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FAREWELL TO SUMMER.

Summer is fading, the birds are falling,
And all the village haunts are falling;
The restless birds in sudden tones are calling
From rustling leaf and tangled dell:
"Farewell, sweet summer,
Fragrant, fruitful summer,
Sweet farewell!"
Upon the windy hills, in many a dale,
The house-trees stand like old-time sentinels,
Opening the latest leaves of bloom to yield,
And, knowing that their harvest time is over,
Sing, half a melody and half a knell:
"Farewell, sweet summer,
Farewell, sweet summer,
Sweet farewell!"
The little brook that bubbles till the ferns,
"O'erwashed roots and sandy shallow playing,
Seems faint to linger in its eddied turns,
And with a plaintive, pining voice is saying,
Sadder and sadder than my song can tell:
"Farewell, sweet summer,
Sweet farewell!"
The first birds ere dawn the whistling lark,
With gold and crimson leave before it sings;
The noisy thrush has no sound of pain,
But in the hush it sings its parting.
"Farewell, sweet summer,
Farewell, sweet summer,
Sweet farewell!"
So bird and bee and brook and breeze make moan,
"With melancholy song their loss complaining;
I, too, must join them, as I walk alone
Among the sights and sounds of summer's waning;
I, too, have loved the season passing well—
Sweet farewell, summer,
Fair, but faded summer,
Sweet farewell!"

KATHRINA.

A TALE OF THE RHINE.

BY WM. B. CAMBER.

Castlemore, fifty years ago, was a magnificent country seat on the banks of the Rhine. Now, soft patches of moss are scattered over the gray walls of the old chateau, and wreaths of dark green ivy twine around columns that are crumbling away.

The sun had just disappeared behind the hills that bounded Castlemore. Two lovers stood together in the gathering twilight, in the shadow of the trees that lined the margin of the river. The maiden was sweet and womanly, the youth strong, and of noble mien. The rapturous greetings, the earnest manner, the deep and perfect peace that filled both hearts, and lit up their features, told of long parting, trials overcome, and foreshadowings of future happiness.

"O, Rudolph," murmured the young girl, "you have come, and in this moment of exquisite joy I forget all my pain, all my weary, anxious waiting—but you have suffered. I know it by these lines of care. Tell me all, Rudolph. I can listen calmly now, since you are beside me."

"Yes," said Rudolph, "I have suffered the tortures of hunger and cold, and thirst, and have narrowly escaped death. I have been hotly pursued by night and day. It was on the edge of Glenmore that I had my last encounter with him. I was alone and unarmed. He crept stealthily from a thicket where he lay concealed, and made a fierce attack upon me. I defended myself with the energy of despair, for I was but a toy with his iron grasp. Happily for me, a withered tree, against which he fell in his fierce struggle, gave way, and he was precipitated over the cliffs into the sea. He would have drawn me after him, but with almost superhuman strength I clung to an overhanging bough and was saved. I saw that my enemy was pushing toward a boat that was in the waters below, and I cried out, 'Secure him, secure him a murderer!' and very soon he was bound in chains, and delivered over to the authorities, and will now, I hope, receive the reward of his iniquities behind prison bolts." O, Kathrina, how deep must be his passion for me, and how deadly his hate for you, to fawn him to such extent!"

"It is a passion, full of fire and fierce-ness," said Kathrina. "There is not an element of pure affection in it—many times I have recoiled from him in horror and terror, while forced to listen to his wild protestations and vehement avowals of love. O, Rudolph, how like the smiles of heaven is the sunlight of your love!"

"Dear Kathrina," said Rudolph, "it shall evermore guide your pathway, and keep away the shadows. No more wearisome days; no more loneliness; no more fears for your beloved. Thank heaven, the consummation of our happiness is at hand; the fulfillment of our hopes close by. To-morrow evening, at this hour, I will be with you again, my love, never to leave you more. Till then, good-by."

