

THE CENTRE REPORTER

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The Grant failure looks worse every day.

Constantinople, May 11.—Madhat Pasha died to-day from the effects of carbuncles.

A MILLIONAIRE CLEAVES THE AIR.

Dayton, Ohio, May 8.—William K. Vanderbilt, the railroad king, passed through here to-day en route for Cincinnati, in a special coach, making the fastest time on record. The train came from Lima to this city a distance of 74 miles, in sixty-six minutes and from here to Hamilton, a distance of 35 miles, in thirty-six minutes. The train made the trip from Detroit to Cincinnati, a distance of 265 miles, in five hours and thirty-nine minutes, an average of fifty and seven-tenths miles an hour. It is estimated that in some places the train travelled a mile in from forty-eight to fifty-two seconds.

REPLY TO PENN TWP. AFFAIRS.

Mr. Editor.—Last week a friend handed me a copy of the "Democratic Watchman" of April 11, in which there appears what seems to be a copy of Mr. C. Alexander's communication of March 12, and in which he begs permission through your columns to "inform the public of the facts without saying anything about me that is not true."
Now if Mr. Alexander had done so and confined himself to the facts I would have been well pleased, but because he has so grossly misrepresented things and states things which are not correct, I again ask the privilege of presenting to the public my allegations. In the first place relative to the nomination Saturday prior to the election, Mr. Alexander stated that I myself had been nominated as a delegate upon the ground that my party would only be on an equal footing with the rest; that we were not to be nominated entirely in our own interests, and that I raised the point that the alleged delegate was ineligible for the reason that he had not attended to any school during the last winter. Now I emphatically deny said assertions. In the first place the citizen which he named had been elected, and that I raised the point of ineligibility is false from the fact that I did not know the name of the man so prejudiced against two of the teachers employed by the Board of Directors as not to send his children, who needed education badly, to any of the schools to which he had the privilege to send, only on account of a trifle he had known to the parties interested and which I do not desire to publish.
Now then relative to my custom on Saturday prior to the election, I wish to give the real facts as briefly as possible. Our custom was for the committee appointed by the chairman of the county committee as committee for the township to call the house to order, when a chairman and secretary were elected who would then jointly select delegates to make nominations for the various township offices. But on that day Mr. Alexander wanted to have things his own way from the fact that he made a motion before the house was fairly called to order to elect a certain citizen secretary without electing a chairman, conceding that if of fee to the township committee appointed by the chairman of the county committee, which showed plainly that Mr. Alexander and his party wanted to carry out the threats made before the election and which I also noted and predicted. Then a motion was made that two delegates be elected by the house from each school district to make nominations which motion carried, notwithstanding Mr. Alexander objected to it. Then again as soon as that point was gained by our party Mr. Alexander and his party nominated one to whom he claims that I objected, but it seems plainly that they were not elected and to be sure of it a division was called for, when Mr. Alexander being very anxious like the electoral commission to have him counted in, called a disinterested party to decide as to his eligibility, but the party on whom he called to decide took an active part in the election in filling tickets showing thereby that he was an interested party. In taking the second vote it showed beyond doubt that the person referred to was not elected. Not on account of ineligibility but because it would give Mr. Alexander's party six out of ten delegates with the chairmanship and the election of the other district which they did get. Now if there was any manipulation practiced it was done by Mr. Alexander because if he had succeeded in the chairmanship and secretary his party would have had the entire control of the delegates.
In the next place Mr. Alexander denies having circulated the report that I had \$300 of school funds in hand for a year and was speculating with it from the fact that I had a report that everybody knew that I would only be in office a year next June, and therefore folly for him to circulate such a report. For him to deny it now is extreme folly, for the parties to whom he made the assertions are willing to be qualified to do it. But I admit it was folly for him to circulate such a report, and it was also folly for him to request a certain voter to vote for Mr. Phillips for justice; that if it would be objected to by the majority, and it was also folly for him to request a certain voter to sell electric at public sales, and that I would return him for so doing. What is a thing Mr. Alexander denies having done, and everybody knows it is not true. One that common sense. But Mr. Alexander tries to get out of the above proceedings by admitting that he did it to me that if I had succeeded in collecting a tax of 45 cents which had been levied on motion of myself that I would have had the treasurer and collector's percentage of 12 or 13 hundred dollars more than was needed. I did make such a motion and it carried unanimously by a full board, but he does not state that on motion of myself said resolution was reconsidered and that before the duplicate was completed I only wanted a tax of 25 cents and that I made a mistake in levying 45 cents for building purposes; not that it would have left an overplus of two or three hundred dollars as Mr. Alexander thought, but because that while the law allows 15 cents to be levied for school and 13 cents for building purposes it is another place I decided that the building tax shall not exceed in amount the annual school tax in any one year, which latter provision I had overlooked when the taxing was levied; and the collection thereof was abandoned by advice of counsel, because that while the majority of the tax-payers would have refused and could not have been compelled to pay it. But if it was right to have an overplus in the treasury of \$179,23 June, 1878, after deducting unpaid orders of same year, and of \$105.25 after taking \$40 for the directors' salary, in June 1877; and in June, 1878 of \$303.94, while Mr. Alexander was in office and no new school houses erected, and when Mr. Alexander could approximately ascertain the annual cost of running the schools, why is it wrong now when other persons are in office, when a new house was built and a suitable lot for a school site had to be taken, and condemned by the board of directors, and when the board could not exactly determine the cost for said purposes at the time the tax was levied, if by chance there would be an overplus of \$100 in the treasury, and not that much if the board had decided to get the patent books in the new house as I desired, to do and as should have been done from the fact that they are cheaper in the end, much more economical for the children and the township, could well afford it since it had only 1 1/2 mills annual school tax for the last three years and no building tax. Had Mr. Alexander examined the record and informed himself of the real fact, before talking so much his folly would not have been so great.

