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SATURDAY..... FEBRUARY 7, 1874.

LOCAL MATTERS.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO-MORROW.—The usual religious services will be held in all of the city churches to-morrow except the following special appointments:

English Lutheran.—Preaching by Rev. R. L. Holland, at Odd Fellows' Hall, corner Franklin and Mayo streets, at 11 A. M.

Israelitish Synagogue (Covenant Hall)—Service at 3½ P. M. Subject of discourse: "The way they call heresy."

United States Court-room.—Rev. A. R. Miller of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at 11 A. M. Subject: "The Christian religion."

Assembly Hall.—Dr. Hoge at 11 A. M. Some questions relating to the Assembly.

Third Street Methodist.—Rev. W. B. Derrick at 11 A. M., 3 P. M., and 7½ P. M. Subjects: "Esau and Jacob's reconciliation."

REGULATIONS FOR LENT IN THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND AND VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF NORTH CAROLINA.—The following are the regulations for the coming Lenten season of Holy Church promulgated by the Right Reverend Bishop of the diocese:

1. Lent this year will commence on Ash-Wednesday, the 18th of February.

2. Every day of Lent (Sundays excepted) is a fasting and abstinence day for all not legitimately dispensed. Only one full meal (to be taken at midday) is allowed by law.

3. Flesh-meat is allowed on Sundays at all meals; and on week-days, at the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, except the first, the second, and Saturday.

4. To those who fast, custom allows in the morning a cup of coffee, of tea, or chocolate made with water, and a small portion of bread; and in the evening collation, not to exceed the ninth part of an ordinary meal. Those having control of their times of repast, and accustomed to take their dinner at a late hour in the afternoon, are permitted to transfer the collation to the morning.

5. Flesh-meat and fish are not to be used at the same meal.

6. Excluding flesh-meats, if the proportion customary for a collation be not exceeded, is permitted to use at collation the articles of food, such as fruit, butter, eggs, or even fish.

7. The preparation of food with hog's lard is allowed.

8. Being under twenty-one years of age, infirmity of health, pregnancy, the nursing of infants at the breast, and hard labor are good causes of dispensation from the fast. But good reasons for being exempted from the fast are not always reasons for being exempted from the abstinence.

9. The Paschal-time extends from the first Sunday of Lent till Trinity-Sunday; during this time Catholics who have attained the age of reason are bound to make confession of their sins, and, when approved by their confessors, to receive Holy Communion. A child at the age of seven years is considered bound by the law of confession. Parents should take notice of this fact.

Given at Richmond this 2d day of February, 1874. By order of Right Rev. James Gibbons, Bishop of Richmond and Administrator Apostolic of North Carolina.

REV. F. JANSSENS, Secretary.

CATHOLIC NOTES.—The dedicatory sermon on the occasion of the dedication of St. Ann's church, near Baltimore, which took place last Sunday, was preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Gibbons, of Richmond, in the presence of a large and most attentive audience, which filled the church to its utmost capacity. The discourse is reported as having been impressive and beautiful, and eminently appropriate to the solemn occasion.

Rev. Benjamin J. Kelley, recently ordained at the Cathedral in this city, officiated as deacon during the dedicatory services alluded to.

The following changes and appointments recently made in the diocese of Richmond are officially announced:

Rev. Thomas Kelly, of St. Patrick's, Richmond, has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph's, Martinsburg, *vice* Rev. P. J. O'Keefe, relieved.

Rev. J. Doherty, Warrenton, succeeds Father Kelley as pastor of St. Patrick's, Richmond, and Rev. W. B. Hanley is appointed temporarily pastor of the church at Warrenton.

THE VIRGINIA CENTRAL WATER-LINE.—The Board of Engineers of the United States met yesterday morning at the office of the Engineer of the James River Improvement. Nothing of special importance was done, and later in the day the distinguished visitors were escorted to the capitol, and visited both houses of the General Assembly, where they were introduced by the committee appointed for that purpose, and welcomed by the presiding officers of the two houses. Last night the party left the city at 8:45 o'clock in the Chesapeake and Ohio fast express train for Charleston, W. Va.

THE COUNTY JAILOR REMOVED—THE SHERIFF SMACKED.—Quite an amusing scene was enacted at the county court-house day before yesterday, which was preceded by the removal from office of the jailor (Mr. A. H. Lynneman) by Mr. Conrad Wagner, recently qualified as sheriff of the county. It appears that Mr. Lynneman was assisting Mr. Wagner in putting up a new stove, when a dispute arose about something between Mr. Lynneman's wife and the new sheriff. After awhile Mrs. Lynneman, it is said, became exasperated, and gave the sheriff a smart smack in the face with the palm of her hand. This incident over, the stove was put up, and afterwards everything went smoothly.

