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FOR RENT AND SALE.

FOR SALE OR RENT.--A very neat and convenient Dwelling House, recently built, on Broad street, between 24th and 25th streets, and just put in complete order. The house contains seven good rooms and two store rooms—There is also, a good kitchen upon the lot, and the lot has two alleys—one at the side of the house, from Broad street, and one connecting the rear with 24th street.

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ap 16—tf P. C. LARUS.

FOR SALE - Besides those valuable Tenements already advertised for sale, on Grace street, and on which $5,000 and $6,000 may remain secured for several years, I offer two desirable central residences for only $4,250, of which the greater part may remain secured for several years. Also, that valuable lot on Governor street, next to the High Constable's office, with a Brick tenement on it.—Also, that valuable acre lot in Sidney, fronting 199 feet on the public square.

FOR RENT—A desirable new residence, an office, and several rooms in the Law Building, suitable for offices, lodging rooms &c; these rooms are cool, convenient and comfortable. B. B. MINOR,
ap 16—dtm No 1 Law Building

FOR RENT—A large framed dwelling house situated on 25th street, between Main and Franklin, containing room enough for a good sized family. Possession given immediately.—Apply to
ap 25—3t E. D. FACHO.

FOR RENT OR LEASE.--That beautiful Residence at the west end of Franklin street, recently occupied by H. Baldwin, Esq., has been thoroughly repaired, with additions and improvements, suited to the comfort of a genteel family. For terms apply to Dr. PALMER, office at the Exchange House, or to
ap 25—2t CHAS. PALMER, 95 Cary st.

FOR RENT.--The house now occupied by C. W. Allen, 4 doors below Governor street, next to Mr S. Cottrell. Apply to C. W. Allen on the premises.

N. B.—On and after the 1st of May Mrs. C. J. Allen will be found over Mr. P. H. Keache's store next to T. B. Price & Co., Main street. ap 25—3t

FOR RENT A desirable Store, 86 Main street, 2 doors below Purcell, Ladd & Co's. old stand, formerly occupied by N. Walker & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to
N. WALKER & CO.,
ap 18—ts Corner 14th and Main streets.

FOR RENT--A Frame Tenement, with 3 rooms, on Concord or Central Railroad street, back of Wesley Chapel. Possession given immediately. Rent $75. Apply to
ap 10 WM. WALSH.

EIGHTEEN STORES AND BUSINESS STAND ON MAIN, BETWEEN 13TH AND 14TH STS. FOR RENT OR LEASE.—The present occupant, intending to make a change in his business, will give possession by the 1st of May. Apply at this office. ap 11—tf

FOR RENT.--Possession given immediately, that very desirable residence on Franklin street, between 6th and 9th, adjoining the residence of Mr. John N. Gordon. For terms, apply to
fe 13—ts SELDEN & MILLER.

FOR RENT--The dwelling adjoining Henry Ellmore's, corner Main and 23d sts. It contains 6 rooms, with closets, a good kitchen, and water in the yard.

Also, the Tenement in the rear, containing 4 rooms, with a brick kitchen, water, and other conveniences. Apply to HENRY ELLMORE.
ap 24—3t

FAMILY RESIDENCE FOR RENT The lower of the new brick buildings on the north side of Main, between 3d and 4th streets, recently finished, with 11 rooms and all suitable accommodations for a family.
mh 21—ots JOHN ROBERTSON.

FOR SALE PRIVATELY--Either of those very desirable RESIDENCES, on Grace street, near 8th. They are very pleasant, and have every convenience in them. They will be sold on very accommodating terms, both as to price and time of payment. A large portion of the purchase money can remain secured for several years, by paying the interest semi-annually. Possession given at a convenient time. Also, for sale, lease, or rent, other valuable property. B. B. MINOR,
ap 1—1m Attorney at Law, Law Building, No. 1.

LADD'S LUMBER HOUSE, South side of Basin, FOR RENT.—This lumber house, the property of the Jas R. & Ka. Co., is nearly rebuilt, and will be ready for a tenant by the 1st of April. The house is large and commodious, well suited for a storage house or a tobacco factory. For terms, apply to the undersigned
A MICHAELS,
mh 26—ts Agent for T. W. Connection.

LAMBS! LAMBS!--HAGAN'S JOHN is in the field with LAMB. What is Lambs. STALL No 7,
mh 27—ts Old Market.

