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LOCAL MATTERS.

THE CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT.—At the Conservative conference last night Dr. W. H. Ruffner was nominated for Superintendent of Public Instruction; W. H. Taliaferro, of Lynchburg, was nominated for Penitentiary Storekeeper; Mr. George Strother was nominated for Superintendent of the Penitentiary; Mr. William F. Taylor was nominated for Auditor. The caucus adjourned at midnight.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. Annette Worsham, wife of Mr. John H. Worsham, of this city, died suddenly Sunday morning. She had been in delicate health for some time past, but no serious apprehensions of danger had been felt. Saturday night Mr. Worsham retired as usual, but was awakened before day by the alarming symptoms in the condition of his wife. Everything was done to prevent a fatal result, but all ministrations were of no avail, and she died as above stated. Mrs. Worsham was in the thirty-fourth year of her age.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Sunday evening a nurse and child of Mr. Maynard Leigh fell from the first-story window of the Monumental Hotel on the stone steps below, and were both seriously injured.

SHOT.—A colored man, whose name we were unable to learn, accidentally shot himself Sunday afternoon while carelessly handling a pistol.

COLORED JURORS—RESPONSE OF JUDGE GUIGON TO THE PETITION FOR THE SELECTION OF COLORED JURORS TO TRY COLORED MEN.—A short time ago a petition signed by a number of colored citizens of Richmond was presented to Judge Guigon, of the Hustings Court, asking him to have colored men put on juries when colored men were to be tried. The following is Judge Guigon's reply to the petition, which he delivered in court yesterday:

"A respectful petition, signed by colored citizens, has been presented to this court requesting that, for the advancement of their race, in cases where colored men are to be tried, a colored jury shall be selected to try them.

"The law requires the court to prepare a list of such inhabitants 'as it shall think well qualified to serve as jurors, being persons of sound judgment and free from legal exceptions.' (Code 1860, section 4, chapter 162, page 688), and the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights of Virginia provide that the accused shall be tried by an impartial jury.

"I have endeavored in the past, as I shall in the future, to comply fully with these requirements, and have heard no complaint of the jurors selected either as to their intelligence, impartiality, integrity, or fitness in any respect. If such should come it would be my duty as well as my pleasure promptly to inquire into and correct the injustice.

"If I were to comply with the request of these petitioners and try colored accused by specially-selected juries of colored men, I should do so not because of their intelligence, impartiality, or integrity, nor because of their sound judgment, knowledge of affairs, capacity to form for themselves a just judgment and independence to abide by it uninfluenced, nor because of any other peculiar fitness, but simply because of the race, color, and previous condition of the accused or his triers. A compliance with this request would therefore be the adoption of a test and qualification of jurors, not only not recognized by the law, but in violation of the *spirit*, at least, of the fourteenth constitutional amendment and the civil-rights bill.

"For these reasons I decline to grant the prayer of the petitioners."

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.—This court will reassemble in this city to-day. There are two Commonwealth's cases, which by law have precedence of all others, but it is expected that they will consume but little of the time of the court, when the set case of Stearns vs. Mason will probably be reargued.

SPECIAL COURT OF APPEALS.—This court reassembles in this city to-day. The first six cases to be called by it are as follows: Giles vs. Wilson, Strange's administrator vs. Perkins, Bell's administrator vs. Bell *et als.*, Garth *et als.* vs. Jones *et als.*, Appleberry's executors vs. Flannagan, Jones's executors vs. Crufford's administrator.