THE WEATHER.—It commenced snowing yesterday morning at 7½ o'clock, and continued during the day. At about 5 o'clock the snow was followed by a light rain. Except in the early morning the temperature was not very cold until late at night. It seems that the winter, after being mild and pleasant through two-thirds of its season, is about expending all its force in the short month of February. Up to this date the range of the thermometer, taken at sunrise each day, exhibits the fact that on no day has the mercury reached 30 degrees (F.) at that hour.

UNCLAIMABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN THE RICHMOND POST-OFFICE February 6, 1874.—Mrs. Archer Brown, 8½, corner Eighth and Marshall streets, Richmond, Va.; Rena Goode; Mr. Frank Jackson, Richmond, Va.; T. C. Jones, Powhatan Iron Company, Richmond, Va.; Charles Millhiser, box 186, Richmond, Va.; Henry Tongue; John T. Douglass.

INDICTED.—The grand jury of the Hustings Court met yesterday, and found a true bill against Cornelius Smith for felonious assault.

NOTARY PUBLIC.—The Governor yesterday appointed W. P. Burwell a notary public for the city of Richmond.

QUALIFIED.—Messrs. H. L. Staples and M. J. Michelbacher qualified yesterday as notaries public before the Hustings Court.

STATE TREASURY.—The balance in the State Treasury yesterday was $598,887.78.

DAILY DISPATCH.

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CRUMBLING TO PIECES.

RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE CONDITION OF THE CITY HALL.

THE BUILDING DECLARED UNSAFE.

WHAT THE GRAND JURY SAY.

ACTION OF JUDGE GUIGON, &c.

The grand jury of the Hustings Court resumed its session yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, and after some private consultation entered the court-room and presented the following as

THE RESULT OF THEIR INQUIRIES:

In pursuance of a special charge of the honorable judge of the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond the grand jury of said court have inquired into the condition of the City Hall, the building in which this court and the Chancery Court of the city are held, and in which the records of the Chancery Court are kept.

It was in evidence before us that the foundations of the building are seriously impaired, and are daily growing worse; that the main walls on every side are dangerously cracked beyond remedy; that the western wall is kept from falling by only two 1½-inch iron rods, liable to be snapped by the sudden displacement of the heavy timbers of the dome, which rest upon a very insecure support; and that on the occurrence of such an event the greater portion of the building would be crushed.

Experts testified that owing to the generally dilapidated condition of the building and the peculiar construction of the clerk's office of the Chancery Court said office was not fire-proof, and that if the building were destroyed by fire it would almost certainly involve the loss of all the deeds for property, fiduciary accounts, bonds, and other valuable records in the office.

Among many witnesses examined by the grand jury were the City Engineer and some of the principal architects and builders of the city. All of these testify, as will be seen from the paper filed herewith and signed by them, that the City Hall building is unsafe; that the room in which the records of the Chancery Court are kept is not fire-proof, as required by section 2 of chapter 50 of the Code of 1873; and that the building is in such a state of decay that it cannot be repaired to make it safe for any of the purposes for which it is used.

Your grand jury unanimously concur in the opinion above expressed, and recommend that the honorable judge of the Hustings Court enter an order for the immediate removal of this court; that temporary provision be made for the preservation in a fire-proof building of the public records; that such process as the law authorizes be issued as will compel the City Council to provide a suitable building for the courts, with a fire-proof room therein, for the records of the Chancery Court; and that if it be within the power of this court so to order that it prohibit the future use of the City Hall building by the officers of the city.

[Signed] H. K. Ellyson, foreman; John H. Tyler, W. S. Donnan, Joseph G. Dill, William H. Palmer, Archer Anderson, Joseph Hall, Charles Phillips, John W. Fergusson, John Ahern, W. H. Gordon, A. L. Shepherd, P. W. Gibson, J. H. Pleasants, John C. Page, Jr., C. P. Word, Robert J. Bullington, Samuel Maccubbin, Charles Campbell, Silas L. Johnson.

The following is the report of the experts referred to in the communication from the grand jury:

RICHMOND, VA., February 5, 1874.

