### THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1878.

Letter from Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 1 May 31st, 1873. The ceremonies at Arlington were never more impressive than yesterday, which fact shows that the interest of the people in the beautiful custom of strewing flowers upon the graves of those who fell in defence of their country is not declining.

Twelve years ago Arlington was owned and occupied by Col. Robt. E. Lee, who soon east his fortune with the cause of defense of that cause. But Robert E. Lee, though a brave man, and perhaps a conscientious man, was doomed to defeat and after the spring of 1861 he never set foot on his old estate. Now, twelve years have passed, General Lee has been gathered to his fathers, and Atlington is owned by the Government he attempted to destroy, and is occupeid by-Why, here has grown up a city, of nearly sixteen thousand inhabitants. But years. it is a quiet city, a very orderly city. It is a 'silent city or the dead.' Its inhabitants are the noble men who went forth to stay | Cape May. the traitor's hand, to save from dishonor the flag that Robert E. Lee had do

serted The first thing the visitor observes upon apparaching Arlington is the magnificent gateway, forty feet in height, built of red Seneca sandstone, over the top of which is inscribed in letters of gold the following stanza:

"On fame's eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread, And glory guards with solemn round The bivounc of the dead."

Upon the key-stone of the arch surmounting the gateway is this inscrip-

"Here rests 15,815 of the 315,555 citizens who died that their country might live."

Passing through this gateway and up the hill by a nice gravel road beneath the boughs of immense trees which shade the entire way, we reach the old Lee mansion. This is a building having a front of about one hundred and fifty feet and a depth of fifty feet. To the rear are quite a number of one story huildings, doubtless intended for the domestic servants, and quite a commodious stable. Standing in front of the risi- carry the books. dence we have a magnificent view of Washington and the broad and peaceful Potomac. From here can be seen the of lumber has gone adrift. Capitol building, the Treasury, White House, War and Navy Department Buildings, Patent Office and General Post Office, the Howard University, Soldiers' Home, the United States Insane Asylum, the Naval Observatory and the buildings on Arsenal Point.

To the rear and right of the mansion is the cemetery. In that portion of the cemetery nearest the house is the tomb of the unknown, a handsome monument of garnite, surmounted by four large cannons and a pile of cannon balls. A short distance from this is the grave of the officer highest to rank among all by a neat marble monument be inscription: "D. F. Cole, Major 107th Colored Infantry, died at Point of Rocks. Maryland, January 7, 1865, aged 27 years .- Florence." This moutment was erected by a young lady whose first name was Florence, and to whom this officer was betrothed at the time of his death.

At the head of each grave is a plain white board, upon which is painted in black letters the name, rank, company, regiment and date of death of him who rests beneath. Quite a large number of graves are marked by marble slabs and cated, stones more or less elaborately carved, placed there by the personal friends of the deceased. The cemetary is laid off regularly, the graves being in straight rows with streets between them neatly graveled and kept in good condition.

Yesterday the grounds were profusely decorated with the national colors and with flowers. A small flag was stuck in the earth at the head of each grave. There was also a wreath or a bouquet placed upon each mound marking the resting place of a Union Soldier.

Did it not require too much space would love to give a full description of the ceremonies of yesterday. They consisted of music, instrumental, by the famous Marine Band, and vocal by a choir of five hundred singers, prayer, orations. the reciting of poems, the strewing of flowers etc. The oration by the Rev. T. DeWitt Tallmage was a most eloquent one, and is well worthy of publication in content, myself however, with giving one brief extract :

"In all time to come, let this memorial day be kept. Strew flowers on the martyers' graves. Strew them on the heads that ached, and over the hearts that bled, and over the feet that blistered in the weary march. Oh, ye throng of departed heroes! Stoop down and breathe this perfume of a nation's thanks. Stoop down and take this kiss of a nation's love. Stoop down and hear this shout: of a nation's redemption. Speed on the day when War itself shall be buriedhim out on an old rusty shield. Bury his sword with him. Heap on him stones and broken chariot wheels. Let widows and orphans clap their hands. and the winds howl for his requim

'This is the second death.'" President Grant headed the procession that marched over the ground, seattering flowers upon the graves. The day was clear and bright, and from fifteen to twenty thousand persons partici-

A valuable silver mine is reported within one hundred miles of Milwaukee, Wis., in the western part of Washington county, covering a large area.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Hon John G. Saxe resides in Brook-A nine year old girl in Line county.

