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CAPITOL NOTES.

Members of the General Assembly and committee clerks get \$6 per diem, work or play. It was pleasant yesterday to behold the cheerful alacrity with which the members went for the copies of Munford's Code which they obligingly voted themselves.

It is rumored that Governor Kemper will urge on his fellow Conservatives the adoption of a more progressive policy than they have hitherto pursued.

It doesn't become school boards and school trustees to meddle in canvasses going on for superintendent of public instruction, and yet some did it.

An attempt will be made at this session of the Legislature to impeach a circuit judge for drunkenness upon the bench—his second round for the same thing.

It is understood that Governor Kemper and family will regularly attend divine services at St. James' church.

Joe Lewis, colored, is janitor of the House of Delegates at \$6 per diem, and has a colored boy to do the work.

This appointment was made by the superintendent of public buildings on the recommendation of Clerk Bigger.

The janitor of the Senate chamber, a white person appointed in the same way, upon the recommendation of the clerk of that body, gets \$3 per day, and has no one to assist him.

However, the Senate chamber is some eight feet less in length and six inches narrower than the hall of the House, and this fact may account for the difference in salaries.

Our worthy Gloucester friend, George Wythe Munford, gets \$6,500 for his six months' labor in copying the Code, and a House committee clerkship and a dozen railroad passes "good for a year."

Thereupon comes a memory of Paul's impressive words to Jeremiah the prophet: "To him that hath shall be added unto, and those that have none shall be jerked without benefit of clergy."

The new directors of the state penitentiary, Messrs. George Barguin, Samuel Maccubbin and W. Dallas Chesterman, were sworn in office by the secretary of the commonwealth this morning and immediately entered on the discharge of their duties.

The removal of two of the "old directors" (about three months old) viz: Powhatan Weisiger and Joseph Hall, has been the subject of comment, not alone by them and their friends, but by those conversant with the fact that Governor Walker not long ago displaced two worthy gentlemen to give them place.

The reason why is best explained by the following narrative: Both Weisiger and Hall, the first named notably so, were opposed, for some reason or whim not stated, to the election of Mr. James R. Fisher as clerk of the board.

Possibly "Jim" did not "bend the pregnant, etc.," that thrift might follow fawning, etc.," Anyhow they were opposed to him, with or without reason, and they manifested their opposition, that is Weisiger in an especial manner. It is well understood and susceptible of proof the most incontestable, that one or both, as members of the board, repeatedly offered Fisher's place, (keeping their enmity secret), to William Dallas Chesterman, then and now of The Enquirer, and to Moses Perdue Handy, esq., Cuban correspondent of the New York Tribune.

Both refused, alleging as a reason that they had good places, and were friends of Fisher. After a time, Fisher, who is an old citizen and a Conservative gyaniments of no small magnitude, got wind of his intended taking off. He would have been more than human in doing unto others as they would have done unto him. It is related that Mr. Fisher in accomplishing this called to his aid Colonel William Starke Gilman, who [justly enjoyed the utmost confidence of Governor Kemper and] was not unaware of the fact that Weisiger and all his ward delegates (possibly Hall included) violently opposed the Colonel's nomination as a member of the House of Delegates from this city.

The sequel is told: Weisiger is reminded to selling his fashionable head gear and Hall to making water pipe and other fixings (at a handsome profit) for the corporation of Richmond and United States of America. It is a clear case of the engineer hoist by his own petard. Certainly Weisiger, etc., have no right to complain, though their right to look sorrowful is cheerfully conceded.

The Conservative and Republican members of the General Assembly both hold caucuses to-night, when the question "who shall be Senator?" will be discussed and possibly settled. The prospects of John Goode, of Norfolk, the young giant of the

oyster shell country, are looming up in the Conservative horizon, and he now leads the field. The endorsement of ex-Governor Walker by The Enquirer, the principal organ of the Pennsylvania Central railway in Virginia, this morning, seems to have rather thrown a damper on the prospects of the "tall sycamore of Binghampton," and it is now intimated that he can secure the coveted honor of a Senatorship only by a bolt of his friends from the caucus, and their being aided by the combined Republican vote, if the fusion can be made.

Mr. G. W. Williams disclaims being anything now but a Senate committee clerk. It is a good thing to be. The pay is that of a colonel of infantry, with the further advantage of not being exposed to any danger, or exhaustive calls on your mental or physical fibre.