We, the undersigned, being this day summoned before the grand jury of this city to inquire—

I. Whether the City Hall building is safe for the uses to which it is now put;

II. Whether the room in which the records are kept is a safe place for their keeping; respectfully report—

That we have carefully examined the building in company with Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, city engineer, and are of opinion—

1. That the building is unsafe.

2d. That the room in which the records are kept is not fire-proof, and is not in any sense a safe place for keeping the records of the city.

3d. That the building cannot be repaired so as to make it safe for any of the purposes for which it is used.

Respectfully submitted.

[Signed] Henry Exall, architect; Alex. Y. Lee, architect; John Gibson, builder; Joseph F. Powell, builder; George Gibson, builder; William B. Cook, builder; Albert L. West, architect; W. E. Cutshaw, city engineer.

After the reading of the finding of the grand jury Judge Guigon thanked them for their patient investigation of the matter, and said that he would follow their suggestions, and would cause the necessary and proper steps to be taken in the premises.

The grand jury were then discharged, and Judge Guigon addressed the following

LETTER TO MR. DAVIS,

chairman of the Council Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, for an interview at the City Hall at 5 o'clock:

HUSTINGS COURT OF CITY OF RICHMOND, RICHMOND, February 6, 1874.

Charles T. Davis, Esq., Chairman, &c.:

Dear Sir,—The grand jury having this day condemned the City Hall building as unsafe and likely to be crushed at any time; and inasmuch as, after such finding, I am not at liberty longer to occupy the building as a court-house, and must find some place at once for the trial of cases pending and for the safe disposition of the records—such action is also necessary in the case of the Chancery Court, Judge Fitzhugh—I would be glad to meet you and your committee at once, before any order is made in the premises.

I have the honor to be, &c.

A. B. GUIGON.

The Judge also addressed the following

LETTER TO THE COUNCIL,

which will probably be considered at their meeting on Monday:

HUSTINGS COURT, CITY OF RICHMOND, RICHMOND, February 6, 1874.

To the Council of the City of Richmond:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the finding of the grand jury of the city of Richmond, this day presented, condemning the City Hall building, in which the Chancery and Hustings Courts are held, as unsafe and unfit, and presenting that the records are liable to be destroyed at any time.

Under these circumstances, with the recommendation of the grand jury for the immediate removal of this court, sustained by my own judgment and conviction, I have felt myself compelled to decline holding this court in the City Hall, and to make such orders for the protection of the public records as in my judgment the law requires at my hands. I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

A. B. GUIGON.

THE PETIT JURY DISCHARGED.

Just before the adjournment of the court Judge Guigon discharged the petit jury, saying that in consideration of the finding of the grand jury he did not feel himself authorized to ask gentlemen to serve in a building which had been deemed by experts, and which he believed, to be unsafe.

The court then adjourned to meet again at 11 o'clock this morning, when the orders in the case will be entered.

THE BRITISH COMMITTEE OF RICHMOND will meet at the Exchange Hotel on Monday at 8 P. M. They extend a cordial and earnest invitation to all gentlemen of British parentage who feel an interest in the successful and permanent organization of a British Association for the State of Virginia to unite with them.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—*Judge R. W. Hughes presiding.*—A special session of this court was held yesterday morning in the custom-house building, at which time Colonel J. R. Popham qualified as clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, for Richmond and Alexandria, by giving the required security, &c., and at once entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

This office, which has been much sought after,—Judge Hughes having had between fifty and a hundred applications for it—has been a very lucrative one to the former incumbent. From bankruptcy alone the fees have been enormous. Since 1868 five thousand and two hundred cases have been filed, the fees in which have averaged fully twenty-five dollars each. Indeed, a deposit or advance of ten dollars is required on the reception of each case, and the aggregate of fees in bankruptcy cases alone has since 1868 reached the enormous sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, according to the very reasonable estimate thus made. This estimate omits other business in the court, which has been heavy.

Judge Hughes made an order requiring the registrar in bankruptcy to hereafter keep the records and papers of his office in a fire-proof building. In accordance with this order, Colonel W. W. Forbes will remove his office to the room in the custom-house recently occupied by the supervisor of internal revenue as soon as it can be put in proper condition.

After the transaction of some other unimportant business the court was adjourned.

CHARGED WITH ILLICIT DISTILLING.—Mr. Henry Stringfellow, of Culpeper county, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Pleasants yesterday, charged with illicit distilling. After a number of witnesses had been examined defendant was held to bail in $1,000 to appear before the grand jury at the next session of the United States District Court.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.—The following business was transacted in this court yesterday:

Burwell's executor *vs.* Lumsden and *als.* Fully argued by General Early for the appellants and James Alfred Jones, Esq., for the appellees, and submitted.

