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FOR THE HOSPITAL.

A list of the Subscribers to the Fund up to Date.

Table listing names and amounts for the hospital fund, including T. T. Fishburne, P. E. Perry, Dr. Jos. A. Gale, etc.

PETERSBURG LAND COMPANY

Formed to Preserve the Battlefields near the Cockade City.

PETERSBURG, Oct. 31.—[Special]—The Petersburg Battlefield and Land Improvement Company is the name of a joint stock company to be organized here with a capital of not less than \$100,000.

The object for what the company is organized is the preservation of the battlefields near Petersburg and laying off of building lots for suburban residences.

At the center it is proposed to establish a Soldiers' Home for maimed and disabled Federal and Confederate soldiers who served in the late war with honorable record.

The Penalty of His Crime.

MACON, Ga., Oct. 31.—[Special]—Near Valdersta, Louisa county, yesterday afternoon, a negro named Palseo committed a brutal assault on Miss Hardee, daughter of a prominent planter.

ROANOKE'S MUSICAL SOCIETY.

Its First Public Soiree an Artistic Success.

A Music-Loving Gathering—The Members of the Society Receive Many Encores—Lack of Proper Heat at the Opera House the Only Drawback.

The first soiree musicale of the Roanoke Musical Society was given at the Opera House last night to a select audience.

From a musical point of view, the entertainment was a great success.

The first number, "Greeting," by the chorus of the society, showed careful drill.

The next selection, a quartette, by Messrs. Cook, Fidler, Grindrod and Goerner, with first violin, second violin, cello and piano was much enjoyed.

This was followed by "The Jabberwock," a vocal male quartet, by Messrs. Cooke, Fidler, Teaford and Amole. This universal favorite was well rendered and well received.

Mr. S. B. Cary next made his bow to the audience, which he completely captivated by his rendition of Schubert's composition, Allegro and Andante from Sonata, Opus 137, No. 1.

Professor Goerner, the conductor of the society, followed with one of Beethoven's Andantes. The audience listened with close attention, and when the last sweet strains had died away, gave the accomplished performer an enthusiastic encore. He responded with a Nocturne in G minor by Chopin.

Mr. C. E. Graves represented the literary part, and filled the last number of the first part of the programme. His selection was Claude Melnotte to Pauline; which will be remembered by all lovers of the "Lady of Lyons."

Mr. Graves' characterization was such as to bring him prolonged applause. On returning, in response to the call of the audience, he stated that he would proceed to give a play supported by a very strong company; in other words, that he, himself, would take four characters.

Then followed a most amusing, original dramatic burlesque, delineating the typical stagey-stage hero, heroine, villain and paterfamilias. This brought down the house. We predict that Mr. Graves' first appearance before a Roanoke public will not be his last.

Part second of the programme opened with a highly executed fantasia given by Mr. Fidler on his favorite instrument, the banjo. His second selection, Church Chimes, was rendered in such style as to delight the audience, and show him a most skillful performer.

Mrs. E. S. Hunt was on the programme for the second number, and sang "Fiddle and L" with violin obligato, in a very sweet and sympathetic manner. Her voice is very full on the upper register, and on the lower notes shows great reserve power. In response to an encore she sang "Farewell."

Professor Goerner next gave three selections composed by himself: all three belonged to the class of light concert compositions, but were played with a legato touch that made them highly entertaining to lovers of the piano. The violin duet between Messrs. Cooke and Goerner was given with a finish worthy of all praise.

The next selection, an Adagio by Johnson, with violin, cello and piano, seemed to please the audience very much. Mr. Yeatman gave the last instrumental selection on the programme, ballad by Jones-Evans, which was played in beautiful style.

The last number was "Good Night," a chorus by all the members of the club. This, and indeed the entire programme, showed musical taste, skill and care.

In closing the gallery, the managers acted wisely, as they thus secured a select and appreciative audience. Among the many music-loving people present were Miss Dalby, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Hodgson and others. A number of the prominent railroad officials were present. The only drawback to an evening otherwise fraught with pleasure was the Arctic atmosphere of the Opera House.

Match Game of Pool.

A match game of pool, best eleven out of twenty-one games, will be played at eight o'clock to-night at Ormsby's Cafe, between Walter Wallace, of Lexington, Va., and J. C. Brooks, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Wallace holds the championship of Virginia as a pool and billiard player, and Mr. Brooks is one of the Baltimore champions of the cue. The match is for \$50 a side.

The Market in October.

The following is the report of the clerk of the market for October: Number of wagons at market during the month, 1,826; amount of curbage tax collected, \$273.05; amount of stall rent collected, \$330; total, \$603.05.