In yesterday's paper Messrs. Platt and Stowell, M. C.'s from this state, were erroneously quoted from another paper as being opposed to the passage of the Civil Rights bill, now pending before Congress. We take the position of Colonel Platt on the pending question to be the same as that of his contemporary, and his is shown by the following extract from yesterday's House proceedings:

"Mr. Stowell (Va.) next spoke in advocacy of the measure, referring particularly to the action of the Virginia Legislature on Monday in protesting against the passage of the bill, which action he greatly deprecated, and argued that it was an indication of a determination not to give rights to the colored people."

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THURSDAY, JANUARY 8. Senate—Met at 12 o'clock. President in the chair.

A communication was received from the Governor in reference to the jurisdiction of the state over national cemeteries. Referred.

House joint resolution, fixing Friday at one o'clock as the time for the election of county judge of Halifax, was taken up and agreed to.

The committee for courts of justice reported, with amendments, House joint resolution extending the time for the collection of taxes and county and township levies for the year 1873; also bill in relation to offences against property.

By Mr. Allen—Resolution of inquiry with reference to the settlement of accounts by county treasurers whose term of office expired January 1, 1874. Adopted.

By Mr. Penn—Bill incorporating the town of Boydton, in Mecklenburg county. The same—Memorial of the board of visitors of Virginia agricultural and mechanical college.

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THE DIAMOND BRACELETS. It was during the palmyest days of the empire. Never was Paris so gay; it was the fête day of the Emperor, the last flickering blaze of his greatness ere his glory departed forever. All Paris knew that he would grace the opera that night, and add to its usual lustre the glittering pomp and circumstance of power. Accordingly all that portion of Paris who had the necessary number of francs went to the opera, and in honor of so great an occasion, Monsieur Blanches, the director, was to produce "Prophete."

The overture was over; the Emperor, accompanied by the Empress, radiant in her beauty and glittering with jewels, had just entered the royal box; his suite, informed in every color of the rainbow, stood grouped in the background. In another moment the bell would tinkle and the opera commence. But in an instant of time, when every sound was heard, the scene a box to the right of the Emperor was opened, and the curtains were drawn aside, and revealed the lovely wife of the Russian Ambassador, Duke Metzkerwitz.

No wonder that the bell tinkled unheeded and the curtain went up unnoticed; no wonder that every eye was fixed with a fascinated gaze upon the woman who had just taken her seat and was calmly and with well-bred nonchalance gazing about the house; for upon her arms, blazing like beacons, sparkled the diamonds of which Paris had heard so much, and which royalty in vain had sought to purchase. A hum of admiration ran through the house, and then, for the first time, the enchanting strains of the chorus were listened to.

When the curtain fell upon the first act, and Milady this evening, Milady this evening, wearing the imperial livery presented himself, he presented himself as an imperial flunky could rap, and then entered the box.

"Her Majesty had noticed the bracelets and was dumb with admiration; would

Milady be so gracious as to allow the Empress to make a personal examination of one of the bracelets?"

In an instant the fair arm was shorn of its gems, and with a smothered ejaculation of delight the man wearing the imperial livery bowed out of the box, bearing the bracelet that a million of francs could not purchase.

The curtain fell upon the third act, ascended again on the fourth, the notes of the finale rolled through the house, the curtain fell for the last time; and still, with well-bred politeness, the wife of the Russian Ambassador waited for the return of her priceless jewels. The imperial party rose and departed, and yet the bracelet was not returned. Then the Duke, with a terrible frown of impatience, rose and drove rapidly to the Tuilleries, and demanded the return of the diamonds.

Explanations followed, and the Duke was at last convinced that the Empress had never sent for the bracelet, and that the man wearing the imperial livery was one of the daring thieves who infested the capital. He had his coachman drive to the office of the prefect of police, and ere daylight was hounding Paris for the gems. The Duke, filled with anxiety, remained at the office for tidings, while the Duchess restlessly awaited the recovery of her bracelet at home.

The great clock had just tolled the hour of six, when the bell of the Duke's hotel rang violently, and an officer of the police was ushered into the presence of the Duchess.

"Was the bracelet recovered?" and "would they imprison the scoundrel for the theft of his days?" eagerly demanded the Duchess.

With a grave bow the officer stated that the thief was taken, and upon his person was found the bracelet. But the fellow stoutly insisted that he was not a thief, and that the bracelet in his possession had been in his family for many years. Would madam intrust to him the mate to the missing bracelet, that the identity might be complete?

Madame, the Duchess, without a word, unlocked her casket and placed in the hands of the trusty officer the second bracelet. The officer, with a profound bow, left the apartment, and madame retired once more—this time to sleep, and to one o'clock as the time for the election of county judge of Halifax, was taken up and agreed to.

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CITY NEWS.

MEMBERS of the General Assembly wishing THE JOURNAL left at their rooms every afternoon, by prompt and reliable carriers, will please leave name and address at our office.

