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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly returns to its duties to-day, after an adjournment over the Holidays, which the members have appropriately enough spent with their families. That the labors of the session will be now actively entered upon, and the business brought forward and disposed of with becoming dispatch, is but a reasonable expectation on the part of the public. It is also, we are convinced, a purpose fully entertained by a majority of both branches of that deliberative body. But they have *work* before them, and that which requires no ordinary legislative ability to master.

On the public debt question, they literally "hold a wolf by the ears," or have got more in their clutches than they find it convenient to hold on to, or safe to let go of. If it is not a powerful and ferocious beast, it is at least a very clamorous and grasping one, and the man who shall rise to the emergency of safely dispatching him, will stand before the public as a great benefactor.

One of the most important measures likely to come before the Legislature is that of a General Railroad Law. Such a law, if properly framed, will be of untold value to the State, and should receive the early consideration of the General Assembly. The time has come when special legislation in regard to this great interest shall cease, and a general law be framed which shall meet all the demands of the people, as well as all the needed requirements of capital seeking investment in railroad enterprises. A law can be so framed as to meet all these requirements and demands, with far greater security and protection to the people than is likely to be the case with special legislation. Pass such a general law, and every railroad project in the State of any solid value to the people, can be inaugurated and pushed forward to completion with as much advantage to capitalists as if they had a dozen special charters at their command.

Let capital, and individual and collective enterprise, have free scope and energy in Virginia. It is no time to throw obstacles in the path of public improvement and progress in the State. Railroads are wanted, and capital stands ready to meet the want. Let our Legislature extend the same rights and privileges to all. Let capital construct railroads as freely as it would build warehouses or blocks of commercial buildings. They may not all pay big dividends at first, but they will pay the people in cheap and rapid transportation, and in enhanced values to real estate and other productive properties, so that no railroad can come amiss, be it built by whose capital it may.

The usury question is also one that should receive a solution at the hands of the General Assembly. Our legislation on this subject should conform to that of other states around us, and to the demands existing in the monetary centers of the country. To turn the currents of trade and commerce so that they shall have free course in the State, we must remove all barriers and restrictions to the one great agency that vitalizes productive industry, and moves it when vitalized.

POWER OF MARRIED WOMEN TO CONTRACT IN REFERENCE TO HER SEPARATE ESTATE.

The Chicago *Legal News* reports a very important decision affecting the rights of married women to control their own property. The *News* says: The opinion of our Supreme court, delivered by Scott, J., holding that a married woman can execute a lease on her separate real estate for a term of years that will be binding during coverture without her husband joining in the executing or consentiug thereto, and that a contract made by her in regard to her separate property, fairly entered into, must be held to be valid in law. No valid reason can be given why a married woman, under our statutes, should not be held bound by her contracts relating to her separate property, and be liable to be sued thereon in an action at law. The repeated decisions of our Supreme court that all remedies against married women upon their contracts, or to change their separate property, must be brought on the equity side of the court, are, in our opinion, unreasonable and contrary to the letter and spirit of our statute. We can see no reason why married women, if they are allowed to own property and sue upon contracts when to their advantage, should not be held by their contracts and be liable to be sued in a court of law and compelled to pay their debts the same as married men are.

LITERARY NOTICES.

THE Editor of *Old and New* promises his readers to give them in 1873, two volumes even better than the previous ones. They are to include serials by Mr. Hale, Mrs. Greenough, and other first-class writers; short stories by Mrs. Stowe, Miss Meredith, Mrs. Whitney, Miss Hale, &c.; the continuance of Mr. Martineau's wise and cheerful series of papers on the relations between God and Man; a series of papers on most interesting public questions, such as Railroads and their power; Woman Suffrage; Labor and Wages; the Problems of the New Administration, and the like. Provision has also been made for articles on interesting points in natural history and philosophy, by such authorities as Prof. J. P. Lesley, President Thos. Hill, Dr. Gray, Mrs. W. H. Dall, Dr. Kellogg, &c., and for the enlargement and improvement of the critical, record and art departments. The magazine will thus more fully than ever before, afford at once an abundant supply of first-class light reading, and an entertaining record of the most important items of human progress for the time being.

THE *Overland* for January is at hand. It is now in its tenth volume, and ranks with any periodical published in this country. The present corps of contributors includes the following: Professor J. D. Whitney, Stephen Powers, Joaquin Miller, Charles Warren Stoddard, Arpad Haraszthy, Ira D. Coolbrith, Mrs. S. B. Cooper, Mrs. F. F. Victor, Rev. Thomas Condon, N. S. Dodge, H. D. Jenkins, Leonard Kip, Edgar Fawcett, Prentice Mulford, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Piatt, Captain Scammon, Mrs. Neall, John Hayes, Josephine Clifford, Taliesin Evans, Henry Degroot, M. G. Upton, Dr. Ver Mehr, W. C. Bartlett, Mrs. White, John C. Cremony, Daniel O'Connell, Wm. V. Wells, Henry George, Judge Hill, Dr. Stout, Josephine Walcott, General J. W. Ames, W. A. Kendall, Therese Yelverton, Z. C. Rogers, John S. Hittell, and many others.

