THE STATE AT LARGE.

DANVILLE AND VICINITY.

The Late John Martin—Houses Burned and Man Hung in Caswell County, N. C.—County Finances.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

AUGUST 2, 1884.

The Presbyterian Sunday school and the Chatham bar, through committees appointed for the purpose, have recently expressed sorrow and condolence with reference to the death, on the 18th ultimo, of John Martin, Esq. The Danville bar will act at the next session of the court, and Roman Eagle Lodge of Masons at the next communication. Mr. Martin was a son of Rev. Dr. Alexander Martin, a leader amongst the Masons, a prominent lawyer, an active man in Christian labor. He was a native of Richmond, was graduated at Washington and Lee University, taught school in Goochland county and Richmond, studied law at Richmond College, and on moving to Danville formed a partnership with the late Colonel Flournoy.

The skin of a beaver, caught last winter on Terrible creek, about four miles from Halifax Courthouse, was recently sold in Baltimore for $8. They are said to be numerous on that creek, the ground along it having been long left uncultivated. Four were caught there, which weighed each from fifty to one hundred pounds. Sometimes the beaver's foot is found in the trap and no beaver. They are also numerous on Difficult creek and on Staunton river near its union with the Dan. Mr. P. L. Johnson, on Difficult creek, has broken down several of their dams, and has found it rather a tedious business, the materials being artfully woven together, plastered over with mud nearly two inches thick, and the props below being made of sticks of wood as large as a man's leg and firmly fixed into the ground and the embankment. Near their quarters the sweet-gum trees are often found barked and dead. The otter is also found in some of the neglected parts of the Halifax river.

Reports from the northern part of Halifax and this county are that the tobacco crops are not good, the plants being short and the leaves narrow; and the reasons given are the dryness of the weather and the coolness of it.

It was learned yesterday that a white man, Joe Burke, had dangerously wounded the day before a white man named Robert H. Baugh, in the Dundee vicinity. A number of men were engaged in a game of ball, and a large bulldog would now and then run for the ball and bring it to the players. Burke, coming upon the ground, beat the dog because he would not give the ball to him, and a scuffle and chase ensued between Burke and one of the party. As Baugh attempted to stop Burke in the pursuit, Burke plunged his knife into his side near the liver, and drove it into the cavity of the abdomen. He has been arrested and is held to await the result of the wound inflicted on Baugh. Baugh was regarded yesterday evening as in a critical condition.

On Saturday night last, while Mr. George Hester and family, of Caswell county, N. C., were from home his smoke-house and granary were burned down, and the body of a simple-minded man named McMurray, who had lived with Mr. Hester, was found hanging by the neck near the site of the smoke-house. Some of the neighbors think that the man committed suicide after burning the houses, perhaps; others that the houses were plundered and burned and the man hung by the plunderers.

Mr. J. R. Whitehead, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, calls a meeting of the members for the 9th instant at Chatham for the purpose of deciding upon the measures for selecting delegates to the Congressional Convention.

The treasurer of this county has on hand at the last report to the supervisors $17,823.43, and returned to the Board bonds of the county given for the Midland railroad and taken in by him to the amount of $4,500. The tax levied for the interest on the railroad bonds is 40 cents on the $100; for county expenses, 40 cents; for school purposes, 15 cents. And the clerk was ordered to certify the Mayor and Council of North Danville that it was necessary for them to levy a tax of 100 per cent. on the State tax (40 cents) for the purpose of paying interest on railroad bonds and providing a sinking fund. But I understand that the Mayor and Council of North Danville think that city has been taken from under the authority of the supervisors of the county as to this matter.

ALPHA.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Meeting of the Dan-River Association—Interesting Reports.

[Reported for the Dispatch.]

SCOTTSBURG, VA., August 1, 1884.

The Dan-River Association, sometimes called "The Banner Association," from the amounts contributed and the work done by its seventeen churches, with a membership now of about 2,000, closed its forty-sixth annual session at Fork church, near the Staunton and the Dan, Thursday. Rev. J. M. Mercer delivered the introductory sermon, taking for his text, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." The contributions were larger than they were last year—for instance, $151.78 for foreign missions, $200 for State missions; over 100 persons had been baptized; and in Sunday-school work the churches had been very active, some of them having as many as three or four schools. Rev. P. H. Fontaine was elected moderator. Amongst the visitors were Rev. S. C. Clopton, Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, Rev. St. George T. Abrahams, Colonel R. A. Barnes, Rev. S. G. Mason, and Rev. Dr. A. B. Brown. Four colored men were admitted to seats as representatives of the Banister Association.