NOTICE—NEW GOODS AND GREAT BARGAINS.—We have just received our Spring and Summer Goods, amongst which can be found a large choice of Fancy Silks at 50 cents; very good Black Silk for dresses, 75, 87½ and $1; a beautiful assortment of Berage Delaines; Muslins; Lawns in patterns at $1; Ginghams; Stella Shawls at $2 and upwards; a large lot of Black Silk Mantillas at $1 25; White Cambric, Jaconet, Swiss, Striped and Dotted Muslins; the cheapest lot of Embroideries; Cambric and Muslin Bands at 10 cents; Sleeves in Sets; Cambric and Moushin Collars; Linen, Diaper and Towelling; Hosieries, Gloves, Silk Mits, Silk Parasols; Bleached and Brown Domestics. All who wish to save money will do well to give us a call, at No. 27 Main street.
ap 8—dtm P. STRAUSE & BRO.

NOTICE.--The undersigned having taken the store No. 31 Main street, lately occupied by Silas L. Johnson, begs leave to inform his friends and the public generally that he is now receiving from the Northern markets a large and desirable stock of STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS!
all of which are entirely NEW and FRESH, and adapted to the retail trade, to which he would respectfully call their attention, promising to use every exertion to please and accommodate his patrons.
ap 4—ts GEO. R. BAGBY, 31 Main st.

MEASURING, ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, &c &c.—In consequence of the great difficulty of collecting small accounts, I have determined to adopt the cash system. All persons, therefore, who may hereafter employ me to measure work, or make estimates, will be expected to pay the fee upon taking the bill from the office. Charges same as heretofore—printed copies of which may be had on application.

☞ I have the assistance of an experienced Engineer.

Measuring, and all business usually done by Architects and Civil Engineers, promptly attended to.

For sale, ROOFING SLATE, of the best quality.
ALBERT L. WEST, Architect,
Office on 11th street, next to Goddin's Hall.
ap 1—1m

MRS CLAIBORNE BARKSDALE will open a School for Girls, on the 20th of March, at her residence, on Church Hill, corner 24th and Franklin sts. The usual branches of English study will be pursued.

TERMS—Two dollars per month.

REFERENCES.—R. J. Gaines, Dr. J. P. Brown, Henry Carrington, Charlotte, Virginia; R. H. Maury, Esq., Dr. John Wayt, N. C. Read, Esq., Richmond.
mh 17—d3m

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received from and after the 8th day of April, until the first Monday in May next, at the Clerk's Office of Henrico County Court, for the building of a new Clerk's Office for said county. Contractors will be required to make two separate proposals—one for building, according to the plan and specifications on file in the said office, and which can be seen therein, with the addition of one window of same dimensions as the others; and another for an addition of an arched ceiling of brick under the roof, for the purpose of more securely protecting the records from any danger, by reason of fire communicating from said roof. Contractors will also be required to enter into bond, with good security, for the faithful performance of their contract.

R. B. TYLER,
J. S. ATLEE, } Committee.
ap 8—dtd JNO. NETTLES,

JOHN F. SOLOMON wholesale dealer in Brooms, Wood and Willow Ware, Mats of all descriptions, Refrigerators, Rope, Cordage, Yankee Notions, &c. &c., 213 Washington street, between Vesey and Barclay, New York, will execute orders from Richmond on the most favorable terms.
no 28—6m

CITY SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND—CHARTERED IN 1839—Continues to receive deposits, on which interest is paid, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, if remaining on deposit months, and five per cent. for shorter periods.

HORACE L. KENT, Pres't,
ALEX'R DUVAL, Sec'y,
H. BALDWIN, Cashier,
Directors—JOHN N. GORDON, SAMUEL PUTNEY, I. DAVENPORT, jr., CHAS. T. WORTHAM, HUGH W. FRY, WELLINGTON GODDIN. fe —d3m

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SAVE YOUR HORSES!
SAVE YOUR LIVES

By using the VIRGINIA HORSE FASTENING. By means of this contrivance a horse harnessed to a vehicle may be held with security and safety. It may be attached to any vehicle, and is especially adapted to physicians' carriages and to street wagons. For sale by GEO. F. SMITH & CO.,
Carriage Makers, Broad street, near 6th.
ap 11—d1m

SALAD OIL.—Another supply of superior Tuscan Salad Oil; also, English Mustard, in bottles, and French Mustard, ready mixed for use. For sale by P. JOHNSTON & BRO.,
ap 24 Druggists.

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Monday Morning, April 27, 1857.

The Massacre by Indians in Iowa--Seventy Persons Killed or Wounded.

