

# Richmond Dispatch

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1890.

### The House Bill.

The House of Delegates yesterday introduced a new feature into the Tax Bill, which will attract the attention of the merchant community. This feature is a tax of one cent on the value of merchandise, except articles of direct importation to the ports of Virginia from foreign ports, and articles manufactured within the State; the measure not to take effect until May 1st—last year to prevail until then.

During the discussion of the proposition, Mr. HAYMOND, of Marion, offered an amendment providing a drawback for the remission of tax on goods in Virginia cities and border towns, to be transported out of the State; but this was voted down. The absence of some feature of this sort to protect the trade of our merchants with other Southern States, will be a serious loss to trade should this measure go through.

Under this tax, all foreign importations not directly imported, would pay the one cent, and under it the imposition would fall upon New Orleans sugar, while West India sugar imported direct, would be exempt, if we correctly interpret our Southern sister States, Louisiana and Texas.

We cannot say that the merchants generally will think of this as a commercial measure. It is, indeed, a commercial measure; but it should be, what will become of our merchants of the cities—what of our trade? The tax is enormous. One house alone, in this city, will pay \$100,000 annually. All the wholesale and retail goods houses will pay enormous sums. The grocers, too, will be most heavily burdened, and as their trade is conducted for exceedingly small profits—we believe not more than two and a half per cent.—the State and city will take about half of them!

The question of the enormous sums being levied on the goods which are being carried out of the State, will be a serious loss to trade should this measure go through. It will not be a heavy imposition in itself, but it will be a heavy burden on the merchant, and it will be a heavy burden on the State and city.

The question is, whether the State and city will be able to pay the tax. The answer is, no. The State and city will be unable to pay the tax, and the merchant will be unable to pay the tax. The merchant will be unable to pay the tax, and the State and city will be unable to pay the tax.

### Delegates to Charleston.

The Charleston Convention has already done much to inspire us with hopes of the capacity of the South to take care of its own interests. What platform it will adopt, what candidates it will nominate, are matters which we know nothing of, and which, consequently, we do not know. Whether Dr. W. W. HAYMOND, or some unknown man receives the offer of the purple, is a thing of little importance compared with two practical points which the approach of the convention has already developed. The first of these is the colossal charges of the Charleston hotels. The charges for board and lodging in the hotels are something unknown even in the history of hotel charges, which of all charges known to mankind, are the most disproportionate to the consideration received. The actual expense of the hotel feeder in Charleston would leave a handsome profit of one dollar per room, per day, per room, but from custom and fashion, at such hotels as the Fifth Avenue and St. Nicholas, prices which the miserable inns of every little village are not slow to emulate, making unfortunate travelers "stand and deliver" at every stopping place on the highway, and only differing from the highwaymen of old in the fact that they are in the habit of enforcing their exactions, the knights of former times, presenting a rusty blunderbuss at your breast, and those of the present forcing heavy biscauit and tough meat down your throat. But five dollars a day! There is a grandeur in such a demand which exalts an inn into a castle, and a landlord into a Highland chief of the good old days of Roy Roy. We had feared that the South, in its present condition, would be unable to support the Charleston Convention, and that in the matter of taking in strangers, there was great danger of being taken in itself; but we are now quite reassured. If the North has any doubts that Charleston can rival Cincinnati, we dare it to come on to the Charleston Convention and stay ten days.

### Execution of Stevens and Hallett, To-Morrow.

Mr. A. D. Stevens and Albert Hallett, the Harper's Ferry murderers, are to be hung at Charleston to-morrow. The execution of these two men is a matter of great interest to the people of this State. They were both convicted of the murder of Major General W. W. Hays, and were sentenced to death by a military court. The execution is to take place at the State Prison in Charleston.

### Marine Intelligence.

PORT OF RICHMOND, MARCH 11.  
High Water this day (Thursday) 11 o'clock.

ARRIVED.  
Schr. Greenhaw, Moss, New York, Indre, D. & W. Currie.  
Schr. Clara Belle, Phillips, Baltimore, Guano, Sch. Collier, Co.  
Sailed.  
Schr. Catherine Jane, Hicks, down the river, Sch. Kate Kallahan, Kallahan, down the river, Sch. William John, Galagher, down the river, Sch. A. R. Wetmore, Boatst, at City Point, Sch. Sally D., at City Point.

### Special Notices.

New Stock of SPRING DRY GOODS!  
THOMAS D. QUARLES & SONS, 229 Broad Street.  
We have received our entire stock of GOODS adapted to the season, and which we invite the attention of the friends and patrons of the late and early clothing, and which we invite to sell our goods at the lowest prices and on the most credit terms to prompt-paying customers. Our stock consists of a large assortment of goods, including: Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, Suits, Ties, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Hosiery, and many other articles. We are also receiving a large stock of new goods, including: Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, Suits, Ties, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Hosiery, and many other articles. We are also receiving a large stock of new goods, including: Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, Suits, Ties, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Hosiery, and many other articles.

### Married.

On the 10th inst., by Rev. Mr. Baker, Mr. J. W. HAYMOND, of this city, and Miss Elizabeth Logan, of Floyd county, to Miss Elizabeth Logan.

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