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The plans for the twin-screw, armored, harbor-defense ram have been completed. She will have no armament, and will rely entirely upon her ramming for her offensive powers.

At the Cabinet meeting held after the return of the President to Washington yesterday evening, an extra session was discussed. The prevailing opinion is that the President will not call one.

A complete list of Congressional nominations made to date was published in the New York Herald to-day, with a forecast of the result showing that the next Congress will be surely democratic.

A storm was reported yesterday at Detroit, Michigan, from up the lakes. Many vessels had to take refuge in the different harbors. At Port Arthur considerable of the breakwater was washed away.

Gen. R. W. H. Davis, of Aberdeen, Miss., died suddenly of apoplexy at Huntsville, Ala., yesterday. He was a second cousin of Jefferson Davis, and the author of a recent publication entitled "Mississippi and Mississippians."

The only son of Colonel C. F. Crocker fell over a banister in his father's house at San Francisco on Sunday and was killed. The boy was but 10 years old, and would have inherited the bulk of his father's fortune, estimated at \$15,000,000.

The Conde de la Grange's chateau near Domfront, France, has been sacked and burned. The entire building was destroyed. There were many valuable works of art in the chateau, all of which have been lost. The police are seeking the culprits.

Last summer Rev. A. B. Crutchet, a popular Montreal clergyman, appeared in a Canadian village accompanied by a young woman, who a short time afterward gave birth to a child. Mr. Crutchet has confessed his guilt and will be expelled from the church.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Foreign News. CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 15.—The deaths from cholera at Aleppo average fifty daily.

BERLIN, Oct. 15.—An imperial order has been issued that all the schools be closed on October 26th, the 19th anniversary of the birth of Gen. Count von Moltke.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A petition to the Governor General praying that the sentence of death passed upon Birchall, the murderer, be commuted, is being circulated.

The Ohio Legislature. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 15.—A resolution was offered in the House, the tone of which censured the Governor, for calling the extra session and providing an investigating committee for Cincinnati.

Respected. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 15.—Governor Fler has granted to Calvin Holden and Albert Dunham, sentenced to be hanged Friday, October 17, at Monticello for the murder of Harley Russell, a stay of execution until Friday, March 6, 1891.

Dillon and O'Brien. TIPPERARY, Oct. 15.—During the proceedings in the court here to-day, Mr. Healy, one of the counsel for the defendants in the conspiracy case, was handed a telegram from Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien announcing their safe arrival at Cherbourg, France, to-day.

Virginia News. The emancipation celebration opened in Richmond to-day and will continue three days.

The first sod in the construction of the Roanoke and Southern Railroad, was turned at Roanoke yesterday.

A mass meeting is to be held in Roanoke to urge the extension of the Valley Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Road to that city.

The wife of Mr. John M. Silver, member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Frederick county, died last week of consumption.

Rev. Archibald Alexander Little, pastor of the Gordonville, Presbyterian Church, and Miss Nannie Scott, of Richmond, were married yesterday evening at the Second Presbyterian Church at that city.

At a meeting of ex-Confederates held in Richmond last night it was decided to move the remains of Gen. A. P. Hill from Hollywood to a lot donated by Lewis Ginter, near the Lee monument, where the monument to Gen. Hill will be erected.

Dr. Henry Shield, assistant physician at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum at Williamsburg, while descending the steps at the asylum yesterday morning, slipped and fell breaking his arm between the elbow and shoulder and cutting his forehead very badly.

W. J. Rogers, the democratic nominee for Congress in the 2d North Carolina district, was withdrawn on account of ill health, but another nomination will not be made, as the district is largely republican.

On account of failing sight Mr. Pulitzer has withdrawn entirely from the editorship of the New York World.

Mexico will adopt the Pan American system of weights and measures.

[From the National Democrat] An Opinion of Hume.

The character of a candidate who presents himself before the people of his district, and solicits their votes, is a fair subject for discussion. It is the duty, indeed, of those who oppose his election to inform the voters of all established facts in his career, business or personal, which could give them in making choice of the candidate who have entered into the contest.

In the case of Mr. Hume, who has, regardless of the fact that General Lee had received the nomination from the properly constituted authority, the Democratic Congressional Convention, placed himself before the voters of the Eighth District as an "independent" democrat, and so anxious are our republican adversaries to defeat the truly recognized nominee of the democratic party that they decline to make a nomination and are supporting Hume, and Mr. Hume's democracy is that which is questionable kind which allows him to consent to be used by our opponents to distract and disrupt those party friends from whom in the past he had secured favorable recognition.