The November term of the Hustings court will convene Monday. The Circuit Court will meet November 7th.

WE LEAD THE WORLD.

The Census Shows the U. S. Ahead in Making Steel Rails.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—[Special]—The Census Bureau to-day issued a preliminary report on the production of steel in the United States during the year ended June 30, 1890, prepared by Dr. William M. Swift, special agent under direction of Frank R. Williams, expert special agent of the division of manufactures.

The report shows that the total production of steel in the United States during the year ended June 30, 1890, was 4,466,926 tons of 2,000 pounds as compared with 1,145,711 tons produced during the year ended May 31, 1880, an increase of 3,321,215 tons, or 290 per cent.

In ten years, from 1880 to 1890, the production of Bessemer steel ingots and direct castings has increased from 985,208 tons to 3,788,575 tons; open hearth steel from 84,302 tons to 594,351 tons, and crucible steel from 75,201 tons to 85,536 tons. No Clapp-Griffith or Robert Bessemer steel was made in the census year of 1880, as there was no work in existence in this country at that time.

During the year ended June 30, 1890, the production of Clapp-Griffith's steel in the United States was 83,963 tons, and the production of Robert Bessemer steel was 454 tons.

The United States now leads all other countries in the manufacture of Bessemer steel rails.

The output during the year ended June 30, 1890, amounting to 2,036,654 tons, an increase of 1,295,179 tons over the production of the year ended May 31, 1890. In the manufacture of Bessemer steel this country has made a promising beginning. The production of this kind of steel during the year ended June 30, 1890, amounting to 62,173 tons.

The committee of citizens appointed to look after securing the Baltimore and Ohio extension to this city, composed of James S. Simmons, E. H. Stewart, Hinton Helper and Dr. Joseph A. Gale, held a preliminary meeting last night with Col. F. H. Fries, president of the Virginia and North Carolina Construction Company.

The committee has written to President Meyer, of the Baltimore and Ohio, for an interview, and expect to go to Baltimore some time next week, when they will lay the inducements Roanoke offers for the extension before the directors of the road.

They will not only be able to point out the advantages that would accrue to the road by being extended to so progressive a city as Roanoke, but will carry some strong inducements from Colonel Fries and the Roanoke and Southern in regard to Southern connections.

It is believed that matters have taken such shape that the result of the visit to Baltimore will be favorable.

A St. Augustine Bank Fails.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 31.—[Special]—A St. Augustine special to the Times-Union, says: The St. John's Savings Bank and Real Estate Exchange has suspended payment, having made an assignment to-day to Judge G. A. Craeker, liabilities about \$20,000; assets not over \$6,000, chiefly in city and county real estate.

The cause of the failure is said to have been inability to realize on property to meet maturing paper. The creditors are mostly residents of St. Johns county. The bank was a private institution, not incorporated. T. H. Livingson, of Jacksonville, is president, and George W. Gibbs, of this city, treasurer.

Railroad Wreck in Kentucky.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 31.—[Special]—Another wreck occurred yesterday morning on the Cincinnati, Southern railway, at tunnel No. 26 in Kentucky, in which Conductor Lew Lewman was killed. The first section of the train pulled out from Somerset, closely followed by the second section going faster. When the tunnel was reached, the first train stopped, and second dashed into it, crushing the caboose and several cars. Several men were seriously injured.

Congressman for Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 31.—This comes from Alaska: The election for delegate in the United States Congress from Alaska has resulted in favor of Capt. James, of Carroll, of the steamer Queen. Such a seat does not yet exist, but the convention recently passed resolutions asking Congress to accord to Alaska a seat in that body.

The Marie Greenwood Company.

The Marie Greenwood Comic Opera Company will appear at the Opera House again on November 4. The company is a favorite one here, and will doubtless be greeted with the same crowded houses as during its last appearance here.

HOW LARGE WE HAVE GROWN.

The Census Shows the U. S. to Have 62,480,540 People.

An Increase in Ten Years of 13,324,757. Being a Percentage of 24.57—The Barren Census of 1870—Virginia's Population 1,648,911.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—[Special]—The twelfth census bulletin, issued to-day, says:

The population of the United States on June 1, 1890, as shown by the first count of persons and families, exclusive of white persons in the Indian territory, Indians on the reservation and in Alaska, is 62,480,540.

These figures may be slightly changed by later and more exact compilations, but such changes will not be material.

In 1880 the population was 50,155,783; absolute increase of population in the ten years intervening is 12,324,757; percentage of increase, 24.57.

