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LIFE INSURANCE.

THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM the Baltimore Enquirer:

A copy of 'The Policy-holder's Pocket Index,' a Spectator company, of New York, showing the condition of American life insurance companies for 1873, is before us. We take pleasure in noting that the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, which has recently established itself in this city, in its ratio of assets to liabilities reported the best in the United States—among the smallest of expenses, considering its age; expenses of establishment being with the smallest; and in every other respect its position is one to afford gratification to its managers and security to its patrons. The assets from the assets of this company consist of secured bonds, considered by the commissioner as safe and secure as they can be made, and they conform to the requirements of the New York law. Counting only such as fulfilled this ratio of assets to liability is reported low. Adding the omitted assets would raise that ratio."

A. BRANDER is the Richmond agent for the company. ap 27-2tawSt

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

CASH ASSETS OVER $65,000,000.

Cash dividends, surpassing all others, at first and every anniversary of policies.

Dividends payable annually, semi-annually, and quarterly.

STRONGEST, LARGEST, and CHEAPEST company in the United States.

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FIRE INSURANCE.

ROYAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIVERPOOL AND LONDON.
Assets in gold.....$12,000,000
Deposited with the Treasurer of Va.. 50,000

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.
Assets in gold.....$10,000,000
Deposited with the Treasurer of Va.. 50,000

Stockholders personally responsible for the obligations of the above companies.

Representing the above staunch, old English companies, I solicit the patronage of the public upon the double security, prompt and liberal settlement of claims, and heavy income.

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VIRGINIA INSURANCE COMPANY, of Cincinnati, assets over $1,000,000;
VIRGINIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, assets over $500,000;
VIRGINIA INSURANCE AND BANKING COMPANY, of Lynchburg, Va.—assets over $200,000;
MERCHANTS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, of New York—assets over $300,000;
VIRGINIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Richmond—assets over $200,000.

Deposited with the Treasurer of Virginia, $100,000 to enable us promptly adjusted and promptly paid. Applications solicited, and immediate attention given thereto. oc 16

CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF RICHMOND, VA.

No. 1113 MAIN STREET.

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ASA SNYDER, President;
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CONFECTIONERIES.

ICE-CREAM BY STEAM.

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Managers of Fairs, Pic-Nics, Excursions, &c. will find it to their interest to let me give them a call before furnishing them.

Families supplied with a pure and hard-frozen article, acknowledged by all to be the best made, promptly and at lowest prices.

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TYLER'S ICE CREAM DEPOT!

I am again prepared to furnish my favorite ICE CREAM!

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Respectfully,
E. G. TYLER, Agt.,
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MANUFACTURERS OF PURE CONFECTIONERY AND CAKES

of every description. Our elegant and new establishment,

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is second to none in the State in completeness of outfit and manufacturing facilities. Our

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cannot be surpassed in quality, and our own bakery furnishes daily a supply of

FRESH CRACKERS AND CAKES.

Our general stock embraces foreign and domestic fruits, Nuts, Pickles, etc. We have also constantly on hand

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of favorite and standard brands.

To the trade we offer special inducements.

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MAIN-STREET ICE-CREAM DEPOT.

I respectfully call the attention of managers of fairs, pic-nics, hotels, and saloons, as well as private families, to my well-known

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which I will sell at the OLD PRICE, delivered free of charge anywhere in the city.

A full assortment of FANCY and PLAIN CAKES, fresh every day. The attention of the trade is called to my WHOLESALE CANDY MANUFACTORY and CAKE BAKERY.

Country merchants would do well to call before buying elsewhere. ap 6

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TWELFTH OPPOSITE BANK STREET
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Built and furnished in 1874 equal to any in the United States. The proprietor assures comfort to the travelling public. mh 17-3m

FISHING-TACKLE!

FISHING-TACKLE!—Just received a large and complete stock of FISHING-TACKLE, suitable for any kind of fishing, to which the attention of dealers and sportsmen is called, as the goods and prices cannot fail to please. Also, Balls, Base-Balls, and Pocket Cutlery.

T. W. TIGNOR, Gun-Maker
mh 26-1m No. 1432 Main street.

Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY.

MONDAY.....APRIL 27, 1874.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The American Tract Society.

Mr. T. L. D. Walford, superintendent of the Richmond agency of the American Tract Society, embracing Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama, has completed his report for the past year, embracing the operations of the Society and much statistical information of interest.

