# THE DISPATCH.

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mh 14—4t No 86 Main st

NOTICE is hereby given that the meeting of the Stockholders of the Roanoke Valley Railroad Company, advertised for the 1st day of March next, is postponed until the 22d of the same month.
fe 25—dtd HENRY WOOD, President

NOTICE.—The voters of Hanover county, who are friendly to the removal of the court-house, are respectfully and urgently requested to meet at their respective voting places, on SATURDAY, the 26th inst, to appoint six delegates from each Magisterial District to a Convention to be held at Ashland, on the 2d April, to nominate a candidate to represent them in the next Legislature of Virginia.
mh 16—1w* MANY VOTERS.

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GEORGE B. STEEL, Dentist, Office and residence, No. 221, on Main, between 8th and 9th streets, Richmond Va. my 20—1y

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fe 12—d1y

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

HENRY L. BROOKE has resumed the practice of Law in the city of Richmond. Office in Belvin's New Building, on 12th, fronting Bank street. ja 26—ts

LICORICE.
A. O. C. BRAND.
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The best Cough Syrup in the world is Hartshorne's Pectoral Syrup of Wild Cherry.
This article is prepared by a chemist, and is pronounced by medical men, and those who have used it, to be the best preparation for Coughs, Colds, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Sore Throat from a cold, and a preventive of that lion of diseases, Consumption.
Persons who sing should use it. It is pleasant to the taste, softens, clears and strengthens the voice, allays all irritation of the throat and lungs, and prevents taking cold.
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CHILLS AND FEVER, CHILLS AND FEVER.—One of the greatest remedies that has ever been laid before the public, for Fever and Ague, and which have received the highest encomiums from the press and the people, is DR. J HOSTETTER'S CELEBRATED BITTERS. Who would endure the untrue assertion that this terrible disease, when it can be so easily cured? Who would endure sleepless nights, burning fevers and icy chills alternately, when a remedy can be obtained for a mere trifle? And yet how many families linger out a painful existence under this deadly blight, and do nothing to crush them out with quinine, until it becomes as common as their daily meals, and yet they are not relieved. None but the foolish and weak would hesitate to procure these valuable Bitters, and save themselves intense agony.
Sold by druggists and dealers generally everywhere.
See advertisement in another column.
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Citizens and strangers are invited to call and examine specimens at GIBBS' Temple of Art, Corinthian Hall, Main street, between 9th and 10th.
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oc 16 GEORGE STARRETT.

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Owing to an increase and pressure of business, a specified day for opening rare styles will be dispensed with for this season, but all the styles will be freely shown when the demands require.
mh 8—ts

LAW NOTICE.—ROBERT C. NICHOLAS, for several years United States District Attorney, having entirely recovered his health, has determined to resume the practice of LAW, in this city, and will devote all his energies to his professional business with which he may be entrusted.
Office with Peter V Daniel, Jr, Esq, Number 5, Goddin's Hall. mh 9—1m

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mh 7—1m* 209 Broad st.

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This method having been adopted and commended by those standing highest in the profession, North and South, testimonials will be given, and specimens exhibited, to any who may desire to see them. The old plates of those wishing to exchange the old method for the new, will be taken in part pay. Will of course, make teeth on the old mode for those who may prefer it.
Filling thoroughly and gently done; and teeth extracted by electricity for those who wish it.
Office opposite Corinthian Hall. ja 7—1y

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THURSDAY MORNING.....MARCH 17, 1859

PROSPECTS OF THE COUNTRY IN 1859.—The N. Y. Courier in an editorial upon the subject, states that the exports from New York for the first eight months of the present fiscal year, exclusive of specie, were thirty-five millions of dollars; the imports into New York for the same period have been one hundred and twenty-nine millions of dollars, or an excess of ninety-four millions of dollars in the imports into one port in the past eight months. It is well asked:

