THE DAILY DISPATCH.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1853.

CONGRESSIONAL SPEECHIFICATION.

Intelligent observers have been often amazed by the inexhaustible loquacity of the American Congress. Even residents of Britain, accustomed to deliberative bodies, and grumbling over the brief and business like debates of their own Parliament, are appalled and thunder-struck by the Niagara of verbosity which roars and reverberates through the American Capitol. They are unable to appreciate in its most liberal sense that freedom of speech with which Republican citizens, and, above all, Republican representatives, are invested. The idea of freedom of speech, as entertained and practiced in the halls of Congress, implies the liberty to talk every body to death. Some of the remarks of Carlyle, in one of his spicy pamphlets, upon representative bodies, might apply with as much truth and force to the Congress of the United States as to the Parliament of Great Britain. "What," asks Carlyle, "is the good of men collected, with the effort, to debate on the benches of St. Stephen's, now when there is a *Times* newspaper? Not the discussion of questions: only the ultimate voting of them (a very brief process, I should think!) requires to go on, or can veritably go on, in St. Stephen's now. The honorable gentleman is oftenest very wearisome in St. Stephen's now: his and his Constituency's *Aye* or *No*, is all we want of the honorable gentleman there; all we are ever like to get of him there—could it but be had without admixtures! If your Lordship will reflect on it, you will find it an obsolete function, this debating one of his; useless in these new times, as a set of post-boys would be, along the line of the Great Western Railway. Loving my life, and time which is the stuff of life, I read no Parliamentary Debates, rarely any Parliamentary Speech; but I am told there is not, once in the seven years, the smallest gleam of new intelligence thrown on any matter, earthly or divine, by an honorable gentleman on his legs in Parliament. Nothing offered you but wearisome, dreary, thrice-boiled colewort;—a bad article at first, and served and again in Newspapers and Periodical and other Literatures, till even the inferior animals would recoil from it. Honorable gentlemen have complained to myself that under the sky there was not such a bore.—What is or can be the use of this, your Lordship?"

What would this grumbler say if compelled to be perforated by the huge augurs of the American Congress? But we have an advantage which the Britons cannot boast.—They are unable, on their small island, to escape from the infliction of Parliamentary eloquence, unless they jump into the ocean; we have a boundless continent and can fly to the shades of a vast wilderness for refuge.—Moreover, nobody heeds what Congressional orators say. Whilst they imagine that the ears of the whole American People are drinking in with rapture the stream of their verbosity, not one man in a million in the Republic knows or cares what they are talking about. Even in the excited and critical period of sectional agitation, which was settled by the Compromise, when Congressional orators were blowing the Union to fragments with gunpowder speeches, the people of both sections remained as 'calm as a summer's morning,' pursuing without doubt or distrust, the even tenor of their way, yet resolutely prepared to interfere whenever the riotous assemblage at Washington should proceed from harmless words to a single act which would endanger the peace and union of the Republic.

This is a young and vigorous country and can therefore afford to endure Congressional jargon. But we sometimes wish that the representatives in the deliberative bodies of the United States could attain to the wisdom of speaking rarely and speaking well. Domen, who have arrived at years of distinction, require to be informed that eloquence and declamation are two different things, and that most of the representatives of the people can better serve their country by action than speech?

We do not underrate the power and the value of genuine eloquence. But it is rare that we see the smallest spark of it in the debates of Congress. Efforts at display indeed are innumerable,—the American Eagle is regularly saddled and ridden to the seventh heaven by aspiring declaimers, but *eloquence*, that divine gift, when do we hear it? "True eloquence," said Daniel Webster, "does not consist in speech. It cannot be brought from far. Labor and learning may toil for it, but they will toil in vain. Words and phrases may be marshalled in every way, but they cannot compass it. It must exist in the man, in the subject, and in the occasion. Affected passion, intense expression, the pomp of declamation, all may aspire after it; they cannot reach it. It comes, if it come at all, like the outbreaking of a fountain from the earth, or the bursting forth of volcanic fires, with spontaneous, original, native force. The graces taught in the schools, the costly ornaments and studied contrivances of speech, shock and disgust men, when their own lives and the fate of their wives, their children, and their country, hang on the decision of the hour. Then, words have lost their power, rhetoric is vain, and all elaborate oratory contemptible. Even genius itself then feels rebuked, and subdued, as in the presence of higher qualities. Then, patriotism is eloquent; then, self-devotion is eloquent. The clear conception, outrunning the deductions of logic, the high purpose, the firm resolve, the dauntless spirit, speaking on the tongue, beaming from the eye, informing every feature, and urging the whole man onward, right onward, to his object—this, this is eloquence; or, rather, it is something greater and higher than all eloquence,—it is action, noble, sublime, godlike action."

THE CITY LIMITS.