Mr. Hume and his friends, under his inspiration, charge that of legitimate unmade by some mode of illegitimate means known to any but themselves, General Lee's past throughout his whole life, has been so unimpeachable that a charge like that is deemed an impossibility. How is it with Mr. Hume's past? Will it bear comparison with the regular nominee of the democratic party? A reference to the proceedings of the Court of Claims reveals a transaction which is laid before the voters of the Eighth District for their consideration.

Mr. Hume had obtained a contract to supply the Government Hospital for the Insane with certain articles under an advertisement inviting proposals for the same. Among the articles advertised for were "shucks," and by a clerical error the word pounds, for hundred weight, was substituted, and Mr. Hume claimed he had bid 60 cents per pound instead of per hundred weight, and rendered an account for 6,922 pounds for shucks at 60 cents per pound, amounting to \$4,153.20.

Of course it was not paid, and he brought suit. Justice Richardson, of the Court of Claims, in rendering the decision, said: "An agreement to pay \$1,200 a ton for shucks actually worth not more than \$35 a ton, is an unconscionable bargain, and in violation of the law. It is a contract which no man in his senses, not under duress, would make on the one hand, and which no fair and honest man would accept on the other."

Nobody can doubt such a contract, whether obtained on fraud, accident, mistake, folly or ignorance, is void at common law. Courts of law will always refuse to enforce such a bargain as against the public policy of honesty, fair dealing and good morals.

It would be a fraud against the United States to enforce such a contract. Not content with this striking decision Hume carried the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and here is what Chief Justice Fuller says of the man who presents himself to the voters of the Eighth District asking their suffrages.

Chief Justice Fuller, in giving the opinion of the court, says: "Fraud is recognized in four classes. Mr. Hume's fraud comes under the second class. 'It may be apparent from the intrinsic nature and subject of the bargain itself, such as no man in his senses, and not under duress, would make on the one hand, and no honest and fair man would accept on the other,' and the Chief Justice says: 'The facts were such as he (Hume) must be held to have known at the time (the Government agent's) action, if understandingly taken, would be in palpable derogation of their duty to their principal (the United States), and sought to procure, by the character of the fraud is sustained.'"

So far as the claimant (Hume) is concerned: "The claimant (Hume), by his replication, insists that the price of sixty cents per pound for shucks (worth 12 cents) was the price at which he intended to bid and there was no mistake on his part in making out the bid." He therefore admits repeatedly that he designed to commit the Government to a contract "no man in his senses and not under duress, would make on the one hand and no honest or fair man would accept on the other."

Mr. Hume places himself in the position of attempting to commit fraud on the Government and so we leave him, sustained in our view of the case by the decision of two of the highest judicial tribunals in the land. Is such a man likely to exercise much influence in the halls of Congress, when any opponent can silence him by a reference to the Supreme Court report for October term, 1889, pages 406 to 415.—Adv. [1] A VOTER.

Bid me discourse, and I will enchant thine ear with tales of astounding cures of all sorts of suffering by Salvation O. Price only 25 cents.

An Indian boy wanted to hang himself after seven school girls had kissed him. He didn't, for he found they had given him nothing more serious than a cold, which he speedily cured with Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup, and then married the prettiest one.

I prescribe Simmonds Liver Regulator, and I deserve all the praise it receives.—Dr. D. W. Atkinson, Siloam Springs, Ark.

The Pulpit and the Stage. Rev. F. M. Shront, Pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 25 pounds in weight."

Arthur Love, Manager Lovell's Funny Folk Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The great kindness I do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it!"

Painting the town red means headache in the morning; Simmonds Liver Regulator prevents it.

OFFICIAL. BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held October 14, 1890, there were present: Wm. H. Marbury, Esq., President, and Messrs. Lindsey, Burke, Hinken, Goodrich, Bryant and McKenzie.

An ordinance placing the price of gas at \$1.60 per 100 feet, with 10 cents off for prompt payment, was read three times and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Lindsey, Burke, Hinken, Goodrich, Bryant, McKenzie and Mr. President—7. Noes, none.

The Committee on Streets reported that it would cost about \$3,000 to carry out the wishes of I. C. O'Neal and A. W. Armstrong, who petitioned for the alteration of the sewerage of Henry street, whereon certain property formerly part of R. G. Vidler's estate is situated, and the report was laid over.