"If we do have good crops, can such an enormous expenditure of the vitals of the country, namely, capital and raw material at low prices, be continually made for the high-priced manufactures of pauper Europe? The total exports of agricultural products last year from Ohio, the richest agricultural State in the Union, was less than twenty-five dollars for each inhabitant, and not one-third of this, or five dollars for each person, ever floated on salt water or paid debt abroad, and yet we are now importing at the rate of fifteen dollars for each person in the whole country, in rich silks, high priced cotton goods, and luxuries of one sort and another, including iron rails for our railroads. We have examined returns from different parts of the country, and will admit that there never was as much land put in cultivation, and with good weather there never has been such crops as will be raised. But never had we as many idle non-producers, never before did it take the profit of as many bushels of wheat to pay for one yard of high priced cotton goods, made in Europe from the raw material raised here. Not for twenty years have there been, proportioned to our size and numbers, as few new cotton mills, iron furnaces and coal companies to make a home market as in this very year.

* * * * The indebtedness of the United States in the past two years was:

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| July 1st, 1857 | $29,660,386 |
| July 1st, 1858 | 54,910,777 |
| Increase | $25,850,391 |

or an increase of about ninety per cent. The probabilities are that this rate of increase of public debt will continue throughout the present year, so that our debt in July 1859 will not be less than eighty millions of dollars. The present expenditures of the Government are, including interest on debt, ninety millions of dollars. This expenditure after allowing for the borrowed receipt makes an importation of four hundred millions of dollars of foreign goods, or about $15 for each person in the country necessary to prevent bankruptcy. We have, therefore, a yearly importation greatly in excess of our present trade, with an increasing national debt, as the alternative to a bankrupt government. On the other hand, we find by the Custom House records that our exports for the present year will probably not be over three hundred millions of dollars. To show the truth of this statement we give the following official figures:

*Total value of Exports from the Port of New York for Eight Months, including February.*

| Exports from July | 1856-7 | 1857-8 | 1858-9 |
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| to February | $82,052,210 | $74,019,413 | $54,163,062 |

The total exports for the first two years for the whole country were for:

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| 1856-7 | $362,960,862 |
| 1857-8 | 273,541,421 |

We can hence form an estimate from the falling off in the exports from New York what the decrease will be in the total exports. If in the same per centage, the total exports will not be much over two hundred millions of dollars.

MURDER AND SUICIDE AT HARTFORD, CONN.—Christopher Colson, who for many years has been engaged as a fish dealer in Hartford, Conn., cut his wife's throat Monday, killing her instantly. He had been divorced from his wife for the year past. The Courant says:

Saturday night last he slept at the house of his brother, James H. Colson, baker, No. 54 South Hudson street. The house is occupied by four families, James H. Colson living on the first floor in the north half. Christopher was sitting in one of the basement rooms, in conversation with a Mr. Barker, when his former wife, who has since the divorce taken her maiden name of Sarah Burns, came in from her mother's. Colson advanced to his wife, and endeavored to take her hand, but she repulsed him with the remark "that her hand was now her own, and that she did not wish to have anything to do with him." She then attempted to leave the room, when he followed her, caught her by the dress behind, and cut her throat from the right ear to a point just below the chin, making two horrible gashes, severing the carotid artery, and partially severing the jugular vein. He manifested very little passion or feeling of any kind, but remarking that he hoped she was satisfied, threw his bloody weapon—a large two-edged fish knife—under the table, and proceeded leisurely to the pantry, where he commenced devouring some pies that were stored there. The inmates of the house were, of course, thrown into the greatest consternation and excitement by the terrible event that had just transpired. Some attempt was made to arrest the murderer, but he was so much held in dread by those present, who feared that he might be still armed, that he was allowed, after he had eaten and drank what he wanted, to leave the house unmolested. From the hotel he walked in a leisurely manner up Ferry street till he came nearly opposite the old Bartlett tavern, where he was arrested."

On Tuesday, while in prison, he took a quantity of opium, and died in a few hours from the effects.

