

Valley Railroad Company for \$1,000,000, but well-protected Valley Railroad men have no doubt this will be done and the work go on prosperously.

The crops in this county are generally an average. The people still complain of high taxes; and Rockbridge is the best-taxed county in the State, but with the crop completed and her resources she will come out all right.

Politically, everything goes for Tucker, and he is elected.

Religiously, the Rev. Mr. Howard, "Evangelist," has swept the county and carries everything before him and his revivals, some 500 having professed under his preaching.

The people are generally contented, but hope for much relief from the next Legislature. More anon.

BRICKS FROM BABYLON.—[From a communication to the *Standard* by Colonel W. R. Fogg.]—Upon the brick brought by the writer from Babylon is the standard inscription of Nebuchadnezzar. It gives his name and titles, describes the wonders of the great city, and invokes the gods to grant duration to the temples and other great edifices which he had built.

The inscriptions on the Babylonian bricks are uniformly inscribed in a small square, and are formed with considerable care and nicety. They appear to have been impressed with a stamp, upon which the entire inscription, unaltered letters, was cut in relief. This art, so nearly approaching the modern invention of printing, is proved to have been known to the Egyptians and Chinese at a very early period.

The brick from Nineveh is also rectangular, but somewhat thicker than the Babylonian. The inscriptions on these Assyrian bricks appear to have been made in single cuneiform letters, and sometimes the workmen may have been careless in stamping them. On this specimen the parallel columns are somewhat irregular, but the impressions are quite distinct. I am unable to give a literal translation of the inscription, but presume it is of the same general character as that of the Babylonian.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

STATE CONVENTION OF THE DISCIPLES.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, President Pendleton in the chair.

After some time spent in religious exercises the regular business of the Convention was proceeded with.

Mr. Cutler moved that a committee be appointed to recommend a missionary board.

The President appointed the following committee in conformity therewith: Messrs. L. A. Cutler, T. J. Wertebaker, Dr. S. S. Henly.

The Treasurer submitted his report; which was referred to the Auditor.

The unfinished business, which was the consideration of the report presented by the State Board of reference to a basis of representation by the number of delegates sent in, was taken up, discussed, and rejected.

Mr. Chandler offered the following: Resolved, That in the votes cast upon any question hereafter delegates shall vote according to the numerical strength of their respective churches upon the demand of any one church.

This elicited considerable discussion; which was participated in by Messrs. Garnett, Henly, Tyler, Holland, Cary, and Cutler. Finally, the previous question was called, and the vote taken by ayes and noes, which resulted in its rejection—ayes, 11; noes, 21.

The recommendation of the State Board for a basis of representation having been defeated, the whole matter, together with a substitute offered by Mr. Garnett, was referred back to the Board.

A resolution of thanks was passed to the various railroad companies for courtesies extended to the delegates.

It being apparent that the Board would not be able to report for some time, the Convention adjourned, about 1 o'clock, till 4 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reconvened at 4 o'clock. The question of continuing the publication of the *Christian Examiner* was brought up, and high interest was manifested by several members. A resolution was adopted by a rising vote of 40 commending it to the support of the Disciples throughout Virginia.

Dr. Henly, in commenting on the merits of the paper, said that if the matter was brought to a vote, he would have the privilege of hearing one sermon a week of that reading one copy of the *Examiner* a week, he would choose the latter.

A report was made by the State Board to the effect that they adhere to the original plan submitted. The report was discussed, but no action was taken upon it.

Mr. L. A. Cutler offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That we authorize the State Board to establish a mission in the town of Staunton, and to appropriate a sufficient sum to enable the brethren in Norfolk to sustain a preacher in their city, and that the Board appoint, if necessary, such agents as can be procured to solicit special contributions to the object.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. A special committee, appointed to nominate the State Board for the ensuing year, reported the names of the following gentlemen, all of whom were members of the old Board: R. Y. Henly, J. B. Cary, W. H. Clemm, G. P. Stacy, Dr. G. S. Newman, and J. B. Chandler. The report was adopted.

On motion, the resolution in reference to the establishment of missions at Staunton and Norfolk, &c., was reconsidered, discussed at length, amended and adopted.

Mr. A. B. Chandler offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the State Board of reference be authorized to raise by the various churches of the State the present fiscal year, under the Louisville plan, for evangelizing purposes, to be apportioned by the State Board among the districts, and by the district boards among the various churches.