Numbers of instances have been reported to the agency of good done by the colporteurs of twenty and twenty-five years ago, and not unfrequently have the colporteurs been cheered by the result of their labors. Whole neighborhoods that were entirely destitute of public religious privileges have been brought under the influence of the truth by the colporteurs going into it, talking and praying, from house to house, and distributing tracts as they would pass along.

On the subject of intemperance the Superintendent has much to say. He states that it abounds to a greater or less degree all over our land, and it is alarming to know the extent to which it prevails in many sections of the country. At almost every cross-road this destroyer is dealt out to the people. In one of the towns of 200 inhabitants recently visited there are eight of these places, with no appearance of church influence to counteract this great evil.

The Sunday school continues to be a door of great usefulness to the colporteur in the prosecution of his work. It is a door that is found effectual when others are closed. In some communities, where it would be impossible to do much with the old people, because of their prejudice against all such enterprises, and in some instances because of the large number who have no education, and cannot read a tract or book if it were given them, the colporteur, by visiting the people, can in almost every instance get enough of the people who can read to agree to start a Sunday school; the children become interested, learn to read, carry home books and papers and read to their parents, and thus become unconsciously the bearers of the gospel to their own parents. There are many points in this field where there are prosperous churches now which were started only a few years ago with a colporteur missionary Sunday school, and that there are many more being started with a like prospect of good success. The colporteurs also report interesting visits to some aged christians in destitute sections in the mountains and other distant and secluded places. The number of colporteurs that have devoted a part or the whole of the year to this service has been forty-seven; of which number ten were students representing five different institutions of learning, who spent their vacation in the service of the Society. The time given to the work was equal to fifteen years, five months, and eight days, and the amount of religious truth distributed by them in the way of publications is valued at $9,555.57. The Society has nearly 2,000 conversions reported from the fields in which the colporteurs have labored.

The whole number of families visited by the colporteurs was 29,041; and in the large number of 24,755 of these they held personal religious conversations or offered up prayer. In many of these families the Bible has been read and prayer offered for the first time. The colporteurs officiated in 1,682 meetings for prayer or declaration of the truth. The colporteurs report that they have visited 4,878 families who entirely neglect attending on evangelical preaching, and to have found 2,040 families without the Bible and 3,706 families without any other religious reading, and many others that had but little.

The colored people have continued to share largely in the benefits of this agency. They are said to be improving in various parts of this wide field. Numbers of them have learned to read. They are seeking useful knowledge in good books and trying to learn and advance in education, showing a great desire to succeed. Many of them have been qualified to some extent to teach the masses in the way of life, and much has been done and is being done for them by training teachers in the several institutions established for that purpose; but this is a vast work, and must take many years of toil before a sufficient number of these people can be educated and prepared to teach and preach to the vast multitude of their fellows. Many Sunday schools have been aided and many established, and the society will take pleasure in seeing that the contributions of the colored people are placed where they will be appreciated and accomplish the most good. The colporteurs have given much attention to supplying them with the books needed, both by grants and purchase; they have organized many schools for them and taught them how they are to be conducted.

The superintendent devotes a considerable part of his report to the subject of the destitution of the people of this field, and says that in many instances clothing, books, and churches are needed. They (the colored people) do not know what to do when the colporteur offers to pray in their houses, and have to be taught their duty to God almost as simply as if they were in a heathen land. Reports from the mountainous parts of Virginia represent that out of 424 families visited 188 are habitually neglectors. In another field, out of 627 families visited 234 never attend; another, 410 visits and 167 neglectors.

The agency has circulated religious literature valued at $29,268.05 during the year, of which $3,982.36 was gratuitously circulated through colporteurs, voluntary distributors, ministers, Sunday schools, and others. The donations on the field reported through the office in this city amount to $242.24.

In North Carolina a colporteur reports that in one day he called on fifty-two families; found thirty habitual neglectors of public worship; sold fifty-five cents worth of books in all these visits. Many of these were in the hands of poverty and vice. He asked a man what the place which he visited was called. He replied "Hell's Half-Acre." He went to a house where he found two women dressed in gay attire; spoke to them of their soul's interest, and of the great love of Jesus; prayed God's blessing on them; left them weeping bitterly; was soon overtaken with "Please, sir, wont you stop here"? Replied, yes, after I call at this house. Go and prepare them for my coming. Found four women in vigor of youth. Soon they were weeping; proposed prayer with those who wanted a saviour; all bowed at once in deep feeling. Many other such cases are reported by the colporteurs.

