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RICHMOND, VA

MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19, 1853.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The *Penny Post* (which made its first appearance on Saturday) gives an outline of its future course. It will be devoted to the news of the day; the interests of Richmond; local matters; to everything connected with the resources of the State; will advocate what has been called the Southern question, and will discuss the relations between this and foreign countries, always recommending a firm and determined demeanor, on the part of our government, to the whole world. Several other editorials appear in the columns of the present issue.

The *Bulletin* refers to the memorial of the James River and Kanawha Company, and speaks of the expectations now entertained to complete the whole line of intercommunication between the Ohio and Chesapeake within two years. The *Bulletin* trusts that the Legislature will not adjourn without making adequate provision for the prosecution of the enterprise.

Saturday's *Mail* publishes the proclamation of the Fillibustering Expedition in Lower California, and remarks thereon:

This is one of the greatest feats of the "Universal Yankee nation" that we ever heard of. Nothing in ancient or modern history can furnish a parallel to it. Think of forty-five Yankees "conquering a peace," and erecting a new government in a hostile land! The thing almost surpasses belief.

The *Whig* has an article on the "Shinplaster Currency" and Mr. Kemper's resolution. We quote the concluding paragraph:

We should like to see some practical, efficient mode adopted to furnish the State with a better currency. If we are not to have small notes issued by the Banks of the State, let us have something. As for the plan now proposed, it may be questioned whether it would not tend a great deal more to force citizens of the State to *perjure* themselves than to suppress the use of Shinplasters. Our present Democratic rulers have the power. They can try it.

The *Enquirer* reccommends to the attention of the Legislature the suggestion of Gov. Johnson relative to the purchase of Mount Vernon It says:

It is in every respect proper that Virginia should have custody of the tomb of Washington, and should hold it as a shrine to which the votaries of liberty may resort, to render homage to the memory of the most illustrious champion of human rights. It would be altogether in harmony with the character of Washington, if the gratification of the noblest sentiment of the soul could be combined with some scheme of practical good, and hence there was a peculiar propriety in the suggestion of the Governor that Mount Vernon should be at once the haunt of the patriot and the seat of learning. Washington was first in peace as well as in war, and some institution commemorative of the less striking and gentler virtues of his character would be an appropriate tribute to his memory.

The *Enquirer* also favors an increased salary for the Commonwealth's Attorney of the Circuit Court of Richmond.

THE EMPIRE IN MEXICO, &c.—We received on Saturday the New Orleans Picayune of the 11th inst., containing the news from Mexico which we have heretofore published by telegraph. It says:

A letter has been put into our possession, dated at Vera Cruz, on the 24th ult., from a source which we know to be entirely creditable, and likely to be well informed, stating in positive terms that Santa Anna would assume the title of Emperor, on the 12th December, which will be to-morrow.

The Picayune goes on to state its impression that this event is certainly approaching, whether it take place at the time specified or at some future day.—The whole policy of Santa Anna has evidently been directed to this point. It is probable that he calculates upon the sale of a portion of Mexican territory to the United States, for the pecuniary means of sustaining his new empire in its commencement.

The career of Santa Anna is indeed a marvel. We have long ceased to be startled with any thing like wonder at the suddenness of his transformations, his extraordinary reverses, and the rapidity with which he recovers, all and more than all of his losses.

The Picayune has intelligence from Mexico confirming the seizure of La Paz by a fillibustering party from San Francisco, and the capture of the two Governors, Sr. Rebolledo and Sr. Don Rafael Espinosa.

An extract from the "*Trait d'Union*" of the 19th November states that the Mexicans had solicited aid against the La Paz expedition from an English frigate which was cruising in the neighborhood, and that she had sailed for La Paz.

News from Mexico to the 1st of the month is daily looked for, per steamer Texas. We have already had telegraphic information that Santa Anna had been proclaimed Dictator for ten years.

An Irish Girl, has been arrested at Rancocas, N. J., for setting fire to the barn of Mr. Wills. On the 4th of December, she set fire to the barn, on Sunday morning last attempted to burn the house, and in the afternoon fired the corn-stalk stack. She is but 13 years of age. The reason she gives for her act is that her mistress whipped her.

