



ALEXANDRIA, VA. THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 3.

AT THE recent conference of the African M. E. Church of Delaware, one of the speakers, Elder White, said the Sunday school was the only chance for education colored children had in Isle of Wight county, Virginia, and that at one place there he was told "we don't keep school for niggers."

THE FARMERS of Minnesota denounce the U. S. Supreme Court for its recent decision, that granting appeals from the interstate commerce commission to the courts, and ask all the other farmers in the country to unite with them in demanding the abolition of that court.

IF THE accounts published in this country of what are called Russian barbarities were true, the Russian government would not only be the cruelest government on earth, but also the most foolish.

DR. PHILIP A. WHITE, the negro representative on the Brooklyn Board of Education, says he will resign on account of the trouble he has in obtaining equal rights in the schools for negro children.

IF THE democrats in Congress be wise, which, however, is vain to expect, they will not offer a substitute for the McKinley tariff bill, but when that bill shall come up for consideration, will offer amendments to it, putting hides, salt, coal, iron, tin, lumber, wool, medicine, and other necessities of life upon the free list, and bring the republicans to a recorded vote.

THOUGH THEIR own letters proved that they were prostituting their high offices to low partisan purposes, the federal judicial officers in Florida have been confirmed by the republican majority in the U. S. Senate.

ALL TALK about the retrocession of Alexandria, or of any part of it, city or county, to the District of Columbia is vain and silly gabble. Congress is not going to rob Virginia of any more of her territory, and there could be nothing more certain than the fact that Virginia will not surrender any more of it to the federal government.

THE PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Journal says "one-sixth of the total vote of that city can be bought at cheap rates." And yet the Rhode Island republicans in Congress prate of a consuming desire for fair elections in the South.

FROM WASHINGTON. (Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3, 1880. The republican members of the House ways and means committee say the party is sold on their tariff bill with the exception of four schedules thereof, those on sugar, wool, hides and tobacco, and those on them a compromise will be made that will be satisfactory and unite the entire strength of the party.

The House committee on the judiciary today appointed a sub-committee to visit Alabama and neighboring southern States and make a thorough investigation of the alleged improper action of court officers in instituting prosecutions without reason and for the purpose of collecting fees. It is also charged that sentences in criminal cases have been suspended without warrant of law and that the officials have been guilty of maladministration and corruption.

The House committee on patents today authorized Chairman Butterworth to report to the House a bill providing for the erection of a new building for the use of the Patent office and other bureaus of the Interior Department at a cost of three million dollars.

The House committee on war claims has reported favorably a bill to relieve the sureties of the late Daniel Murphy, who was paymaster and storekeeper at Harper's at the commencement of the civil war, and for some years previous thereto.

Proposals for the building of two first class steamboats for the new Washington, Norfolk and O Point Steamboat Company were sent out today to the principal ship yards on the Atlantic coast.

A bill has been favorably reported to the House granting the right of way over the Aqueduct Bridge to the Georgetown and Arlington Railroad, which practically gives that road a monopoly of the bridge. This of course is highly objectionable to other parties who have similar privileges for the proposed roads in which they are interested.

The petition of the congressmen representing tobacco districts asking the Speaker to recognize one of them to move to take up the bill to repeal the tobacco tax, was presented to Mr. Reed today. Up to three o'clock no answer to it had been received.

The House committee on the judiciary today reported favorably the bill to define the jurisdiction of United States courts. It provides that all original jurisdiction now vested in the U. S. circuit courts shall be vested in the district courts except remedial writs. They are established as follows: 1st, at Boston; 2d, at New York; 3d, at Philadelphia; 4th, at Richmond; 5th, at New Orleans; 6th, at Cincinnati; 7th, at Chicago; and 8th, at San Francisco.

There are four applicants for the place of inspector of steamboats for the Norfolk district, from which Col. Marshall Parks has just been removed: Messrs. Woodworth and J. B. H. Smith, and Messrs. Wood and J. B. H. Smith, of Baltimore, Congressmen in Wood's and Norfolk district, told the GAZETTE's correspondent this morning he thought Mr. Ost would be appointed before the close of the day.