THE WEATHER.—Nobody ever saw such weather as we are having now. Of course not. But here is an extract from a diary kept in this city:

1873, April 25. Snowed in Albemarle county to-day. Disagreeably cold.

April 28. Cold, constant rains. Fires and overcoats.

April 29. Rained in the forenoon.

May 1. Rained at intervals throughout the day.

May 2. Rained almost without intermission throughout the whole day.

May 3. Rain at dark.

OUR CITY CHARTER.—The amendments to our city charter were approved by the Governor several days ago. The bill is, therefore, a law, and is now in force.

RICHMOND RELIEF COMMITTEE.—The last meeting of the Richmond Relief Committee will take place at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow evening at half-past 4 o'clock.

Approaching May Election—Registrars Appointed.

The regular spring election for all municipal officers will take place on the fourth Thursday in May. For the information of the registrars we make the following extract from section 10 of chapter 9 of the Code of Virginia of 1873: "Each registrar shall annually on the second Tuesday in May, at his voting-place, proceed to register the names of all the qualified voters within his voting district, not previously registered in the said district in accordance with the provisions of this act, who shall apply to be registered, commencing at sunrise and closing at sunset. The registrars shall give notice of the time and place of all registration, for at least ten days before each sitting, by posting written or printed notices thereof at ten or more public places in their election districts."

Section 6 of the general registration law provides that "no person who acts as registrar shall be eligible to an office to be filled by election by the people at the next election thereafter."

The notices are to be posted by the registrars on or before the 2d day of May next in ten or more public places in the voting district of each registrar.

The books of registration will be opened in each voting precinct at sunrise on the morning of Tuesday the 12th day of May, and continue open for three days, for revision, from sunrise to sunset on each day.

The election will take place on Thursday the 28th day of May, the polls being opened in each precinct at sunrise and closing at sunset on the same day.

In pursuance of law, Judge A. B. Guigon has appointed the following registrars for the city of Richmond, to serve as such for the term of two years from the 1st day of January, 1874—viz.:

Clay Ward: First precinct, George J. Hooper; second precinct, Robert V. Priddy; third precinct, E. M. Crump.

Monroe Ward: First precinct, James R. Fisher; second precinct, Dr. Blair Burwell; third precinct, David B. Jones; fourth precinct, A. S. Johnson.

Madison Ward: First precinct, Dr. T. P. Mayo; second precinct, W. W. Stover; third precinct, James H. Pecor; fourth precinct, Raleigh T. Daniel, Jr.

Jefferson Ward: First precinct, James Macdougall; second precinct, John A. Lacy; third precinct, Samuel R. Perdue; fourth precinct, John W. Wilkes.

Marshall Ward: First precinct, John J. Cannon; second precinct, John F. Shinberger; third precinct, William H. Williams.

Jackson Ward: First precinct, J. M. Macon; second precinct, Charles Clineley; third precinct, John Hagan, Jr.

We are requested to state that the registrars will receive the printed notices for posting by calling on the clerk of the Hustings Court in his office in the City Hall. They will also receive their commissions and qualify by taking the oath prescribed by law.

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE for the week ending April 25, 1874:

Lots fronting 25 feet on Twenty-fifth street corner M for $625; Rocketts Mill property, &c.; 16 feet on Culvert street north of Cary for $450; 25 feet on Broad street between Foushee and Adams for $762.50; 30 feet on St. James street near Leigh for $700; 33 feet on Tenth street for $5; 66 feet on —— street for $207.90; 20 feet on Cary street between Adams and Foushee for $600; 20 feet on Cary street between Adams and Foushee for $625; 28½ feet on College street north of Marshall for $665; 15 feet on St. James street between Clay and Leigh for $1,450; 22¾ feet on Main street between Nineteenth and Twentieth for $5,000; 20 feet on Fourth street for $750; 60 feet on Seventh street corner of Orleans for $795; 60 feet on Seventh street corner of Orleans for $1,150; 66 feet on Twenty-ninth street corner Franklin, &c., for $5; 60 feet on Eighteenth street corner Broad for $2,370; 30 feet on St. John's street for $800; 26 feet on Main street between Tenth and Eleventh for $28,000; 36 feet on Baker street between Second and Third for $650.

