THE DISPATCH.

MONDAY MORNING.....MARCH 7, 1859

A Mystery.

Among the mysteries of life is the difference in the punishment which society awards to male and female sinners. A notable illustration of this was exhibited in the Scale of the tragic scene at Washington. The man who sacrificed a wretched woman at the shrine of sensuality, is followed to his grave by a grand procession, and his magnificent coffin decorated with garlands. In the cold hand of the adulterer are placed flowers, emblematic of innocence and purity. The female partner of his crime is universally deserted and despised, and, if she should die to-morrow, would probably go to her grave unattended, save by her immediate relatives, and unmourned by any one. Whilst the weak and erring creature is thus excluded from the pale of human charity, the sympathies of an excellent and sensible world are lavished on the husband, who, with a full knowledge of the character of the adulterer, and with repeated warnings of his criminal designs, left his young and giddy wife to his mercy, permitted him to be her escort to the Theatre and other public places, and, as if by design, threw temptation and opportunity in her way. This man, who is accused by the press of his own city of being himself a veteran *roue*, and of having himself been often guilty of the very crime for which he killed BARTON KEY, is lionized and visited in his prison, and overwhelmed with demonstrations of respect, from the President to the tide-waiter, whilst his wife is made the scape-goat, and upon her solitary head break the thunders of that society which strews it flowers over the grave of KEY, and bedews with sympathetic tears the unclean and bloody hand of SICKLES.

It may be that Mrs. Sickles is not deserving much pity or forbearance, but, at the worst, she cannot be more debased than the two criminals who have received such tokens of special honor. Why should one of the guilty parties be caressed and treated with respect, and the other despised and execrated? Yet, even in cases of acknowledged seduction of female innocence, where the pure affections of some confiding and generous maiden are artfully converted into instruments of her destruction, the immeasurable villain who works her ruin is taken by the hand by gallant men and even by modest women, whilst the victim who loved him with a love that was boundless in its depth and self-sacrifice, and whom he has cast off as carelessly, and more contemptuously than he would a withered flower, is excommunicated from society, avoided as a moral leper, thrown down a bottomless abyss of scorn and shame, where never again shall the sunshine of hope visit her eyes, or a soothing voice of compassion console her sorrows. This is one of the mysteries of life; one of those amazing wrongs and inequalities which can neither be justified nor explained.

The Right of Search Question.

The New York *Journal of Commerce* expresses the unanimous sentiment of the whole American people, without distinction of party, when it says, in reference to the late debate in the British Parliament on the right of search question that, however willing we may be to agree with Lord Malmesbury as to the desirability of some combined course of action between the great maritime powers of the world, whereby it may be possible to prevent the abuse of national flags to cover illegal trading or piracy; and however anxious we may be that an arrangement may be made which will render it possible to ascertain the nationality of merchant vessels without a violation of international law,—we cannot, as matters now stand, see any difference between the right of search and that of visit, as both constitute, a forcible assumption of jurisdiction by one foreign power over the vessels of another, which, whether it be to search for seamen, look for slaves, examine cargo, or merely to verify the nationality of the vessels, is equally objectionable, because it is a forcible arrest, detention, and search, no matter how politely the "visitation" may be made, or how brief its duration, so long as the right is not conceded by special agreement.

British Commerce and Cotton.

In the recently published returns of the British Board of trade, it is stated that the raw material of cotton imported into Great Britain last year amounted in quality to near 1,000,000,000 of pounds weight, and in value to little short of £30,000. The exports of manufactured goods of this material exceeded £39,000,000, exclusive of articles of which cotton formed an important ingredient, probably not less than £6,000,000. The mere exports of cotton goods far exceed in value the whole foreign trade of the Roman empire under Augustus, Trajan or Constantine. Indian cotton was imported into England before America sent a single bale; yet the former article is now what it has always been, the lowest in quality of any cotton there consumed. The returns state that

The cotton of Brazil is more valuable by above 50, and the cotton of Egypt by above 75 per cent. It excels other cottons only in shortness of staple, in foulness and in slovenly package. Indian cotton formed in 1857, when the import was unusually large, but a fourth part in quantity, and but a sixth part in value of our whole supply.—Were our supply of the raw material confined to what we receive from India, our great cotton manufacture would dwindle to a small manufacture of coarse goods, scarcely equal to what it was in the reign of the First George. * * *

It may be considered as an axiom that all countries which furnish us with cotton do so both as to quality and quantity, in proportion to the goodness of their political institutions. At the top stands the United States of America, which furnishes two-thirds in value of our whole supply the amount of that value being £21,500,000. Next to it, as next in stability of government, stands Brazil which furnished us in 1857 to the value of $1,000,000 and upward. Peru and Chili between them furnished hardly £50,000 worth, and miserable, anarchical Mexico none at all.