The Association referred to the Executive Board, which had been appointed and organized, a recommendation (by a special committee, of which Rev. William Slate was chairman,) of the appointment of a colporter at a salary of $400 per year. When the subject of foreign missions was under discussion order was made that a mission map be purchased for the Association, and a number of the members gave to Rev. Mr. Clopton subscription for clubs of ten or more for the *Foreign Mission Journal*. On the subject of State missions the report, made by Rev. H. C. Crews, was amended by the addition of a recommendation that a special collection be taken in October, and a committee was appointed to ascertain what amount of the $4,000 required by the State Mission Board the Association will pay. On the matter of temperance, the report being made by Rev. W. B. Williams, it was agreed that the Association recommend that the members of the churches cooperate with the temperance society (the Good Templars) for the suppression of the sale of liquors in the county. Sermons were delivered at the stand by Rev. S. C. Clopton, Rev. Dr. A. B. Brown, Rev. Dr. J. William Jones.

On Wednesday night of the session Rev. Dr. Jones delivered at Scottsburg for the benefit of the Musterfield-Scottsburg church, a large and appreciating audience being present, his lecture on "Stonewall Jackson, the Christian Soldier."

The letter of the Committee on Coöperation was read by Rev. S. C. Clopton, and speeches delivered on the subject by himself and Captain J. T. Averett. The report on foreign missions was read by Judge Barksdale, and discussion was made by himself, Rev. Mr. Mercer, Rev. Mr. Clopton, Rev. Mr. Crews, and Rev. Charles Coleman (colored), of the Banister Association. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Williams. "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung by the Association. Mr. J. T. Torian read the report on home missions, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Jones, Captain Averett, and Rev. Mr. Williams. Rev. H. G. Crews submitted the report on State missions; speeches by Rev. Mr. Crews, Rev. Mr. Clopton, Judge Barksdale, and collection taken by Rev. William Slate. Rev. J. M. Mercer read the report on education; addresses by Captain Averett, Rev. Dr. Brown, Rev. Dr. Jones, Judge Barksdale, Rev. Mr. Slate, Rev. Mr. Williams. The report on the minister's relief fund was read by Rev. William Slate; addresses by Mr. C. T. Sutherlin, Rev. Mr. Crews, Judge Barksdale, Rev. Mr. Clopton. Mr. J. T. Lacy read the report on the Sunday-School and Bible Board; speeches by Mr. Lacy and Mr. William Hudson. I did not hear the report on temperance, but was told that speeches were made by Rev. Dr. Jones and Rev. Mr. Clopton, and the action taken as stated above. Nor did I hear the report and speeches on the state of the churches, Rev. Dr. Jones being then engaged in the delivery of a sermon at the stand on "The Happiness of a Man whose Sin is Forgiven," which brought tears from many of an immense congregation.

ALPHA.

STAUNTON.

Blaine Buys a Horse—Political—The Late Fire in the County.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

AUGUST 2, 1884.

Hon. James G. Blaine, of Maine, has established a claim now upon the people of Augusta county for their support, which is about on a par with the hold he has upon West Virginia. He bought a fine riding-horse here yesterday through his friend, Mr. H. C. Parsons, of the Natural Bridge. The horse is a splendid black saddle animal, considered the fastest racker in the county, and has taken the first premium at the Augusta Fair on two occasions. He is of Canadian stock, and was sold to Mr. Blaine for $260 by Mr. William T. McCue, a book-keeper in the Valley Mutual office. For several years the animal has been owned by Miss Baldwin, of the Augusta Female Seminary, and was probably better known and more admired than any horse in Staunton. Mr. McCue is a member of the Young Men's Democratic club here. He regrets that he did not ask $300 for his horse, as he thinks he could have gotten it just as easily as $200, and he could have put the money to so much better use than the rest of Blaine's bar'l will be put to during the campaign.

By the way, speaking of clubs, the three Democratic clubs here have formed special joint Executive and Financial Committees and have rented a large and convenient room for joint headquarters on Augusta street, which they will supply with suitable furniture and all the necessary campaign literature. As far as good work and numbers go, the Workingmen's Club is in the lead, having run up to three hundred already. Their activity is stimulating the others, however, and the prospect is that the Democratic vote reported on the 4th of November from Staunton will exceed anything she has ever done in that line before. The clubs raised to-day in front of their headquarters a pretty Cleveland and Hendricks flag fifteen feet long.

Mr. John W. Gilkeson's barn, which was burned Thursday, was valued at $1,200, and contents at about $1,200. He lost his crop of oats, 1,000 bushels of wheat, 20 tons of hay, and some agricultural implements. His insurance amounts to $1,600, which was carried by the Royal and the East Augusta Mutual. It seems very certain that the fire originated by spontaneous combustion of the hay, which was not thoroughly cured, and upon which was piled the wheat, which was in bundles and had not been threshed. The bulk smoked some time before it burst into flames.