We regret the fate of the proposition to extend the corporate limits of this city in the House of Delegates. The notice required by a rule of the House had not been given, and that rule is to the House like laws of Medes; it is never relaxed. How it came that the due notice was not given, we cannot say. We suppose it belonged to that immense class of things, which as they are every body's business, is no-body's business. We suppose the proposition will not be caught in such a fix again. However, we suppose there will be as few tears shed over the event in Richmond as there will be in the suburbs. Eight thousand people, without the benefits of incorporation, of a police, and the institutions and ordinances indispensable to the safety and comfort of dense populations, are likely to suffer more for two years than will our people who enjoy all these advantages. We wish, for the sakes of our friends outside, that the proposition had succeeded.

QUACK MEDICINES.

In another column will be found the proceedings of the druggists of Richmond in regard to the extraordinary bill which has been reported to the Senate, requiring that the ingredients of all medicines, commonly called quack medicines, or, in other words, such medicines as are not prepared after a prescription by one of the medical faculty, shall be inscribed in English upon the outside of the bottle or package, containing the medicine. The members of the medical profession are of course to be allowed the privilege of making up their prescriptions in hyeroglyphics, which it would puzzle Champollion to discipher. The passage of such a law would simply break up every druggist in the Commonwealth, and throw the trade they now enjoy from the South into other States, and injure the revenue of a treasury which is by no means suffering from plethora. We have no idea that any such measure can for a moment receive the sanction of the Legislature.

We have great respect for the medical profession, and rejoice in anything which tends to elevate its standing and influence. But that elevation should be based upon its intrinsic merits, and not upon the downfall of rival interests. There are different schools of medicine, which are at war upon the very fundamentals of the faith, and when they have come to agree, it will be time enough to exterminate the outsiders. At present, it is asking a little too much, it seems to us, to demand the passage of a law, by which people suffering from indisposition of any kind, shall be compelled to go to a regular physician, or else remain sick and perhaps die. This is a free country and if people choose to take quack medicines, no power on earth has a right to forbid them. If these medicines are really injurious, the medical gentlemen ought to be glad of it, for the victims at last will be thrown upon their hands, and contribute their portion to elevate the standard of science and the dignity of the profession! If, on the other hand, some of these medicines are valuable, and render in certain cases substantial relief, the physicians ought to rejoice in the benefit which is conferred upon humanity. Even if there is no real virtue in any of them, and all their cures are effected by imagination, no matter, so they are cured. We doubt whether quacks are the only practitioners who avail themselves of the imagination of the patient, to aid in his restoration to health.

After all, medicine of any kind has very little to do with the cure of most of the cases in which medical advice is sought. We heard one of the ablest physicians of Richmond remark, not long ago, that "the principal use of medicine is to amuse the patient, while Nature is curing him." Why not permit him, then, to amuse himself in his own way?

We doubt very much whether quack medicines interfere, to any great extent, with the practice of the regular physicians. At any rate, no government, even the most despotic, would undertake to *prescribe* for its people what kind of medicine they shall swallow.

TEMPORARY MOUNTAIN TRACK.

We learn from Charlottesville that MR. ELLETT, the Chief Engineer of the Central Railroad, is shewing a determination to prosecute with vigor the temporary track across the Blue Ridge. Seventy Irish laborers went up by Charlottesville in the early part of the week to work on that part of the Road.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR COURTENAY.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Dec. 21, 1853.

DEAR SIR:—We have to lament the death of EDWARD H. COURTENAY, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Virginia. He died this morning at his residence at the University. He was one of the most talented as well as one of the most amiable of men. His loss is a severe one to the University, and his place will not be easily supplied.

THE BROOKLYN FIRE.—The N. Y. Herald of Wednesday gives the following account of the recent disastrous fire in Brooklyn:

A most disastrous fire occurred in Brooklyn yesterday morning involving the destruction of property amounting to nearly $150,000 in value. About 4 o'clock a fire broke out in the house on the north-west corner of Colonade Row, Columbia street, and with such rapidity did the flames spread that the entire range, comprising eight houses, was soon after entirely enveloped, rendering the efforts of the firemen, who labored under considerable difficulty, for the want of water, almost entirely without effect. They succeeded, however, in confining the fire to the row in which it originated.

The buildings destroyed occupy the entire front on Columbia street, between Middagh and Cranberry. They were composed of brick, with wooden fronts. The verandah in the rear extended the entire length of the row, and being composed of light wood work, proved a conductor of the flames from one building to the other, a brisk wind from the north-west prevailing at the time. They were erected in 1835, by Gen. Underhill, at a cost of $120,000, and have since been looked upon as the most desirable summer residences in Brooklyn.

MARRIED,

At Abingdon, the seat of Mr. Augustine W. Robins, in the county of Gloucester, on the morning of the 20th, by the Rev. J. H. Davis, Rev. JOHN BAILEY, of the Virginia Conference, and Miss LIZZIE LEE ROBBINS, eldest daughter of the late Dr. J. H. Robins, originally of Gloucester.

