



### THE PATRIOT AND HERALD.

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#### THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

"Only one passenger by the evening stage," said the landlady of the Travelers' Rest, as she turned away from the window, where she had been watching the cumbrous, old-fashioned vehicle that connected with the railroad, ten miles away.

Only one passenger—a tall, fresh-looking girl, with glossy masses of raven black hair and eyes of a liquid hazel. Marian Couchley was pretty, in the rare, blooming English style, which is so seldom met with, more's the pity, upon this western continent of ours, and she was very self-possessed withal, as she entered the little inn parlor.

"Can you furnish me with a conveyance to Doretton Grange?" she asked of the landlady, who bustled forward to meet her.

"To-night, Miss?"

"Yes, to-night."

"Then you must be the young lady as is coming as companion to Mrs. Moreton?" asked the hostess, with a spice of curiosity inherited from Mother Eve.

"I am," said Marian, as independently as if she was owning herself the lady of the White House.

"It's a long drive, Miss," said Mrs. Ducey, "and you'd, maybe, better take a bit of supper while Tom's harness is up the horses. This night air ain't good on an empty stomach, and there's some of the nicest brook trout you ever see, my man's just brought in."

So Marian sat down to wait; and Mrs. Ducey eyed her in a sidewise fashion, as she brought in blue edged cups and saucers, and homespun napkins and fresh butter and a large jar of honeycomb, dripping sweetness.

"She's a likely looking gal," thought Mrs. Ducey and Mrs. Ducey was right. Marian looked like a queen as she sat there in her sober black robes, with a warm line of white about her throat, and the coronal of her jetty locks wreathed about her marble fair brow.

Marian Couchley thinking too. She was wondering how this new experiment of her's, to earn her own living, would end. She was sick at heart of the bread of dependence; yet, just now, she felt bewildered and strange, like a child lost in the woods. The only clue she had to follow was a brief advertisement in the newspapers, and that had led her thither.

She turned suddenly to Mrs. Ducey, as that thrifty dame entered with a plate of red smoked beef, shaved very thin.

"Is Doretton Grange very far away?"

"Four miles, Miss."

"It must be very lonely."

Mrs. Ducey shook her head.

"I wouldn't like to live there—that's all I've got to say."

A thrill of apprehension ran through Marian's nerves.

"Why not?"

"Well, Miss, there ain't no accountin' for them things—but people do tell strange things about the grange bein' haunted."

"Haunted?" Marian's clear, bell-like laugh rang through the room with an indescribable accent of relief.

"What nonsense! as if one in the possession of their senses could credit such an idea."

"Tea is ready, Miss," said the landlady, primly. "Will you please to sit up and take a cup?"

The grange, as Marian Couchley saw it by the light of a faint spring moon, was a glaring red brick house, its northern gables entirely draped with ivy, and its chimneys secluded from sight of the road by dense-growing evergreens, cedar, hemlock and Norway spruces.

Mrs. Doretton was on the steps to greet the newcomer, a fair, pallid old lady, with silvery curls and a dress of pearl gray silk.

"I am glad to see you, my dear," she said, pressing the cold little hand. "You must have had a dreary ride."

And Marian Couchley knew that she should love her employer.

It was all so new and strange to her. The wide halls, with narrow

strips of Persian carpeting laid along the centre; in the echoing corridors, where weird faces stared down at her from the canvass of old family portraits; the light streaming down through stained glass casements and oriels, seeming to bar the doors with scarlet and gold and deep, tremulous violet, while all the dwellers in the roomy mansion, except the servants, were Mrs. Doretton, her son Aldebert and herself.

Aldebert Doretton—the name was like a knight of romance and so was his owner. Marian's heart throbbled with a singular sensation, as she ventured once or twice to look slyly at him, as she sat opposite to him at the table.

"I hope you like your room, Miss," said the old housekeeper, as she glanced around the apartment to which she had conducted Miss Couchley.

"It is a beautiful room," said Marian, "but it is large enough for half a dozen."

"The whole house is large, Miss," said Mrs. Brett.

"Tell me," said Marian, drawing closer to the old woman, "what is it about this house being haunted?"

Mrs. Brett smiled.

"People will talk, Miss," she said, "and its small use trying to stop 'em. And, the truth is strange things have happened in this house, although it's haunted by nothing worse than bad memories. When I was in my prime it was a different place. Master Aldebert is the last and youngest of three as noble boys as ever made an old place happy."

