

TERMS: DAILY—\$5 per year; six months, \$3; three months, \$1.50; one month, 50 cents.

BOOTHS AND SHOWS. REMOVAL.—John C. Pace, Jr., has removed into the new building...

TAKEN UP.—In my out-feld, six cows and one calf; in my out-feld, six cows and one calf...

DEPARTURE OF STEAMSHIPS. FOR NEW YORK. THE OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION. FILE FOR THE Benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Southern States.

CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE can be purchased from Charles W. GAWEN, at the Branch Office, No. 27 North Main street.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE CHAMP. ON LONG TIME. One of the BEST FARMS in Fairfax County.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The Evening State Journal.

RICHMOND, VA., SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21, 1872. VOL. V—NO. 48.

Evening State Journal.

ALEXANDRIA. Its Commercial Advantages.

To those who have travelled and observed considerably, in the Middle and Southern States, it is a matter of surprise that the city of Alexandria, in Virginia, does not present larger commercial business...

Alexandria is considerably nearer the ocean than Baltimore, with superior shipping facilities, and with a harbor and wharves from the sea, she is surrounded by and is the shipping point for a wider range of fertile and general farming lands...

But this Potomac city already begins to show more life and advancement than formerly she seems to be feeling the inspiration of the day; she possesses a community of worthy, honorable people; now let her buckle on her most effective armor and go ahead, helping the farming community of the State to flourish, and increase the amount and variety of their products...

—Governor Baker, of Indiana, will not give a certificate to either Neff or Shanks, but will leave it to Congress to say who shall represent the Ninth Congress district.

—The House committee on post offices and post roads overruled the ruling of the Postmaster-General relative to double postage upon unprepared matter, and decided that such a construction of the law was strained.

—The Postmaster-General has decided that all postmasters are liable to the government for the value of all registered letters lost in their offices.

—The St. Louis Globe is responsible for the following: "Learning that some ladies about forming a 'Come Home Home Club,' we suggest that they should have a four-foot long and have a brush at one end. If that is not effective, the only resort left will be to meet and resolve."

—A party of two young men and three young ladies arrived in this city from Virginia yesterday, and about 2 o'clock P. M. proceeded to the City Hall, where a marriage license was filled out with the names of Richard King and Julia Ann Crosson, both of Prince William county, Virginia.

—A lawyer who was sometimes pleasured, having been engaged to plead the cause of an offender, began by saying "I know the prisoner at the bar, and he bears the character of being a most consummate and impudent scoundrel." Here somebody whispered to him that the prisoner was his client, when he immediately continued, "but what great and good man ever lived who was not calumniated by his contemporaries?"

—The official vote for President in Oregon is as follows: Grant, 11,818; Greeley, 7,748; O'Connor, 687; Grant over Greeley, 4,078. There was one vote cast for George Francis Tramm, one for J. Q. Adams and five for L. F. Lane.

—"I'm a self-made man," said a native of Stonington the other day to a New York gentleman, with whom he had been driving a sharp bargain. "Glad to hear you say so," responded the New Yorker, who had been worsted in the trade, "for it relieves the Lord of a great responsibility."

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SEVENTEENTH DAY. SATURDAY, December 21.

SENATE.—The Senate was called to order at 11:10 o'clock, S. Senator Quisenberry in the chair. No prayer.

A communication was received from the House of Delegates, informing the Senate of the passage by that body of the Senate bill in relation to docketing judgments and other liens of a like nature, with amendments also agreeing to Senate amendments to House bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Martinsville, in the county of Henry;" and have passed a joint-resolution fixing a day for the election of a county judge of Northampton.

Mr. Taylor, of Loudoun, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to: Resolved, That the Committee on Courts of Justice be discharged from the consideration of a resolution adopted by the Senate in reference to the bond given by the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad to the Board of Public Works, and that the same be referred to the Attorney-General with the request that he give his views on the subject matter therein contained at his earliest convenience.

On motion of Mr. Connally, the Senate adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 2d of January.

HOUSE.—The House met at 11 A. M., and was called to order by Mr. Watts, of Portsmouth. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Joseph Z. Tyler, of the Seventh-street Christian church.

Mr. Watts submitted to the House a note which he had received from Speaker Hanger, asking him to preside over the House for the day, during his necessary absence.

One day's leave of absence was granted Mr. Miller.

Mr. Van Auken under suspension of the rules, asked the present judgment of the House upon a resolution instructing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to obtain from the clerks of the various counties, the State the number of the votes cast in each county at the late November election that were rejected for informality, or other reasons, by the canvassers or other election officers, and were counted in the official returns.