DOINGS OF THE GRAND JURY.—The grand jury of the Hustings Court met yesterday and found true bills in the following cases: Charles Stuart, misdemeanor, for assaulting J. P. Wynne (two cases) and for carrying concealed weapons; James McFarland, a felony, for stealing $12.50 from James McClelland; Wilson Burwell, a misdemeanor, for carrying concealed weapons; Charles Green *alias* Charles Dixon, a misdemeanor, for carrying concealed weapons; Solomon Carter, a felony, for abducting Rebecca Orange, a girl under sixteen years of age; Hardin Washington, felony, for breaking and entering the dwelling-house of J. D. Ennis and stealing a gold watch; George Washington, felony, for breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Cornelius White and stealing United States currency; Walter Blackburn, misdemeanor, for adultery; W. Page McCarty, felony, for killing John R. Mordecai; John Farrar, felony, for entering the dwelling-house of Thomas Penny, with intent to steal; Robert S. Clarke, felony, for entering the dwelling-house of John P. Howard and stealing sundry articles of wearing apparel; Charles Sharpe, felony, for same offence; Charles Frayser, felony, for assaulting and cutting Walker Hill; Lafayette Evans, felony, for assaulting and cutting Walker Hill; John Hill, for assaulting and cutting Walker Hill; Alice Tyler, misdemeanor, for unlawful association; Thomas Cook, misdemeanor, for assaulting J. P. Wynne.

In the following cases the grand jury failed to find true bills: Alice Tyler, misdemeanor for unlawful association; Walter Blackburn, same offence; J. P. Wynne, misdemeanor, for assaulting Thomas Cooke.

POLICE COURT, MONDAY—*Justice White.* The case of H. Ashton, *alias* Harrison, charged with stealing a horse, wagon, and harness, valued at $360, the property of Abram Johnson, was continued until the 14th instant.

Thomas Matthews, guilty of drunkenness, &c., was sent to jail for thirty days.

F. Grimshaw, guilty of selling goods by sample without license, was fined $50.

Solomon Carter, guilty of adultery, and John Farrar and Richard Green, charged with burglary, were sent on to the grand jury.

Henry Carr, guilty of an assault, was fined $2.

P. E. Faris, guilty of disturbing the peace, was fined $2.50.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT met yesterday and without transacting any business adjourned until Wednesday.

TO BE HANGED.—In the Hustings Court, yesterday, Judge Guigon, in accordance with the action of the Supreme Court of Appeals, sentenced Horace Venable to be hanged on the 6th of March for the murder of Mary Holmes.

CHURCH NOTES.

INTERESTING INSTALLATION SERVICES AT THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST AND METHODIST CHURCHES—ELECTION OF OFFICERS, &c., &c.

The bright and beautiful day, with its warm and spring-like atmosphere, drew large crowds to all the churches on Sunday. Many who ordinarily do not venture out at this season were enticed by the delightful weather, and added their presence to the vast congregations which filled all places of public worship on that day:

Presbyterian Churches.

The ceremonies attending the INSTALLATION OF REV. SAMUEL J. BAIRD, D. D., as pastor of the Third Presbyterian church (Church Hill) were very interesting. The pastor then installed is well known throughout the State as an able, earnest, and eloquent divine, and has entered upon the work assigned to him with his whole heart and soul. He has been preaching there several weeks, and already there have been considerable accessions to the attendance in that place.

On the occasion of the installation Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., presided and preached the sermon, taking as his text the 42d verse of the 22d chapter of Matthew: "What think ye of Christ, whose son is he?" The discourse was in his usual concise and earnest style, full of argument, appeal, and incident. At its conclusion he asked the pastor and the church the usual questions prescribed by the church, and receiving the proper replies pronounced the union complete.

Then followed the charge to the pastor by Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., and the charge to the congregation by Rev. Charles H. Read, D. D.

The services were concluded with prayer by Dr. Hoge, and the benediction by the newly-installed pastor.

At the close of the services the members of the church came forward and offered their congratulations to their pastor.

At the Grace-Street Presbyterian church on Sunday eight persons were received upon examination and one by letter.

Another large audience was in attendance at Assembly Hall on Sunday morning to hear Dr. Hoge, of the Second Presbyterian church. His subject, "The Obligations of Civilization to Christian Missions," was a masterly effort, carefully studied, replete with valuable statistical information, and was one of his most eloquent efforts. Although the discourse occupied one hour and a half in its delivery, the vast audience paid the strictest attention throughout.

The Baptist Churches

on Sunday were generally well attended, and the following points of special interest may be noted:

Rev. Dr. Burrows, pastor of the First church, returned to the city on Saturday, and filled the pulpit in the morning. The Sunday school numbered 475.