"And what has become of the others?" asked Marian.

"The eldest is dead," Mrs. Brett answered, in a whisper. "He lies in a bloody grave, stricken down by the hands of his own brother, in a sudden fit of passion. Poor Mr. Hugh! he fled the country to escape from justice and died in England. It nearly killed my mistress, and—"

"There's her bell now and I must go."

And with a hurried adieu the old housekeeper hurried away. So this was the history of Moreton Grange. Marian Couchley shuddered as she sat alone by the fire, fancying the cry of a murdered man in every sigh of the wind, and seeing the flutter of ghostly garments in the shadows that lurked in the far end of the huge room.

Yet, as the days went by, the old grange assumed a home-like look to her. Mrs. Doretton was all gentle sweetness and Aldebert's chivalric kindness endeared him impressively to the solitary girl. She began to feel that she had found a refuge. But it was not destined to endure for very long. She was sitting at her window one moonlight night in July, long after the family had retired to rest, when something white and spectral glided across the luminous space on the lawn—the figure of a tall man, not unlike Aldebert Doretton. She started up with a slight scream and buried her face in the draperies of the window.

"The ghost!" she gasped inaudibly; "the ghost!"

"Nor did she rest until she had taken refuge in Mrs. Doretton's room. The old lady listened to her tale in tremulous silence.

"My dear," said she, "you are mistaken. The dwellers of another world are never allowed to come back to haunt this. You were asleep—you dreamed, unconsciously."

"Dear Mrs. Doretton," persisted Marian, "I was as wide awake as I am now. I tell you I saw it with my own eyes. It was tall and white, and oh, how ghastly!"

She shuddered as she spoke. Mrs. Moreton soothed explained, and coaxed but in vain. Marian would not even go back to her own room alone, so complete had been the shock.

"I will go with you my dear," said the old lady at length.

She arose, threw on a light flannel-dressing gown and opened the door of her apartment. As they stepped out into the hall Marian uttered a piercing cry. There, full before them, stood the ghost!

Mrs. Doretton drew Marian back into her room and shut and locked the door and sank trembling on the sofa, clasping both her hands before her eyes.

"Did I not tell you?" faltered Marian. "How can you explain this?"

Mrs. Doretton had no word of

answer; she could only rock herself backward and forward, moaning like one in mortal agony.

"You must not go from this room to-night, child," she said. "Lie down upon my bed and try to rest."

Toward morning Marian waked from a brief, fevered slumber; and found herself alone; and when she next met Mrs. Doretton it was at the breakfast table.

Aldebert entered the room later. He was pale and strangely agitated, and his mother looked wistfully up in his face, as he entered. He nodded slightly.

"At last," he said.

"Thank God!" Mrs. Doretton murmured.

And Marian noticed that neither mother nor son ate a morsel of the breakfast so temptingly laid out, Marian went to Mrs. Doretton, as soon as Aldebert had withdrawn, and falteringly imparted to her her resolve to leave Doretton Grange. Their kindness had made it very pleasant to her; she had been treated more as an equal than a salaried dependent, but the shock her nervous system had last night received rendered it impossible to remain longer. Mrs. Doretton listened in silence.

"Aldebert," she said to her son, who at that moment entered, "Miss Couchley is going to leave us."

"To leave us! And why?"

Involuntarily Marian's heart leaped up, as she saw the sudden flush upon his death-pale forehead.

"She saw—the ghost—last night!" said Mrs. Doretton, speaking the words with an effort.

"She will never see it again," said Aldebert Doretton, sadly. "Marian—he had never called her Marian before, and the word sounded strangely sweet in her ears—'will you come with me?'"

He led her to a darkened apartment in the disused portion of the old grange, where upon a canopied couch a corpse, robed in the garments of the grave!

"There is the ghost you saw, Marian," he said; it will never haunt these glades again."

"Who is it?" she faltered, clinging to his arm, with awe-stricken face.

"My brother Hugh, who has long dwelt concealed within these walls, that witnessed his crime, and his daily atonement for remorse, and who is at length set free by the great pardoner, Death. Immured in necessary retirement throughout the day, he used to seek air and exercise at night; and the common people, who had fancied him dead in England long ago, and who delight in aught savoring of superstition, believed, from an occasional glimpse of him, that the grange was haunted. We let the story gain credence; better anything than divulgence of the truth. The long deception is over at last, and the poor prisoner, thank Heaven, is set free.—Last night he roamed out, half delirious, in the temporary absence of his nurse, returning only to die."

