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FAILURE OF JAY COOKE & CO. The telegraphic announcement of the failure of Jay Cooke & Co. will be received with no small degree of surprise throughout the country. If any extensive banking-house should have been regarded as strong, it was that of the parties who were heretofore deemed worth their millions—who have certainly had an opportunity to amass their millions, and should have held them in their financial operations. The simultaneous closing of their houses in Washington, Philadelphia and New York would indicate that their failure is a "fixed fact." How far their operations may affect other parties, or who may be losers by their failure, does not appear. We hope a general financial crash is not impending.

COUNTY POL. TOPIC.

RICE AND QUEEN COUNTY. A meeting of the Republicans of this county was held at the Courthouse on the 30th instant. On motion, Temple S. Johnson was called to the chair, and Lorenzo Robison appointed secretary. The county Republican committee tendered their resignation, whereupon another committee was appointed, with William L. Vessels, of Walkerton, Postoffice, as chairman, and Temple S. Johnson, as secretary. After some dissatisfaction and a great deal of discussion in regard to the nomination of county officers, made at the courthouse on the 26th July last, William L. Vessels came forward and tendered his resignation as the candidate for the legislature. On motion, the meeting resolved to appoint Wednesday, the 24th September, 1873, as the day, and Stevensville as the place for the nomination of county officers and a candidate for the legislature. On motion, ordered, that the proceedings of the meeting be published in THE STATE JOURNAL.

Ports-mouth. Messrs. John H. Gilmer, of this city, and James H. Clements, of Portsmouth, addressed a large and intelligent Republican audience in Portsmouth last night. Great enthusiasm was displayed. Portsmouth is fully alive for Hughes, Hamwell and Pullz, and may be safely put down for a rising Republican majority in November next.

Colonel Mosby's Appointees.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16, 1873. Sir—In your paper of this morning I find the following paragraph: "The Warrenton Index, published at Mosby's home, makes the subjoined statement, no doubt at the instance of the Colonel, corroborative of the above: 'The understanding of the Alexandria Gazette is substantially correct. The letters referred to were written, in confirmation of the presumption that they were made to comply.' " And, in fact, the negro himself is a trouble-some fellow in the struggle which certain white citizens of the state are making to get Virginia to resume sincerely friendly relations with the Confederacy. He is so much afraid of his own race, politically. One might almost believe that if the present Conservatives should suddenly turn Republican, the negroes would vote the Conservative ticket; for they are bound to be opposed to all who were interested in the late Confederacy. Their rights are in no danger in any case, for they are strong enough to get almost anything which they desire; but they seem always saying, "G'way dar, white man, you isn't on outside," even when the white man is willing to be.

GENERAL ITEMS.

—Joseph Jefferson will be succeeded at Booth's on the 6th of October by Miss Maggie Mitchell, as Fanchon. —First Lieutenant James Edward Bell, of the United States army, died at Dry Tortugas on the 11th instant, of yellow fever. —Bierstadt's latest composition, "Autumn in the Sierra," has been completed and is pronounced his greatest work—by several feet. —Cincinnati thinks the finest work of art in her exposition is a colored picture of a whisky distillery with a peck-packing establishment in the distance. —The criminal code of Nebraska, which went into effect on the 1st inst., contains this provision against swearing: "If any person of the age of fourteen years and upward shall profanely swear or damn, or profanely swear by the name of God, Jesus Christ or the Holy Ghost, every such person shall, for each offence, be fined not less than 25 cents, nor more than \$1. —Treasurer Spinner emphatically denies that any counterfeit has been made of the plate of the new fifty cent note, as sufficient time has not elapsed since the issue of the new note to admit of a successful counterfeit. The supposed origin of the existence of a bogus note arises from the fact that in the series of A and H, of the new issue, the cap of the letter p in the treasurer's name does not appear, and on this account many erroneously suppose, those thus deficient are not genuine. A NEW and useful phase of pulpit oratory is its tendency to discuss practically the practical affairs of every-day life. From California comes a report of a sermon on Christian statesmanship; from New Hampshire one of a sensible discussion on common schools. The California clergyman begged the citizen to vote intelligently, and to forbid the professional politician from voting for him; and furthermore to vote for candidates known to be honest and capable. All of which, we submit, does him honor, and does not impair the sacredness of the pulpit, from which man should not only be taught the highest duty, but also his duty to the state. The New England preacher deprecated the over-taxing of the vital powers, which the methods of our schools demand from delicate young children, the heedlessness on the part of parents and teachers which lets the young mind be strained and the physique exhausted. Who shall say that these preachers are not doing a noble and excellent work?