The cases of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company *vs.* Atwood's administrator and the New York Life Insurance Company *vs.* Henderson will probably be heard together to-day.

Judge B. W. Lacy, of New Kent, qualified as counsel in this court.

Graham *vs.* Elzey. Rehearing granted, and set down to be heard orally on the 10th day of March, 1874.

HUSTINGS COURT.—In this court yesterday the following cases were disposed of:

Charles Wilson, jointly indicted with William Lee *alias* William Conner, and William Timberlake, for stealing $55 from F. W. Thomas in December last, was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years.

John Harris, charged with felonious assault upon Albert Livingstone, was tried and acquitted.

CIRCUIT COURT.—No business of public interest was transacted in this court yesterday.

POLICE COURT, FRIDAY—*Justice Crutchfield.* Jack Newman, guilty of stealing a lot of iron from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, was sent to the chain-gang for six months.

Lavinia Starke *alias* Timberlake, guilty of trespass upon the premises of Lucy Morris, was sent to jail in default of surety to keep the peace.

Ella Gray and Laura Claiborne were fined $5 each for fighting.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT, FRIDAY—*Judge Minor.*—The grand jury found indictments against Peyton Walker (negro) for burglary, and Andrew Johnson and Rebecca Morris for misdemeanors. They also presented the following paper to Judge Minor:

"We, the members of the grand jury, summoned from each township of Henrico county, do move the honorable court of Henrico county that it adopt section 5 of chapter 99 of the Code of 1873 to the full letter of the law, in regard to hunting and trespassing on the lands of another."

Louisa Ware was tried and found guilty of trespass, and was sent to jail for two days and fined $1 and costs.

CENTRAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Senate Committee on Public Institutions and the House Committee on Asylums and Prisons had a joint session last night on the subject of the Central Lunatic Asylum and the purchase of the ground on which the Asylum is situated. After a lengthy discussion the matter was laid on the table.

CONTESTED-ELECTION CASE.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections are to meet in the Senate Chamber at 4 P. M. to-day to decide the contested-election case of Robertson *vs.* Maddox.

THE THEATRE.—This afternoon the Coleman sisters will give a matinée, at which the Silver Star will be played. To-night they appear for the last time.

The sale of reserved seats for Miss Cushman's engagement is progressing at Ambold's. A very large number of seats have already been secured, and it is expected that the great tragedienne will have very large audiences during her stay in this city.

MR. COX DIDN'T LECTURE.—Mr. S. S. Cox was announced to lecture at Association Hall last night, but the weather was such that very few persons turned out. Mr. Cox arrived according to appointment, and decided that it would be useless for him to lecture before so small an audience; and having business claiming his attention in Washington on Monday, he took the night train for that city last night.

THE DAVENPORT BROTHERS.—The very inclement weather last night did not prevent quite a large audience from being attracted to Virginia Opera-House to witness the truly wonderful performances of the Davenport brothers.

Two gentlemen well known in connection with the State government—one of the legislative and the other of the executive branch—went upon the stage and made a thorough examination of the cabinet. They tied the brothers, as they thought, securely, and the doors of the cabinet were no sooner closed than bells were rung inside, a tamborine and violin were sounded, and the notes from a guitar were distinctly heard. Then, all of a sudden, a coat was thrown through the door as the cabinet was opened, and fell upon the stage.

One of the committee then took off his coat and laid it on the bottom of the cabinet inside, and before you could say "Jack Robinson" the brother inside who was in his shirt-sleeves was invested with the coat of the other, though he, too, was tied fast, while the coat of the committeeman went upon the other brother in a mysterious manner and in the shortest possible time. But it is useless to particularize. The entertainment is very wonderful and enjoyable.

To-night it is said a member of the General Assembly who recently offered to lay a wager of one hundred dollars that he could tie the brothers so that they could not free themselves will be in attendance, and as the Davenports have accepted the challenge in a card which was published yesterday the entertainment will doubtless be very interesting. An old sea-captain and a well-known postoffice detective are also expected to undertake the tying operation.

There is to be a family matinée this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

PARDONED.—The Governor has pardoned Joseph A. Blair.