The Treasurer's report, which was referred to the Auditor, was presented as correct and adopted.

The power of appointing a speaker to address the Convention at its next annual session was conferred upon the State Board.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the General Missionary Convention at Louisville, Ky.: Messrs. J. B. Cary, G. P. Stacy, J. Z. Tyler, and W. H. Tyler.

On motion of Mr. J. T. Garnett, a resolution was adopted returning thanks to the *Dispatch* for its reports of the proceedings of the Convention.

Richmond was selected as the next place for the meeting of the Convention, and Thursday before the second Sunday in November the day, and 12 o'clock the hour of meeting. Adjourned at 12 o'clock.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC PRINTING.—The annual report of Major R. F. Walker, Superintendent of Public Printing, has been submitted to the Governor. The expenses of this branch of the public service have been less during the year just closed than for any previous year in the history of the State. The entire amount is \$25,499.92—seven hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-four cents less than last year. The General Assembly at its last session appropriated \$20,000 to defray the expenses of the department for the fiscal year. The expenses are less than this sum by \$5,500.18.

The works for which special appropriations were made by the General Assembly, and which were put to the printing, was the Code of 1873, 6,000 copies, cost \$26,745.15; Grant's Reports, 234 volume, 1,000 copies, cost \$3,709.74; Leitch's Reports, 10th and 11th volumes (reprinted), 500 copies of each, cost \$2,356.16. Total, \$33,811.05. Included in this is \$5,000 paid to Colonel Munford for compiling the Code.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR HOLDING COURT.—Judge E. C. Minor, of Henrico County Court, has issued an order changing the time of holding the terms of his court from the 1st to the 2d Monday in each month. This action has been rendered necessary in order to prevent a conflict with the term of the Circuit Court held by Judge Wellford.

EXPENSES OF THE LATE ELECTION.—The Committee on Elections will meet at the City Auditor's office to-day at 12 o'clock. They will audit and order payment of the claims against the city for the late election.

NEW ORDER INSTITUTED.—Mount Olive Fountain, No. 100, of the Grand United Order of True Reformers, has elected the following officers for six months: Mrs. Kate Brown, W. M. of the F.; Mrs. Mary Scott, W. P. M.; Mrs. Harriet Watkins, W. M.; Ann Turner, W. Chap.; Martha J. Moss, W. Secy.; Lucy Ring, A. W. E.; Ellen Taylor, W. F. S.; Sarah Banks, W. E. R. M.; M. Jackson, W. Matinel; L. B. Smith, W. Picket-Guard; W. H. L. Coombs, State Deputy Grand Master; J. W. Wood, Deputy Grand Master; W. H. L. Coombs, State Deputy Grand Master; J. W. Wood, Deputy Grand Master.

THE POWERS OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

IN compliance with a formal request of the attorney for the Commonwealth has addressed the following communication to Major Poe relative to the powers of Justices of the Peace:

Major John Poe, Chief of Police: Sir—In answer to your request for my opinion in reference to the powers and jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace of the City of Richmond I have the honor to submit the following:

The Code of Virginia, 1873, chapters 488 and 489, excludes the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace to petit larcenies and cases of assault and battery, not felonies, but with the proviso that in cities and towns where there is a police justice the powers and jurisdiction conferred by the Code shall be exercised only by the police justice or some justice acting in his place according to law.

From the above it will be seen that in Richmond no justice has any jurisdiction over or power to try the above cases, save when the absence of the Police Justice be acting in his stead. The Code (189 and 191) gives the magistrate, in cases where there is a remedy by civil action, who committed a prisoner to jail or took his recognizance, the power, when the party injured acknowledges in writing that he has received satisfaction for the injury he has suffered, in his discretion to suspend such commitment or to discharge such recognizances as to the accused and witnesses.

There are some exceptions given in the statute, to which I would respectfully call your attention. The cases where there is a remedy by civil action are assault and battery and trespass, not felonies.

In these cases Justice who committed the accused or admitted him to bail, under the circumstances, above mentioned, the power to discharge the said accused.

Very respectfully,
[Signed] E. C. CABELL,
Commonwealth's Attorney City of Richmond.

HISTINGS COURT, SATURDAY.—Daniel Draxton (colored) charged with burglary, was tried and acquitted.

Moses Gibbs (colored), charged with unlawful association, was acquitted.

Thomas Kelly, charged with a felonious assault on the person of Valentine, was found guilty and fined \$5 and sent to jail for one hour.

