring he was going to leave her forever. When he reached the yard he turned and shot his wife through the window, killing her instantly, the ball penetrating her brain. Porter then turned the rifle against his own breast and fired it off with his foot. The ball tore a fearful hole through his lungs as large as a man's fist. Porter died in half an hour.

Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Very few decisions were rendered by the U. S. Supreme Court to-day and none of them were of interest.

Nominations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12, 1887.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate to-day were the following: To be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, Oscar S. Straus, of New York, to Turkey.

Alexander R. Lawton, of Georgia, to Austria Hungary.

Bayless W. Hanna, of Indiana, to the Argentine Republic.

To be Minister resident and Consul General of the United States, S. S. Carlisle, of Louisiana, to Bolivia.

To be Consul General of the United States, Jared Lawrence Rathbone, of California, at Paris.

Charlton H. Way, of Georgia, at St. Petersburg.

Killed by a Desperado.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 12.—Several days ago at Deer Trail, Col., an attempt was made to arrest Newton Voice, a desperado, who for six months has been terrorizing the people of the eastern part of the State. A fight ensued, in which Voice shot officer Cantley, breaking his right arm, and escaped. Yesterday he was located near Carona, a small town, 100 miles east of here. Yesterday a couple of deputy sheriffs and several citizens left here to arrest the outlaw. They reached the cabin at which Voice was hiding late yesterday afternoon and a fight took place. A telegram just received states that Gay Hollingsworth, a brother of the deputy sheriff was killed.

Railroad Accident.

AKRON, O., Dec. 12.—The through freight on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio road in this city last night ran into a local freight. The collision occurred on a high embankment, and men and cars were hurled 40 feet downward. Engineer Mike Cassidy and brakeman Mike Keibl, were both probably fatally hurt, being horribly cut up. The engine is a pile of scrap iron in the ditch. Many cars were demolished, including several loaded with meat. The loss is \$85,000.

Woman Shot.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Thomas F. Hoar was arrested at 5:30 this morning at a house on Bailey street, Dorchester, where he had just shot Mrs. Mary Williams, the ball taking effect in her abdomen. It was alleged that the trouble originated on account of a young daughter of Mrs. Williams whom she thought would be assaulted by Hoar against whom she tried to lock the door. Mrs. Williams is in the hospital.

Burglar Killed.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—A special from Huntington, W. Va., says that on Saturday night Joseph Mullin, who keeps a small general store, was awakened by some one entertaining the store. He took a pistol, went down stairs, and seeing a man entering the window fired. The ball entered the head of the burglar, killing him instantly. He proved to be a colored man named Isaac Moore. His companions fled.

Colored Man Killed.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 11.—Frank Moss, an extensive cattle dealer of Tazewell county, murdered a colored mail carrier on the route to Burk's Garden. Moss had just returned from eastern markets, where he had sold a large lot of cattle, and was crazy from a recent spree. He has been placed in a lunatic asylum.

Republican House Caucus.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Immediately after the adjournment of the House the republicans met in caucus to select the members who are to constitute the minority of the Committee on Elections. The caucus lasted but half an hour and nothing was done beyond the selection.

Mr. Higgins' Retirement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Mr. Eugene Higgins, Chief of the Appointment Division, said to-day, that the report that he will shortly retire from the public service is true. He will shortly tender his resignation to Secretary Fairchild, but has not as yet fixed upon the exact date.

Burning of a Chapel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Fire last evening destroyed St. Mary's chapel and parochial school. St. Mary's hospital was saved. The loss on the buildings will not exceed \$15,000, but many valuable relics preserved in the chapel were destroyed.

Dempsey and Reagan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Dempsey-Reagan prize fight for the middle weight championship again failed to come off this morning, a fog preventing the boats containing the principals and their backers leaving for the battle ground at Flushing, Long Island.

Duel.

BUDA-PESTH, Dec. 12.—As the result of a quarrel over money matters Edmund Literaty, a member of the Hungarian Parliament, fought a duel with his brother-in-law. Pistols were used and Literaty received a wound which is feared will prove fatal.

Harper Found Guilty.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—Harper, of Fidelity Bank notoriety, has been found guilty and was sentenced to ten years in the Ohio penitentiary.

The French Cabinet.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Tirard, yielding to President Carnot's appeals, has consented to make another attempt to organize a ministry.

Mr. Norval Jenkins died at his home in Loudoun county, a few days since, aged 51 years.

There was a man in our town and he was wondrous wise. He jumped into a bramble bush and scratched out both his eyes. And when he saw his eyes were out, with all his might and main. He hought a bottle of Salvoil Oil, and rubbed them in again.