THE elections Tuesday in Chicago and Milwaukee seem to show that the democratic drift indicated by the State elections last fall, and by the town elections of New York and other States since January, still continues. In Chicago the democrats carried the day by a majority of 11,000. The City Council, which is at present republican, is now republican in control. Wards once considered republican strongholds were captured by the rest. The majority being already in democratic hands, Chicago's government will now for some time to come be democratic throughout. In Milwaukee, a fortress of republicanism, a like result was achieved. The majority was captured by a democratic vote of 10,000. The republicans in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin are paralyzed at the sweeping victory of the democrats in the metropolis of the State. The result is said to be the bitter fight made by the Catholic priests and Lutheran ministers against the Bennett compulsory education law requiring the English language to be taught in all schools. The situation is one of great moment, to the republican party in Wisconsin, and the leaders predict defeat next November if the fight is to be on the same line as that of Tuesday.

A QUEER FAMILY TANGLE.—A strange story came to light in Chicago yesterday. Mrs. E. E. Hutton has been four times married. Her first husband was A. R. Kingsbury, who died, leaving property worth \$200,000, and the widow married General Lawrence. A sensational divorce suit followed, and Mrs. Lawrence found herself once more free. Her third choice was Mr. Vandennest. Again the lady was divorced, and at the age of 45 she married her fourth husband, who is an Englishman, 25 years of age. Her son, young Kingsbury, and Hutton were colleagues. Kingsbury took Hutton home and introduced him to Mrs. Vandennest, who fell violently in love with him, and it is alleged offered the young man \$200,000 worth of property if he would wed her. Hutton accepted, and the two were married secretly. When the son was child his mother was appointed guardian of his property, amounting to about \$400,000. Later another guardian was appointed. Mrs. Hutton still has her son's interest in her possession, however, and her husband has sued the son to knock out young Kingsbury's title to the amount.

Court of Appeals Yesterday. Mears & Lewis vs. Dexter. Further argued and continued.

NEWS OF THE DAY. Bishop Kain, of Wheeling, W. Va., has asked the Pope for a more convenient division of his diocese. Ex-Senator Wallace will accept the democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania if tendered him. In Rome the announcement is made that the Vatican has authorized the recognition of the Brazilian republic. Two assassins who killed young Paolo in Italy over a year ago were caught by a New York detective yesterday. Queen Victoria, who is now at Aix-les-Bains, will visit Switzerland, Germany, and Belgium before returning to England. General Thomas C. Anderson, a republican politician of Louisiana and a member of the famous Louisiana Returning Board, is dead. It is said that Emperor William has ordered royal honors to be paid American riflemen on their visit to the coming schutzenfest at Berlin. The Harlem Democratic Club had their Jefferson banquet at their club house last night. Ex-Gov. Lee responded to the toast, the State of Virginia. There will be a parade on the 11th inst. of all the United States soldiers, marines and volunteers in Washington and a review by the Pan American delegates. Prince Bismarck positively declines the title of Duke of Lauenburg, but the Emperor declares that he shall have the dukedom whether he bears the title or not. It is stated that honest administration of the sheriff's office in New York city would bring the sheriff \$70,000 in debt per annum. Deputies required to charge only legal rates are resigning. Huntington, on the Mississippi, has been abandoned, and the inhabitants there and in the neighborhood are suffering from exposure and destitution. The situation on Red river has improved. In Denver, Rawlins county, Kansas, the father and mother of a family named Chleboard disappeared some time ago. On Tuesday they were found in a well. The children are generally supposed to be dead. It is said that the Mormons, beaten at every turn in Utah and disgusted with the recent elections, are rapidly moving out to Mexico and other climes more congenial than Utah for the practice of polygamy. Townsend & Co., of the woolen trade, of New York, have failed, and the trouble is ascribed to the warm winter, though Mr. Townsend is convinced that it is not possible with the present high tariff to do profitable business. It is reported that ex-Priest Boyle, who was acquitted in Raleigh, N. C., on Saturday last upon a charge of criminal assault on a young lady, has gone to Scotland for the purpose of entering a Trappist monastery there. Mrs. Julia Barrett, living at 815 New Jersey avenue, Washington, was mysteriously shot in the neck and seriously wounded yesterday. Her son was arrested on suspicion, though she declares a colored man did the shooting. John Callahan and William Buckley narrowly escaped lynching at Eatontown, N. J., yesterday. They went late at night to the house of James Roswell, brutally beat him and his wife and left after committing an assault on the latter. The unique contest between the twin brothers "Jim" and "Tom" Seaman for the office of Justice of the Peace of the town of Hempstead, N. Y., Tuesday, resulted in the election of Brother "Jim," the republican, by a small majority. Gunther Kiel shot Frederick Van Sica in the kitchen of his summer hotel at Plain View, L. I., yesterday, and then nearly beat to death Nathan Van Sica, the murdered man's father. Kiel was badly beaten with a fence picket during the fight. At Farmington, Mo., yesterday, the crusaders, headed by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Foster, opened their campaign. Armed with sledge hammers they stopped Gus Thomason's beer wagon and smashed six barrels, emptying the beer into the street. "Ginger" M. Nulty for the sake of revenge nearly blinded a man named Curran with vitriol in a New York saloon early Sunday morning. M. Nulty and a couple of his pals caught Curran and dabbed his face with vitriol, using a painter's brush for the purpose. The United States Senate yesterday discussed the Montana election case without reaching a vote. Mr. Gray made a strong speech against seating the republican claimants. The House spent several hours in debate on the bill for the admission of Idaho as a State. Major J. C. Colt, who was nominated for Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina by the farmers' convention last week, has written a letter to Captain Schell, who called the convention, declining the nomination on the ground that he cannot support Mr. Tillman's platform. The committee on monetary convention of the Pan-American Conference recommend that an international American monetary union be established, and that as a basis for this union an international coin or coins be issued, which shall be uniform in weight and fineness, and which may be used in all the countries represented in this conference. President Bratton, of the Maryland State Senate, declines the office of treasurer, at the chances of Mr. Compton for the succession seem to hold good. It is thought the Attorney-General will advise the trial and removal of Stevenson Archer. From Belair it is reported that Mr. Archer is expecting to resume the practice of the law; that he sent for his pastor yesterday, and will shortly prepare a statement for the press. THE HATFIELD-McCOY VENDETTA.—Another chapter in the Hatfield-McCoy vendetta was opened at the county seat of Logan county last Saturday night. From what can be learned, Jerry Hatfield, a young man and cousin of "Devil Anse" Hatfield, met M. C. Lee in a house of bad repute and a quarrel resulted. The parties were quieted for a short time, but it did not settle the trouble, and the result was that Lee shot Hatfield through with a ball from a Springfield rifle, from the effects of which he died. Hatfield was a prosperous young merchant of Logan County, Va. He was one of the guards selected by "Old Anse" Hatfield to guard him to Charleston, W. Va., at the late term of the United States court to answer a charge of violating the internal revenue laws. EXPLOSION IN A MILL.—A terrible explosion occurred early yesterday morning at Charles Witham's steam saw mill in Messong Neck, in the northwestern part of Accomac county. The mill and machinery were blown to atoms. Engineer Hussey, who was standing near the boiler when the explosion occurred, escaped with slight injuries. Lorcz Holland, a colored employe, was killed outright, and two other colored men were seriously hurt, one having a leg and the other an arm badly broken. Two other colored men were blown sixty feet over a shed and a pile of lumber into a creek, and were picked up in an unconscious condition, but they are not supposed to be seriously injured.