CHANCERY COURT OF RICHMOND, SATURDAY.—The following cases were disposed of:

Wesson *vs.* Holman: Decree dismissing cause, all matters in controversy being settled by agreement of parties.

Frith *vs.* Duval's executor, &c.: Decree overruling exceptions, confirming report of commissioner and directing the sale of the State stock recommended by said report to be sold.

Harvey *vs.* Archer: Decree confirming report of commissioner and directing a sale of the property therein mentioned.

Mitchell *vs.* Mitchell's executor, &c.; Mitchell *vs.* Mitchell, &c.: Decree referring causes on petition of Mrs. Julia A. Mitchell to a commissioner for inquiry and report.

Whitlock, &c., *vs.* Colgin, &c.: Decree confirming report of sale of the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned.

HUSTINGS COURT.—This court was engaged in the transaction of civil business on Saturday.

The case of Thomas Oakley, charged with assaulting and robbing Mr. Elijah Priddy, is set for hearing to-morrow.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.—No business was transacted in this court on Saturday except a motion for the increase of an appeal bond.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—*Judge Hughes.*—This court will meet again to-day.

CITY LICENSE TAX.—Collector Regnault announces this morning that his office (which is now in the Council Chamber on Broad street between Ninth and Tenth) is open from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; that he is prepared to receive the city license tax from all persons who are required to pay the same, and that "all bills remaining unpaid on the 1st day of May, a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each day thereafter will be imposed." Wake up, gentlemen, and settle.

SENT TO THE GRAND JURY ON CRIMINAL CHARGES.—"Dr." E. H. Hudson (negro), charged with causing the death of Mary Boyd by producing an abortion, was examined before Justice White on Saturday, and recognized in the sum of $2,000 for his appearance before the grand jury of the Hustings Court. Also William Brown, charged with an attempt to kill Joseph Jones, by cutting him with a knife.

ANOTHER REDUCTION IN FARE.—The Richmond, York River and Chesapeake Railroad Company are now running a daily line of steamers from West Point to Baltimore. The trains leave here at 3 P. M. (except on Sunday). The fare has been reduced to Baltimore to $3, and to the other northern cities in like proportion.

DISABILITIES REMOVED.—The Governor on Saturday removed the political disabilities of William Grimstead, of Princess Anne county, who some years ago served a term in the penitentiary for manslaughter.

EXECUTIVE MANSION.—The General Assembly has passed a bill appropriating $5,000 for repairing and refurnishing the Executive mansion.

CITY COMMITTEE.—The Conservative City Committee met Saturday night and transacted some business relating to the coming municipal election.

PERSONAL.—Hon. John T. Harris, M. C. from the Staunton district, was in the city Saturday.

THE RIVER.—At a late hour on Saturday night the river had risen slightly and was still rising.

CITY COUNCIL.—The City Council will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

THE TAX BILL PASSED.

SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS REFERRING TO MERCHANTS AND TRADERS.

The bill for the assessment, levy, and collection of taxes has passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and as soon as enrolled will be placed in the hands of the Governor for approval. The tax upon real and personal estate remains unchanged (fifty cents on the $100 value), but the rate upon nearly all other subjects is largely increased—in most instances doubled. The following sections introduce very radical changes in our laws:

SPECIFIC TAX ON MERCHANTS.

Every merchant shall pay a specific tax for the privilege of selling in this State, the amount of which shall be determined by the aggregate of the purchases of the said merchant during the period for which said license is granted. If the merchant has been in business as such, whether under a license or not, in the county or corporation where he applies for a license, for twelve months next preceding the purchases made by him of goods, wares, and merchandise during the succeeding year shall be assumed to be at least equal to the purchases of the preceding year; but it may be determined that they will exceed those of the preceding year. If the business has only been carried on for a part of the preceding year, then the amount of purchases of the preceding year may be ascertained by adopting the purchases for such part of the year as a basis for ascertaining the same for the entire year. If the merchant is a beginner, he shall state the amount of his probable purchases for and during the time the license he proposes to obtain will continue. In all cases the license shall specify the amount of goods to be bought under the same. If the amount of the goods authorized to be bought under such license shall have been bought the license thereafter shall be deemed to be void, but if the merchant desires an enlargement of the amount of goods, at first cost valuation, he shall be authorized to buy, he may apply for a new assessment and a new license for the privilege of buying the additional quantity of goods to be purchased. For the purpose of ascertaining whether the amount of goods authorized by such license have been purchased, it shall be the duty of every merchant, on the first days of January, April, July, and October of each year, to make report in writing, on oath, to the commissioner of the revenue or assessor for the district in which the merchant was licensed, showing the amount of goods purchased by him within the preceding three months. If any merchant shall fail to make such report the commissioner or assessor shall assume that all the goods authorized to be purchased under the license have been bought, and shall proceed to make a new assessment, after examining the merchant under oath, and upon such other evidence as he may be able to obtain in such manner and to the effect he would do if application had been made to him for an enlargement of the license aforesaid. If any person shall bring goods into this State at a time when, by an assessment, he cannot procure a license for the full term of one year, and he desires to have such goods sold by auction, the commissioner or assessor may assess the tax at a rate equal to the tax for one year. The stock of goods on hand when a license is granted at the first cost valuation shall be embraced and included in the amount of the purchases of goods to be sold under the license provided for by this section. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars for each offence.