Can it be possible that they whip servants in the *free* States? If they do, Aunt Harriet had better write an "Uncle Tom" for that locality. She might do it, undoubtedly, and come nearer the truth than she did in her first tirade.

"COL. BENTON'S PACIFIC RAILROAD."—The N. O. Crescent says:

By late information received from Santa Fe it would appear that Col. Benton's project of building a railroad from St. Louis to the Pacific ocean is altogether impracticable and absurd.

The Crescent advocates a route through the plains of Texas, starting at New Orleans as the only true and practicable route to the Pacific.

Gov. Foote has purchased a residence in Raymond, Miss., where his family will reside, while the Governor will seek a more extended field for the practice of his profession.

BREADSTUFFS.—Notwithstanding the intelligence by the steamer Asia, the effect on the N. Y. market was not so depressing as was anticipated. Southern Flour sold on Friday at $6.94 and $7 a 7.12. Wheat unchanged.

The New Orleans Picayune, always one of the handsomest newspapers in the whole South, made its appearance a few days since, with new and beautiful type.

The two fugitives, Stevenson and Parker, who were recently arrested in New York on a charge of conspiracy against Mr. Benjamin Green, of Easton, Pa., have been seen to Pennsylvania on a requisition from the Governor.

CLOSED.—The rendezvous in Norfolk has been closed by order of the Secretary of the Navy.—All future enlistments are to be made on board of the Receiving ship.

ARRIVAL OF A "PIONEER" STEAMER.—The steamer Sarah Sands, the poineer steamer of the new line from Liverpool, has arrived at Portland, Me.

FIRE.—The dwelling of Col. Jesse Wootten, sheriff of Pittsylvania county, was burned a few days since. He saved all his furniture and papers.

Hon. John Y. Mason and family are expected to embark at New York for France next Saturday.

VIRGINIA.

SENTENCED.—George Clinton, a negro, charged with receiving twenty dollars and over of the bank money, stolen from Mr. Henry Davis, was brought before the Hustings Court of Petersburg on Friday for trial. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

Ben Walker, for a similiar offence, was sentenced to five years in the "Commonwealth's workhouse," where, (says the Southside Democrat,) he will do the State the only kind service for which the Old Dominion never manifested any gratitude.

RESIGNED.—Major D. H. Hill has tendered his resignation as Professor of Mathematics in Washington College, at Lexington, for the purpose of taking a Professorship in Davidson College, North Carolina.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We learn from the Portsmouth Transcript that while the workmen were engaged last Tuesday night in making preparations for launching the ship Albion, a stick of timber fell, striking Charles Bilisoly, a young carpenter, with such force as to cause his death. He was a very worthy young man, and his death spread a gloom over the cummunity.

ARRESTED.—A young man was arrested and lodged in the jail of Gilmer county, last week, for stealing $200 from Michael Stump. The young man is from New York, and had been sent into that part of the State to transact some business for his father. He embraced the opportunity to transact a little business on his own account, and was hauled up.

ANOTHER VIRGINIA ARTIST.—The Lynchburg Virginian speaks in terms of high praise of a statuette, representing the figure of a nude female. It is the work of Wm. R. Barbee, a young lawyer of Page county, and is called "The Pride of Page." The figure was produced without a model and by the use of an ordinary pocket-knife and file only.

LAUNCH.—The large ship "Albion" was successfully launched last Thursday, at Portsmouth. Out of respect to the memory of Charles Bilisoly, who lost his life while assisting in the preparations for the launch, the colors were placed at half mast.

YORK RIVER RAILROAD AND FRESH OYSTERS.—The Danville Register, in setting forth the numerous advantages that would flow from the construction of the York River Railroad, says, among other things:

If Richmond will build this little Railroad, a supply of fresh York River Oysters will be vouchsafed to our denizens every day. The Oyster question is intimately connected with the subject, in our honest opinion.

A VETERAN GONE.—Col. Jeduthun Carter, an old and highly respected citizen of Pittsylvania county, died a few days since.