A letter in the Chicago Times, from Fort Dodge, Iowa, dated the 10th inst., states that the volunteers who went from that place to punish the Indians for their massacre of the whites at Spirit Lake, Iowa, have returned from their expedition. The writer, who was one of the company, says:

After our arrival at "The Colony," preparations were made for a battle; twenty-two picked men, were detailed to act as scouts, who kept some three miles in advance of the main body. About one o'clock, we received information that they had found about twenty-five men, women and children upon the prairie, some of whom had been wounded by the Indians. They were without provisions, scantily clothed, and exhausted by fatigue. When we came up, we found them encamped in a grove by the side of the Des Moines river, where they had been taken by the scouts. We supplied their wants as well as we were able, and our surgeon, Dr. Bissell, attended to the wounded.

These people had come from Springfield, a trading post on the west bank of the Des Moines river, in southern Minnesota.

On Friday, the 27th ult., at about 1 o'clock, P. M., they entered the town, and called first at the store of Geo. & Wm. Wood, which they robbed of all the goods and eight hundred dollars in gold. Wm. Wood was killed, and Geo. Wood missing, was supposed to have been burned with the store.

They next called at the house of Josiah Stewart, and shot him through the head. His wife begged for life, to which they replied "nebo squaw" (kill squaw,) and shot her also in the head. Her two little girls were killed with war clubs. John Stewart, a little boy eight years old, hid himself behind a log and escaped. Major Williams has taken him home, and will bring him up. He has now a good protector.

They then proceeded to the house of Mr. Thomas; several families had here collected together, and there were some eight or nine rifles in the house—Umpashota, an old Indian chief, well known in this neighborhood, ran past the house, shouting to the inmates, several of whom unfortunately ventured to the door to see what was the matter, when about twenty Indians, posted behind a hay stack, about five rods distant, fired upon them, killing a son of Mr. Thomas, aged ten years; Mr. Thomas was wounded in the arm, rendering amputation necessary; David Carver was shot through the arm, the ball lodging in his side, the wound is not considered dangerous; and Miss Drusilla Swiver received a ball in her shoulder, the ball passing out upon the opposite side.

The doors were instantly shut and barricaded.—Some of the inmates engaged themselves in moulding balls, others in loading the rifles, while John Bradshaw and a man named Markam, fired upon the Indians without. Their chief and a number of others were killed; the exact number is not known. It was reported by an Indian to a man named Shigley, that nine were killed and five wounded. Towards night, the Indians withdrew, carrying their dead and wounded with them. No white person was killed after the first fire.

We resumed our march the next morning, and after a further journey of two days, arrived at Granger's claim, 12 miles east of Spirit Lake. Our scouts here discovered traces of the Indians, but after a diligent search, no Indians could be found. We learned that the troops had been at Springfield, buried the dead, and had proceeded to Spirit Lake and had buried one of the dead at Marble's house; that they had followed the Indians until they came within a half a day's march of them, when the pursuit was abandoned, the Indians retreating in such haste as to leave part of their plunder behind them, with five horses. Why the pursuit was thus given up, I know not.

Major Williams, perceiving that the troops had chased the Indians off, who were at least five days in advance, and that it would be of no use to follow them, detached twenty four men to go to the Lake and bury the dead they might find there.

The men sent to Spirit Lake have returned. They have buried twenty-nine bodies; two were found burned; besides, it is not known of course, whose skeletons they were. They first visited the house of Mr. Thatcher, and found two bodies—those of A. Noble and Mr. Ryan. They then visited the residence of Jonathan House; nere nine bodies were found, dreadfully mangled—men, women and children, all indiscriminately murdered; the body of Jonathan House is reported missing.

The next house was Granger's, near the Lake.—Here, probably, a sharp conflict had ensued. A man named Snyder was found dreadfully mangled with a broad axe. The Grangers have one missing, probably both killed. The body of a man was found upon the Lake near the house, so mangled that it was impossible to recognise him. Broken rifles were found about this house, and other signs indicative of a fight.

They next went to Mattock's house, where eleven were found. This house had been burnt. The men and women shot, and children tomahawked were some twelve persons—one missing.

The Indians have taken four women prisoners. It is supposed that about seventy persons have been killed and taken prisoners.