Mr. Van Auken briefly explained and advocated the resolution.

Mr. Head moved to lay it on the table.

Mr. Matthew called the yeas and noes on this motion.

On the motion, the yeas were 31, noes 35, no quorum voting.

Mr. Matthew moved to adjourn. Rejected.

Mr. Booker demanded a call of the House, which was sustained.

Mr. Head moved to adjourn. Carried—yeas 33, noes 30.

THE LATEST NEWS. —Governor Baker, of Indiana, will not give a certificate to either Neff or Shanks, but will leave it to Congress to say who shall represent the Ninth Congress district.

—The House committee on post offices and post roads overruled the ruling of the Postmaster-General relative to double postage upon unprepared matter, and decided that such a construction of the law was strained.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The "State Journal" will be delivered the same evening of publication in any part of the city or Manchester by reliable carriers, if name and address is left at our office, 912-3 Main Street.

Business Directory. Persons desiring to have their cards inserted in our Directory for 1873 will please leave them at our office at once.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO-MORROW.—The following are the special appointments for religious services in our churches for to-morrow:

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Services in the United States Court-room, at 11 A. M., by Rev. A. R. Miller.

Sidney Methodist.—Rev. Lewis B. Betty at 11 A. M.; Rev. George E. Vanderslice at 7 1/2 P. M.

Centenary Methodist.—Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Subject at night: "The Mission and Ministry of Infants in the Family and in the World."

Manchester Methodist Rev. Leroy M. Lee, at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M.

Third Presbyterian.—Rev. W. M. Staples at 11 A. M.; Rev. Moses D. Hoge at 7 1/2 P. M.

South-street Christian.—Preaching at 11 A. M., and 7 1/2 P. M., by Rev. Joseph Z. Tyler.

The Public Schools of the State. We referred yesterday afternoon to the valuable and exhaustive report of W. H. Ruffner, state superintendent of public instruction. We present below, in a condensed form, some of the more interesting facts contained in the report:

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. There are 3,095 public schools in the State, including 107 graded schools, of which 2,788 are for white and 307 for colored children. There are 1,941 white pupils and 46,736 colored enrolled—total 166,377. The average daily attendance for the year, however, was, white, 69,116; colored, 26,372—total, 95,488. The total school population of the State, between the ages of five and twenty-one years, is put at 411,021, of which 247,002 are white and 164,019 are colored. There are 3,453 teachers, of which 3,493 are white (2,940 males, and 1,147 females), and 300 colored (224 males and 136 females). The number of school-houses is given at 3,559, of which 2,036 are log, 1,367 are frame, 142 are brick, and 24 are stone. Only 504 of the whole number used belong to the districts.

The average monthly salary paid male teachers is \$30.28; female teachers, \$28.25. The cost of tuition per month per pupil enrolled is put at 70 cents; the cost per pupil per month in average attendance at \$1.22. The average number of months the schools were open was 5.72. The total value of public school property is estimated at \$387,672. The total cost of the schools for the year was \$993,318, including present school debts, and some accounts paid for the previous year. The money was derived from taxes levied by the State, counties and districts, from the interest on the literary fund, from the Peabody fund (\$23,000) and other sources.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR 1871 AND 1872. A tabular statement given by the Superintendent shows the following increases in 1872 over 1871: In number of public schools, 648; in number of pupils enrolled, 35,289; in number of pupils in both private and public schools, 29,838; in value of school property, \$176,508; in number of school-houses, 414; in average number of months schools were open, 1.06.

The decrease in the number of pupils attending private schools for 1872, as compared with 1871, is put at 4,641.

The proceeds of the State school tax during the year 1870-71 was \$362,000; proceeds during 1871-72, \$315,428; diminution, \$46,572.

THE RICHMOND SCHOOLS. The cities of Richmond and Lynchburg have made the greatest advance toward complete organization, systematic visitation of schools, and reconstruction of teachers, and commodious school accommodations. The authorities of those cities embraced the cardinal doctrine that a superintendent of schools sufficiently paid to enable him to give his whole time to his official duties was the only guarantee of complete success. I have appended to the second part of this report the schemes of organization and instruction now in operation in those cities, and I propose to commend them highly. Experience will, of course, suggest improvements, but considering how short a time has elapsed since the establishment of the system in those cities, the maturity and efficiency of their plans of instruction and management are really surprising. This is especially true of Richmond, where the school officers have been greatly strengthened by the liberality of the City Council, and the important aid of the enlightened Mayor. Already families are moving into the city in order to obtain for their children the fine educational advantages here presented. This happy state of things will continue, if a spirit of justice and liberality be manifested toward all faiths, races and parties.

