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TICKETS, admitting a Lady and Gentleman, $1; admitting a Gentleman and two Ladies, $1.50. For sale at various places, and on the night of the Ball at the Assembly Hall.

A SPLENDID FESTIVAL and a large sum for the noble cause are anticipated. mh 7—td

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Every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, the Rink will be open EXCLUSIVELY for gentlemen and youths.

The PRICE OF ADMISSION, with the use of Skates, is 50 cents, for a single ticket, or $3 per dozen. Children, under 14 years of age, 25 cents.

At the Afternoon Assemblies Ladies and Boys will only be charged 25 cents. mh 7—tf

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FOR NEW YORK.

The OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S elegant side-wheel steamship ALBEMARLE, Capt BLACKWOOD, will leave her wharf, at Rocketts on SUNDAY, March 12th, at 7 o'clock A. M.

Freight received until Saturday night.

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| Fare | $12 00 |
| Steerage | 6 00 |
| Round Trip Tickets | 20 00 |

For freight or passage, apply to JOHN W. WYATT, Agent, mh 10—1t No. 3 Governor street.

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Close connections and through bills of lading with all southern and eastern ports.

This elegant steamship has fine cabin accommodations.

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| Fare | $10 00 |
| Steerage | 5 00 |
| Round trip tickets, good until used, only | 15 00 |

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JOHN MARSH,
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No longer of the firm of Marsh & Pollock, is now prepared to serve his friends and the public generally in
SHEET MUSIC AND MUSICAL MERCHANDISE every description
I respectfully solicit a call at my new establishment. JOHN MARSH,
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## Evening State Journal.

### FRUIT CULTURE.

Among the neglected industries easiest to adopt in Virginia, is that of fruit culture. It promises highly remunerative results, with small original outlay. If intelligently begun, and prosecuted with reasonable diligence and skill, it is absolutely certain to pay fairly.

Every variety of soil, slope and situation, where a hole can be dug and a tree or vine set, can be rendered available. But the plants must be adapted to these varying conditions. Thus apples of some sort will grow everywhere in Virginia, but any given variety will not do equally everywhere. So of the grape, the pear, the cherry, and all the list of fruits. Local influences also make themselves felt in changing the quality of fruit. As a rule, winter varieties, carried a few hundred miles South, become mellow in autumn, and lose entirely their long-keeping quality. Sour fruits become pleasant, and pleasant fruits insipid by the same change.

The bearing qualities of trees change in the same way. Only a few trees and vines do well on varied soils and over large spaces. The Concord grape and the Wilson Albany strawberries are two remarkable cases of fruits which are prolific everywhere; but these are greatly improved in quality in the warmer climates. There are two prime conditions to be observed in selecting trees:

1st. Get good ones.

2d. Get varieties adapted to the climate and soil.

To be sure of getting good trees, you must find a reliable nursery man. Avoid irresponsible tree pedlars. They have cost us millions, not merely in the loss of trees, but the discouragement of tree-planting caused by these failures.

Consult the nurseryman nearest you, and find out what he has for sale, and if you have no list, get him to make you one. In our advertising list, you will find Franklin Davis & Co., of Richmond. Their list is large, and their stock well grown and true to name. They will send you what you order. In the northern part of the State, Chalkley, Gilligham & Co. have extensive nurseries of well grown trees, and are entirely reliable. Friend Gilligham is a man of sterling integrity, and has been growing fruit trees in Virginia for twenty years, and will give you a good list. His advertisement in our paper will give details.

When we came into the State a few years ago, we found great difficulty in obtaining detailed information as to varieties. Seeking information from all sources, we have annually changed our list to correct errors. In our experience some things have become clear, and we have watched others with some care. This is now our fourth season, and already we can see where the facts we present in this article would have saved us hundreds of dollars; yet, in spite of mistakes incident to a change in climate and soil, where no extensive fruit growing has been done, our venture in setting fruit will pay far better than any other branch of our farming.