FRUITS AND WINES IN FRANCE.—It is expected that this will be an exceptional year in France for fruit, and that the crop will be the most abundant seen for the last ten years. The price of wine still continues to rise in the market of Bercy. The opinion of many good judges on the subject is, that even if the next vintage should prove to be all that could be desired, still there will be no great reduction in price, inasmuch as the stock of old wine is exhausted, and that there is but little of any description on hand. Letters from Nantes state that the holders of wine in that quarter are disposed to take all the chances of the next vintage rather than dispose of their stock of wines. Spirits distilled from the beetroot are firm in Paris at 124f the hectolitre, and in Bordeaux at 132.; Languedoc brandy is quoted at Bordeaux at 215f. the hectolitre.

LOFTY CONDUCT.—In the neighborhood where I once lived, a man and wife were almost constantly quarreling; during their quarrels their only child (a boy) was generally present; and of course had caught many of his father's expressions.

One day when the boy had been doing something wrong, the mother intending to chastise him, called him and said: "Come here, sir; what did you do that for?"

The boy complacently folding his arms and imitating his father's manners, replied:

"See here, madam, I don't wish to have any words with you."

DEATH SENTENCE.—Samuel Ingram, a plasterer, formerly of Greensburg, Pa., has been sentenced to death at Rock Island, Illinois, for killing his wife; to be hung on Friday, 29th May.

CLOSE WORK.—At the Charter election, in St. Anthony, Minnesota, on the 6th inst, Wm. W. Wales, Republican, was elected Mayor by a majority of one vote.

LIBELLED.—The Norfolk American states that the steamship Commerce was libelled Wednesday, on account of having run into the Pilot boat Antelope, on her last voyage from that port to New York.

Orders have been received at the Norfolk Navy Yard, to fit up the United States brig Bainbridge for sea.

The unrecognized victim of the Des Jardins catastrophe, proves to have been Samuel Hagarty, who had been tried and acquitted of the murder of his wife at Brockville.

A man named Bierman, foreman of a brewery near Cleveland, was killed by the explosion of a beer cask, in which he had burned a hole for a faucet with a hot iron.

Brigadier General Garland arrived at San Antonio, Texas, on the 4th inst, from Washington, en route to New Mexico, to resume his command of that military department.

Extensive emigration is organizing from Germany to Turkey.

The Austrian General who had the command of the troops in Bologna, is dead. The immediate cause of his death was a hundred oysters, of the largest size, which he ate at a sitting.

The Tennessee papers have a report that Gen'l Trousdale, of that State, Minister at Brazil, will return home in June next, when his commission expires.

The Austrian amnesty granted to the Hungarian exiles, is very general, excluding only Kossuth.

The New York Mirror says that Senator Hale, of New Hampshire, has become a thin, lean man, under the ravages of the National Hotel disorder.

L. H. Trook, of Michigan, has been appointed private secretary to Hon. Lewis Cass, at a salary of $1400 per annum.

James Dunlop, Esq., author of Dunlop's Digest, and formerly a leading member of the bar of Pittsburg, died in Baltimore on Monday last.

Major General Pillow, of Tennessee is in Washington.

Capt. Oliver Mathews, who has been extensively engaged in mining operations in Virginia, died in Culpeper county, Va., recently.

The Hardy (Va.) Whig chronicles the departure of eight citizens of that county, for the West, where they intend locating.

The Baptist church at Salem, Roanoke county, Va., was blown down by the gale of the 15th inst.

INCREASE OF VALUE IN THE REAL ESTATE OF VIRGINIA.—The following is a statement of the assessment of real estate in Virginia for 1856, compared with the assessment of 1850, with the percentage of increase.

A Statement Showing the Comparative Increase in the Value of Lands in Virginia since the Assessment in 1850.