The annual meeting of the First Baptist Sunday school was held on Sunday evening in the main audience-room of the church. A large crowd of officers, teachers, and scholars of the school were in attendance. The Rev. Dr. Curry was called to the chair, and stated that as heretofore the meeting was convened for the election of officers and the distribution of prizes.

On motion, the meeting reelected all the officers by one vote, *viva voce*, as follows: Robert H. Bosher, superintendent; A. P. Fox, assistant superintendent; G. A. Haynes, secretary; D. S. McCarthy, assistant secretary; Josiah Ryland, treasurer; R. S. Bosher, librarian; R. E. Tyler, C. D. Habliston, and T. O. Keesee, assistant librarians; J. F. C. Potts, leader of singing; George A. Hundley, collector; E. T. Walthall, paper distributor.

The election thus quickly dispatched, as a mere form, the pleasant task of distributing the prizes to the successful little contestants begun. The smallest were called to the front, and stood in a row while Dr. Burrows gracefully handed the beautiful books to the little ones, who took them with many a bow and beaming face. Dr. Curry then delivered the prizes to the older pupils, throwing in a pleasant word in each case, by which cheerfulness was diffused through the audience. The prizes were given for punctuality of attendance, proficiency in lessons, and gathering in new scholars. A number of prizes were offered for the new year.

There was an error in the statistics of the school as published in one of the city papers on the 1st instant. The following are correct: Officers and teachers on roll, 67; number of scholars on roll, 550; average attendance during the year, 381, or 70 per cent.; largest attendance on any one Sunday during the year, 510 scholars.

At the Second church the Sunday school was very large. At its close there was an address by Rev. J. William Jones, general superintendent of the Sunday-School and Bible Board, and a collection for the Board which he represents.

Dr. Bitting preached to a large congregation his anniversary sermon, in which he made a most gratifying exhibit of the work of the church during the two years of his pastorate, bringing out some interesting statistics, which will be more fully given on next Sunday at the annual meeting of the church and Sunday school. At night Dr. Bitting baptized *two* persons.

At the Grace-Street (Third) church the pastor (Rev. Dr. Wilson) preached morning and night to very large congregations.

The Sunday school had 670 actually present. In an exceedingly appropriate little speech the pastor presented the prize (a splendid photograph-album with music-box in it) for bringing in the largest number of new scholars to Miss Connie Griffin, who had brought in forty-six, often coming to the Sunday school without her breakfast in order to accomplish her purpose. It was stated that 185 new scholars had been brought into the school since last September by contestants for this prize.

At a meeting of the Missionary and Library Association of Grace-Street Baptist held on Sunday the following officers were elected for the year 1874: S. S. Carter, president; O. D. Browne, vice-president; J. B. Woodward, recording secretary; Dr. M. L. James, corresponding secretary; C. V. Clash, treasurer; Walter J. Todd, librarian: R. F. Luck, Jr., assistant librarian.

At the Venable-Street chapel there were 139 present at the Sunday school, large congregations present morning and night, and one profession of conversion.

At Richmond College chapel the sermon at night was preached by Rev. J. William Jones. There is still a good deal of religious interest in the college. Services in connection with the "Concert of prayer for colleges," and with special reference to this college, will be held at the Second Baptist church next Thursday evening at 7½ o'clock. The services will be under the conduct of Drs. Curry and Harris, assisted by the Baptist ministers of the city.

At the Pine-Street Baptist church, the Sunday school was the largest ever assembled in the history of the church, the total attendance being 310. Dr. H. A. Tupper addressed the school and preached to a crowded house at 11 A. M. At the services at night it was found necessary to provide additional seats. One person was received into the Church and three received the right hand of fellowship. The number of communicants at the communion service was considerably larger than ever upon any former occasion.

At the First African church there were 630 in the Sunday school in the morning. After the morning sermon the pastor, Rev. J. H. Holmes, baptized a young man—Walter H. Brooks—who is a graduate of Lincoln University, and who preached in the afternoon a sermon which was very acceptable to the large congregation who heard him. The present membership of this church is 3,436 instead of 3,114, as reported to the last meeting of their Association and copied from those minutes into the New-Year's statistics of the *Dispatch*.

Seventh-Street Christian.