VIRGINIA NEWS. Mrs. Mary Bullock died on Thursday last at Haymarket. She was over 82 years old. Aunspau & Cobbs, dry goods merchants of Lynchburg, have made an assignment. The Rockbridge and Amherst tin mines have been rented to a Boston company for \$60,000. Two hundred and fourteen thousand dollars in coupons was paid into the treasury last year. There were 141 loads of fine stock shipped from Rectortown during the year 1889 and 109 loads received. Mr. N. Janney Pursell and Miss Nina Camp were married at Hillsboro, Loudoun county, on Monday. Ex-State Treasurer George Rye died at his home in Edinburg at 7 p. m. yesterday in the 81st year of his age. Mr. Daniel introduced in the Senate yesterday a bill to pay Robert N. Blake, of Stafford county, \$5,755 for property taken from his place by the Union army during the war. In the House yesterday, on motion of Mr. Tucker, the Senate bill was passed appropriating \$11,000 for the construction of a road from Staunton to the national cemetery near that point. Wm. Elzey, eldest son of the late Thos. Elzey, died at his home near Farmwell, Loudoun county, last Sunday morning. He was buried in the old family burying ground, in Broad Run district, on Monday. Thos. E. Carper, a worthy and useful citizen of Fairfax county, died at his home near Dranesville, last Saturday morning after a short illness. His remains were interred in Union Cemetery, Leesburg, on Sunday. Spillen Foster and John Tallon, two young white men of Roanoke, have been arrested charged with the murder of J. H. Cadell, treasurer of Palaski county, an account of which was published in yesterday's GAZETTE. Wm. Venable, the republican clerk of Henrico Court, who was yesterday arraigned in the Police Court, charged with forging an order for \$1, was before the same tribunal today, charged with another forgery for a similar amount. In the House yesterday a favorable report was made on a bill introduced by Gen. Lee to pay A. B. Carter, of Shelby county, Tenn., formerly of Fauquier county, for 7,000 cords of wood taken from his place near Warren junction during the war. Jacob Edwards' little boy died a few days ago at Hume, Fauquier county. He was playing with his brothers when one of them threw a grain of corn in his mouth, which lodged in his windpipe. Two doctors were summoned, but not in time to save his life. He lived about two hours after getting the corn in his throat. The new assessment in Fredericksburg shows taxable real estate in the corporate limits to be \$1,172,574. The amount of property exempted from taxation is \$157,900, which makes a total of \$1,330,474. The increase of real estate over last year is over \$25,000, and does not include a number of new buildings now in course of erection. The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Appeal writes: "A gentleman here to day from the 8th Congressional district says the contest up there will be between Congressman Lee and Hon. E. E. Meredith, ex-member of the State Senate from Prince William. Mr. Frank Hume, of Alexandria, is looked upon as a candidate. He opposed Gen. Lee four years ago, when nearly 200 ballots were taken before a nomination was made." An unauthorized report that John L. Sullivan and Peter Jackson intend to fight on Virginia soil under authority claimed to be given under a charter granted the Virginia Athletic Association by the Legislature, has attracted some attention among Richmond sports. A few lawyers express the opinion that the act gives the association full authority to conduct a prize fight on their grounds. Alluding to this matter, Col. Frank G. Ruffin, the second auditor of the State, said: "I hope they will fight, which they have a perfect right to do under the charter granted to the Athletic Sporting Club, for it will show the Governor the necessity of reading all bills before he approves them." Mrs. Louise Baker, who died in a garret on Bank street, Norfolk, yesterday, was from Prince Edward county, and a lady of good family. Some months ago her husband was thrown out of employment and left home in search of work. Mrs. Baker was left in destitute circumstances, and three days ago she was found in a starving condition, her only companions being eight cats who were ferocious from starvation. They were sitting on her bed when the room was entered. On her hand was found a wound, which evidently had been made by one of the animals. The only article of food in the room was an egg.