In 1870 the population was stated as 38,558,371.

According to these figures the absolute increase in the decade between 1870 and 1880 was 11,597,412, and the percentage of increase 30.08.

Upon their face these figures show that the population has increased between 1880 and 1890 only 727,345 more than between 1870 and 1880.

The white rate of increase has apparently diminished from 30.08 to 24.57 per cent.

If these figures were derived from correct data, they would be indeed disappointing. Such a reduction in the rate of increase in the face of the erroneous immigration during the past ten years would argue a diminution in the fecundity of population or corresponding increase in its death rate.

These figures, however, are easily explained when the character of the data is understood.

It is a well-known fact, having been demonstrated by extensive and thorough investigation, that the census of 1870 was grossly deficient in the Southern States, so much so as to not only give an exaggerated rate of increase of population between 1870 and 1880 in these States, but to affect very materially the rate of increase in the country. These omissions were not the fault, nor were they within the control of the census office.

The census of 1870 was taken under a law which Superintendent-General Francis A. Walker characterized as "clumsy, antiquated and barbarous."

The census office had no power over its enumerators save a barren protest, and this right was even questioned in some quarters. In referring to these omissions, the superintendent of the tenth census said in his report in relation to the taking of the census in South Carolina: "It follows, as the conclusion of the highest authority, either that the census of 1870 was grossly defective in regard to the whole State, or some considerable parts thereof, or else that the census of 1880 was fraudulent."

Those, therefore, who believe in the accuracy and honesty of the tenth census—and that was thoroughly established—must accept the other alternative offered by General Walker, namely, that the ninth census was "grossly defective."

What was true of South Carolina was also true, in a greater or less degree, of all the Southern States.

There is, of course, no means of ascertaining accurately the extent of these omissions, but, in all probability, they amounted to not less than 1,500,000.

There is but little question that the population of the United States in 1870 was at least 40,000,000 instead of 38,558,371, as stated. If this estimate of the extent of the omissions in 1870 be correct, the absolute increases between 1870 and 1880 was only about 10,000,000 and the rate of increase not far from 25 per cent.

The following table shows population of the several States, as found by the census enumeration of 1890:

Table showing population of the United States and various states in 1890, including Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Atlantic Division, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Northern Central Divisions, and Ohio.

Table showing population of various states in 1890, including Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, South Central Division, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Western Division, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California.

COLORÉD CANDIDATE CUT

A South Carolina Tellmanite Gets Angry and Slashes

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 31.—[Special]—A special to the Daily Register from Timmonsville, this State, says:

While Edmund Deas, colored, who is running on the Republican ticket for Congress from this district, was addressing a crowd of negroes in the interest of the Haskell cause, exception was taken to his remarks by certain Tellmanites, among whom was J. Gully Jackson.

Jackson's temper was excited to the point of belligerency, and he drew his knife on Deas, and split his mouth open on one side nearly to the ear. He would have killed him, but for Colonel H. T. Morris, who pressed up to make peace.

In the pro-severely endeavor of Col. Morris, however, Jackson, who was highly incensed, turned upon Colonel Morris and slashed him a severe cut on his left cheek, and raked him across his left side, cutting clear through his clothing and ripping his skin, though not to serious depth. Deas fled profusely, and it was believed he would die from the wound received. Jackson was arrested, but released on \$100 bond for his appearance before the town council next Thursday, the 6th instant. There is considerable excitement among the citizens.

Trial of the Cruiser Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—[Special]—The United States cruiser Philadelphia went on a trial cruise to-day. She passed the quarantine station at 7:35 and cleared Sandy Hook at 8:10, heading for southeast. The Philadelphia is in charge of Rear Admiral Kimberly, and has on board the inspection board, who will pass judgment upon the vessel. The Enterprise will leave this evening and will relieve the Kearsarge in the South American waters. Commander G. A. Converse has the old berth of Commander McCall on the vessel.

Blaine and Wauwanesee.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—[Special]—Secretary Blaine arrived here to-night from his western trip. Arrangements were concluded for Blaine and the Postmaster-General to leave here at 9:40 o'clock Saturday morning for Philadelphia to attend the meeting at the Academy of Music Saturday afternoon, and reception at the Union League Club.

Found Dead by a Searching Party.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 31.—[Special]—The searching parties who were hunting for Capt. William Shackley, of Copicuit, who went gunning Tuesday and had not returned, found his body to-day. He was seventy years of age and a large land-holder. It is thought he died of apoplexy and exposure.

The Anti-Semitic Party Dissolved.