RAILROAD PROJECT.—The citizens of Danville and surrounding country are agitating the subject of a railroad from Danville to Wytheville.

PEANUTS PROHIBITED.—The manager of the St Charles Theatre in New Orleans, has placed in the small bills of the theatre the words—"Peanuts strictly prohibited." This is certainly a wise prohibition; for there is no practice more annoying to those who wish to see and hear the play, than to have to listen to the indiscriminate munching of peanuts; while the cracking of the shell, especially (as the Picayune has it) when a whole platoon of crackers are engaged in the work at the same moment, not unfrequently, we are assured, confuses the mind of those upon the stage. We do not know that the managers of a theatre have any authority to invade the sacred rights of the peanut regiment; but every person would do well to remember that in the indulgence of a favorite luxury he often renders himself very disagreeable to his neighbors.

A fire broke out in the House of Refuge, Philadelphia, last Thursday night, and created great excitement among the inmates. The fire was extinguished, however, without much damage.

Some of the New York papers gloat over the recent verdict in the case of Fry vs. Bennett, with almost fiendish malignity. The practice of striking a man after he is down, is quite reprehensible.

The committees on education in both Houses of the South Carolina Legislature have recommended an appropriation of $8000 for the Charleston College.

Wm. Adger, son of James Adger, of Charleston, died in New York, whither he had gone on an excursion, on Wednesday last.

The Washington National Monument has been completed to the height of 148 feet.

Alderman Elkinton, of Philadelphia, died last week from the rupture of a blood vessel.

COLUMBIA RACES.—On the 14th, at Columbia, S. C., Col. Singleton's ch. g. John Hopkins won the two mile race.

PRESENTATION.—Miss Julia Dean has presented to the proprietors of the barque *Julia Dean*, at Charleston, a full sett of silk colors for that vessel.

Hon. A. B. Dawson died in Mississippi on the 25th ult.

FORBIDDING THE BANNS.—The Washington Star says:

A few evenings since, a considerable company assembled at the house of a worthy old resident of the First Ward, to witness the marriage of his daughter to a buck about town. The Rev. Mr. Evans the clergyman officiating commenced the ceremony and proceeded to the part where he calls on any one present to speak out if knowing of an impediment to the consummation of the ceremony; Whereupon a fair one, who up to that time stood timidly back in the crowd, rushed forward and seizing the affrighted bridegroom by the throat dragged him immediately from the room and house, ere the intended bride could come to his rescue. Since then, the disconsolate half-married young person has not heard from her spirited away half-husband. These facts are positively true.

POPULATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.—The population of the State in 1850, was, white persons, 553,775; free colored, 27,567; slaves, 289,448; total, 870,990. Number of Representatives in Congress, 8.

Mrs. Bloomer has emigrated from Seneca Falls, N. Y., to Vernon, Ohio, taking her husband, "The Lilly," and other personal and family appurtenances along with her.

A LARGE RAM'S HORN.—The Goldsboro' Republican states that there is in that place a ram's horn fifty-four inches long. It is to be blown on the top of Pilot mountain when the North Carolina Railroad is completed.

Sam Weller has been arrested in St. Louis charged with bigamy. Poor Samivel! Where is Mr. Pickwick?

BURIAL PLACE OF ELIHU YALE.—A gentleman writing from Wexham, Wales, says: "I have just been in the church yard here—an ancient one.—Who think you, lies there in his tomb? Elihu Yale, the founder of Yale College, in New Haven. The following I copied from his tomb stone:

Elihu Yale, Esq., was buried here on the 22d of July, 1721.

Born in America, and in Europe bred—
In Afric travelled and in Asia wed,
Where long he lived and then in London died,
Much good, some ill he did—so hope all's even,
And that his soul thro' mercy's gone to Heaven,
You that survive, and tell the tale, take care
For this most certain end well to prepare,
When blessed in peace, the actions of the just
Smell sweet and blossom in the silent dust."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 17, 1853.

A communication from the House of Delegates was read. The amendment to the bill incorporating the Commercial Savings Bank of the city of Richmond, was agreed to. The other bills from the House were read and referred.

