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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

HENRICO COUNTY.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF HENRICO.—At the request of many friends, I am a candidate for the office of SHERIFF, and if elected, will devote all my time and energy to the discharge of the duties, and feel confident, with the long experience I have had as Sheriff, to be able to do so in compliance with the oath of office.
Respectfully,
HENRY R. JONES.
ap 10—tde*

TO THE VOTERS OF HENRICO COUNTY.—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE in the Upper District of said county. Having served as Constable of that District for about six years, I leave my friends to judge of my qualification for that office. My past course is a true criterion to judge by. If you think I am worthy of your suffrages, I respectfully solicit your votes.
Election the 4th Thursday in May next.
THOS. M. MONTAGUE.
ap 6—dtde*

TO THE VOTERS OF HENRICO COUNTY.—I am a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for the UPPER DISTRICT OF HENRICO CO., and respectfully solicit your suffrages at the election in MAY next. Should it be your pleasure to elect me, I pledge myself to discharge the duties of the office faithfully.
Respectfully,
GEO. W. CARTER.
ap 7—tde*

TO THE VOTERS OF DISTRICT No. 2—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of CONSTABLE for the above district, and respectfully solicit your votes in May next.
GEO. W. THOMAS.
mh 28—tde*

TO THE VOTERS OF HENRICO.—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election for COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE in the Lower District, at the election in May, and very respectfully solicit your votes.
JOHN A. EACHO.
[mh 8—tde]

THE SHERIFFALTY OF HENRICO COUNTY.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the above office. Should it be the pleasure of the voters to elect me, I shall be ever grateful, and will use every exertion to discharge the duties thereof faithfully and impartially.
[mh 6—td] JACOB S. ATLEE.

TO THE VOTERS OF HENRICO COUNTY.—By the advice of my friends, and in accordance with my own wishes, I announce myself a candidate for the office of SHERIFF OF HENRICO COUNTY, and solicit your suffrages at the State election in May next.
As a guarantee for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, I refer you to all who know me for the manner in which those duties have been performed during the past three years that I have acted as deputy for the present Sheriff.
Respectfully, your fellow citizen,
GEO. D. PLEASANTS.
mh 1—dt2my*

TO THE VOTERS OF DISTRICT NO. 1, HENRICO COUNTY.—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of CONSTABLE for the first District, and solicit your suffrages.
ELECTION—The 4th THURSDAY in May next.
JAS. FENELON BRADLEY.
fe 24—2m*

TO JOHN O. TAYLOR, ESQ.—DEAR SIR: As the time is approaching for the voters of Henrico to select a suitable person to fill the office of SHERIFF, and being satisfied, from our long acquaintance with you, that you are qualified to discharge the duties of the office, we, the subscribers, respectfully request you to announce yourself a candidate for the said office, pledging our support in the ensuing election.

Dr. A. J. Terrell,	Joseph Bernard,
J. W. Crenshaw,	Benjamin Walton,
James C. Gordon,	Major Ford,
R. B. Jones,	O. C. Bridgewater,
Wm. E. Wade,	Thos. M. Montague,
S. Hellstern,	S. A. Moles,
Peter Lawson,	Simon P. Fod,
J. S. B. Tinsley,	Hudson B. Ford,
R. A. Lancaster,	Abner Hilliard,
Wm. A. Burnett,	Thomas M. Ladd,
James Gilman,	Charles G. Paleske,
Peter S. Hughes,	Henry Nirough,
Robert G. Walton,	Geo. Timberlake,
W. C. Taliaferro,	R. E. Ellyson,
James H. Malony,	Richard Thomas,
E. A. Schwarzenie,	Daniel N. Melton,
Fendall Griffin,	John Perkins,
F. Hatterf,	Sherwin McRae,
Wm. Cullingworth, Sr.,	E. C. Crump.
J. P. Ford.	

ja 31—ts

TO MESSRS. A. J. TERRELL, WM. C. TALIAFERRO, FENDALL GRIFFIN, JAMES GILMAN, AND OTHERS.—In compliance with your request and in accordance with my own inclination, I hereby announce myself a candidate for SHERIFF OF HENRICO COUNTY, and respectfully solicit the votes of my fellow citizens in May next, for that office, pledging myself to discharge the duties of the office faithfully.
Respectfully,
JOHN O. TAYLOR.
fe 1—ts

HANOVER COUNTY.