If one reflects a moment the safety of such investments, intelligently made, will appear. Let us set out this spring a hundred well-grown apple trees. They will cost, say, $15 per hundred at the nursery, and when set, say, twenty-five cents each. We now cultivate the ground thoroughly with some hoed crop, being careful not to plough near the tree, or plant anything so as to draw sustenance from the soil near its roots, or let a single weed remain. Four years, with proper care as to trimming, protection from noxious insects, and, of course, protection from cattle and sheep, will give us on an average a peck of fruit to each tree. If culture is still kept up, this yield will be steadily increased at the rate of 50 per cent., till the tree attains its full size, and even then it will continue to bear for a century. At the sixth year from the setting, the trees will average one bushel each, and if they are of the proper varieties will be worth fifty cents per bushel at the very lowest estimate. Each tree will then yield us a gross income of fifty cents per annum, which is the interest at ten per cent. upon five dollars.

We have now a piece of property which is just as well worth five hundred dollars as if it were in government bonds or gold, and one that will increase its income more surely and rapidly than any other kind of property we know. At ten years old such an orchard ought to yield a thousand bushels of good fruit, and twenty years two thousand at least. Every tree is then worth twenty-five dollars at ten years old, and fifty dollars each at twenty years.

Don't point to your old neglected orchards of seedlings growing in the grass and weeds, which have never been cultivated, manured or trimmed, and which treat you as shabbily, as you have them. Don't point to even well cultivated orchards of trees brought from abroad, not adapted to our climate, which may *grow* finely but give no fruit. Find us an orchard of home-grown trees, well selected, well set, and well cared for, ten years old, and the owner will tell you that it is a most satisfactory investment.

Look at the enormous value of the fruit product of Western New York, for instance. Forty years ago, the orchards there were mostly seedlings, fruit poor and unsaleable. The Rochester nurseries started, and induced the neighboring farmers to set grafted trees. Beginning with a few trees on trial, the whole of Western New York is now a vast orchard. New York apples are found in every market on this continent, and are extensively shipped to Europe. The city of Washington is supplied with apples, grapes and pears from New York, and in Richmond large quantities are sold. We have the advantage of these local markets, and can compete for the possession of the larger markets of the seaboard, with many advantages in our favor.

We say, then, set fruit trees, and go about it this very spring. There is yet time till the first of May, if trees are taken up now and put in a cool shady place, with roots deeply covered to keep them back. It will pay if you want to keep the land on which they grow, and pay in comfort to your family, in a variety and succession of delicious fruits, in health, and finally in a solid balance at bank. If you want to sell, the growth of the trees, constant day and night, rapidly appreciates your farm, and increases its market value. A good orchard is often the one determining fact with a purchaser. Let every youth, from 14 to 20, begin to set trees now. Think what return they will bring you when you reach manhood or middle life. There is no surer path to independence, and none along which more genuine happiness can be realized. Whatever happens you have one sure resource, and the constant inflow of healthful and ennobling influences from Horticulture.

It does not require much land to make a good beginning. Fifty acres gives a large orchard, and ten acres will afford wide scope for industry and skill.

Our professional men and our farmers are now alike equally at fault in the matter of fruit growing. There are few good orchards in Virginia, considering its vast area of good land and its favorable climate for fruit. It ought to be and can be a very Eden of fruitfulness and beauty. The variety of its productions in garden, farm and orchard, are equal to those of any portion of the world. Every good citizen owes it to himself, his family, and the State, to encourage fruit growers by precept and example.

The four conditions of success are—

1st. Set good trees.

2d. Plough deeply, drain if wet, and thoroughly prepare the soil.

3d. Set carefully.

4th. Protect, cultivate clean and manure (if the soil is poor) with ashes, muck, bone dust or other fertilizers.

By attending to these conditions, success is sure to reward the cultivator. If we can induce general attention to this subject and the setting of fruit trees become a reliable branch of industry as in the North, millions will be added to the wealth of the State.

The lands exhausted by grain and tobacco still contain the elements of tree growth, and being free from stumps, can be economically utilized as in Delaware and New Jersey. We hope to see the industrial force of the State turned into this healthful and promising channel. We give below a list of varieties carefully made up from our own experience and observation to assist those who may wish to order trees at once. We shall be glad to receive communications upon this subject from every part of the State.