The pastor, Rev. J. Z. Tyler, preached morning and night to large congregations.

In the afternoon the Young Men's Missionary Society held their monthly meeting, at which it was reported that their chapel on Church Hill will be completed in February, and a committee was appointed to secure a suitable minister to take charge of that interest.

Methodist Churches.

Rev. Bishop Doggett preached Sunday morning at Trinity church. The congregation was very large and deeply impressed by the Bishop's able discourse. His subject, based on Psalms cii., 24-28, was stated substantially in the following form: "The immutability of God contrasted with the mutability of His works." The whole line of remark was marked by great clearness and elegance of style, forcible and impressive thought, and replete with rare passages of unsurpassed eloquence. The sermon was followed by a very large communion service.

Rev. A. C. Bledsoe, pastor, preached at night.

Rev. D. P. Wills, presiding elder of the Richmond district, preached Sunday morning and night at Union Station. His sermons were adapted to the times, and well received by large and deeply interested congregations. The communion, in the morning, was numerously attended. The Union Station congregation has just completed a neat and comfortable parsonage, adjoining the church building, into which the pastor, the Rev. H. C. Cheatham, has just moved.

Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., preached at Centenary Sunday morning and night to large congregations. The sermon in the morning was suited to the beginning of a new year. The communion service which followed the sermon was very largely attended. Dr. Edwards was assisted in the communion service by Rev. James J. Lampkin, a local preacher of Pittsylvania county, now a member of the State Legislature. Three members were received into the church.

Sunday night Dr. Edwards delivered his second discouse on Old Testament characters, "Samson, Delilah, and other Philistines," was his topic. This series of discourses will be continued for several successive Sunday nights in Centenary church.

Rev. John C. Granbery, D. D., preached Sunday morning and night at Broad-Street church. The communion Sunday morning was largely attended, with one addition to the church. The Doctor's sermon at night was in continuance of a series of discourses to young men. His subject was on "*gambling* and other vain ways of making money." These sermons have made a deep impression on the minds and hearts of those who heard them.

The Rev. E. N. Blogg, superintendent of the German Methodist Missions in Virginia and Maryland, preached Sunday morning for Rev. B. F. Woodward at Clay-Street church. The sermon was followed by the Lord's Supper, which was largely attended. In the afternoon Mr. Blogg preached to the Methodist German congregation in Clay-Street church, and administered the communion to nineteen communicants, assisted by the pastor, Rev. F. Bickel, who has charge of the Methodist German Mission in Richmond.

At Sidney church Rev. George C. Vanderslice, pastor, preached in the morning and held his monthly communion with the addition of one member. Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., preached at night to a large and serious congregation. His sermon was well conceived and developed, and made a deep impression upon his hearers. His text was taken from Daniel xii., 3. His subject was: "True Christian Work—Its Results and Reward."

Rev. L. N. Guy has been reappointed to the pastoral charge of the Oregon Methodist church. He is at present absent from the city, but will return in a few days and enter upon his work.

Manchester Churches.

Rev. F. M. Whittle, assistant bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, preached at the Meade Memorial church Sunday morning.

Mr. C. T. Burgess officiated at Branch's, and will hold service on the first Sabbath in each month in future.

The Union Sabbath school and prayer-meeting on Belle Isle, Sunday, was well attended.

Rev. William G. Lumpkin preached Sunday morning and night at Manchester church. The communion on Sunday was unusually large. The statistics of the Methodist church in Manchester, by some oversight, were omitted in the annual report of statistics of the Richmond and Manchester churches, as published in the *Dispatch* last week. The following is a correct report: Members, 290; additions during the year, 70; net increase, 50. Sunday school, 220; conversions in Sunday school, 18.

The quarterly anniversary of the Methodist Sabbath school took place Sunday evening, and was largely attended.

The exercises opened with prayer, and singing by the school.

The report of E. Gary, Esq., superintendent, showed an average attendance of 70 per cent. of 205 officers, teachers, and scholars.

The school is in good condition, and the ladies particularly working zealously for the cause.

Prizes were awarded Miss Signora Harding and Masters Foster and Brady; and addresses were delivered by Rev. W. G. Lumpkin and Assistant Superintendent R. G. Latham.