Mr. SHACKELFORD, from the Committee on General Laws, reported House bill allowing further time to owners of lots in the town of Columbia, in the county of Fluvanna, to build on and improve the same.

Resolutions were proposed by—

Mr. STUART—Increasing the capital of the stock of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company for the purpose of extending their road to some point at the foot of the mountain in the county of Patrick.

Mr. FUNSTEN—To authorise the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church in Winchester to sell certain property

Mr. THOMAS—To amend 16th section of chapter 49 of the Code of Virginia, so as to allow Constables to appoint deputies in certain cases.

Mr. HALL—Establishing a new county out of parts of Jackson, Kanawha and adjoining counties.

Mr. THOMPSON—Constructing a plank road from Cumberland Court House to Amelia Court House, or some eligible point on the Danville Railroad, near the latter place.

Mr. THOMPSON was granted leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate a substitute for the House bill of last session, providing for the enrolment of the militia.

BILLS PASSED.

Amending the act concerning the salaries of public officers, &c., (so as to allow the payment of the Public Printer's salary quarterly.)

Requiring the Governor of the Commonwealth to cause proclamation to be made of the establishment of new banks based on State securities.

To authorise the Board of the Literary Fund to purchase from the trustees of the College of Physicians of the Valley of Virginia at Winchester, a lot in the town of Winchester, and college building thereon, and providing for the medical education of indigent young men at said college—ayes 26, noes 16.

Increasing the capital stock of the Manassa Gap Railroad Company. The following is the vote on its passage:

AYES—Messrs. Baldwin, Barnett, Brawner, Buswell, Chapman, Creigh, Deneale, Funsten, Hall, Harris, Irving, Johnson, Marshall, Martin, McDearmon, McElhaney, Mullin, Paxton, Randolph, Reger, Saunders, Shackelford, Steenrod, Stuart, Tate, Tazewell, Thomas, Thompson, Turner, Wade, jr., Ward, White, Winston—33.

NOES—Messrs. Arthur, Braxton, Catlett, Jones, Logan, Old, jr., Parker, Shands, Smith—9.

The bill authorising a connection of the Orange Railroad coming up, on its passage, Mr. JONES moved it be made the order of the day for the second Monday in January: pending which a debate arose, and, before coming to a vote thereon—

On motion of Mr. SHACKELFORD, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

SATURDAY, Dec. 17.

A communication from the Senate announced the passage of a bill incorporating the Russell Manufacturing and Mining Company, which was read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. The same communication announced the passage of the following resolution, which was agreed to by the House:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Virginia, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and Representatives requested, to urge by all proper means an amendment by Congress of its law of July 5th, 1832, so as to embrace within its provisions an adjudication and payment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, of the claims of the officers of the Virginia line upon continental establishment upon the same principles as those of the State line.

Committees made reports.

A report from the Committee of Courts of Justice upon a resolution referred to them that it is inexpedient to alter the law with regard to the appointment of deputy constables, was concurred in by the House.

Mr. DUNN, from the Committee on Roads, reported the following bills:

"A bill authorising an increase of the capital stock of the Manassas Gap Railroad Company;" "A bill directing the Board of Public Works to make an additional subscription to the Weston and Fairmont Turnpike," and "A bill authorising a loan to the Virginia Central Railroad Company."

The following engrossed bills were read a third time and passed:

"A bill for the relief of Alexander Watkins;" and "A bill to amend the act entitled an act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the fifteenth circuit, passed April 2nd, 1853."

The bill concerning an intermediate grade of flour, after some consideration, and some additional amendments being offered, was on motion of Mr. TAYLOR, of Loudoun, recommitted to the committee.

Bills were considered in their early stages—none of especial interest—and some ordered to be engrossed.

The House concurred in the report of the committee on Banks, against the expediency of amending the act establishing the Manufacturers' Bank of Kanawha.

A bill authorising the payment of the interest on the guaranteed bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company was read a second time, and being explained by Mr. GARNETT, and on his motion amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

Petitions were presented and referred to appropriate committees.