The Late Mr. Walsh.

The National *Intelligencer* has a letter from its Paris correspondent which pays a just tribute to Mr. Walsh, the late Paris correspondent of the New York *Journal of Commerce*. Mr. Walsh had been living for more than twenty-two years in Paris, where his abode was the resort of the most distinguished literary, scientific and political men. John Quincy Adams, a competent judge in those matters, thought him the best American *belles lettres* scholar. He founded the first American Quarterly Review, and established a journal in Philadelphia which was a model of ability and dignity. Indeed, the whole connection of Mr. Walsh with the American press was of a character to elevate that vocation, and to render it influential and useful. His letters from Paris were among the few foreign letters in the newspapers that were entirely reliable and trustworthy. His funeral was attended by a large collection of friends, American and French, who honored his talents and virtues.

Corruption in Washington.

The reports of the various investigating committees appointed by the House of Representatives reveal an amount of swindling, villainy and corruption in the public service which is perfectly astounding. What must be the state of public morals, what the character of the public men of this country, when a leading New York paper, uniformly calm and deliberate in the expression of its opinions—we mean the *Journal of Commerce*—declares that its main reliance for a check upon the plunder of the treasury is—not the exposures made by the investigating committees, but—that there is nothing left to steal!

Washington Society.

A Washington letter writer, in one of the New York papers, makes a sensible distinction, which some of the gossipping scribes forget, between the permanent and transient population of Washington. He says: In Washington there are two distinct sets of people: the one set consists of those who are permanent residents, irrespective of any of the public offices; a sedate, sober, virtuous and Christian population, as is to be found in any city of the land. The other is the transient population, on many of whom there is little restraint, and over whom there is often a slender dominion of principle. Most of the brawls and public disgraces are caused by this latter class.

Electioneering.

The New Orleans *Picayune*, in some observations on the science of electioneering, says that an acknowledged necessity in this science is to cultivate the good wishes of the ladies, in order to enlist their lords. But the Hon. O. R. Singleton of Miss., is entitled to a premium for carrying the present mode one step in advance of all his competitors. A few days since he addressed a package of garden seeds to the wife of one of the bachelor editors of Vicksburg, to which the "old solitary" returns the following humorous reply:

We have no doubt, should we ever be so fortunate as to have a "Mrs. ——," that she will be duly grateful to Mr. Singleton. We have always heard that Singleton was *some* in a canvass, but his playing the attentive to our wife, before we have been even able to get within gun shot of that necessary ornament, is about the "tallest" specimen of electioneering we ever heard of! It costs the "flash times" to death.

P. S.—The seed awaits the order of the owner

A "Nobler" System.

In one of his recent able letters, published in the Richmond *Enquirer*, Judge JOHN ROBERTSON says:

A bolder doctrine than even that of "The Precedents" has been recently broached in the Senate chamber. One of the sworn supporters of the Constitution (Mr. Pugh, of Ohio.) is reported as having said that "the progressive energy of the American people was not to be repressed by any government; and when our system of government should fail to respond to the spirit of the people, it would inevitably give place to something nobler." Something NOBLER than our system of government! The Senator, it is to be hoped, for the happiness of mankind, will give us *his* new system. All must acknowledge the grandeur of the conception.

"Something NOBLER!" What is that? Another form of expression for the "higher law" of SEWARD. Something "higher" than the law, something "nobler" than the Constitution,—*that* is the progressive idea of Liberty! The people are to be a law unto themselves, and the only law! It is needless to say that this "higher law" and "nobler system" means, in plain English, first anarchy, and then despotism.

Linseed Oil.

It is stated that Mrs. P., of New York, the wife of a linseed oil Manufacturer, wore at the Napier ball in Washington, diamonds valued at $100,000, and lace worth $11,000.

The Postage Bill.

Among the few commendable omissions of the last Congress, was the failure to pass the bill raising the rates of postage. So the postage remains the same as before. Reforms of this kind do not generally travel backward.

OUR AMERICAN COUSIN—*Unusual Success.*—Our American Cousin held possession of the stage at the Theatre all last week, with crowds in attendance larger than ever before encouraged the "run" of a piece by their presence. "Our Cousin" is evidently putting money in the purses of the managers, and has excited a furore that is likely to overflow the treasury of the Marshall. This week it will be repeated every night, with new pieces, in which Wheatley and Clarke will appear. The only hope for seats for ladies seems to depend on the box sheet, and to that we would recommend play goers to repair at an early hour in the day.

APPROPRIATIONS OF THE LAST CONGRESS.—The appropriations passed by the last Congress were as follows: Military Academy $179,088; Indian $1,797,308; Consular and Diplomatic $1,047,745; Army $15,680,845; Naval $10,654,043; Legislative, Executive and Judicial $6,745,743; Fortifications $1,000,000; Miscellaneous $2,345,000; Coast Survey $452,000; Rejesue of Treasury Notes $20,000,000. Total $59,801,332. To this should be added the Post Office Appropriations of $20,000,000 which failed to pass, which makes the total expenses of the government $80,297,120.

