

SLAVERY ABOLISHED IN VIRGINIA

NEGROES TO BE ON THE SAME FOOTING AS THE WHITE PEOPLE.

A "PETROLEUM" SWINDLE.

Ex-Senator Foote Asks for a Pardon.

Demand made for the surrender of the Blockade Runner Wren.

THE EMANCIPATED NEGROES.

The Herald's Richmond and Petersburg correspondent says:—Gen. Terrie, commanding at Richmond, has issued an order announcing that slavery having ceased to exist in Virginia, all the state and municipal laws restraining the personal liberty of colored persons have become obsolete, and that hereafter the colored people will enjoy the same personal liberty as the whites and be subject to only the same restraints and punishments. Vagrancy, however, will not be permitted on the part of the negroes any more than on that of the white citizens. The testimony of colored persons, he is so states, will be received in all cases before the military courts in this department. Gen. Hartsuff, commanding at Petersburg, Virginia, has forbidden in an official order the holding of any more meetings by the planters to establish a fixed price for the labor of the negroes, or to make distinctions prejudicial to their interests, and no difference in rate of compensation for the same labor by white and blacks to be allowed. The Virginia legislature adjourned on Friday evening last, after a session of five days. Nearly all the measures required by Governor Pierpont to assist him in the work of re-constructing the state government were passed, eliciting little or no debate in their passage. The most important of these was that extending the elective franchise to persons who were excluded from it by the Alexandria constitution. These persons are those who have voluntarily given aid and comfort to the rebellion since the first of January, 1864. The election of members of Congress and the new legislature is to take place on the 12th of next October. At this election the people are to decide whether the legislature shall have power to repeal the constitutional provision which excluded from holding office all who have been engaged in the rebellion.

THE RAM STONEWALL.
The ex-rebel ram Stonewall alias Olinde still remained in Havana harbour, but no one doubted but that she would ultimately be given up to our government.

OIL COMPANY SWINDLE.
New York, June 27.—An alleged gigantic oil company swindle was under investigation yesterday before Justice Dodge at the Jefferson Market Police Court. The United Service Petroleum Company is the institution involved, and it is charged that two of its reputed officers, D. Mann, and Daniel Stratton, jun., have defrauded several persons of large amounts of money. Mr George D. Kellogg made a charge against these two men, and Mann was arrested and committed, but Stratton was out of the city.

MORE APPLICATIONS FOR PARDON.
The Times special says:—Ex-Senator Foote and C. J. Faulkner were the only persons of note who applied for pardon yesterday. Ex-Senator Foote's application is dated Montreal. Assistant Secretary of War Dana will surrender his office to his successor on Thursday next and immediately start for the west by the way of New York to assume the duties of editor of the Chicago Republican.

New York, June 27.—The Herald's Washington special says:—Among other valuable property seized upon by Col. Loomis, special agent of the Treasury Department in Virginia, is the military railroad leading from Danville to Greenboro, forty miles in length and built by the rebel army. The road will be run under the control of the Treasury until regularly confiscated by the court, and is expected to pay a handsome per centage above expenses.

HAVANA ITEMS.
The Herald's Havana correspondent says:—The British consul at Havana has made a demand for the surrender of the blockade runner Wren, captured and run into Key West by her crew.

Gen. Breckenridge and his accompanying fugitive rebels were still in Havana. Some of the wealthy secession sympathizers had shown Breckenridge great attention and offered to present him with a house if he would remain among them. It was rumored, however, that he intended to go to Spain.

NOVEL RAT EXTERMINATOR.—A servant girl in Albany has hit upon a new mode of getting rid of these household pests. Getting out of patience with the depredations of the 'varmints,' and having observed the effects of Bourbon whiskey upon humans, she took a small quantity and making very sweet with sugar, crumbled in bread enough for the crowd, and set the dish in the cellar. A few hours after she went down and found several rats gloriously 'fuddled,' engaged in throwing potato parings and hauling one another up to drink. These were easily disposed of; those not killed left the premises immediately, suffering with a severe headache.

ODDS & ENDS.

Sir Edward Bulwer Lyton is undergoing the operation of a Parisian aurist for deafness.

Mr Berkley made the annual motion in favor of ballot, which Palmerston opposed. Lost by 44 majority.

The Emperor has ordered trials to be made with a new square-mouth gun, which has been invented by an officer of the French navy.

The golden wedding English and French peace is to be celebrated in the Crystal Palace 50 years having passed since the two nations were at war.

The Queen of Madagascar has declined to answer the despatch of the French government claiming compensation for the dissolution of Madagascar Company.

The authoress of John Halifax was recently married to a Professor Craig. An impolite Scottish paper mentions that the Professor is 66 years old and Miss Mulock thirty nine.

At Altoona, Penn., last week, two young ladies who were walking arm-in-arm, were struck by lightning and instantly killed.

The summer travel to all places of popular resort is immense. One of the Hudson River boats left New York the other day with 1,200 passengers.