	Assessment of 1850.	Assessment 1856	Increase per cent.
Alleghany	$624,256	$869,040	39
Amelia	1,340,550	2,189,064	63
Albemarle	5,383,494	7,250,643	34
Amherst	1,889,671	2,193,421	16
Alexandria	2,349,541	4,068,809	77
Accomac	2,796,252	2,948,529	5
Appomattox	1,091,671	1,471,398	35
Augusta	8,763,059	10,211,914	16
Barbour	1,193,712	1,390,583	17
Bath	765,993	1,030,939	34
Buxton	495,647	1,120,293	1 25
Bedford	3,071,563	4,849,227	57
Berkeley	4,400,018	5,097,188	15
Brooke	1,513,594	1,844,172 dec.	22
Boone	228,253	425,441 inc.	86
Botetourt	2,419,186	3,066,522	26
Buckingham	2,103,599	2,419,006	15
Brunswick	1,132,649	1,553,341	37
Cabell	1,182,666	1,882,959	59
Craig		852,959	
Calhoun†		378,432	
Campbell, including			
Lynchburg	4,618,261	5,692,874	23
Charles City	861,579	1,003,497	16
Clarke	3,381,165	3,882,537	13
Charlotte	2,658,838	3,296,676	24
Caroline	2,521,704	3,362,938	33
Carroll	449,812	4,282,851	8.71
Chesterfield	4,057,842	4,309,106	6
Culpeper	2,516,159	3,068,610	21
Cumberland	1,524,104	2,043,141	34
Dinwiddie	1,220,971	2,537,279	1.16
Doddridge	514,204	742,306	44
Essex	1,587,205	2,009,435	26
Elizabeth City	694,516	971,845	40
Fairfax	2,945,904	4,363,267	48
Fauquier	6,215,752	9,755,538	55
Fayette	467,592	801,272	71
Franklin	1,807,835	2,473,262	35
Frederick, including Winchester	3,225,112	5,743,751	76
Floyd	653,951	1,015,668	1.45
Fluvanna	1,424,138	2,106,499	48
Grayson	570,527	1,002,146	75
Greenbrier	2,807,634	3,288,949	17
Greene	708,017	944,674	33
Gloucester	548,986	793,759	44
Giles	976,880	1,179,716	20
Gilmer†	941,377	839,250	
Gloucester	1,297,432	1,879,792	45
Goochland	2,248,753	2,685,316	19
Halifax	3,803,388	5,368,885	41
Hampshire	2,963,678	3,853,845	30
Hancock	175,273	373,649	12
Hanover	2,338,674	3,144,477	35
Hardy	2,654,223	3,289,191	9
Harrison	2,914,314	4,233,858	45
Henrico	4,747,393	7,294,729	71
Henry	957,612	1,631,907	70
Highland	1,271,671	1,284,956	
Isle of Wight	1,209,571	1,355,049	12
Jackson	1,326,018	1,540,207	16
James City	568,557	774,705	36
Jefferson	6,135,047	6,728,899	9
Kanawha	2,857,702	3,460,960	21
King George	1,048,843	1,499,585	37
King & Queen	1,337,468	1,737,971	31
King William	1,365,702	1,698,502	24
Lancaster	792,171	953,626	20
Lee	1,075,961	1,813,538	68
Lewis†	1,972,811	1,475,260	
Logan	347,308	348,644	2
Loudoun	9,156,848	11,604,097	26
Louisa	2,627,115	3,450,836	31
Lunenburg	1,036,024	1,565,958	51
Madison	1,829,036	2,140,567	17
Marion	2,050,771	2,669,902	30
Marshall	2,097,487	2,426,546	15
Mason	1,825,286	2,758,827	51
Matthews	634,471	748,365	18
Mecklenburg	2,725,397	3,527,264	29
Mercer	415,902	639,580	54
Middlesex	704,882	856,295	2
Monongalia	3,391,012	2,997,075	25
Monroe	2,219,306	3,274,510	47
Montgomery	1,451,193	2,650,812	80
Morgan	487,259	747,152	66
Nansemond	1,464,331	1,703,654	16
Nelson	2,077,297	2,789,861	30
New Kent	708,110	917,121	29
Nicholas	792,665	1,341,294	69
Norfolk co., including Portsmouth,*	3,267,765	1,210,874	
Northampton	1,280,557	1,390,033	08
Northumberland	966,080	1,176,618	22
Nottoway	4,109,291	1,915,815	71
Orange	2,057,783	2,748,668	33
Ohio, including Wheeling	4,034,514	5,161,033	26
Page	1,701,563	2,100,422	23
Patrick	751,441	1,321,719	76
Pleasants†		611,279	
Pendleton	992,122	1,668,833	07
Preston	1,168,799	2,930,604	1 55
Pittsylvania	2,696,486	4,691,571	63
Pocahontas	957,233	1,218,147	27
Powhatan	1,517,939	1,917,659	26
Prince Edward	2,071,121	2,615,910	26
Prince George	1,352,115	1,962,626	45
Princess Anne	1,236,376	1,499,146	22
Prince William	1,703,236	2,585,633	52
Pulaski	927,489	1,707,526	84
Putnam	715,192	1,048,984	46
Raleigh	240,567	516,266	1.12
Randolph	1,121,641	1,277,652	14
Rappahannock	1,966,786	2,688,422	36
Richmond	841,726	1,044,276	23
Ritchie	826,935	1,261,857	52
Roane†		601,469	
Roanoke	1,771,860	1,998,564	67
Rockbridge	3,487,171	5,100,696	50
Rockingham	6,852,743	8,338,728	21
Russell	973,868	1,536,447	57
Stafford	1,275,664	1,690,708	32
Shenandoah	3,634,822	4,477,839	23
Scott	734,003	1,520,568	1 16
Spottsylvania, including Fredericksburg	2,971,545	3,661,285	23
Southampton	1,095,175	1,458,940	34
Smyth	1,569,063	2,321,131	48
Surry	726,443	860,121	18
Sussex	975,798	1,113,799	14
Taylor	1,114,099	1,228,834	10
Tazewell	1,260,298	2,221,733	76
Tucker†		334,403	
Tyler	913,840	964,978	5
Upshur†		1,319,341	
Warren	1,594,217	2,290,099	38
Warwick	309,263	435,202	40
Washington	2,666,891	4,436,195	66
Wayne	614,657	880,017	43
Westmoreland	1,111,582	1,645,248	48
Wetzel	598,337	891,232	49
Wirt†	512,344	398,807	
Wise, assessed as parts of Lee, Scott and Russell from which it has recently been taken.			
Wood	1,732,698	2,479,725	42
Wyoming	147,897	330,196	1.98
Wythe	2,254,997	3,318,095	46
York	644,217	860,956	33
Danville,	317,530	621,945	96
Norfolk City	4,597,325	5,401,486	17
Petersburg	3,767,128	6,287,260	70
Richmond City	13,735,367	17,481,699	28
Williamsburg	187,335	292,890	59
Total am't..	$274,680,226	$373,424,095	
		274,680,226	
Showing an increase of		$98,743,869	