Captain Waters, Chief of Police, having some reason to think that the young man who was found dead on the track here the other night was the son of a Mr. Williams, a car inspector of Strasburg, has written to Mr. Williams to know if his son is missing. There are some who think the unknown man was a young Shackelford, of Richmond. It seems that he was not entirely without money, as the police has $2.30 in silver which was taken out of his pocket.

It is a singular coincidence of names that Miss Julia Jackson, the daugter of Thomas J. Jackson, of this county, died yesterday, and was buried in Thomson cemetery to-day. Mr. Jackson is a farmer, living about three miles from Staunton.

A bicycle club of four young men—Charles E. Fink, president; A. Wint, captain; W. L. Seabrook, lieutenant; and J. H. Cunningham, secretary—from Westminster, Md., passed through here yesterday on their way to the Natural Bridge. They had come all the way on their wheels, and expected to return the same way. They said that they did not find any hills along the Valley pike, as rolling as the country is, which were too steep for them to ride up.

Some young gentlemen here are just about to organize a bicycle club. They have received their machines, and very nice-looking ones they are.

WYTHEVILLE.

The Normal Institute—Large Attendance.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

AUGUST 1, 1884.

The Normal Institute held here under the supervision of Professor E. V. De Graff, of Washington, D. C., and Professor W. B. McGilvray, of your city, is still in progress. Two hundred and eighty-three teachers, drawn principally from this and the adjoining counties, have been enrolled. Nine county superintendents have been in attendance. The course includes instruction in the best methods of teaching the branches required in the common schools, and the best methods of school discipline and of school management in general. The teachers exhibit a deep interest in the work, and the instructors are making the best use of their time. This Institute is declared, on good authority, to be the best ever held in this section of the State. The mereased interest in Institute work and the better appreciation of its necessity are favorable indications for the future of the schools in the State.

Lectures on general subjects have been delivered at various times by the instructors and other members of the Institute and by visiting educators. Last night Professor William A. Obenshain, of Ogden College, Kentucky, delivered an interesting lecture on the Sun. He alluded to the Rev. John Jasper's theory that "the sun, do move," and said that though not true in the sense intended by the reverend gentleman, it was true that the sun with his system of planets, was constantly revolving around a centre as yet unknown.

Next week Professor F. V. N. Painter, of Roanoke College, will lecture on the History of Education, and Professor T. N. Conrad, of Blacksburg College, Professor Obenshain, and others will address the Institute on some interesting theme.

Major W. G. Repass, the superintendent of Wythe county, does all in his power to promote the comfort of the teachers, and the citizens generally have opened their doors to accommodate them. The Institute will close on Tuesday, August 12th. Professor De Graff leaves to-night, and Professor McGilvray remains in charge. A series of resolutions complimentary to Professor De Graff were passed this evening. He has proven himself a very satisfactory instructor. Yesterday an examination of applicants for Peabody scholarships in the Nashville Normal College was held. Eight applicants presented themselves.

REYNARD.

HAMPTON.

Base-Ball—Cleveland and Hendricks Flag-Raising.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

AUGUST 2, 1884.

The base-ball club of the Norfolk Gymnasium visited the "Home" to-day and played the "Nationals." The game resulted in favor of the home club by a score of 7 to 3. Umpire, William Baulch.

A Cleveland and Hendricks pole will be raised at Chesapeake City on Monday. Several distinguished speakers are expected to be present, among them Hon. George D. Wise.

The old working, "wide awake" Democratic club will get into working harness again on Monday night.

HAMPTON.

Virginia News Notes.

The Manassas *Gazette* says: In the early part of the week Miss Lizzie Smith, living near Independent Hill, while out walking got a severe fall. In attempting to save herself she fell upon her hand, crushing two of her fingers. The doctor says the break is a bad one, and fears it will be necessary to amputate one if not both of the injured fingers.

The *Floyd Reporter* says: We learn that a sad accident happened on Greasy creek, in Floyd county, on Saturday night. While Mr. Crockett Quesinberry and his wife were filling a kerosene-lamp, which was burning, the oil in the can exploded, throwing the burning fluid over them. Mrs. Quesinberry was so badly burned that she died in a few hours. Mr. Quesinberry was seriously burned about his face and arms in attempting to extinguish the flames from his wife, and there is but little hopes of his recovery.

Virginia Postal Notes.

The following postmasters have been commissioned: John W. Dixon, Hudgins; Samuel I. Fudge, Lowmoor; Robert B. Hart, Mantapike; George M. Rains, Pulaski Station; James Alex. Yates, Halifax Courthouse; William S. Brown, Malmaison; Edgar M. Edwards, Montague; Stephen F. Read, San Marino.