MERCHANTS' LICENSE TAX.

104. On every license to a merchant or mercantile firm the tax to be paid shall be graduated as follows: If the amount of purchases shall not exceed $2,000, the specific tax shall be ten dollars; and for all purchases over two thousand dollars, and less than sixty thousand dollars, there shall be paid a tax of one-half of one per centum. Upon all purchases over sixty thousand dollars and less than eighty thousand dollars, there shall be paid a tax of forty cents on the one hundred dollars of said purchases in excess of sixty thousand dollars. Upon all purchases over eighty thousand dollars, and less than one hundred thousand dollars, there shall be paid a tax of thirty cents on the one hundred dollars of said purchases, in excess of eighty thousand dollars. Upon all purchases over one hundred thousand dollars there shall be paid a tax of ten cents on the one hundred dollars of said purchases, in excess of one hundred thousand dollars. The tax imposed under and by virtue of this section shall be in lieu of all tax for State purposes on the capital actually employed by said merchant or mercantile firm in said business. The tax in excess of ten dollars imposed by this section shall be paid in equal instalments, on the 10th of January, 10th of April, 10th of July, and 10th of October in each year, and shall be collected in the same manner that license taxes are collected. Merchant tailors, lumber merchants, dealers in coal, ice, or wood shall be embraced in this section. But this section shall not authorize any such person to sell wine, ardent spirits, or a mixture thereof.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

The tax on commission merchants is about double, and it is provided that no commission merchant shall "sell by sample any hogshead or box of unmanufactured tobacco unless such hogshead or box offered for sale be deposited in some place in the city, town, or village where said tobacco is offered for sale. All tobacco sold in violation of this provision shall be taxed two dollars and fifty cents for each hogshead or box weighing less than 1,500 pounds, and ten cents per hundred for every hundred pounds in excess of 1,500 pounds so sold, to be paid by the commission merchant selling the same, to be ascertained and collected by the collector of the city, town, or village where said tobacco is sold.

The specific license tax on every commission merchant or firm shall be fifty dollars; but where his commissions shall exceed one thousand dollars, the tax shall be sixty dollars, and ten dollars for each thousand in excess of two thousand dollars.

TAX ON SAMPLE MERCHANTS.

111. The specific license tax on every merchant, mechanic, or manufacturer, for the privilege of selling by sample, card, description, or other representation, shall be one hundred dollars, except licensed merchants or manufacturers, who shall pay a tax of twenty-five dollars; and any sample or other merchant permitting any one else to sell under his license shall pay a fine of fifty dollars for each offence. This section shall not be construed to apply to sales of wines, ardent spirits, or malt liquors, cider, or any mixture thereof. Any sample merchant who shall sell wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors, cider, or any mixture thereof, by wholesale or retail, shall obtain the same license and pay the same tax as other wholesale or retail liquor merchants. Nothing in this section shall be so construed as to permit the sale of unmanufactured tobacco, by sample, under a sample merchant's license. But if any person other than a commission merchant shall sell or offer to sell, by sample, card, description, or other representation, any unmanufactured tobacco, the hogshead or box containing the same from which the sample was taken not being deposited in the city, town, or village where the same is offered for sale, he shall be deemed a tobacco sample merchant, and shall pay the same license tax as wholesale liquor merchants. This section shall not be so construed as to prevent any planter from selling all tobacco raised by himself by sample or otherwise.