With a tender embrace, the lovers parted. The soft winds of evening were talking in the evergreen trees. Were they uttering prophecies? From the blue Rhine, as it flowed the pebbly shore, came a mournful sound, like the plaint of invisible sorrows. Ah, met—what was it?

The morrow's sun shone brightly on Castlemore. The old chateau, a magnificent structure built of gray stone, stood proudly in its place in a wilderness of trees and shrubbery, its castellated summits glittering in the sunlight. The towers, turrets and battlements standing out in beautiful bas-reliefs against the blue sky. It was surrounded by a paradise of trees and blossoms, cascades and fountains, purling streams and wood dells. Kathrina was mistress of all these broad lands, and queen of the castle. She had not a relative in the world, and she had lavished all the love of a strong, deep nature upon Rudolph.

Castello, an Italian by birth, loved Kathrina with all the concentrated passion of his fiery nature. He had the fierceness and vindictiveness that characterized the race, and when he found that Rudolph was given the preference, he hated him with malignant hatred.

A Woman's Wit.

A gentleman not unconnected with the Boston press was in St. Louis recently, and while here confided to a friend the details of an adventure in a Boston hotel so remarkable as to deserve a special life in print. The story is brief, but with an immense moral as showing how, in some things, lovely woman will always come to the relief of a sister in distress to outwit the tyrant man. The journalist above related, to stopping at the hotel, a private one where the guests were accustomed to the entire freedom of the house, felt late one night the imperative necessity of eating some fruit before retiring. It was too late to send out to buy any; he did not want to arouse the servants of the house at so late an hour, and yet fruit or preserves, or something toothsome of the kind, seemed to him a personal necessity. He knew where the store-room was, knew that the door was left open, and finally resolved to go down and pry enough to satisfy his need. No sooner was the thought conceived than acted upon, and within five minutes he was in the store-room looking preserves out of a jar, and enjoying himself immensely in satisfying the craving appetite which had come upon him.

For a few moments the enjoyment of the man at the preserves was complete. Then he was startled by a light, swift step in the hall, there was a whisper and a rustle of garments, the door opened suddenly and some one bounded in with such suddenness as coming squarely against the midnight resident, to knock him half way across the room, and squarely off his feet. Leaping up at once, he closed with his assailant to find that he had captured a woman. Further, and more terrible still, he discovered that the plump form of the lady who had wanted something to eat as well as he was clad only in a night dress. Still, though trying, the occasion was one not of unmixed horror by any means, and in a moment the gentleman's nerve returned and his curiosity rose to fever heat.

"Who is this?" he demanded of the plump figure in his arms. No answer.

"Who is it?" he repeated. "You'll not get out of this until you tell." Still no answer, but a struggle in the darkness, the plump figure trying very hard to get away.

Again the query was repeated, with equal lack of response, but this time a resounding slap in the face from a hand that was doubtless pretty, which hit with decided force, was the reward of the questioner.

He was put on his mettle at once. "You think you'll get off unknown! We'll see about that!" he exclaimed.

"I've a device that'll work, I think."

And then, after a silent and determined struggle, he caught a little bit of the lady's right cheek between his teeth and bit—not badly so as to break the velvety skin, but sufficiently hard to leave a mark which he knew could not disappear for a day or two. Then he released his unknown prisoner, and she fled like the wind along the passage, disappearing in some room. He started on that road. They are in the church of Christ as its officers, and even its ministers. We sound in their ears, and in those of their confidential friends, the note of alarm. Their salvation is possible only by immediate and entire abstinence.

The Degradation of Drink.

