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RICHMOND THEATRE. FAREWELL ENGAGEMENT IN RICHMOND OF THE CHAPMAN SISTERS.

MUCH ADO ABOUT A MERCHANT OF VENICE. SHYLOCK, THE JEW. Mr. C. B. BISHOP, LORRENZO. Miss BLANCHIE CHAPMAN, ISABELLA. Miss BELLA CHAPMAN.

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Evening State Journal.

The True Knight—A Monthly Magazine Devoted to the Order of Knights of Pythias.

The first number of this interesting publication has just been issued by the publishers, Messrs. Handy & Hankins, of Richmond. It is well gotten up, both in matter and typographical appearance.

A Knight Who Conquered the Devil—a story; Noble Objects of the Pythian Order; Samuel Holder Hines—by P. G. C. Bohannon; Free Masonry in War; Decisions of the Grand Chancellor of Virginia—official; Third Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, embracing the Grand Chancellor's report and a summary of the proceedings; Present Strength of the Order; Rise and Progress of the Knights of Pythias in the United States; by P. G. C. Hartman; Better than Creeds; Society; Editorial—Salutary; The Ballot a Safeguard; Work for our Representatives; The Use of the Gavel; Pythian Hall, Richmond; Correspondents; Answers to Correspondents; State of the Order—Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Nebraska, Massachusetts, at large.

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The French Assembly has chosen for its President M. Grevy, a Liberal Monarchist prominent in the provinces for twenty years of the Empire in opposition, previously as one of the revolutionists who expelled the Bourbons in 1830, and an officer of the Provisional Government which followed the expulsion of Louis Philippe in 1848.

PARDONED TOO LATE.—About two years ago, says the New York Times, a respectable man, a consumptive, having a wife and four children, was arrested on a charge of having in his possession some counterfeit fractional currency with intent to pass the same. He was duly tried, convicted, and sentenced for a term of six years in the Albany penitentiary.

CHICAGO wants a man who can count, and has found him. The United States census gave the settlement on the Lake Michigan flats only 298,000, and the people interested inferred therefrom that the Marshal and his assistants did not understand addition, saying nothing of geometrical progression. As we have said, the vacancy has been filled. The necessity was urgent, but a mathematical tyro was not to be thought of; hence no sudden selection was made.

PORTER AND PLATT.—The Washington letter of 14th instant in the Norfolk Journal says: "The Southern Republican association, composed of office-snatchers and penniless slysters gathered here from Virginia, will hold a kind of brotherly reunion this evening—the snow storm willing. Hon. Chas. H. Porter, the 'member from Richmond,' will, it is said, 'sly his castor' into the ring in denunciation of certain Virginia newspapers—the BUNXAT, especially. 'You will observe that Mr. Platt, of Virginia, is mixed up in none of the political intrigues of which Port,er has been guilty. Mr. Platt—I can say it to his honor, with truth—is a true representative of his constituents, and not only the class that elected him, but white and black, irrespective of party, in his Congressional district."

"I don't know of a bill or measure introduced by Mr. Porter since the session began, that has not had a partisan squint; while Mr. Platt has done, and is still doing much, looking to the interest of Virginia. He has labored, I know, most assiduously to get government work ordered to the Gosport navy-yard, and he has failed only because the Navy Department has determined to inflict as much damage as possible upon the mechanics of Norfolk and Portsmouth."

LEO CRUSHER.—Mr. Eugene Hubbard, in the employ of Mr. Washington Mervine, had one of his legs crushed in a singular manner on Friday last. He was in the woods cutting trees and had just felled one which, lodging in the top of another, rebounded and fell to the ground in a direction not anticipated by Hubbard. In attempting to evade the falling tree, Hubbard stumbled and fell over a stump, but not before the tree had caught his leg between it and the stump, crushing and lacerating it in a shocking manner. For some time Hubbard lay in this condition, calling for assistance, before his cries were heard, and then neighbors had to be summoned before the tree could be removed. Dr. Noble dressed the wound, and is endeavoring to save the leg from amputation.—Dent's (Md.) Union.