U. S. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The next National Fair of the United States Agricultural Society will be held either at St. Louis, Peoria, or Chicago, the propositions from those cities having been selected from those presented for the consideration of the Society.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—A fire occurred Friday night, at Magnolia, N. C., on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, which destroyed the warehouse of the railroad company, that of Merriman & Newberry, the residence of Dr. Faison and a house owned by Mr. Monk. The total loss is $70,000, of which Messrs. M. & N. lose $20,000, including an insurance of $9000.

FROM ST. NAZAIRE TO NORFOLK.—The Day Book learns that a ship is now loading at St. Nazaire, with goods for Norfolk, which on their arrival in that city, will be offered at public sale, in lots to suit jobbers. It is expected she will arrive there early next month with her cargo.

GONE TO EUROPE.—Rev. Dr. Bethune, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has resigned his pastorship in that city, and on Saturday last, sailed from New York in the bark M. Pejero, for Naples, with his family, for a sojourn abroad of six months.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.—There is nothing to sustain Postal Service till the 1st July next, but accruing postages,—after that nothing at all. The decision of the Post Office Department is to reduce service till July, and then it ceases. The members of the cabinet, it is said, regard an extra session as unavoidable.

HEALTH OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.—The Postmaster General remains dangerously ill, and his medical attendants consider his recovery doubtful.

ARMY MEDICAL BOARD.—An order has been issued from the Department of War, convening a Board of Medical Officers in Philadelphia on the 1st day of April next, for the purpose of examining assistant surgeons for promotion, and candidates for appointment as assistant surgeons in the army.

HOMICIDE.—An affray occurred in the Kanawha, Va., Salines, in the neighborhood of Rush Creek, last week, between Robert Brown and Jerome Brown, which resulted in the death of the former.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.—James Y. McDuffie, of Georgia, has been appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs for California, and C. W. Gholson, of Mississippi, Governor of Washington Territory.

THE SICKLES TRAGEDY.—Mr. Sickles is still in jail at Washington, and refuses the offers of his friends to bail him. The Washington Star, of Saturday, says:

Officer Ginnity yesterday visited Mrs. Sickles to see if he could identify her as a lady he had seen in company with Mr. Key, a few days previous to his decease, walking in the northern part of the city, near Fourteenth street. He identified her at once, and she recognized him, and alluded to the circumstance that Mr. Key had at the time called officer G.'s attention to some violation of the law by a boy who was driving a horse upon the pavement. Mrs. Sickles appeared to be very much depressed in spirits, but calm: and she made no complaint, nor expressed any surprise in view of the visit of the officer. Mr. Butterworth, we are informed, is yet in this city.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says that as much speculation has been indulged in regarding the return by Mr. Sickles to his wife of the wedding ring, the following account of it may be of interest:

It appears that Mr. Sickles was called upon by the clergyman and informed that Mrs. Sickles was in great mental agony and under extreme physical suffering, and that if such a state of feeling continued long to exist, it would probably end in mental aberration, or perhaps self-destruction. It was under such circumstances that the appeal was made to him to restore to Mrs. Sickles the wedding ring, which he had taken from her hand on the day of the tragedy. Mr. Sickles said, in response, that under these circumstances he could not resist the appeal in behalf of one he had so long cherished with such deep affection, and that while he was willing to return the emblem of their former love and union, he returned the ring broken, never to be re-united; she had sundered the bonds it typified too effectually ever to be repaired, and while he harbored no feeling of resentment, he was unalterably determined never to see her more.

PARTICULARS OF THE BLOODY AFFRAY IN KENTUCKY. *Man Shot by a Mob.*—The Louisville Journal has the account copied below of the late affray at Hawesville, Kentucky. A telegraph dispatch, received Saturday, announces that the jail had been entered by a mob, who shot Lowe dead.

Some months ago, a difficulty occurred at a political meeting near Cloverport between Mr. Cicero Maxwell, of Hartford, Kentucky, Prosecuting Attorney of his District, and Mr. Thomas S. Lowe, formerly of this city, and for the last three or four years a merchant of Hawesville in this State. After the occurrence of the difficulty, Mr. Lowe sent a note to Mr. Maxwell by the hands of a friend, but Mr. M. declined receiving it. Thereupon some beligerent demonstrations were made in the streets of Cloverport, but no encounter took place.