The *Advocate of Chicago*, in a recent thoughtful article upon the personal ill effects of drinking habits, says: "Some men are stupefied by the first draught. We have known those who, by a single bottle of ale, have been partially brutalized. Drink affects principally that mysterious region which lies on the confines of both body and spirit. It awakens the slumbering animal passions. It degrades the imagination to impure subjects. A man of thirty years' bitter experience as a drunkard once said to us: 'I would not consider my daughter safe from insult if alone with a habitual drinker for a single hour.' A drunkard in his cups cannot conceive of a pure woman. He forgets his mother and his sister. His mind revels in the scenes of the low theatre or the brothel. What when sober he would have abhorred as now delights in. His filthy stories, his profane oaths, his irascible temper, and imprudent words are the legitimate fruits of the drink-devil that is in him. Hence it becomes easy for some, thus crazed, to strike, or murder, or commit unmentionable crimes against social purity.

"But the immeasurable spiritual ruin of drink cannot be even guessed at by consulting police records and the history of crime. It is most fatal to those finer and invisible qualities of a man that make him akin to the angels. A moderate drinker will sometimes resist his downward tendencies till past middle life; but when the recuperative powers of nature begin to give way under the effects of age and drink combined, he slips unconsciously into slothfulness. His health is poor. He cannot sleep. His mornings are disagreeable, he has headaches or palpitation. He feels better as soon as he drinks. His fond and foolish son or daughter says: 'Father, take a little wine, some of mother's good currant wine; you know it always does you good.' He yields to the temptation. He takes something stronger. He feels better for a little while; but, alas! his neighbors perceive that to which he himself is blind. They see a worthy man, who has led an upright, Christian life, rapidly sinking into a drunkard's looks and ways. The doctor tells him he needs the stimulus, and the poor man dies a drunkard. So gradual has been the change that the victim only wakes up to his degradation and disgrace in eternity. This is no fancy sketch. We know old men who are on the brink of such a destruction; we know young men who have started on that road. They are in the church of Christ as its officers, and even its ministers. We sound in their ears, and in those of their confidential friends, the note of alarm. Their salvation is possible only by immediate and entire abstinence."

HEART GRAVES.

There are graves within our bosoms
Where no flower ever blooms,
And a song-bird sings its vesper
O'er those dark and cheerless tombs.
All in silence have been buried,
Far away from mortal sight,
Dead, or which we weep in anguish
In the still hours of night.
These are graves of hopes departed,
Dreams we dreamed in glory's hour,
Hopes which youth and young Love cherish,
Dreams which perished with the flowers,
That "they are not dead, but sleeping"
Might we written on each tomb,
For their restless ghosts of wandering
In and out amid the gloom.
O'er those graves bright eyes oft sparkle,
Flushed the rising sigh or wail
If in lurid sorrowful anguish
Seated lips which tell no tale
Of the world's kindly cheer,
Or which "life's dead leaves" lay,
Of the idols, madly worshipped,
That have fallen in a day.
God above, in pity bending,
(He who marks the sparrow's fall),
O'er performs the burial service,
Whom angels bear the pall,
And the lone heart, torn and bleeding,
Mourns sadly, mourns long,
Soothed alone by God's own spirit
And an unseen angel's song.
Thus we live and hide our sorrows,
Smile o'er life's new-found joys,
And the world is kindly cheered,
With the smiles and the tears,
Yes, the earth is full of grave-yards—
On the hillside, in the glen,
And the heart is filled with treasures
Loved and lost "twixt 'now and then."
LARRY SPRING, VA.

From Ohio.

FR. QUINQUINAUTON, O. Aug. 31, 1876.
Dear Commonwealth:—You will see by the heading of this letter that I have changed my headquarters. The beautiful city of Ft. Quinquinauton is situated on the north branch of the Great Seneca river, about 40 miles from its mouth, and something less than 200 miles from Greenville. The city is noted for its strict morality and for its picturesque scenery. I think it surpasses any I ever saw, save the mountain scenery in the Shenandoah Valley, which is far superior to any other in this our country.