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.—The great scholastic institute is justly regarded as the best of the educational system of the state and a necessary part of the same. The following figures show the endowments, fixed capital, &c., of the University of Virginia:

I.—AGGREGATE ENDOWMENTS. From the Commonwealth: For construction, \$313,654; For annual expenditure at \$15,000 per annum, 776,250.

From individuals, say about, \$1,089,304; 390,000; \$1,479,304.

II.—EXISTING FIXED CAPITAL. Land and buildings, cost say, \$650,000; Library and apparatus, &c., 45,000; Investments for endowment, most part paying interest, say, 182,500; \$877,500.

III.—FUNDS FOR ENDOWMENT OF SCHOOLS, &c. Schools of scientific and practical agriculture, \$140,000; School of moral philosophy, 5,000; Library, 1,500; Scholarship, say about, 35,000; \$181,500.

Of the "funds for endowment of schools," &c., \$45,000 is not actually in hand, but is believed to be secure.

CHARGED WITH BEING AN ESCAPED CONVICT.—Thomas Robinson, charged with having escaped from the penitentiary in September 1868, was brought before Justice White this morning for examination. Superintendent Strother and several of the guards at the institution were examined; the accused was measured and examined as to the marks on his person; these agreed in the main with those as set down in the descriptive book at the penitentiary, and while these parties said they were positive he was the man, yet none of them were willing to swear to the accused. Mr. Sublett, the former proprietor of the old Postwood, and present proprietor of the American, testified to his having been in his employ for years as head waiter, also to his good character, &c. A number of other witnesses were examined, all testifying to the good character of the accused. In view of these facts, the Justice gave him the benefit of the doubt and discharged him. The Commonwealth's Attorney, George D. Wise, assisted in the prosecution. Robinson was defended by Samuel M. Page and John Hunter, Jr.

A PATRIOTIC FAMILY.—Among the records preserved in the First Auditor Taylor's office in this city are the names of Virginia soldiers who have taken part in the various wars in which the United States have been engaged during the country's existence. We find that a company commanded by Capt. James Harrison, in the Tenth Virginia regiment, from Princess Ann county, who served in the war of 1812, contained the following names, viz: Sergeant Solomon Capps, Corporals Erasmus Capps and James Capps, and privates Ancil Capps, Dennis Capps, Daniel Capps, Jr., Enoch Capps, Elijah Capps, Hillary Capps, John Capps, Sr., John Capps, Jr., James Capps, Kader Capps, William Capps, Jesse Capps, Jr., Jesse Capps, Jr. This company had fifty-nine members rank and file, seventeen of whom were named Capps.

THEATRICAL NOTE.—The German actress, Janauschek, will be along again soon. In anticipation of the tremendous enthusiasm she knows awaits her from the intelligent critics of the Richmond press, (who never, never saw anything like her on the stage, off it, or at any intermediate point), she has contracted with our friend Minor Botts Heckler for a supply of Bologna sausage, adequate to reward all their powerful and artistic literary efforts in her behalf. "The tenetoozy moody" is expected to be heavy, but should the supply of sausage run out, a sight of Janauschek's California diamonds in some jewelry shop window will restore the equanimity of the too sanguine. If this last won't do, a dish of Swiss-kase or Limburger from Manly's will do the thing up brown.

WASTED SYMPATHY.—A lady who was proceeding through the Capitol Square yesterday, hearing a pigeon clucking imagined it to proceed from some unfortunate person in distress. She accosted Walker Howard, the janitor of the building, and telling him of the sound she had heard begged him to relieve the distress she thought existed. The sound being repeated Howard directly detected what it was, and told the lady that he would at once introduce remedial measures. He proceeded to do so with a broomstick, and the bird flew and so did the lady.

A BEAUTIFUL PAINTING.—There is now on exhibition at the jewelry establishment of Messrs. J. H. Tyler & Co. a beautiful painting, which work of art represents the last meeting between Generals Lee and Jackson, which took place the day before the battle of Chancellorsville. To-morrow is the last day on which the public will have an opportunity of seeing it. The members of the Legislature are especially invited to avail themselves of the opportunity.

POLICE COURT.—Justice White disposed of the following cases in this court to-day: Jennie Coleman, stealing an infant child, continued until to-morrow. Jordan Johnson, stealing, jailed for thirty days. Boney Williams, unlawful assault, fined \$2.

A. J. Andrew, defrauding G. W. Harrison, of Alexandria, discharged.

NEW MECHANISMS TURNPIKE COMPANY.—At a meeting of the above company, held at the Chamber of Commerce, on the 5th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Geo. K. Crutchfield, president, vice Chas. U. Williams, resigned; Charles U. Williams, secretary and treasurer.

