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The Sultan of Turkey has a household of six thousand persons, four hundred of whom are cooks.

Advices from Bogate state that a Columbian physician, Dr. Carrasquilla, has discovered an effectual cure for leprosy.

General Alger's friends insist that he never bought a bunch of colored delegates from the South in his life. Of course not.

The Philadelphia refineries have shut down because of the large quantity of sugar on the market, and 2,000 men have been thrown out of work.

How quickly men are forgotten! The Boulanger, in Paris, has charged his name to the Cafe Carnot, and none of its patrons have deserted it.

Spain, in addition to having an insurrection on her hands, also has a ring of boodling officials and a "Lexow committee." "Troubles never come singly."

A large number of cartridges, a quantity of dynamite and fifty rifles and secret arms have been landed in Cuba from a schooner which is said to have left Bayport, Fla.

When a young man asks a woman to trust him he holds her by the hand, but when he asks another man to trust him he holds the latter by the leg, says the Galveston News.

It is reported from Constantinople that a second massacre occurred at Trebizond on the 27th inst., and that thousands were killed and many hundreds wounded. The American Theological Seminary was burned.

China is seeking a loan of $5,000,000 in Germany, and it is reported that Germany consents to the proposition on the condition that Great Britain will undertake the loan jointly with her, and that Russia shall be notified of the matter, says an exchange.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The next session of the General Assembly of Virginia begins Wednesday, and duties of greatest importance to the large. It is hoped that the Democratic majority will act well its part in shaping such legislation as will be for the best interests of the State in material and political sense. The people expect this from them and upon them rests a grave responsibility. They want no reoccurance of the scandals that were a reproach to the last session, which have been a heavy weight on the Democracy of the State. The work of the curtailment of criminal expenses, economy in the State finances, the amendment of the Walton election law are subjects that will merit the best and mature consideration. It is hoped that the record of the coming session of the Legislature will be one that will afford satisfaction and gratification to every well-wisher of Democracy and good government.

NEW BATTLESHIPS—GRATIFYING INTELLIGENCE.

The Virginian's dispatches give the gratifying intelligence that the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company has again been successful in bids for the construction of the two battleships, 5 and 6, authorized at the last Congress. The bids were opened yesterday at the Navy Department.

In competition with the great shipbuilding establishments of Wm. Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia, and the Union Works of San Francisco, the Newport News Company were successful in securing both vessels—the price being $2,250,000 for each ship. This means the expenditure of $4,500,000 of government shipbuilding at Newport News. It means the employment of a great force of skilled mechanics. It is a demonstration to the country that this great shipyard on the James river of Virginia is qualified to construct the greatest of ships, and that it has unsurpassed facilities for doing so. It means greater attention to this section, a better knowledge and a rapid, material development of the same. The Virginian voices the sentiment of the people of Norfolk and the State in extending cordial congratulations to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

DEATH OF THOMAS K. BELL.

The community will receive the announcement of the death of this gentleman with deep regret. He was universally respected and esteemed, and deservedly so. His walk through life in all his years was irreproachable, and he leaves a character behind that is spotless. While never occupying prominence in the emoluments or honors which men generally crave for, few among our citizens were so generally recognized and so ready to respond to all demands in the cause of assistance to the suffering or the dispensation of benevolence or charity to the afflicted or needy. Duty in matters of this character was his watch word. The homes are many into which he brought the sunshine of Christian consolation and none could be more gentle, more considerate, more devoted in an effort to alleviate trouble or to bring comfort. His friendship was a treasure to possess, for none was purer. In all the relations of life he modestly and faithfully acted his part. As son and brother, and friend, he was as true as the needle to the pole. He has passed away to receive the reward promised by the Saviour to those who in life followed his precepts as best they knew how. Dear friend, peace to thy ashes.

VALUABLE AND PATRIOTIC SUGGESTIONS.

The Virginian prints to-day the paper read by Colonel William Lamb before the Great Bridge Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution at its recent meeting. It is replete with valuable and patriotic suggestions, which it is hoped will receive the endorsement they deserve. There should be a proper observance, indeed, as Colonel Lamb remarks, a proper celebration of the birthday of George Washington, of the Fourth of July; the 19th of October, the anniversary of the crowning glory of the Revolution, the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown—and surely the Norfolk Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution should secure a suitable and appropriate observance of the 9th of December, "The Battle of Great Bridge."

Another and very important suggestion is that of the establishment of a department in the public library for the reception of books, pamphlets, prints, &c., in regard to our Revolutionary struggle. The South has been very deficient in this respect, and especially so have been the people of this historic section of Virginia, embraced within the confines of the present Second Congressional district. Within this territory we have Yorktown, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Old Point Comfort, Great Bridge, and a great number of historic places unequalled by any other section of the republic. Yet we have listlessly refrained from gathering up the rich records connected with them—the very fragments of which are deserving of attention and patriotic care. The Virginian has time and again alluded to this apathy of our people. It hopes that a different spirit will prevail and the suggestions of Colnel Lamb are in the right direction.

Whither?

Where goest thou, hurrying river, where?
"I follow the path made for me,
And because I am weary I am going now
Far down to the quiet sea."

Where goest thou, blustering wind, oh, where?
"Far into the untraveled land,
And because I am weary there I will rest
With the quiet rocks and sand."

Where goest thou, sailing cloud, oh, where?
"I know of a barren waste,
And because I am weary there I will seek
A quiet resting place."

Where goest thou, swift flying bird, oh, where?
"Far into the forests now,
And there I will rest, for I've weary grown,
On a safe and beautiful bough."

And thou, my soul, where goest thou?
"Higher than clouds I go.
Eternal love, for I am weary here,
Will bear me aloft, I know."

—Philadelphia Ledger.