Various resolutions were submitted, agreed to and appropriately referred—among them the following

By Mr. CLAIBORNE—Into the expediency of amending the act to incorporate the Halifax Plank Road Company, passed April 9th, 1853.

By Mr. MAYO—Into the expediency of amending the act incorporating the Richmond and Charlottesville Turnpike Company, so as to provide that the State shall subscribe for three fifths of the stock of said road.

By Mr. STAPLES—Into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the extension of the Richmond and Danville Railroad on the two and three-fifths principle, from Danville or some other point to some point on the main road in the county of Patrick at or near Patrick C. H.

By Mr. HAYS—Into the expediency of reducing the price of the Virginia Reports.

By Mr. CRUTCHFIELD—Into the expediency of amending, generally and especially, so far as it relates to the county of Spotsylvania, the act of the last session in relation to jurors.

By Mr. TAYLOR, of Loudoun—Into the expediency of making agents or officers of the government authorised to enter into contract for the expenditure of money appropriated, personally liable where their contracts exceed the amount appropriated.

By Mr. MCKENZIE—Into the expediency of creating a new officer of the government, to be called the Commissioner of Banks, the expenses of whose department shall be defrayed by the banks of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. STAPLES—Into the expediency of reporting Bill No. 467, prescribing the duties and fixing the compensation of the Public Printer, with the amendments proposed at the last session.

LOCAL MATTERS.

"HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE."—We are pleased to learn that the example of bringing wood to the city for the benefit of the Poor, was first set by the Presieent and Directors of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company. We were not aware of the fact at the time of writing the notice which appeared last Saturday morning, and therefore take the first occasion to do the Directery of that Company justice.—From our knowledge of the character of many members of the Board we were satisfied that the largest liberality would be exercised towards the Poor, and thus it was that we publicly called upon them to take prompt action upon the subject. Indeed we think we do not go too far when we say, that each of the improvement companies terminating in our city will do all they can to aid the sufferers and relieve their wants.

THE VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY held a meeting at the Athenæum on Thursday night. The Hon. Wm. C. Rives, the President, took the chair and delivered a very happy but brief address to the audience present.

After the reading of the report of the Executive Committee, Mr. Maxwell made an interesting report, and gave an account of the additions to the Library within the past year. He also referred to a fine copy of a portrait of Franklin, which had been executed in Paris and furnished to the Society by its President, Mr. Rives.

Mr. Grigsby of Norfolk, next addressed the meeting, during which he gave many interesting facts of value to those who heard him. He was listened to with marked attention by the Society.

CAPTURE.—The police made a capture of an unlawful assembly of eleven negroes, yesterday, at a grocery on Cary street kept by a man named Perkins. Eight of the party were caged, and three of them escaped.

THE SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY AND THE POOR.—It is truly gratifying to witness the heartfelt sympathy manifesting itself among all classes of society to do something to prevent, as far as possible, the wants and privations to which the destitute poor may be subjected during the winter months now set in. Food, fuel, and raiment, are all unsually high, and the inadequate compensation paid for female labor, therefore, must produce an unheard of amount of suffering in our midst, unless the purse strings of those more bountifully blessed are untied, and liberal donations made to procure for them the necessaries of life To aid in this noble work, we understand that the *Richmond Sacred Music Society* have determined to give a *grand concert* some evening this week, the proceeds to be placed in charge of the "Union Benevolent Society," to be expended in purchasing fuel and other comforts for the suffering.—Will it be necessary for us to urge every person to procure a ticket, to aid in this holy work? We trust not, for surely there is no human being in our midst who would not willingly contribute his mite to save from starvation others less blessed than himself. But apart from the charity for which the concert is given, the music will be of a very high order, and the entertainment one of no common character. Let all, then, bear in mind this concert, and when the tickets are announced for sale, let none refuse to purchase at least one. Remember the word of holy writ: "He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord."