The same committee reported an ordinance to amend and re-enact an ordinance permitting the Alexandria and Fairfax Passenger Railway Company to lay tracks and run cars through certain streets of the city, and it was read three times and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Lindsey, Burke, Hinken, Goodrich, Bryant, McKenzie and Mr. President—7. Noes, none.

The same committee made an adverse report on the petition of F. Paff for damages to his property on the street between Cameron and Queen, through the alleged improper grade of Patrick street, and the report was adopted.

The same committee, to whom had been referred the petition of Mrs. Ticer and others to have Patrick street, between Princess and Oronoco streets, gutted and paved, reported that the petitioners had not signed the petition, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Poor, to whom had been referred the petition of Dr. Bechtel for the salary usually paid to the four Physicians to the Poor, made a report recommending that Dr. Bechtel be paid his regular salary during the remainder of his term, and that two Physicians to the Poor, to be elected a salary of \$200 each, one of which shall act as Health Officer and receive \$50 additional. The report was adopted, and an ordinance to provide for electing and prescribing the duties of Physicians to the Poor and fixing their salaries was read three times and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Lindsey, Burke, Hinken, Goodrich, Bryant and Mr. President—6. Noes, Mr. McKenzie—1.

An ordinance to repeal section 6, chapter 20, of the code in relation to Physicians to the Poor was received from the Common Council, read three times and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Lindsey, Burke, Hinken, Goodrich, Bryant and Mr. President—5. Noes, Messrs. Lindsey and Mr. McKenzie—2. The vote was subsequently reconsidered and the resolution laid over.

The Common Council returned the ordinance in regard to the election of Physicians to the Poor amended by prescribing the duration of their terms of office, and the amendment was concurred in.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in: Communication from the Mayor announcing a vacancy in the Board of Fire Wardens, also a message from the same official regarding streets, sewers, lights, &c.; petition of sundry citizens for an electric light at the corner of Prince and Union streets; communication from the Economy Gas Light Company of Baltimore; petition of J. G. Sator for reduction of assessment on Tontine Hotel; petition of James R. Oaten for remission of tax bills on property belonging to J. T. Downy on Fairfax street between Cameron and Queen; also of James H. Beach on Fairfax, between Gibson and Franklin; also of H. T. Cook on Lee, between Duke and Wolfe streets.

The board then adjourned. Tests: L. H. THOMPSON, Clerk pro tem.

COMMON COUNCIL. At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Alexandria, Va., held on the 14th day of October, 1890, there were present: Messrs. W. S. Moore, Snowden, Aitchison, C. N. Moore, Fisher, Kraft, Ballenger, Jones, Davis, Harrison, Strider, Uhler, Harry Smoot and McCuen.

The President being absent, Mr. Snowden was called to the chair.

The Finance Committee's recommendations that the lighting to be rated were adopted; viz: The petition of James S. Caton, commissioner of sale, to have certain taxes remitted on the following property: On a house and lot in the name of Jno. T. Downey on the west side of Fairfax street, between Cameron and Queen streets; also a house and lot in the name of Jas. H. Beach on the east side of Fairfax street, between Gibson and Franklin streets; also a house and lot in the name of E. T. Cook on the east side of Lee street, between Duke and Wolfe streets.

The Finance Committee's recommendation on the petition of John G. Sator that the assessment on his property known as the Tontine be reduced to \$7,000 was also adopted.

A communication from his Honor the Mayor calling attention to a vacancy in the Board of Fire wardens occasioned by the death of Mr. Geo. E. French was received, and the following communication, also from his Honor the Mayor, was received, and so much as related to streets was referred to the Committee on Streets, with the request that they make a speedy report, especially upon that part relating to a civil engineer.

At that date, I trust therefore it may be the pleasure of the City Council to employ a competent engineer at once, that his work may be done, that should the occasion occur we may be in a position to act, and act promptly. I am very respectfully, E. E. DOWNHAM, Mayor.

The following were referred to the Committee on Light; viz: A communication from the Economy Gaslight and Construction Company; also the petition of John Domercq and others for an electric light at the intersection of Prince and Union streets.

A petition from E. S. Leadbeater and others directors of the Alexandria Steam Ferry Company, to be reimbursed for the amount advanced by them for repairs and other necessary expenses to the steamer Virginia, was received, and Messrs. Leadbeater and Strauss having been granted the privilege of the floor to explain the petition and accompanying statement, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of ayes 12, noes 1:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to draw his warrant in favor of E. S. Leadbeater, President of the Alexandria Steam Ferry Company, for the sum of six hundred and seventy-one dollars and 10 cents, to reimburse them for the outlay in repairing their steamer.