FRANCIS A. WALKER, under the head of "Our Population in 1900," gives his reasons for thinking that some hopeful prophets have over-estimated the rate of increase, and there will not be more than 75,000,000 citizens of the United States

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at the close of the century. Well, we must try and worry along with only 75,000,000 until we can do better.

CITY NEWS.

The Pharmaceutical Association—Twenty-First Session. SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION. The association reassembled according to adjournment, President Hancock in the chair. The president announced the following committee on time and place of next annual meeting: Messrs. Joel Orne, of Massachusetts; Robert H. Gardner, of New Jersey, and Lewis Dolme, of Maryland. The auditing committee reported the treasurer's account correct in every particular. Adopted. The credentials of the delegates from the Cincinnati college of pharmacy were presented and approved. The by-laws were amended in relation to the salary of the reporter on the progress of pharmacy, so as to read, that he shall be elected annually, and receive "such sum as may be determined upon each year."

OTHER BUSINESS. Dr. Squibb read an elaborate paper on "rhubarb" in relation to its commercial value, and comparing the qualities of the different varieties. He presented the association with specimens of several varieties. Dr. Squibb also read a paper on "physicians' pocket-cases," and showed samples of some made after his own design. Both papers accepted, and referred for publication. Professor G. F. H. Markoe, of Boston, read a paper of his own on the United States Pharmacopoeia. Accepted, referred, &c. Dr. P. W. Bedford, in reply to the query assigned to him, said that "balsam of tolu could not be rendered emulsion-like like copaliba."

Messrs. Joseph Anthony, C. A. Nesbitt, Henry Bodeker, and S. W. Farrar, of Richmond, were elected members of the association. Mr. George W. Kennedy, of Pottsville, Pa., read a voluntary paper discussing the question, "Does the root of Traversa wateri contain berberina?" Accepted, referred, &c. EXCURSION DOWN THE RIVER. The secretary read an invitation from Mr. Wm. H. Scott, of the local committee of arrangements, inviting the members of the association to join in an excursion down James river as far as Dutch Gap, leaving the city on the steam barge Greenbush this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

RESPONSES TO QUERIES. Responses to queries propounded at the last annual meeting, were made by Dr. H. N. Rittenhouse, of Philadelphia; Prof. P. W. Bedford, of N. Y.; for Mr. Fred. Lehlback; Dr. J. P. Remington, of Philadelphia; Prof. Diehl, of E. D. Chipman, of Frankfort, Pa.; Dr. Wm. Procter, jr., of Philadelphia; and Dr. W. H. Pfeil, of Philadelphia, and George H. Schaefer, Iowa. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock this morning.

THE EXHIBITION. Many of our druggists, physicians, and other citizens visited the exhibition, during the day and at night, and all were pleased with the tasteful arrangement of the articles and large and valuable varieties of chemicals, drugs, &c., exhibited. Dr. James B. McCarty, of Henrico, exhibits specimens of wines made by him from grapes grown in his own vineyard. Oscar G. Cosby, Richmond, model of naval battleship.

Dr. W. Blunt, of this city, one of Sherman's patent bottle-filters—a very ingenious, efficient apparatus—which he uses in bottling Valentine's meat juice rapidly and without waste. THIRD DAY. The association met at 9 o'clock, President Hancock in the chair. The business committee presented a favorable report on the president's address, which was adopted. Several changes were made of no public nature in the by-laws of the association. Considerable desultory discussion, commenced by Dr. Squibb, ensued relative to the refusal of participation in excursions, entertainments, &c., by the association, as it not only affected the business of the association and loss of time to members, but was a severe tax to the communities in which the association held its meetings. No definite action was taken in the premises.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING. The committee on place and time of meeting reported in favor of Louisville, Kentucky, as the place, and the second Tuesday in September, 1874, as the time of the next meeting of the association. ELECTION OF LOCAL SECRETARY. On motion, Professor E. Shaver, of Louisville, Kentucky, was elected local secretary of the next meeting. Committee on legislation presented a report relative to the laws that have been enacted by the various states on bills pertaining to pharmacy, and showing what states had enacted such laws. The report also showed that no one had been prosecuted for violation of such laws. It did not state, however, that necessity had made subjects.

