Richmond Dispatch.

TUESDAY EVENING.....DECEMBER 22, 1863.

COTTON WANTED.—The highest market price will be paid at THE OFFICE for all kinds of CLEAN COTTON AND LINEN RAGS, in large or small quantities.

The Yankee Prisoners and Commissary Northrop.

We observe that the Yankees are already making great use of the remarks made by Mr. Foote, in the House of Representatives, with regard to the alleged starvation of their prisoners. The subject has been brought up in their Congress, and their press enlarges upon it with all the exaggeration to be expected from the most lying nation on the face of the earth. We deeply regret that the subject—although it certainly ought to have been investigated—was introduced by a speech of so much bitterness as that attributed to Mr. Foote. From the little we know of the subject we are inclined to think he has gone too far. We have been assured that if there has ever been an occasion on which the prisoners were not properly supplied it has been very brief, and the result of unavoidable circumstances. At all times they have fared as well as our own soldiers, and surely that is enough.

Our soldiers have fared badly at times, owing to circumstances with which all are well acquainted. The Yankees, last spring and summer, sent bands of marauders into the country lying between the Potomac and James river. They reduced it almost to a desert. They destroyed the crops, burnt the mills, shot all the horses, mules, sheep, oxen, and cows that they could not carry off, collected all the plows, hoes, axes, and agricultural implements of every kind into piles and set fire to them, and went off, carrying with them all the negroes that could be induced to follow them. The object, boldly avowed by Lincoln himself, was to starve the population into submission.—Modern history presents but one parallel to the cold-blooded atrocity of this proceeding. The monster Carrier, during the Reign of Terror in France, undertook in this way to starve the people of Nantes and the surrounding district. His orders to that effect—exactly parallel to the orders under which the Yankee Generals acted last spring—were read before the Convention when he was tried for his life, after the fall of Robespierre, and they elicited a cry of horror even from that assembly, hardened as it was in crime by long habit. The consequence of these atrocities was a difficulty of procuring food for both army and population. Both of these suffered, and, to some extent, are suffering now. And now, when these Yankee prisoners are suffering from their own acts—when they are pinched for the food which their own hands have destroyed—when they pine for the luxuries which their own infernal malignity has rendered it impossible to procure—are we to bear the burden of their iniquity? Are we to be blamed for what it was not in our power to prevent? Are we, and we alone, to suffer the penalty of their transgressions? Are our soldiers, who are fighting our battles, to be deprived of food, that they may have plenty? No, by all that is just, all that is patriotic, all that is truly generous! Let them suffer the penalty of their own atrocities, and thank their stars that it is not harder to bear. We would be perfectly justified in stinting them to a half or a quarter of the allowance we make to our own soldiers, instead of giving them exactly the same rations that our soldiers receive. If anybody suffer, it is perfectly just that it should be they, but for whose acts, done in defiance of all the laws that regulate the proceedings of war, there would be no suffering at all. It is of the nature of the prisoner's condition that he should share the lot of those with whom he is a prisoner.—He cannot expect better fare than that which is received by the soldiers to whom he surrenders. If they pine for want, he must pine too. If they live plentifully, he must be plentifully fed also. If one party or the other must suffer, he must be that party. The proceedings of the Yankees upon this subject—their speeches and their writings—go beyond anything they have yet attempted in the way of impudence. They give orders to destroy our country, in order to starve us out, and they expect while they are starving us we shall allow full rations to their prisoners! We hope no man will be moved from his balance by what they say. What care we for the opinion of the world? The world ignores us, notwithstanding the court we have paid it. Why should we care what lies it may believe of us?

During the discussions which have arisen out of this question, Commissary Northrop has been treated with unmeasured severity. He may deserve it all, for aught we know—we do not know the man when we see him; he is nothing to us. But these transactions are becoming matters of history, and history will look at both sides of a question. Commissary Northrop has, we believe, filled his present office from the beginning of the war. It is, all must allow, a very difficult office to fill. It must have been especially so at the beginning, when he was raw himself and had nothing but raw hands to operate with. The war has been the greatest and most extensive of which there is any account. The armies kept in the field have rarely ever counted fewer than 300,000 men. Since the first year they have been much larger. A very large proportion of the country on which these armies have been dependent for supplies is either in the occupation of the enemy, or has been so utterly wasted by him as to yield no fruit to us. Yet these mighty armies have constantly kept the field. They have never been forced to abandon it for want of supplies. Surely, this is something—surely, it is a great deal, if the Duke of Wellington's *dictum* be true, "that he is the best General who can best feed an army." Surely the friends of Commissary Northrop—among whom we do not class ourselves, for we never saw him—have a right to place these facts against his shortcomings, when the balance is about to be struck. For our part, we consider the manner in which these great armies have been supplied something marvellous, and we are fain to say that, although it may be a stain upon a man's escutcheon to have been a pepper doctor, yet we are disposed to think better of hot rocks and No. 6 than we ever were before.