A new office has been established at Laird's, Rockbridge county—J. E. Laird, postmaster.

O'Ferrall's Renomination Insured.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

HARRISONBURG, VA., August 2.—This county has elected a solid delegation for O'Ferrall for Congress, which insures his renomination on the first ballot.

Why Sims was Removed.

[Washington Star, 2d.]

Colonel Canaday, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, when spoken to to-day by a *Star* reporter about the discharge of Colonel W. E. Sims, of Virginia, said: "You can say for me, and upon my authority, that Colonel Sims was discharged for cause. Senator Mahone had nothing to do with his discharge. I am not anxious to go into the details; but if Colonel Sims wants to have the public know why he was discharged, I can tell them. Senator Mahone never asked for his removal."

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of M. Savary, president of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Lyons and Loire. Deputy Chambers has fled to America on account of the frauds. M. Savary founded the bank. M. Morand, secretary of the Board, has also fled to America.

WHAT THE WIRES BRING US.

WEST VIRGINIA POLITICS.

A Conference of Leading Republicans and Greenback Fusionists.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

DEER PARK, MD., August 2.—About thirty prominent Republicans and Greenbackers of West Virginia gathered at Deer Park Hotel here to-day, it is said, at the instance of Stephen B. Elkins, of the Republican National Committee, and held a conference with doors closed and curtains down, which lasted about three hours. Among those present were Mr. Elkins, who presided; Congressman Goff, Messrs. Maxwell, the fusion candidate for Governor of West Virginia; Flick, candidate for Attorney-General; Gibbons, of Charlestown; Smith, of Berkeley Springs; Stone, of Fairmount; Haymond, of Clarksburg; Beale, of Wellsburg; Hart, of the Wheeling *Intelligencer*; Dunnington, of the Grafton *Sentinel*; Peterson, of the Huntington *Republican*; Powell, of the Fairmont *Virginian*; Dormer, Scofield, and others, of Wheeling, as well as gentlemen from Point Pleasant, Austin, Westmore, and Hamlin. A plan of operations and general conduct of the campaign was decided upon, Elkins, it being understood, representing Blaine. Several of the Republicans present were among those who in the State Convention opposed fusion. However, harmony prevailed throughout, and much good feeling was manifested over the prospect of very liberal contributions from the National Committee to aid in the campaign. The belief prevails among the gentlemen in attendance at the conference that Goff will withdraw objection to becoming a candidate to succeed himself in Congress, and that he will run—a circumstance which they think will strengthen the Republican national and fusion State tickets.

Succeeding the noon adjournment, Mr. Elkins entertained the whole party at Deer Park Hotel, where an elegant dinner was served, after which came another session, and subsequently a division into smaller bodies and a general series of caucuses.

There was a decided tendency to secresy as to everything except enthusiasm, which is open and confident. Blaine is expected at Elkins's cottage, at Deer Park, during the month, where he will probably meet several of those who participated in to-day's conference.

Prominent Democrats among the guests at Deer Park profess no uneasiness over what they term characteristically loud professions of the Blaine managers to capture the State, and insist that all the money spent by Elkins, Jones, and others in West Virginia will leave so much less to combat in other and really doubtful States.

Postmaster-General Gresham arrived from the West to-day, and will spend Sunday with his family, who are at the hotel here. He is not mentioned as having had anything to do with the conference.

NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS.

Opening the Campaign—Scales and York on the Stump.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NEWTON, N. C., August 2.—The State political campaign opened here to-day. General Scales, the candidate of the Democratic party, led off in a speech of an hour and a quarter's length, followed by York, the Liberal Republican; having a rejoinder of fifteen minutes. The meeting had been extensively advertised. People were present from several of the adjoining counties, amounting to several thousand. A Democratic campaign club had erected a pole eighty-six feet high, from which waived to the breeze a beautiful national flag. On another flag was inscribed, "Cleveland, Scales, and Reform." Scales, in his opening speech, confined himself almost exclusively to State politics, and showed why it was to the interest of the people to continue the Democratic party in power. York listened to him attentively, but soon gave evidence that he was no match for his competitor, Scales being familiar with Stateand Federal politics. He handled York with much ability. York stood on the Republican platform, and favored the election of Blaine and Logan, thus narrowing down the contest between the Democratic and Republican parties. Much enthusiasm was created among the Democrats in favor of the State and national tickets. The Republican-Coalition-Liberal-Fusion amounts to little.