EXTRAORDINARY BILLIARD PLAYING.—A game of billiards, or rather a series of the French game of billiards, was played in Times City on the first of the present month, and has not been held from by his family. Any one learning his whereabouts will please inform his brother-in-law, MARY GROOM, 1714 Marshall street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, Richmond, Va.

WOOD & COAL. BEST RED ASH ANTHRACITE, BEST AND OAK AND PINE WOOD at lowest price, Sawed and Lard. J. R. BURROUGHS, corner Main and Seventh streets.

INFORMATION WANTED. GEORGE HUBBARD CRUMP, colored, left his residence in this city on the first of the present month, and has not been held from by his family. Any one learning his whereabouts will please inform his brother-in-law, MARY GROOM, 1714 Marshall street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, Richmond, Va.

THE PEABODY EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The Philadelphia Press, referring to the meeting of the managers of the "Peabody Educational Fund," in that city, on Wednesday, remarks:

"It will be remembered that the fund alluded to was first started by Mr. Peabody in 1837, during his second visit to this country, and was intended for the purpose of furthering the cause of education in the Southern States, the first donation being \$1,500,000. It was not intended that the gift should act as an incentive to the people to organize schools, but to provide for the extension of the Valley railroad."

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Richmond, February 18. Senate.

The Lieutenant Governor in the chair. BILLS INTRODUCED. The following bills were this day introduced, twice read and referred to appropriate committees: By Mr. Smith, of Henrico—Authorizing district school trustees to borrow money. By Mr. Davis—Authorizing the issue of registered stock to Messrs. Young and Dickinson, under certain conditions.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES, BY SOUTHERN AND ATLANTIC (OPPOSITION) LINE. EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE STATE JOURNAL.

Senator Sumner Very Ill. Special to the Journal. Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Sumner is lying very ill this morning with an affection of the heart. His condition is dangerous, though his physicians think he will recover. B.

General European Intelligence. London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Dieppe, received to-day, says: Emperor William has consented to a reduction of the contribution exacted from the Department of the Seine Inférieure to the original amount.

Leipzig, February 17.—A petition to the French National Assembly, is circulating among the prisoners in Germany, expressive of a desire for the submission of the question whether the government of France be a Monarchy or a Republic to universal suffrage.

Bordeaux, Feb. 17.—Favre and Picard have arrived here. The majority of the committee of the Assembly are favorable to the proposal to appoint Thiers chief of executive powers. The military force posted outside the Assembly chamber, have been doubled to-day.

The elections in the department of the Seine, were confirmed. Before the setting was opened, a member of the left remarked that "in order to get here, I have been obliged to pass through several lines of armed men. I shall, therefore, in future come armed."

London, February 17.—The Paris Figaro says: "It is reported that the German propositions for peace run thus—'The cession of Alsace and Lorraine and a portion of the department of Doubs and an indemnity of one and a half million of thalers. The Prussians to keep all materials of war they have captured and the French fleet and colonies to remain intact.'"

London, February 17.—Favre has left Paris again for Bordeaux, whence he will return with representatives of the Assembly to negotiate a treaty of peace. All the contributions which have been collected by the Germans in France, otherwise than as penalties, will be returned in the general war indemnity. The armistice has been extended to the departments of the Jura, Doubs, and Cote d'Or, since the 15th instant.

A letter was read in the French Assembly from General Faidherbe. He declines to accept a membership. The French Assembly confirmed the election of 33 Paris deputies. Rochefort, Victor Hugo and Flouquet were present yesterday. The Chamber was thoroughly guarded by troops placed outside the building.

The Black Sea Conference was held Thursday. The members already in London being disposed to wait the arrival of the representative from France. If peace if not concluded prior to the assembling of the German diet, the Emperor will probably remain at Versailles and the meeting of Parliament will be postponed.

The announcement is made, that in case the occupation of Paris by the German troops should be necessary, General Falkenstein will be designated governor. The Prussians have demanded thirty thousand francs from the town of Douai, in the Department of the Nord, under the threat of bombardment.