PETER W. WINGFIELD is a candidate for COMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for the upper district of Hanover county.
Election fourth Thursday in May. [mh 26—tde*

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

TO THE VOTERS OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.—The office of COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY for the County of Chesterfield being within the range of my professional employment, would be for that reason, and that reason only, an acceptable position to me. Therefore accede to the requests of a number of voters, recently expressed, and declare myself a candidate for the suffrages of the people, at the election to be held on the fourth Thursday in May next, at which time the office is to be filled for the regular term of four years.
C. C. McRAE
ap 11—tde

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GEO. DABNEY WOOTTON, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, (Office on corner of Main and Governor streets opposite Purcell, Ladd & Co.'s Drug Store,) RICHMOND, VA.,
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ap 16—1m

NOTICE TO THE LADIES.—Mrs. JANE A. WILLIAMS, M. D., has removed to Broad, between 1st and Foushee streets, south side, and is prepared to treat all forms of diseases peculiar to females and children.
Especial attention given to the practice of Obstetrics.
ap 6—1m*

GEORGE B. STEEL, DENTIST, Office and Residence Southwest corner Main and 6th sts., first door above Crenshaw's New Hotel, Richmond, Va.
Having an experience of ten years in his profession, he feels confident of giving satisfaction to those who may favor him with their patronage.
mh 15—6m

ARCHER ANDERSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Will practice in the Courts held in the city of Richmond. Office, for the present, in Godden's Building.
mh 7—3m

JOHN S. CASKIE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Has removed his office to No. 2 Law Building, near the State Court House.
He practices in all the Courts held in the city of Richmond and county of Henrico.
fe 14—ts

LAWRENCE S. MARYE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Practices in the Courts of the City of Richmond and the Counties of Henrico, Hanover and Caroline.
He is also Notary Public and Commissioner of the United States Court of Claims.
The partnership between Mr. CHASTAIN WHITE and himself being dissolved, his office is now on 11th street, just below Goddin's Hall.
fe 13—ly

HENRY HUDNALL, ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC, Practices in all the Courts held in the city of Richmond.
Also, practices regularly in the County and Circuit Courts of Chesterfield.
As Notary, will take Depositions and Acknowledgements, Administer and Certify Oaths, and perform whatever other duties pertain to the office of Notary.
Office at the corner of Bank and 11th streets, just below the Custom-House.
ja 31—ly

PARKE POINDEXTER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, RICHMOND, VA., will practice in the city of Richmond and in the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and Amelia.
Office in Lizzie's Building, corner of Main and 14th streets.
se 23—ly

FOR RENT OR LEASE.—Several valuable VACANT LOTS, on Main and 22d streets, and on Cary and 23d streets, suitable for building shops or factories. Apply to
R. CAUTHORN.
mh 27—ts

SODA.—200 kegs English Sup. Carb. Soda, for sale by DOVE & CO., Wholesale Druggists.

CHEWING TOBACCO.—A large supply of choice brands at manufacturers' prices, for sale by DOVE & CO., Wholesale Druggists.

THERMOMETERS, THERMOMETERS—Warranted accurate; for sale by A. HOHKER & CO.

BOYLE'S CELEBRATED ROSE BRAND RECTIFIED WHISKY.—200 bbls. for sale by I. & G. B. DAVENPORT.

JAPANNED TOILET WARE.—Japanned Chamber Sets, of various patterns, to be found at the China store of T. A. BULKLEY.

JOUVIN'S Kid Glove Cleaner for sale by E. J. FIOCCI, cor. Main and 17th sts.

BACON SIDES.—20 hhds. prime Western Sides, for sale by POTTS, FARLEY & CO.

SUGAR.—100 barrels Extra C Sugar, for sale by POTTS, FARLEY & CO.

EXTRA SUPERFINE FLOUR, of superior quality, for sale by J. N. GORDON & SON.

25 BBLS. Cider Vinegar, for sale by WM. WALLACE & SONS.

GUM ARABIC.—30 bales best quality, for sale by I. & G. B. DAVENPORT.

Richmond Dispatch.

TUESDAY MORNING.....APRIL 17, 1860.

THE WASHINGTON AFFAIR OF HONOR.

Correspondence of the Parties.

The correspondence between the parties to the contemplated duel, between Messrs. Roger A. Pryor, of Va., and Jno. F. Potter, of Wis. is published in the *National Intelligencer*, of Washington. It shows that Mr. Potter accepted a challenge from Mr. Pryor, to accord him the "satisfaction usual among gentlemen," and then named bowie-knives as the *only* weapons to be used. Mr. P.'s second, without consulting him, rejected this proposition as not within the code, and Mr. Lander, the second of the opposite party, offered himself in place of his principal, but of course was rejected, as no cause of quarrel existed with him. Mr. Pryor himself then wrote a note to Mr. Potter accepting his terms, and offering to fight with the bowie-knife, notwithstanding the irregularity of the mode and greatly superior size and strength of his adversary.—This note his second, upon the remonstrance of several Southern members of Congress, determined to take the responsibility of withholding, nor was Mr. P. able to procure another friend who would convey it. Mr. P. then wrote a note asking Mr. Potter to appoint a time and place for a street rencontre, but the latter was arrested before it could be delivered to him. The following is the

CORRESPONDENCE.