The committee on photograph album made a report. Received. The old committee was discharged and the president requested to appoint a new one. EBERT PRIZE FINANCE COMMITTEE. President Hancock announced the following committee on the Ebert prize fund: Charles Bullock, Wilson H. Pitt, and John M. Maish, all of Philadelphia. Mr. P. Wendover Belford, of New York, read an elaborate report on the state of the drug market. Prof. Procter, of Philadelphia, read an article on "Apprentices." Mr. Benj. Lillet, of Nashville, Tennessee, read an article on Homeopathic pharmacy. As this was a voluntary paper, it was, on motion, referred to the executive committee.

Prof. Charles L. Eberle, of Philadelphia, read an article on poisons in pharmacy. Professor William Saunders, of London, Ontario, read an article on The Honey Ant, found in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Dr. E. R. Squibb, of New York, read an article on the description of a general apparatus stand, upright condenser, pinch cock and burette stand; an essay on ergot and its preparations. The above were received and referred for publication. President Hancock read an article from the committee on formulas for elixirs. Secretary John M. Maish offered a resolution in connection with the report, to the effect that the formulas recommended in the above report be adopted in order that uniformity of action might exist as far as their use is concerned with the druggist generally.

MEMBERS ELECTED. The following gentlemen from Virginia were elected members of the association:

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John W. Byron, of Norfolk, and Robert Lecky, of Richmond. The business committee reported, recommending that a number of committees be appointed. Adopted. A resolution was offered, returning thanks to the old officers for faithfulness in performance of their duties. Adopted. Adjourned at 2 o'clock until to-morrow morning at 9.

THE CAPITOL OFFICES.—The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Appeal says: "By the way, what a scramble there will be for the 'Capitol offices' next winter, with a brain new legislature coming into power. Already, early as it is, men are beginning to pick out their places and to mention their intentions confidentially to friends scattered about the state, but particularly to the legislative nominees with whom they are acquainted. Billy Bigger is making a deal out of the office of superintendent of public buildings, now filled by General Newberry, and his popularity is such that he will probably get it. General Newberry, it is said, will decline re-election. Several have fixed their eyes on the remaining offices in the basement, and everybody there but Colonel May (treasurer) and Captain Kellum (registrar of the land office) is sure to have opposition. But the present incumbents are good officers and will not be easily ousted."

VALENTINE'S MEAT JUICE.—Mann S. Valentine, of this city, has issued from the steam printing house of Mr. B. W. Gillis, of this city, a handsome pamphlet of some fifty pages, giving "a brief account of the production of the meat juice," the medical remedy which has made his name so well known wherever human suffering exists. The pamphlet is accompanied by testimonials from physicians of eminence in their profession of the great value of the meat juice as a remedial agent and restorer of exhausted systems. The Pharmaceutical Association of America, now in session here, are unanimous in their commendation of this admirable life-giving extract as containing the true "germ of life." It is manufactured in large quantities in this city.

ANOTHER SWALLOWING CASE.—There was a political discussion at Hancock's restaurant yesterday between Messrs. John W. Jenkins and Rush Burgess on the part of the Republicans, and Messrs. Robert Ould and George D. Wise on part of the Conservatives. According to the Enquirer the Republican champions were chawed up and swallowed bodily by their opponents. It is due to Messrs. Jenkins and Burgess, however, that they were not to have stood the swallowing process like men, and what is more singular, they are ready to be swallowed again in the same way.

JEWISH NEW YEAR.—The correct day of the commencement of the Jewish "reform" party, however, was the 23d instant, or rather, like all Jewish holidays and festivals, the evening preceding at sundown, and the feast will last, according to the version of the rabbinical laws, which is still adhered to by the orthodox Jews, for two days, terminating on Tuesday, the 23d instant, at sundown. The "reform" party, however, adhering to the strict biblical commands, celebrate but one day, and with them the "new year" will terminate on Monday evening at sundown.

GOOD WILL DIVISION NO. 18, SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—This thriving division of the Sons of Temperance have elected the following officers for the present quarter: H. A. Jackson, W. P.; Joseph A. Gregory, W. A.; C. A. Bray, R. S.; E. A. Jackson, A. R. S.; V. A. Gregory, F. S.; William Coombs, T.; C. A. Jackson, G. S.; B. Richardson, M. S.; Gregory, A. C. H.; A. Tompkins, L. S.; P. B. Jackson, O. S.; R. A. B. Scott, P. W. P.; Robert Braxton, L. D. J. W. P. The above officers will be installed the first Tuesday in October.