†Counties marked thus (†) have been formed since the assessment of 1850.

‡Counties marked thus (‡) are those from which new counties have been formed, so that a comparative increase cannot be shown.

a This decrease cannot be accounted for.

SCARCITY OF COTTON SEED.—A commission house in Savannah received an order last week, from Columbus, for ten thousand bushels of cotton seed. The order was sent in behalf of planters in that section of Georgia, and in Alabama, whose first plantings have been destroyed by the frost.

CATTLE AND HOGS IN LOUISVILLE.—We extract from the Louisville Courier of Wednesday:

The market has continued very firm, and all good beeves and sheep command high prices; and farmers in Henry, Shelby, and contiguous counties, are demanding $5 gross for good beeves. The stock cattle in these counties, as we learn from intelligent sources, are in better condition than at any time before for ten years, and the prospect of increasing the stocks are more flattering than they had been for several years.

RENEWAL OF THE EFFECTS.—The wife of Theodore Ford, of Concord, N. H., committed suicide on Sunday last, by hanging herself in an upper room of her dwelling. From appearances she suffered terribly before death. She was an estimable woman, and was connected with some of the most respectable families at Concord. It is said that she was insane, and that it was caused by Millerism.

A sale was made at auction, in Washington, on Wednesday, of $3,500 Orange and Alexandria Railroad bonds, 1st mortgage, at 79¾.

A codfish was taken at Nantucket, Mass, on Monday last, weighing 85 pounds.

Ex President Fillmore was in New York Thursday.

FROM HAVANA.—The steamer Cahawba, from Havana, with dates to the 20th, has arrived at New Orleans.

The stock of sugar at Havana and Matanzas was forty-two thousand boxes. Prices had advanced one real and the market was unsettled.

The United States ship of war Saratoga left Havana on the 19th for Key West, all well.

Otnard, the late defaulting exchange broker of New Orleans, had arrived at Havana, but by the order of the Captain General he was ordered to leave the island, and a package of $13,000 was taken from him.

AUTOGRAPHS.—A friend of ours being applied to for his autograph, declined, on the ground that he was of a nervous temperament, and his signature, "written by request" would be anything but natural—"but," added he, "if you place any value upon my autograph, buy up some one of my notes payable one day after date, of an amount not exceeding said value, for as I never expect to pay the first one of them, I have signed them all without the least emotion of any sort, and the chirography is perfectly genuine, reliable and characteristic, if there is any such thing.

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OUR AFRICAN SQUADRON.—It is now composed of the sloops Jamestown and St. Louis and the brig Dolphin—under the command of Captain Crabbe. The squadron about to sail for its relief will consist of the razee Cumberland and the sloop Dale, with perhaps another small vessel—under the command of Capt. Connover; and the relieved vessels will probably reach home in the course of the summer.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—L. A. Young, of Eastern Virginia, who was a passenger in the cars for Wheeling from Baltimore on Wednesday, received, while seated in the cars, a very serious wound from the accidental discharge of a pistol which he had in his overcoat pocket. The ball entered his thigh and penetrated several inches. He was taken to the M'Lure House in Wheeling and received medical treatment from Dr. Frissell. The ball could not be extracted.