The singing by the school, led by Mrs. Fox and W. B. McCreery, was very good.

At the Baptist Sabbath school Sunday morning an address was delivered by Rev. D. B. Winfree, and the following officers were elected.

Superintendent, Dr. L. R. Chiles; assistant, R. D. Hogan; secretary, S. E. Woodfin; treasurer, A. C. Harding; librarians, W. H. Cheatham, W. Nunnally, and Charles Amos; chorister, R. D. Hogan; assistant, Harvey Nunnally.

Male and female Bible classes have been formed, composed exclusively of members of the church not heretofore attending Sabbath school.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—On to-night (Tuesday) a Sunday-school festival will be given to the German Sunday school in the basement of Clay-Street church, at which there will be singing, in German, by the children, with addresses and other exercises, followed by the distribution of Christmas presents to each of the Sunday-school children, of whom there are forty-six in the school. This Methodist German Mission gives promise of great prosperity and success. Steps have been taken by Rev. Mr. Bickel to procure a lot on which to build a German Methodist church, and it is hoped that during the present year a church will be built for the sole use of the Methodist Germans in Richmond.

THE EPIPHANY.—To-day is the ancient Christian festival of the Epiphany, in which is commemorated the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, in the persons of the Wise Men or Eastern Magi, who, having seen the miraculous star which heralded the birth of the Divine Saviour, came to worship Him and present to him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This festival is observed in the Catholic church as a holiday of obligation, and masses will be celebrated in the Catholic and other churches of the city as on Sundays. There will be special services also at St. Paul's (Episcopal) church to-day at 12 o'clock M.

MEETING OF STEWARDS.—The district stewards of the Methodist Church for the Richmond district, will meet at Broad-Street church to-day at 12 o'clock, to make all necessary arrangements for the ensuing year.

ASSEMBLY HALL.—A goodly audience attended Dr. Landis's lecture at Assembly Hall last night, and were prepared by the notices of him quoted in the city papers from northern exchanges to hear something unusually humorous and valuable; but it soon became apparent that the Assembly Hall company had been grossly misled. Dr. Landis is a minister of the Gospel, from Philadelphia, a man of fine appearance and of full flow of language; but his thoughts seem to outstrip even his rapid tongue, and he often left his sentences unfinished. We regret that he had not left more unsaid, or we had not heard him. Yet, for the sake of the readers of the *Dispatch*, at least, we must put forth a protest against the inculcation in this community of ideas that would undermine the morality and pure religion in any community. The Doctor stated in the beginning that he was formerly a medical practitioner, but now a preacher. His medical experience biased his whole lecture, or "oration," as he styled it, and furnished the only hints of any value during the hour he ranted ridiculously on the stage. Among his earliest utterances was something of this style, though not his exact words: "The Holy Ghost is an entire ghost—that is, a ghost without holes in it."

The lecturer apparently believes that Christ was a man of superior bodily and mental attainments, who is a suitable model in his character and personal habits for the imitation of every man and woman upon earth. He said Christ was a pure scientist, and there is only one way to go to heaven, and that is severely mathematical, purely scientific—the law of God, the law of Nature. Any failure to follow these was to yield to the temptations of the Devil. Good is God, evil is the Devil. Pure air, he said, is filled with angels—that is, with all the elements of health and vigor; foul air with imps, or the poisonous gases that destroy the body and which result in the destruction of the soul.

The lecturer traced the evils of improper feeding of infants, to boyhood, youth, and manhood. Improper feeding (suggested by the Devil) paved the way for dyspepsia; that and partaking of greasy food to a desire for tobacco; next came whiskey, and thence from evil to evil, from devil to the Devil. He devoted much attention to descriptions of the sad effects of tobacco and whiskey, saying many true things of them, and gave some wholesome warnings. His wife, who was born in North Carolina, had told him, he said, that if he "talked much about tobaco and whiskey down in Richmond he would get his head broke, for all the men down there get drunk and use tobacco, but he had found it a lie."