Punching Sarpetses.

We trust that Congress will not fail promptly to pass the bill which requires the President to reduce to the ranks every officer who permits himself to be surprised.—We have had enough of criminal negligence, and it is time an adequate remedy should be applied. Sleeping upon a post is punishable with death, and a want of official vigilance is quite as culpable, often more so, and exposes an army to calamities as great.

☞ LATE NORTHERN PAPERS.—A new arrival of late Northern papers, per flag of truce, this (Tuesday) morning at the Confederate Reading Room; all the New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore papers of the latest dates. Papers also from all parts of the South, and all the city papers. Admission (for all day) 25 cents.

FOR SALE—One hundred cords seasoned Pine Wood, three and a half miles below Richmond. Apply to L H DRAVERS, de 22—2t* 20th st, between Main and Franklin.

At White Plains, Hanover county, Va., the residence of the bride's mother, on the 16th inst, by the Rev T V Moore, JOHN A McMINN and BETTIE H ELLETT.

☞ Louisville (Ky.) papers please copy.

On Tuesday evening, Dec 15th, at Broad street Methodist Church, by the Rev J A Duncan, Mr THOS T LYON and Miss M ELLA RICHARDSON, all of this city.

DIED,

On Sunday morning, Mrs DOROTHY T BICKFORD, wife of Mr E G Bickford, in the 29th year of her age.

The funeral will take place from the residence, corner of 25th and Grace streets, this morning at 10½ o'clock. The friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend.

On the 21st December, 1863, DANIEL McCULLOUGH, aged 50 years.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend his funeral this (Tuesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

On Sunday night, LEWIS EDWARD, son of R L and E A Nelson, and grandson of Wm and Ann Sands, aged one month.

His funeral will take place from the residence of W Sands, on 5th street, near Leigh, this (Tuesday) morning at 11 o'clock. The friends and relatives of both families are respectfully invited to attend.

At the residence of Mrs Mary L Schermerhorn, on Friday, the 18th inst, JAS S PARKINSON, in the 36th year of his age.

☞ MASONIC Notice.—The members of St John's Lodge, No 36, are hereby summoned to attend a called meeting of the Lodge this (Tuesday) evening at 6 o'clock, for work and instruction.

By order of the W M.
J T KEESEE, Secretary.
Richmond, Dec 22, A L 5863, A D 1863.
de 22—1t*

☞ NOTICE.—We are directed to say that the First and Second Markets will be closed on Christmas day, the 25th December, 1863.
SAM'L ELLIS, Clerk 1st Market.
de 22—3t† J P TYLER, Clerk 2d Market.

☞ NOTICE.—All persons having packages for the Richmond Grays can have them sent by leaving such with P W Wilson & Co, 215 Broad st, by 10 o'clock on Friday. de 22—1t*

OFFICE R AND Y R R COMPANY,
Richmond, Dec 15, 1863.

☞ THE next annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company in this city, on Tuesday after the first Monday in January next, being the 5th day of the month. S F HARWOOD, Secretary.
de 17—6t

☞ TO the Patriotic.—As numbers of the soldiers of Hays's Louisiana brigade are in the field without blankets, it is hoped that the patriotic will come to their assistance and supply the want—Blankets sent to the care of the Matron of the 6th Louisiana regiment, at W T Lindsey's feed store, corner Marshall and 5th sts, will be thankfully received and duly forwarded. de 16—6t†

☞ TO the Soldiers and Refugees from Norfolk City.—I respectfully offer myself as a candidate to represent the city of Norfolk as Senator, in place of Wm E Taylor, resigned.

Whether elected or defeated, I do not intend to resign my position in the army.
J HARDY HENDREN.
Battery No 7, Dec 16th, 1863. de 16—6t†

220 JEWEL. 220

The attention of the public is called to the fine and first class Restaurant, opened at No 220 Main street, (up stairs,) opposite the Spotswood Hotel

The Eating Apartment is fitted in the finest order, and the tables are provided with the best the market can afford.

The Bar will always contain the finest and choicest assortment of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c.

N B.—Gent's private rooms. de 22—4t*

JIM COOK,

Whose reputation as a barkeeper and julep maker excels that of any other living man in the Confederacy, after many changes to and fro, in which his old friends have nearly lost sight of him, has at length rettled down at "Oak Hall," on Franklin street, near 15th. It is needless to say that Jim is prepared to wait upon his *old* customers at his *new* stand. If any one wish to test the matter, let them call on Jim during the approaching Christmas holidays, when they will be abundantly assured that Jim is as ready as ever to provide for the inner man.

Jim expects to give a grand blow out to-day, when elegant nip and other nice things will be served up free of charge. He invites members of Congress and gentlemen to give him a call. de 22—1t

DRUGS—
200 lbs calomel
100 lbs powdered rhubarb
25 lbs sub. nit bismuth
150 lbs iodide of potass
1 drum bal. copaiba
100 ounces morphine
2 cases gum camphor
300 lbs blue mass
100 lbs indigo
1 bbl sulphur.
For sale by W H SCOTT,
Apothecary and Druggist,
de 22—3t† Market Place, Franklin st.