In consequence of the numerous false rumors which have been industriously circulated through the Northern press, the undersigned deem it proper to make the following publication.

The subjoined correspondence took place in consequence of certain words uttered in the House of Representatives between Messrs. Pryor and Potter. Mr. Hindmar, as appears from his memorandum (marked A,) being compelled to return home, Mr. Keitt received from Mr. Lander Mr. Potter's first note, with the understanding that he was to hand it to Mr. Miles, who delivered it to Mr. Pryor. As Mr. Lander distinctly stated to Mr. Keitt that Mr. Potter *would not leave the District*, it was deemed proper, for obvious reasons, and to guard against interruption in the affair, that some one other than a member of Congress should bear the challenge to a hostile meeting *in the District* to Mr. Potter. Mr. Chisman, a non-resident of Washington, then assumed the place of acting friend for Mr. Pryor. Mr. Miles advised with him throughout, entirely concurred with him in every step up to the termination of the correspondence on their part, and has desired to make this public statement of his position.

T. P. CHISMAN,
WM. PORCHER MILES.

SIR: Will you have the kindness to designate a place, outside the District of Columbia, and the time, when and where may be further correspondence between us.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, &c,
ROGER A. PRYOR.

Hon. John F. Potter.

MEMORANDUM.

On to-day, at 3 o'clock and ten minutes, I met Mr. Potter in one of the sitting rooms of the House of Representatives, and delivered to him Mr. Pryor's first note, a copy of which, marked "A," is in Mr. Pryor's possession. Mr. Potter opened the note, which was unsealed, and read it. I then inquired at what time his answer would be communicated; to which he replied that it should be at his earliest convenience, but perhaps that would not be before morning.

At 5 o'clock, hearing rumors of a probable arrest of the parties, I met Mr. Potter in the same room, and informed him of those rumors, and also that Mr. Pryor had gone out of this District to avoid arrest. He said that he would endeavor to avoid arrest, but could not leave immediately, lest his wife, who was at the time in the gallery, should be alarmed.

At this same interview I informed Mr. Potter that I was suddenly called home by sickness in my family, and that Hon. L. M. Keitt would act in my stead. I had just previously notified him of this in writing.

April 11, 1860. T. C. HINDMAN.

APRIL 11, 1860.

SIR: Your note of this date, received by the hands of Hon. Thos. C. Hindman, invites a "correspondence," to be hereafter conducted outside of the District of Columbia, evidently to avoid, on your part, certain penalties imposed by law. I reply that the constitution of Wisconsin allows me no escape from the consequences of such a "correspondence" as you seem to contemplate, wherever it may be conducted. I therefore inform you that such "further correspondence" as you may wish to make, may be delivered to my friend, Col. F. W. Lander.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, JNO. F. POTTER.

Hon. Roger A. Pryor.

VIRGINIA, April 12, 1860.

SIR: In order to be assured that I do not misapprehend the precise import of your note by Mr. Lander, I beg to inquire if you will accept a challenge from me in the District of Columbia. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, &c., ROGER A. PRYOR.

Hon. John F. Potter.

APRIL 12, 1860.

SIR: If there be any ambiguity in my note of last evening, after the explanation by my friend, Col. Lander, to your friend, Col. Keitt, last night, and Mr. Chisman, to-day, which I understand he made, I beg to say that I will answer the inquiry contained in your note of to-day when a challenge shall reach me.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, &c., JNO. F. POTTER.

Hon. Roger A. Pryor.

NOTE.—Immediately on receipt of the above I delivered the following note, with which I had been furnished by Mr. Pryor in advance.
T. P. CHISMAN.

VIRGINIA, April 12, 1860.

SIR: I demand the satisfaction usual among gentlemen for the personal affront you offered me in debate, and for which you were pleased to avow your responsibility.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
ROGER A. PRYOR.

Hon. John F. Potter.

P. S. My friend, Mr. Chisman, will deliver this note. R. A. P.

APRIL 12, 7½ P. M.

HON. MR. CHISMAN—SIR: Owing to my not being able to find Mr. Potter, (an article in the Star causing him to change his place of meeting.) I am compelled to request you to await a reply to the note you have favored me with for a short space of time, say for a few hours.

I am, most respectfully, yours, &c.
F. W. LANDER.

APRIL 12, 1860.