LITERARY BOHEMIANS.—A New York correspondent of the Boston Post exposes the tricks of literary Bohemians, who go about New York swindling book publishers—getting books on promise of notice, and selling them afterwards to second hand dealers. One man went to a distinguished publisher there, and made such a representation as induced the publisher to give him a copy of a valuable work, in several octavo volumes, ten days before it was published. Two days after he saw the identical copy exposed for sale at a depot of second hand books.

THE EXPRESS INTEREST.—The express interest in the United States is estimated at ten millions of dollars, located as follows: Boston and New England, $2,000,000; New York city and State, $5,000,000; Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg and the West, $2,500,000; the southern States, $500,000. On most lines, as is the case between this metropolis and the North, the Express business is a monopoly. The profits must be immense, and the convenience of the public is seldom taken into consideration.

THE RAG PICKERS OF NEW YORK.—It is stated that there are in New York city not less than one thousand professional rag-pickers. The Express says that some of them have, by picking rags, accumulated fortunes, and live in splendid mansions, while others reside in shanties located in the outer wards.

SALE OF TEA.—The tea auction sale at New York Thursday, attracted a very large competition, owing to the character of the last news from Canton. The catalogue offered was entirely of new crop. Teas realize an advance of two cents on qualities under 45 cents, and full previous prices on those above. The sale lasted only fifty-three minutes, though 6,409 packages were sold.

POST OFFICE AFFAIRS.—Establish a post office at Carsonville, Grayson county, Va., and appoint James G. Carson postmaster; directly on the route from Jeffersonville, N. C., to Grayson Courthouse, Va.

HO, FOR MEMPHIS!—A number of the public functionaries and other citizens of Norfolk, to whom have been tendered the hospitalities of the city of Memphis, design to avail themselves of the facilities offered for being present upon the grand occasion of celebrating the railroad connection between that city and Charleston.

HEAVY VERDICT—*Expensive Man Traps.*—In the Court of Common Pleas on Saturday, the jury, in the case of Wm. H. Woodbury vs. the City of Chicago, an action for injuries received in falling into a sidewalk man-trap, brought in a verdict of $15,000, the full amount of the claim. A motion for arrest of judgment is to be argued.—*Chicago Press.*

REJECTED.—The claim of Ramsey and Cormick for damages on account of the breach of their contract for carrying the mail to California by way of Vera Cruz and Acapulco, has been rejected.—It involved several hundred thousand dollars.

A WEALTHY CONGREGATION.—The Broadway Tabernacle Society, of New York city, is about to erect a new church on 6th Avenue and 34th street. The land cost $78,000, and the church, which is to be of white marble, will cost about $75,000 more.

DONATION OF SWAMP LANDS.—The county Court of Wabashaw county, Illinois, has granted the swamp lands within its limits, to the railroad to be built from Mound city to Vincennes, Indiana, subject to a vote of the people.

A BIG FISH.—Mr. Copenhaver one day last week, killed a pike in Little Sandy river, Kanawha county, Va., which measured 3 feet 4 inches in length, and would probably weigh about forty pounds.

The "Naiad Queen" is shortly to be produced in Petersburg, Virginia, by the company now performing in Richmond.

The whale lately caught off Sandy Hook and brought to New York will, it is said, yield $1,000 worth of oil.

Dr. Wm. Elder, of Philadelphia, is now engaged in writing a memoir of the late Dr. Elisha Kent Kane.

Elihu Burritt has been elected an honorary life member of the Montreal Mechanics' Institute.

The democratic State convention of Tennessee passed a resolution inviting ex-President Pierce to visit that State.

Hon James J. Lindley, recently representative in Congress from the third district of Missouri, has removed with his family and located himself at Davenport, Iowa.

The charges against Mr. Izard, Governor of Nebraska, having been withdrawn, he will be removed on the ground of public expediency.

The Nova Scotia Parliament has passed a bill giving an exclusive right to the Atlantic Telegraph Company to land a cable upon the shores of that province.

There have been twenty eight removals in the Boston custom-house thus far under the new administration.

A detachment of U. S. troops were to leave the Carlisle barracks last night for the far West.