A HANDSOME PRESENT.—George Crutchfield, the cashier of the STATE JOURNAL office, was this morning presented with an elegant silk stove-pipe hat, by a few of the gentlemen connected with the office. He was "taken all aback" when the handsome tie was handed to him, and was so overcome (when he placed it on his head) that he could say pretty much nothing, but he smiled audibly and winked furiously. He soon recovered his equanimity, and now looks as proud as a jay-bird in a cherry tree. The present is a graceful compliment to a fellow-laborer, and is highly appreciated by him.

BIORAMA EXHIBITION.—Owing to the exceedingly inclement weather George B. Harding's Biorama was exhibited at Union Station church as advertised. The exhibition will certainly take place to-night, however, affording the people of Church and Union Hills a splendid opportunity of witnessing many of the most magnificent views and objects met with in the old and new world. Mr. Harding informs us that he will exhibit the Biorama at Virginia Hall Tuesday and Friday nights of next week. On the first of these evenings he will distribute a variety of Christmas gifts among the audience.

LOCAL NOTES.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting Monday evening next.

It is stated that Major Poe, chief of police, has determined to restore the old system of detail among the force.

The Supreme Lodge of the World Knights of Pythias, will meet in this city on the third Tuesday of April next.

The prolonged absence of a certain prominent citizen of Richmond occasions some uneasiness among his relatives and friends.

Mr. Isaac B. Bass, head mailing-clerk in the Richmond postoffice, has been appointed route agent in the western division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has just added a new wire to their line between this city and Washington. The connection with the office here was made yesterday evening. The additional wire will be extended all the way to New Orleans.

CHANGE IN CLOSING OF MAILS.—The Southern and Danville mails until further notice will close at 1:30 P. M., instead of 12:45. Collection from star boxes are changed to conform, and will be made at 12:45 P. M.

HUSTINGS COURT.—The motion to set aside the verdict of the jury in the case of Margaret Hart, was overruled, and the prisoner sentenced to sixty days in the city jail.

SPECIAL COURT OF APPEALS.—White vs. Gerst et al., upon a writ of supercedas to a judgment rendered by the Circuit court of Halifax. Affirmed.

Worsham vs. Jones. Judgment of Hustings court affirmed.

Russell vs. Clarke, upon a writ. Judgment of the court below reversed.

Hairson vs. Hairson et al., upon an appeal from a decree pronounced by the Circuit court of Henry. Affirmed.

MORE ENCOURAGEMENT.—A club of ten subscribers to the WEEKLY STATE JOURNAL from Occoquan, Prince William county; a club of six from New-hampden, Highland county; a club of fourteen from Rappahannock county; a club of six from Kerr's Creek, Rock bridge county, and numerous orders for single papers, have blessed our exchequer to-day and made us happy over the prospect of holiday dinners.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.—Jones and wife vs. Hughes. Appeal allowed from decree of the Circuit court of Mecklenburg.

Smith's administrator vs. Royal's administrator. Appeal refused to a decree pronounced by the Circuit court of Pittsylvania county.

The court adjourned till the seventh day of January next.

ENTERED.—The ship David Stewart, entered this port to-day from Baltimore to finish out her cargo with flour for Rio Grand do Sul. The Stewart is a large vessel, her capacity being seven hundred tons. She is partially laden with coal.

THE WEATHER.—The weather has been bright and pleasant to-day, and the streets have been thronged with people, principally ladies, who are busy shopping for the holidays.

EDWARDS' Book Store, corner Third and Broad streets.

For Music Boxes, Music Albums and Musical Instruments of all kinds, go to C. F. JOHNSTON'S, 912 Main street.

Holiday Hats, Holiday Hats every shape and all prices, at SIMMONS' CO'S, next Dispatch office.

SIMMONS & O. have just returned from New York with a fresh stock.

Holiday Silk Hats from \$5 up, at the Hatters, SIMMONS & CO., 1116 Main street.

"ANOTHER DISCOVERY"—Samuel Claus in roaming around, discovered COLUMBUS at 321 Broad street, and has made it his headquarters.

The Largest Assortment of Holiday Goods to be found in the city at EDWARDS' Third and Broad streets.

Confectionery and Toy Dept 321 Broad street.

CHRISTMAS.—Raisins, Mince Meat, Nut, smoked Tongues, Hams and Beef, for sale by H. TATUM, Dealer in Fine Groceries and Liquors, 314 Broad street.

The Largest Stock and Greatest Variety of Toys in the city at W. C. SMITH'S, Broad street.