Enquirer, Whig and Richmond Christian Advocate will please copy. *

On the 21st inst., by the Rev. Dr. Jeter, RICH'D L. HICKSON, to Miss SUSAN M. TYACK, only daughter of Mr. Samuel Tyack, all of this city. *

DIED,

On yesterday, at 5 P. M., Mrs. FRANCES LIEPER, relict of Dr. Andrew Leiper, in the 80th year of her age. The friends of the families of the late Dr. Trent, and of Mr. Richard Crouch, are requested to attend her funeral from the house of the latter, corner of Clay and 4ths streets, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, without further invitation. *

RICHMOND MARKETS—Dec. 22.

CORRECTED DAILY.

FLOUR.—No change to note—but few sales at $6 75@7 to the city trade—some more enquiry for shipping.

WHEAT.—Active at $1 40@1 50.

CORN—New, 60@65 cents; old, 70@73 cents

TOBACCO.—Lugs, new, $3 50@5; old, good, $8@10; fine $12@$20.

GUANO—Plenty at $46.

PROVISION market dull. Bacon 9@10 cents.—Pork $5@5

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF RICHMOND, Dec. 22.

SAILED,

Schr. Juliette, Baker, Boston, mdse., D. Currie.

Schr. Bee, Chester, to load down the river for Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, Dec 19——Arrived, schr. Merchant, Winters, from Richmond. Dec 20, arrived, schrs. Hugh Scott, Terry, from Richmond, and W R Newcomb, Newcomb, from Fredericksburg.

At Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 24, ship Courier, Bonsal, and schr. Tennessee, Engall, from Richmond for California.

ATTENTION!
RICHMOND LIGHT DRAGOONS!!
Attend a meeting of your Company at LAFAYETTE HALL this (FRIDAY) evening at 7 o'clock precisely. By order of the Captain:
W. O. GEORGE,
de 23 Orderly Sergeant.

COUNTRY MADE WOOLEN SOCKS. 100 dozen Country made Woolen Socks for servants, in store and for sale cheap at
de 23 HART & MOSES', 63 Main st.

NOTICE.—The members of the Richmond Sacred Music Society who have not received their tickets of admission to the Concert of THIS EVENING, can get them on application at the door of the 1st Baptist Church, after 7 o'clock, P. M. de 23—1t

VIRGINIA CENTRAL RAILROAD.—The freight depots at Richmond will be closed from Saturday, the 24th instant, till Monday, January 2, 1854.
de 23—1w E. H. GILL, Sup't.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.—The subscriber has just received an additional supply of FANCY GOODS, such as Card Cases, Porte Monnaies, Reticules, Steel Purses, Jet Bracelets, Jewelry, Needle-Worked Bands, Sleeves, Chemizettes and Collars, embroidered Handkerchiefs, Cravats, Stocks, Combs, Brushes and Perfumeries, all of which will be sold low by calling at
J. L. WEIL'S,
Fancy and Trimming Store, 131 Broad st.,
Opposite Fredericksburg Depot.
N. B.—A full assortment of TRIMMINGS always on hand. de 23—3t*

VELVET BIBLES AND PRAYER BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—A. MORRIS, 97 Main street, has just opened a choice assortment, richly bound in silk velvet, with and without clasps. Also, a variety of Morocco embossed, Turkey, &c.
Fancy Books for the Holidays—a large and beautiful stock.
Juvenile Books, with engravings.
Standard Authors in fine bindings, for presents.
Ladies' Dressing Cases and Writing Desks.
English Editions of the Poets, fine bindings.
Ladies' Work Boxes, furnished and plain.
Pianos—a new stock just arrived. de 23

LOST, on Thursday, the 15th instant, near the Old Market House, a pair of SADDLE BAGS, containing one pair black pants, one pair grey do, two shirts, one black silk vest, collars, cravat, brushes, &c. Any person finding the same and leaving it with Mr. Logan Waller, second door below the Columbian Hotel, Cary street, will be suitably rewarded.
de 23—3t* WM. S. FONTAINE.

LARD KEGS.—200 Smithfield made Lard Kegs, for sale by
de 23 JOHN WOMBLE & CO.

A FEW DOZEN MORE of those Silver Spoons for children, received.
de 23 GENNET & JAMES, Eagle Square.

PRIME HAMS, Breast and smoked Beef. For sale by
de 23 JOHN H. CLAIBORNE.

PURE OLD WHISKEY; Sicily Wine; Baltimore Rectified Whiskey; London Porter; for sale by
de 23 JOHN H. CLAIBORNE.

SUPERIOR REFINED NEW YORK Syrup; Frost's Buckwheat. For sale by
de 23 JOHN H. CLAIBORNE.