Chicago Markets.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHICAGO, August 2.—The fine weather has induced heavy receipts of wheat, a large portion being new winter; and the prospects of continued free receipts in the near future were factors to the considerable weakness displayed in to-day's grain market. It being the last day of the week there was also a disposition manifested to close deals and go over Sunday with even books. The only articles approximating strength were provisions, which held their own. Under light offerings there was restricted trading. Wheat opened easy at a decline of about ½c., the only moving-up fraction during the first hour. The feeling during the greater part of the session was weak, with prices declining quite steadily for causes given and on account of an entire want of support from any source—foreign advices showing dull markets and New York advices showing a market weak and steadily declining. The average decline in active options was ¾ of 1 per cent., with a partial recovery toward the close on account of there being considerable backbone to the stock market. Cash wheat was nominally the same as at the August opening, 82c., closing at about 81½c. Corn was more or less neglected by the bulls, who realized the improbability of bringing about any advance. The general course of the market was substantially with wheat, the weakening causes being the same in both cases. The fluctuations were within a slightly wider range, being 1½c. in August, 1½c. in September, and 1½c. in October. All futures closed steady at a decline. Cash corn sold at 53½c. Oats ruled inactive and easy, being in good receipt, with plenty yet at country points and not particularly wanted. Rice was quiet at 6½c. spot, 50c. August, and 57c. September. Pork was entirely nominal, with no offerings and no attempt to buy. Lard and ribs were fairly active, and about steady at a fractional decline.

Large Seizures by Custom Officers.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

MONTREAL, August 2.—The custom officers have made a series of seizures of valuable goods imported from the United States and entered under value, with the intention of defrauding the revenue, from some of the wealthiest and largest wholesale firms in Montreal.

The first descent was made upon the firm of E. & A. Eaves, where a seizure to the amount of $6,000 was effected.

The warehouse of Schnab Brothers, diamond- and watch-importers; William Eaves and H. A. Saunders, wholesale jewellers, were next visited in order, and large seizures were made, the value of which is at present unknown.

The affair has created a sensation in the jewelry trade, and other seizures are expected to follow. Several large seizures were made elsewhere than Montreal, but owing to the reticence of the officials nothing definite can be learned. Only a few months since E. & A. Eaves had to pay $15,000 and William Eaves $5,000 to the Dominion Government for entering goods eighteen months previously under a charge exactly similar to the present.

Chicago Beef vs. Health.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, August 2.—The problem of possible dangers from the Chicago dressed beef that arrives in this city by the train load has received the thorough consideration of the Board of Health since the reports of the existence of Texas fever at Chicago and elsewhere in the West have been confirmed. The wholesomeness of these large cargoes of cheap beef that threaten to ruin the butchery interests of New York has been open to question. The health officers have decided to settle it for good to-day. They dispatched a meat inspector to Chicago, with orders to thoroughly investigate the cattle disease in all its phases, as presented there, and to make a searching inquiry into the mode of killing the beef that is sent to this city and sold at a low figure; likewise the circumstances under which the cattle so killed are kept and fed. The meat inspector's commission is not limited as to time and scope, his instructions being to get at the truth and present it on his return.

Resigns a Bank Presidency for Politics.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

SANTA FE, N. M., August 2.—Stephen B. Elkins, member of the Republican National Committee, has resigned the presidency of the First National Bank of this city, which he has held for thirteen years, in order to give more time to the duties of campaign.

Defenceless Coast- and Lake-Fronts.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, August 2.—The Chief of Engineers of the army has received the annual reports of all engineer officers in charge of the coast and harbor defences. They reiterate their assertions of last year that the Atlantic coast- and lake-fronts are in an almost totally defenceless condition. The majority of the defences are said to be falling into decay, and the armament, in most instances, is so far behind the times as to be utterly worthless.

General Newton, it is understood, will in his annual report urge immediate provision for the adequate protection of our harbors by batteries and fortifications of modern design.

THE GREELY PARTY.

The Squadron to Go to New York—Preparing for Monday's Demonstration.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., August 2.—The Thetis, Bear, and Alert, comprising the Greely-relief squadron, will leave Portsmouth for New York on Tuesday night. The Bear will be ordered to proceed to Governor's Island, where the bodies of the victims of the Greely expedition will be turned over to General Hancock. This afternoon the survivors of the expedition will be under the care of the War Department, represented by General Hazen. The survivors will rest quietly here to-day and to-morrow. On Monday the great demonstration in honor of the return of Lieutenant Greely will be held. The organization of the naval division, which will be landed to participate in the ceremonies of Monday, has been completed. The naval division of the parade will be formed in line on State street at 10:30 A. M., and will consist of six subdivisions, comprising naval cadets, naval apprentices, marines, and a brigade from the North-Atlantic fleet. A naval division will be under the command of Commander Farquhar. The naval cadets will be commanded by Ensign Pallam, the marines by Lieutenant-Colonel Browne, the naval apprentices by Lieutenant E. A. Reemey, and a naval brigade from the North-Atlantic fleet by Lieutenant-Commander B. S. Lamberton. A battalion of marines from the North-Atlantic squadron will be under the command of Lieutenant Rodgers, and a battalion of artillery under Lieutenant Wood. Besides these divisions the parade will be composed of military and civic organizations, fire companies, the municipal governments of Portsmouth and Newburyport, and the State authorities. On Monday, in the evening, a congratulatory meeting will be held in the Music Hall, at which Secretary Chandler is expected to preside. Addresses will be made by Secretary Chandler, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, Senator Hale, of Maine, and perhaps by Commander Schley. The programme for the ceremonies of Monday is not yet completed by the municipal authorities, and it is not known how the parade will be organized.