SALEM.—A RISING VIRGINIA TOWN.—We take pleasure in calling attention, to the advertisement of the Salem Improvement Company appearing in another column. Salem, Roanoke county, is justly termed the "Queen City" of the southwest. Some careful observing Swiss traveler declared on first viewing Salem and her surroundings, many years ago, that in grandeur and picturesqueness, Switzerland did not surpass them. Beside Salem's natural beauty and healthfulness its surrounding mountains are liberal storehouses of mineral wealth. As strange as it may appear the importance of Salem's admirable location for a commercial and industrial center, was not fully realized till last year when a number of her leading citizens and prominent men from other States organized a company for the purpose of opening up her grand possibilities, and calling the attention of the country to her advantages. The plan adopted by this body of men comprising the Improvement Company, in placing their most eligible property on the market has been commended by a man who has examined into the matter. The property advertised comprises some of the most commanding residences local yet offered, and present indications are that they will be sought after with even more eagerness than were even the first ones. The sale of these were something unprecedented. The sale opens at noon, April 15th. No lots will be sold to any one before that date. This is the 25th anniversary of the evacuation of Richmond.

LEMON ELIXIR. A Pleasant and Laxative Drink. For biliousness and constipation, take Lemon Elixir. For indigestion and foul stomach, take Lemon Elixir. For sick and nervous headache, take Lemon Elixir. For sleeplessness and nervousness, take Lemon Elixir. For loss of appetite and debility, take Lemon Elixir. For fevers, chills and malaria, take Lemon Elixir. Lemon Elixir will not fail you in any of the above diseases, all of which arise from a torpid or diseased liver, stomach, kidneys, bowels or blood. Prepared only by Dr. H. MOZLEY, Atlanta, Ga. 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by druggists.