A letter received from the Prince Napoleon, explicitly denies that the Prince ever offered himself to Bismarck as a successor to the Emperor. FATAL ACCIDENT.—A sad accident occurred on Monday last week to a lad named Percy Grace, of Easton, Md., attending school at St. Clement's Hall, which resulted fatally on the following Thursday. At the time of the accident, he, with other students, was skating, and from some cause fell upon the ice, causing a fellow skater to fall upon his head with such force as to produce concussion of the brain, and all efforts to render him relief proved unavailing. His relatives arrived here and removed his remains to his late home on Saturday. The deceased was aged twelve years, and was universally respected and beloved by his schoolmates.—Ellicott City Common Sense.

THE LITTLE CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER.—About 3,000 people attended the testimonial performance for the benefit of the "Little Church Around the Corner" at the Opera-house in Chicago Thursday afternoon. About \$1,900 were cleared. This afternoon the German opera troupe will give a free benefit to the same church. The crowded condition of the depots along the line of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railroad, and the difficulty in supplying the useful transportation as rapidly as the demand increases, is a sure indication that the East Tennessee is fast rallying from the ravages of the late war. A vein of coal has been discovered three miles west of Fairfield, in Freestone county, Texas. It has been dug to the depth of eighteen feet, and still the vein has not been gotten through. The coal is said to be of a superior quality, as it burns readily and creates intense heat. A party of English emigrants have purchased 5,000 acres on the Cumberland river, eighty-five miles from Nashville, Tennessee. The land was purchased for \$2 per acre, with five years to pay for it. The company numbers 1,300 persons, all farmers and mechanics, and are soon to arrive. England has latterly been practicing economy in her military affairs, and for every pound sterling saved in her budget she has lost in proportion so much of her influence in European politics. His Majesty Emperor William of Germany has been unanimously elected a honorary member of the Charleston, (S. C.) German Schutzeten Corps, and a committee appointed to inform him of the fact. There is a man living in the mountains of North Carolina who, it is said, has reached the age of one hundred and forty-three years. At the time of Braddock's defeat he was twenty years old and had a wife and three children.

LOCAL NEWS.

Religious Services To-Morrow.—We note the following special appointments: Broad-street Methodist—Bishop Doggett at 11 A. M.; pastor at 7 1/2 P. M. Trinity Methodist—Rev. J. P. Garland will commence a series of lectures, especially to young men, at 7 1/2 P. M. Bethesda Baptist—Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., at 7 1/2 P. M. Sidney Baptist—Rev. C. H. Corey at 11 A. M. St. Mark's Episcopal—Lutheran (Old-Fellow's) Hall, Franklin and Main—Rev. W. E. Hubbard, pastor, at 11 A. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday School society (postponed from last Sabbath on account of the inclemency of the weather) will take place at Union Station Methodist church at 3 o'clock.

Richmond Theatre.—On Monday night those charming little ladies and dear favorites, Blanche and Ella Chapman, with their ponderous adjutant, C. B. Bishop, will begin their winter farewell engagement here. On this occasion will be presented, for the first time in this city, John Bromhagen's new and very successful burlesque, entitled "Much Ado About a Merchant of Venice." Shylock, Mr. Bishop, Lorenzo, Miss Blanche; Bassanio, Mr. Bishop. In the hands of Bishop, Shylock will be a big thing.

The Misses Chapman very little need be said. They adorn and beautify every scene they assume. Both, more than any ladies now on the stage, have a facile grace and instantaneous versatility, and their by-play and pantomime are as striking as anything ever witnessed. Everything they do is done with a life and energy, a gaiety and sparkle altogether their own. These little ladies, descended as they are from a long line of eminent interpreters of the lyric drama, are, on the ascending scale, and like wine, artistically at least, improve with age. You like them better every time you see them, and the theatre is not crowded every night next week, we shall hold it as a poor comment on the taste and dramatic appreciation of our people.