The city is situated upon an elevated piece of country, where you can sit and look for miles and miles and not grow tired in the least, and behold the beautiful scenery which nature has so artfully arranged. It almost makes one forget as if he were in a fairyland. Language would fail me if I should attempt to describe the scenery. The humor of the place are in quite good a humor, as they are making preparations to raise a Tilden & Hendricks pole on September 2nd, to the height of 300 feet, and in connection with the pole raising, there is to be a grand Rally, consisting of speeches from our representatives to Congress and other talented orators of the times. I find that the people of this place are more enthusiastic, as a general thing, than any place I have yet visited. Being in the place for some three weeks, I have had a good opportunity to learn their sentiments in regard to a Republican victory in a fairland. Language would fail me if I should attempt to describe the scenery. 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National Democratic Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT, SAMUEL J. TILDEN, OF New York.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT, TH'S A. HENDRICKS, OF Indiana.

ELECTORAL TICKET.

FOR THE STATE AT LARGE, JOHN W. DANIEL, of Lynchburg.

FOR CONGRESS, SEVENTH DISTRICT, HON. JOHN T. HARRIS

CONSERVATIVE SORTERS.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

The mockery of President Grant's invocation of "peace" at the outset of his second term is more than ever apparent since the military order of Secretary Cameron and the circular relating to marshals of Attorney General Taft, in defiance of the constitution and the laws. But our remedy against these outrages upon the rights of freemen is the ballot, not the bullet. Leave that to Grant and his co-conspirators. We dissent, in toto, from the letter and spirit of an article in the Baltimore Gazette, under the caption of "To Your Arms, O Israel!" The crisis is too grave for hasty and ill-advised words or deeds. It demands the calmest, coolest, wisest consideration, and the most deliberate and determined action. Let nothing be done which is not strictly within the purview of the law, but let every man resolve to maintain his rights no matter by whom or how assailed. The constitution and the laws throw their protectingegis over every citizen. They are more powerful than Grant and his bayonets. We have faith not only in the laws, but in the virtue, intelligence and manhood of the people, and in the power of the ballot. That is the power which the conspirators against it most dread. Let Democrats look to the ballot and to the courts. When these fail, then, not till then, let manhood assert itself, and God defend the right. It were better to die all freemen than to live all slaves. This is the essence of that immortal document, the Declaration of Independence, published to the world by the founders of this Republic one hundred years ago. The majesty of the law is above grovelling instincts of infatuated and besotted cabals. The law is not what Taft would make it, nor is the legal acumen of the Judiciary enfeebled by the faithlessness of the Attorney General to his clearly understood and well-defined principles. Truth, justice, right, fair dealing and unflinching manhood, are the needs of the hour, not bluster or bravado. To talk as the Gazette has done about "meeting force with force," is to arouse the dormant passions of the war, and is just what these conspirators against the peace and order of the country wish. They distrust the ballot, and have recourse to the bayonet in the hope of awakening just that kind of frenzy which will deprive reason of its rightful sway. Let us show the Executive that although he dares to make the attempt to dragooon freemen into submission, with more than imperial presumption, that all the bayonets he can muster, and all his marshals and deputies with their military posse comitatus at their heels, cannot deter freemen from exercising the right of the elective franchise, and that the might and power of the ballot will scatter his satraps like the leaves of autumn before the blast.

The Radical press have been proclaiming Samuel J. Tilden a perjurer for several weeks past, because, as they claim, he failed to give to the assessor full lists of his property. Last week a reporter of the Toledo Sunday Democrat looked into the returns for Sandusky county in the county office, and found R. B. Hayes's sworn statement of his goods and chattels. After comparing the list with the goods, stock, bonds, &c., Mr. Hayes was known to possess, he finds that Mr. Hayes made a mistake in his favor of about \$47,000. Among the items in Hayes's sworn statement are one horse valued at \$50 and two pleasure carriages valued at \$75. Hayes pleases turnout, therefore, must have been a sorry-looking affair, or he got his figures wrong. Just think of the Governor of the great State of Ohio riding behind a \$50 horse and in a \$37.50 carriage. Should Mr. Hayes be elected President we may expect to return to that Republic simplicity of long ago when Thos. Jefferson rode to Washington horseback, hitched his horse to a fence and walked over to the Capitol to be inaugurated President.