Subsequently Mr. Lowe declared publicly, or at least openly, that he would horse whip Mr. Maxwell at sight. Mr. Maxwell on Tuesday was making a speech at the Court House in Hawesville—Mr. Lowe appeared at the door, denounced him aloud as a poltroon, and made another remark much more hard to bear. Mr. Maxwell fired at him. Lowe returned the fire, and then, in rapid succession, more than a hundred shots with pistols and guns were fired, nearly or quite all of them at Lowe. Maxwell, who was unhurt, desisted after his first fire. John Aldridge, a friend of Lowe, was instantly killed, being shot through the head and arm, but we are not informed whether he fired or not. Mr. Miller, a friend of Maxwell, was shot through the thigh. Lowe was shot in the thigh, and had the thumb of his right hand shot off, and his clothes, including his shirt, were entirely riddled. Lowe retreated to the house of Mrs. Smart, and we presume that most of the shots fired at him were fired during his retreat. He was afterwards taken to the jail, and a strong guard placed around it to prevent him from being lynched by the populace.

FIGHTS IN WASHINGTON.—On Friday evening last Hon. Thos. W. Bowie, of Md., had a difficulty with A. S. H. White, in the National Hotel, Washington, and applied his cane to him. Mr. White returned the caning violently, and during the melee a pistol was fired by an outsider, the ball passing through Mr. Bowie's hat. Later in the evening Mr. Lander, an engineer, lately attached to the Government Wagon Road Expedition, demanded of Mr. Magraw, superintendent of the same, why he had declined receiving a challenge from him. Magraw replied by striking him with a "billy" several blows. Lander then "waded in," and both parties were badly damaged before they could be separated.

There were 192 deaths in Philadelphia last week.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

REPORTED FOR THE "DISPATCH."

TWO DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE JURA.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The steamer Jura, from Liverpool, on the 18th of February, arrived today.

Parliamentary proceedings were unimportant.

The war question was unchanged. Preparations continued on the continent. There are vague, but unfounded rumors afloat of a French loan of £20,000,000.

The campaign in Oude, India, continues. All the rebels' forts had been destroyed.

LATEST.

LONDON, *Friday*.—Austria agrees to send a representative to the Paris Congress, provided England and Prussia will guarantee that the Italian question shall not be discussed.

Funds firmer.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18.—Cotton—Sales for two days of 20,000 bales, market closing steady and firm; Orleans middling 7s. Manchester trade report is favorable. Breadstuffs very dull, with sales unimportant. Provisions quiet and steady. Lard firm at 64. Sugar steady. Coffee dull. Rosin dull at 4s 9d @4s 10d. Spts Turpentine firm at 49s@4s.

LONDON.—Sugar steady and quiet. Coffee easier, but rates unchanged.

C. Bonds 95¼@95½

POSTMASTER GENERAL BROWN DYING.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Postmaster General Brown is not expected to live through the night. An unfavorable turn in his disease took place today. The President and several Cabinet members have been called to his bedside.

It is said the Hon. Robt. McLane, of Md, will be appointed Minister to Mexico.

EXECUTION OF MURDERERS.

TORONTO, March 4.—The execution of Fleming, the telegraph operator, and O'Leary, who were both found guilty of murder at the last Assizes, took place to-day, in presence of a vast number of spectators. O'Leary was attended by a Catholic clergyman, and read a short confession on the gallows. Fleming was attended by a Protestant clergyman. He met his end calmly and without bravado, and gave the clergyman a short account of the crime in writing, attributing his ruin to bad company and drink. The greatest sympathy has been felt for him, and every exertion was used to procure a reprieve, but to no purpose, the Government being determined to put down the use of deadly weapons, which has become so prevalent.

AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—There is now no doubt that there will be a session of Congress called by the President, earlier than the first Monday in December next; but whether in advance of or directly after the autumn elections for Representatives is not yet determined. Not only the Post Office Department but other branches of the public service absolutely require legislation before the usual time of the meeting of Congress.

MOUNT VERNON BALL IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, March 4.—The subscription ball in aid of Mount Vernon purchase, under the auspices of our most influential and fashionable citizens, at the Boston Theatre to-night, is a very brilliant and successful affair. Edward Everett is Chairman of the Board of Managers. The tickets are $5 each, and a handsome sum will be realized to the patriotic fund, in aid of which the ball is given.

FIRE AT PLAQUEMINE, LA.

NEW ORLEANS, March 4.—A destructive fire was reported this evening at Plaquemine—said to have destroyed half of the town. Reliable particulars are to the effect that only two coffee houses were burnt.

LARGE MEETING OF GERMANS IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, March 4.—Quite a large meeting of the population assembled at Turner Hall last night, and adopted resolutions denouncing the measure, requiring two years' residence after naturalization before being allowed to vote. The speeches were mostly in German.

THE YACHT WANDERER.

SAVANNAH, March 4.—The yacht wanderer is advertised to be sold by the Marshal on the 12th inst. It is rumored that fifty of the Wanderer's Africans have been arrested in the lower part of Georgia, but the report is doubted.