Monmouth-Park Races.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

LONG BRANCH, August 2.—First race—purse $500, for two-year-olds, the winner to be sold at auction, three fourths of a mile—Prescott won by four lengths; Sussex second, Adonis third. Time, 1:18¾.

Second race—Palisade stakes, for three-year-olds, penalties and allowances, one mile and one furlong—Minie (colt) won easily by three lengths; Water Lily second, Freda third. Time, 2 minutes.

Third race—free handicap sweepstakes, for all ages, one mile and a half-furlong—Lizzie Mac won by half a length; Chickadee second, and Duplex third. Time, 1:54.

Fourth race—free handicap sweepstakes, one and a half miles—Heel and Toe won by a length; Drake Carter second, Trafalgar third. Time, 2:42¾.

Fifth race—Sand stakes, handicap, for gentlemen riders or jockeys, five furlongs—Emulation won by half a length; Halendon second, Rosiere third. Time, 1:06.

Sixth race—purse $500, for three-year-olds and upwards, selling allowances, three quarters of a mile—Queen Esther won by a length; Clara B. second, Allanoke third. Time, 1:17¼.

Seventh race—handicap steeplechase over full course—Charlie Epps got off on front, and led over the first three hurdles, but fell at the fourth, and his rider was badly shaken. Trombone eventually won by a short length; Captain Curry second, Wooster third. Time, 5:22.

Brighton-Beach Races.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, August 2.—The weather was clear at Brighton Beach to-day, the track good, and the attendance large.

The first race—purse $250, for maidens of all ages, three quarters of a mile—Theodora won; Florence M. second, and Bonnie Bouche third. Time, 1:19¾.

The second race—purse $250, for maidens of all ages, three quarters of a mile—Talleyrand won easily; Blizzard second, Forlon third. Time, 1:20.

The third race—purse $250, selling allowances, one mile—Carley B. won; Carrie Stewart second, and Electrifier third. Time, 1:47¼.

The fourth race—$400 handicap, for all ages, one and one eighth miles—Tom Martin won; Miss Brewster second, and Woodcraft third. Time, 1:59¾.

The fifth race—purse $250 for horses that have run and not won at Brighton Beach in 1884, seven-eighths of a mile—Ben Woolley won; Australia second, and Joe Mitchell third. Time, 1:33¼.

The sixth race—purse $250 for all ages, welter weights, one mile—Arsenic won by a neck; Lewis second, and Quixote third. Time, 1:50.

Saratoga Races.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

SARATOGA, August 2.—First race—purse $400, non-winning and maiden allowances, three fourths of a mile—Jim Renwick won easily by two lengths; John Henry second, and Lady Lyon third. Time, 1:16½.

Second race—sequel stakes for three year olds, $50 each, half forfeit, with $1,000 added, non-winning and maiden allowances, one mile and five furlongs—Modesty won in a canter by a length; Blast second, three lengths ahead of Emma, third. Time, 2:56.

Third race—free handicap sweepstakes of $15 each with $500 added, one mile—Bob Cook won by half a length; Mammonist second, Baron Favorot third. Time, 1:44¼. French pools paid $73.50.

In the match race, stakes $500, Eulogy took a lead of four lengths to the three-quarter pole, where Walflower drew up and won, hands down, by a length. Time, 1:45; distance, one mile.

Fifth race—handicap steeplechase, purse $500—on fractional course No. 2, about a mile and a half. Rienzi made nearly all of the running and won by a length and a half; Disturbance second, Rose third. Time, 2:55.

Cotton-Mill Burned in South Carolina.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

COLUMBIA, S. C., August 2.—The Saluda cotton-factory, in Lexington county, three miles from Columbia, was burned this afternoon. The fire broke out in the cupola of the third story. Eight thousand four hundred spindles were operated, the mill running exclusively on yarns. Loss, $150,000; insurance, $121,000. The risks are scattered among many companies, no policy exceeding $5,000. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. One hundred and fifty operatives are thrown out of employment.