SENT ON.—Edward Lewis, charged with feloniously stealing a lot of wearing apparel, the property of George Atkinson, was sent on to the grand jury by Justice White to-day.

STREET CAR ACCIDENT.—George Harris, an elderly colored man in the employ of Messrs. Meade & Baker, druggists, was knocked down about half past eleven o'clock this morning, by being struck by the pole of street car No. 6, which at the time was passing the corner of Main and Tenth streets. Harris was, at the time, trying to get out of the way of an oncoming car in an opposite direction. On being knocked down he fell lengthwise the track, but by a dextrous use of his strength succeeded in rolling himself out of harm's way. The driver of the car apparently made no effort to stop his vehicle.

SPECIAL COURT OF APPEALS.—In this court to-day the following business was transacted: Tutwiler vs. Leake; fixed for Monday. Cooke vs. Lewis; rule enlarged till Monday next. McKensy, &c., vs. Thompson's adm'r; submitted. Woodson's adm'r vs. Glasgow and wife; from the circuit court of Buckingham. Affirmed.

Court adjourned till Monday next.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.—This military school was organized in 1839 as a state military and scientific school, on the basis of the West Point academy. It has turned out 700 graduates, 126 of whom were killed during the late war, and 330 maimed. To General F. H. Smith, formerly of the United States army, who has been its superintendent from the beginning, its success is mainly due. The state gives it an annuity of \$15,000.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.—F. D. Irving and J. P. Fitzgerald, of Farmville, qualified to practice in this court to-day. Grigsby's adm'r vs. Grigsby, appeal from the circuit court of Fauquier county; appeal allowed and no bond required. Stearns vs. Mason was further argued by Mr. Lyons for Mason, and will be concluded by Mr. Steger for Stearns.

ALF BURNETT.—This amusing genius, assisted by Miss Nash, who is equally entertaining, will give his last performance at the Virginia Opera-house to-night. We never saw two persons entertain audiences for hours as well as Burnett and Miss Nash. If you are sick or low spirited go and see them and get cured. The antidote of fun they give is far more pleasant to take than medicine.

PERSONAL.—Edward S. Gregory, esq., editor of the Petersburg Index-Appeal, was in the city to-day. The curv of office slightly upon him. Major James Reiley, of Winchester, the fine-looking past squire of all the Red Men, is in the city.

HUSTINGS COURT.—The greater portion of the session of this court to-day was occupied in the trial of the civil docket, after which the trial of Hardin Washington, for stealing a watch, was taken up and was in progress when our report closed.

THE JAMES.—This usually placid stream is still on the rise, though very slowly. It has only risen one foot since early morning, its present height above high-water mark being about seven feet.

HOPE LIVES FOREVER, but her children die one by one. BETTER GIVE to two unworthy persons than to deny one really in need. EDITORS, more than any other class of men, are subject to evil communications.

A MEETING of the members of the Virginia State Agricultural Society is called for the 14th instant. See notice.

DR. D. NEWCOMB and his driver were injured yesterday by his horse running off and upsetting the carriage they were riding in.

TO-DAY is the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, which used to be celebrated in this city by a grand military parade.

IT IS STATED that the whole brood of United States Senatorial nags will be trotted out to-night before a Conservative legislative caucus.

THE HEIGHT OF ROUGHNESS—to come home when your wife has gone away and find that she has accidentally carried off the key to the closet where the consolation is.

THERE WERE THREE DEATHS in this city last week from "old age"—so the mortuary report says. One of the decedents is put down at 118, and two between 80 and 90.

THE RICHMOND RELIEF COMMITTEE will establish a commissary store under the Exchange Hotel this week and will immediately commence the distribution and sale of ration tickets.

THE REQUEST for a railroad charter from Petersburg to Washington, made of the Legislature last year not being granted, the General Assembly is now asked to refund the \$5,000 tax paid into the treasury on the charter at the time.

THE WINTER so far has not proved very encouraging in regard to the ice crop, and all engaged in the business of gathering it for summer sale or for packing naturally begin to manifest some apprehension on the subject. In this vicinity there has been no ice made yet worth harvesting.

HO! FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!—I have some fine Old Eye Whisky of different brands, which I will sell in suitable quantities from a barrel down to a gill. Also, Southampton Apple Brandy, New England and Jamaica Rum, Fine Fish Gin, made after the old Dutch style, Port and Sherry Wine. Also, Irish and Scotch Whiskies. I would also add other liquors to Old French Brandy, and many other liquors to mention.