A Prominent Minister Writes: After ten years of great suffering from indigestion, with great nervous prostration, biliousness, disordered kidneys and constipation, I have been cured by Dr. Mozley's Lemon Elixir, and am now a well man. Rev. C. C. Davis, Eld. M. E. Church South, No. 25 Tenth st., Atlanta, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3, 1880. SENATE. On motion of Mr. Edmunds it was ordered that, to-morrow being Good Friday, the adjournment to day shall be till Saturday. The House amendments to the Senate bill for a zoological park in the District of Columbia were laid before the Senate. The principal amendment was that half the expenditures for the park should be paid out of the taxes collected in the District. Mr. Blair introduced in the Senate yesterday a bill to regulate the employment of per diem laborers employed by the Government (fixing the lowest wages at \$2 per day) and had it referred to the committee on education and labor. The Vice President announced that he expected to be absent from Washington several days next week. He did so (he said) so that the Senate might take such action as might seem proper in view of the resolution of March 12, as to the appointment of president pro tempore. At one o'clock the presiding officer announced that the "unfinished business"—the Montana election case—came up under the rule. Mr. Sherman moved to reconsider the vote this morning for an adjournment over Good Friday. Mr. Edmunds "implored" Mr. Sherman not to press that motion. Good Friday, he said, was recognized by all Christians of every description as being as holy a day as Sunday, and for years and years neither the Senate nor the Supreme Court had thought it fit to be in session on that day. Mr. Sherman had ever adjourned over on account of Good Friday, and he thought that in the present condition of public business the best thing that the Senate could do would be to attend to it. Good Friday was not a legal holiday. Mr. Pratt said that while he was extremely anxious to get on with the business of the Senate, and while he had no personal scruple about sitting to-morrow, the question took the form of a religious matter with many Senators, who had scruples against joining business on Good Friday. He thought that the Senate should recognize these scruples; and he would, therefore, vote against the motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider was rejected. The Montana contested election case was taken up as "unfinished business," and Mr. Gray resumed his argument in support of the claim of the two democratic claimants—Clark and Maginnis.

HOUSE. On motion of Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, a petition from the New England Shoe and Leather Association against the imposition of a duty upon hides and skins was ordered printed in the Record. The reading of the petition was received with applause from the democratic side. Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, called up the bill exempting American coastwise sailing vessels piloted by a licensed master or by a United States pilot from the obligation to pay State pilots for services not rendered. Mr. Cummings, of New York, raised the question of consideration against the bill. The House decided—yeas 93, nays 107—not to consider the measure. On motion of Mr. Hill, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Senate concurrent resolution was agreed to requesting the President to invite from time to time, as fit occasion may arise, negotiations with any government with which the United States may have diplomatic relations, to the end that any differences or disputes arising between the governments which cannot be adjusted by diplomatic agency may be referred to arbitration. A bill was passed authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the State of Colorado flags carried by Colorado regiments. A Senate bill was passed amending the articles of war so as to provide that no person shall be punished by court martial for desertion, in time of peace, committed more than two years before the arraignment. Mr. Lawler, of Illinois, introduced a bill to test the science of short spelling and to establish 100 schools for that purpose. The House then resumed the consideration of the Idaho admission bill.

Reciprocity Suggested. TORONTO, April 3.—In the Ontario Legislature last night, Mr. Graham moved that the Government be petitioned to take steps to bring about unrestricted reciprocity between the United States and Canada. There was no use, he said, in concealing the fact that the farmers were handicapped by the prohibitory tariff which the Americans had put upon Canadian products, and if something was not done to relieve the farmers they would soon become bankrupt. The Rhode Island Election. PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 3.—Davis, the democratic candidate for Governor of Rhode Island, carried the city of Providence by a majority of 445. The vote as counted up to 11:30 gives Ladd 19,127, Davis 20,627, Larry 1,767 and Chace 773 votes. Davis lacks 1,091 majority necessary for election. The vote for attorney general stands; Rogers 18,986, Stouck 20,124; Blodgett 1,856. Stouck lacks 718, of a requisite majority. The legislature is in doubt.