CARRYING A STEAMBOAT OVERLAND.—A writer in the St. Paul Minnesotian, dating at Crow Wing, says:

"About the 8th instant, the work of taking to pieces the Anson Northrup and preparing the frame of the new boat was commenced; and today, the 19th February, the whole portable frame of the boat, boiler, engines, machinery and tools, amounting to more than fifty tons of freight, besides stores and baggage of the men, and hay for the teams, is packed upon sleighs, and thirty teams are trudging away with their load over the prairies and through the pineries toward the Red River of the North. The boiler and the heavy machinery must be hauled on runners a distance of one hundred and sixty-five miles. The new portions of the boat will be taken from Swan river, one hundred and ninety miles. The boat, which is to bear the appropriate name of the "Pioneer," is to be one hundred feet long, twenty feet beam, with a depth of four feet in the hold, and is calculated to carry from seventy-five to one hundred tons of freight. The train is accompanied by about forty teamsters and mechanics, who will commence work as soon as they reach Red River, and the boat will probably be in running order by the first of May. The road is good as far as the Otter Tail City, and teams have been through to Red River during the past week, so that the track is probably well broken all the way."

A SCHOOL DIFFICULTY AT BOSTON.—The Catholic children attending the Eliot and other schools in Boston have refused to participate in the opening devotional exercises, including the Lord's prayer and the ten commandments. This has caused considerable excitement, and some two hundred of the Catholic scholars have absented themselves from Eliot school. It appears the scholars were forbidden to participate in the religious exercises by their pastors, but the school committee determined to adhere to their regulations, notwithstanding.

A FREAK OF THE WIND.—A few days ago, a well known gentleman named Joseph Locke, a contractor and builder in St. Louis, went to the Mechanic's Bank and drew out $180 in $10 bills, for the purpose of paying his employees. In going down the steps of the bank, with the eighteen bills in his hand, a sudden gust of wind blew off his hat. In throwing up his hand to recover his hat he lost possession of the bills, which were instantly taken by the wind in circling eddies upwards. Mr. L.'s loss by the operation was about $80. His feelings as he saw the bank's promises to pay slowly sailing over the house tops, are much more pleasant to describe than entertain.

COMMERCE OF NEW ORLEANS.—There is no immediate prospect of relief to the commerce of New Orleans. The report of the Engineer employed, says it will require four months' labor and the expenditure of over one hundred thousand dollars to open the southwest pass. On the 6th instant 95,000 bales of cotton were then detained on shipboard in consequence of the vessels being unable to cross the bar. Among the ships detained below were eight from Boston having on board several thousand tons of ice.

LORD LYONS.—The reported arrival of the frigate Curacoa, with Lord Lyons, the new British minister on board, is contradicted by the New York papers of Monday afternoon. The evening Post says:

The British Consul at this port had up to noon to-day received no intelligence of his arrival. He had telegraphed to Sandy Hook to make inquiry, but no such vessel as the Curacoa had been reported there. The probability that the whole report is a mistake is enhanced from the fact that the Curacoa is under orders to proceed direct to Chesapeake Bay, and land Lord Lyons at Annapolis, without coming first to New York.

A STATE IN MOURNING.—The New Orleans Picayune speaks of Louisiana as a "State in mourning," consequent upon the explosion of the steamer Princess. It says, "there is scarcely a community from which some one of the lost is not missing, or to it known by his social virtues."—The fatality among prominent citizens was remarkable, and the State may well mourn its loss

AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON.—At a levee held by Queen Victoria on the 23d ultimo, the honor of knighthood was conferred on Captain Armstrong, in acknowledgement of his new invention in artillery, by which an effective cannonade can be carried on at a distance of eight miles. He has also been appointed engineer to the War Department for rifled ordinance.

The American newspaper about to be established in London will be conducted by Chas. Mackay, LL.D., late editor of the Illustrated News, assisted by Hiram Fuller, "Belle Brittan."

## Affairs in Norfolk.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE RICHMOND DAILY DISPATCH.]

NORFOLK, March 16th, 1859.

In the United States Court yesterday the proceedings were remarkably deliberate and calm; the deposition of Lieut. Braine was concluded, and before the Court adjourned the case of John Williams was taken up. Williams, it will be remembered, was reported in the *Dispatch* as having been guilty of the larceny of a roll of cotton cloth, for which the Grand Jury found a true bill. Upon examination before the Court yesterday evening he was discharged.