SENT ON.—Robert S. Clarke, alias Buddy Clarke, charged with burglariously entering the store and dwelling-house of James O'Conner and stealing a lot of cigars, coat, pistol, &c., was sent on the grand jury of the hustings court by Justice White to-day.

John Phelps and Wm. Green, who were also charged with the same offense, were discharged from the charge of burglary, but Phelps was found guilty of receiving some of the goods, knowing them to be stolen, and was sent to jail for ninety days.

THE VIRGINIA OPERA-HOUSE.—Harry Watkins' fine company have arrived in the city, and will open at the Virginia Opera-house to-night in the intensely thrilling and emotional drama "Escaped from Sing-Sing." Mr. H. Watkins is in the principal role. The play is said to abound in telling points and thrilling situations. Doubtless the house will be crowded on the occasion.

THE STATE FAIR GROUNDS.—The State Fair Grounds are being put in order for the approaching State Fair. Among the new arrangements will be a fence around the grand stand, with gates, at which an entrance fee will be charged, and an amphitheatre erected in the centre of the half mile course 125 feet in diameter, with seven tiers of seats on its exterior circumference, calculated to accommodate 4,000 persons. This will be free.

GOVERNOR WALKER.—The Petersburg Index and Appeal grows because Governor Walker "seems to have been purposely and studiously left out in all of the appointments of speakers to address the public, made by the state central executive committee of the Conservative party, for the present canvass." There is a cat in the meat-tub evidently.

CITY POLITICS.—The Conservative electing functionaries are taking steps towards the election of delegates for the nomination of candidates for the house of delegates from this city. There will be some squirming in the camp of the faithful when the time for action arrives.

GOING TO PHILADELPHIA.—Richmond Commandery Knights Templar have definitely determined to visit Philadelphia on the 30th inst., when the new Masonic temple in that city will be dedicated. The building is said to have cost \$1,500,000, and to be the finest of its kind in the world.

ARMING THE MILITIA.—Fifty of the new Springfield breech-loaders have been sent by Adjutant-General Richardson to Charlottesville, for the use of the Monticello Guard.

ENTERPRISING.—Messrs. J. B. Pace & Co., of this city, who carry on tobacco manufacturing very extensively here, have also a large factory in Danville, heated by steam.

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EXCURSIONS.—The American Pharmaceutical convention and a number of invited guests left the city at 3 o'clock p.m., on the barge Greenbush, for an excursion down James river. This entertainment was gotten up by the druggists of Richmond, in honor to their visiting brethren. The association contemplates visiting Mount Vernon before they leave Virginia.

CARY STREET.—Complaint is made of the blocking up of Cary street with vehicles. It shows trade is lively, and we are glad of it. There is a way to get around the matter save by widening the street.

AUTUMNAL DONATORS.—The foliage in this vicinity beginning to show the tawny and yellow, and to have that subdued moral aspect peculiar to autumn.

THE BARBERS.—According to Judge Guigon, the work of a barber is neither one of necessity or charity.

ITEMS. TOO COOL for linen. SRAW MATS are fading. THE FLY NUISANCE is decreasing. MELONS ARE NOW among the "by-gones."

THE SUN STROKE season is "played out" now. PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING to look up their overcoats. THE HUSTINGS COURT adjourned yesterday for the term. INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS to-day amounted to \$20,929.30.

A NUMBER of trivial cases were disposed of in the police court to-day. OUR MERCHANTS are busy and anticipate a profitable harvest of greenbacks. FOR THIS WEEK'S HARPER, Leslie, and Galaxy for October, go to Johnston's, 918 Main street.

G. R. HARDING, of Manchester, is giving exhibitions with his biorama in Charleston, West Virginia. RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER at C. F. Johnston's, to-day and music store, 918 Main street, to-day: At 6 a. m. 62; 9 a. m. 63; 12 m. 75; 3 p. m. 75.

THE SECONDS in the late McCarty-Mordecai duel, have been taken in the sum of \$10,000 each for their appearance at the October term of the hustings court. STATE NEWS.