He led Marian from the room; she breathed more freely in the fresh air of the portico without.

"Marian," pursued Aldebert, in a low, earnest voice, "you will not leave the old grange now? With your its sunshine would all depart?"

"I will stay," she answered.

"But not as my mother's companion, Marian; that must all be over now. You must stay here as my wife!"

And from the wedding-day of the last heir of Doretton Grange a newer, brighter life dawned upon the old place. As the years crept on, and the sound of little children's voices made music around the gray walls, the shadows fled away, and no one, save Aldebert and his wife, ever knew where the murderer was laid to rest, after his long penance of solitude and remorse!

Doretton Grange was haunted no longer.

The Ohio Legislature proposes to employ girls for pages.

There are about 400 steamers plying between America and England.

In the barber shop of the Lockwood House, Fort Scott, Kansas, there is a female barber.

The champion brute of this season sold the body of his dead child to a medical college to get money for rum. His name is not given, but he lives in Cleveland.

#### A COUNTRY SUFFICIENT TO ITSELF.

Somewhere between Leadville and Gunnison City wanders a Detroit who is penniless ragged, hungry and discouraged. Four weeks ago he met a Michigan man out there and sent his love to all inquiring friends at home, and also explained why he was in that hard-up condition. He was too honest and too particular for that country. He reached Gunnison City without a dollar in his pocket, but with lots of ambition in his soul, and soon met a man who explained.

"I can give you the softest kind of a snap at \$4 a kiss. I want you to run one of my fap tables."

"But I don't know the game."

"You don't say, stranger? You must have had a queer bringing up. Out here and don't know fap! Pass on—no time to bother with you!"

The second man applied to for a situation squinted his eyes and took a long look at the Detroit and quietly asked:

"Whar' from?"

Detroit.

No use—that's too far East. My pard run off with the company's funds last night, and I kalkerlated on payin' somebody about \$100 to overtake him and bring me back his scalp. You'd look sweet takin' his trail, you would! You'd better inquire on the next corner."

The next corner was the site of a saloon about to be opened. The proprietor was a six-footer with a revolver on each hip, and in response to the inquiry he said:

"I s'pose you know how to pour whisky and weigh dust?"

Yes.

Suppose that one of the tough ones comes in after his nip and refuses to hand over?"

"I'll call the police."

"Police be hang'd! Every man's his own policeman out here! You must open on him with a shooter and keep pulling the trigger until he falls. The shot gun at \$4 a day and found."

"I—I guess I won't take it."

"Then git! No place for milksons around here! Might a-knowed you hadn't any narve by lookin' at ye!"

The Detroit made one more effort. This time it was a man who explained:

"Glad to see you—sot down a bit. Ye see, there's bad blood between me and a feller called Sandy Tom. We've agreed to drop each other on sight, and we mean business. I want to get the bulge on him, and bein' you're a stranger you can help me. Put this derringer in your pocket and go and shoot Sandy Tom and I've got \$200 for ye!"

"Why, that would be murder!"

"What of it? Do you expect to hang out around here over a day without doin' any shootin'? Whar was ye raised?"

In Detroit.

"Git! You haven't any spinal column. You'd better run home to your ma, you had. Out ye go—so long!"

#### TOOK HIS WORD FOR IT.

A consumptive-looking man, lame and feeble, and carrying a pint bottle full of something, halted a pedestrian on Bates street yesterday and said:

"I found this bottle on the corner back there, and I wish you'd tell me what's in it."

The other took it, removed the cork and sniffed in a full breath. The next instant he staggered against a wall, clawing the air and gasping, and it was a full minute before he blurted out:

"Why, you infernal idiot, that's hartshorn."

"Well, I'm perfectly willing to take your word about it without insults," observed the invalid in an injured voice, and he took his bottle and walked off like a man who had been abused without the least excuse.—Free Press.

Edmund Yates says that an England Jew is a better British citizen than a Gallicised Saxon, and more agreeable in most relations of life than a London Scot.

The schools of the Christian Brothers in Jerusalem are attended by more than three hundred children of all denominations, among whom is a son of the Pasha.

A tramp who was found dead near Schenectady, N. Y., recently, had about him more than \$20,000 worth of bonds and other securities.