PESTH, Oct. 31.—[Special]—The anti-Semitic party in the Hungarian Diet has been dissolved, after an existence of ten years. When the leader of the party recently offered an anti-Jewish motion in the Diet not one of his party rose to support him.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—[Special]—Arrived Germanic, from Liverpool; Columbia and Wieland, from Hamburg. Arrived out, City of Berlin from New York to Liverpool; Trave, from New York for Bremen.

The Victorian Ministry Defeated.

MELBURNE, Oct. 31.—[Special]—The Victorian ministry has been defeated in the colonial parliament by a vote of want of confidence.

Rorer Park Literary Society.

A very interesting meeting of the Rorer Park Literary Society was held last Thursday evening in the parlor of the hotel. The purpose of the society is literary improvement.

BUSINESS DURING THE WEEK.

Trade Active Throughout the Southern States.

Iron Stronger and Steel Weaker—Iron Mills all Active—Potatoes and Dairy Products Higher—Exports and Imports Both Show a Large Increase.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—[Special]—The weekly review of trade of R. G. Dun & Co. says: The approach of the elections has caused some slackening of trade at many points which is obviously temporary.

At a few cities, notably St. Louis, there is observed reaction from the great activity which prevailed just before the new tariff went into effect.

But at nearly all cities trade continues remarkably large, and payments through all clearing houses, outside of New York, for the month of October will probably be the largest ever recorded in any month, exceeding those of last October by about 15 per cent., and those of last May, which were \$3,527,000,000, the largest ever known, by about 10 per cent. The foreign trade for the month will certainly prove the largest ever known, and the great industries are all unusually active.

At the South business is thriving. New Orleans reports large receipts of sugar and rice, and good prices, though baling of cotton is hindered by the weather, but at Galveston trade improves with better weather, and orders are free. At Savannah receipts are 55,757 bales cotton, 15,976 casks resin and 3,488 barrels of turpentine.

At Jacksonville trade is rather dull, but in Northern Atlantic States decidedly active. It may be said, moreover, that reports as to collections throughout the country are more satisfactory.

Money markets are about as last reported, though firmer, with sharp demand at bottom; firm, but easier at Philadelphia; still tight at Chicago, scarce at 7 to 8 per cent. at St. Louis; somewhat stringent, with large demand, at Cleveland and Detroit; selling at 7 per cent. at Milwaukee; tight at Savannah, with good demand at Denver; easy at Kansas City, and easier in spite of demand at New Orleans.

Rates at New York have varied widely, and the Treasury has taken in during the week about two million dollars more than it has put out; silver notes included. The great industries are doing more on the whole than at any time in the past, while the iron production is at maximum, and the market at Philadelphia is "very mixed."

Iron seems stronger and steel weaker. Best foundry iron is unchanged here, at Philadelphia and Pittsburg, but Bessemer iron is weak, and at Pittsburg lower, with steel rails fifty cents lower. Disagreements in the association are reported, and the market here is demoralized, with sales reported at \$20 at the mill in bar and plate iron. Large orders are less frequent, but the mills are busy and small orders are active.

Cotton is a quarter lower, with goods unchanged and inactive demand, and takings by Northern spinners fully up to last year's general average of prices. Because of advance in breadstuffs, potatoes and dairy products is fractionally higher than a week ago and 8.5 per cent. higher than a year ago. This accounts in part for the enormous volume of exchanges throughout the country, but there remains an apparent increase of over six per cent. in volume of business, exclusive of difference in prices.

Exports from this port for four weeks have been ten millions larger in value than last year, when October exports for the whole country were nearly ninety-eight millions, which indicates for the month much the largest movement on record.

Imports here, also, show an increase over last year of fifteen millions, so that the aggregate for the month may reach eighty millions. The failures for the week in the United States is 190, compared with 227 for the corresponding week last year.

Visiting Iron Men Snubbed at Toronto.

TORONTO, Oct. 31.—This city raised \$1,800 toward entertaining the members of the Coal and Iron Institute, but finding they would be here only five hours resolved to not spend a cent. The visiting iron men to-day paid all their bills and went away disgusted.

Colonel Holland said to-day they had been magnificently treated in Chicago, New York, Pittsburg and other cities, and they could not think of marring the success of these affairs by accepting any sort of hospitality in Canada.

Mrs. Lemon Dead.

HOUSTON, Va., Oct. 31.—[Special]—Mrs. Joel B. Lemon, of this place, died this evening.

The Weather To-day.

For Virginia: Slightly warmer by Sunday morning; fair weather, westerly winds.