RUM—One hogshead superior old Jamaica Rum. For sale by
de 23 R M BURTON.

CHEESE.—Imitation English, Goshen, and a few cases Stilton Cheese. For sale by
de 23 R. M. BURTON.

HAIR BRUSHES, COMBS, &c.—A very fine assortment of plain and highly finished Hair Brushes to suit the taste of all. Nail brushes, Tooth brushes, Combs, &c., of all kinds. For sale very low by
de 23 E. J. PICOT & CO., Druggists.

PULMONARY SYRUP.—A very excellent remedy for Coughs, Colds, &c. Price 25c. a bottle. For sale by
de 23 E. J. PICOT & CO., Druggists.

LADIES GAITER BOOTS.—Just received, 500 pair ladies' Gaiter Boots, for sale at low prices, by HART & MOSES,
de 22 63 Main st.

MACHINERY OIL.—Just received and for sale by
de 22 J. J. FRY.

3000 SACKS LIVERPOOL Ground SALT, on board the ship Havana, now in the river. For sale by
de 22 J. J. FRY.

PLAIN AND FIGURED MOUSLAINES.—We will close out our present stock Plaid and figured Mouslaines, at reduced prices. Also plain Tan colored Merinoes and Mushlanes, very cheap
de 22 HART & MOSES, 63 Main st.

BLANKETS! BLANKETS!!—We have an extensive stock of Negro and Bed Blankets in store which we will sell at low prices. All in want will please call on HART & MOSES,
ne 22 63 Main st.

MINCING KNIVES, &c.—Sausage Mills, or Meat Cutters; Chopping Knives; Sausage Stuffers. Another supply just to hand; for sale by de 22 ZIMMERMAN.

FOR MAKING JELLIES, BLANC MANGE, &c.—Cooper's American Sheet and Shred Isinglass; also, a supply of Cox's Sparkling Gelatine.
de 22 J. H. BLAIR.

FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE.—THE "VIRGINIA VALLEY COMPANY" OF WINCHESTER.
This Company has a large cash capital paid in, and is guaranteed by the best of references.
B. W. KNOWLES, Agent in Richmond.
Office at the BOOK STORE of KNOWLES & WALFORD, corner of Main and 11th streets.
de 21—5t

RICH OIL PAINTINGS ON SILK FOR SALE VERY LOW.—These include several Summer and Winter scenes, Ocean Views, Groups, Portraits, &c. Call and examine, at
de 22 BULKLEY & CO.'S, 137 Main st.

RICHMOND AND DANVILLE RAILROAD. The running of the regular Freight Trains on this Road will be suspended on and from MONDAY, 26th, to SATURDAY, the 31st inst.
A. TALCOTT,
de 21 Chief Engineer and Sup't.

BUTTER.—5 firkins very superior Goshen Butter, just received per steamer Jamestown, and for sale by JOHN A. ROBINSON,
de 22 Corner of Cary and Va. streets.

TONQUA BEANS.—200 lbs. prime Tonqua Beans, just received and for sale by
JOHN A. ROBINSON,
de 22 Corner of Cary and Va. streets.

BLANK BOOKS.—We have on hand a large assortment of Ledgers, Journals, Day Books, Copying Books, &c., at moderate prices, and would respectfully solicit a call from those in want.
de22 SLADE & BAKER, No. 3 Exchange.

FRESH ROLL BUTTER, receiving and for sale by
de 20 J. J. FRY.

FLUID—(West's best)—A fresh supply just received and always kept on hand, for sale by A. BODEKER,
de 21 No. 10 Main street.

250 NEWLY IMPORTED DOUBLE AND SINGLE GUNS opening this morning.
de 22—3t* S. SUTHERLAND.

SALTPETRE.—10 kegs for sale by
de 20 EDWIN WORTHAM & CO.

LOAF, CRUSHED, POWDERED and COFFEE SUGARS, from Philadelphia and N. York factories, for sale by
de 22 DAVENPORT, ALLEN & CO.

WINTER GOODS.—We would call the attention of those in want to our large assortment of fine polished steel Fire Irons, bronze and brass Fenders, Andirons, Foot Stoves, copper and iron Coal Scuttles, Hearth Brushes, Fire Carriers, with many other useful articles, at
de 13 BULKLEY & CO.'S, 137 Main st.

BELL'S BUTTER.—This celebrated ROLL BUTTER just received by
de 21 J. J. FRY.

CUBA MOLASSES—12 hhds., for sale by
de 16 EDWIN WORTHAM & CO.

ROWAND'S TONIC MIXTURE, for Fever and Ague, for sale by
A. BODEKER,
de 21 No. 10 Main street.

GALLOONS! GALLOONS!!—A handsome lot of Galloons, for cloak trimmings. For sale by
de 14 C. HARTWELL & CO.