#### THE HERO AND THE DOG.

A dozen men were watering their throats in a Monroe avenue saloon yesterday, when two strangers entered, and one of them raised his voice and called out:

Gentlemen allow me to introduce you to Captain Green, of Chicago, the hero who was locked up in a room with a dog for two long hours, armed with only a piece of lath.

Several persons at once stepped forward and shook hands and invited Capt. Green to drink. He had imbibed three glasses of beer and got two cigars in his pocket, when one of the men queried:

"You must have felt purty scary? Yes."

"Was the dog mad? I don't think he was."

"And you kept him off with a lath? Yes."

"Well, I don't want any of that. Locked in, were you? Yes."

"Couldn't have got out if the dog had been too much for you? No."

"Well you were a hero, and that's a fact. What breed of dog was it? I think they called it a poodle! quickly replied the hero, as he slid for the door."

The crowd slid after him, but the first man out doors always has the best show to use his legs.—Detroit Free Press.

#### SOWING CLOVERSEED.

Many of our best farmers like to sow in this month or in March, and, if practicable, when snow is on the ground, which—melting—carries the seed down and into the crevices left by the frost, there to germinate. Seed, too, sown on the ground when it is frozen will become imbedded in the soil thaws, and soon covered, thus giving protection to the young plant. If not sown early, under the one or the other of these conditions, it is better to wait until the snow is out of the ground, and then sow, harrow and roll. The harrowing and rolling will not only cover the seed, but also do good to the wheat plant; and disturbed by the teeth of the harrow being pressed back into their places by the roller. For most soils 12 pounds of seed to the acre is sufficient, but in most cases a bushel is made to go over six or eight acres.

Hon. George H. Sheridan, of Washington, was engaged in putting on his boots in a sleeping car on the Boston & Albany R. R. one morning recently, when an old man who occupied the berth opposite mildly asked:

"Are you a rich man?"

"Yes moderately rich."

"How rich are you?"

"About \$300,000. Why?"

"Well, if I was as rich as you say you are, and snored as loud as I know you do, I should take a whole sleeper, when I traveled."

The rich man felt in his valise for a pocket pistol, and handing it to his inquisitive neighbor asked him to shoot himself with it in the mouth.

#### AN EPISCOPALIAN HORSE.

The Rev. Dr. Broadus, an old Baptist parson famous in Virginia, once visited a plantation where the darkey who met him at the gate asked him which barn he would have his horse put in.

"Have you two barns?" asked the doctor.

"Yes, sah, replied the darkey; dar's de ole barn, and Mas's Wales has jes built a new one."

"Where do you usually put the horses of clergymen who come to see your master?"

"Well, sah, if dey's Methodist's or Baptist's we gen'ally put 'em in de ole barn, but if dey's Episcopal's we puts 'em in de new one."

"Well, Bob, you can put my horse in the new barn; I'm a Baptist, but my horse is an Episcopalian."

#### WORK FOR FEBRUARY.

The winter, up to the close of the first month of the year, has been so severe that no progress has been made in any out-door work, and when Spring opens much ordinary despatched at this season will be found pressing to be performed. Thorough preparation, however, and thoughtful plans are now in order and will make the tasks to be done all the easier of accomplishment when they may be approached.

#### ORCHARDS.

Plant your apple trees 35 feet apart, and peach trees may be planted between the rows each way, and will be out of the way of the apple trees before they become so large as to need the whole space, which they will when they attain full growth. In the last 50 years I have planted and cultivated to bearing condition five orchards, and always planted peach trees among them; and cultivated and cropped with different annual crops for ten or twelve years. By this time the peach trees would be dead and ready to pull up. In this section I would recommend planting about one-third of the orchard with Smith's Cider apple.—American Farmer.

#### ORCHARD GRASS.

Ought to be sown early, and when sown with clover seed to the acre. Where both are put on the same land they should be sown separately to secure even distribution, and harrowed and rolled. Used alone orchard grass should be sown thick to avoid the formation of tussocks or stools. In such a case two bushels of seed is not too much the acre.

While a negro was near Savannah Georgia, his dog playfully jumped up, and caught his foot in the trigger of the gun. The negro's arm had to be amputated.

A Montana Indian who was recently convicted of murder expressed his opinion of the lawyer who defended him with delicious frankness:—"Lawyer too much talk; heap fool!"