SELLING OFF!
SELLING OFF! at
LEWIS HYMAN'S,
98 Main street.

Fine gold and silver watches
Fine gold chains
Elegant sets of jewelry
Diamond rings and pins

And a general assortment of jewelry, at reduced prices, as I intend retiring from business.
de 22—2t*

SELLING OFF!
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LEWIS HYMAN'S,
98 Main street,

His entire stock of
Gold and silver watches
Gold chains
Fine sets of jewelry
Diamonds, &c, &c,

For two weeks only, at very reduced prices. After which time I will sell the remainder at auction.
Call soon for bargains. de 22—2t*

IN STORE AND FOR SALE
5 pipes Jamaica rum
1 do Holland gin
25 bbls fine old whiskey
10 bbls mountain whiskey
Domestic wine, 8 years old
Blackberry wine
Cider Royal
60 M fine cigars
W WALLACE SONS,
de 22—3t 13th st, bet Main and Cary.

FERTILIZERS—WILLIAMS, CARRINGTON & BARKSDALE offer for sale 100 tons
Phosphate of lime, $120 per ton
Columbian guano, $125
Bone ash, $100.
ALSO,
A few tons plaster. de 22—6t

PUBLIC HIRING OF NEGROES.—Will be hired at Wakefield, the farm next adjoining Mr George W Doswell's, in Hanover county, on Thursday, the 31st of December, 1863, about forty Negroes, consisting of men and women, boys and girls. They will be hired as farm hands and house servants—in no instance to labor on works of internal improvement or in occupations considered hazardous—and with the further express understanding that they are not to be retired by those who hire them publicly without the written consent of the undersigned. Bonds with approved security will be required in every instance. B W RICHARDSON,
Ex'or of Mrs Judith Smith, dec'd.
de 22—d9tsw3t

NIGHT SCHOOL for Young Men and Boys.—The attention of the public is respectfully invited to a Night School which the undersigned proposes to open on Monday evening, January 4th, 1864. The instruction will embrace the usual English course, including Mathematics, together with Latin, Greek, and French.

The hours and system of tuition will be suited to the convenience of the pupil. Early applications for entrance are desired. Apply to the undersigned, on Clay street, south side, four doors above Henry, (Henry is the second street above Brook Avenue,) or by letter, at the War Department.
CURTIS P JONES, A B
de 22—Tu,Th,M,W,&F*

ADMINISTRATOR'S Notice.—All persons indebted to the estate of John D Quarles, dec'd, are hereby requested, without delay, to make payment thereof; and those having claims against said estate will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement. FRANCES T ISBELL,
Adm'r of John D Quarles, dec'd.
de 22—d4t&sw1t

GORDON'S Shoe Store, corner 14th and Main streets—The finest assortment of Boots and Shoes to be found in the city of Richmond, embracing ladies' balmoral shoes, of superior quality; ladies' morocco and calfskin shoes; heavy kip shoes for negro women; gent's superior calfskin city made boots; gent's half hose; gent's merino and all wool shirts and drawers, etc. de 22—4t*

FOR SALE—A Child's Swing.—A most complete and amusing arrangement for children, suitable to go in any parlor. At T A BULKLEY'S,
No 137 Main st.
For a Fairbank's Platform Scale apply to "Box 91."
de 22—1t*

IF MR EDMUND ROBINSON is in any of the hospitals of Richmond, he or any of his friends giving information through the Post Office, box 1057, to "G E R," as to where he can be seen, will very much oblige a friend de 22—1t†

NOTICE.—E L JOHNSON, having left the employment of Lewis Hyman, 98 Main st, may be found at his residence, on Venable, between 18th and 19th streets. E L JOHNSON,
de 22—3t* Whitemaker.

NOTICE.—The books of subscription to the capital stock of the Lockville Mining and Manufacturing Company, of North Carolina, are open at our office. LANCASTER & CO.
de 22—6t

NEW Orleans Sugar.—In barrels and half barrels, which I will sell low to close a consignment.—Apply to CHAS PALMER,
de 22—3t* Corner Cary and Virginia sts.

SALTPETRE.—Refined Saltpetre, for sale by
WM H SCOTT, Druggist,
de 22—3t* Market Place, Franklin st.

☞ SPECIAL NOTICE.—Our large sale of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Carpets, Plated and Silver Ware, will commence this morning, (Tuesday,) at 10 o'clock, and will embrace a large line of
Beaver black and colored drab silks
Splendid belt and bonnet ribbons
All fresh goods, in whole pieces, just remnged from London
ALSO,
2 cases lasting, pearl, horn, and agate buttons
Rich velvet cloaks
Velvet and silk dresses
1 pure silver tea set
Silver tea, table, and salt spoons.
And at 12 o'clock—
50 cases boots and shoes,
Comprising the largest and best assortment offered by us this season.
ALSO,
Several invoices of
Desirable clothing, and
Six fine Brussels and ingrain carpets.
de 22—1t KENT, PAINE & CO, Aucts.