The Mayor's Court, for a week past, has been devoid of interest, and never have we seen the city so quiet as at present.

The Common Council, last night, ignored the tax bill of the Select Council, and referred the whole matter to a conference committee of five from one body and three from the other.

Mechanics' Hall is filled to overflowing every night, to hear the lectures on Physiology by Dr. Williams, and some adroit thief is taking advantage of these crowds to prosecute his profession of pocket picking. Last night a lady's pocket was picked of a portmonie containing eighty five dollars, while the crowd were coming out of the Hall. This is the second case in the last ten days.

The Blues' Band are preparing for a grand ball, which is to come off on Monday evening next, at the armory of the N. L. A. Blues.

Eleven sail makers and five block makers were discharged in the Gosport Navy Yard yesterday evening.

The market presents an active appearance this morning. Corn has an upward tendency; we quote yellow at 87c. The receipts this week, so far, exceed 20,000 bushels, and it still continues to come in. The spring trade may be said to have commenced, and many country merchants are in the city laying in their spring stock, while the retailers are all busy supplying the wants of the local trade.

The weather this morning is clear, pleasant and comfortable. PERCUSSION.

ARREST OF THE SUPPOSED FORGER IN BOSTON.—The telegraph has announced the arrest in Boston of a man named Osborn alias Turner, supposed to be the person who forged a check on Paul Hinton & Co., of Petersburg, Va., $4,100, and got it cashed by Sutton & Enders, of Richmond. The Boston Ledger says:

The New York detectives were placed on the track of the supposed forger. Osborn was the name the person gave who presented the check, but it was afterwards found that he had another name of Turner. The shrewdness of the detectives was at once brought to work in the case, and it was ascertained by a certain description of his bagage, that a man answering Osborn alias Turner's description had departed for Boston. Information was at once sent to this city, and detective officer Heath placed on the track of the individual. He learned that the person described arrived here last Monday afternoon, and during the week he was busily engaged in ferreting out the supposed guilty party. Last Saturday afternoon, after a diligent search of five days, he traced the trunk of the supposed forger to the National House, Haymarket Square, and after examining the register and not finding the names of Osborn or Turner there, he examined the baggage and found the long looked for articles, marked with a big "A," but some names, partly obliterated, were to be seen also. Edward Argentin was the man who owned the property, and on being found, answered the description of the man who was described to have received the money so well, that Mr. Argentin was taken into custody, and on being examined, $1500 on the Tremont Bank of this city, $800 on the Bank of the Metropolis, and a small amount in gold, was found in his possession.

In the Police Court, yesterday afternoon, before Justice Maine, Argentin was arraigned for forgery and held in $5000 for his appearance Wednesday morning. In the meanwhile, one of the firm of the bankers will arrive in this city, and have an opportunity of identifying the accused. Mr. Argentin is about six feet high, rather slender, and in his appearance has the look of a person in ill health. The description answers in every respect, and although there was no positive proof, the Judge thought that justice demanded his detention until he could be seen by Mr. Enders, who telegraphed yesterday afternoon, the dispatch being received while the Court was in session.

THE WASHINGTON TRAGEDY.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Times, writing on the 8th inst., speaking of the counsel in the Sickles case says:

For the prosecution, Mr. Ould will, of course, lead, in virtue of his office, and, probably, (though as yet none has been retained,) Mr. Key's family will engage associate counsel. For Mr. Sickles, there will appear the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, (who is Mr. Butterworth's counsel.) Messrs. Staunton, Radcliffe, Chilton and Magruder, of this bar, and of the New York bar, Mr. James T. Brady and Mr. John Graham, who have been selected, from a legion of volunteers, as proper representatives of the representative from New York. Mr. Graham, who has arrived to day, will open the case, which will be summed up by Mr. Staunton and Mr. Jas. T. Brady, one of Mr. Sickles' earliest, and through life, one of his warmest friends. The prosecution will be conducted, according to present appearances, with great fairness, and without any spirit of personal bitterness.