Go to EDWARDS' for Toy-Books and Games.

You will make Christmas and the years to come merry for your Wife, Daughter or Lady Friend, by presenting her with a LIGHT-BURNING "DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINE. Being the latest, it combines the good qualities of all others. Increase of sales over 600 per cent. during the past year.

A trial solicited. Office 321 Main street, Richmond, Va.

Candles, Cakes, Fruits and Toys at COLUMBUS' 321 Broad street.

Jamaica Rum, French Brandy, Whiskey, Wine and Sweets, choice Green Tea, new crop. For sale by W. H. TATUM, Dealer in Fine Groceries and Liquors, 314 Broad street.

TOYS! TOYS!—Doll Babies, Horns, Carriages, Buggies and Wagons, at SMITH'S EMPORIUM, Broad street.

For Stereoscopes, Views, Boxes of Plates, Shell Boxes, go to C. F. JOHNSTON'S, 912 Main street.

WINE AND LIQUORS.—John K. Melloy, Wholesale and Retail Dealer, corner Main and Twenty-third streets, to-day and made us happy over the prospect of holiday dinners.

I beg to offer to the public in any quantity to suit, some very fine Old Rye Whiskey, made in November, 1868, out of Canada rye; also Pinot Castilian, and James Hennessy's Brandy; Port and Sherry, different brands; Old Apple, and a fine assortment of Fish, Jamacian Rum, &c., Irish and Scotch Whiskies. "Poten! potent! Irish potent! That would split the grain."

RATES OF ADVERTISING. ONE DOLLAR per square of eight lines, solid newspaper.

BY TELEGRAPH.

SPECIAL RATES made at counter, or by contract, with regular returns.

Death of a Prominent Georgian. AUGUSTA, GA., December 21.—General Ambrose Ransom Wright, one of the editors of the Chronicle and Sentinel, and member elect to Congress from the Eighth district, died this morning from nervous fever, after three weeks' illness. A native Georgian of rare abilities, his death causes the most profound grief and will be mourned throughout Georgia as a public calamity. He was one of the ablest men of the South, distinguished alike by his military record, legal attainments and political abilities. He was 47 years of age.

FROM ABROAD. England. LONDON, December 21.—It is feared that the steamship Shannon, from Montreal for Hull, has foundered at sea. The steamer Osprey, from Quebec, has arrived and reports heavy weather. Her carpenter was washed overboard.

The river Caver is overflowed, and the vicinity of Cambridge is a swamp. The banks of the river are flooded. It is estimated the fall of water was 8,000 tons. The breakwater at Wicks, Scotland, is seriously damaged by the recent storms.

France. PARIS, December 21.—The flood of Seine is subsiding.

Seizure of the New Orleans Times. NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—The proceedings before Judge Durell, to force the proprietors of the Times into bankruptcy, resulted in the seizure of the establishment. There was no Times published this morning.

Large Fire in Tennessee. MEMPHIS, December 20.—The brick building, with \$15,000 worth of wheat, at Clarksville, was burned last night, also Hodgson's marble shop and other buildings. A loss of powder exploded, wounding several persons. The total loss is about \$200,000.

Sudden Death of a Publisher. NEW YORK, December 21.—Putnam, the publisher, was in unusual health and spirits in his store this morning, when he fell, striking his head against a projecting shelf, causing death from apoplexy.

Alabama Affairs. MONTGOMERY, December 20.—The House permanently organized to-day by the election of Republican officers. The disposition to retract former action is no longer visible. Everything seems to be harmonious. The Senate did nothing.

Ascended. CHICAGO, December 21.—It is reported that Bigby, the clerk of Candler, general agent of the Star Union Freight Line, has absconded with considerable funds.

The Boston Mayoralty. BOSTON, December 20.—A recount of the vote shows that Pierce is re-elected mayor by 79 plurality.

Four cases of small-pox, one fatal, are reported in Charlottesville, all confined to one house.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of Joseph A. Gawen, bankrupt.

At Fredericksburg, on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1872.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Please to take notice hereby, that a petition has been filed in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, in said district, by Joseph A. Gawen, of Westmoreland co., in said district, who has been heretofore declared bankrupt under the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States."

At the hearing of the same, when and where you may attend and show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

J. L. WATERMAN, Register in Bankruptcy for the 1st Cong'l Dist. of Va.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of George Walker, bankrupt.

At Fredericksburg, on the 13th day of Dec. A. D. 1872.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Please to take notice hereby, that a petition has been filed in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, in said district, by George Walker, of Gloucester county, in said district, who has been heretofore declared bankrupt under the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States."