TIN PLATES.—150 boxes Roofing Tin receiving and for sale by
de 17 E. H. SKINKER, Cary st.

DRIED APPLES.—11 bags prime Dried Apples, for sale by
de 19 E. H. SKINKER, Cary st.

NOTICE TO BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS.—Always on hand a superior article of Butter in quantities and prices to suit. Call and examine it.
de 21 BROWN & SHOOK.

GRAND CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC,
IN THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BROAD ST.,
On FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 23d,
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

THE RICHMOND SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY respectfully inform the public that they will give a CONCERT of Sacred Music, in the First Baptist Church, on FRIDAY Evening, Dec. 23d, consisting of Choruses from the most eminent composers, interspersed with Quartettes, Duetts and Solos.

Mr. DUNDERDALE will preside at the Piano Forte.

The Choruses will be sustained by a large number of voices, assisted by a full and efficient orchestra. The whole under the direction of the Conductor of the Society, S. S. STEVENS, Esq.

The object of the Concert is, to aid the funds of the Union Benevolent Society, for the relief of the suffering poor of the city.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Hallelujah to the Father.....Chorus—Bethoven
2. Dear Heavenly Home.....Duette
3. Praise the Lord.....Chorus—Mozart
4. Come, Holy Spirit.....Quartette
5. Infant's Prayer.....Solo
6. The Heavens are Telling.....Chorus—Haydn

PART II.

1. Now elevate the sign of Judah....Chorus—Haydn
2. Hymn in Spring Time, from the German.....Solo
3. Happy art thou, Oh Israel....Chorus—Meyerbeer
4. 'Tis well, my Brother—from the Oratorio of David.....Solo
5. Rest, Spirit, Rest.....Quartette
6. Grand Hallelujah Chorus.....Handel

☞ Tickets FIFTY CENTS—to be had at the door of the Church.

☞ Doors will be opened at half past 7 o'clock—Concert to commence at 8 o'clock. de 22—3t

DR. MILLS has removed his residence and office to the house on 9th street, between Grace and Franklin, immediately in the rear of St. Paul's Church. de 19—3taw2w

BEST ANTHRACITE AND CLOVER HILL COAL for sale by WM. H. DAVIS & CO. Orders left at Toler & Cook's, at the office corner of Cary and 20th streets, or at the Clover Hill yard at the Petersburg Depot, will be promptly attended to. de 21—4t
[Enquirer and Bulletin will copy 3 times.]

200 DOLLARS REWARD.—Ran away, on the 11th December, a very black NEGRO MAN named ROBT. PATTERSON. He is about 6 feet high, of large frame, and will weigh about 200 pounds—has a serious or sullen look, and a flat nose. He reads, writes and speaks very correctly, talks slowly, dresses well and passes as a Baptist preacher or exhorter. He is a superior factory hand, and may show free papers to get work. But it is thought he will try to get to a free State, or on the Liberia packet, (though that is doubtful,) as he wanted the church to send him there to preach. He has frequently visited Williamsburg, but left in the cars for Petersburg, where he has a brother or relations. The above reward, and all expenses will be paid, if secured in jail or delivered at
WILLIAM WALSH'S Shoe Store,
de 22 No. 43 Main street.

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES.—Just received a large and splendid assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES, in open, hunting and magic cases, made by the most celebrated manufacturers—warranted good time keepers. If you want a Watch to give satisfaction as to time, quality, &c., now is the time to get one—of
ELIAS HALE,
Importer and dealer in Watches, Jewelry and Fancy Goods, 106 Main street. de 22

GOLD LOCKETS, Gold Pencils and Pens, Breast Pins, Ear Rings, Finger Rings, gold Guards, Fob and Vest Chains, gold and silver Spectacles, Eye Glasses, a variety of nice Fancy Goods suitable for Christmas presents, all just to hand and for sale at 106 Main street, by
ELIAS HALE,
Importer and dealer in Watches, Jewelry and Fancy Goods. de 22

LAST NOTICE—SELLING OFF AT COST, FOR CASH EXCLUSIVELY.—THOS. D. QUARLES will continue to sell, for a few days longer, his large stock of DRY GOODS at cost, FOR CASH EXCLUSIVELY After which time, the stock remaining on hand will be closed at auction, without reserve. Great bargains will be offered in order to reduce the stock as low as possible before the auction.
de 22—d4t 229 Broad street.

LADIES' CLOTH CLOAKS.—We still have a good assortment Cloth Cloaks for ladies, on hand; also, Cloths, Velvets, &c &c.
Square and long plaid Shawls
Thibet Shawls
Printed and Broche Shawls
Plain and embroidered Crape do.—all of which we offer for sale at low prices.
de 22 C. HARTWELL & CO.