The following list of fruits, especially adapted to Virginia, will be found to cover the whole season, from the earlier to the latest keeping varieties. Local additions can be made by each district. The trees are to be found in any of the nurseries advertised in the STATE JOURNAL:

APPLES—*Winter.*

Winesap, Newton Pippin, Rawles' Janet, Limber-twig, Winter Cheese, Nickajack, Gulley, Shockley, Prior's Red, Ortley or Hollow-core Pippin, White Winter Pearmbin, Edward's.

*For Summer.*

Red Astracan, Early Harvest, Summer Pearman, Sweet Bough, Red June, Summer Cheese, Julian, Summer Queen, Aromatic Carolina.

*Fall Varieties.*

Smoke-house, Hunge, Hubbard's Sugar, Bonum, Cumming's Red, Golden Russet, Buckingham, Kambo.

PEARS.

The pear has been less grown as a cultivated fruit than the apple, but enough has been learned to show that it will be very successful on the clay uplands especially It requires a clay soil, dry, and deeply stirred.

*Summer.*

Bartlett, Bloodgood, Dearborn's seedling, Bostiezer, Doyenne d'ete, and Butter.

*Fall.*

Duches de Angouleme, Beurre Claisgecau, Seckel, Bartlett Belle Lucrative, Sheldon, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Williams.

*Winter.*

Beurre de Anjou, Danas, Hovey, Lawrence, Winter Nelis and Vicar of Winkfield.

PEACHES.

President, Honest John, Hales' Early, Troths' Early, Large Early York, Troths late, Lagrange, Heath's Cling and Heath's Free, Royal George, Kensington, Honey, Blush Lemon.

GRAPES.

Concord, Herbmont, Delaware, Catawba and Isabella, in the mountain region, Scuppernong in south Virginia, Ives' Seedling, Norton's Virginia.

STRAWBERRIES.

Wilson's Albany, Agriculturalist, Horvey Seedling, Miatt Welcome, Charles Downing.

RESBERRIES.

Philadelphia Seedling, Red Antwerp.

This list will be continued in our columns for awhile, and will be revised from time to time. Let our fruit-growers send in suggestions.

The schooner Arno St. Andrew, of Boston, was recently wrecked on Wood's Island, Massachusetts, and two of the crew perished.

In the town of Lee, Massachusetts, there are 24 paper mills, owned by twelve companies.

### THE COMMITTEE FEVER.

This disease has found its way from Washington across the Potomac, and attacked our Virginia Legislature heavily. The National Congress has seldom displayed more anxiety for "authority to send for persons and papers" than has been shown during the past few weeks by some of the leaders of that Virginia party which denounces the practices of Congress.

Here, for six weeks, the business of the General Assembly has been retarded, the convenience and comfort of private citizens disregarded, and the newspapers glutted with dull, dry matter, by special committees.

One was organized to ferret out the "bribery and corruption" of the Pennsylvania Central campaign and has succeeded in establishing—nothing. This may not prove that improper means have not been employed, but it surely establishes the fact that the committee system of inquisition is entirely without effect.

Another and similar attempt to accomplish impossibilities, is developed in the cumbersome, uninteresting and unimportant proceedings which have followed the recommittment of Senate Bill No. 3 to the House committee on roads. The morning papers are filled with accounts of the long-winded testimony of persons in the interest of either side to the contest now pending, and what does it all amount to? The committee doesn't listen, and the public doesn't read.

A GOOD WITNESS.

Before the committee of roads, yesterday afternoon, General Mahone was asked a five line question by Mr. Wood of Halifax. The reply of the "Great Railroad President" occupies two columns and a quarter of the small type of the *Dispatch*.

THE COLLAR-ER.

"The great Virginian" testifies that Colonel Bridgers, of North Carolina, stated to him "that in approaching members of the Legislature of Virginia upon this question, he was uniformly met with the inquiry, 'How will this affect the interests committed to General Mahone?'"