SIR: Your second note of to-day is received. I refer you to my friend, Col. F. W. Lander, to make the necessary arrangements.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
JNO. F. POTTER.

Hon. Roger A. Pryor.

WASHINGTON, April 12, 11½ P. M., 1860.

SIR: I have to state that my principal, Hon. John F. Potter, disclaiming the particular rules of the code, will fight Hon. Roger A. Pryor with the common bowie-knife, at such a place, private room or open air, in this District, as we may agree upon; at a time to be fixed within the next twelve (12) hours by you and myself; distance four feet at commencement of engagement. Two seconds to be present to each principal. Seconds restricted to one navy revolver each. Knives of principals of equal weight and length of blade. Fight to commence at the word three, (3.) The calling of the tally and word as between principal seconds to be decided by turning a piece of money. I have the honor to be,

Most respectfully,
F. W. LANDER.

Hon. T. P. Chisman.

WASHINGTON, April 12, 1860.

SIR: In response to the demand of my friend, Mr. Pryor, for "the satisfaction usual among gentlemen" from your friend, Mr. Potter, you state that your principal, "disclaiming the particular rules of the code, will fight Hon. Roger A. Pryor with the common bowie-knife," &c., &c. Not recognizing this vulgar, barbarous, and inhuman mode of settling difficulties as either "usual among gentlemen" or consistent with the notions of civilized society, I must, without referring your communication to my principal, (or even seeing him,) emphatically refuse to allow him to engage in it.

Whenever your principal will reply to Mr. Pryor's demand in such a way as may seem to be consistent with any fair and even most liberal construction of the "rules of the code"—whether "particular" or general—I shall be most happy to communicate to my principal such response.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully,
T. P. CHISMAN.

Col. F. W. Lander.

WASHINGTON, April 12, 6 A. M.

SIR: Your note is just received. Without replying to the terms of indignation which seem to pervade it, I will simply say that my principal detests and abhors the barbarous and inhuman mode of settling difficulties "usual among gentlemen," termed dueling. He represents his constituents in the following manner: He asserts and maintains his right to present on the floor of Congress, within parliamentary rules, any matter which he believes to be correct.

Called upon by note to reply to your principal, he has made his statement. As his friend, I have presented it. You object to the terms. They were such as would alone enable my principal, who is unacquainted with the usual weapons of duelists, to meet your friend on equal terms. He will not go out of this District to fight a duel. He waives the usual last resort of the non-duelist—the assertion that he will defend himself wherever assailed. He even goes so far as to be willing to name *time, place* and *weapons*, when, at this stage of the affair, you appeal to the strict terms of the code, and express yourself dissatisfied.

There is but one result. I disclaim any of the scruples which have actuated my friend, Mr. Potter.

Differing with him as much as a man can in politics, I believe with him that every American citizen is entitled to the full expression of opinion.

I therefore present myself in his place without restrictions.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
F. W. LANDER.

Hon. T. P. Chisman.

WASHINGTON, April 13, 1860.

SIR: Neither my friend, Mr. Pryor, nor myself have any personal quarrel with *you*. I cannot, therefore, permit him or myself to take any advantage of your courteous offer to substitute yourself in Mr. Potter's place. As Mr. Potter, "who is," as you state, "unacquainted with the usual weapons of duelists," cannot meet my friend "on equal terms" in the District of Columbia, except with the "common bowie-knife," (which mode of fighting I have refused to accede to,) and as he "will not go out of this District to fight a duel," and, moreover, "waives the usual last resort of the non-duelist, the assertion that he will defend himself wherever assailed," I must terminate this correspondence with the expression of my regret that we have been unable to adjust the matter between our principals in the manner "usual among gentlemen," which manner, though your principal "detests and abhors it," as "barbarous and inhuman," would seem to men of plain sense not more so than a fight with bowie-knives.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
T. P. CHISMAN.

Col. F. W. Lander.

WASHINGTON, April 13, 1860—8 A. M.

SIR:—I received your last note at half-past 7 o'clock, this morning. In it you reiterate your assertion that your principal shall not meet Mr. Potter with bowie-knives, making assurance doubly sure.

I have to correct an impression I have apparently conveyed in my last letter—an expression also referred to in your note. It appears that my statement that "Mr. Potter waives the usual last resort of the non-duelist—the assertion that he will defend himself wherever assailed"—has led you to believe that he will not defend himself if assaulted.—This is a mistake. If for the time he waived the mere assertion, and placed himself, so far as he could, at the disposal of Mr. Pryor, in regard to a personal combat, by no means believe that he will not defend himself.