General Beauregard was engaged to-day inspecting the old battle-field of Manassas. The Conservatives of Stafford have nominated Gustavus B. Wallace for the house of delegates. James M. Bishop, of Charlottesville, aged 84 years, is dead. He was a soldier of the war of 1812.

The theatre-goers of Norfolk are being delectated with "Escaped from Sing-Sing" and "A Gambler's Crime." Houses poor. The United States circuit court for the Western district of Virginia, Judge Rives, commenced his session in Lynchburg yesterday.

The Leesburg Washingtonian wants the per diem of Virginia legislators brought back to the good old economical basis of four dollars a day. Dr. W. M. Woodson, formerly a skillful physician, but for the last fifteen years an invalid, died at his residence in Lunenburg county, on Saturday morning.

Dr. Kalopthakes, the Greek Missionary, is in Winchester—the guest of Rev. Mr. Leyburn. He has placed his daughter at school at Fairfax Hall. Mr. W. S. Grisby has declared himself an independent candidate for the legislature through the Virginia Republican, and says that he will fight the funding bill and oppose the fence law.

Track-laying on the Lynchburg and Danville railroad, has progressed to within five or six miles of Staunton river, and the rail is now being put down at the rate of half a mile a day. On Tuesday, in the criminal court of the District of Columbia, the trial of Henry Young, for the murder of Frank Lahn, the Virginia rover, was set for Wednesday, September 24.

Misouri Jenkins, a colored egyptian of Norfolk, has been arrested in Lynchburg for robbing Ben Sherman, a discharged sailor of the U. S. navy, of a certificate of deposit for \$500 and \$100 in money. Mr. Wilson, the postmaster at Lynchburg, was arrested in that city yesterday, at the instance of Special Agent Pattie, for fraudulently sending campaign documents through the United States mails. He was taken to Washington, where the charges preferred against him will be investigated. Alexandria Sentinel, September 17th.

A letter from Potomac city, in the Fredericksburg Star, says: "The new hotel has been leased by a gentleman from Michigan, and will be opened for the reception of guests this fall. Parties have been examining the river front for the purpose of establishing a shipyard. An offer has been made for Scott's Island, at the mouth of Chappawamsic, for building a marine railway. The island belongs to E. A. W. Hore, of Stafford. Mr. Frankenburg's store was entered by burglars this week, and goods to the value of one hundred dollars taken. He has no clue to the thieves."

We learn that a party of men a few miles east of town have been engaged recently in an effort to regulate the morals of their neighborhood. With this view they visited several weeks ago, the house of Banister Puckett, who lives on the land of Colonel Holston, took the old man, his wife and daughters out of their house, removed the furniture, and razed the house to the ground. Puckett has since rebuilt the house, and apprehending another attack from the same parties, he made arrangements with some friends to guard his premises. On Thursday night last the "Regulators" made another raid, when the Puckett party fired upon them and dangerously wounded a young man named Graham, a son of Mr. A. J. Graham. Graham's recovery is considered very doubtful. We presume the affair will be investigated by the proper authorities, but as yet we have heard of no steps being taken for that purpose.—Waynesville Dispatch.

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BY TELEGRAPH. MARYLAND. BALTIMORE, September 18.—The report made in the Grand Lodge two years ago upon the revision of the ritual, has been amended and adopted. TENNESSEE. The Yellow Fever. MEMPHIS, September 18.—Nine fever deaths occurred here yesterday. FOREIGN. ENGLAND. LONDON, September 18.—Earl Hardwick is dead—aged 74. FRANCE. PARIS, September 18.—There have been one hundred and twenty-one cholera deaths from the 9th to the 14th instant. AUSTRIA. VIENNA, September 18.—The King of Italy has arrived here. He was cordially received by the Emperor Francis Joseph and the populace. SPAIN. MADRID, September 18.—The minority of the Cortes oppose a recess until a constitution is adopted. The police have seized the Carlist newspapers circulating here. CENTRAL AFRICA. Dr. Livingston's Heard From. PARIS, September 18.—Storms, an English traveler, has arrived here from Central Africa. He reports that he met Dr. Livingston last June and parted from him on the 1st of July, at which time the doctor was in perfect health. In Chicago the street cars are about being used as adjuncts to the postoffice. For this purpose the postal authorities propose to place in all the cars passing near the postoffice boxes for the reception of letters. These will be so arranged that the letters can be deposited without entering of stopping the car, and on arriving at the office a carrier will remove the box and put an empty one in its place. By this plan people along lines can deposit their letters at any hour, knowing that in a short time they will be at the general office for transmission, while under existing arrangements, the lamp-post boxes can be emptied only at stated hours, and a considerable time may elapse before the carrier arrives at his destination. REPUBLICAN MEETING IN SURRY COUNTY.—There will be a Republican meeting at Surry Courthouse on the 23d of September, which will be addressed by Hon. Moscoso G. Greene, of Petersburg; Colonel Edgar Allen, of Farmville; and others. THE St. Louis Republican remarks that "the farmers' movement is no respecter of parties, but is the same threatening power in Democratic and Republican countries, whether of northern or southern Illinois. In Democratic Shelby county the Democrats will make no nomination. In fact they dare not."

