

MISS VAN ZANDT AGAIN.

This Chicago heiress and heroine is now playing the roll of the authoress; and has supervised the printing and is now assisting in the sale of an autobiography of the condemned anarchist, August Spies, to whom she is affianced, and for whom, led on by infatuation, she is "cutting up such fantastic tricks as would make the angels weep—or laugh—as they choose to be mirthful or mournful. Mirabile dictu! What is it some women won't do when they get after the right fellow? But bless them, this mania is rather an exceptional one in these parts; and we trust only enough of it will remain to keep the masculine portion of our unmarried population properly flattered; they need a small dose now and then as a tonic. In the case of Miss Van Zandt, her wild fire love-making and acceptance may have the salutary effect of giving courage to all spinners having the temerity to make like assaults upon passive objects, who may lie "within the length of their cable-tow."

GOOD MAY GROW OUT OF IT.

The controversy over the Canadian fisheries has about subsided. Commissioners of the two countries will succeed in arbitrating amicably this oft disputed question, which it is to be hoped will put a quietus to it for another century. The talk of war by newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic, and by certain belligerent congressmen, has done no harm and may do this country good by arousing our government to the necessity of having a sufficient navy to protect its commerce and ports. There is a clamor for coast defenses for our own State. Charleston's defenses are inefficient, the News and Courier declares, to resist a naval attack, and there are others; the Palmetto Post claims that Port Poyal, the most inviting port in the State for an enemy to land, is totally without any means of defence. This talk of war has already brought Congress to the front. Twenty-one millions of dollars are to be spent in the purchase of steel suitable for war purposes, and the erection of fortifications and other works.

FRIGHTFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

On the 5th of February an Express Train in New England, running at their usual high rate of speed, was precipitated in a moment from Woodstock bridge, sixty feet to the frozen river below, occasioned, as is claimed, by a broken rail. Four heavily loaded passenger cars, every foot of available space—crowded with persons going to Montreal, for the purpose of attending the "ice carnival"—were thus rushed with their loads of gay, hilarious passengers into a terrible, heartrending doom, and without a minutes warning impending danger. The engine and postal car passed over the bridge safely; but the coaches, striking the abutments, were thus knocked back in the manner described. The loss of life is appalling! Fifty killed outright and eighty, perhaps twice that number wounded, mangled and burnt by the terrific conflagration immediately following the catastrophe. The night was intensely cold and the suffering was thus augmented to a very great degree. Horrible!

A Mean Revenge.

Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

In a late discussion of cotton weights between Col. S. W. Nelson, of Clarendon County, and the Charleston Cotton Exchange, many affidavits from outsiders were published by Colonel Nelson to substantiate his charge that cotton shipped to Charleston invariably fell short in weights. One of the affidavits thus published was from Messrs. Turner & Brother, merchants of Clarendon County. Their affidavit contained no charge of fraud, but simply stated that the cotton shipped by them to their factors in Charleston, Messrs. Smythe & Adger, generally lost in weight. There was certainly no harm in their stating this fact, if it was true, and we presume it was as Messrs. Smythe & Adger did not deny it, yet, we learn from the Manning Times, when Messrs. Turner & Brother visited Charleston recently and, after paying up every cent due on account of last year's business, tried to make a contract for another year, that Messrs. Smythe & Adger refused to continue to advance to them because they had made the affidavit alluded to above. As the Times says Messrs. Smythe & Adger are masters of their own money and have the right to do with it as they please, but is it mainly to seek such revenge? Because they hold a position high in life on account of the influence of their gold, is it right to strike such a blow at the prosperity of their less fortunate fellow man? A

country merchant, regardless of the magnitude of his business, is, with few exceptions, obliged to have some one to act as a factor, to furnish him means through the year, and if they are to be treated by the Charleston factors as Messrs. Smythe & Adger treated Messrs. Turner & Brother the sooner they find a new base of operations the better. In other words, if our country merchants and farmers are to be snubbed by Charleston factors simply because they say that the cotton shipped to that place loses in weight they had better transfer their business to some city where they will be more courteously treated. This attempt on the part of Messrs. Smythe & Adger to punish a firm for telling the truth will not help them nor the trade of Charleston, and we would advise those gentlemen to mend their ways if they want any business from this section.

Washington Letter.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1887. Every one seems to have been surprised when it was announced that the really to be a change in the Cabinet soon. So many unflattering reports of Cabinet changes have found their way to Washington from a distance during the present Administration that people were not disposed to credit and rumor on this subject. But now it is generally believed that Secretary Manning intends to leave the Treasury Department after the adjournment of Congress, to accept the presidency of the National Bank of New York, at a salary of \$20,000, more than twice what he gets as a member of the Cabinet. There has been much speculation during the past few days as to his probable successor, and as to whether his resignation has anything to do with unpleasantness between him and the President.

There has been another woman suffrage debate in the Senate and another vote with the usual result. "That was a magnificent triumph," exclaimed Mrs. Susan B. Anthony, as she gazed at the printed record of the vote of two to one against her which the Senate rejected the sixteenth Amendment. There is nothing like her untiring cheerfulness in the midst of defeat, she cannot be dismayed by adversity, and optimistically greets every reverse with a smile of hope. There has also been a rattling and spirited Woman's Suffrage convention at this favorite rallying point of theirs since I last wrote you. This was their nineteenth annual meeting here, and Miss Anthony says it was one of the most successful they have ever had. The meetings were largely attended and the speaking was the best that the ladies could do. They were much pleased at the good attendance, and compared the overflowing audiences of this winter with the empty benches they addressed in years gone by, saying it was now almost the fashionable thing to do to go to the Woman's Rights convention.