THE NEW ENGINE.—This long looked for wonder has at length arrived, and may be seen at 1 o'clock this evening at Rocketts, from which place it will be drawn by the firemen of the city, through the streets, and at some convenient point will have its capacities fully tested. This engine is intended for Phœnix Company, No. 3, and was manufactured by Messrs. L. Button & Co., Waterford, N. Y. We subjoin the following description of it: The sides and top of the box of this engine are of mahogany, and the bottom of oak, ash, or black walnut, and all the iron work is polished. It has sufficient power to throw an inch and a half stream ninety feet high; an inch and a quarter stream one hundred and twenty feet high; an inch and an eighth stream one hundred and forty feet high; and an inch stream one hundred and sixty or seventy feet high. It will likewise throw two seven eighth streams each one hundred and fifty feet high; and three three-quarter streams one hundred and twenty-five feet high. This engine can be worked easily by by thirty-two men, and can be so changed in half a minute as to throw from three hundred and fifteen to five hundred and eighty cubic inches of water each stroke. The reputation of Messrs. Button & Co., as first class engine builders, is of the highest order.

We invite the attention of Firemen to a notice in this morning's paper, relative to the new engine.—Of course a band of music and other necessary accompaniments to make the christening a pleasant one, will be served up in proper order.

NOT SUSTAINED.—A lad named William Fordham, charged with stealing a coat, pants, vest, and other wearing apparel, valued at $50, from Jos. R. Pleasants, on Friday last, was arraigned and examined before the Mayor on Saturday. During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Pleasants, and Mrs. Jenkins, the sister of the prisoner, some one entered the house and robbed it. A lady living next door saw a well grown boy at the rear of the garden and supposed it to be the accused, but on being brought before him, declared that he was not the person. During the absence of Mrs. Jenkins, she had informed William where the key of the house could be found, and directed him to get it and mend up the fire in her room. He had done so, but she knew nothing of the articles said to have been taken. The evidence being insufficient to establish guilt, the party was discharged.

SAD PICTURE.—Three youngsters—William Morris, George Elam and Samuel Bequethe, were set to the bar at the Mayor's Court on Saturday, to answer two charges—one for petty larceny, and the other for obtaining money from Leroy Shepherd, under false pretences. [We gave the particulars of this transaction in our Saturday's issue.] After hearing three witnesses, Samuel Bequethe, a boy about nine years old, was examined. He stated that Morris and Elam got the verdigris, brush and gold leaf at Mr. F. B. Smith's shop—offered to sell them to Mr. Shepherd, but failing to do so, took them to Mrs. S., obtained $5, spent a portion of it for cakes and pocket knives, and gave him ninepence for going with them. Morris and Elam were remanded to prison to answer two indictments at the next Grand Jury term of the Hustings Court. Bequethe will, no doubt, be discharged.

MR. GRIFFITHS' BENEFIT.—Our readers will perceive by the advertisement that Tuesday night has been set apart at the theatre for the benefit of Mr. Griffiths. In their bestowal of patronage on the *stars* who frequently come among us, we hope our play going citizens will not forget those actors of sterling merit, who constantly contribute to their amusement. The beneficiary of whom we are now speaking is a gentleman of talent, both in the line of his profession and as a writer. He presents on Tuesday night a bill of remarkable attraction, as we have excellent reasons for knowing, and as all who attend will be sure to decide. He has spared neither pains nor expense in getting up the entertainment, and he should be liberally rewarded. Not the least among the pleasing features of the evening will be a burlesque entitled "Griffiths' Dream," founded on actual "night thoughts." There are moreover two additional plays—sufficient, certainly, to satisfy all who have a fondness for the marvellous or the amusing. We hope the house will be well filled.

BURNING OF THE COLUMBIAN STABLES.—At 10 o'clock on Saturday night last the stables attached to the Columbian Hotel, on Cary street, corner of 13th, were discovered to be on fire, and owing to the large amount of combustible material they contained, composed of provender of various kinds, were soon enveloped in flames. The alarm was speedily given, the bells rang, and soon thereafter the firemen, with their apparatus, were soon dashing along to the scene of conflagration. In the mean time those in the neighborhood were busily engaged in removing the stock of horses, etc., which was successfully done, after great exertion. Owing to the proximity of the hotel to the stables, and the excessive heat produced by the burning hay and straw, and seasoned timber, great fears were entertained that the new wing of the hotel just being completed would take fire and thereby destroy the whole building, but the prompt and continued exertions of the firemen, all of whom labored zealously, finally subdued the flames, and prevented so sad a catastrophe. As yet the cause of the fire has not been ascertained, though the general presumption is that it was caused by an incendiary. Col. Ward, the proprietor of the hotel, loses about $400 by the destruction of provender. Mr. S. D. Crenshaw, to whom the property belongs, loses about $1,200, which is fully insured.