It is provided that no county, city, or town shall have the right to levy or collect a tax on sample merchants. And it is further provided that no non-resident sample merchants shall sell to any person other than a manufacturer or licensed merchant without taking out the additional license required of resident merchants.

THE THEATRE—ROBERT MCWADE.—To-night Mr. Robert McWade, the well-known and popular tragedian, commences an engagement at the Richmond Theatre, and will appear as "Rip Van Winkle." The play is a very popular one here, and as Mr. McWade has many friends in this city, the Theatre will probably have large audiences during his engagement.

UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN THE RICHMOND POST-OFFICE APRIL 25, 1874.—Miss Ida Lee Altaffer, Wilmington, N. C.; Mr. Billy Brown, Penola station, Caroline county, Va.; Miss Mary Brown, care R. Kent, Montgomery county; Thomas S. Chewning, Partton's post-office, Spottsylvania county, Va.; L. F. Lucado, Lynchburg, Va.; E. A. Smith, Esq., 800 east Leigh street, city; J. H. Teal, Palenville, Green county, N. Y.

READ THIS.—Do not let any one humbug you about ICE-CREAM. Now, as for quality, flavor, taste, and everything else that goes to make good ice-cream, PIZZINI can furnish you with as superior an article, and as cheap, as any one else.

THE MODERN DANCE.—Everybody should go to hear this lecture by the Rev. WILLIAM F. HATCHER, D. D., to-morrow night. A rich treat is in store for all who attend. Tickets for sale at the bookstores, A. Pizzini's, and George A. Hundley & Co's.

AN EXCELLENT FAMILY RESIDENCE is to be sold at auction by W. GODDIN on Wednesday next, 29th April, at 5 P. M., at No. 635 Fifth street, north of Leigh. In perfect repair and immediate possession given. See auction column for advertisement.

DESIRABLE RESIDENCE AT AUCTION.—See W. GODDIN'S auction advertisement on fourth page of this paper of sale of that very attractive brick residence No. 635 Fifth street.

Cheapest WOOD in the city at W. J. MCDOWELL'S, First and Broad streets.

Splendid lot of seasoned OAK and PINE WOOD just received and for sale CHEAP at W. J. MCDOWELL'S, First and Broad streets.

IMPORTED BAY RUM, KLOSTERFRAU, (nun), cologne and Farina cologne waters at WAGNER'S drug store, Sixth and Broad streets.

SOAP BABIES, soap turtles, transparent ball soap, &c., at WAGNER'S drug store.

1ST MAY will be positively the last day on which tickets will be sold at Richmond in the Masonic Gift Concert, at Norfolk. P. WEISIGER & Co, 1201 Main street, have them for sale.

THE MASONIC GIFT CONCERT, at Norfolk, will positively take place 5th May.

A FEW MORE TICKETS LEFT to the Masonic Gift Concert, at Norfolk. P. WEISIGER & Co., 1201 Main street, Richmond, Va., will continue the sale of tickets until the night of May 1st. After this they will sell no more, as returns will have to be made to reach Norfolk the day after.

PERSONS AT A DISTANCE, where the sale of tickets in the Masonic Gift Concert, at Norfolk, was closed on the 20th instant, can procure tickets from P. WEISIGER & Co., 1201 Main street, if their letter will reach P. WEISIGER & Co. before 1st May.

ENGLISH CLOTHS, COATINGS, AND CASSIMERES just received by E. B. SPENCE & SON, and will be made to order in the best style at low prices.

R. FERRANDINI, ARTIST,
GRAND OPENING OF LATEST STYLES OF HAIR GOODS
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The ladies of Richmond are respectfully informed that my

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will be in readiness, and I shall be pleased to see them at my

OPENING ON MONDAY, 27TH APRIL,

when there will be exhibited every style of Human Hair Work—ARROWS, ANCHORS, AIGRETTES, DAGGERS, JET and PEARL ORNAMENTS of every kind for the hair,

FANS OF THE LATEST STYLES,

and innumerable articles, all of which I am prepared to sell cheaper than any other house here or elsewhere.

CALL AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES,

and do not forget the number—613 BROAD STREET—centre store of Nos. 613, 615, and 617.