Now this might have been simply a sagacious blandness of manner and pleasantry of speech on the part of Mr. Bridgers, but that General Mahone did not so consider it is evident from his testimony, for he says: "The reply I made to Mr. B. was that *I* could not *consent* that he or his road, or any authority resident outside of this State, should control the Richmond and Petersburg road." Upon what meat hath this our Cæsar fed that he has grown so great, and upon what milk and water can he have made our Assembly to subsist that it has grown so small?

But the fact is, the spell has been broken, if it ever existed. Girth has been relieved of his collar, even though Fangs still endures thraldom.

SOMETHING IN RESERVE.

The opponents of Richmond interests depend mightily upon the faith that General Mahone has something immense in reserve, some bombshell that will blow up the whole Ellyson and Anderson encampment, and leave not a vestige of resistance to his magnificent schemes.

We cannot imagine what the new stroke is to be, unless he either runs in the pocket himself, or——persuades Mr. Wood's celebrated Tom-cat to have kittens.

WAYS THAT ARE DARK.

The people of Norfolk will please to observe that the first alliance which General Mahone made was as against the "Robinson dynasty," to which he declared himself unalterably opposed. Now, it is said that he is the great champion and defender of Norfolk's right to a monopoly of Southern trade, by the Seaboard and Roanoke road. The president of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio company has it seems been on both sides of the present sapling, and yet from himself comes all the righteous indignation with which certain legislators affect to regard the schemes of the North and South lines. And all this convinces us that the sooner we begin to treat these railway matters as business questions, and drop all sentimentality about the patriotism and generosity of corporations, the better for Virginia. *And if we can make the interest of rich companies identical with our own, why not?* We have only heard one answer yet—that "General Mahone did not desire it!"

### MORE LIGHT.

It was stated by General Mahone in his evidence yesterday before the House committee on roads, that Mr. John Lyon had, on behalf of Mr. Bridgers, offered to purchase the city of Petersburg's interest in the Petersburg and Weldon road. The true bearing of the case is embodied in Mr. Lyon's testimony before the committee today, who stated that he made no offer until he had been consulted by the chairman of the finance committee of the Common Council of the city of Petersburg, as to the propriety of selling that city's interest in the said Weldon road to Mr. Robinson, who had offered $45 per share. He then offered to purchase the same at $50. His whole effort was to keep the road out of the hands of the Robinson dynasty.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has nominated to the President Hon. D. J. Morrell and Hon. Asa Packer, of Pennsylvania, as commissioners of the centennial celebration under the resolution of Congress, and has also appointed W. J. Harstman and W. McMichael, of Philadelphia, commissioners under the joint resolution of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

The construction of the California Pacific Branch railroad, from Vallejo, through Sonora county, by way of Santa Rosa, to Healdsburg, will be commenced immediately.

Chicago has some redeeming features, after all. One of them is an organised society to welcome and care for strangers who go into the city friendless and unprotected.

A Maine father has sued a son-in-law for lunches, horse feed, and things furnished while he was sparking his girl. He has brought in a counter claim, charging his father-in-law with meals furnished since the wedding, while the old man was visiting.

## LOCAL NEWS.

*Religious Services To-Morrow.*—We note the following special appointments:

Broad-Street Methodist.—Bishop Doggett will preach at 11 A. M., and Rev. J. E. Edwards, D. D., at 7¾ P. M.

First Baptist.—The annual sermon before the Female Missionary Society of this church will be preached by Rev. N. W. Wilson, at 7¾ P. M.

St. Mark's Lutheran.—Rev. W. E. Hulbert at 11 A. M.

Colver Institute (old United States Hotel, corner Nineteenth and Main streets).—Rev. John Blenner will preach in the lecture-room at 11 A. M.

Baptist Sunday-School Association.—Regular monthly meeting at 3½ P. M. at the Second Baptist Church. This will be a mass meeting for the especial benefit of the children.

Methodist Sunday-School Society.—Regular monthly meeting at Trinity Church at 3½ P. M.

Leigh-Street Baptist.—Rev. Mr. Garlick will preach in the morning as usual, and at night will deliver a discourse on the "Life and Character of Elisha."