AMUSEMENTS.—At the Theatre to-night, the interesting drama of "Therese," will be presented, in which Mr. Taylor will appear as "Carwin," and Mrs. Ward as "Therese" If properly gotten up, as it will doubtless be on this occasion, we know of but few more attractive dramas than the one mentioned. After an overture by the orchestra, a song by Miss Ince, and a dance by Miss Partington, the evening's entertainments will conclude with "Woman's Trials," making quite an attractive bill.

At "Metropolitan Hall," Ned Davis' Olio Minstrels are to give a concert of vocal and instrumental music, by the entire band. Those who are fond of negro imitations, will know where to spend an evening in such enjoyments.

NEW ESTABLISHMENT.—We invite attention to the advertisement of F. A. R. George. He is a son of Signor George, the well known teacher of music, whose many friends in this community will undoubtedly bestow their patronage on the new establishment.

METEOROLOGY.

Extract from a Meteorological Journal kept by Mr. D Turner, at his school rooms.

MEAN TEMPERATURE OF THE 6 MONTHS:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	M'ns.
1852	72° 6	76° 8	71° 8	66° 6	61° 1	45° 6	65° 7
1853	76° 2	76° 8	77° 5	68° 9	55° 7	51° 1	67° 7

AMOUNT OF RAIN IN INCHES.

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sums
1852	3.42	6.48	8.28	2.11	3.49	5.28	29.00
1853	2.74	4.72	2.79	3.38	2.56	1.45	17.65

FORCE OF VAPOR.

							M'ns.
1852	12.7	16.7	16.4	12.8	10.0	6.3	12.5
1853	13.1	16.4	16.4	14.3	8.2	7.9	12.7

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

							M'ns.
1852	64	74	84	79	74	77	75
1853	59.7	72.2	70.0	78	72	78	72

OCTOBER, 1853.

Barometer: Mean, 29.921 inches; maximum (on the 29th) 30.235; minimum (on the 22d) 29.551; range, .684.

Thermometer: Mean, 55° 7; maximum (on the 21st) 80°; minimum (on the 25th) 32°; range, 48°.

Rains: On the 9th, (a thunder shower) .65 inches; on the 20th and 21st, .15; on the 24th, (from the N. E.) 1.61, being a snow storm at the North and in the Western part of this State; on the 27th and 28th, .77.

The storm of the 24th was severe along the Atlantic Coast, and many vessels were wrecked. No snow fell in this city to remain on the ground; in Staunton it fell to the depth of more than a foot.

There was a high wind on the 29th.

The leaves fell abundantly on the 20th and 21st

First slight frost in the city on the 11th.

Prevailing wind N. W.

NOVEMBER, 1853.

Barometer: Mean, 30.090 inches; maximum (on the 7th) 30.451; minimum (on the 13th) 29.469; range, .982.

Thermometer: Mean, 51° 1; maximum (on the 21st) 75°; minimum (on the 25th) 26°; range, 47°.

Rains: On the 9th, .71 inches. This was a snow storm at the North, a gale in Boston and further North.

On the 18th, .74 inches (from N. W.) This was a severe rain storm at the North, producing great freshets in some of the rivers.

Nine fogs during the month.

Prevailing winds, N. W. and S. W.

The rain which has fallen during the six months ending with November of this year, is much less than during the same period of last year.

THE DAILY DISPATCH.

CASH TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

1 square, 1 insertion	$0 50	1 square, 1 month	$4 00
1....do..2 insertions	0 75	1....do..2 months	7 00
1....do..3....do....	1 00	1....do..3....do....	10 00
1....do..6....do....	1 75	1....do..6....do....	16 00
1....do.12....do....	2 75	1....do..