TAKEN UP.—ON MY PREMISES, on the 18th inst., a RED COAT, with white spots. The owner will please come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away. F. A. SCHULTZ, Near Harvie, so 18-14.

WANTED.—BY A YOUNG MAN, TO RENT A FURNISHED ROOM. State terms and location. Address Lock Box 901. so 18-14.

WANTED.—A GOOD DINING-ROOM SERVANT. LEWIS D. CRENSHAW, No. 11 West Main street, corner Adams. so 18-14.

FOR RENT. TO LET.—A LARGE, NO. 10, IRON-BUILT HOUSE, Gas and water in the house, with good stable accompaniment, situated on Adams, between Leigh and Clay streets. Apply to GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, so 18-14.

AMUSEMENTS. VIRGINIA OPERA-HOUSE. Manager.....MR. HARRY WATKINS. THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 18TH, GRAND INAUGURATION OF THE NEW OPERA-HOUSE. THREE NIGHTS ONLY of the Great Character Artist MR. DOMINICK MURRAY, When will be presented the very successful sensational drama of ESCAPED FROM SING-SING; The play produced with entire new scenery and a FIRST-CLASS DRAMATIC TROUPE. Parquette, 75 cents; Dress Circle, 50 cents; Reserved Seats, \$1.00. Can be procured at B. K. Campbell & Co.'s, under Opera-house. so 18-14.

THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION. RAFFLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE Widows and Orphans of the Southern Army. DISTRIBUTION NO. 542. EVENING, Sept. 17. 51 69 27 41 56 3 60 52 63 50 32 46 DISTRIBUTION NO. 543. MORNING, Sept. 18. 53 70 29 30 47 11 2 40 68 10 12 46 74 WILKINS & CO., at Richmond, Va., this 18th day of September, 1873. C. Q. TOMPKINS, Managers. Commissioner.

CERTIFICATES OF RAFFLE can be purchased from Captain W. J. DARNBY, at the Branch office, No. 2 South street, three doors from Main. DEPARTURE OF STEAMSHIPS. FOR NEW YORK. THE OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S elegant side-wheel steamship WYANOK, Capt. Conner, will sail on FRIDAY, September 19, at 1 o'clock p. m. Positively no freight received after 12 m. Through bills of lading signed, and goods for loaded with delay to all points—south, east and west. Close connections made with Ocean line for foreign ports. Passenger accommodations unsurpassed. Fare.....\$12 00 Steerage.....6 00 Round Trip Tickets.....20 00 For freight or passage, apply to GEO. W. ALLEN & CO., Company's Wharf, Roanoke. so 17-21.

SPECIAL NOTICE. TO ALL PERSONS WISHING FIRE INSURANCE.—THE RICHMOND BANKING AND INSURANCE COMPANY offer inducements to insureds by fire and marine, to insure against loss by fire of all kinds of property. They ask of their friends and the public to give them a call before insuring elsewhere. Consult your own interest and insure with us. J. F. DAVIS, President. so 5-4day