MUST BE SOLD BY THE 15TH OF JANUARY.—$20,000 WORTH OF READY MADE CLOTHING AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES FOR CASH, AT NO. 131 MAIN STREET.—J. D. GOODMAN has received during the past two weeks, large additions to his stock of heavy winter CLOTHING, and having to raise a large amount of money by the 15th of January next, will offer the greatest bargains for cash, in
Fine Dress SUITS
Medium Dress do.
Business do.—in great variety.
Over Coats from finest to lowest grades, of the latest styles.
Furnishing Goods in great variety.
The goods must and shall be sold. A rare opportunity is now offered to all in want of good and well made Clothing. A call is all I ask to ensure sales.
J. D. GOODMAN,
No. 131 Main street, opposite Eagle Square.
N. B. Also a large supply of Servants' Clothing on hand. [de 22] J. D. G.

FOR BREMEN.—The Bremen barque "KOSMOS," Capt. WESSELS, will load for the above port, and have quick despatch.—We will make liberal cash advances on consignments of Stems or Tobacco to the address of our friends, Messrs. H. H. Meier & Co.
For freight or passage, apply to
de 21 LUDLAM & WATSON.

NOTICE.—RICHMOND AND DANVILLE RAILROAD.—On account of the suspension of the Freight Trains during next week, no Freight will be received at this Depot after SATURDAY, the 24th until MONDAY, Jan 2d, 1854.
A. W. MILLSPAUGH,
de 21 Freight Agent.

SODA WATER, PORTER, ALE, &c.—The subscriber begs leave to return his thanks for the liberal patronage he has received, and solicits a continuance. He has just returned from the North, where he has made extensive purchases, and is prepared to furnish any amount of SODA WATER, PHILADELPHIA ALE and PORTER. He feels confident from the seven years' experience he has had in the business, that he is fully competent to manufacture as good articles in his line as can be furnished. M. McCORMACK,
de 21 No. 308 Broad st.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!—Our friends and all others who intend favoring us with their orders for Christmas CAKES, PIES, &c., will please send them in as soon as possible. CAKES for parties handsomely iced and ornamented.
ADAM & CO., No. 144 Main street,
de 21—5t Two doors above 12th street.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH WORK BOXES, PORTABLE DESKS AND DRESSING CASES.—
Ladies' rose wood Work Boxes, without fittings
Do. do. do., inlaid with pearl
Rose wood Desks
Rose wood Desks, richly inlaid with pearl, with velvet or morocco linings
Ladies' rose wood Work Boxes, Egyptian and fancy shapes, inlaid with pearl
Ladies' rose wood Work Boxes, with fittings
Mahogany Portable Desks, brass bound. For sale by
de 21 R. M. ZIMMERMAN.

NEW AND GOOD BOOKS. KNOWLES & WALFORD are receiving many new, entertaining and instructive BOOKS, for the old and young, suitable for Christmas and New Year Presents. Call and look them over.
Our stock of STATIONERY is very complete.
KNOWLES & WALFORD,
de 21—5t corner Main and 11th sts.

WHITE GOODS.—10 cases, comprising a full assortment of White Cambrics; Checked do.; do Swiss Muslin; Swiss Satin Stripe do.; Satin Lace Check do.; Japan and Tape do., &c., &c., just received per ship Universe, and for sale to the trade at very low prices.
dec 21 KENT, PAINE & KENT,

IRISH LINENS,—Just received per steamer Europa, a complete assortment of those very superior soft finish SHAMROCK LINENS, a beautiful and desirable style for city retail sales, which we offer to the trade at a small advance on the cost of importation.
de 21 KENT, PAINE & KENT.

VESTS.—I have just received another lot of those black Cassimere Vests. Call soon at the Clothing Emporium of
HENRY SHAFER,
de 21 corner Main and Pearl sts.

CANDLES.—Mitchell's Hydraulic Pressed Candles; Jackson's Summer and Patent do.; Western Adamantine do For sale by
de 22 DAVENPORT, ALLEN & CO.

FOR SALE PRIVATELY—A very likely and strong MULATTO BOY, 11 years old, is offered for sale, on accommodating terms—to be kept in the city. Apply at this office.
de 22—tf

COLD WEATHER.—Those who wish to keep comfortable this cold weather, should call immediately at the Furnishing Store under the American, and supply themselves with a complete outfit of Silk, Merino, Lambs' wool or Shaker Under Clothing, which will add more to the comfort of the wearer than double the amount spent otherwise.
de 22 WM. F. ADCOCK & CO.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ AUCTION NOTICE.—Boots, Shoes, Hats, &c., THIS DAY, by
DAVENPORT, ALLEN & CO.,
de 23—1t Aucts.

☞ AUCTION NOTICE.—The attention of the trade is solicited to our sales of Ready Made Clothing, &c., THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock.
de 23—1t ALEX. NOTT & CO., Aucts.