The Radicals have nominated Dr. C. S. Mills for Congress in the Richmond district, and Jos. Segar in the Norfolk district.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE BOLLOTT.

Attorney General Taft, in pursuance of orders from Ulysses I, has issued instructions to the United States marshals advising them that they and their deputies have the right to summon to their assistance every person in any disturbed district, civilian and military, above the age of 15 years. He further says that no State law or State official has jurisdiction to oppose the Marshals in the discharge of their duties, and if such interference take place it must be disregarded. This infamous order is pronounced by the best legal minds in the country to be in direct conflict with section 5-528 of Revised Statutes of the United States, a re-enactment of a law passed in 1865, and which reads as follows: "Every officer of the army or navy, or other person in the civil, military or naval service of the United States, who orders, brings, keeps, or has under his authority or control, any troops or armed men at any place where a general or special election is held in any State, unless such force be necessary to repel armed enemies of the United States or to keep the peace at the polls, shall be fined not more than \$5,000, and suffer imprisonment at hard labor not less than three months and not more than five years."

This statute forbids any officer of the army or the President of the United States or any one in the civil or military service of the country, to have armed troops at the polls, unless to repel armed enemies of the United States or to keep the peace. To excuse the presence of troops at any place where an election is held, for the purpose of repelling armed enemies of the United States, there must be a state of war duly and legally existing; otherwise there can be no armed enemies of the United States to be repelled. In the same way, to excuse the presence of troops for the purpose of keeping peace at the polls, there must be a state of things that create a lawful authority in the President of the United States to use force to keep the peace in any State. This can only be when the Legislature, or the Governor when the Legislature cannot be convened, has called upon the President to aid the State in suppressing an insurrection or to protect it against domestic violence. When such a call has been made, if the polls are in danger of disturbance, and if the State authorities require the presence of troops of the United States to aid in keeping the peace there, then the troops may be present, and the officer who orders them to be present is not liable to punishment. But if the troops are present without the previous request of the State Legislature or the Governor, the officer is liable to the severe punishment imposed by the statute.

Any other construction of this law, says the New York Sun, would lead to this absurdity, that while the Constitution of the United States has carefully defined and created the occasion on which alone the forces of the United States can act in preserving order in a State, and has limited that occasion to a call by the Legislature or the Executive of the State, yet a statute of the United States, designed expressly to keep the Federal troops away from places of election, has so nullified its own purposes as to authorize the President, on his own motion alone, to station troops at the polls for the purpose of keeping the peace, which he judges to be in danger of being broken! What protection does the statute afford to the ballot box against the presence of military forces of the United States, if the pretence of some undefined danger and some imagined necessity for keeping the peace at the polls is sufficient, without any call from the State authorities, to authorize their presence?

Let it be remembered that not only are the military officers who violate this law liable to indictment and punishment, but every civil officer who gives an order that leads to a violation of the law is equally liable. The President, the Secretary of War, every officer, every marshal, who orders, brings, keeps, or has under his authority any troops or armed men at any place where an election is to be held in any State, without the previous conditions which render the employment of armed forces of the United States lawful, is liable to a heavy fine and to hard labor in the penitentiary. No pretence of authority to keep the peace at the polls by the use or presence of troops, when elections are held to which the Federal election laws apply, can be derived from those laws. The Marshal of the United States and his deputies are empowered, under any circumstances, to use no other force than the posse comitatus of their districts. The President, of course, can give them no authority which the law has withheld. Let them look to it, therefore, that they do not put themselves in danger of the judgment which must follow conviction for one of the most serious offences that can be committed against the liberties of a free people.

The Cincinnati Commercial, a leading Republican organ of Ohio, virtually gives up Ohio in the following paragraph—"while the chances at present decidedly favor the Republicans, there are circumstances which should impel every man who has the success of that party at heart to vigilance and activity."

Elections in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and one or two other States will be held on October 10th.