☞ SPECIAL NOTICE.—We shall commence our sale to-day, at 11 o'clock precisely, with
Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco and Cigars
After which we shall offer the
Dry Goods, &c,
Already advertised.
To which we shall add—
Woolen shirts; merino drawers
Very heavy blankets
Military jackets
Tooth brushes
Heavy woolen shawls
25 Overcoats
Parlor stoves
Sole leather trunks
Silver otter caps, very fine
Danville cassimeres
250 felt hats; playing cards
Pencils, combs, &c
WM H FOWLE, SONS & CO,
de 22—1t Auctioneers.

☞ SPECIAL NOTICE.—Elegant and Useful Christmas Presents at Auction.—On Wednesday, 23d inst, precisely at 12 o'clock M, in connection with our sale of other goods on that day, we will sell at auction, in quantities to suit, the following splendid and rare goods, suitable for Christmas presents:
20 dress patterns, extra rich Lyons black taffeta silk
10 pieces super family Irish linen
50 do 4 4 fine English bleached long cloth
20 do superior English white cambrics
10 do white twilled imported flannels, 24½ yards
30 white and gray all wool undershirts
200 pairs bleached and unbleached half hose
8 patterns (in length for suits) extra 6-4 fancy French cloths
3 beautiful black cloth cloaks, one with crotchet bertha.
SLAUGHTER, WATKINS, & CO,
de 22—2t Auctioneers.

☞ SPECIAL NOTICE.—Attention is asked to my sale this morning, commencing at 10 o'clock, at the store formerly occupied by Mr Geo Starrett, on 13th street, between Main and Franklin, of valuable Furniture, consisting in part of
Rosewood Jenny Lind bedsteads
Silk, damask, Turkey-red and calico curtains
Feather beds, hair and shuck mattresses
Blankets, comforts
China and glassware
Lamps, mirrors, book-cases, carpets
A beautiful copy of Shakspeare's works
And a large lot of books
de 22—1t THOS W KEESEE, Auct.

☞ SPECIAL NOTICE.—We would call special attention to our sale commencing this morning at 10 o'clock, comprising a fine assortment of Furniture—
1 excellent Rosewood 7-octave Piano, to be sold at 11½ o'clock precisely;
And a miscellaneous assortment of
Fancy and other Goods.
See advertisement.
WILLIAMSON & CO, Auct'rs,
de 22—1t No 193 Main st.

WANTS.

WANTED—To let the public know that they can get Confederate Illuminating Oil, to burn in kerosine lamps, at 13 Governor street. It gives an excellent light. Bring the burners for slight alteration. Chimneys and wicks on hand.
de 22—1t† P T EATON.

WANTED—75 able-bodied negro laborers for the ensuing year. Apply to JAMES D BROWNE, Superintendent Artillery Workshops, Richmond Arsenal, on 7th street, below Byrd
de 22—12t

WANTED.—A young man, exempt from military duty, wishes to obtain a situation as assistant in a hotel or store—would make himself generally useful. Address "A B," Dispatch office.
de 21—1t*

WANTED—A situation as manager on a farm, by a practical farmer. The best of references given and required. Address "M," at this office de 22—1t*

WANTED.—Any one having a Cow giving some milk can get her kept through the winter by applying to A E MOORE,
de 22—2t* Cary street.

WANTED—The ensuing year, a first rate cook and dining room servant. Apply to Mrs MOSBY, corner 9th and Franklin sts. de 22—3t*

WANTED—A gentleman in the army desires to form a co-partnership with a reliable person to engage in some lucrative business, or would purchase an interest in an established trade. Can furnish a capital of ten thousand dollars. Address "J A R," box 314. de 21—6t

WANTED—A Girl, to nurse and do light work in the family of a Protestant minister. To one who can come well recommended for integrity and industry a good home can be given. Call at Mrs Capt SKINNER'S,
de 21—2t* Broad st, bet 23d and 24th.

WANTED—By a young man who has lost his health in the army a situation as Clerk or Manager in any light business. He can furnish the best references, and can undertake 1st January. Address "Box 56," Farmville, Va. de 21—2t*

WOOD for sale—40 cords seasoned pine Wood, within six miles of the city, for sale Apply to JAS M TAYLOR,
de 21—3t Auctioneer.

WANTED—A young man who has some experience in the drug business. References required. Address "L," box 87 de 21—3t*

WANTED—A manager on shares on a farm of two hundred acres, in the vicinity of Richmond. The applicant must be a practical farmer and somewhat acquainted with gardening. A single man or one with a small family preferred. Address "Box 444," Richmond, or call at corner Leigh and 10th sts.
de 19—3t*

WANTED—To sell a farm of 65 acres, nearly all cleared, within two miles of the city, and on a first-rate turnpike. It is in an excellent neighborhood, and would make a most excellent market garden. Apply at my office, in the State Court-House, corner of 12th and Franklin sts.
de 19—4t† J H SANDS.