Police Justice J. J. White, charged with a misdemeanor, gave bail in \$1,000, with Mr. B. Perry as surety for his appearance for trial on Tuesday.

Washington Edmonds, for housebreaking; James H. Taylor, for housebreaking; and Francis Cook, for thirty days, for an assault upon Martha Hewlett.

To-day John H. Keisel, indicted for swindling Joseph M. Fowkes, will be tried.

POLICE COURT, SATURDAY.—Ellen Willis and Solie Bruce, charged with stealing a suit of clothing and a small sum of money from George P. Hysler, were discharged.

John Curtis, charged with the murder of an infant, was continued until the 10th instant.

Edward Ganning was fined \$5 for creating a disturbance in the street, and was sent to jail in default of payment.

Levi Williams, James Williams, and John Saunders, vagrants, were sent to jail for three months.

Robert Clendening, a drunken and disorderly person, was fined \$5.

Rhodes Masie, charged with having unlawful possession of a trunk and wearing apparel, belonging to Annie Goode, was dismissed, the prosecutor not appearing.

Mollie Harris (colored), drunk and unable to take care of her child, was committed to the almshouse, Miller, charged with breaking into the house of Benjamin Fleming, and threatening to kill him, was committed to await examination by a commission of lunacy.

Sarah Jones (colored), a common thief and vagrant, was sent to jail for six months.

Alfred Gordon, guilty of trespass, was committed to the almshouse in default of security for good behavior.

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE for the week ending November 6, 1874: Lots fronting 20 feet on Venable street, corner of Mosby, for \$1,000; 15 feet on Cary street, between Madison and Bevidere for \$3,500; 15 feet on St. James street, corner of Federal, for \$402.37; 27 feet on St. James street near Federal for \$195.75; 31 feet on Moore street for \$700; 21 1/2 feet on Seventeenth street near Carrington for \$750; 41 1/2 feet on Twentieth street between L and M for \$450; 150 feet on Cary street between Jefferson and Madison for \$1,750; 75 feet on Cary street between Jefferson and Madison for \$628.12; 15 feet on Nineteenth street, &c., for \$1,485; 16 feet on Fourth street, corner of Arch, for \$1,450; 65 feet on Marshall street, corner of Ninth, for \$1,150 feet on Cherry street between Cumberland and Beverly for \$800; 50 feet on Cary street between Madison and Bevidere \$1,500; 60 feet on Bevidere street between China and Adams for \$2,000; 60 feet on Bevidere street between China and Adams for \$2,000; 80 feet on Main street between Tenth and Eleventh for \$400; 75 feet on Cary street for \$2,500; 11 1/2 and 12 feet on Elm street for \$400; 46 feet on Venable street between Mosby and Adams for \$1,075; 60 feet on Fifteenth street near Franklin for \$100; 22 1/2 feet on Tenth street for \$3,825; 30 feet on Venable street, corner of Federal.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.—The enterprise of Syle Brothers on Saturday purchased, through Mr. J. Thompson Brown, the large building on Cary street formerly owned by Mr. Thomas D. Quarles. The Messrs. Syle will very shortly occupy the entire building as a dry-goods establishment.

THE CHILD OF THE UNNATURAL MOTHER.—The autopsy upon the child of the child of William White, which died while in the possession of Catharine Curtis (colored), developed the fact that death had been caused by pneumonia. Deputy Coroner Christopher Tompkins held an inquest Saturday evening, and a verdict that the deceased child died from criminal neglect and ill treatment on the part of its mother, Catharine Curtis, and that Catharine Curtis was accessory thereto. Both the women are in custody.

ACCIDENT.—William Wicks, a white man, was found lying in Main street, opposite the post-office, Saturday evening about dusk, in a stupor and bleeding from the head. Whether he died accidentally or was knocked down by some passing vehicle could not be ascertained. He had two scalp-wounds, which were attended to by Dr. Beale, and he was sent home.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—At the last regular meeting of Liberal Grove, No. 2, U. O. O., the following officers were installed for the next term: George Bennighof, N. A.; Christian Thom, V. A.; Michael Hanna, S.; Henry Burkert, T.; John Ebenhack, I. G.

SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY.—Saturday Deputy Sergeant E. Cummings conveyed to the penitentiary James Brady and Pat. McDermott, two pickpockets, who were sentenced to serve five years.