A Steamer Burned.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., August 2.—The steamer Eagle, of the Newberg and Albany Line, bound up this morning, caught fire south of Milton, and was burned to the water's edge.

Later.—The passengers of the steamer Eagle were all landed at Milton dock, and some of the freight was saved. The lines of the burning steamer were then cut, and she was shoved out into the stream. A propeller towed the burning wreck to the east shore and beached it. The loss on the boat will be about $50,000; insurance, $25,000.

The Alleged Mutiny on the Julia Baker.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PHILADELPHIA, August 2.—The owners of the schooner Julia Baker, now at Key West, are advised that Second-Mate Walker, of that schooner, has been personating Captain Lewis, and that Lewis died, seven days out. The entire crew will probably be arrested and the matter investigated.

Failed to Pay Interest.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW ORLEANS, August 2.—The State yesterday failed to pay interest on the "baby" bonds, about $15,000. The principal and interest of these bonds is payable out of the collection of back taxes, and there is no money to the credit of this fund now in the hands of the fiscal agents.

A Big Blaze.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

EMPORIUM, PA., August 2.—A fire broke out here this afternoon, which destroyed most of the best business portion of the town. Twenty business firms and fourteen families were burned out. The loss will aggregate about $200,000.

The United States and the Franco-Chinese Trouble.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, August 2.—It is said at the State Department that no request has been made, so far as is known, for an arbitration by the Government of the United States in the Franco-Chinese trouble.

THE NEWS FROM ABROAD.

LETTER FROM PARNELL.

An Important Improvement in the Condition of the Laboring Classes Expected.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, August 2.—A letter from Parnell to the local secretary of the Nationalist League, in Ireland, has just been made public. In this Parnell says he anticipates, as the outcome of the Parliamentary Committee's report, that an important improvement in the condition of the laboring classes in Ireland will be effected. The officials of the Local-Government Board have given evidence confirming the report circulated by the Irish party that a measure is to be prepared giving the local authorities the power to take or lease land compulsorily, whether attached to laborers' cottages or not, for the purpose of letting it to laborers at moderate prices. The measure will also empower the authorities to make repairs in cottages. Return has just been made to Parliament in regard to the operation of the Irish arrears of the rent act. According to this the sum of £2,570,000, which was owing to the landlords by the farmers, has been wiped out under the act since 1882. Of this large amount Ulster gained £829,000 in remissions of rent, Leinster £250,000, Connaught £1,000,000, and Munster £500,000.

The Nationalist papers, commenting upon this return, state that the land act has already secured to the farmers a permanent reduction of rent exceeding £500,000 yearly. The Bishop of Limerick, Earl of Bilmore, and other members of the Commission, which has been considering the condition of education in Ireland, state that curtailed rents were better and more regularly paid last year than at any time since the Parnell agitation began. The relations now existing between the landlords and tenants are amicable, the primary schools established for the benefit of the tenants are everywhere appreciated, and the Government has resolved upon a large reduction of forces in Ireland.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

Proposed Arbitration of America to Settle the Difficulty.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, August 2.—A dispatch from Foo Chow to the *Times* says it is reported there that China and France have agreed to accept the arbitration of America for the settlement of their pending difficulties, but that the matter remains uncertain.

Cholera Notes.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, August 2.—Another steamer from Marseilles has arrived in Penarth Roads with a case of cholera on board. Several persons died from cholera during the passage.

MARSEILLES, August 2.—Physicians here believe that the cholera will disappear from the city in a few days.

The crowd outside of the Mairie cheered to-day when they saw the bulletin announcing a decrease in number of deaths. The total number of deaths in Marseilles since the outbreak is 1,218. There were eight deaths from cholera here last night, and two at Toulon. Residents of the city who fled at the approach of the epidemic continue to return, and the streets of the city are again assuming their normal aspect of gaiety.

TURIN, August 2.—There have been six cases of cholera at Garfagnana, four of which were fatal, and twenty-one cases at Pancallieri, eight of which were fatal.

TOULON, August 2.—There has been only one death from cholera here to-day. The record of the last twenty-four hours at the Bon Rencontre Hospital is as follows: Admitted, none; cured, 4; deaths, 4; under treatment, 28. The record of St. Mandrier Hospital for the same period is: Admitted, 3; cured, 5; deaths, none; under treatment, 91. The Minister of the Interior has sent to this point 44,500 francs to be distributed among the refugees.

MARSEILLES, August 2.—There have been 9 deaths from cholera here since noon. The record of Pharo Hospital for the last twenty-four hours is: Admitted, 5; deaths, 3; cured, 4. From 9 o'clock till noon today there were no deaths from cholera here.

The Egyptian Conference Comes to No Agreement.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, August 2.—The Egyptian Conference met to-day at the Foreign Office, and, after a brief session, adjourned *sine die* without arriving at any agreement, provisional or otherwise. This action is regarded at tantamount to dissolution.