The Masquerade Ball Monday Night.—The grand masquerade ball which is to come off at Assembly hall, on Monday night, under the patronage of the Gesangverein Virginia, has been the great topic of conversation for several days past. The preparations made by the committee of arrangements are most extensive and complete. Great discretion has been exercised by the committee in the distribution of admission tickets. None will be sold at the door on the night of the ball; and only persons vouchered for by a member of the society have any chance of admission.

Mons. de Mojan, costumer from Baltimore, will be here Monday morning, and will hold his headquarters at Schott's Monticello hotel, Broad street. The "Richmond Assembly Club" gave their closing ball of this season at Virginia Hall Monday night. In all the characteristics of a magnificent entertainment, it was the grandest affair of the winter. The beauties of Alexandria, Danville, and our own city never before more exercised by the committee, and so glorious a galaxy of splendid women, even Paris might have hesitated on whom to bestow the award of beauty. The best taste, the most refined judgment, would have found it impossible to discriminate where so many were so beautiful as a martyr's dream of Heaven. "All went merry as a marriage bell," until an early hour, when the ladies and because of the *crème de la crème* of Richmond society, had each other a joyous good-night with cordial congratulations for a happy evening.

The supper was provided by Zetelle and was unlimited in quantity and in quality—everything that the most fastidious epicure could desire. Captured.—John Estep, a noted colored thief, was arrested in Norfolk on yesterday, charged with assaulting and robbing a colored man by the name of James Washington in this city on Friday day. He will be brought back to this city to-day.

Knights of Pythias.—There will be an important meeting of the officers of the Grand Lodge of this order, consisting of the representatives of all the lodges, on Monday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock, at the hall over the establishment of Henri B. Fortner, corner Ninth and Bank streets, by order of the Grand Chancellor. A solid, hard rain fell all last night and continued till 10 o'clock this morning. After it stopped the sun shone, forcing a disagreeably warm. This is first-class weather for creating bodily ailments. Captured.—John Estep, a noted colored thief, was arrested in Norfolk on yesterday, charged with assaulting and robbing a colored man by the name of James Washington in this city on Friday day. He will be brought back to this city to-day.

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Singer's Sewing Machine.—The sales of the "Singer Sewing Machine" for the year 1870, were 50,000 in excess of any other company. This result speaks volumes for the merits of this unrivaled machine—far more than boasted gold medals, premiums, or misrepresentations. It is a grand premium awarded by a discriminating public to pure merit. It is a remarkable fact, that while other companies have made strenuous efforts to force their machines upon the people, this company has quietly and modestly put their machine upon their own merits, and the result is before us and would have been still greater, could the supply have equalled the demand. Merit will prevail.

The five thousand dollar ornamental bridge, built several years ago by Mr. John P. Ballard, to connect the Exchange and Baltimore, was removed several months since and supported on a temporary structure, minus any ornamentation. It would appear, also, that it wanted the essential ingredient of strength, as the workmen were engaged this morning in putting two substantial props under it on the Exchange side.

Very unexpectedly and all at once, apples have become scarce and dear in this city. Specimens a trifle larger than hickory nuts sell for five cents apiece in the confectionaries. The cause of the sudden scarcity may be found in the fact that the excellent cold weather about Christmas froze all the apples put up by the farmers for sale or consumption. Freeze an apple and it is like an oyster, gone up the spout from that time.

Mr. William McClure, the most celebrated roller-skater in the South, from Drane & Glover's skating-rink in Wilmington, North Carolina, will appear before the Richmond people at the skating rink next Tuesday night, the 21st instant. This will be the first opportunity our people will have of seeing really scientific skating. We expect to see a large crowd present that night. Divorce Suit.—Mrs. Mary S. Crawford has, through her counsel, A. Moise, Esq., instituted a suit in the Chancery court of this city for a divorce a *vinculo matrimonii*, on the grounds of desertion. We learn that there are some very interesting and singular features connected with this case, which will be disclosed in the trial of the cause. The State Board of Public Education have decided upon two sets of books for use in the public schools, as follows: Holden's, McGuffey's Spellers, Holmes's and McGuffey's Readers, Harvey's and Ballou's English Grammars, Yenable's and Davies's Arithmetic, Murray's and Gay's Geographies.