The correspondent also says:

Mr. Sickles does not look well, as has been represented. Mental suffering and confinement within a prison's walls have told severely upon him, paling his cheek and shaking his vigorous constitution. To-day Mrs. Pendleton, of Ohio, sister of Mr. Key, left for that State, accompanied by Mr. Key's four orphan children, her own two children, and the two children of her widowed sister, the accomplished Mrs. Blunt.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON A RAILROAD.—On Sunday last, Dr. Wright, a highly respected citizen of Halifax, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, was killed on the Northern Central Railroad, while walking across the railroad bridge, within a short distance of the village. He was in company with two of his children, a son and a daughter, when they were surprised by the approach of a coal train. Dr. Wright, in his impulsive and earnest efforts to save his children, by placing them outside the track and beyond the reach of the train, was himself struck by the locomotive and killed outright. His son escaped uninjured, but his daughter was struck by some portion of the train, and had one arm so dreadfully crushed that amputation was necessary. Dr. Wright was formerly a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

FIVE MEN STABBED IN BOSTON.—On Sunday evening a gang of drunken rowdies in Boston, proceeded to the club room of an association, drove out the inmates, destroyed the furniture, attacked several persons with knives, and stabbed and wounded Daniel Boyle, R. Sullivan, D. F. Mahan, John O'Donnell and John Lyons. Several of the rowdies have been arrested.

FREE NEGROES IN MISSOURI.—A few days ago the Missouri House of Representatives passed a bill declaring that all free colored persons over eighteen years of age shall leave that State in one year from August next, or be sold into slavery. The Senate, however, postponed its consideration until the next session.

NAVAL.—The Navy Department is in receipt of intelligence from the new steam sloop of war Brooklyn, dated at Port-au Prince, Hayti, February 24th. The Brooklyn arrived there in five days from Beaufort, N. C., and was to sail for Aux Caves on the 29th. All on board were well.

FIRE AT CHESTER.—A stable belonging to Mrs. Dr. Minor, at Chester, on the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night last. It contained a pair of carriage horses, recently purchased for $500, which were burned. A quantity of hay, fodder and corn was destroyed, and a fine ox.

SAD ACCIDENT.—A child of Wm. Horton, near Abbeville, S. C., aged about eighteen months, was scalded on Friday, the 4th inst., from the effects of which it died in a few hours. The child picked up a pot of boiling coffee, and drank a quantity of the scalding fluid from the spout, causing its death as stated above. The breast and neck were swollen in a frightful manner.

FROM LIEUT. BEALE.—We learn, from the Los Angelos *Star*, of February 5, that Lieut. Beale's expedition was sobut 150 miles beyond Santa Fe, in excellent health, getting along as well as could be desired—having encountered no interruption to his labors from the Indians. It will be two months before he reaches California.

AN OLD IMMIGRANT.—Mr. Sweeny, the oldest man in Pennsylvania, died in Butler county, on the 27th ult., aged 122 years. He was a native of Ireland, and emigrated to the United States when he was 100 years old!

At the ball given by the Americans at Paris, on Feb. 22d, one of the ladies is said to have worn lace to the value of 80,000 francs.

Dr. E. A. Theller, brigadier general in the Canadian republican service in 1838, died at Hornitas, California, recently.

T. K. Hervey, the poet, died in England, Feb. 17th, in the 55th year of his age. He was the editor of the London Athenæum.

An Indiana pork operator lately lost $15,000 in Cincinnati faro bank. He desired to go the whole hog, probably, and got "stuck."

Hon. Eli Shorter, of Alabama, declines a re election to Congress, and will resume the practice of the law.

The Saratoga Brewery, at Baltimore, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Loss $9000.

Hon. Henry Johnson, Mayor of Newburyport, Massachusetts, died on Sunday last.

A house of ill fame in Goldsboro, N. C., was "gutted" by a mob on the 12th inst.

The Legislature of Rhode Island adjourned on Saturday, after a session of eight days.