JOHN R. MALLON, wholesale and retail liquor dealer, corner Main and Twenty-third streets.

MARRIAGES. DALTON—MUSE.—At the residence of the bride's parents this (Thursday) morning, January 8, by the Rev. J. L. Burrows, JAMES DECATUR DALTON to Miss ADDIE S. MUSE, both of this city. No cards. (Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, Va. papers please copy.)

IRON MANUFACTURERS. VARIETY IRON WORKS, ESTABLISHED 1822. JAMES D. BROWNE, MANUFACTURER OF IRON AND WIRE RAILING, GRATING, VERANDAHS, FIRE-PROOF FLOOR TILES, &c. &c. FLOWER VASES AND STANDS, SETTEES, Together with every description of iron work for BUILDING and ORNAMENTAL purposes. 905 and 907 BANK STREET RICHMOND VA. ja 7-dwly

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THE VESSEL "EDGAR STEWART"

SNOW RAIN AND FLOODS

NEWS FROM ABROAD

SPAIN AND CUBA

Etc., Etc., Etc.

WASHINGTON. Congressional. WASHINGTON, January 8.—Senate.—Mr. Pratt's amendment to the salary bill, compelling members to refund their pay received since March 3, 1873, was rejected by a vote of 45 to 14.

House.—The education bill was discussed.

NEW YORK. Financial. NEW YORK, January 8.—Noon.—Stocks active and higher. Money loaned at 7.50 bid. Gold 111 1/4. Exchange, long 48 1/2; short, 48 1/2. Governments strong. States quiet.

THE EDGAR STEWART. NEW YORK, January 8.—S. W. Dutcher, the owner of the steamship Edgar Stewart, yesterday said to a reporter: "I am the sole and exclusive owner of the vessel Edgar Stewart, and she shall rot at her wharf before she shall be used in violation of any neutrality laws of the government. I have broken her charters and retaken possession of her, and request Colonel Agner to desist from taking any action in respect to the vessel, as her reputation is bad enough already, and I desire to redeem it as far as possible in using her in legitimate employment."

MARINE. NEW YORK, January 8.—Arrived, New York, Nevada, City of Brooklyn. Arrived out, Canadian.

THE WEATHER. Snow, Rain and Flood. CINCINNATI, January 8.—Eight inches of snow has fallen in this vicinity, and communication east is interrupted.

PHILADELPHIA, January 8.—Continued rain prevails here. A freshet is apprehended.

PEUGHKEEPSIE, January 8.—The recent storm has caused the washing away of the bridge on the Hudson River railroad below Grooton, and trains are consequently delayed. Landslides have occurred on the Poughkeepsie and Eastern and the Dutchess and Columbia railroads.

FLORIDA. Spain's Attitude Towards Cuba. KEY WEST, January 8.—General Rafael Quesada arrived here yesterday from New Orleans. In conversation he said that Spain, whether Republican or monarchial, was the enemy of Cuba, and that Cubans intended to be free at any cost.

INDIANA. Fire. INDIANAPOLIS, January 8.—John Souder's livery stable was destroyed by fire last night, with twenty-eight horses.

FOREIGN. MADRID, January 8.—Another powder magazine in Cartagena exploded yesterday with a tremendous report.

A DRAB-COLORED OVERCOAT was taken Sunday morning from the rack at the dining-room of the Exchange and Ballard Hotel, containing in the pockets some PAPERS of no use to any person but the owner. Please return the PAPERS through the postoffice, to box 84 Exchange Hotel. (Dispatch copy and send bill to State Journal.) ja 8-31

THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION. RAFFLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE Widows and Orphans of the Southern States. DIVISION No. 110. EVENING, Jan. 7. 63 5 58 13 8 20 54 61 69 72 43 36

DIVISION No. 111. MORNING, Jan. 8. 9 15 16 61 76 33 40 28 68 24 50 66

Witness my hand, at Richmond, Va., this 8th day of January, 1874. SIMMONS & CO., O. C. TOMPKINS, Managers, Commissioner.

CERTIFICATES OF RAFFLE can be purchased from Captain W. I. DARNLEY, at the Brand Office, No. 9 Twelfth street, three doors from Main.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of A. B. Bowen, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The undersigned, Joseph Jorgenson, of Petersburg city, county of Dinwiddie, and state of Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of A. B. Bowen, of Brunswick county in said district, who was, on the 30th day of October, a. d. 1873, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of himself, by the District court of the United States, for said district. Dated January 3d, 1874. JOSEPH JORGENSON, Assignee.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of Henry Freeman, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The undersigned, Joseph Jorgenson, of Petersburg city, in the county of Dinw