The most valuable estates in North Carolina are being offered for the nominal sum of \$1 a \$10 per acre, the proprietors having resolved to emigrate North.

Large numbers of soldiers are deserting from their regiments at Washington and going home on the ground that they enlisted "for the war," and that the war is now ended.

For the first time in four years, direct overland communication is made between New York and Richmond, the old railroad route, with connecting links of steamboats and stages, being opened.

A young lady whose cruel parents had interfered with a love affair in which she was interested jumped into a canal at Newark, N. J., recently. Two gentlemen fished her out, and were soundly berated for their peins, after which the fair damsel was sent home to be dried.

There is a young lady in Henry County Missouri, not yet sweet sixteen, who is this year cultivating fifteen acres of corn. She does all the necessary work, including plowing, and has undertaken this piece of work to obtain money with which to educate herself. There is true grit in that girl.

An oil refinery, to be the largest in the world, is about to be erected in Philadelphia on the banks of the Schuylkill, near Point Breeze. The works will be built principally of stone, brick and iron. There will be a storage room for fifty thousand barrels of refined oil. A railway will be laid from the works to the Pennsylvania Central Railroad.

The Davenport Brothers have taken and are living in Rossini's chateau at Agnieres. The most remarkable "manifestations" in which they have lately indulged was the marriage of Wm. Davenport just before leaving London with the irrepressible Adah Isaacs Menken Heenan, &c. Adah is a spiritual "mecum," and perhaps it is the "sperrits" and not herself who are responsible for her queer pranks.

Railroad men have long sought for some plan of carrying butter in summer without damage. At last a car has been invented which will meet the desired end. They have an inside lining of inch board, placed three inches from the outside covering; the space between is packed with sawdust, making 5 inches in thickness for the ends, roof and sides of the cars, entirely protecting the contents from heat in the warmest weather. The doors are also double.

LARGEST RUN OF BILLIARDS ON RECORD.—Quite an excitement occurred at Cuyler's Billiard Rooms yesterday. Mr. Frederick G. Britton, an amateur of this city, commenced a friendly game with another gentleman, and after making a run of thirty-five points, got the two red balls in a corner and made the unprecedented number of seven thousand seven hundred and fifteen (7,715) points being 1,565 points greater than any other 'run' on record. The run was made on a full carom table, and occupied four hours and a half.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

The cloak and shawl worn by Jeff. Davis at the time of his capture, was presented to the war department to day by Col. Pritchard of the 4th Michigan cavalry. The cloak was worn as a shirt and the shawl as a hood. The Colonel stated that under this female apparel Davis wore a full suit of drab and a pair of cavalry boots. He also transferred to the department the colours of the 15th Pennsylvania volunteers, found in the baggage of the Confederate party. Both Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Clay were very defiant and sarcastic. The Secretary of war, in the name of the people and the president, returned thanks to Col Pritchard for the gallantry and activity exhibited by him in the pursuit of the great criminal of the age, remarking that upon the receipt of his report the reward offered for the apprehension of Davis would be distributed to the men who were properly entitled to it; and a medal of honor awarded to each one who participated in the capture.

The Rough Notes

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 1865.

See first and fourth pages.

PICNICS! PICNICS!

Remember that the "Beaver" Fire Company of this town hold their Annual Picnic at Port Stanley tomorrow (Wednesday, July 5th) on the pleasure grounds of the London and Port Stanley Railroad Company. The St. Thomas Quadrille Band is engaged and will greatly enhance the amusements through the day by discoursing sweet music for all who wish to "trip it on the light fantastic toe." The fare by railroad from this town is only 25 cents for the round trip, and beautiful pleasure grounds for enjoyment on reaching the Port. Come one and all. The cars leave this town at eight o'clock, a. m., sharp, and return at 6 p. m. in the evening.

The London Firemen's Annual Excursion takes place this day at Port Stanley. The London boys hold it on the 4th of July this year to show their brother firemen of Detroit that they appreciated the feeling shown in that city on our beloved Queen's Birthday by celebrating the 24th May last in a manner highly creditable to them as citizens of "Uncle Sam's" dominions, and which will not soon be forgotten by their Canadian friends. Long may the same friendly feeling exist.

The Masonic Picnic at Port Stanley on Wednesday last was a brilliant affair. Hundreds were present from all parts, and we believe that all enjoyed themselves in the excursion.

On Wednesday, July 5th, the West Middlesex Agricultural Society's Picnic will take place at Strathroy. The Great Western Railway Company has kindly consented to carry passengers on that day from London to Strathroy and back, on regular trains, for fifty cents. Addresses will be delivered by some of the most eloquent speakers in Western Canada. A numerous gathering of all interested in Agricultural pursuits is anticipated, and a really pleasant time cannot fail to be the result.

Our enterprising townsman Robert Carrie, Esq. of the Scotch Warehouse, in this town, left en route for Europe on Wednesday last, to make heavy purchases of Goods for the fall and winter trade.