I have been badly troubled with catarh from my earliest recollection and have tried everything imaginable for it, but never derived any permanent help until I used Ely's Cream Balm. It is working wonders.—A. H. VIETS, Superintendent Public School, Coitman, Texas.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The opening of the stock market this morning was irregular as compared with Saturday's closing figure, though prices were generally from 1-8 to 3-8 per cent lower. The market displayed the same narrowness which distinguished it during most of last week, and the same six or eight stocks monopolized the trading, though in these stocks there was an active business. Richmond and West Point being most conspicuous. Decided weakness was soon developed and a decline followed, Richmond and West Point losing 1 1/8 per cent, and the remainder of the active list fractional amounts, while Richmond and West Point on very light trading declined 2 1/2. There was no halt in the decline whatever and at 11 a. m. the market was active and decided weak at the lower prices reached. Money easy at 4 1/2.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Virginia 6s consolidated 44; past due coupons 68 1/2; 10-40 37 1/2; new 3s 67 1/2 bid to-day.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE DEC. 12.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including flour, sugar, corn, and other goods.

There is a fair demand for Flour, and the markets are without change. Wheat is firm and steady for well-cleaned, sound samples, and the offerings are still very light; sales are made as to condition at 78 to 80 for common, 80 to 84 for medium to good, and 84 to 87 for good to prime lots. Corn is quiet at 53 to 55. Rye 56 to 62. Oats 35 to 38. Eggs are easy and lower; at 23 to 24. Butter 18 to 23. Dried Fruit, Potatoes and other produce are active and wanted. Mill Feed is strong, with a tendency to higher prices.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Cotton steady; middling 10 1/2. Flour steady and quiet; Howard street and Western super \$2 37 1/2 to 75; do extra \$3 00 to \$3 00; do family \$3 95 to \$3 95; city Mills super \$3 75 to 60; do extra \$3 00 to 62; do city brands \$4 50 to 75. Patagonia super and extra \$7 50 to 80; do family \$5 15. Wheat—Southern higher; red 91 1/2 to 93; amber 92 1/2 to 95; Western lower and quiet; No 2 winter red spot 84 1/2 bid; Jan 85 1/2 to 86; Feb 85 1/2 to 86; May 85 1/2 to 86. Corn—Southern steady and firm; white 55 1/2 to 57; yellow 55 1/2 to 57; Western lower and quiet; mixed spot 57 1/2 to 58; year 55 1/2 to 56; Jan 56 1/2 to 57; Feb 57 1/2 to 58; May 60 bid. Oats—firm and quiet; Southern and Penna 34 1/2 to 37; Western white 38 1/2 to 40; do mixed 36 1/2 to 38. Rye steady at 61 1/2 to 63. Hay—firm; prime to choice Western \$13 15 to 60. Provisions steady with a moderate demand. Mess Pork \$15 25. Bulk-meats—shoulders and clear rib sides packed 7 1/2 to 8; Bacon—shoulders 7 1/2 to 8; clear rib sides 9 1/2; hams 12 1/2 to 14. Lard—reined 8 1/2. Butter firm; Western packed 21 1/2 to 22; creamery 20 1/2 to 21. Eggs 5 1/2 to 6; limited 16 1/2. Coffee firm and quiet; Rio cargoes ordered to fair 17 1/2 to 18 1/2. Sugar firm and fairly active; A coffee 7. Whiskey firm at \$1 14 1/2 to 15.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Cotton steady; uplands 10 1/2; Orleans 10 1/2; futures steady. Flour dull and heavy. Wheat heavy and lower. Corn lower. Pork dull at \$15 25 to 15 50; old mess Pork dull at \$14 50 to 14 75. Lard weak at \$7 60.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12, 11 a. m.—The leading futures are quoted at this hour as follows: May wheat 84 1/2; May corn 54 1/2; May soy 33 1/2; May pork 15 30 to 15 32 1/2; May lard 77 1/2; May short ribs 75 1/2.

MEDICAL.

ELYS CATARRH Cream Balm advertisement with logo and text describing the product's benefits for various ailments.

FRESH ALMONDS, English Walnuts, Pecans, Cream Nuts and Filberts for sale at J. C. MILBURN'S.

A THORNE CELEBRATED MINCE MEAT and PLUM PUDDINGS for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

WANTED—A position as ESTRETISSOR, or as a help in a private family. References given. Miss M. E. MUNROF, No. 320 N. Alfred st.

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