Relative to the interest on Mr. Alter's note I refer Mr. Alexander and the public to his predecessor and successors in office.
Relative to the order No. 58 for \$40 salary for 5 directors I inquired into the matter and especially by asked the directors what the order was payable, and he thought he never got any money at salary, and yet the record shows that it was paid or at least the \$40 were taken out of the treasury. As to Mr. Alexander opposing the resolution the minutes do not show a dissenting vote, and one of the directors told me that the money was afterward refunded, but who got it seems to be a mystery. Whether or not that board understood addition, division and silence an impartial public may decide.
I have only to say, that I think my friends had offered tickets to citizens of Mills, Haines and Gregg townships to vote at the Penn. township election, and had offered to swear that they knew a person for 21 or 25 years old and voted on only between 21 and 22 years old and voted on me, if that were such things are commendable or reprehensible I would like to know what would be reprehensible. However no reflections on Mr. Phillips.
Penn Twp., May 11. H. E. DUCK.

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SOME BEASTS OF REPROACH.

In Scotland they call them "bawkie birds," things of ill omen, and over a large part of rural England they are supposed to be blood-suckers and in league with the things of another world. But public opinion has been against them from the first. At the creation, so they say, the bat affected (as did the ostrich) to be neither beast nor bird, in the hope of escaping the task which Allah was appointing to all, but was punished by being told that all the day and all the night were already distributed, and that it must make shift for itself as it could with those hours which were neither the one nor the other. The Moslem law pronounced the bat "the fowl that creeps going on all fours," an abomination and the rabbi carried on the national prejudice. In Egypt, meanwhile, it had attracted attention, been adopted in the menagerie of worship, and solemnly dedicated to Darkness. Rome and Greece took their bat from Egypt, and we find the bat drawing the ear of Nox through the sky and transformation into the bat one of the gloomiest penalties within the imagination of the myth-maker. Here and there, however, it is redeemed from opprobrium, as by the Moslem legend of Isa making a bat, "Khopash," out of clay and endowing it with life, so that it might come and tell him in his seclusion among the mountains when the sunset hour for the suspension of the Ramadan fast approached. So today we find this useful little animal, a mouse on wings, regarded by a majority of mankind with apprehension and dislike. Its appearance when seated is certainly against it; but on the wing it is the very incarnation of buoyant happiness. Under the inquiries of science its amazing sensitiveness to touch, amounting indeed almost to the possession of a new sense, has been the admiration of naturalists, while its extraordinary suspension of life for part of the year (differing altogether in character and degree from the hybernation of dormice and bears) ranks certainly among the wonders of nature. But apart from science, is not a word of gratitude due to a creature that has ventured upon such originality in the matter of nose? It is horn-nosed and leaf-nosed, sometimes it wears a crest on the top of its head, sometimes a *four-de-lys*, sometimes a mimic horseshoe; but always fantastic and unexpected. It is the very orchid of noses.

ITALIAN THIEVES.

The following account of the robbing of a countryman near Pistoia, about thirty miles from Florence, is given by an Italian correspondent: Shortly after night-fall, while the family and friends were at supper, a knock was heard at the door, and on the steward's asking who was there, a voice said, "Pietro," the name of a game-keeper on the estate. When the door was opened a body of men masked with black veils appeared, and pointing guns at the company made them all lie down on their faces, and then proceeded to rifle their persons and break open the cash box, in which were seven thousand francs for payments to be made on the estate. Among the company was a priest who had one hundred and twenty francs, of which he was soon relieved. After this summary proceeding, the thieves, who numbered nine men armed with guns and daggers, directed the unhappy guests and family to march into an adjoining room, and placing a sentinel at the door with instructions to shoot the first person who moved, announced their intention of finishing the supper so unpleasantly interrupted by their unwelcome arrival. After two hours the sentinel left, and it was discovered that the robbers had been gone a long time.

COFFEE IN THE ARMY.

"The best coffee makers," said an old gentleman with a mouth-watering sort of an expression illuminating his whole countenance, "were the soldiers of the old Union army. To begin with, they had the very best of coffee. You may not know it, but the contract that put the very best Java in the hands of the soldiers was engineered by an old army officer, who contended that at a cup of good, strong coffee would put at more spirit and fight into a tired and discouraged soldier than anything else that could be given him. And he insisted that whatever else might be had, coffee should be good, and it was. The boys learned in time just how to make it. In the first months a great deal of coffee was spoiled in the making by company cooks. But in the latter years of the service each man carried his own coffee-pot and made his pint or quart of coffee to suit his taste. A soldier who loved coffee became more absorbed in the process of getting that feature of his breakfast just right than in preparation for battle, and one of the most spiteful and bloodiest battles I ever saw grow out of a cavalry attack on camp just as the boys were in the midst of their coffee-making.

We always find a thousand excellent excuses for our gravest faults; but if any one wrongs us in the least, the offense is unpardonable. We have a thousand reasons wherewith to condemn our neighbor, but not one herewith to excuse him.
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