THE BOOT ON THE WRONG FOOT.

A few nights ago several Baltimore roughs, who were full of whisky, went into a Radical meeting in that city and kicked up a row, disturbing and scattering the crowd. For this offence they were arrested, and were held by the Court for trial for their offence.

They will be tried, for Baltimore is fortunately ruled by Democrats, and the lawless will be punished. This is all. But the Radicals are holding up their hands in holy horror and are crying out: "Free speech prohibited! Free elections in danger!" and much more of such stuff—all for political capital. Remember this is by the party which is sending their troops all over the South to intimidate Democratic voters, and prevent a free and fair election—the party which by the bayonets of the army drove out a whole Legislature in Louisiana from their hall—a party which, if it don't openly approve, falls to condemn a mob of a thousand blacks in Charleston the other night, which with arms in their hands broke up a meeting of colored Democrats—a party which for ten years has kept itself in power by trampling upon and crushing the rights of the people. This is a beautiful party to complain and rage and howl and threaten, because several men disturbed a meeting, when its whole history is one of wrong and oppression—when it is to-day in thirteen States doing all in its power to disturb the peace, to provoke riot and bloodshed, to intimidate and drive away Democratic voters that they may keep themselves in power. Away with such hypocrisy and partisan cant. We condemn all such disturbances as occurred in Baltimore, and the proper authorities ought and will punish those engaged in it. Let everybody speak and vote free from constraint or disturbance—protect all in their rights. This is all we ask. Take back your military which is now billeted on Southern communities to prevent a fair election, and then you can send up your radical howls with some show of consistency.

THE DEMOCRACY STILL AHEAD. The Republican majority in Vermont of 23,527 surprised no one. Vermont is decidedly a Republican State and has ever been so. In 1856 that party carried it by 28,447. Their majorities since have ranged from 12,080 to 32,122. Vermont, however, is offset by Arkansas, which the Democrats carried last week by upwards of 40,000. This result did surprise some one—the Republicans, who had set it down for Hayes in November. That 40,000 majority, however, has blasted their hopes. The result so far this year is strongly favorable to the Democrats. They have carried two States of the three which have given 40,000 majority for that party, while the Republicans have carried Vermont by 23,527—a considerable decrease upon recent votes.

Gov. Seymour has declined positively to accept the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York, tendered him by a unanimous vote on the first ballot, and his reasons therefor, we think, are very satisfactory. His health has been bad for some time and for three months he has been quite feeble. It is to be regretted that such is the case, as his name is a tower of strength. So popular was he in 1858 that he carried New York against Grant, by a large majority, and with Seymour for Governor and Tilden for President the Democratic majority in that State would have been counted by the hundreds of thousands in November.

A new Convention was called, which met yesterday at Saratoga. It is difficult to predict who will be substituted for Gov. Seymour, but we feel sure that the same wisdom which prompted his nomination will prevail, and an unexceptionable candidate be put in the field. Gov. Tilden, it is stated, is preparing a statement, which will appear at an early date, in refutation of the charges of perjury now being indulged in by republican papers in connection with his income returns. It is stated that it was Gov. Tilden's intention to meet the charges at the start, but was dissuaded by certain friends who regarded the charges as unworthy of notice. The Richmond Enquirer is no more. Owing to the resignation of its editors on account of the business management of the paper, the proprietors announced on Sunday that the paper would be suspended for a time. In the notice of the suspension, they state that the paper was never more popular or widely circulated.

"Boss" Tweed has been found again. He has been captured at Pontefrayda, Spain, together with his cousin Wm. Hunt. The Democracy of Massachusetts last week nominated by acclamation Chas. Francis Adams for Governor, amid great enthusiasm. It is regarded as a decided necessity by the Chicago Times that the Republican party should either pull down its vest or change its shirt.

THE ELECTION IN MAINE ON MONDAY.