WANTED—To hire a Cook to do the cooking and washing for a family of three persons. For a single woman, without encumbrance, a good price will be paid. Address "W H," box 1,076, Richmond P O. de 19—3t†

WANTED—A good moulder and blacksmith. Steady employment and good wages will be paid. Apply to ROBERT BAIRD,
de 19—3t† Manchester Iron Works.

WANTED—The public to know that we have received a large lot of Gas Pipe, and are prepared to do Gas Fitting of every description at the shortest notice. All orders will be thankfully received and promptly attended to.
Also, a large lot of Fixtures of every description on hand. D S CORDLE & CO,
no 19—30t† Corner 9th and Broad streets.

TEACHER WANTED—A gentleman or lady qualified to teach thoroughly Music to advance pupils, and who speaks French fluently. Recommendations required. Address Dr Wm WIRT, Loretta Post-Office, Essex co, Virginia. de 14—6t‡

A PRACTICAL POTTER Wanted—One thoroughly acquainted with the business. Wages to be stated by the applicant. Address by mail
H SHAFFNER,
de 14—7t† Salem, Forsyth co, N C.

WANTED—A Ropemaker, by the day or month; or, if he prefer, will give him an interest in the concern. I also wish to buy Hemp, in any quantities. C Y MORRIS,
de 11—ts Packet Office.

WANTED—To Rent—A large building, in a central part of the city, to be used as a Depot and Soldiers' Home for North Carolina troops. Apply to O F MANSON,
no 20—ts Medical Agent State of N Carolina.

WANTED—Immediately, two first-class Smiths, at the Richmond Naval Ordnance Works.—The highest wages will be paid.
A M DE BREE,
de 18—10t Commanding N Ord W.

TWENTY EIGHT dollar Clocks, $25 Clocks.—Do you want to buy a good clock, that keeps time, for $25? Call at H A PEARCE'S jewelry store, on Main street, between 17th and 18th. Also, some nice sets of jewelry at $25 and $30 and gold rings at $15, and some cheap silver watches.
de 22—6t*

MULES and Cart for sale—I have a light twenty-bushel Cart, iron axle, for sale, and a pair of medium sized Mules, sound, young, and warranted to work well anywhere.
EDMOND BOSSIEUX,
de 22—2t* Franklin st, between 18th and 19th.

SORGHUM Molasses.—Just received a few tierces Sorghum Molasses.
WILLIAMS, CARRINGTON & BARKSDALE.
de 22—2t

BRIAR Root Pipes.—120 dozen assorted Briar Root Pipes, for sale by
W H SCOTT, Apothecary,
de 22—3t* Market Place, Franklin st.

NOTICE.—The store No 90 Main street will be kept open until 9 o'clock at night, where a large variety of Toys of all kinds can be found.
de 22—3t† Miss R C SEMON.

NOTICE.—Persons having Stoves or Ranges from G W Starrett's can have them repaired by applying to DANL O'DONNELL,
de 21—2w* On Broad street, near 9th.

☞ GRAND CONCERT.—Prof J ST MAUR BINGHAM'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Acting as Stage Manager.....R D Ogden
Treasurer.....W A Briggs

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec 22, 1863,
The performances will commence with the beautiful Overture, (Figaro—Mozart).....Orchestra
When will be presented
THE DEVIL IN PARIS.
Count Vanille.....D'Orsay Ogden
Count Henri Beaumichel.....J Morrison
The Mysterious Stranger,
The Princess,
Fan-Fan, a Gamin de Paris,
Capt Damaro,
Clarisse Delville,
Mad de Lucenal.....Miss S Partington / Mrs C DeBar
During the piece, a
GRAND BAL MASQUE,
By the characters of the play.
Dance, &c.
Conclude with, for the first time, the brilliant Comedy of
☞ P. P. ☜
OR,
THE MAN AND THE TIGER.
Sir Tipton Flasher.....D'Orsay Ogden
In preparation the Romantic Drama of
THE CORSICAN BROTHERS,
With its
Brilliant Caste,
Startling Effects.
Impressive Tableaux,
Desperate Duel, &c.
In preparation for the Holydays the Grand Historical Scenic Play of
MASANIELLA;
OR, THE
ERUPTION OF MOUNT VESUVIUS.
☞ Doors open at 6½. Performance will commence at 7½ precisely. de 22—1t

METROPOLITAN HALL.
THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, Dec 22, 1863,
Second night of the
IRON-CLAD OPERA TROUPE,
The Pioneer Band of Negro Delineators.
Every night in
New Songs, Dances, Farces, &c.
Hall crowded last night to its utmost capacity.
Go early to secure seats.
Grand Bill to-night.
☞ See programme. de 22—1t†