I beg to assure you, without consulting with my principal, that he will protect himself with honor wherever assailed. I also becomes my duty to inform you that Hon. John F. Potter did not know of my offer to appear for him.

The further remarks of your letter being mere expressions of opinion upon a mode of adjusting difficulties, the propriety of which we are not discussing, I have nothing to offer in reply.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully,
F. W. LANDER.

Hon. T. P. Chisman.

A CARD FROM MR. CHISMAN.

In further explanation of Mr. Pryor's position in the controversy with Mr. Potter, I deem it proper to make public the following notes, which, though never delivered, have an essential bearing on the transaction. The first note was handed to me by Mr. Pryor in Alexandria, and at his urgent entreaty I agreed, against my own judgment, to deliver it to Mr. Potter, but which, on reaching Washington, in deference to the earnest and unanimous remonstrance of the Hon. Messrs. Lamar, Keitt and Miles, I determined to take the responsibility of withholding:

VIRGINIA, 12 o'clock, April 13, 1860.

SIR: I avail myself of the earliest moment after a report from my friend, Mr. Chisman, to send you this note.

In consequence of the impossibility of communicating with me, my friend has been compelled to proceed without conference in the several stages of this controversy. He has acted in my behalf from the highest impulses of honor, and in obedience to the rules which govern the conduct of gentlemen in the settlement of personal difficulties. Nevertheless, I cannot abide his decision.

Before formally accepting your terms of combat, I must repel the intimation conveyed in the note of your friend, Mr. Lander, to the effect that I am seeking in some way to restrict your liberty of speech as a Representative. I do not question your privileges in that regard. I only intend to vindicate my own character against an aspersion which you interpolated without warrant in the official report of the debates in the House of Representatives, and for which you refused any apology.

Protesting against the terms of combat you offer—1st, because they do not afford me the "satisfaction usual among gentlemen," which you engaged to accord me by your acceptance of my challenge; 2dly, because they are inhuman, atrocious, and repugnant to all the sentiments of a civilized community; 3dly, because, by reason of your greatly superior size and strength, they deny me every condition of equal encounter—nevertheless, I do accept your terms, and will fight you as you propose.

My friend, Mr. Chisman, is authorized to arrange the details of time and place.

Before concluding I must assure you that in the use of every weapon save one—the pistol—you have at least as much experience and expertness as myself.

To this note I require a reply in your own name.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
ROGER A. PRYOR.

Hon. John F. Potter.

Mr. Pryor, on returning to Washington, being unable to find a friend who would carry the above note, handed me the following, which I agreed to deliver to Mr. Potter:

APRIL 14, 1860.

SIR: I seize the earliest opportunity after my return to this city and an examination of the correspondence between Mr. Lander and Mr. Chisman, in reference to the difficulty between us, to respond to the intimation conveyed in your second's last note.

Although your proposed terms of combat were rejected by my friend without conference with me, yet I have no alternative now but to submit to his decision. I find, however, in your rather significant and emphatic proclamation of a purpose to defend yourself against attack, some faint possibility of a settlement of the controversy between us. Acting on that suggestion, I beg to inform you that if you will, within the next three hours, name a particular time and designate some place, out of the thoroughfares and most frequented portions of the city—with a view to escape interruption and to avoid injury to other persons—I will afford you an opportunity to redeem the vaunt with which you parade your resources of self-defence.

Your obedient servant,
ROGER A. PRYOR.

My friend Mr. Chisman, will deliver this note. R. A. P.

Hon. John F. Potter,

When on my way to deliver the above to Mr. Potter, to my surprise I was authoritatively informed that he had been arrested and put under bonds to keep the peace. After this, I could of course present no such communication to him. T. P. CHISMAN.

EXPENSES OF BOSTON IN 1860.—The report of the City Auditor, in relation to the estimated expenses of the various departments for the ensuing year, is issued. The expenditures are estimated at $3,634,080, and the income $672,175, leaving $2,961,905 to be raised by taxation. For the Common, Squares and Public Garden, $282,350 will be required; for the Fire Department, $100,000; for the Fire Alarm Telegraph Office, $8,000; for the Internal Health Department, $128,000; for the Lamp Department, $146,000; for the Public Library, $20,000; for Faneuil Hall Market, $4,000; for Mt. Hope Cemetery, $8,000; for Overseers of the Poor, $61,500; for the Police Department, $216,615; for the Paving Department, $199,000; for the House of Correction, $59,600; House of Industry, $83,950; Lunatic Hospital, $26,800; steamer Henry Morrison, $12,000; for the Public Buildings, $16,500; for the Public Schools, $366,250; for Sewers, $15,000; for the Water Works, $94,000. The income of the Water Works is estimated at $332,750, and Faneuil Hall Market, $33,350.