*Police Court.*—The following cases were disposed of by Police Justice White this morning:

Sam Bright, colored, charged with unlawfully assaulting, abusing and threatening Martha Mallory, was required to give security in the sum of one hundred dollars for future good behavior.

John Needham, for stealing one horse valued at one hundred and fifty dollars, the property of John W. Haskins, was discharged, the evidence not sustaining the charge.

William Combs, colored, charged with being a suspicious character. Combs was gobbled up by General Pat Woods, last night, who, at the time, was on one of his grand raids. Pat, however, failed to sustain the charge, and Combs was dismissed.

Mayo & Gibson were fined ten dollars for running a wagon on the public streets on which the proper license had not been paid as required by the city ordinance.

Benjamin Wolf, charged with peddling goods on the public streets without having paid the proper city license, as required by the ordinance, was fined ten dollars and discharged.

Susan Dyson, colored, for keeping three hogs on her lot, on First street, between Cary and Canal, and allowing her premises to be and remain in a filthy condition, was required to pay a fine of $2.

Edwin Gentry, for running his cart on the streets without having the proper numbers thereon as required by the city ordinance, was fined $10.

Charles Blake, for stealing one coat of the value of $8, the property of J. O. Reams, was sent to jail until the 13th, to which time the case was continued.

*Chancery Court To-day—Judge E. H. Fitzhugh Presiding.*—McCurdy vs. Smith &c.—final decree entered.

Goddin & Apperson vs. Anderson et als—decree entered.

Robinson's ex'er vs. Robinson et al—decree entered.

Carrington by etc. vs. Cullen, trustee—decree.

Ross vs. Collier et als—decree

Bowen vs. Hunt—Decree.

Brown, &c. vs. Brown's ex'rs, &c.—decree.

Smith, trustee, vs. Chesapeake and Ohio railroad—opinion dismissing suit.

*Supreme Court of Appeals.*—The argument in Brown vs. Burton was continued for the appellant to-day, by Judge Hunter Marshall.

Palmer vs. Taylor—appeal allowed from the Circuit court of Loudoun county.

White vs. Bennett—petition for appeal from decision of the Circuit court of Pittsylvania county denied.

*Hustings Court.*—In this court, to-day, a *nolle prosequi* was entered in the case against Mrs. Barbara Ruprecht, for having in her possession, as alleged, a silver ladle, the property of General Henry A. Wise. Out of this ladle, it will be remembered, grew a suit for divorce from a daughter of Mrs. Ruprecht, against her husband, now pending and undetermined in the Chancery Court of this city.

*Improvement.*—Although Richmond, in a commercial point of view, seems to be dull, improvements in the way of building appear to be unusually brisk. In our usual rounds this morning, we noticed many substantial buildings in course of construction on sites which have, since the conflagration of 1865, been covered with debris. It is a pity but that the owners of such real estate had looked into this matter earlier. They have simply subjected themselves heretofore to taxation and a gradual decline in value of property bringing in no returns. Improved, this will cease to be the case.

We repeat that the signs in this respect are of the most encouraging sort, and argue well for the future of the city. Among the lots proposed to be built on at an early day is the one on the east corner of Fourteenth and Main streets, which was being cleared up to-day for that purpose. It always constituted an important business corner. The house thereon formerly was burned down in the conflagration of April 3d, 1865. Though antique in appearance, it had a history of its own, and during its day had been occupied by many a first-class business man. Considerably over a half century ago it was erected by Moses Austin, and was occupied by him till, for some cause, he suddenly migrated to Texas, then a part of Mexico, and struggling for separate independence, where he became a man of note, founded the city which now bears his name, and became president of a Republic which he helped to create.

*Information Asked For.*—A gentleman who was one of the sufferers by the disaster at the State Capitol, on the 27th of April, 1870, sends a request to this office that "those persons who had the distribution of the money contributed for the relief of the persons injured by said accident, would publish an account of the manner in which they distributed the same, to whom and the amount given each." He thinks if this were done, and the manner was satisfactory, "it would dissipate certain suspicions as to the proper distribution of said money, as it is known that the sufferers who had influential friends, found no difficulty in getting relief, while the contrary was the case with the poor ones," etc. This request is made by a party who was permanently injured.