☞ MEETING AT HENRICO COURT HOUSE. The citizens of the county of Henrico are earnestly requested to meet at their Court House on the first MONDAY in JANUARY next, to appoint delegates to attend the York River Railroad Convention, to be held at King and Queen Court House on the 24th of January. As the Road is of great importance to the county, it is earnestly hoped that every citizen who can, will be present.
de 21—tdm MANY CITIZENS.

☞ POSTPONED MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PLANK ROAD.—Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the wishes of those who were at the late meeting, at which a considerable addition was made to the subscription of stock to the said road, another meeting will be held at Broad Street Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 24th inst., at half past 6 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of obtaining the stock yet necessary for the organization of the Company, and for taking steps thereto. Those who have already subscribed, and all friends of the contemplated road, are earnestly requested to attend.
de 17—dtdm

☞ LEECHES, LEECHES.—The public are hereby informed that I have just received by the steamer Jamestown, a lot of superior Swedish and Mediterranean LEECHES, which will be applied upon the most reasonable terms. The subscriber can be found at all hours of the day at the hair dressing saloon under the American Hotel, 11th street, and at night on 25th, between Main and Franklin streets.
se 14 R. C. HOBSON.

☞ RUSSIA AND TURKEY.—The prospects of war between these two countries has caused the advance in price of all necessary articles, except SIMONS' DAGUERREOTYPES. And as far as this useful article is concerned, our readers have no reason to fear, for we are assured that if *old Nick* should succeed in giving *Turkey a basting*, SIMONS' beautiful Pictures would remain the same as ever, both in quality and price. no 11

☞ JOB AND CARD PRINTING.—The DISPATCH JOB OFFICE, on Governor Street, has the largest and best assortment of CARDS ever in this city, and is prepared to do this description of PRINTING on as reasonable terms as elsewhere in the city, as well as every other kind of PLAIN AND FANCY PRINTING. Call and see specimens.
☞ Plain and Fancy CARDS for sale. se 3—dtf

☞ T. J. CARSON & CO., NOS. 41 AND 43 LIGHT STREET, BALTIMORE, AND NO. 56 WATER STREET, NEW YORK.—A good assortment of Bacon, Pork and Lard always on hand, and for sale at lowest market prices. je 13—1y

☞ CITIZENS AND STRANGERS—Visiting the city, who wish to get their hair cut in the latest and most approved style, and their whiskers changed to a most beautiful black or brown color, should call on HOBSON, at the Hair Cutting, Shaving, Shampooing and Bathing Saloon, under the American Hotel, entrance on 11th street.

☞ ADAMS & CO.'S EXPRESS.—In consequence of the repairing of the steamship "Roanoke," hereafter all goods received at our office in New York on Mondays and Wednesdays inclusive, and directed to Richmond, will be sent inland unless otherwise marked per Jamestown of Saturday.
ADAMS & CO., No. 4, 14th street,
de 13—1m Under Exchange Hotel.

☞ HENRY G. CANNON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, NOTARY PUBLIC, and Commissioner of Deeds, &c., for New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, &c.
Practices in the Courts of Richmond city and Henrico county. Will attend promptly to all Legal and Notarial business with which he may be entrusted.
Office on Franklin near Governor street.
se 9—6m

☞ BATHS, BATHS, BATHS.—Hot, Cold and Shower Baths can be had daily at the Hair Dressing, Shaving and Shampooing Saloon, under the American Hotel—entrance on 11th street.
Single Bath 25 cents, or five tickets for $1. oc 7

☞ DR. WM. H. MILNOR, a practitioner, for the last twenty years, in the cities of NEW YORK and PHILADELPHIA, begs leave to tender to the citizens of Richmond his services in all the branches of his profession. Dr. MILNOR may be found during the day, at his office, HILL'S READING ROOM BUILDING, corner of Main and Governor streets, and, at night, at his residence, VIRGINIA HOUSE, Grace street. no 7—3m*

☞ ABEL U. MAYO, ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC.—Office on Franklin street, under the Metropolitan Hall, Richmond, Va.
no 1

☞ PHŒNIX BANK.—The Notes of this issue will be redeemed in Richmond by H. T. PAIRO & CO.; in Washington City by PAIRO & NOURSE.
se 22—ts

☞ THE NOTES OF THE UNITED STATES BANK will hereafter be redeemed at the office of H. T. Pairo & Co.
no 8—ts WM. N. TINSLEY.

☞ AMERICAN HOTEL,
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,
J. MILDEBERGER SMITH, PROPRIETOR,
se 15—1y *Formerly at Jones's Hotel, Philadelphia*

☞ ROPER & MURRAY, UNDERTAKERS, Governor street, between Main and Franklin

10 DOLLARS REWARD.—Stolen from the hall of my residence, corner 5th and Cary streets, on Saturday evening last, a blue beaver cloth OVERCOAT, (or sack.) It had a velvet collar, and was lined with grey Rob Roy cloth, (in which was a small black figure). In the pockets were an iron and brass key, (short and thick.) I will give the above reward for the recovery of the coat and keys, or $5 for either.
de 20 M. H. NACE.