"Awful" Gardner has reclaimed by his temperance coffee room in New York, seven hundred inebriates, and got himself $4,000 in debt in consequence.

About 20,000 muskets arrived at the U. S. Arsenal near Augusta, Ga., on Saturday.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

ONLY TEN DAYS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC.

The Japanese Embassy in San Francisco—Their Trip—Recapture by the State Authorities—California News—Advices from the Territories, &c.

The first messenger on the Central Overland Pony Express arrived at St. Josephs, Mo., Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in ten days, to a minute, from San Francisco, he having left that city at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 3d inst. Had not the wire been deranged at St. Joseph's the news might have been telegraphed instantly to the Atlantic cities. On the messenger's arrival at St. Josephs the city was illuminated the citizens paraded the streets with bands of music, fireworks were set off, speeches were made appropriate to the occasion, and the best feeling was manifested by everybody. The last hundred miles of the route was made in eight hours, and the courier states that even better time had been made over other portions of the road. The following is a summary of the news by the arrival:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—The United States steamer Powhatan, Capt. Pearson, bearing the flag of Commodore Tatnall, arrived on the 27th of March from Japan, via Honolulu. She brings the Japanese embassy, consisting of two principal Ambassadors, Princes of the highest rank among the nobility of the empire, and two associates, who are nobles of nearly equal rank. These four are of the Emperor's Council. They are accompanied by a suite of sixteen officers. Among them are three interpreters and fifty-two subordinates—making seventy-two in all.

The Powhatan arrived at Honolulu March 5th, and remained there till the 18th. The Ambassadors were there received with all formal honors. Private hospitalities were extended on every hand, and the King and Queen held court at the palace for the reception of the distinguished foreigners, and welcomed them in appropriate terms. They were also entertained at a grand ball given by the officers of the Powhatan, expressing great delight at the gay and novel scene.

They bring $100,000 to defray their personal expenses, although the Embassy is invited at the sole expense of the United States. They were given the best quarters on board the Powhatan during the voyage, and arrived in good health and highly pleased. The chief dignitaries are magnificently dressed in embroidered silk robes, each wearing a sword of beautiful workmanship. They have conducted themselves with great dignity and propriety.

The Japanese Ambassadors visited San Francisco on the 31st ult., and have remained the honored guests of the city ever since.—Twenty thousand dollars has been appropriated from the city treasury to provide for them suitable entertainment. All the corporation officers, the members of the Legislature, the Governor and citizens generally, have paid their respects in person, and on the 2d instant a grand public reception was given the strangers at the largest hall in the city, where the United States officers, both civil and military, with the foreign consuls and State authorities, participated in the reception ceremonies.

The Japanese carry an immense amount of baggage, including many boxes of presents to the United States Government.

The Powhatan, on the day of her arrival, went to Mare Island Navy-Yard, all the ambassadors remaining on board. It will require several days to overhaul the steamer and take in coal, when she will sail for Panama. The ambassadors will thence proceed to Aspinwall, where the United States steamer Roanoke is expected to be in waiting to convey them to Washington. They are so well pleased with the Powhatan that they express their wish to have her detained at Panama to convey them back to Japan on their return from the United States. They propose spending about a month on the Atlantic side, although their time is not limited.

The Board of Supervisors sent a memorial up to the Legislature to-day, asking an appropriation of $20,000, to be expended in entertaining the Japanese embassy. The attaches of the Powhatan are ordered on board on the 5th instant, and the steamer is expected to sail for Panama with the Commissioners about that time.

The Powhatan arrived up from Mare Island to-day, and a great military demonstration was taking place when the messenger left.

Wm. B. Garrison and others are negotiating for a line of propellers to Japan. Mr. Garrison goes East in July.

The Rover, from Japan, brings 2,700 tubs of rape seed oil, 300 bundles sea weed, 200 bundles cuttle fish, 1,300 pieces of plank and a miscellaneous cargo of Japanese products.

The steamer Golden Age leaves on the 5th of April, and will take 400 passengers. The Ovade, for Hong Kong, takes considerable flour, 200,000 feet of lumber and $350,000 in gold and silver. The Eagle Wing, for New York, takes 19,000 hides, 70 bales of wool, 60 casks of California wine, and other domestic products.

The Legislature will adjourn April 24.

The amount of gold bullion deposited in the mint last week, was 2,994 ounces, and of silver bullion, the amount was 7,000 ounces, and the amount of money coined was $236,000, mostly in double eagles.

NEWS FROM OREGON, WASHINGTON AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The steamer Brother Jonathan arrived on the 3d, with Oregon dates to the 26th ult., and from Washington Territory to the 29th, and British Columbia to the 30th.