CHESTERFIELD TROTTING PARK.
The great Sweepstake Race will come off on
TUESDAY, Dec 22d, 1863,
for silver plate. Closed with the following entries:
Geo Blankenship names roan stud Napier
Wm C Jones names gray stud Henry
R Baker names bay gelding Dutch Charlie
Race to come off at 2 P M.
Entrance to track on the Petersburg turnpike
☞ Gate fee $3. D F WARD, Proprietor.
de 22—1t*

GREAT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.
Come and get a cheap dinner at the Maltese Saloon, 7th st, opposite New Theatre, on
WEDNESDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock
Turkeys, geese, chickens, shoats, ducks, &c.
☞ Come soon. Z H H CROPPER.
de 22—1t*

CONCERT HALL—
Prof J ST MAUR BINGHAM'S ACADEMY
THREE GRAND SELECT CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS.
1ST
CHRISTMAS EVE,
THURSDAY, December 24th, 1863.
ADULTS' BALL.
ADMISSION—Gentlemen $5, with privilege of two ladies. For Gentlemen and Ladies only. Children not admitted
2D FESTIVAL.
TUESDAY, Dec 29th, 1863.
FIFTEEN CLASSIC AND DOMESTIC TABLEAUX, with brilliant display of Colored Fires. The hall handsomely illuminated for the occasion. Tableaux to commence at 8 o'clock precisely.
PROGRAMME OF TABLEAUX IN STATEARY.
1. Faith, Hope, and Charity
2. Crowning of Sappho
3. Justice
4. Old Man's Blessing
5. Conquest of Cleopatra
6. Angel's Whisper
"Her beads while she numbered,
The baby still slumber'd,
And smiled in her face as she bended her knee.
Oh, blessed be that warning,
My child, thy sleep adorning,
For I know that the angels are whispering to thee."
7. Dermot's Return
"The dawn of the morning
Saw Dermot returning,
And the wife wept with joy the babe's father to see;
And closely caressing
The child with a blessing,
Said, I knew that the angels were whispering to thee."
DOMESTIC
8. Vespers (with melodeon accompaniment)
9 Feast of Roses (Lallah Rooke)
10. Soldier's Oath
11. Surprise (group with Satan in back ground)
12. Santa Claus
13. Fatal Dart
14. Nymphs of the Forest.
15 Christmas Carnival.
Adults' Ball commencing at 11 o'clock. Programmes of Tableaux and Dances will be distributed on the evening of the entertainment. A fine Band is engaged for the occasion. Choice Refreshments on hand.
ADMISSION—Ladies and gentlemen, $5 each; Children, not scholars, $3 each.
Only a limited number of tickets will be disposed of. Tickets can only be procured at the principal Book and Music Stores; also at Prof Bingham's Academy
3D FESTIVAL.
NEW YEAR'S EVE.
THURSDAY, December 31st, 1863.
SELECT BALL.
ADMISSION—Gentlemen, $5, with privilege of two Ladies; Ladies and Children, scholars, respectfully invited; Boys, not scholars, $2.50.
de 19—B,Tu&Th*

COMPLIMENTARY BALL.
A Complimentary Ball, tendered to Professor THOMAS V CARR by his pupils, will take place on
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec 23d, 1863,
AT THE
MONTICELLO HALL,
On which occasion every exertion will be made to add to the entertainment and pleasure of those who may attend.
Good Music has been engaged, and good order will be enforced during the entire evening.
During the evening the following Fancy Dances will be danced:
Sailors' Hornpipe, by two gentlemen.
Highland Fling, by two gentlemen.
Naval Hornpipe, by one gentleman.
National Polka, by two gentlemen.
Scotch Reel, by one gentleman.
Fireman's Hornpipe, by two gentlemen.
Jockey Hornpipe, by one gentleman.
MANAGERS:
J H Burns, W B Place,
J J Carr, J McCabe,
C Smith, W C Dalton,
W J Loth, W D Kennedy,
W J Geisendaffer, W H Graves,
Philip Davis, B E Elmore.
Tickets, admitting a gentleman and ladies, $5.00.
de 21—3t*

LOOK OUT FOR PLEASURE—
A Grand Christmas
COTILLION PARTY
will be given at
MAGNOLIA HALL,
on 10th street, two doors below Main st, over Copp's Pistol Gallery, on
TUESDAY EVENING, Dec 22.
Ballet Masters.
Jos Wolfe, Jas Nesbitt.
Floor Managers.
Lieut Costello, J Buckley,
J Kelly, J Hannan,
C Fitzpatrick, L K Walker.
ADMISSION.—$5 for a Gent and two Ladies, to be paid at the door. Strict order will be enforced.
de 19—3t*

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of the Bank of the Commonwealth have declared a dividend on the capital stock of fifteen and one quarter per cent, payable on the 1st January next. Fifteen per cent will be paid to the stockholders and one quarter of one per cent reserved to pay the State bonus.—The transfer books will be closed until after the 1st of January. J B MORTON,
de 22—d1etJa Cashier.