Peter Sutherland, crofter, has died in the parish of Latheron, Caithness, at the extraordinary age of one hundred and fourteen years. He was born at Brora, in Sutherlandshire, in July, 1766.

Baltimore speaks of "a new invention" of an undertaker in the city, who so paints the features of a corpse as to give "a temporary bloom to the cheeks." This is an art which has long been practiced.

"Bowling parties" is new entertainment for ladies and gentlemen in Boston. They engage a bowling alley, invite the matrons, and spend an evening every week or fortnight in the exhilarating game of tennis.

An old lady in a town in Massachusetts refused the gift of a load of wood from a tree that had been struck by lightning, through fear that some of the "fluid" might remain in the wood and cause disaster to the kitchen stove.

An electric headlight for locomotives will soon be tried on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad. The power will be furnished by a small engine placed behind the smokestack and furnished with steam from the main boiler.

#### MARK THESE FACTS

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MAY 10, 1880.

GOING WEST GOING EAST

6.22am leave Norfolk	arrive 10.30am
7.12am leave Suffolk	leave 9.25am
9.30am leave Petersburg	leave 7.15pm
11.41am leave Burkville	leave 4.48pm
12.25am leave Farmville	leave 4.01pm
2.30pm (daily) Lynchburg	leave 1.30pm
2.50pm leave Salem	leave 10.55am
6.12pm (Sun) Christiansburg	leave 9.05am
8.15pm leave Wytheville (Wkly)	leave 8.04am
10.50pm leave Bristol (read up)	leave 5.00am

#### CONNECTIONS

Westward Eastward

AT PETERSBURG. AT LYNCHBURG. with R. & P. Road connection is made for Richmond, Wash. with Va. Midland, Baltimore, R. R., for Washington, and the East, and Baltimore, Philadelphia along the Delaware and New York; and to Greenboro', and to North and South Carolina points.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT

Announcements for Office.

FOR TREASURER. TO THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF SMYTH.—I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the position of County Treasurer and earnestly solicit your support.

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF SMYTH.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer, the position which I now occupy, and I promise if elected, that the business will be done as heretofore.

TO THE VOTERS OF SMYTH COUNTY.—FELLOW-CITIZENS.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Smyth County. Election to take place in May.

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For Treasurer. We add another to the list of candidates for County Treasurer. In this issue John W. Richardson announces himself. He is well known, and popular, and all who are acquainted with him are satisfied that he will discharge the duties of the office in the proper manner if elected.

Religious Services on Sunday. Last Sunday Rev. J. C. Lowe preached in the Methodist church at 11 o'clock a. m., the Rev. J. B. Griner preached at Odd Fellows Hall, at the same hour, and the Rev. Mr. Harrison preached in the Baptist church in the morning and at night.

Horse Killed by Train. On Monday night the western bound mail train, ran over and killed a horse just at the east end of the high bridge near 7 mile Ford. The horse was the property of D. T. Crutchfield. The train knocked the horse on the bridge, and but for the air brakes, perhaps, an accident would have resulted. They had to attach a chain to the horse and then to the engine, and drag the horse off the bridge, by backing the train.

Public Debate. According to announcement the Nestorian Literary Society gave a public debate in the court-house on last Friday night. The weather was very inclement; but an excellent audience was in attendance to encourage the youthful speakers by their presence. All the young gentlemen acquitted themselves well, and the affair was pleasant in every particular, except the weather.

Cohn the Clothier. Joseph Cohn, the leading clothier of Lynchburg, in fact of Virginia, has a new advertisement in this issue. He is a man of wonderful enterprise, and we are glad to say has met with great business success. During the past ten years we have had many dealings with Cohn, and have found him always square. You can't buy of a better or more reliable merchant, either at wholesale or retail. Try him and you will find out what we say is true.

Town Hall. There is now a good prospect of us having a nice town hall. The gentleman who purchased the old Presbyterian church a short time ago, propose to make up a stock company for the purpose of turning that building into a town hall. It is proposed to raise fifteen hundred dollars, which in addition to the present value of the building and lot, six hundred dollars, will make a capital of twenty-one hundred dollars. This will be enough to make a splendid hall, and we have no doubt but the necessary amount will be subscribed by the citizens.