A gang of burglars entered the store of Lamont & Coate of Chatham, on Tuesday last and stole about \$600 worth of goods. The police are on the look out, but as yet have not succeeded in arresting the thieves or recovering the property. Our merchants would do well to see to their door and window fastenings before retiring at night.

A Southerner named Tessier, stabbed an Englishman named G. B. P. Sharp, in a quarrel at Beeman's Hotel, Windsor, on Tuesday last. Tessier was immediately arrested and lodged in gaol. The wounded man now lies in a very precarious condition.

HAMILTON RACES—June 29.—The Innkeeper's purse of \$150 was won easily in two heats by the well-known little horse "Billy Button" formerly owned by Minor Barnes, near this town, making his two mile heats in 5m. 22sec.

We learn that the enterprising citizens of Wallace town chartered the American steamer "Mayflower," at Port Tyrconnel on Saturday last, for an excursion trip to Port Stanley, and with their families, &c., enjoyed themselves heartily during the trip.

Sir John Michell, the Commander of the Forces, was the guest of the Gov. Gen. at Quebec on Tuesday.

For the first time since the capitulation of Quebec, guards were withdrawn from several of gates last week.

A servant girl in the employ of Prof. Halpin, at London, stole about \$300 worth of jewellery, on Tuesday and decamped. She has not yet been discovered.

The murderers of the Hon. Burr Burton whose assassination at Syracuse on the 2nd of May last, will be remembered, has been discovered. Two men named Welsh and Daley have been recently arrested, and the latter has turned States evidence, and confessed that the murder was committed by himself and companion.

FOR Cheap Printing, call at the Merchants' Press, St. Thomas.

REVOLTING MURDER.

A MAN RIDDLED WITH FIFTEEN BALLS.

A picnic was given yesterday in a grove on the Salt River road, some six miles from this city, at which Joseph Norton, a private watchman in this city, was selected to keep order. As is generally the case at pic-nics, liquor was sold, and some of the parties, drinking too freely, became boisterous. Norton, in the discharge of his duties went to the parties and requested them to keep still, which request they indignantly refused to comply with. Norton then told them that they must keep still, when one of the party drew a pistol and fired. Norton drew his billy and started towards the party, when another and another drew their pistols and fired. Norton fell, riddled with some fifteen balls. After he fell thus cut to pieces with lead, his murderers jumped upon him and beat him in a most horrible manner, one of his eyes being knocked entirely out of his head. Up to the time of the writing of this article none of the murderers had been arrested.—Louisville Democrat.

Mr. James Ross of Elora, has been appointed Crown Land Agent for the County of Wellington, in place of Mr. Andrew Geddes, deceased.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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GENTLEMEN,
We are Riding to A. O'Boyle's
CHEAP STORE.
WE want to support Home manufacture, and Encourage honest Industry. He is the man for our Money. He is now manufacturing and has constantly on hand the most fashionable stock of
BOOTS AND SHOES
In this town, and at lower prices than any Penitentiary sloop work sold in the town. Orders attended to promptly.

RE-OPENED!

CARRIAGE AND WAGGON Establishment, FINGAL, C. W.

JAMES MILLIGAN respectfully informs Farmers and others throughout the Western portion of the County of Elgin that he has just Re-opened his Carriage and Waggon Establishment and that he intends to manufacture, on short notice, every description of BUGGIES, CARRIAGES & WAGGONS, which, for material, style, workmanship and durability, cannot be surpassed in the County and will sell the same at prices that will compare favourably with any other establishment in Western Canada.

Particular attention will be given to the Horse Shoeing Department. Having engaged the services of one of the best practical Shoers in the County, he feels confident in ensuring every satisfaction to all those favoring him with their patronage.

All kinds of Jobbing and Repairing promptly attended to at moderate charges. A call is respectfully solicited from old friends and customers.

JAMES MILLIGAN.
Fingal, June 27, 1865.

WM J WHITE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. &c.—Office on Church street, two doors South of Commercial Bank.
St. Thomas, June 20, 1865, 1113

London & Pt. Stanley Railway.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, June 12, 1865, Trains will run as follows:

GOING SOUTH.			
	A. M.	P. M.	
London depart	7 00	3 10	
Pond Mills	7 08	3 18	
Westminster North	7 15	3 25	
Westminster South	7 25	3 35	
Yarmouth	7 35	3 45	
St. Thomas	7 45	3 55	
White's	7 50	4 00	
Port Stanley, arrive	8 00	4 10	
Port Stanley, depart	8 10	4 20	
GOING NORTH.			
Port Stanley, depart	8 50	5 20	
White's	9 00	5 30	
St. Thomas	9 10	5 40	
Yarmouth	9 15	5 45	
Westminster, South	9 25	5 55	
Westminster, North	9 35	6 05	
Pond Mills	9 45	6 22	
London, arrive	10 00	6 30	

W. BOWMAN,
Superintendent.
London June 10, 1865.