DEATH OF CHARLES SAMPSON, THE PUBLISHER.

BOSTON, March 4.—Charles Sampson, of the publishing firm of Phillips & Sampson, died yesterday at his residence in Brookline, of consumption, at the age of forty-one years.

FROM NEW MEXICO, &c.

ST LOUIS, March 4th.—The New Mexican mail of the 17th ult., has arrived at Independence.

Mr. Crenshaw, mail contractor, just from Zuni, reports that it will be impossible to carry the Kansas City and Stockton mail, according to contract, unless the contractors are protected against the Mohave Indians.

HEAVY RAINS AT THE SOUTH.

AUGUSTA, March 4.—There have been heavy rains recently throughout the South, and the bad condition of the roads interferes with the forwarding of cotton and produce to market.

SAILING OF THE STEAMER FULTON.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The steamer Fulton sailed to-day for Southampton, with fifty passengers, and $556,000 in specie.

DEATH.—Geo. Kemble Wilkins, well known as a concert singer, died in the station house of Washington City Friday night, of pneumonia. In his pocket was found a note which had enclosed a [illegible] of $5 from Miss Jean M. Davenport, the actress. The poor fellow was "found" by a jury of inquest to be a "pauper."

Sherman Croswell, late editor of the Albany, N. Y., Argus, died on the 1st instant.

A couple in Portland, Me., celebrated their "tin" wedding last week, on the 10th anniversary of their marriage.

An opposition meeting was held in Petersburg, Va., Friday night, which was addressed by A. Judson Crane, of Richmond.

Capt. Paxton of the ship Coosawaltee, of Savannah, Ga., died at Calcutta, on the 2d of January.

ELECTION CARDS—Candidates for office, at the approaching Municipal Election, will find it greatly to their interest to call at the DISPATCH JOB OFFICE and procure their CARDS. No other office in the city has the same facilities for the rapid execution of this description of Printing, and the stock of CARDS always kept on hand is unsurpassed by any similar establishment in the Union.

J D HAMMERSLEY & CO.

WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c.—Few of our readers are aware of the fact that they can purchase at the auction house of Mr H W QUARLES every description of WATCHES and JEWELRY, at private sale, and that, too, at about one half the price usually charged for such articles elsewhere in this city.—Every evening during the week there is also a sale of Jewelry at this establishment; and the auctioneer, Mr J E CONANT, affords to the company much amusement by his queer "sayings and doings." *

REES & Co's Pearl Ambrotypes are admired by all. Price 25 cents to $25. Fancy Cases and large size Family Groups at one-half the usual cost.

REES & Co are acknowledged to be the only artists in the city who are successful in taking the likenesses of small children;—one second sitting is only required to produce a perfect gem.

RICHMOND THEATRE.

Second week of the
TRIUMPHANT ENGAGEMENT
of the popular Comedians,
Mr. WM. WHEATLEY and
Mr. J. S. CLARKE.
UNABATED SUCCESS
of Tom Taylor's great Comedy of
OUR AMERICAN COUSIN
Messrs. WHEATLEY & CLARKE in
TWO POPULAR CHARACTERS
TWO GREAT COMEDIES
OUR AMERICAN COUSIN
and the
DRAMATIST
Truly a splendid Bill.
MARCH 1ST, 1859.

EXHIBITION DAY.

SPLENDID STOCK OF ENTIRELY NEW
DRY GOODS.

WATKINS & FICKLEN,
NO. 139 MAIN STREET,
Square below the Banks.

This day we open our elegant New Store, and offer to the public a magnificent stock of
ENTIRELY NEW AND FRESH
SPRING DRY GOODS,
At VERY LOW PRICES—unprecedented in this city for the *same quality*. Being early and long in market, *unencumbered with old goods*, with cash in hand, we are justified in assuring our friends and the public that unusual advantages will be secured in purchasing goods of us.

In our House will be found the LARGEST stock of ENTIRELY NEW Spring Goods, selected for the best CLASS OF RETAIL and wholesale trade, ever exhibited in this city.

Silks,	Handkerchiefs	Vestings
Silk Robes,	Spring DeLaines	Tweeds
Grenadine Robes	Poil DeChevre	Cottonades
Barege do	Spring Prints	Linens
Challie do	Ginghams	Table Goods
Organdie	Mantles	Curtain do
Embroideries	Shawls	Oil Cloth
Parasols	Muslins	Bleached Domestics
Splendid Ribbons	Mourning Goods	Plantation Fabrics, &c
Hosiery,	Cloths	
	Cassimeres	

With everything else pertaining to our business,
NOW READY,
In great variety, and EXTREMELY CHEAP.

N. B.—EVERY ARTICLE IN OUR HOUSE IS NEW and FRESH.

We invite all buyers to examine our stock and compare prices.