After vindicating fashion and fashionable training, he said ladies should marry men healthy in body and mind; men "correct in habits of stomach and of mind." Let them select such men "as your own great Governor Walker, a man who knew the right and dare maintain." This was the only remark that elicited applause.

We have followed this oration already too far, and may in a word say it was the most remarkable aggregation of sense and nonsense, of blasphemy and religion, ever heard in this city.

ESTHER THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN.—The "Richmond Amateur Musical Association" have consented to render Bradbury's cantata of Esther the Beautiful Queen, at the Second Baptist church, next Monday night the 12th of January. Those fond of good music are assured of a rich treat.

FUN AT THE VIRGINIA OPERA-HOUSE.—Alf. Burnett is full of fun, and has the most amusing way of communicating it to other people. He changed his entire dress and facial expression eight times last night in about as many minutes without using paint or pencil. To-night he appears as Mr. Caudle in the humorous sketch, "Mr. and Mrs. Caudle at Home," and in many other amusing characters.

THE THEATRE—LED ASTRAY.—The inclement weather alone kept away a large audience from the Theatre last night—at least, the play deserved a far better house. The version of Led Astray as rendered by the National Theatre Company is somewhat different from that presented in this city some time since, and is certainly more agreeable.

To-night Led Astray will be repeated, and to-morrow Geneva Cross is announced.

EVENT OF THE DRAMATIC SEASON.—The great Cushman is coming to Richmond, and will play three of her greatest characters—viz., Meg Merrilies, Lady Macbeth, and Queen Katharine.

UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN THE RICHMOND POST-OFFICE JANUARY 5, 1874.—Mary Brown, care Mrs. R. Kent; Mr. Frank Cunningham, Twenty-first and Main streets, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Jesse E. Dankgly, No. 30 Morris street, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Laura Holmes, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Philip A. Taliaferro.

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE for the week ending January 3, 1874:

Lots fronting 30 feet on Judah street between Leigh and Duval for $410; 15 feet on Graham street near Williamsburg avenue for $150; 31 feet on Clay street corner Twenty-eighth and 30 feet on Twenty-eighth street near Clay for $1,500; 35 feet on Clay street between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth for $3,500; 35 feet on Ninth street between M and Abigail for $3,000; 30 feet on Ninth street between M and Abigail for $3,000; 62 feet on Leigh street near Brook avenue for $1,600; 32 feet on Seventh street south of Baker for $186; 72½ feet on St. James street corner of Federal for $1,157.45; 27½ feet on Franklin street between Seventh and Eighth for $2,500; 71 7-12 feet on Duval street, 15 feet on St. Peter street south of Baker, 17 feet on Baker street between St. Paul and St. Peter, gift; 23½ feet on M street near Brook avenue for $1,500; 22½ feet on H street between Thirteenth and College for $6,500; 32 feet on Fifth street near Baker for $266; 22 feet on Hancock street corner Catharine for $125; 142 feet on Main street between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, and 142 feet on Main street between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth for $12,500; 20 feet on Fifth street north of Baker for $165; 50 feet on Lowndes street for $175; 30 feet on Seventh street north of Preston for $90.

THE WEATHER.—Sunday was the mildest day of the winter, so far. Open windows, empty grates, fans, &c., were the order of the day. A few more such days and the buds and birds might have been cheated into the belief that spring had come. But yesterday a change came, and with a constant rain, which set in about 5 o'clock in the morning and continued all day, it turned rapidly cooler.

On the 31st December the thermometer was down to 18 degrees, the lowest point of the winter; on the 1st January was 31 degrees, on the 2d 46 degrees, the 3d 47 degrees, the 4th 54, and on yesterday 59 degrees. The record of these figures was taken at sunrise each day.

PERSONAL.—Ex-Governor William Smith was upon the floor of the Senate yesterday.

Ex-Governor Sam Bard, of Atlanta, Ga., was in the city yesterday *en route* for Washington.

General William Skeen, of Covington, Alleghany county, was also in the city yesterday.

Rev. B. J. Kelley, of this city, recently ordained a priest of the Catholic Church, will probably be attached to the diocese of Bishop Becker, and be located at Wilmington, Del.

DIVIDEND.—The City Savings Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent., free of taxes, payable on and after the 10th of this month.