FOR UMBRELLAS, large or small,
(Any quality at all),
Or for canes of stylish make,
Some gold-headed (hard to break),
Jewelry in plate or gold,
Fit for gents and cheaply sold,
Ties or collars, gloves or hose,
Combs or brushes, fiddle-bows,
Strings for banjos or guitars,
Fine tobacco or cigars—
Or for books to please the brain
Of the townsman or the swain—
Call at SCHAAP'S variety store. 1402 Main street.

CALL ON E. B. SPENCE & SON FOR YOUR SPRING CLOTHING AND UNDERWEAR.

JAPANESE SILK POPLINS, new spring styles, at 50, 60, and 75c., just received at JULIUS MEYER'S, 603 Broad street.

NEW STOCK OF READY-MADE CLOTHING JUST received by E. B. SPENCE & SON, and for sale low.

NEW STOCK OF FURNISHING GOODS JUST received by E. B. SPENCE & SON, and for sale low.

FANCY PERCALE SHIRTS JUST RECEIVED BY E. B. SPENCE & SON.

NEW STOCK OF KOBBY NECKWEAR JUST received and for sale low by E. B. SPENCE & SON.

NEW STYLE COLLARS JUST RECEIVED BY E. B. SPENCE & SON.

PEMBROKE SHIRTS—best fitting shirt in the market—for sale low by E. B. SPENCE & SON.

I have analyzed the whiskey known under the brand of "B-Select," controlled by Messrs. WALTER D. BLAIR & CO., Richmond, Va., and find it free from fusil oil and other impurities, and recommend its use for medicinal and family purposes.

J. B. MCCAW, M. D.,
Late Professor of Chemistry Medical College of Virginia.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

W. GODDIN, 3 P. M., large brick dwelling, with 5½ acres of ground attached; two small framed tenements, and eighty-five building lots, in the plan of Oak Grove, on the New-Bridge road, 3¾ miles east of the city.

W. B. RATCLIFFE, 10½ A. M., groceries, &c.

H. MCCORMICK, at No. 421 Broad street, at 10 o'clock A. M. and 7½ P. M., the stock of show-cases, shirting, table-cloths, laces, fringes, &c.

LYNE & BROTHER, 4½ P. M., building lot on Pine street.

JAMES M. TAYLOR & SON, 12 M., an undivided moiety of real estate, formerly known as the steel works.

COOK & LAUGHTON, 10½ A. M., at the store corner of Ninth and Broad streets, frames, chromos, brackets, albums, vases, castors, jewelry, glassware, &c.

PERSONAL.

THE GENTLEMAN WHO CALLED at the post office, Richmond, and asked for and received letter or letters addressed "EDWARD WHEELER," is requested to deliver the same to the cashier of the First National Bank, Richmond, Va. ap 27-1t*

NOTICE.—This is to notify all persons from removing anything stationary from JOSEPH A. FOSTER'S farm without my consent. If they do they shall be dealt with according to law.

THOMAS A. MORRIS,
ap 25-2t* Trustee for Joseph A. Foster.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

A CHANCE.—FOR SALE PRIVATELY, a No. 1 STOCK OF GROCERIES, BAR-FIXTURES—everything complete—in one of the best localities in the city of Manchester. The store can be leased for a term of years. The owner intends to remove to another State. Terms, easy and liberal. Apply to

MOODY & ROYALL,
corner Seventh and Hull streets,
ap 27-5t Manchester, Va.

WANTS.

A FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDENER, lately from Ireland, desires a SITUATION; also, understands the management of a green-house. Of sober habits. Address

GARDENER,
ap 27-1t* care of this office.

WANTED, a COLORED WOMAN without encumbrance to cook and attend to dining-room for a small family. None need apply without good recommendations. Apply at 206 north Twentieth street. ap 27-2t*

FOR RENT, that desirable BRICK COTTAGE on Arch street, next to Pratt's; cottage, containing six rooms, with modern improvements. LYNE & BROTHER.
ap 27-3t

FOR RENT, that very desirable and conveniently arranged BRICK RESIDENCE on the east side of Third between Canal and Byrd streets, containing ten rooms, with all modern improvements.
ap 27-3t LYNE & BROTHER.

FOR RENT, two BRICK STORES on Main street between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets. Possession at once.
ap 27-3t LYNE & BROTHER.

WANTED, to exchange an excellent city-made TOP-BUGGY for a light OPEN-CARRIAGE or PHAETON. Apply at once to

A. R. COURTNEY,
ap 25-1w office, Governor and Franklin streets.

VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT,
RICHMOND, VA., April 21, 1874.