The election in Maine on Monday resulted in the success of the Republican party by about 12,000 majority. The people of Maine, like those of Vermont, are joined to their idols, and there is no hope of their redemption. However, their success on Monday is nothing for the party to rejoice over. Their majorities have ranged from 6,981 in 1869 to 32,335 in 1872, and from 1854 to the present time they have carried the State at every election. Her seven electoral votes for Hayes will add but little to the small vote he will gather elsewhere.

Attack of Colored Republicans on Colored and White Democrats in Charleston, South Carolina. CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 7.—A serious riot occurred late last night, growing out of a street attack by colored republicans upon some colored men who have been taking a conspicuous part in the democratic canvass. A small body of whites endeavored to defend the democratic negroes, but were overpowered by the numbers of the rioters. After a severe fight, in which pistols were freely used on both sides, the rioters held King street, the main thoroughfare, from midnight until sunrise, breaking windows, robbing stores, and attacking indiscriminately every white man who showed his face. A large number of persons were injured, mostly whites. Several of those shot are in a critical condition. Intense excitement prevails, the general feeling being that the trouble is not yet over.

The riotous proceedings of the rice-field strike on the Combahee have been renewed, and the situation is regarded as serious. THE TROUBLE SUMMED UP. CHARLESTON, Sept. 7.—The city has been in a ferment all day. The News and Courier in summing up the facts of the riot of last night says: "A bloody and disgraceful riot broke out in the upper portion of King street last night, and for several hours spread excitement and alarm throughout the city. The affair was the result of the settled determination of a gang of colored rowdies calling themselves republicans to wreak vengeance upon men of their color who have presumed to publicly affiliate with the democratic party. The trouble began by a comparatively small body of rioters speedily assumed formidable dimensions. Idle and excitable colored men and boys from all quarters hurried to the scene of disturbance, swelling the crowd and increasing the tumult; and the main thoroughfare of Charleston was for more than two hours in full possession of a fierce and howling mob of negroes, cursing the whites and savagely attacking and beating every white man who chanced to be on the streets. Capt. Hendricks, with a squad of thirty of the city police, finally succeeded by persistent efforts in dispersing the rioters, but not until a long list of bloody casualties had occurred, some of them serious, and perhaps fatal in character. All accounts agree that the police, under the command of the intrepid chief, did their duty with determined gallantry, but they were altogether too few to deal with the mob as promptly and effectively as the case required. The issue is now squarely presented to the citizens whether or not Charleston is to be left at the mercy of a mob of ignorant and excitable negroes whenever their vicious leaders may give the signal for riot."

To-day there has been a deep and general feeling among the whites that a repetition of a disturbance such as of last night must at all hazards be prevented, and as the militia organization and State arms are exclusively in the hands of blacks the work of private organization and equipment for defense has been actively going on. By noon to-day it was impossible to purchase a revolver in the city, the stock being completely exhausted. It was the settled resolve of the whites that the colored democrats should have another meeting to-night, and that if they were again molested by the mob the rioters should not again be victorious. Another meeting—PROTECTION AFFORDED. The republican negroes, however, elated by their success of last night, made no secret of their intention to attack the democratic negroes, and at nightfall there seemed to be every probability of a serious conflict. The colored democratic meeting was held at Hibernal Hall, under the protection of about one thousand armed whites. No attempt at disturbance was made, the colored rioters confining their demonstration to roaming the streets in turbulent crowds, firing pistols and muskets. At this hour (11:30) there has been no serious collision, though armed crowds of blacks and whites are gathered at various points, and the city continues in a very excited condition. Buckner, one of the whites wounded last night, died this m.