The bark Glimpse, with a cargo valued at $200,000, was wrecked near Victoria on the 15th of March. The vessel was insured for $16,000 and the cargo for $10,000.

San Juan Island was in the joint occupancy of the American and British troops.

It was estimated that 3,000 white men and 2,000 Chinamen were engaged in mining on the Frayser river.

The mining accounts from there are encouraging, and new diggings have been discovered in various places.

The news from Oregon and Washington Territory is quite unimportant.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM CARSON VALLEY.

CARSON CITY, April 4.—The excitement in regard to the silver and gold mines in this region is unabated. Hundreds are pouring in from all parts of California. Scarcely a company who are prospecting have failed in striking rich ore where they anticipated to find it. The mineral region extends for one hundred miles in every direction, and rich discoveries have been made over one hundred miles up the Humboldt. The Spanish claims, situated where the mines were first opened, were yielding $20,000 per day. Ground is changing hands at from $100 to $200 per foot.

The Meno Lake and Walker River country is rich in minerals. Hundreds are prospecting in that region, and generally with good success. Ore is now being shipped to San Francisco for smelting. Five different companies are making arrangements to ship their ore as soon as conveyance can be had. The ore sent yields from $2,000 to $2,500 per ton. Discoveries of gold-bearing quartz are being made every day. Machinery of every description is on its way here for the purpose of crushing, smelting, &c. Town property in different localities ranges high. Many fire-proof buildings are under construction. The population is increasing very fast, and it is thought that in two months the population will be fifty thousand. Society is very bad. There are no laws for the collection of debts or the punishment of criminals, and murders and fights are of daily occurrence.

Freights from California are very high.—Flour is now selling at $40 per 100 pounds. Lumber is worth $30 per thousand at some places in the mines, and other things are selling in proportion.

The weather is stormy to-day, with a heavy fall of snow on the mountains.

The pony express is greeted with great enthusiasm by the people of this Valley, and as we have had but a semi-monthly mail during the past winter, the prospect of a quick communication with friends in the East is very encouraging.

The telegraph line is now complete to Miller's station, thirty miles East of this city, and an office will be opened at that point during the present week. In two weeks the line will be in operation sixty miles still further East, when the time will be reduced to eight days from St. Joseph to San Francisco by telegraph dispatches.

Although the weather has been unprecedentedly severe during the past winter, the road over the Sierra Nevada Mountains has been open for travel the entire season.

It is hoped that Congress will give this country a Territorial government this session.

LATER FROM RIO DE JANEIRO.—Advices via Pernambuco are at hand from Rio to the 9th of March. There was no change in the price of coffee. The shipments to the United States for the month of February were 32,000 bags, exclusive of 5,000 bags to California. Captain Kirwan and crew of bark Amazon had recovered from their illness, and the bark would sail on the 10th. Brig P. C. Warwick, Lanfau, for New York, had sailed previous to the 9th. Bark Henrietta Brown, from Baltimore, cleared that January, arrived at Rio prior to the 9th.

LATER FROM HAVANA.—Advices from Mayaguez to the 31st ult. report vessels in good demand for the States, at 12½ cents per box, and some 2,000 hhds. sugar now await tonnage at Mayaguez, and weather most favorable for a crop of sugar, which promises to be very large.

EFFECTS OF THE FRESHET AT THE WEST.—The Wheeling (Va.) and other Western papers for the past three or four days, containing additional particulars of the late heavy freshet, are at hand, and from them we glean the following additional particulars:

At Wheeling the water was so high that many of the inhabitants of what is called the "Island," were forced to desert their houses. Skiffs, yawls, flat-boats and rafts were common on many of the streets. Regular lines of small boats were running upon some of the streets, and each passenger was charged five cents. Lagrange, Wellsburg, and all the towns above the city are deserted, and the water is rushing through them at a rapid and damaging rate. A number of the passengers who came on the cars as far as Lagrange, and could come no further, reached here yesterday in a skiff. They report that there is no estimating the damage done to property all along the Ohio.—At Lagrange there are several trains of cars collected, and a good many water-bound passengers, who are offering fabulous sums to get away.

In Wheeling the gas-pipes became filled with water; the streets were at night as dark as possible. The water works were also compelled to cease operations. On Tuesday morning, the water was running all over the Island, and hundreds of people are quitting their homes and crossing the bridges in anticipation of a still greater rise. The Suspension Bridge was crowded from day-light until late in the day by wagons containing household goods, men, women and children plodding along in the rain. A report reached the city yesterday morning by the steamer Emma Graham, that a house in Lagrange, a short distance above the city, had been washed away and that five persons were drowned. An English family, consisting of a father, mother and four children, living on Deep run, about six miles above the city, were swept away on Tuesday, during the storm, and all perished but one. All along the Ohio river great damage was done by the flood. It is estimated that the damage done to public works, such as railways, canals, &c., &c., will reach $50,000.