MANCHESTER ITEMS.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—The monthly meeting of the Methodist Sabbath-School Union of Richmond and Manchester will be held at the Methodist church at 3½ o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Rev. J. Julius Samms, the new pastor of the Meade Memorial (Episcopal) church, is expected to officiate at that church to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Sabbath school at 2½ P. M. and union prayer-meeting at 3½ o'clock at Belle Isle under the auspices of the Methodist Missionary Society.

A FRATERNAL VISIT.—Schiller Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F., of Richmond, will visit Henderson Lodge, No. 105, of this place, in a body, Monday night, and a pleasant reunion is expected.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COURT.—The February term of the County Court will commence Monday at 11 o'clock A. M.

LOUISA TOBACCO.—The following sales of Louisa tobacco were made by Messrs. PALMER, HARTSOOK & CO., of this city, at public sale, on Thursday, 5th instant:

L. Z. Jones.—	No. 1	$11 25
	No. 2	11 50
	No. 3	10 75
	No. 4	10 00
	No. 5	9 00
	No. 6 (lugs)	4 30
N. W. Winston.—	No. 1	11 50
	No. 2	12 00
	No. 3	9 87½
	No. 4	5 90

These tobaccos were good Louisa dark wrappers, or stemming tobacco, and as they were the first offerings of the season will give a correct index of the market for such descriptions.

It is but just to say that they were made with the tobacco fertilizer of the Southern Fertilizing Company, of this city.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS, OLIVES, ANCHOVIES, GENUINE FRENCH MUSTARD, OLIVE OIL, at A. PIZZINI, Jr.'s, 807 Broad street.

GO AND SEE THE WONDERFUL DAVENPORT BROTHERS.—Matinee at 2 o'clock. Admission, 25c. only. Last appearance to-night.

WANTED, A COPY OF THE DISPATCH (including the supplement) of June 21st, 1867, in which was published Dr. R. L. DABNEY'S reply to the letter of General JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, criticising Dr. DABNEY'S narrative of the first battle of Manassas.

THE FAMOUS ROQUEFORT CHEESE, composed of seventy per cent. ewe's milk, twenty per cent. goat's milk, and ten per cent. cow's milk, is kept for sale only by A. PIZZINI, 807 Broad street.

EDAM CHEESE always on hand, also.

LADIES, in their shopping, should remember ANTONI'S Dining-Saloon, Main street.

DAVENPORT BROTHERS' STARTLING EXHIBITION.—Matinee at 2 o'clock. Admission, 25c. Last appearance to-night.

TRANSFER PRINTING-INKS for copying letter-headings, statements, way-bills, &c. Can be copied in the ordinary letter-press book. Send your orders for printing in these inks, and for all other descriptions of printing, to the *Dispatch* Printing-House.

DAVENPORT BROTHERS.—Matinee on Saturday at 2 o'clock. Admission, 25c. Last appearance to-night.

WANTED, $4,000 ON REAL ESTATE three and a half miles from city, on a turnpike and railroad. Property very highly improved and being improved every day with manure, &c. The above is half the assessed value of the farm. Title perfect. Willing to pay ten per cent. per annum for one, two, and three years. For further information, address "S. G.," Richmond, Va.

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WANTED TO BE HEARD FROM.—If anybody has ever used the thorough and scientific course of treatment recommended by the proprietor of Dr. SAGE'S Catarrh Remedy for the cure of catarrh and has not been perfectly cured, the proprietor (Dr. R. V. PIERCE) would like to hear from that person; and by addressing him at the World's Dispensary, Buffalo, N. Y., such person, if there be one, will hear of something to his or her advantage, as the doctor is in *earnest* when he offers $500 reward for a case of catarrh which he cannot cure, and is perfectly able to pay it if he fails in a single case, as any one may ascertain upon inquiry. The thorough course of treatment referred to and recommended by Dr. PIERCE consists in the use of Dr. SAGE'S Catarrh Remedy with Dr. PIERCE'S Nasal Douche, which is the only means by which the fluid can be carried high up and applied to all parts of the nasal passages and the chambers connected therewith in which ulcers exist and from which the discharge proceeds. In addition to this thorough application of the Remedy, which should always be used warm, Dr. PIERCE'S Golden Medical Discovery should be taken earnestly as constitutional treatment, without which few cases can be cured, as the disease is always constitutional and must be treated accordingly. This treatment has no unpleasant features about it, and has the advantage of never driving the disease to the lungs, as there is danger of doing by the use of strong, irritating snuffs or poisonous solutions.

PLAIN FACTS.

FRANKFORT, MICH., September 13, 1873.