THE subscriber has on hand a large and well selected stock of the choicest and best Perfumeries, Colognes Pomatums, Ox Marrows, Soaps, Hair Tonics, Hair Dyes, Porte Monnaies, Purses, Pocket Books, Tooth, Hair and Shaving Brushes, &c., which he is enabled to sell at the lowest market prices. A. BODEKER,
de 21 No. 10 Main street.

THREE VALUABLE SERVANTS FOR SALE.—For sale privately, to remain in the city, a middle aged woman and her child. The mother is a well known monthly nurse, well recommended, who is also an excellent seamstress and house servant, and a first rate washer and ironer. She would make a good housekeeper, were her services needed in that line, having always borne a high character for honesty, truthfulness and good judgment.—The boy is between 10 and 11 years old, remarkably sprightly, honest and truthful, and would not be parted with under any circumstances except to go with his mother.
Also, for sale, a very likely young woman, about 20 years old, a good seamstress and house servant, and who also bears the best character. Apply at this office. de 20—ts

STONE MASONRY.—The subscriber having completed the extensive foundations for Messrs. Taliaferro & Co., at Manchester, and nearly completed the abutments and piers of Mayo's Bridge, would respectfully inform the public that he is prepared to contract for building foundations, bridges, &c., &c., with the best quality of granite to be found in the State. All work entrusted to me will be done in a workmanlike manner. JOHN W. DAVIES,
Stone Cutter and Mason, Southside of Dock.
Residence Corner of Canal and 2d streets.
de 20—1m

BOOK BINDERY.—We have engaged the services of one of the most competent Bookbinders in the city, and fitted up the rooms over Mr L. J. Bossieux's store, for the purpose of conducting the BOOK-BINDING BUSINESS in all of its branches, and would respectfully solicit a call from our friends and the public generally.
BLANK BOOKS of every description made to order, and ruled to any given pattern, on as moderate terms as they can be procured in the city.
SLADE & BAKER,
de 22 No. 3 Exchange.

ROSEWOOD BOXES.—We shall receive per steamer Jamestown to-day, a lot of very beautiful Rosewood Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Port Folios, Morocco and Papier Mache, for Christmas presents.
Also, Annuals for 1854, beautifully bound and illustrated, &c; all of the Standard Poets, in handsome bindings. For sale by SLADE & BAKER,
de 20 No 3, Exchange.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have rented one of the new tenements recently erected by Mr. C. Crew, corner of Cary and 21st streets, where those holding their bonds for this year's hire or having factory hands to hire out for the next year, may find them. WM. R. ROBINSON & CO.
de 20—dt3dJ

STOCKS FOR SALE—
50,000 COUPON BONDS VA. & TENN. R. R.
10,000 CORPORATION OF LYNCHBURG.
8,000 do do ALEXANDRIA.
3,000 CITY OF RICHMOND.
5,000 STATE OF VA.
For sale in sums to suit purchasers.
oc 28—dts C. W. PURCELL & CO.

MORSE'S INVIGORATING CORDIAL—Fresh supplies just to hand, for sale by
BENNETT & BEERS, Druggists,
de 17 Agents for Richmond.

FLOUR, OIL AND BUTTER.—Superior family, extra and superfine FLOUR; machinery and tanners' OIL; also, Buckwheat FLOUR and No. 1 Roll BUTTER, for sale by
de 20 J. J. FRY.

50 BBLS. PURE N. E. RUM in store and for sale by
de 17 WILLIAMS & BROTHER.

CIGAR CASES.—A large assortment of both French and English, for sale by
de 17 R. M. ZIMMERMAN.

LONG AND SQUARE SHAWLS.—A large and elegant assortment of long and square plaid wool Shawls, and a variety of other styles, all of our own importation, for sale very low.
de 19 KENT, PAINE & KENT.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE.
BENEFIT OF MR. GILE.
FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 23d, 1853.
The Tragedy of
RICHARD THE THIRD.
Richard.....Mr. Gile
Richmond.....Mr. Boniface
Queen.....Mrs. Ward
Song.....Miss Ince.
Dance.....Miss Partington.
WINDMILL.
☞ To-morrow, benefit of Mr. S. RYAN.

METROPOLITAN HALL.
S. S. Sanford's Opera Troupe
WILL APPEAR SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1853.

SANFORD'S CELEBRATED NEW ORLEANS OPERA TROUPE, late of Sanford's Opera House, Philadelphia, which was destroyed by FIRE on Friday, Dec. 9, 1853, after a succession of 213 nights to crowded and delighted audiences of the elite of the city.

This Troupe