It is stated that Charles Dickens has finally determined not to revisit the United States.

Theodore Chase, Esq., an eminent merchant of Boston, died in that city on Sunday.

Dr. Charles Frederick Beck, of Philadelphia, died at Rome a few weeks ago.

Gen. Shields is sick in Washington.

## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

A SUGGESTION.—As there seems to be some little difficulty in procuring a suitable lot for the new jail, it has been suggested that the site of the Lancasterian School be selected, and that the present jail be then remodelled and turned into a house of correction. This plan, if carried out, will involve the necessity of building a new school house at some other point, while the jail will still be so far from the court houses that criminals will have to be carried through the streets, to the detriment of public morals. The old jail will answer very well for a house of correction, because it may be so changed and ventilated as to become dry and healthy; but there are very many citizens who will raise serious objections to pulling down the Lancasterian School House, fearing that the Council will not rebuild it.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.—Yesterday morning three lads—Robert Heath *alias* Bob Ridley, William Gallaher and Edwin Wicker—were arraigned before the Mayor, charged with being suspicious characters, and believed by the police to be a portion of the gang of young desperadoes, whose feats at house breaking and stealing have excited the city so much within the past six weeks. What proof there is for this suspicion we are unable to say, as the examination of the prisoners was continued until to-morrow. Two of the three boys have been in jail on several occasions, and all three of them have been before the Mayor on charge of theft. How far they are now guilty, remains to be seen.

DISCHARGED.—John W. Moulton, arrested in Philadelphia and brought on here to answer for forgery, was again before the Mayor yesterday and discharged. As there was no evidence to make him an accessory before the fact in the forgery, he could not be sent on for felony; and if indicted for misdemeanor, a jury would acquit him on the ground that the forgery was a felony, and that therefore the misdemeanor would of necessity be merged into the felony. He was, however, arrested for debt, immediately on his release from criminal prosecution.

WOOD INSPECTOR.—If inspections of any sort are necessary, none is more so than that of cord wood. The practice among wood choppers has been almost universal of cutting the wood but three and a half instead of four feet long. In order to protect our citizens against this imposition, an Inspector would be well employed. A friend informs us that he has seen wood only three feet long, stacked and sold by the cord, as if it were four feet, thus making purchasers pay for one cord when they received but three quarters of a cord. Such traffic is unfair, and should be guarded against.

"OSBORNE"—the confidence man, arrested in Boston last Tuesday, is believed to be the same individual whose financial operations with Paul & Hinton of Petersburg, and Enders, Sutton & Co. of this city, in which he made $4100 clear, were noticed by us several days since. So well convinced are those interested that the right man has been caught, that parties left here yesterday evening in the cars to identify him, and have him brought back for trial.

FOURTH STREET—The city has been to the expense of continuing 4th street north to Navy Hill, and is now allowing the improvement to become utterly worthless, for want of a little attention. All the earth put in the ravine will soon be washed away, unless efforts are at once made to stop it.

CULVERT BROKEN.—In the northern portion of the city, near 2d street, a large culvert has filled up and sunk in, and yesterday the people in that section were very much annoyed by the dirty waste water, forced from its channel upon their premises. The nuisance should be abated at once.

STREET FIGHT.—Thomas Mott, Robert Allen, Francis Britton, Sylvestus Griffin and Henry Vance, indicted by the Grand Jury for engaging in a street fight on the 25th of December last, were tried before the Hustings Court yesterday, found guilty and each fined $15 and costs. Vance, for having in his possession a loaded pistol and firing it, was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment in jail.

VESSEL WRECKED.—A telegraphic dispatch was received by Messrs. D. & W. Currie of this city, stating that the schooner Manhester had gone ashore, head on, on the 15th inst., at Rockaway, 10 miles N. E. half North from the Hook.

BROAD STREET, east of 19th, has been very much improved, within the past week, by the deposit of gravel. If 18th and 19th were Macadamised from Franklin to the north corporation line, teamsters would be greatly relieved.