WANTED, 100,000 HOOP-POLES for the use of this institution, for which will be paid the highest market price for good quality. By order of the Board.

G. F. STROTHER,
ap 22-1w Superintendent.

WANTED, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY COLORED MINERS to go to Indiana. I have sent a large number of colored miners to that place, who are making $3 to $5 per day. Men have steady work, and are paid promptly. For full particulars apply to

J. P. JUSTIS, Labor Agent,
ap 14 No. 9 Fifteenth street.

WANTED, to borrow $1,300 for two years or longer. Deed of trust upon city real estate assessed at three times the sum will be given as security. Address "RICHMOND," care *Dispatch* office. ap 16

BUSINESS WANTS.

WANTED, TO CLOSE OUT within the next fifteen days 50 GOLD WATCHES, about 800 dwt. GOLD CHAINS, RINGS, BUTTONS, &c. Amongst the watches there are some of the finest makes in extra heavy 18 karat gold cases, stem and key-winders; all of which I will sell at great bargains in order to close them out at the earliest possible date to realize money advanced. Call soon at

S. A. WINSTOCK'S LOAN OFFICE,
No. 17 Fourteenth street, under Exchange Hotel.
ap 7

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT, from the 15th of May to the 15th of October next, a part of a genteel RESIDENCE on Governor street facing the Capitol square, consisting of three rooms, with bath-room and back porch on second floor, and one basement room; pantry, kitchen, and servants' room; all furnished. Family without children preferred. Apply to

WILLIAMS & GIBSON,
Real Estate Agents, Auctioneers, and Brokers,
ap 27-1t 1201 Main street.

FOR RENT, a SECOND FLOOR of three rooms, kitchen, and servants' accommodations—part of a handsome brick dwelling centrally located. Possession at once. Apply to

W. B. ROBINS, Real Estate Agent,
ap 27-3t 1005 Bank street.

FOR RENT, the desirable DWELLING, No. 112 north Twentieth street, between Franklin and Grace streets, with eight rooms and kitchen with three rooms. Apply to

GRUBBS & WILLIAMS.
ap 25-4t

FOR RENT, THREE NEW FRAME TENEMENTS in Sidney, on Jacquelin street, near the Reservoir. Rent, $10 per month. Also, several other HOUSES in various parts of the city. Apply to

WILLIAM R. POLK & CO.,
Auctioneers,
ap 25-3t No. 7 Tenth street.

FOR RENT, the large and very attractive SUBURBAN RESIDENCE called "Montebello," with fourteen acres of excellent garden land attached, on the Williamsburg road about three hundred yards from the city limits. The dwelling contains about ten rooms, with stable and all necessary out-buildings, all in good order. Possession soon. Apply to

JOHN T. GODDIN, Real Estate Agent,
ap 25-3t Bank and Eleventh streets.

LOST, STRAYED, &c.

LOST, ON FRIDAY LAST, BETWEEN the custom-house and the State Bank, a pair of EYE-GLASSES, with gold frame. The finder will be rewarded by leaving them at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court. ap 27-1t*

LOST, CERTIFICATE OF STOCK Petersburg Railroad Company, No. 2,068, in the name of Alexander Bruce, trustee, for fifty shares, with transfer on back of said certificate of twenty-five shares. R. H. MAURY & CO.,
ap 22-1aw2m Agents.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—In the approaching municipal elections it should be the duty of the Conservative party to nominate and elect intelligent, capable, and true men to fill the various offices of the city. It is a good maxim, "That the office should seek the man and not the man the office"; which should be more generally observed by the people in making their selection of candidates to represent them. For the office of CITY SERGEANT we desire to call public attention to a gentleman of modest demeanor—a lifelong resident of Richmond—who, while feeling a proper ambition for the office, would not seek it in an unbecoming manner, and could not be his own trumpeter. His many friends urge no claims that do not strictly belong to and spring from his individual merits. He is favorably known to all of our citizens—respected and esteemed by them. None can assert that he is not competent for the position; nor has he done aught to forfeit the confidence of his people. We would respectfully call upon MAJOR JOHN H. GREANEY to allow his name to be used in connection with that office in the coming election. [ap 27-1t] MANY VOTERS.

VOTERS OF MANCHESTER, ATTENTION!
REGULAR CONSERVATIVE TICK