*Adjournment of the Legislature.*—The members of the General Assembly have heretofore agreed, we believe, by joint resolution, to adjourn on the 17th of March, which happens to be St. Patrick's day. It is stated that the Republican members have determined to vote against rescinding this resolution. Nevertheless, all members of either House that we have heard converse on the subject, of whatever shade of political opinion, declare that the session *will* be extended. They ought to know. Though not in favor of any game of chance, we would not "copper" the remark without expecting to deplete our pecuniary resources. Any yet, *cui bono?*

*Did not Succeed.*—A horse, attached to a buggy owned by General Joseph R. Anderson, became frightened while standing in front of Moses Millhiser's store this morning, by the falling of a show-stand of hardware and agricultural implements standing in front of the store of Nolting & Bro. He ran past another vehicle standing by, entangled the wheel of Anderson's buggy in it and upset that to which he was attached, and was preparing for a grand flight when seized by the bridle by a gentleman who happened to be passing. The timely intervention certainly prevented a broken buggy and used up horse, and mayhap other damage more serious.

*Peace in Europe.*—On Monday evening next, there will be a fine torch-light procession, illumination and fire-works, to be given under the auspices of the German societies and lodges of our city, to celebrate peace in Europe. As every nationality is invited to take part in the celebration, we hope to see a turn out *en masse* of our population on Monday next. We will give a full programme for the occasion.

*The farmers* are preparing their plant-beds for sowing tobacco seed, and ploughing and preparing ground for corn, oats, and early vegetables.

*Journalistic.—Harper's Weekly* for next week contains in the supplement the first of a series of illustrated articles by Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall, entitled "Memories of Distinguished Authors," which will include recollections, anecdotes and correspondence, with portraits, fac-similes of handwriting, sketches of celebrated places, &c. The writers treat only of eminent authors whom they knew; but then, during the last forty years, they were on intimate terms with most people worth knowing. Thomas Moore is the subject of the first article, which is full of interest.

In two consecutive numbers of *Every Saturday*, four chapters of Charles Reade's new serial novel, entitled "A Terrible Temptation," have been published—sufficient to show the character of the story, of which Rhoda Somerset, a fair Philistine, is the heroine. It is written, after the fashion of its author, with great spirit and boldness, and will probably be visited with animadversions from those whom Mr. Reade calls "prurient prudes." So far, however, they have no cause to say a word.

In *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, which has a pictorial supplement, like its rivals, are given a variety of engravings from original designs by its own artist, who accompanied the San Domingo Commissioners. These designs, it is said, convey a correct idea of San Domingo and its people, and the portraits will also be viewed with interest.

All of the above, and the various other illustrated weeklies, can be had of Johnston & Selden.

*The Skating Rink* will be open to-night at 8 o'clock. *

*Hollywood Cemetery.*—This beautiful spot so dear to the affections of all, is beginning to put on its living of green. Turfing is being done and the chief florists of our city, Messrs. Leckenby & Laird and Morton, are driving a good business in the sale of flowers to decorate the graves. With the aid of a few thousand dollars this could be made the loveliest "God's acre in the State.

*Theatre Alley.*—Last night, about 12 o'clock, this dark and usually very lonely spot was made the scene of a most terrible combat between a *gentleman* and his wife. The cause is said to have been the too free use of bad whiskey. The policeman on that beat was at the time busily engaged talking to a friend round the corner.

*Major Daniel*, of Lynchburg, has introduced a resolution in the House, in view of the unnecessary heavy consumption of gas and its great cost to the State, that speeches be restricted to fifteen minutes duration. Major D. has made a move in the right direction. Pity it had not have been thought of before.

*Certain* members of the City Council, members of the press, etc., visited Dutch Gap in the steamer Lillie Summers on a pleasure trip to-day. It is proposed to "ream" out the hole made there by Gen. Butler during the war, and make the Gap available for navigation.

*"Good News."*—The March number of this excellent family journal has been received. It is published monthly by the Young Men's Christian Association at $1 per annum, and merits a very wide circulation. Specimen copies may be obtained by addressing *Good News*, lock box 224, Richmond, Va.