THE GAME LAWS.—The game law existing in 1873 was amended by act of Assembly in April, 1874, and further amended by the same body on February 2nd, 1876, as follows: Sec. 17. It shall not be lawful for any person to hunt or shoot, or otherwise cause the destruction of partridges in the counties of Accomac and Northampton, from the first day of February to the twentieth day of October of each year; nor shall it be lawful for any person to hunt or shoot, or otherwise cause the destruction of partridges in any of the following counties, viz.:—Rockingham, Richmond, Frederick, Clarke, Fauquier, Fairfax, Rappahannock, Prince George, Westmoreland, Loudoun, Goodland, York, James City, Orange, Louisa, Lancaster, Madison and Wythe, or any other county that may so elect, by order of the board of supervisors, from the first day of January to the fifteenth day of October of each year; or of any woodcock, from the first day of January to the first day of July of each year. 2. This act shall be in force from its passage.

The Va. Military Cadets are to go to the Centennial about the 1st of October.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Dispatch from the Commonwealth.

MAINE ELECTION.

Railroad Accident.

Carl Schurz to be thrown overboard by the Republican Party.

Death of Ex-Gov. Henry A. Wise.

Resolutions of the Irish Societies.

Maine Election.

Church Dedication.

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UPON EXAMINING THE PREMISES it was found that entrance to the house was effected by prizing open a shutter. Officers are on the lookout for the author of the fiendish act, and it is hoped that they may succeed in detecting him and bringing him to justice.

MUSICAL.—Prof. Unseld and Merges have been holding a series of musical meetings in Harrisonburg for several days past, all of which have been largely attended.

INTERNAL REVENUE MIDDLE.—For several weeks past matters in regard to the Virginia Collectors of Internal Revenue have been considerably muddled.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.—We are informed by prominent Republicans that a convention, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress in this district, will be held in Harrisonburg on the 10th of October next.

ROMAN.—Dr. Clutter, of Brook's Gap, was robbed here of \$85 about 10 o'clock on Tuesday night last, in this town.

NEW STORE AT MR. CRAWFORD.—Mr. E. J. Johnson re-opens his store in Mt. Crawford this week with an entirely new and very full assortment of dry goods, notions and all other lines of merchandise usually kept in a country store.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—It is the purpose of the School Board of Harrisonburg to open the public schools on the 18th, next Monday, but as yet all preparations have not been made.

COMEDY AND HEAR MONTGOMERY BLAIR on Monday.

ANOTHER CENTENNIAL EXCURSION.—As announced in these columns last week, the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. will run another excursion train to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia.

THE GRANTORS.—The Granger demonstration on Monday did not come up to public expectation. There was no parade of the order, as announced.

FALL OF A WEIGHT OF THE TOWN CLOCK.—At twenty minutes of three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, the striking weight of the Town Clock in the Court House enfold, broke loose and fell with a tremendous crash.

PERSONAL.—Hon. Benjamin Smith, of Charleston, W. Va., is spending a few days in Harrisonburg. He was born in the stone house two miles south of Harrisonburg in 1797, and is therefore 79 years of age.

HON. MONTGOMERY BLAIR.—This distinguished statesman will address the people of Rockingham county on Monday next, and will speak in the interest of Tilden, Hendricks and Reform.

DORA COAL.—Ex-Senator Hamilton, of Maryland, was here several days last week, and during his stay examined the coal deposits in North River Gap.

FINN SHER.—Geo. W. Rosenberger, Esq., the enterprising and successful raiser of fine stock in the lower end of Rockingham, sold and sent to Hon. John P. Lewis this week, a Cotswold ram and ewe, weighing together 500 pounds.

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REPUBLICAN JOURNALIST FORBIDDEN.—The Republican Journalist for "resumption" under Rutherford B. Hayes. Well, it will, in all probability, be a resumption of deficiencies and defalcations.

GOV. HAYES IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN a primitive hat-shell Know-Nothing, one of the "Put-none-but-Americans-on-guard" kind.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the Valley Springs Company, will be held at the office of the President, on Friday, the 15th of October, 1876.

THE MISSES CAMPBELL WILL REOPEN THEIR SCHOOL, On Monday, September 18. For terms apply for circular. A few little boys will be received. 100 NEAR ROUND TOP CEMENT, for sale by TREIBER & GASSMAN.