SERVICES will be held each night this week at the Third Presbyterian church (Church Hill) by Rev. S. J. Baird, D. D., pastor.

ELECTION OF TEMPERANCE OFFICERS.—Union Star Section, No. 1, Cadets of Temperance, have elected and installed the following officers, R. B. Evans, grand secretary, officiating: Grand Worthy Davis, W. A.; John H. Clarke, V. A.; M. H. Dabney, S.; Matthew Dickinson, A. S.; R. B. Evans, T.; J. L. Roberson, A. T.; John H. Coles, G.; P. P. Dickerson, U.; James Coleman, W.; E. B. Gaines, O. W.; C. H. Berkley, D. P.; M. H. Dabey, P. W. A.

The Grand Section will hold its quarterly session in Petersburg on the 12th instant.

INSTALLATION OF PYTHIAN OFFICERS.—D. D. G. C. Joseph J. White, assisted by D. D. G. C. John C. Teller and other grand officers, installed the following officers of Virginia Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, last night: C. J. Fox, P. C.; B. F. Howard, C. C.; George R. Waldman, V. C.; C. J. Weymouth, P.; C. Clinely, M. of F.; W. V. Glazebrook, M. of E.; H. Downing, K. of R. and S.; R. J. Pollard, M. at A.; A. K. Dempsey, I. G.; W. H. Wise, O. G.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

STREET IMPROVEMENT.—The paving and macadamizing of Bridge avenue is now complete, and as soon as the weather opens Mr. W. R. Blunt, the contractor, will commence the sidewalk on Fourth avenue from Hull street to Stockton. A plank walk has already been laid from the last-named to Baconsville. Fourth avenue will also be paved from Hull to Bainbridge street.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The M. T. F. & F. of Manchester has elected C. S. Wells president, C. W. Lee recording secretary, G. W. Jones financial secretary, W. T. Hart treasurer.

THE CHARTER COMMITTEE.—Messrs. Atkisson, Whitehead, Bradley, Weisiger, and Moody, sub-committee to divide the town into wards, will meet to-night at the Council chamber.

PUBLIC MEETING.—The Jefferson Literary Society hold a meeting at the county court-house to-night at 7½ o'clock. Messrs. Monteiro, Atkisson, Beazley, Pulliam, Owen, Gentry, and others, will present the claims of the Association to public favor.

A RELIC FOUND.—Workmen preparing for the Odd-Fellows' banquet at the county court-house yesterday found a ticket voted for General Jackson at the election of 1824 by E. W. Poindexter, Esq., the late county auditor. Virginia then had twenty-two electoral votes. W. H. Roane represented this district, and among the electors was the late Senator Mason, of Frederick county.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

On all sales of real estate made between the 1st of January and 30th of June the taxes for the present year have to be paid by the purchaser. On all sales made between the 1st of July and last of the year the taxes have to be paid by the seller.

COOK & LAUGHTON, 10 A. M., at the store of S. S. Carter, stock of groceries, wines, &c.;

GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, 1 P. M., brick tenement and two vacant lots on Seventeenth between Broad and Marshall streets.

DON'T FAIL TO PURCHASE A DOZEN OF THOSE LARGE HUCKABACK TOWELS at $2.25 per dozen worth $3; or a dozen extra size at $3 worth $4. These towels are all pure linen, and one of the best bargains ever offered for the price. Call at LEVY BROTHERS' and secure a dozen before it is too late to do so.

BEST CLOVER HILL LUMP COAL $5.25 per load, and all kinds of anthracite coal at lowest market rates. R. O. GARY, No. 118 Eighth street near packet landing.

LEVY BROTHERS offer dress goods at very low prices. No better time than the present to make your purchases, as goods are lower now than they will be again for years.

OVERCOATS, TALMAS, AND CAPES for sale low by E. B. SPENCE & SON.

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Two FLUE BOILERS, 26 feet long, 42 inch diameter, each with two 14 inch flues, in good order;
Four No. 6 STURTEVANT BLOWERS,
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Two No. 4 McKENZIE BLOWERS,
One No. 6 ANDREWS' CENTRIFUGAL PUMP,
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