From the Columbus (Ohio) Journal, of Wednesday, we learn as follows:

About thirty feet of the track of the Columbus and Xenia Railroad, three miles from the city, washed away night before last, immediately after the nine o'clock train had passed over it. The water surged through the breach at a fearful rate, and would have done further damage but for the prompt exertions of the officers of the road after the accident was known.

The Lafayette (Ind.) Courier, of the 11th inst., says that a farmer named Reed, while attempting to ford Wea Creek after dark last evening, with two horses and a large farm wagon, in which himself, a relative and two children were seated, was swept down by the force of the current, and the entire party was drowned.

On Tuesday the Miami river was rising all day, from the heavy rains North. In the afternoon it was estimated that it rose at the rate of six inches per hour. The Cleveland and Pittsburg road is in the same unhappy condition, the swollen and turbulent Ohio having completely wiped it out in many places and carried away its bridges. There is yet no estimating the damage to the Hempfield road, as nearly half of its entire track is submerged.

THE ATTEMPT TO SELL BRITISH NEGRO SUBJECTS IN VIRGINIA.—The schooner Alice Rogers, which was seized a few days ago by the Federal authorities in Virginia, off Hampton Roads, is likely to lead to complications. The consignees are English subjects, doing business in Philadelphia, and have called the attention of the British Minister here to the facts, and have asked him to intercede with our government in their behalf. The facts in the case, as stated by the consignees, are as follows:

The schooner Alice Rogers, loaded with a cargo of fish at St. John's, New Brunswick, and landed her cargo at Jamaica. She was chartered at Jamaica by D. N. Watzkar & Co., for Philadelphia, and loaded with sugars and wood. The captain while there shipped two free negro boys of their own free will. The captain called into Hampton Roads and offered to sell the two boys, in consequence of which the authorities of Virginia have seized the captain, vessel and cargo, and libelled the same. Neither the consignees at Philadelphia nor the shippers, it is alleged, had any knowledge of the negroes being on board. Lord Lyons, Saturday, called upon the Secretary of State, and laid the matter before the government. He asks, in behalf of his subjects, that the cargo may be released. The captain, as he is a British subject, will be handed over to their authorities, to be dealt with as they think proper.

ANOTHER NEW YORK MYSTERY.—On Saturday morning the private watchman of the wharf of the Cunard steamers, at the foot of York street, Jersey city, discovered something in the water, which, upon closer inspection, he ascertained to be the feet of a human being, with the head and body immersed under the water. A coroner was summoned, who upon taking out the body, found it to be that of a woman in a perfectly nude state, with the exception of the yoke of a chemisette and about three inches of the top of a white stocking. One end of a rope was found passed around the neck, drawn twice tightly through the mouth, which caused the tongue to protrude. The rope was fastened by a peculiar knot, called by boatmen a "timber hitch."—The other end of the rope was fastened to a barrel of pitch, which was considerably imbedded in the mud, and is supposed could not have moved any distance after having been sunk. The remains were removed to a proper place for identification. The inquest was adjourned until Tuesday. The body has marks of violence, the collar-bone being dislocated, and bruises being visible in several places.—Taken in connexion with the finding of clothing, letters, &c., of Fanny Clawson, recently found upon a raft in the river, some clue may be obtained to the mystery. Those who have seen the corpse found yesterday, state that the woman was doubtless extremely comely when living, and, from her appearance, by no means unintellectual, as from the well-written letters of "Fanny," evince she must have been. *N. Y. Express.*

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.—This body was called to order yesterday, at 12 M., by Mr. W. P. Munford, of Richmond, Va. In the absence of the President of the last confederation, he proposed the election of a temporary presiding officer and secretary. He nominated Mr. R. C. Gilchrist, of Charleston, S. C., for President *pro tem.*, who was chosen by acclamation. Mr. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, was elected Secretary. A large number of the delegates are yet on their way to this city. Those present will to-day join the procession in commemoration of the genius, the statesmanship and the distinguished services of Henry Clay, whose statue is to be unveiled.—*N. O. Picayune, April 12.*

THE CHARLESTON CONVENTION.—It is now expected that the Charleston convention will adjourn by Saturday, the 28th, at furthest.—The exorbitant charges of the hotels will expedite business. The Cincinnati Convention sat five days, and passed the platform on the first. That precedent will be urged now. The rush of New York and East