

Richmond Dispatch. THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY PUBLICATIONS OF THE CITY.

LOCAL MATTERS. STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT.

Subjects of Interest to Farmers Considered.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society was held at the House last night; present, Messrs. Denny, Meem, Dodson, Rogers, Noland, Noland, Dodson, Moore, Ross, Ficklin, and Wicker.

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UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, TUESDAY.

Judge Robert W. Hughes presiding.—In this court yesterday the indictment against John Burke for violation of internal revenue laws, 1868, was put to the jury. The defendant had been arrested at Omaha, in Nebraska Territory, on a writ issued by the clerk of court in vacation, without the signature of the judge, and brought to Richmond, reaching here on the 7th instant.

On introducing the first and only witness for the Government, a material variance between the evidence and the allegation of the indictment (which was drawn in 1870) was disclosed, whereupon a verdict of "not guilty" on that indictment was taken.

The same case will come up this morning upon two other indictments against the same defendant.

Joseph Stukenberg, indicted for violation of the internal revenue law, and George S. Dejeune, indicted for violation of the same law, appeared in court, and gave bail for their appearance for trial.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, TUESDAY. Judge R. W. Hughes presiding.—The following business was transacted in this court: In the matter of Hugh Falten, bankrupt: Upon petition of Samuel P. Watkins, administrator of James Murphy, ordered that John W. McKinney, surviving assignee of Hugh Falten, render before Register Forbes a full account of all the transactions of himself and the C. B. Brown, as assignees of Hugh Falten, on or before the 1st day of May. And ordered further, that said Falten appear on or before the 1st day of May next and show cause why the order of the 3d of February, 1873, granting an exemption, should not be set aside.

In the matter of L. C. Timberlake, bankrupt: Order that the assignee set off against the bankrupt's \$500 exemption the sum of \$150 for use and occupation of the real estate from the time he was adjudged a bankrupt until the sale of the same, and for all the personal property not exempt by the laws of Virginia.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS, TUESDAY.—The following business was transacted in this court: Town of Danville vs. Sutherland. Case "A. B." ordered to be docketed in this court.

Mountcastle vs. Gregg and als. Writ of error and supersedeas awarded to a judgment of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond.

New York Life Insurance Company vs. Herndon. Petition for rehearing denied. Kennard and als. vs. Miller's executor and als. Submitted.

Jones's executors vs. Clark and als. Further argued by Major Carrington for the appellants, and continued until to-day.

Bolling vs. Lerpner. Set down to be heard after Corbin vs. Mills and als., which is set for the 21st day of this month.

POLICE COURT, TUESDAY.—Justice White.—The case of A. B. Smith, charged with having committed a misdemeanor by taking a horse and railroad iron belonging to the Tredegar Company, was continued until the 24th instant.

The case of Charles Glassman, charged with an assault upon George F. Hix, was continued until the 18th instant.

William Taylor (negro), guilty of an assault upon Joseph Martin, was sent to jail for fifteen days.

Louisa Parham (negro), charged with stealing \$108 from George Preston (negro), was discharged.

Simon before, non-resident, drunk and unable to take care of himself, was ordered to leave the city.

Frank Demond, drunk and unable to take care of himself, was discharged.

The case of Judah Amestot, charged with stealing a bolster, pillow, rocking-chair, and mattress from Anna Davidson, was continued.

W. W. John Wooden, red job Warden, as reported, who was fined on Monday for an assault upon a policeman.

CHANCERY COURT OF RICHMOND, SATURDAY, APRIL 11th.—The following cases were disposed of: Newby's administrator vs. Horner's administrator: Decree confirming report of commissioner and directing sale of the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned.

Grant, &c., vs. Roper, &c.: Order directing former sale and appraisement of the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned.

Goodwin, &c., vs. Ransom, &c.: Decree referring cause to a commissioner for inquiry and report.

Haskins, &c., vs. Hancock, &c.: Leave for the surviving partner of R. C. and N. S. to file petition and to be made a party plaintiff on usual terms.

Cooke's executor vs. Cooke, &c.: Decree referring cause to a commissioner for inquiry and report.

Redd, guardian, vs. Redd, &c.: Decree disposing of the interest of the fund on hand.

O'Neill's executor vs. Goddin, &c.: Decree disposing of the fund on hand.

First National Bank vs. Von Groning: Decree referring cause to a commissioner for inquiry and report.

Weiser, &c., vs. Tyler, &c.: Duval vs. Tyler, &c.: Decree confirming report of commissioner and making disposition of the fund on hand.

Allen vs. Allen, &c.: Decree making final adjustment and settlement of all matters in controversy in the cause.

WRIT OF ERROR AWARDED.—In the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday, in the case of Coleman vs. Commonwealth, a writ of error and supersedeas was granted, judgment of the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond upon the condition that the petitioner shall remain in jail, until further order of the court, and the case will be heard as soon as this is done and the counsel and court can get ready to take it up.

PROBATION TO RICHMOND.—Charles Moulton, alias Charles Williams, an escaped convict from the penitentiary, was brought to Richmond yesterday from Winchester, where he was arrested by post-office detective Harrison for forging a money order.