A year ago I had a bad cough from the catarrh which I had in my throat. I tried a good many things but got nothing to do me any good until I used your Golden Medical Discovery and Dr. SAGE'S Catarrh Remedy. They cured me in three months, for which I am very thankful.

AMOS FISHER.

THE MASONIC GIFT CONCERT AT NORFOLK, owing to various reasons, has been postponed to 6th of May, 1874, and on the night of that date the concert and drawing will positively take place. This is an opportunity rarely offered for some one to make a fortune with the small outlay of $5. Tickets can be had in Richmond at P. WEISIGER & CO.'S hat store, 1201 Main street. Orders from a distance solicited. Send money by post-office order or express. The following is a list of gifts:

One Grand Cash Gift	$50,000
One Grand Cash Gift	25,000
One Grand Cash Gift	12,500
One Grand Cash Gift	10,000
One Grand Cash Gift	5 000
One Grand Cash Gift	2,500
24 Cash Gifts, $500 each	12,000
50 Cash Gifts, 250 each	12,000
80 Cash Gifts, 200 each	16,000
100 Cash Gifts, 150 each	15,000
150 Cash Gifts, 100 each	15,000
590 Cash Gifts, 50 each	29,500
9,000 Cash Gifts, 5 each	45,000
Grand Total, 10,000 Gifts, all cash	$250,000

Whole tickets, $5; half tickets, $2.50. Club rates, eleven tickets for $50.

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS to all parts of the house at the Saturday matinee.

REDUCED.—As the season is advancing Messrs. E. B. SPENCE & SON have put down the prices of their overcoats and other heavy winter stock at greatly reduced prices.

IF YOU WANT A NICE-FITTING SHIRT, out of the very best material, leave your order at E. B. SPENCE & SON'S.

THE PEMBROKE SHIRT IS WARRANTED TO FIT. Leave your orders at E. B. SPENCE & SON'S, 1300 Main street.

UNDERWEAR, OF ALL GRADES, and from medium to best quality, at reduced prices, at E. B. SPENCE & SON'S, 1300 Main street.

CLOTHING.—E. B. SPENCE & SON, 1300 Main street, have a very large stock of ready-made clothing, which they are selling at the very lowest market prices.

CALIFORNIA APRICOTS AND CURRANT JELLY at CHRISTIAN & WHITE'S.

GENTLEMEN'S FINE WHITE LINEN-BOSOM SHIRTS at $1.50 worth $2.50, at JULIUS MEYER'S, 603 Broad street. Demorest's reliable PATTERNS.

YE SMOKERS AND CHEWERS! Get your supply at SCHAAF'S, 1402 Main. His brands take the lead.

LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL TWO-OUNCE POCKET-HAT, weight three ounces, at P. WEISIGER & CO.'S.

CHOICE FRUITS AT ANTONI'S.

FINE SILK UMBRELLAS at cost at P. WEISIGER & CO.'S.

HUMAN HAIR—GIVING AWAY TO MONOPOLY. Wishing to make a change in business, I will during the next thirty days sell out my entire stock of HUMAN HAIR at cost. Come and be convinced that you will get the worth of your money at E. L. GRANGER'S, 627 Broad street.

COLEMAN CHILDREN MATINEE SATURDAY at 2 o'clock. Twenty-five cents to all parts of the house.

GO TO ANTONI'S FOR CONFECTIONERIES.

GO AND SEE THE COLEMAN CHILDREN at the matinee Saturday at 2 o'clock.

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CHEDDER AND STILTON CHEESE, old and very superior, at CHRISTIAN & WHITE'S.

SCHAAF'S NEWS AGENCY, 1402 Main street, supplies subscribers at publishers' rates. VALENTINES by the gross or singly.

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.

W. GODDIN, at 12 M., six parcels of land near Brook turnpike, adjoining Yellow Tavern.

COOK & LAUGHTON, at 11 A. M., at Turner's stables, twenty-five saddle and work-horses, farm-wagon and harness.

SALES AT THE REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE ON MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, AT 12 O'CLOCK M.

By LYNE & BROTHER: A tract of land in Henrico, about five or six miles from Richmond, on the Nine-Mile road. Also, two building lots on Twenty-seventh between M and N streets.

By RICHARDSON & CO.: Three building lots, on Church Hill, on Thirtieth street between Marshall and Clay.

By GRUBBS & WILLIAMS: Building lots on St. James near Duval street.