OFFICE RICHMOND & PETERSBURG R R CO,
Richmond, Dec 21, 1863.

DIVIDEND Notice.—The Board of Directors have declared a dividend of four per cent upon the capital stock of this company, payable to the stockholders, or to their legal representatives, on and after the 31st inst. The transfer books will be closed until after that date.
de 21—10t M W YARRINGTON, Treas.

DIVIDEND.—The President and Directors of the Bank of Virginia have declared a dividend of 7½ per cent for the last six months, subject to a deduction of a quarter per cent bonus to the State, leaving 7¼ per cent nett, (or $5.25 per share,) payable to the stockholders on and after the 26th inst.
de 21—6t WM F TAYLOR, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—The President and Directors of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia have declared a dividend out of the profits of the institution, ending the 30th day of November, of seven and three-quarters per cent, deducting therefrom one-quarter per cent bonus to the State, leaving 7½ per cent net, payable to the stockholders on the 26th instant.
de 21—6t J A SMITH, Cashier.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of the Bank of Richmond have declared a dividend of three per cent on the capital stock of the bank, payable to the stockholders on and after the 1st of January, 1864.
The transfer book will be closed till 1st prox.
de 21—13tsD J B MACMURDO, Cashier.

FOR SALE.—An excellent Sliding Top Buggy, nearly new. Apply at the corner of Franklin and 19th streets. de 21—3t*

THE WASSAIL BOWL—
"Next crown the bowle full
With gentle lamb's wool;
Add sugar, nutmeg, and ginger,
With store of ale, too;
And thus ye must do
To make the wassail a swinger."
All kinds of
CHRISTMAS GROCERIES,
including Rum, Brandy, Sugar, and Eggs, for sale by GEO A WEED,
de 22—4t* No 50 Main street.

LOOK OUT FOR CHRISTMAS.—
200 dozen fresh eggs
100 gallons Antique rum
100 do old apple brandy
50 do old choice Baltimore whiskey
200 lbs nice cheese
700 lbs light brown sugar
100 lbs allspice
10 gross good matches
3 bbls pure apple vinegar
For sale by L POWERS,
Corner Venable and 19th streets,
de 22—3t† Union Hill.

LOOK OUT FOR CHRISTMAS!
15 packages old St Croix and Jamaica rum, old and very fine, 12 degrees above proof
20 demijons old Holland gin, of excellent quality
25 bbls apple brandy, part 3 years old and very fine
3 bbls old rye whiskey
For sale by A A HUTCHESON,
de 22—3t* No 40 Main st.

FOR CHRISTMAS.
Toys, Toys.
A few more on hand and for sale. Store open until 9 o'clock at night. Miss R C SEMON,
de 22—2t* No 90 Main st.

FOR CHRISTMAS.
Doll Babies, dressed and undressed;
Toys of all kinds, Fire-Works, &c,
For sale at Miss R C SEMON'S,
de 22—2t† No 90 Main st.

CHRISMAS TRINKETS—
Old Nick in Town!
St Nicholas takes great pleasure in announcing to the "little folks" of Richmond that he has just arrived, and established his headquarters at Miss Semon's, No 90 Main street, next door to Isaac & Taylor's Banking House, where he will be pleased to see them all and exhibit his beautiful assortment of Toys, Pop-crackers, Whirligigs, Rockets, Roman Candles, Spinning Jennies, Pin Wheels, Dolls, (dressed and undressed,) &c, with a great variety of trinkets and other beautiful things, captivating to the youthful fancy, and pleasing to the juvenile taste. Come soon and rekindle the memories of past Christmases, before this "cruel war" put a stop to the annual visits of the old Saint. You will certainly find anything you may desire at
Miss R C SEMON'S,
de 15—eod3t† No 90 Main street, Next to Isaac & Taylor's.

LOST, STRAYED, &c.

STRAY Horse.—Was left at my stable, on Friday night last, by the night watchmen, a large bay Horse, with a McClellan saddle and bridle; right hind and left front foot white; blaze face. The owner will please call and take him away.
EDMOND BOSSIEUX,
de 22—2t† Franklin st, between 18th and 19th.

TAKEN UP—An iron-gray Mare, marked "O S C," 5 years old. The said mare can be found at the stables of GREEN & SUTHERLAND
de 22—1t†

STOLEN—From my camp, near Pisgah Church, in Orange county, Va, on the night of the 14th inst, my two riding horses. One is a milk-white Arabian horse, with a blue mark on each of his hind quarters, which shows very plainly when he is hot; the lids of one eye white, the other black; he is very quick, walks very fast and spirited.—The other is a dark brown or bay, well formed, with a very long body, small head, prominent brown eye, and a black streak down the whole length of his back; a natural pacer, and racks rapidly. These horses are medium size, and were in good order when taken. Any one finding either or both of them, or who can give any information leading to their discovery, will be liberally rewarded, and all expenses for taking care of and delivering them to me defrayed. Address
THOS E BALLARD, Major and C S,
Johnson's division, Ewell's corps, A N V.
de 21—3t*

STRAYED or Stolen.—A bay horse was taken from Bank st, near Gen Elzey's headquarters, on Friday evening, Dec 18th. Has the Government brand; a good McClellan saddle was on him. A suitable reward will be paid for his delivery at the camp of Lightfoot's light artillery, on the Mechanicsville road, three miles from the city, to
de 21—3t* Capt J H RIVES.