WATKINS & FICKLEN,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Dry Goods,
Nearly opposite Exchange Bank.
Richmond, March 1st, 1859. mh 1—6t

DIED,

On Friday night, at 12 o'clock, after an illness of twelve months, Mr JOHN D COMB, in the 49th year of his age.

He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his irreparable loss. He died in the triumph of an eternal home beyond the grave.

"Their loss is his eternal gain."

At the residence of her father, in the city of Richmond, March 5th, CAROLINE LOUISA, infant daughter of Patterson and Mary Caroline Allan, aged 6 months and 7 days.

Cincinnati papers please copy.

On Sunday morning, the 6th inst, at the residence her brother, S H Skinker, Esq., of this city, ELIZABETH B SKINKER, in the 42d year of her age.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, which will take place this day, (Monday) at 11 o'clock, from the United Presbyterian Church, (Rev Dr Read's.)

On the 26th ultimo, at ten minutes to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the residence of her husband, in Manchester, SARAH B. ROBESON, daughter of John C and Matilda Childress, in the 24th year of her age.

And must I part with all I have,
My dearest Lord, for thee?
It is but right, since Thou hast done
Much more than this for me.

On Sunday evening, March 6th, at 5 o'clock, Mrs ELIZA JANE DAVIS, wife of James L Davis, in the thirty-seventh year of her age.

Her funeral will take place at the residence of her husband, corner of Catherine and Henry streets, on Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE DISPATCH—In your issue of Saturday last, one of the Council arraign me for having ventured to express an opinion in regard to the new tax bill, and appeals to me to say whether (any man who is not biased in his judgment by prejudice, self-interest, or some other motive,) they have not voted conscientiously to the benefit of all—both rich and poor, real estate owners, manufacturers and merchants. As to the charges of his (or any other member of the Council) *not* having voted in good faith, I have never brought into question; and, while candid enough to admit you might place that construction upon the wording of the article, yet in good faith, I had no idea of charging you (or any other members) with dishonesty, in thus voting. I do not wish to misrepresent, wilfully, the act of any person, or do him a personal injury; and will as cheerfully (when convicted of my error, as I now am, from the explanation at the church,) *make that acknowledgment*. In my article, I frankly called upon you to meet your constituents at the church and explain yourself. I can see no prejudice in that. I am not acquainted with the Councilman, so there could be no prejudice. As to selfish motives, I would say, that as self-preservation is the first law of nature, if a person did not look to the interest and management of his own affairs, pray tell me who would do it for him? And so long as he observes honesty and integrity in his action, I cannot see how it could be well attributed to selfish motives. I am always ready and willing to bear my equal portion of the burden, in the expenses of the city government be it *much* or *little*. I consider it the duty of every law-abiding citizen, but I could not but think myself, (as well as many others thought, who I heard express themselves) from the reading of the law as published, that *all personal property* (of which capital forms a part) would be taxed as heretofore, in addition to the class tax, and thus it would be an *unequal tax*; but since the explanation, I am satisfied it was and is the intention of the Council to do an equal part by all classes. And I would further say, if the article signed "Justice" has, in the least, wounded the feelings of any one of the Council, it was not my intention, and I as cheerfully make all honorable amends.

In conclusion, I would say that *I am one* of your constituents, and have been for years, and vote for you as Councilman, and cannot see any objection in your being called to an account of your *acts* in your *official capacity*. Hoping the above explanation will prove satisfactory to one and all of the Council.

I remain, respectfully,
JUSTICE.

mh 7—1t

OPPOSITION GRAND RALLY—A grand ratification of the Opposition ticket will take place to-night (MONDAY) at the African Church.

The Hon WILLIAM L GOGGIN, Opposition candidate for Governor, will address the meeting.

Reserved seats for Ladies. mh 7—1t*

VIRGINIA MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—A regular monthly meeting of the Institute will be held in the Hall, THIS EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Members are invited to attend.

J W LEWELLEN, Sec'y.
mh 7—1t

ATTENTION FIREMEN.—The annual meeting of the Firemen and Stockholders of the Richmond Fire Association will be held at the office thereof on THIS DAY, (Monday) 7th inst, at 7½ o'clock, P M.

By order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN H BOSHER, Sec'y.
mh 7—1t

ATTENTION CITIZEN FIRE COMPANY NO 6.—Attend the regular monthly meeting of your Company at Mr S Y Landrum's, corner Main and 7th streets, on MONDAY evening, March 7th, at 8 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested, as business of importance will be before the meeting.

mh 7—1t* H P EDMOND, Sec'y.

ARMORY R L I BLUES,
March 7th, 1859.

Attend a Drill of your Company at their Armory on THIS DAY, (Monday) 7th inst, at 7½ o'clock, P M, precisely.