POSTSCRIPT. A Dangerous Invoice. PETOSKEY, Mich., April 3.—A merchant received yesterday three cases of shoes from Georgetown, Mass., and in seven of them one pound cartridges of dynamite were found packed with the shoes. It is supposed that the dynamite was packed in the box with the intention of blowing up some depot or wrecking a train. Quick Passage. SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—The Pacific Mail steamer China arrived at Hong Kong March 31st, twenty days from this port including a stop at Yokohama. This is the fastest trip on record, reducing the time two days. Telegraphic Brevities. The Fresno, Cal. Water Works were yesterday sold to the Municipal Investment Company, of Chicago and London for a half million dollars. Special agent Davis, who was sent to investigate the condition of affairs on the Cherokee strip, reports that all the boomers have been removed. A passenger on a Wisconsin Central train yesterday morning made a loop of a handkerchief, and by suspending it to a coat hook, succeeded in strangling himself. Fire this morning destroyed Bryan's wagon and carriage factory in New York. The flames extended to several adjoining dwelling houses which were burned down. Loss estimated at \$50,000. Two cattlemen named Bolton and Clayton, met S. H. Covert, a wealthy young rancher on the crest in Paso Del Norte, Mex., last night, and without warning began shooting at him until he fell dead. There is strong talk of lynching the murderers. A train of 40 loaded cars was thrown from track of the Hudson River road this morning by a rock which had fallen on the track. Two brakemen were injured. Searle and Paine, the young men charged with robbing the Northern Pacific Express Company of \$15,000, were acquitted at Brainerd, Minn., yesterday. The launch of the palatial side-wheeler Plymouth, built at Roche's ship yard at Chester, Pa. for the Old Colony Company, took place today. Since the cutting off of the Chicago quotations the Baltimore merchants are using the New York quotations. The St. Louis Board of Trade has decided to use New York market instead of Chicago quotations. It is said that diplomatic relations between Serbia and Bulgaria are already severed. Gov. Jackson, of Maryland, has signed the \$250 license bill for Maryland. A Virginia Woman's Romance. A woman giving the name of Mary Rebecca Shipley, and her residence Staunton, Va., was arrested in Philadelphia yesterday for shoplifting and about \$700 worth of goods recovered. To the magistrate she made the following statement: "I have had many romantic adventures, and do you know, but this is the most romantic one of them all. I had a gentleman friend from Philadelphia who visited me in Staunton and read to me accounts of the experience of the female shoplifters in the large bazars in Philadelphia and New York. I fell to thinking over the matter until finally I got the notion into my head that I would try my own hand at it, just to see whether I could take anything without being detected. Not with the idea of stealing, you know, but just to see whether I had the skill and audacity that they possessed. Well, I came here two weeks ago. I had money to make my purchases with, but I went from one large store to another, picking up any little trifle that took my fancy. I took everything to my hotel room, and have it there now. I did not remove the price marks or tags, and I can pick out the goods which I got from each store separately. I decided to give a supper at the hotel and invite the superintendents and the head ladies from each store from which I had taken anything to meet me, and I intended to ask each lady to identify her own goods and return them to her. And, by the way, I had decided to do that very thing to-morrow night. I would not use the goods for myself. I had abundance without them. Of course I wouldn't want the story of my arrest to get into the papers. Romantic idea, altogether, wasn't it?" She was present while her trunk was being searched and composedly ate her lunch, and was in the same placid mood when removed to the county prison. The woman claims to have wealthy and respectable connections in Staunton.

Many Murders. About four miles from Atwood, Kan., is what is known as the "Old Horn Farm," which in 1879 was occupied by a man named Swift, who lived with his daughter. Swift was arrested and convicted of a grievous crime. When he was lying in jail a party of men took him off and it is supposed robbed and murdered him and threw his body into a well. On an adjoining farm lived a family named Childbeard. One day Mrs. Childbeard died very suddenly, and shortly after her man mysteriously disappeared. Soon after a brother going to school disappeared. He, too, is supposed to be resting in the well. Last December the third brother came home from school and was given an apple by the elder brother. In three hours he was dead. Childbeard and his wife are now in jail on the charge of murder and when the well is examined it is expected that a sensation will be revealed which will rival the crimes of the Bender family. M. P. CONFERENCE.—The sixty second session of the Maryland annual conference of the M. P. Church was formerly opened at Chestertown, Md., yesterday morning by President William Strayer reading a 151st After prayer the president read his annual report. More than 200 ministers and delegates were present at roll call. Rev. Lawrence W. Bates, D. D., presided the conference sermon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. M. Strayer; secretary, Walter E. Graham; assistant secretary, J. W. Kirk; steward, Steward, D. W. Antine; assistant steward, C. E. Day; steward, home missions, S. C. O'Brien; steward, superannuated fund, J. M. Sheridan; steward foreign missions, J. W. Baedert; steward education, F. T. Benson; steward general home missions, E. O. Ewing. Mr. J. R. Eaton, of this city, was appointed on the committee on itinerancy and orders, the faculty of instruction, publication, the secretary, and boundaries. Dom Pedro, the ex Emperor of Brazil, has refused to accept the proceeds of the forced sale of his Brazilian property, ordered by the provisional government.

LEMON HOT DROPS cures colds, hoarseness and sore throat. Price 25 cents per bottle. For sale by ERNEST L. ALLEN, 7610 1/2 Cor. King and Pitt sts., Alexandria.

GELATINE—Swinsburne's, Nelson's, Coxe's and G. Chalmers' Gelatine jars: received by mh25 J. C. MILBURN.