The New Steam Fire-Engines.—The new engines recently bought in Philadelphia for the use of the Richmond department, passed through Alexandria yesterday, and are expected in this city at two P. M. to-day. On their arrival they will be housed in the engine-house, Broad street, till some suitable place is provided for their winter quarters. The stationary barrel organs in the summer are ground parenically at our street corners. Instead of having "music" inside the instruments of torture, they might be fitted with an apparatus for roasting chestnuts, washing pocket-handkerchiefs, or making machine poetry. The public would be benefited by the absence of noise, and the organ-grinders would be excited and make rank as an industrial operator.

Madison Ward Republicans.—Pursuant to a call for that purpose, the Republicans of a ward held a full meeting on Tuesday, February 14th, at their club-room, for the purpose of electing a Ward Executive Committee, to consist of seven members. Joseph Cox presided as chairman, and explained the object of the meeting. On motion of Edward Davenport, an election was gone into, resulting as follows: Joseph Cox, Gillipie Anderson, Captain Carter, R. H. Johnson, A. Arnold, Rush Barger, and H. L. Wigand.

In the mysterious and awfully inscrutable orderings of Providence, the people always happen to get what they want, either in large or too small. The people of Virginia have no cause for complaint against their General Assembly for the first-named fault, any more than the people of the Gesangverein Virginia, for their second-named fault. Both are small things in dealing with all people's funds, display an identical disregard of expenses.

The recent rains have caused James river to exalt its horn among the running streams. To-day, as it crept past the city from its rocky fastnesses, along by above Bell Isle, it resembled a huge stream of liquid brick dust. Like old John Brown's soul, it was "marching on."

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Singer's Sewing Machine.—The sales of the "Singer Sewing Machine" for the year 1870, were 50,000 in excess of any other company. This result speaks volumes for the merits of this unrivaled machine—far more than boasted gold medals, premiums, or misrepresentations. It is a grand premium awarded by a discriminating public to pure merit. It is a remarkable fact, that while other companies have made strenuous efforts to force their machines upon the people, this company has quietly and modestly put their machine upon their own merits, and the result is before us and would have been still greater, could the supply have equalled the demand. Merit will prevail.

The five thousand dollar ornamental bridge, built several years ago by Mr. John P. Ballard, to connect the Exchange and Baltimore, was removed several months since and supported on a temporary structure, minus any ornamentation. It would appear, also, that it wanted the essential ingredient of strength, as the workmen were engaged this morning in putting two substantial props under it on the Exchange side.

Very unexpectedly and all at once, apples have become scarce and dear in this city. Specimens a trifle larger than hickory nuts sell for five cents apiece in the confectionaries. The cause of the sudden scarcity may be found in the fact that the excellent cold weather about Christmas froze all the apples put up by the farmers for sale or consumption. Freeze an apple and it is like an oyster, gone up the spout from that time.

Mr. William McClure, the most celebrated roller-skater in the South, from Drane & Glover's skating-rink in Wilmington, North Carolina, will appear before the Richmond people at the skating rink next Tuesday night, the 21st instant. This will be the first opportunity our people will have of seeing really scientific skating. We expect to see a large crowd present that night. Divorce Suit.—Mrs. Mary S. Crawford has, through her counsel, A. Moise, Esq., instituted a suit in the Chancery court of this city for a divorce a *vinculo matrimonii*, on the grounds of desertion. We learn that there are some very interesting and singular features connected with this case, which will be disclosed in the trial of the cause. The State Board of Public Education have decided upon two sets of books for use in the public schools, as follows: Holden's, McGuffey's Spellers, Holmes's and McGuffey's Readers, Harvey's and Ballou's English Grammars, Yenable's and Davies's Arithmetic, Murray's and Gay's Geographies.

The General of Mrs. ELLIHA BAXTER COULLEN, widow of the late Rev. James D. Coulten, and daughter of Sidney B. Baxter, Esq., will take place from Trinity (M. E.) church, on MONDAY 20th inst., at 12 o'clock. The friends and acquaintances of the families are respectfully requested to attend.