VIRGINIA STREET, south of Cary, will no doubt be widened in a short time if property-holders on the west line are at all liberal with the Council Committee. This improvement must add greatly to the value of the property, and will give facilities to the business operations of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, which are very much needed.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The Old Dominion Cadets of Temperance held a public temperance meeting at their hall on Marshall street last Tuesday night. Several addresses were delivered, and a number of persons signed the pledge.

OPPOSITION MEETING.—The Opposition party are to hold an adjourned meeting at Saunders' Hall to-night. Addresses are expected from several gentlemen, after the inauguration has been effected.

FALL OF LAGER.—Yesterday afternoon as Francis Peters was passing down Broad street, near Mayo, in a wagon loaded with lager beer, he pitched off head foremost, and falling heavily on the hard ground, was so severely stunned as to be unable to walk for several minutes. If drinking lager won't throw a fellow, P. is pretty well satisfied that sitting over it will.

THE LOCOMOTIVE TIMBERLAKE took fire at the Central Railroad depot last Tuesday night, from some unknown cause, but the flames were discovered and extinguished before doing serious damage. Some of the boxing was slightly charred, but a few dollars expenditure will put it all right.

ACQUITTED.—A. Mazunke, indicted by the Grand Jury for keeping a disorderly house near the United States Hotel, was tried before the Hustings Court yesterday, and the jury found a verdict of "not guilty." The complainant alleges that the house of the accused is an annoyance to himself and family.

FIXED FOR TO-DAY.—Messrs. Warwick & Barksdale, indicted by the Grand Jury for obstructing 12th street with a board fence, are to be tried before the Hustings Court to-day. Witnesses and others interested in this cause, should be in attendance at 11 o'clock this morning.

BURGLARY.—On Tuesday night last, a front window of Mr. J. T. West's grocery store was broken open, and a pane of glass knocked out, by which means the robber reached the money drawer under the counter and helped himself to $10 in cash.

INVESTIGATION.—The Hustings Court yesterday appointed Messrs. T. P. August, Thomas J. Evans and James Ellett, a committee to examine the books, papers, etc., of the Clerk's office of that Court, and to report during the present term.

PATRON SAINT.—The Montgomery Guard, Capt. Moore, intend celebrating St. Patrick's anniversary, in a becoming manner to-day.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. John Mortimer, a citizen of Richmond, died suddenly, in Charleston, S. C., on Tuesday last. He leaves a large and helpless family to mourn his loss.

SUICIDAL MANIA IN CINCINNATI.—The Cincinnati Times of Monday records no less than four attempts at self-destruction in that city, all of which took place within the previous forty-eight hours. A German, named Thomas Bodeman, jumped into the muddy waters of the Miami Canal, but was fished out before drowning, by bystanders. Cause: poverty, and failure to obtain employment. Dr. Jos. Lithwinkle also plunged into the same canal, and was awful mad because some watchmen, who happened to be in the vicinity, refused to let him die as the fool dieth. A lawyer, named Wm. Pugh, attempted to take his life by swallowing an ounce of laudanum, but, being discovered, the vial was forcibly taken from him. Finally, Joseph Lamphear was found floundering about in the canal, and taken to the station house. He had been in his cell but a few minutes when he tied a handkerchief around his throat, the ends of which he attached to a top bar, and then swung off. The handkerchief was insecurely fastened and gave way, and hence his second attempt to die was like the first, a failure.

FRY DIVORCE CASE.—The majority of the committee of the Legislature of Pennsylvania report in the case of Fry and wife, that the state of hostility between B. Fry and his wife, Emilie L., is such as forever to preclude reconciliation. All confidence and affection is destroyed. The judgment of the committee is that the happiness of the parties, and the interest of the public morals of society will be promoted by dissolving the bonds. Therefore, resolved, That the same be annulled and made void, and that the parties be released, fully, effectually, absolutely, and in all respects, as if never joined in marriage.

Mr. Richard Cobden arrived at Toronto, C. W., on Monday, and paid a visit to Parliament.

Rev. Wm. Alexander, an Episcopal clergyman, died in Philadelphia, on Sunday.