LOST—On Broad street, between Brook avenue and the Central Depot, a brown cloth cape, belonging to a cloak. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at
WILLIAMSON & CO'S, Aucts,
de 21—ts 192 Main street.

THREE Hundred Dollars Reward—Will be paid for a large sole leather Trunk and its contents, stolen on the 15th inst from a carriage on 6th street, between Grace and Cary. The initial letters of my name are printed upon the cover. The trunk was packed for travelling, and besides citizens' and military clothing contained diamond studs for shirt bosoms. A N TALLEY, Surgeon P A C S,
de 19—5t* N W corner 8th and Marshall sts.

STOLEN.—My horse was taken from the rack in front of Capt Coke's office on Thursday, the 10th inst. He is a roan horse, of medium size, thick built, dull and slow motion, paces slowly, and has a split in one of his hind hoofs. I will give a liberal reward for his return to me, or for any information that will lead to his recovery.
GARLAND HANES, Jr,
Lieut and Enrolling Officer for Henrico.
de 16—d4t&sw2t*

STOLEN—From the subscriber, on the corner of 2d and Broad streets, on the evening of the 12th, a dark bay mare Mule, medium size, whitish muzzle, and had on when lost a Texas saddle. (American finish,) a bridle with very heavy army bit, and a new cloth collar. The saddle cloth was a piece of red carpet. I will give fifty dollars for the mule, and one hundred and fifty for the thief.
S M WILLIAMSON,
Co E, 26th batt'n Va infantry,
de 15—6t* Old Pain Grounds.

STRAYED or Stolen—$50 Reward—Strayed or stolen from my house, on Wednesday, 9th Dec, a red and white cow, 4 years old. The above reward will be given for the return of said cow to me, on Westham Plank-road, near the Toll gate.
de 15—5t† A J GORDON.

HORSE Stolen—$100 Reward—From my stable in Fulton Old Field, near Rocketts, on Tuesday night, a dark iron gray Mare, lame in her right hind foot; a light spot on her back under the saddle, five years old, and marked "C S C." I will pay $50 reward for the return of the mare, and $50 for the thief. JAMES NETHERWOOD,
de 16—6t* Nicholson st, Fulton.

FOR RENT AND SALE.

FOR RENT.—A brick Storehouse, with lodging rooms above, situated on the east side of Pearl street, between Cary street and the dock, and next to the James River Manufacturing Company's office, occupied by Messrs Weightman & Co. Possession given the 1st of January, 1864 For terms apply to
E D BACHO, Agent,
de 22—2t* 14th st, near Exchange Hotel.

FOR RENT—Two furnished Chambers, with gas, fire, and servants' attendance, in one of the best neighborhoods in the city, and within four squares of the Capitol. None but gentlemen need apply. Reference required. Address "L," Post-Office box 551. de 22—3t†

FOR RENT—The upper part of a house, consisting of two rooms on second floor and two garret rooms, (each with a fire place,) and a brick kitchen, with hydrant &c, in the yard. Price, $300 per quarter, payable in advance quarterly. Address "L," Dispatch office. de 22—1t

FOR RENT—Three comfortable Rooms—one furnished; they are well situated either for lodging or an office. Apply at Mrs Harris's boarding house, Governor street. de 22—1t*

ROOM For Rent.—A comfortable furnished basement room, on the west side of 19th street, between Broad and Grace sts, on reasonable terms—Address "B," box 1533, through city Post-Office.
de 22—2t*

HOUSE and twelve acres of land for rent or sale, one mile from Richmond, on the New Central Road. The house is a new one; just erected. Apply to JAS H SMITH, on the place de 22—eod3t*

FOR RENT—A Residence in Manchester with 8 rooms, a good kitchen with 4 rooms, a carriage-house, a stable with 8 stalls, and a good garden—Immediate possession given to a good tenant and at a fair price. Apply to
FULLIAM, HANES & WEISIGER,
de 19—5t Auctioneers.

FOR RENT—The commodious brick store, formerly occupied by A Richards, on Franklin st, between 17th and 18th sts. Possession given 1st January, 1864. Apply to Geo H RICHARDS, Adm'r of Amos Richards, dec'd, at Williamson & Co's, 192 Main st. de 18—ts

FOR RENT—The large Building at the corner of Canal and 7th sts, very su