The Siberian Plague.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

ST. PETERSBURG, August 2.—The Siberian plague has appeared at Viborg, in Finland.

The police have expelled five Jewish merchants from St. Petersburg who were residing here without a permit.

Failure of the Egyptian Conference.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, August 2.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. Gladstone announced the failure of the Egyptian Conference to arrive at any conclusion.

Heavy Loss by Fire in Pittsburgh.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 2.—The glass-works of King, Son & Co., on the south side, together with the furnace-house, selecting- and packing-houses, cutting-shop, storage-shed and contents, and mould-house, full of valuable moulds, were burned this morning. Loss, $50,000. The fire started in the furnace-house, and is believed to have caught from a leakage of the natural-gas pipes, as the flames spread so quickly that the entire works were in flames in ten minutes, and the buildings in ruins in less than an hour.

Apaches on the War Path.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

GALVESTON, TEXAS, August 2.—A dispatch to the *News* from Van Buren, Texas, says: "About fifty Apache Indians are camped on a ranch belonging to A. R. Cox, seven miles from this station, and fifteen miles from Sierra Blanca. These Indians broke from their reservation at Fort Stanton, N. M., and are on the war path, killing and stealing cattle and horses. Serious trouble is apprehended. At 11 o'clock last night Captain McMurray and a company of State rangers left Murphysville for this place by a special train over the Texas and Pacific railroad."

Coopers on a Strike.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ST. LOUIS, August 2.—About 250, or nearly half of the coopers in this city, have struck for an advance from eight to ten cents per barrel. The bosses say they cannot pay the advance asked, while the men assert that they have not averaged more than $7 a week this year, and must have more money. There being a surplus of coopers in the city it is not thought that the movement will be successful.

The Yellow-Fever.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PANAMA *via* GALVESTON, August 2.—During the month of July four prominent people died of yellow-fever in this city. The hospitals here and at Colon are crowded. The heat is intense, and dysentery of an intractable form has appeared.

HAVANNA, August 2.—There were forty deaths from yellow-fever in this city during the past week.

Eno Suing for Damages.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

QUEBEC, August 2.—John C. Eno has instructed his lawyers to proceed against Detective Fahey, High-Constable Bissonette, and other Montreal officials, for damages for false arrest.

Died of His Self-Inflicted Wounds.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ATLANTA, GA., August 2.—Arch. Orme, Union ticket agent here, who shot himself two months ago when his defalcations were about to be shown up, died last night. He had settled with the roads.

Maud S. Beats Jay-Eye-See's Time.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CLEVELAND, O., August 2.—Maud S. trotted a mile here to-day without a skip, urging, or mate, in 2:09¾.

Jay-Eye-See's Wonderful Flight of Speed.

The *Herald* gives the following account of Jay-Eye-See's wonderful trotting feat, which was mentioned briefly in our telegraphic columns yesterday:

The first event, the trial of Jay-Eye-See, was promptly called at 3 o'clock. Long before the time set for the beginning of the trials every seat in the enormous grand stand was filled, while every point favorable to a good view of the track had its occupant, and the thousands of spectators gazed intently and expectantly on the gate leading to the stretch in the hope of catching the first glimpse of the great flyers who were to make the greatest efforts of their careers. Presently there was a movement in the direction of the stables, and Ed. Bithers, the driver of Jay-Eye-See, was seen preparing to jog the little wonder, his purple cap and driving-jacket making him a conspicuous figure in the group in front of the quarters of the horses. Jay-Eye-See was brought out blanketed, and was soon hitched to his sulky. Bithers took his place behind him, and the little flyer, followed by a crowd of admirers, jogged to the gate leading to the stretch. As the multitude in the grand stand caught sight of the famous horse a shout of greeting swelled forth, which was taken up by groups in other parts of the grounds, and as the noble animal turned into the stretch and passed down in front of the judges' stand the applause rose in a deafening cheer. Bithers jogged the gelding up and down the stretch several times, and the now famous animal won the admiration of the ten thousand spectators by his magnificent action and superb appearance.

The circuit of the track was made at an easy gait, and after one or two more turns Bithers signified his intention to go an easy mile to warm up. The announcement was accordingly made by the judge, and Jay-Eye-See came down at an easy pace for the word. He went away from the wire trotting evenly and without a flaw, though of course Bithers had to hold him back. He went up to the quarter post in thirty-five seconds. The second quarter was somewhat slower, and he passed the half in 1:12½ and the three-quarters in 1:49¼, jogging under the wire in 2:22½. The horse was then taken back to the stable to be rubbed down.

John Murphy then came into the stretch behind Cobnfield's