Alboni and Madame Thillon are playing in London.

The Deptford fire company of Louisville, Ky., is to visit Baltimore in May.

W. R. Taylor of New Orleans, who died suddenly in Baltimore, Thursday, was a native of Virginia.

Brantz Mayer, Esq., of Baltimore, delivered a lecture in New Orleans on Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the Lyceum library fund.

The Senate of Massachusetts has rejected the House bill to allow atheists to testify in the courts of that State.

The dry goods store of J. H. Stokes, in Philadelphia, was robbed of $2,200 worth of goods Wednesday night.

The North Eastern Railway Company in England have lately paid $11,000 for breaking the ribs of one man, and $5,000 for killing the wife of another; showing which rib was worth the most.

The price of wheat has taken a sudden and unexpected rise in the St. Louis market. The Intelligencer says that thousands of acres of wheat have been destroyed by the recent severe weather.

The Mexican Minister, Gen. Robles, with a large party of prominent citizens of that Republic, is at present in New York.

The Ohio and Mississippi Railroad commenced putting passengers through from St. Louis to Louisville in 14 hours on the 20th instant.

There are ten daily papers in Boston, twelve in Philadelphia and thirteen in New York.

At the recent election in Beverly, New Jersey, the whole American ticket has been successful.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Stable Burnt—On Saturday last, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, Mr John A. Lacy's stable, on an alley leading from Franklin street, between 17th and 18th streets, took fire and was entirely consumed, together with most of its contents. Mr L's horse was in the stable when the fire occurred, and before he could be released and driven out, was terribly burned about the head and breast, rendering him utterly worthless.

At the time of this fire the wind was blowing a strong gale, and the sparks were therefore deposited in large numbers upon the shingle roof houses in that neighborhood and firing them, but a few buckets of water soon quelled the flames.

Mr. L's loss will probably reach $200; and but for the promptness of No. 1 company, near whose engine house the fire occurred, there is no telling what amount of property might have been consumed.

Fire—On Friday night last, a frame building on Union Hill, in Henrico county, owned by Joseph R. Roane, and unoccupied at the time, was set on fire and burned to the ground. Mr. Roane had an insurance on the property in the Valley Office for $800, which will nearly cover his loss. The flames spread from this tenement to the adjoining one occupied by Mr Robert Martin, and owned by Mr Cannon, which was also destroyed, despite the efforts of the neighbors to save it. Mr Cannon had no insurance. The residence of Mr. George Ferguson also took fire, but the flames were extinguished before doing serious damage. Mr. F. was fully insured. His loss will not exceed $150.

Henrico Circuit Court—Judge Clopton commenced his Spring term for the trial of criminal causes last Saturday. The grand jury, after a brief session, found true bills against Andrew Wray and Reuben Alley, and then adjourned. Wray's trial is fixed for to-day and Alley's for to-morrow, and F. G. Smith, for causing the death of Joseph R. Crouch, for Friday next.

The Post Stake to be run at Broad Rock next week is attracting marked attention throughout the country, and will probably bring together the largest number of spectators that has been seen on that course for many years. This race is at four mile heats, for which there are four entries; and as the purse will be worth $1700 to the winner, each subscriber will doubtless put in the surest horse at his command. In Mr. Tally's stable are Sebastopol and Lucy Phillips, both of whom are doing well, and either of whom are known to be fleet and enduring. The horse-men have selected "Sebastopol" for the occasion, and not a few are prepared to back him against any named entry. Messrs Campbell & Barton have the invincible "Sue Washington," whose late exploits on the turf, at all distances, have given her a world wide reputation—and notwithstanding her late sixteen mile race in the South, in which she bore off the purse in gallant style, her many admirers incline to the opinion that she has the game and endurance to make a noble show and to win and wear the laurels in store for her at Broad Rock. Mr. McDaniel has Kate Hunter and Tar River, both of whom have proved victors on many well fought fields, and Mr. Green has his eye on a "slasher," that may unexpectedly join in the fight and win the prize, in the general scramble for the purse.

Besides the stake alluded to, handsome purses are offered for every day in the week, which will doubtless ensure good sport to all who admire horse racing and blooded stock. We have not yet had an opportunity of visiting the various stables and seeing all the "fast crabs" now at work; but we do know that some of the colts expected to start in the first race, are well thought of by their friends, and that lots of "shiners" have already been wagered upon that result. The meeting commences to-morrow week, and will continue five days.

Affecting Appeal—A strong, healthy looking fellow, abundantly able to chop two c