*Revenue Returns.*—J. Richard Lewellen, city sergeant of Norfolk, returned to-day to the Auditor upwards of $34,000 revenue, collected in that city, and Commodore Lovett, of the Virginia navy, handed in $6,788—the amount levied by him on oystermen during the month of February.

*Sale of a Handsome Residence.*—The large and elegant residence at the corner of Cary and Fifth streets, formerly occupied by Mr. Wm. Barrett, deceased, was sold at auction yesterday afternoon by Mr. W. Goddin for $15,025. Col. David N. Walker was the purchaser.

*Skating Rink* opens every Monday and Wednesday nights for gentleman and youths exclusively. *

*The trial* of Ex-Mayor Chahoon, for a certain alleged offence, is expected to be commenced before the Hustings Court on Monday next, a jury having been summoned for that purpose.

*Skating* to-night at the Rink.

*Accident.*—Near Coalfield Station, this morning, one of the sleeping cars on the downward train on the Richmond and Danville railroad, ran off the track, smashing one of the rear cars. One man had his face gashed a little, but there was nothing more serious.

*Benefit of the K. P.*—Mrs. Magill has kindly tendered the theatre to the Berger Family for the benefit of the Knights of Pythias, on Tuesday night next. There will no doubt be a crowded house to witness the farewell performance of this talented company.

*Temperance.*—Mrs. Pauline C. Davis, of Rhode Island, delivered a most interesting lecture on temperance last night in the United States court-room. She was greeted with a large and appreciative audience.

*Proposals* are being invited for the building of three brick school-houses on city account, each capable of accommodating six hundred scholars.

*Improvement Needed.*—Let the City Council go to work on Gamble's Hill. A small appropriation only is required. Let the work be at once commenced.

*By city ordinance* hose-reels and wheelbarrows are not permitted to run on the sidewalk. People are complaining that the thing is done with impunity.

*The Steamer John Sylvester*, withdrawn for repairs since Thursday last, will resume her trips Monday between Richmond and Norfolk.

*The* next troupe at the theatre will be Lydia Thompson's company of blonde burlesquers, said to be heavy in their line. Come on, Lydia.

*To-morrow* will be the third Sunday in Lent. The religious observances, both in the Episcopalian and Catholic churches, will be of an interesting character.

*The Governor* appointed two notaries to-day, viz: A. J. Hubble for Smythe county, and W. P. Houston for Rockbridge county.

### MARRIED.

PARKER—RICHARDSON—By the Rev. Dr. Hoge, (Second Presbyterian Church), on Thursday, March 9th, TRUMAN A. PARKER and SALLY S. RICHARDSON; all of this city. No cards. *

VILES—BRADLEY—At noon, on the 9th of March, at the residence of Mr. A. Bodeker, by the Rev. H. Wall, D. D., Mr. JNO. VILES to Mrs. SARAH A. BRADLEY. No cards.

### DIED.

LYON—This morning, at 4 o'clock, at the residence of her grand-parents, on Nineteenth street, AMORET, youngest daughter of the late Thos T and M. Ella Lyon, aged 4 years.

WALKER—In this city, on the 4th inst., WM. E. WALKER, of congestive fever.

MINNIS—In this city, Mrs. NANNIE R. MINNIS, after a protracted illness.

MACDOUGALL—In this city, yesterday morning, of typhoid pneumonia, WILLIAM MACDOUGALL, a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, in the 75th year of his age.

**Funeral Notice.**—Funeral of the late HENRY DAVIS, of Petersburg, will take place SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 3½ o'clock, from the residence of Mrs. George Davis, No. 707 Franklin street. The friends of the respective families are requested to attend without further notice.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

### Washington News.

*Washington*, March 11.—There is a fair prospect that an amnesty bill will be passed on Monday next, with one or two classes excepted. The leading Republican members of the House have expressed a willingness to vote for a bill with limited exceptions.

The joint high commission has made very little progress thus far, and the pretended revelations about its proceedings may be taken with many grains of allowance. Beyond the preliminary work of organization and methodical arrangement, nothing substantial has been accomplished.