They have planned a great celebration for next winter, in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the beginning of their movement in this country. Forty years ago, Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, at a meeting in Seneca Falls, New York, introduced the first resolution favoring the franchise of woman. She is billed for a speech on the same subject at the anniversary celebration, although her husband is quoted as saying that she is done with the suffrage agitation. Mr. Stanton says that his wife is convinced that her sex does not want to vote. They do not suffer any inconvenience from the lack of the ballot, added he, they do not desire it to any appreciable extent, and the suffrage agitators are banging away at something that offers no response whatever. He thought if one woman in every ten, yes, in every hundred, would petition Congress for the ballot they would get it at once. As the time for the President to sign or veto the Inter-State commerce bill approaches, interest in the subject increases. Senators and Representatives question each other in order to learn all the talk of the houses and lobbies, and reports that the President will sign it or veto it alternately between the White House and the Capitol.

Assuming that the measure will get the Executive signature, if there is any difficulty in the selection of men to serve their country on the railway commission at \$7,500 a year, it will not be found in the sparsity of candidates, but rather in the redundancy of talent that will be spread before the President. There are about sixty men who have been mentioned for commissioners, many of whom have been prominent and are now relegated to private life. The issue between the President and the Senate in regard to the Recorder of Deeds is very simple and cannot, in its present phase, be distorted into a question involving the right of a colored democrat to hold office, as has been attempted. The people of the District asked for one of their own men for the office. The President served them with a stranger, and the Senate refused to confirm the appointment. The President re-appointed him, and the Senate again rejected him. That is all there is of it. And until the name of a colored citizen of the District is sent in for the office by the President and rejected by the Senate, it cannot honestly be claimed that the color line issue is a factor in the case.

THE CITY OF THE SAND HILLS.

FULTON, S. C., Jan. 11, 1887.

That the Augusta and Manchester Rail Road will be built, and run quite near Fulton, is now a certainty. Col. F. Gardner, chief engineer for the Atlantic Coast Line, a week ago, inspected the courses run, and work of the survey; he also prospected the country's topography. Evidently the locality was satisfactory, as the corps were immediately returned to Sumter for the purpose of establishing the permanent line, that the construction can at once be begun. The partial survey now being made, will not, we think, materially alter the course as now staked, except the necessary deviation required to bring the road quite near to Fulton X Roads, which it has been deemed advisable to do. There exists some "doubting Thomases" who "don't believe that the railroad is coming"—there are some people "who don't believe"—anything. One thing we would advise them to "don't" believe in—themselves. A gentleman residing here, has received from Colonel Gardner and Mr. Bridges the most positive assurance of the genuineness of the enterprise, and of the certainty of speedy construction. If the most orthodox of "don't believers," "don't believe" this—then for all we care they can go to that sweet by-and-bye where the unelaborate costume of the Greek slave will prove abundantly warm, even in winter,—but we disagree; pardon us, we intended to write about the railroad which will certainly be of almost inestimable advantage, not only as a convenience but as the means of developing the resources of the country; of opening to it the avenues of trade; encouraging

emigration; augmenting the value of land, and attracting capital and enterprise. Encompassing as it will, one of the most dense timber belts in the State, the road will be of especial benefit to those owning an excess of timber. The multifarious varieties of valuable timber with which the Santee swamp is so thickly studded, can by this means find its way into the markets of the world. The healthiness of the "Sand Hills" is proverbial, and its merits will doubtless in time, be so appreciated as will lead to the "City of the Sand Hills" being the Sanitarium where the valetudinarian from the chilly and consumptive North can be rejuvenated by breathing the air of this dry and salubrious climate. In the light of all these advantages to be derived from this much needed railroad, we feel that the people of Fulton have cause to congratulate themselves and while we are proud of our usual dignified and sedate demeanor, and dislike to appear too gushing, yet we would say that the contemplation of this gigantic enterprise was accompanied by the emotions of unconcern, or marked with a spirit of sang froid by our citizens, we feel that then we should be guilty of the grievous sin for which Avianias and Sapphira were "removed," for we do anticipate with gleesome hop-skipshome gladness that on the next beautiful autumnal morn, when the glorious god of day shall peep o'er our hills of sand and— "in the furthest east begin to draw The shady curtains from Aurora's bed" that its golden beams will shine down the bands of track, which will bind us with "links of steel" to our sister cities. The ladies of St. Marks Episcopal Church have organized a sewing society for the purpose of making various articles of apparel for sale, the proceeds of which are intended for some benevolent purpose. Doubtless the handiwork of these ladies will be much in demand, We learn that this society held quite a pleasant session, on last Saturday afternoon, at the residence of Major Richardson. These meetings are however, a species of "Executive session"—at least the doors are closed against us of the sterner sex, but with our accustomed meekness, we venture the suggestion that gentlemen at these meetings could render valuable assistance in searching for refractory spools of thread, threading needles, as well as rendering available their vigital extremities to assist in freeing some skein of thread from a labyrinth of entanglement. We trust that the ladies will remove the disabilities which debar our brethren from being members of the "Sewing Society."

The stately "Milford" is gladdened with the presence of Governor Manning's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams of Camden, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Deas of Camden, are visiting Colonel R. C. Richardson. It is feared that whooping cough is becoming epidemic here, and certainly St. Marks congregation evidenced its symptoms yesterday, and in a manner which prevented Mr. Kernshaw's inspiring eloquence from reaching his auditors ears, with its usual distinctness and sanctifying effect.

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