A public library is about to be established in Wheeling, Va.

The citizens of Baltimore have contributed $4,003 28 for the benefit of the widows and families of the late police officers Benton and Rigdon.

HAUL OF COUNTERFEITERS.—At Alleghany city, Pa., the police have captured a whole family, named McCleary, who for a long time have been manufacturing and "shoving" counterfeit money. The Pittsburgh Despatch says:

On searching the house, counterfeit money was found in almost every nook and cranny. Slugs of composition for making bogus silver and gold coin, melting pots, and pans; tools for finishing the coins, and all the apparatus necessary in carrying on the business extensively, except the moulds. Rolls of counterfeit bills, and notes on broken banks, dies, vignettes, etc., from genuine bills of broken or worthless banks cut out carefully, and ready for "raising," every denomination of genuine bills were also found secreted in the house. The precise amount of the counterfeit bills is not known; it is estimated from $500 to $1,000. Over one hundred and twenty dollars in bogus quarter eagles, (two and a half dollar gold coins) and thirty-seven gold dollars were found, together with a large number of composition dimes, quarters, etc. The coin is well calculated to deceive; many of the coins can only be detected by their light weight. The counterfeits were generally of a flimsy description, though some of it would deceive any but good judges.

On searching the elder McCleary, seventy dollars were found in counterfeit five on the Merchants Bank of Virginia. The counterfeit bills found in the house were of all denominations, principally on Virginia and Ohio banks. When the officers entered the house, one of the girls endeavored to throw a number of the bogus coins into the fire, or back of the grate, but the movement was detected by the noise of the falling coins, and they were immediately seized and secured by officer M'Vicker, despite the efforts of one of the women to obtain them. Both had their fingers severely pinched in the struggle, which nearly led to an altercation between them.

THE 22D OF FEBRUARY IN PARIS.—The Paris correspondent of the London Times notices a ball, given by the American residents on the 22d ult, thus: "The American residents in Paris gave a ball last night to honor the anniversary of the birth of General Washington. It took place in the magnificent dining room of the Hotel de Louvre; the honors were done by the United States Minister and the Consul, assisted by a committee of American gentlemen. A reception at the Tuileries on the same night prevented persons from coming early, but still the attendance, though not so crowded as on the last occasion, was very fair.—The facade of the hotel on the Rue de Rivoli side was lighted up with gas, and the steps leading to the hall were adorned with flowers. At the upper end of the ball room was the estrade for the orchestra, with the portraits of Washington and Lafayette, and the American flag encircling them overhead. At the opposite or entrance end was a marble bust of the champion of American independence, with an appropriate inscription above, and on each side were the full length portraits of the Emperor and Empress. The hall was brilliantly lighted up. Of the invitations sent to persons not citizens of the United States, 21, were for the family of General Lafayette. Dancing commenced at 11 o'clock, and was kept up to a late hour."

A GIANT MARRIED.—The Worcester (Mass.) Spy of a recent date, says:

"At the close of the exhibition of the Arabian giant at the theatre, last evening, Chas. Hersey, Esq., was summoned to meet an exigency caused by the unexpected arrival of the bride expectant of his Highness, from Montreal. The marriage ceremony was to have been consummated in Boston, but it was prevented by "circumstances beyond their control." The bridegroom, Mr. Derouth K. Goshon was born in Asia, is 21 years of age, weighs 417 pounds, and is by profession an engineer, as we learn from a glimpse at the marriage certificate. The bride, Miss Celestina N. Townes, is a native of Montreal, 24 years of age, of modest physique, and weighs 115 pounds. We do not learn that the exhibition is to be interrupted by the intercesting event.

FROM VERA CRUZ.—On the 23d of February the American steamer Jasper left Vera Cruz for Alvarado with about two hundred passengers, mostly ladies. Alvarado has been strongly fortified within the last month with large brass cannon and mortars, taken from the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa; also two schooners, freighted with powder and ball, have been dispatched to that place, and also a load to Tampico.

SUICIDE.—On Friday evening, as the quarter-past