THE SCIENCE OF HEALTH, for January, contains "Popular Physiology," an excellent article on "What my Corsets Cost Me;" an illustrated article on Diseases of the Eye; Dress of Uncivilized Women; Fresh Air and Open Fires; a timely and most sensible article on Holiday Dishes; How to Cook; Saving Babies; Ague and Fever; The Health Teachers; Three Classes of American Boys, and other articles of practical wisdom and value. Health Laconics are excellent.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS, for January, is bright and varied in illlustration. "Doing His Best," by J. T. Trowbridge, opens with much vigor and humor; "Christmas," a poem, by Rose Terry, is a gem; "Our Young Contributors," are quite interesting.

THE *Printers' Circular* for December has several superior articles, such as an account of a curious printer's drama, played at the recent typographical festival in Italy; a paper on the first American type-founder, Christopher Saur, of Pennsylvania, by Jessie A. Ringwalt, and further articles on Caxton and on Reporters.

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2. BORDER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Danville, Va.—First Premium.

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In the matter of Thos. W. Keeling, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

At Norfolk, Va., this 26th day of December, 1872.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please to take notice hereby, that a petition has been, to wit: on the 26th day of Dec'r, 1872, filed in said District Court by Thos. W. Keeling, of Princess Anne county, in said district, who has been heretofore duly declared bankrupt under act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof, from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 6th day of January, A. D. 1873, at 11 o'clock A. M., before Benj. B. Foster, one of the registers of said court in bankruptcy, at his office, No. 26 Bank street, Norfolk, in said district, is the time and place assigned for 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.

CHARLES T. BARRY,
de 30—M2w Clerk.

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

In the matter of J. C Baytop, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, E. D. Massey, of King William county, Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of J. C. Baytop of Gloucester county in said district, who was, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1871, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of himself, by the District Court of the United States, for said district.

Dated Richmond, November 7, 1872.

E. D. MASSEY,
no —F3w Assignees.

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

In the matter of Charlottsville Milling and Manufacturing Company, vs. Martin & Cardozo, bankrupts—in bankruptcy.

To Whom it May Concern.—The undersigned, William B. Matthews, of Richmond city, Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Martin & Cardozo, of the county of Henrico, Virginia, in said district, and who were to-wit, on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1872, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors, by the District Court of the United States for said district.

Dated Richmond, Nov. 14, 1872.

WM. B. MATTHEWS,
de 30—M2w Assignee.

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

In the matter of Henry W. Dabney, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

To whom it may concern—The undersigned, John M. Hall, of Richmond city, Virginia, hereby give notice of his appointment, as assignees of the estate of Henry W. Dabney, of Henrico county, in said district, who was on the 9th day of Nov., A. D., 1872, adjudged a Bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

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

In the matter of Patterson, Maddison & Co., vs. Marks & Syme, bankrupts.

A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court, against the estate of Marks & Syme, of the county of Dinwiddie and State of Virginia, who have been duly adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors:—and the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts, to them or to their use, and the transfer of any property to them are forbidden by law:—a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of their estate, will be held at a court of bankruptcy, to be holden at Richmond in said district, before W. W. Forbes, one of the registers in bankruptcy in said district, on the 23d day of December, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

DAVID B. PARKER,
de 9—M2w U. S. Marshal.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—That on the 13th day of Dec'r, 1872, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Va., against the estate of Richard P. Holt, of Surry county and State of Virginia, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition: That the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law: That a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 26 Bank street, Norfolk, Virginia, before B. B. Foster, Esq., Register, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN W. FARRELL,
Deputy Marshal as Messenger.
de 27—F2w

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

In the matter of Zack Murden, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

At Norfolk, on the 26th day of December, 1872.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please to take notice hereby, that a petition has been, to wit: on the 26th day of December, 1872, filed in said District court by Zack Murden, of Princess Anne co'ty, in said district, who has been heretofore duly declared bankrupt under act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof, from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 6th day of January, A. D. 1873, at 11 o'clock A. M., before Benj. B. Foster, one of the registers of said court in bankruptcy, at his office, No. 26 Bank street, Norfolk, in said district is the time and place assigned for 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.

CHARLES T. BARRY,
de 30—M2w Clerk.

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

In the matter of Charles Gallagher & Son, bankrupts—in bankruptcy.

To Whom it May Concern—The undersigned, Jacon Cohn, of Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Chas. Gallagher & Son, of the county of York, in said district, and who were, on on the 23d day of Nov'r, A. D. 1872, adjudged bankrupts upon their own petition by the District Court of the United States for said district.

Dated Richmond, the 23d day of Dec'ber, 1872.

JACOB COHN,
de 28—S3w Assignee.

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

In the matter of James F. Barron, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

At Fredericksburg, on the 13th day of Dec'ber, 1872.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please to take notice hereby, that a petition has been to-wit: on the 29th day of Oct'r. A. D. 1869, filed in said District Court, by James H. Barron, of Gloucester county in said district, who has been heretofore duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 10th day of January, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock M., before J. L. Waterman, one of the registers of said court in bankruptcy, at his office in Fredericksburg, in said district, is the time and place assigned for 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
de 16—M2w 1st Cong'l Dist. of Va.

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

In the matter of Augustus P. Crenshaw, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, Wm. H. Allderdice, of Richmond city, Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Augustus P. Crenshaw, of Charles city co., in said district, who was, on the 29th day of November, A. D., 1872, adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District court of said district.

Dated Richmond, Va., Dec. 23, 1872.

WM. H. ALLDERDICE,
de 24—Tu3w Assignee.

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

In the matter of Henry C. Rhod