Fishway or Ladder. By the law passed by the last Legislature, and approved on the 9th of March, 1880, persons owning dams which interfere with the free passage of fish are required, by the 9th of March, 1881, to provide such dams with a suitable fish ladder, known as McDonald fishway, so that fish may have free passage up or down the streams during the months of March, April, May and June of each year, and it shall be required of such parties that the same shall be restored in case of destruction, and shall be kept in good repair; and in repair; and in case they refuse to construct sluices, slopes or ladders, as required, they shall forfeit \$5 for each day they refuse. It is the duty of supervisors of counties, at least twice a year, in the months of April and October, to examine and see that the law is complied with. The time is now short, and those who have failed to comply with the law should look to their duty and interest.—Lynchburg News.

County Court. Next Monday will be the day for holding the regular term of the county court.

Look Out. The nicest stock of ready-made clothing ever brought to Marion, will arrive soon at

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The Ground Hog Prophet. Judging from the very severe winter weather we are having the ground hog is a prognosticator that is not to be sneezed at.

Measles. This disagreeable disease has again invaded this community, and a number of the children are confined with it. The disease is in a very mild type, we are informed.

Religious Meetings. The Rev. Mr. Harrison, evangelist, is holding a series of meetings in the Baptist church, at this place, having commenced the same on Sunday. The meetings are attended by large congregations.

Notice. The ladies of the Benevolent Aid Society of the Marion Baptist church, will have a dinner and supper for the benefit of their church in this place on the 1st day of April Circuit Court. The public are invited to attend.

Sale of Woolen Mills. The Olympia Woolen Mills, situated at Olympia, in this county, were sold at public auction, on Monday last, and were purchased by F. J. Whited at the price of \$3,110. It is valuable property and if properly run would pay a handsome profit.

Personal. Our old young friend Jno. R. Venable was in town yesterday, and called to see us. He wishes us to say to his merchant friends that he will be here on Monday, (court day), with the finest lot of samples of Boots and Shoes he has ever traveled with. Save your orders for John. He is an excellent fellow, and represents a splendid house, that of Baldwin & Jenkins, of Richmond, Va.

Dr. C. F. Mason, of W. Va., says: "With children Camm's Emulsion is the best preparation I have ever seen."

Acknowledgment. Notwithstanding the many calls upon our people for benevolence, they like Christ, paused a short time on Saturday the 12th inst., to listen to the statements of two benevolent spirited young ladies, and to gather hams and middlings, sugar and coffee, lard, preserves, shoes, calicoes, domestics, vegetables, brooms, and some money withal, to send to the Baptist Parsonage.

This unexpected kindness came not only from our own church, but was participated in, I believe, by all the denominations in town. If christian people knew how much gladness and joy these expressions of kindness occasioned to the recipients, they would never suffer the custom of pouncing, as it is called, to go into desuetude.

Grateful acknowledgements are

due, and are hereby tendered to all who contributed anything in this pouncing; and especially to Mrs. S. C. Look, and Misses Willie Blessing and Naunie Look Sexton, who, I am informed, took the lead in getting it up. The Lord bless all of you. R. B. BOATWRIGHT. MARION, VA., Feb'y. 14th 1881.

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The purchase of the A. M. and O. Railroad by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, is a very important matter to the people of Southwest Virginia. It may be that it will cause the completion, at an early day, say next year, of the missing link, the Bristol and Cumberland Gap Road. This link now alone separates the new purchase from the Kentucky system of that company. An arrangement of course may be made with President Cole, for connection via Knoxville, but Cumberland Gap is a much more direct line for the missing link. Nashville will urge a new link from that city via Lebanon, Tenn., and either Rogersville or Estillville to Bristol. At any rate, or at any event, Bristol must be the point aimed at by Louisville.

The people of Virginia should now pause to thank Gen. Mahone that he has driven Collins and his beasts of prey from this great work, which they were determined to make away with. With a purpose constant as the pulse beat, and as ceaseless as the pendulum he has looked to saving the unpaid labor bills of the people who have repaired and kept the road alive, and the claim of the State. These the vultures were determined to confiscate. He has saved the labor claims, saved the stock of the stockholders, and saved a good slice of the State's claim. We are pleased to learn that Maj. Fink, is to be retained as General Manager, for his peculiar ability has been very fully demonstrated. On the whole we feel gratified at the result. Gen. Mahone and his company were foiled by vultures, but they foiled the vultures and captured a large share of their coveted prey.—Bristol News.

Little Rock, Ark., February 14—The Hon. Fernando Wood, member of Congress from New York city, died at the Hot Springs at 10 o'clock last night.