Iowa, lately hung herself. It took an amputated leg nine years to kill John Thompson, of Iowa.

A Methodist church in Iowa has the stars and stripes painted on its steeple. They are eating blackerries in Jacksonvill, Fla.

The rolling mill at Kittanning, Pa., 14 John Dailey, has suspended operations temporarily. Pullman has been successful in intro ducing his palace cars into England. A paper at Bedford, Indiana, wants school teaching let out to the lowest bid-

The Eric Railway will have a fleet of 14 M. Mohan, the South and left his lands, to fight in thirty propellers on lake Erie this sen-

> The cultivation of ginger is the new- 12 N. M. Brockway, est-fangled notion of California agricul- 11 C. A. Wilsox,

The Illinois farmers think they have succeeded in bringing the railroad up to

Deaths from heart disease have increased twenty-five per cent, in twenty Floating docks for timid bathers are

to be introduced the coming season at A man at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been fined \$5 for snatching a paper from

No man is humbled and sincere with God till he is willing to know the worst

Everybody of prominence in Kansas, excepting the Benders, has offered a reward for them. A Kentuckey woman has been suplied

with an iron jaw. Her terms are twenty 14 J. R. Nanny, dollars a lecture. Great warriors, like great earthquakes,

re principally remember for the mischief they have done. The New York carpenters are on a double strike; one with the bosses and

one among themselves. A thousand singers are to participate | 10 James Penfield,

in the Saengerfest at Dubuque on the 12 J. V. Houk, 20th and 21st of June. The whole town of Corning, Iowa, 14 Cummings & Brendel,

found it at bome asleep. It takes two boys to go to school nowa-days-one to study and the other to

Heavy rains in Quebec have so swollen the rivers that about 5,000,000 feet

There are no less than seven White 14 S. May, Sulphur Springs in the Union, all of them in the Southern States.

Taxation in Mississippi is two and a half per cent. In Louisiana it reaches

nearly three times that amount. The owners of the Mammoth Cave talk of advancing the prices charged for 13 Weidenbroener & Whitman, going through that natural wonder.

A Methodist preacher furnished the gospel to the two towns of Sandown and 14 A. Loeffler, Hempstead, N. H., last year for \$300. A sailor at Boy City, Mich , latey fell eighty-one feet, and struck the deck of those interred in this cemetery, marked a vessel without serious injury-to him-

> A Maine court has lately decided that a railroad ticket is good for six years if not used before the expiraton of that

> Statistics show that every person added to the population requires an additional ton of coal. Great persons need

THE Order of United Workmen in Eric have finished a new hall for their stated meeting which is soon to be dedi-

The New Haven police will be provided with straw hats, for the purpose of showing which way the wind blows on

Captain Hall went more than two hundred miles further north with the Polaris than any other Arctic explorer ever sailed.

Extensive tree-planting in the West, the Boston Globe thinks, would lessen the force of the terrible tornadoes that devastate that section.

The Captain-General of Cuba has been flicially notified to carry into effect the order of March 24, directing the emancipation of 10,000 slaves,

A Boston lager beer saloon posts this notice: "Only those liquors will be given to friends which our immalcuate Legislature considers healthy.

The iron ore recently discovered in every journal in the land. I will Nelson and Amhurst counties, Virginia, will, it is believed, yield 65 to 70 per cent. of pure metal. Copper is said also to exist in the same locality.

The North Carolina Judges make only one bite of it. In charging a jury at Raleigh, recently, Judge Tourgee told them that if they were satisfied that the criminal should be punished with death, he would "take great pleasure in pro-

nouncing the sentence.' A young man in discussion the other evening, commented in this way on Pocahontas: "Pocahontas was a noble, kindthe grim old breaker of hearts. Carry hearted and true man." "Hold on." cried his companion, "Pocahontas was a woman." "She was, eh! Well that's 1873, where you feeling aggrieved by just my luck; how am I expected to know? I never read the Bible

The total receipts from Internal Revenue during the month of May were \$12,853,107.72, making the amount since the beginning of the fiscal year \$106,016,222.23. The estimated receipts for the current fiscal year were \$11,000,000, leaving something less than \$4,000,000 to be collected during the month of June, to reach the estimate made at the beginning of the year. The receipts in June will be at least, \$8 .-000,000, making a surplus of \$4,000,000 for the year.

### Mercantile Appraisment.

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