Members are requested to return all old accoutrements in their possession.

By order of Capt W H FRY
mh 7—1t ROA TOMPKINS, 1st Serg't.

GRAYS, ATTENTION.—Attend an adjourned meeting of the company, at Military Hall, on TUESDAY next, at 7½ o'clock. Delinquents are required to attend.

SPECIAL BUSINESS.

As there will be special business before the company, it is very desirable that every member should be present. By order of Captain ELLIOTT.

mh 7—2t JOHN T ROGERS, Orderly.

NOTICE.—The Commissioned Officers of the 179th Regiment are requested to meet at the Armory of the "Young Guard," on TUESDAY evening next, at 7½ o'clock.

By order J A CLARKSON,
Lieut. Col. Com'ng, 179th Reg't Va Militia.
Geo J AUSTIN, Acting Adjutant. mh 7—2t*

ARMORY MONTGOMERY GUARD,
Richmond, March 7, 1859.

This command will assemble at Military Hall on THIS (Monday) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, for company drill. Members will appear with belts and bayonet scabbards, Sergeants will appear with muskets or carbines.

By order of the Captain.
mh 7—1t JOHN MCDONALD, O S.

JOHN DOOLEY,
Hat and Cap Manufacturer and Wholesale Dealer in
HATS, CAPS, FURS, TRIMMINGS, &c.

I have now on hand a complete and extensive assortment of everything in my line, adapted to the
SPRING TRADE,
to which constant additions will be made during the season.

My experience and facilities have enabled me, on this occasion, to offer the LARGEST, and in every way the most COMPLETE STOCK OF GOODS that has ever been offered in Virginia.

I would ask the particular attention of my customers to my stock of
STRAW GOODS,
which for variety and extent cannot be surpassed.

JOHN DOOLEY,
mh 7—4s Main street, Richmond, Va.

HOUSE FOR RENT—On 4th, between Grace and Franklin streets. A very desirable Brick Dwelling, with six neat and comfortable rooms, with closets in each, besides two basement rooms, hydrant, wood and coal house, at a very moderate rent, can be had at once, by applying at H Rosenfeld's, corner 5th and Broad streets

mh 7—3t* H ROSENFELD.

HOUSES FOR RENT.—For rent, that fine new granite front store and dwelling, formerly occupied as a Drug Store by Messrs. Michaels & Swope; also, the dwelling adjoining, on Lester street, Rocketts. To good tenants, the rent will be low. Apply to

mh 7—6t* H W TYLER, No. 36, Main st.

MARKET GARDEN FOR RENT OR SALE—one mile west of the city of Richmond—containing twenty-five acres of first rate land, with a new house containing six excellent rooms, with kitchen, stable and well of good water. Also, a large asparagus bed. For terms apply to

mh 7—2t* M GIANNINI.

FOR RENT.—The Office lately occupied by the undersigned, in the building with Messrs. Isaacs & Taylor. For terms, apply to the above named gentlemen, or to

mh 7—3t THOS M ALFRIEND.

A SMALL FRAME HOUSE, on 12th street, near Mr Bruce's, suitable for a small sized family. Possession given immediately. Apply to E D BACHO,

mh 7—3t 14th street.

FOR HIRE—1 Boy for a Blacksmith's shop; 1 Cook; 1 Girl, and 3 men.

CARRIAGES, CARRIAGES. The subscriber has on hand, at his Coach Making Establishment, on Lombard Alley, between Main and Cary, (13th and 14th streets) near the Columbian Hotel, COACHES, CHARIOTEES, BAROUCHES, BUGGIES with and without tops, and SULKIES—all of his own make, of the best materials and workmanship—all of which will be sold as low as good work of the kind can be in the city of Richmond, and I respectfully ask a call from those in want of any article in the Carriage line, as I am determined to make to order and to sell at the lowest prices possible; and all work sold, that is new, warranted

mh 7—3m MICAJAH MANGUM.

FOR SALE—A pair of young iron Grey HORSES, short tails, well broke and closely matched—very gentle in harness and perfectly sound—full sixteen hands high. The owner having no further use for them, will sell a great bargain. Enquire at Hix's Stable, on 10th street, between Main and Cary. mh 7—3t*

NOTICE.—The public are hereby cautioned against trading or receiving a Due Bill given by me to J Marxhausen, for $25, as the same was procured by false representations.

mh 7—1t* J P LUBS.

THE GREAT NATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.
AN ACCURATE PHONOGRAPHIC REPORT OF ITS PROCEEDINGS FOR 5 CTS.
"WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE BEST SUNDAY SCHOOL DOCUMENTS EVER ISSUED."
Contains full reports of all the speeches.
For sale by P B PRICE,
mh 7—3t 161½ Main street.

WADSWORTH, TURNER & CO.,
No 18, FOURTEENTH STREET,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS.