An act to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons" was read three times and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. W. S. Moore, Aitchison, Snowden, C. N. Moore, Fisher, Kraft, Ballenger, Jones, Davis, Harrison, Strider, Uhler, Harry Smoot and McCuen—13. Noes, none.

An ordinance to provide for the election of Physicians to the Poor, to prescribe their duties and fix their salaries" was read three times, amended and passed as amended by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. W. S. Moore, Aitchison, Snowden, C. N. Moore, Fisher, Kraft, Ballenger, Jones, Davis, Harrison, Strider, Uhler, Harry Smoot and McCuen—13. Noes, none.

An ordinance to amend and re-enact an ordinance to permit the Alexandria and Fairfax Passenger Railway Company to run its tracks and cars through certain streets in the city of Alexandria, Va., approved July 12, 1890, was read three times and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. W. S. Moore, Aitchison, Snowden, C. N. Moore, Fisher, Kraft, Ballenger, Jones, Davis, Harrison, Strider, Uhler, Harry Smoot and McCuen—13. Noes, none.

The bills of Wm. F. Carne and C. C. Carlin for services as clerks were referred to the Finance Committee.

The following were received from the Board of Aldermen and their action concurred in: viz: The report of the Committee on Streets in relation to the resolution in regard to the petition of Ticer and others to have Patrick street paved and gutted between Princess and Oronoco, and their report upon the petition of F. Paff for damages to his property on Patrick street between Cameron and Queen; also the report of the Committee on Poor on the petition in regard to Dr. Bechtel and the vacancies in the offices of Physicians to the Poor.

The board then adjourned. Tests: JNO. T. JOHNSON, Clerk.

DRY GOODS. OFFICE OF WOODWARD & LOTHROP, CORNER 11th and F STREETS N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1890.

Open each evening until 6 o'clock.

NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS.—This morning we will offer nine numbers of Nottingham Lace Curtains, of American manufacture at 65c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, and \$2.25 per pair.

These are superior finish and new patterns. The best value we ever offered and you do not pay duty on these. We have not advanced the prices of our foreign curtains, although all future invoices will be subject to 60 per cent. duty, instead of 40 per cent. as formerly.

(Fourth floor.) HORSE BLANKETS AND L. PRODS.—This branch of our Blanket Department has rapidly grown in popularity. We have spared neither time nor expense to make it specially attractive this season.

Horse Blankets for stable wear, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4, and \$5.50. Horse Blankets for street wear, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4.50, \$5, and \$7.50. Cloth Lap Robes, \$3, \$4, \$6, and \$7.50. Fine Flannel Robes, \$4, \$4.25, \$5, \$8, \$10, \$15, \$20, and \$25. Plain Green Beaver Cloth Robes. Only \$6. Coachman's Fur-lined Robes, \$3.50. Fur robes, \$2.75, \$5, \$7.50, \$12, \$15, and \$18. Fur Carriage Mats. Only 70c. FLOOR RUGS.—A full line of Sheep and Goat Floor Rugs at low prices.

(Fourth floor.) LADIES' GLOVES.—Ladies' 3-Button Black Imperial Real Kid Gloves. Price \$1.25 per pair. Ladies' Russia Leather Gloves, in Light Brown, Reddish Tan, and Black with Paris Point Embroidery and large buttons. Price \$1.85 per pair. Ladies' 8-Button Length Mousetail Imperial Real Kid Gloves in Black and assorted shades of Tan. Price, \$1.85 per pair. (First floor.) Goods delivered in Alexandria. WOODWARD & LOTHROP, CORNER 11th and F STREETS N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS. THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE GEORGIA MANUFACTURING AND IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA will be held at the office of the company, in Alexandria, Va., on THURSDAY, October 16th, at 12 o'clock m. E. ALPH WALSHE, Secretary. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, No. 123 north Royal st., Alexandria, Va., on MONDAY, October 20th, 1890, at 12:30 o'clock p. m. PEI-CY B. METZGER, Secretary. CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S FINE PICKLES and PRESERVES and for sale by J. C. MILBURN, 174 N. WASHINGTON ST. SMALL HAMS, choice quality, canvassed and uncured, 10c sale at J. C. MILBURN, sep23 TOOTH BRUSHES, just received by W. W. WADSWELL & HALL, 107 N. WASHINGTON ST.