By J. THOMPSON BROWN: Lot on southeast corner Leigh and Foushee streets.

E. P. CRENSHAW, 10½ A. M., household furniture.

By GRUBBS & WILLIAMS: Four farms. See advertisement.

By GRUBBS & WILLIAMS: Lot on the east side of Tenth street north of Leigh.

By W. R. POLK & CO.: Brick dwelling No. 710 Grace street.

By CHAFFIN, STAPLES & CO: Three building lots on Cary street at its intersection with Reservoir street.

By W. GODDIN: Sixteen lots on Belvidere and Church streets, Oregon Hill.

By N. M. LEE: Lots Nos. 208 and 210 Nineteenth street, with improvements thereon.

On TUESDAY, February 17:

By W. GODDIN: Farm of 110 9-16 acres in Henrico, on the old Three-Chopped road.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT, and occupancy now ready, a FIRST-CLASS DWELLING, being the second tenement on the southwest corner of Clay and Third streets; water, gas, and baths, complete. Apply to JAMES E. LITSCOMB & CO. MARY E. ALVEY,
fe 7-2w Administratrix.

FOR RENT, a desirable HOUSE and LOT in Ashland, Va. Possession given at once. Apply to W. J. LEAKE, either in Ashland, or at his office, No. 1103 Main street.
fe 7-S&Tu2t*

FOR RENT, a nice FRAME STORE, and DWELLING over same, situated on Twenty-fifth street between O and P, suitable for any light business. The dwelling has three rooms. Rent very low. LYNE & BROTHER.
fe 7-2t*

By J. Thompson Brown,
Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer,
1115 Main street, opposite *Dispatch.*

FOR RENT, neat FRAME DWELLING, in perfect order, three rooms, between Franklin and Main near Fifteenth street. $15 per month.

FRAME HOUSE, five rooms, very large garden, more land if desired, on Brook road, in view of Richmond. $75 per annum.

HOUSE, five rooms, nine acres, on Brook road south of and near the toll-gate. $150 per annum. Apply to J. THOMPSON BROWN.
fe 7-6t

FOR RENT, a nice FRAME TENEMENT on the west corner of Second and Jackson streets.

Also, a BRICK HOUSE on Twenty-ninth between Main and Franklin streets. Apply to E. D. EACHO, No. 9 Fourteenth street.
fe 6-3t

FOR RENT, "THE MONTICELLO HOUSE," on Main between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. It contains twenty-five rooms, and is one of the most desirable locations in the city for a large boarding-house. Gas and water on the premises. Apply to GRUBBS & WILLIAMS.
fe 6-1w

FOR RENT, SECOND FLOOR OF TENEMENT-HOUSE No. 609 Main street, opposite Arlington House. Very desirable for a small family or for young men. Apply to Dr. ROBINSON. fe 5-3t*

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING on west side of Fifth street between Broad and Grace, with eight rooms and kitchen; gas and water.

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING on the west side of Third street between Byrd and Arch, with five rooms; gas and water.

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING No. 105 Marshall, between First and Second street, with eight rooms; kitchen with two rooms; gas and water.

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING at the southwest corner of Canal and Fourth streets, with eight rooms; kitchen with two rooms; gas, water, and bath-room.

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING No. 835 west Clay street, with six rooms; gas, water, &c. This house is new, and is very desirable.

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING No. 717 west Marshall street, with eight rooms, and kitchen with two rooms.

FOR RENT, FRAMED DWELLING on Brown (for Poplar) street, with six rooms. Neat and comfortable.

FOR RENT, TWO BRICK DWELLINGS on Church street, Oregon Hill, with three or four rooms each.

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING No. 110 Cherry street (in Ford's row), with three rooms.

FOR RENT, BRICK STORE, and DWELLING above, on Adams street between Broad and Marshall. Rent low.

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING on Clarke street between Jackson and Duval, with three rooms.

FOR RENT, FRAMED DWELLING on Robinson street, near Shurlo, formerly occupied by G. W. Cottrell, with five rooms.

Apply to GRUBBS & WILLIAMS.
fe 5-4t

STORE FOR RENT.
GOODS AT COST.

Until about March 1st we will sell at our BROAD-STREET STORE, corner of Fifth, our stock of

PRIME BOOTS, SHOES, AND TRUNKS AT COST;

after which we will consolidate our two stores by discontinuing our Broad-Street store. To any one wishing to engage in the shoe business this is an extra chance, as we will sell the stock and rent the store on very reasonable terms. It is one of the best locations on Broad street.