HAVING received by recent arrivals a complete assortment of STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS, comprising altogether, a very desirable assortment, suited and selected expressly for the trade of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, all of which the trade is respectfully invited to examine. mh 7—2m

ORANGES AND LEMONS—100 boxes fresh Oranges; 100 do do Lemons, latest arrived in the country, just received, for sale by

mh 7 LOUIS J BOSSIEUX.

BACON.—20 hds. Western Sides, for sale by

mh 7 I & G B DAVENPORT.

AMUSEMENTS.

RICHMOND THEATRE.

Second week of the engagement of the justly celebrated Comedians, MR. WM. WHEATLEY and MR J. S. CLARKE.

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 7, 1859,

Will be performed Tom Taylor's dashing Comedy of OUR AMERICAN COUSIN—Asa Trenchard, (our American Cousin,) Mr J S Clarke; Lord Dundreary, Mr Wm Wheatley.

Pas de Militaire.....Miss Kate Pennoyer

Conclude with the DRAMATIST, or STOP HIM WHO CAN—Vapid, Mr Wm Wheatley; Peter, Mr J S Clarke.

SOIREE DANSANTE.

THE "YOUNG GUARD LIGHT BATTALION" would respectfully announce to the citizens, that they will give a SOIREE DANSANTE, at their ARMORY, on TUESDAY evening, 15th inst, at 9 o'clock.

Music by Wells' Cotillion Band.

TICKETS ONE DOLLAR,
admitting a gentleman and two ladies—to be obtained of any member of the Battalion. mh 4—t15

CHRISTY & KEMBLE'S
MINSTRELS
ARE COMING,
And will appear in this city, in a few days.
mh 4—3t*

LOST.

LOST—On Friday evening, 4th instant, between the corner of Franklin and Jefferson streets and the Medical College, a Medallion Mosaic BRACELET, set in Etruscan Gold. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the Dispatch office. mh 7—6t

LOST—On Wednesday last, on Main street, between the Old Market and the Fair Grounds, my FREE PAPERS. They were in a tin box. I will give a liberal reward for them if left at this office. WM B COUSINS,
A free man of color.
mh 7—1t*

LOST—A Pocket Book containing $30 in notes and specie, and a due bill for $10 90 of Mrs Johnson's. The finder will receive a liberal reward by leaving it at this office. mh 7—2t

THE U. S. MAIL STEAMSHIP JAMESTOWN will leave for NEW YORK on TUESDAY, the 8th inst, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Passengers are requested to be on board before the hour of departure.

Shippers are requested to send down their freight on MONDAY. It will be taken until a sufficiency is received.

No freight can be taken this trip on Tuesday, and no hhds. or Flour, except such as has been engaged.

Consignees are requested to send down for their freight.

Boston shippers will find this the most expeditious route, and as cheap as any other.

Passage to New York, meals and state room included, only $10, steerage passage only $5.

LUDLAM & WATSON.

N. B.—Passengers taken to Norfolk—the fare being the same as by the river boats. mh 7—2t

RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG RAILROAD.

THROUGH FREIGHTS BETWEEN RICHMOND AND NORTH CAROLINA—Arrangements have been made by this Company, for the prompt and punctual forwarding and delivery of all Produce, Goods, or other articles of Freight, designed for transportation either way, between Richmond and any point between Petersburg and Raleigh, North Carolina. All such articles sent to Richmond, should be consigned and *plainly marked*, "To the care of the Freight Agent of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad, at Petersburg," by whom they will be promptly forwarded. As to the rates of toll on the Roads south of Petersburg, which they require to be prepaid, information may be had at the Depot of this Company in Richmond.

T H WYNNE, Sup't.

Office R & P R R Co,
March 7, 1859. mh 7—ts

FOR LYNCHBURG—To leave TUESDAY—The canal boat MERCHANT, will leave as above. For freight, apply to WM P COX,

mh 7—2t At the Shed, Dock street.

NOTICE—The boat ROSA is now ready to receive freight for Lynchburg and North River, and will have dispatch. For freight, apply to Captain on board, or HARRIS & MOORE,

mh 7—2t Basin Bank.

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ELLETT & DREWRY,
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
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No 17 Pearl Street, Richmond, Va.

We have the pleasure of offering to the merchants of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee the largest and best stock of
DRY GOODS
we have ever been able to exhibit.

Confining our business principally to piece goods, we have bestowed much time and labor to get up a first rate stock, and feel satisfied that no house in this country can offer a better selected stock of,

English and American Prints
Fancy printed Lawns, Jaconets and Cambrics
Fine French and English Organdies and Challies
Fancy Bareges, Delaines and Valentias
Robes of every style in Lawns, Jaconets, Organdies, Bareges, Challies and Delaines
Silks, Poplins