General Schenck entertained the British high commission at dinner yesterday evening. They were afterwards received by Secretary and Mrs. Fish. Gen. Grant was present at the reception.

### Collision in New York Harbor.

A RICHMOND STEAMER SINKS A SCHOONER.

*New York*, March 11.—The brig Montrose, Captain Peterson, from Ponce for New York, with 385 hogsheads of sugar, was run into by the steamer Albemarle, hence for Richmond, at 6:30 P. M., on the 9th, off the Highlands, and sunk in fifteen minutes. The captain and crew were saved, but lost their effects, and were put on a light-ship, whence they were taken to Staten Island by the pilot-boat Ariel Patterson, No. 12. The Montrose was in charge of a pilot at the time of the collision. The captain of the Montrose says the brig was sailing in the right course, but the Albemarle changed her course, hence the collision.

### Fifty Buildings Burned.

*Pittsburg*, March 11.—At an early hour yesterday morning a fire originated in the Buffalo House, at Petroleum Centre, Penn., which place is composed almost entirely of wooden buildings. The fire spread across the street and on both sides as far as Aiken's Hall, and north to the bank of the creek, leaving the American House standing. Fifty-eight buildings, dwellings and stores, besides barns, &c., were destroyed, the fire sweeping five acres clear.

### Volcano in Washington Territory.

*San Francisco*, March 11.—Mount Rainer, in Washington Territory, appears to be firing up for volcanic eruptions. The heat of the summit is so great as to melt the snow. Heretofore, during the hottest summer weather, the melting of the snow was but partial. There is a constant emission of steam, and some persons living in the vicinity report smoke from the mountain.

### Disastrous Fire in Richmond, Ky.

*Cincinnati*, March 11.—A fire broke out in Pickle's saloon, Union street, Richmond, Ky., on Thursday morning, which consumed nearly a whole square, the Webster House, Central Hotel, a number of stores and residences. It is feared one man lost his life at the Central Hotel. Estimated loss $150,000.

### Correspondence.

FORD'S HOTEL, Richmond, March 4th, 1871.

W. H. WADE, Esq., Grand Chancellor of the Order o Knights of Pythias of the State of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia:

SIR—I am requested by the Berger Family of Swiss Bell Ringers to state, that the company is desirous of tendering a benefit to the Order of Knights of Pythias, to aid in defraying the expense of fitting up the Pythian Hall in the city of Richmond, and would be pleased to know whether the same would be agreeable to you and the popular Order of which you are the superior officer in the State.

If satisfactory, you will please designate the time and place. Very respectfully,

E. P. KENDALL, Manager.

PYTHIAN HALL, Richmond, March 4th, 1871.

E. P. KENDALL, Esq., Manager Swiss Bell Ringers:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, on behalf of the Swiss Bell Ringers, in which they generously tender to the Order of Knights of Pythias a benefit for the purpose of aiding in defraying the expense of fitting up Pythian Hall.

Permit me on behalf the Order to thank you for your kind offer, and, if agreeable, I will name Tuesday evening, March 14th, as the time, and the Richmond Theatre as the place, for the proposed benefit.

Respectfully, W. H. WADE.

RICHMOND THEATRE, Richmond, March 4, 1870.

W. H. WADE, Esq., President Board of Trustees of New Pythian Hall:

SIR,—Your communication of this date, informing me that the manager of the Berger Bell Ringers had kindly tendered the Order of Knights of Pythias a benefit on Tuesday, the 14th instant, has just been received.

I take great pleasure in granting the use of the theatre on the night agreed upon, and will do all in my power to further the object in view.

Yours, respectfully,

E. MAGILL.

WANTED—A PARTNER in the Wholesale Liquor Business, with from one to two thousand dollars. Business already established. Profits large; Address, stating when an interview may be had,
mh 11—5t* "MORGAN," Richmond P. O.

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond, on the 6th day of March, 1871.

Richard H. Dibrell.....Plaintiff,
against
W. F. Ettun.....Defendant.

IN CASE.

The object of this suit is to recover cert