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Ireland. London, February 14.—A dispatch from Dublin to the Times says: "The leaders of the Land League are trying to allay the apprehension of Irishmen by representing the coercion act as harmless. At a meeting of the Limerick branch of the League in Boynton it was stated that the Government did not contemplate interference with the right of peaceable assembly and free speech, and it will be perfectly competent for the League to criticise public measures and the acts of leaders; but the League should not interfere with the legal tribunals."

A sleeping car costs twelve thousand dollars, and earns at the rate of one thousand dollars per month, so that in one year it has paid the original cost.

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To mildly put it, we think the Dispatch did injustice to its better judgment in the allusion made to General Mahone in the introduction to the proceedings and opinion of the court on the application to postpone the sale. Aside from his personal connection with the matter, we believe he sought all he could to protect the interests of the State and her cities, especially the welfare of Norfolk. The Virginia has always fought Gen. Mahone from the shoulder, whenever it thought his influence detrimental, and we shall always consider his unfortunate position on the State debt the cause of untold injury to the State, yet, in his last efforts to preserve Virginia's great road from falling into inimical hands, he is deserving of full credit, which should be cheerfully and not grudgingly awarded him. Hence we question the judgment of the Dispatch displayed in the article alluded to.—Norfolk Virginian.

The World's Fair of 1885. New York, February 6.—Gen. Grant presided at a meeting of prominent capitalists at Delmonico's to night to hear plans of the World's Fair Exhibition. C. N. Bliss said that without special effort \$322,500 had been collected in the last few days. The finance committee was also in treaty with the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Erie, and New York and New Haven railroads, and they expected to receive one million dollars from those sources. Messrs. Wm. E. Dodge, James P. Sutton and Frederick A. Potts subscribed \$5,000 each.

The Fakir of Sora gave a slight-of-hand performance in Galveston. One of his feats was to make a marked dollar disappear in the sight of the crowd, which he successfully did. "That marked dollar will be found in the vest pocket of that colored gentleman," said the Fakir, pointing with his magic wand at Sam Johnson. All eyes were riveted on Sam, who advanced to the front, took some money from his vest pocket and said: "Boss, heah is your change. I has had two beers and a cigar outen dat dollar you told me to keep in my vest pocket till you called for it."—Galveston News.

Is there in Virginia any man who can deny that the State is able to pay her debts if she wished to?—N. Y. Tribune. That is not the question at all. Virginia intends to pay all her just debts; but she is better able now willing to pay all the claims presented against her. Is there in the United States any man who can deny that the Federal Government is able to pay all Southern claims if it wishes to? or deny that it is able to pay the debt due Virginia for advances made the General Government in the war of 1812?—Whig.

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On consideration whereof it is adjudged ordered and decreed that H. C. Jones who is appointed a Commissioner for the purpose of taking, state and settle the administration account of S. A. Williams adm'x, of A. C. Williams dec'd. Also an account of outstanding and unsatisfied debts against the estate of said A. C. Williams dec'd. and their priorities, and also to report what lands in Smyth County said Williams died seized of, the value of said land—and the yearly rental value of same,—and to report any other matter deemed pertinent by himself or required to be stated specially by either of the parties.

COMMISSIONERS NOTICE: In the Circuit Court of Smyth County, Memphis T. Snavely adm'x, et al. vs. R. M. Williams, et al. def'ts. Extract from decree entered in this cause 28th Sept. 1881. Whereupon it was adjudged, ordered and decreed that H. C. Jones one of the Commissioners of the Court, do take, state and report an account of all the judgment liens outstanding and unpaid against R. M. Williams in the order of their priorities and to state any other matter deemed pertinent by himself or required to be stated specially by either of the parties in interest.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE. MARION, VA., Jan. 25th, 1881. To Memphis T. Snavely, adm'x, of H. L. Snavely dec'd, R. S. Bonham adm'r, of G. W. Henderlite dec'd, Julian Huddle, Robert Crockett, executor of R. Crockett dec'd. Plaintiffs and R. M. Williams Defendant. You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon Wednesday, the 2nd day of March next, at my office, as the time and place to take and settle the account ordered by the said decree. And all judgment creditors of R. M. Williams and all persons having claims or demands against the said R. M. Williams are required to appear at that time and place for the purpose of proving the same. Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court the day and year first aforesaid. H. C. JONES, Com'r.

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