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BY TELEGRAPH. VIRGINIA. Colonel Hughes at Lexington. (Special to The State Journal.) GOSHEN, September 18.—Colonel R. W. Hughes and J. H. Rives, esq., spoke yesterday at Lexington. The meeting was presided over by G. A. Baker, esq. Major Edward McMahon introduced Colonel Hughes to the audience in appropriate remarks. The meeting was large, and composed of all classes. Much interest was manifested by the audience in the speaking, which lasted from three o'clock till night. Very encouraging and satisfactory state of things exist in the county of Rockbridge. Colonel Hughes and Mr. Chandler will speak at Salem, Roanoke, to-day. New Cable Broken.—The Hampton Roads Cable Parted by a Schooner. FORT MONROE, September 18.—The schooner L. and D. Eisk, from Boston, with ice for Baltimore, dragged her anchor and broke the Hampton cable. A working party is out and in all probability will have repaired this afternoon. This cable lays in a line from Old Point light to the east end of the Rip Raps. All vessels are warned not to anchor in its vicinity. The Democracy—Address to the Farmers' Granges. NEW YORK, September 18.—At the meeting of the national executive committee of the Radical-Democratic party yesterday an address was adopted. It states that the evils now being suffered arise from the irresponsibility of representatives to their constituents, and says if the people had control over the official actions of representatives, with the privilege of recalling them when proven unworthy of their trust, honesty would be the rule and corruption only possible by the free will of their constituency. Let responsible representatives be the watch-word, and the Radical-Democratic party offers co-operation in securing this reform.

NEW YORK. Financial. NEW YORK, September 18.—Stock very active but very feverish at lower price. Gold 111. Money 7. Exchange—long 108 1/2; short 109 1/2. Governments dull. State bonds quiet. Suspension of Jay Cooke & Co. NEW YORK, September 18.—Jay Cooke & Co. have announced their suspension in consequence of large advances made to sustain their Philadelphia office, and a heavy drain upon their own deposits. PHILADELPHIA, September 18.—Jay Cooke & Co. have closed. There is a great crowd about their office. WASHINGTON, September 18.—Jay Cooke & Co. have closed. Capture of counterfeiters and large quantities of the "queer." NEW YORK, September 18.—Captain James English, William Spikes alias Henry Davis, John Radford and George Harrington were arrested last night on a canal steamer, smuggling both Irish and English-made dynamite. Large quantities of spurious coin, molds, &c., were captured.

SOUTH CAROLINA. A Smash-up—Several Persons Killed and Wounded. COLUMBIA, September 18.—The road paymaster's and down passenger train on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta railroad collided five miles above Columbia yesterday morning at twenty minutes past nine, smashing both locomotives and killing Paymaster N. Elliott Cochran and a colored man named James Arches. Engineer Williamston had his leg broken and was injured internally; a colored man had his foot crushed; Expressman Graham was thrown twenty feet in the air and was on the head slightly. Two express cars were smashed; the passengers were not injured. The road lands at work and expect to have the trains running regularly to-morrow.

MASSACHUSETTS. Punishment for Placing Obstructions on a Railroad Track. BOSTON, September 18.—John Ryan and Thomas Nelson have been convicted at Taunton of placing a rail endwise and throwing an Old Colony train from the track in November last. Ryan was sentenced to seven years in the state prison. Nelson's sentence was deferred, as he will soon probably die of consumption. John McGowan and Michael Curry, aged, respectively twenty-seven and forty, both lost their eyesight while blasting rocks in Dorchester district yesterday by a premature discharge. They also received other injuries.

LOSSES BY FIRE. CHICAGO, September 18.—The loss by the fire here yesterday amounts to \$250,000. PHILADELPHIA, September 18.—The loss by the burning of Bloomfield and Moore's paper warehouse is estimated at \$75,000. The fire originated in the fifth story and is attributed to spontaneous combustion.

WATERBURY, N. Y., September 18.—The propeller Acorn has been burned, the passengers and crew, numbering fifty, escaped narrowly. A full cargo of general merchandise was destroyed.

PENNSYLVANIA. Advance in the Price of Nails. PITTSBURGH, September 18.—The Western nail association have advanced the price of nails twelve and a half cents per keg. Grant's Speech. PITTSBURGH, September 18.—In his speech at the reunion of the army of the Cumberland, President Grant said: "Gentlemen of the Army of the Cumberland, and Ladies and Gentlemen—It affords me very great pleasure to meet again so many of my old comrades. I never had the pleasure of a command with you, but I had the pleasure of being immediately connected with your distinguished leader, who has added so much lustre and glory to the army of the Cumberland."

MISSISSIPPI. Democratic Convention. MERIDIAN, September 18.—The Democratic state convention is in session here. Forty-five counties are represented. Colonel R. O. Reynolds is presiding. The resolutions declare the nomination of a state ticket inexpedient. The old man, however, was tough, and one of the woman's paramours had to shoot him.