MARCUS HARRIS & BROTHER,
corner Fifth and Broad and 1321 Main street.
ja 22-1m

FOR RENT, STORE No. 3, on the east side of Fifteenth street just south of Main street, with cellar, and two floors above. Also, STORE on the north side of Main street between Seventh and Eighth streets, with or without floor above. Apply to GRUBBS & WILLIAMS.
fe 5-4t

REMOVALS.

REMOVAL.—J. L. WHITTAKER has removed to No. 11 Fourteenth street, between Main and Franklin, where he is prepared to continue SLATE, TIN, and GRAVEL-ROOFING; also, PLUMBING, GAS and STEAM-FITTING. Thankful for past patronage, I hope for a continuance of the same. A. J. Bowman is with me.
ja 23 2w J. L. WHITTAKER.

REMOVAL! REMOVAL!—Having removed to the corner five doors above the old stand I am prepared to offer increased inducements to purchasers of

FINE WATCHES, JEWELRY,
SILVER-GOODS, PLATED WARE,
FANCY GOODS &c. C. GENNETT,
ja 9-1m corner of Main and Tenth streets.

Latest News from Washington.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, February 6, 1874.

The proceedings in the House to-day were devoid of general interest. The morning hour was occupied by the Committee on Military Affairs in reporting private bills, and after that the House, in Committee of the Whole, acted upon and then passed a number of bills on the private calendar.

Mr. Rusk, of Wisconsin, objected at first to a session for debate on to-morrow, but finally yielded to the entreaties of members who had buncombe speeches to get off; and the "minstrel-matinée" performances, as Sunset Cox styles them, will come off as usual.

TIMON.

[Associated Press telegrams.]

WASHINGTON, February 6, 1874.

Congressional.

Senate.—Mr. Merrimon, of North Carolina, presented a petition of citizens of Wilmington, N. C., and Chamber of Commerce of that city, asking an appropriation of $350,000 to complete the improvements at the mouth of Cape Fear river. Referred to Committee on Commerce.

Senator Sherman's amendment to the bankrupt bill to fix the limit of the dishonoring of commercial paper was rejected; also the amendment requiring one-third of the creditors to force a debtor into bankruptcy. A long discussion ensued thereon, participated in by Messrs. Thurman, Carpenter, and others. Pending the discussion an amendment of Thurman's abolishing the office of register the Senate went into executive session, and after a half-hour the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

Senator Davis, of West Virginia, introduced a bill to authorize the Attorney-General to settle the claims of the Government with the purchasers of its property at Harper's Ferry.

House.—This being private-bill day, a number of private bills were reported and acted on.

The business of the House was confined to private bills. A bill was passed permitting a narrow-gauge railway to be laid in the public grounds at Old Point.

Items.

Senator Morrill, of Maine, has been appointed on the District of Columbia Investigating Committee *vice* Conkling, resigned.

A petition will be presented to Congress in a short time praying that body to make the 12th of February—the birthday of Abraham Lincoln—a national holiday.

The Cabinet session to-day was brief. Several members of the Civil-Service Board were present, and talked over matters in connection with that branch of the Government with the President and Cabinet officers.

A Father and Three Children Burned to Death—Others Badly Burned.

EVANSVILLE, February 6.—Full particulars of the burning of Chris. Mehr's house and the attending fatality show that but four persons were burned to death, and several others badly burned. The details show the sufferings of the victims to have been horrible. There were when the fire broke out about ten persons in the house. Mrs. Mehr seized two of the children and rushed through the flames, and a boarder seized another of the children. Mr. Mehr rushed out, and seeing that some of his children were missing, again ran into the house, and was not again seen alive. When found he had clasped in his arms three children, who had been left behind, the four bodies being burned almost to a cinder. These four were the only persons burned to death. Most of the other persons were more or less burned.

Two Ballet-Girls Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, February 6.—Yesterday evening two ballet-dancers, Miss Hays and Miss Lee, attachés of Mortimer's Variety Theatre, were badly burned. The former was in the green-room before the curtain arose, and her dress caught fire from the stove. She ran on the stage, and the flames from her dress communicated to that of Miss Lee. Both were badly burned about the bodies, although their injuries, it is believed, will not prove fatal.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

England.

MORE ABOUT THE RIOTS AT THE ELECTIONS.

LONDON, February 6.—The rioting was general yesterday in the polling districts of Staffordshire. At Hawley there was a desperate fight between two m