CONFERENCE OF BONDHOLDERS.—The Governor and the members of the State will meet the bondholders in conference here tomorrow with a view to an adjustment of the public debt of Virginia.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Conrad Wagner, sheriff of Henrico county, who was recently wounded by Mr. John B. Robertson, is in quite a bad way. Three pieces of bone have been extracted from his leg, and his sufferings are intense.

AIMS AT THE THEATRE.

The first appearance in Richmond of Mlle. Aine, "the Queen of Opera Bouffe," will be made at the Theatre to-night. She will be supported by a fine company, and in addition will have the services of a very excellent orchestra. The opera is "La File de Madame Anrot," which was lately played here by Mrs. Oates with great success.

READINGS BY REV. A. N. GILBERT.—Rev. A. N. Gilbert of Baltimore, will give an evening of readings of poetry and prose—humorous and pathetic—at the Third Presbyterian Tabernacle Monday (this evening) at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be given to the Seventh-Street Church.

TO THE CREDITORS OF ISAACS, TAYLOR & WILLIAMS.—The creditors of the above firm are earnestly requested to meet the undersigned at A. A. Gutcheon's, commission merchant, 1508 Main street, one door below the St. Charles Hotel, on TUESDAY NEXT, the 10th instant, between the hours of 9 and 4 o'clock, where a notary public will be in attendance to prove their accounts. The committee will secure to the creditors the best result the estate will produce.

JOHN OTT, Chairman;
P. H. STARRKE,
J. G. MOFFATT,
GILBERT PHILLIPS,
WARNER L. FLEMING.

Another Plea for Water.—To the Editors of the Dispatch: Gentlemen—While I fully endorse the action of the faithful and able officers of our State Fair I would like to suggest what I believe to be a great blessing and benefit as well as a necessity.

In attending the last Fair I noticed that the few wells or pumps on the grounds were exhausted at an early hour in the day, thus checking both people and cattle from water. The writer saw stock actually panting for the want of this necessity. Can't this evil be remedied? A word to the wise is sufficient.

MICHAEL NEWS.
CITY COUNCIL.—A called meeting of this body was held Saturday night for the purpose of considering a number of bills, which were ordered to be laid on the table. The report of the Chief of Police was read and filed.

ROBBERY.—The hen-house of Mr. Daniel Ferguson, who resides at the corner of Fourteenth and Bainbridge streets, was broken into between 3 and 4 o'clock Friday night and robbed of five chickens. The thieves left a number behind them, having been frightened off by a neighbor.

ARRESTS.—Frank Hunter was lodged in the station-house Saturday, charged with perjury.

J. Roberts was also arrested and bailed, charged with an assault upon Ann Haskins.

INFANTICIDE.—Jordan Christian and Delia Marks were arrested Saturday and locked up on the charge of infanticide.

ENGLISH, DIAGONAL AND WANTED COATINGS, suitable for Fritche Albert coats, and a very large assortment of English and French cassimers for business suits, just received, and will be made up to wear in the best and most fashionable styles by E. B. SPENCE & SON, merchant tailors, 1300 Main street.

OVERCOATS.—For a large and well- assorted stock of overcoats call on E. B. SPENCE & SON. They have them in great variety, made of fine black and brown beaver, fur baver and chinchilla, made in sacks, and talmes, and gileys. For a good overcoat, at low prices, call at 1300 Main street.

BUSINESS SUITS.—A large stock of ready-made business suits and Prince Albert coats for sale low by E. B. SPENCE & SON, merchant tailors, 1300 Main street.

EMBROIDERED WHITE DRESS-SHIRTS, and all kinds of gentlemen's furnishing goods, for sale low by E. B. SPENCE & SON, 1300 Main street. Try Gray's moulded collars.

MRS. JONES, HOW IS YOUR HEALTH THIS MORNING? Thank you, madam, much improved. I bought a bottle of Dr. H. C. Allen's Cough Syrup, and after the first dose my cough was checked. I slept well, and have not coughed since this morning.

ANOTHER PREMIUM AT THE LAST FAIR TO RANDOLPH & ENGLISH for the best binding and blank-books. Early orders solicited from banks, merchants, and clerks for account-books of all kinds. 1318 Main street.

I have analyzed the Whiskey known under the brand of "B. BLECK," controlled by Messrs. WALTER D. BLAIN & 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,
January 13, 1872.

TRANSFER PRINTING INKS.—We invite attention to the beautiful and useful TRANSFER INKS that we are now using. They are of recent introduction, but are already extensively used by railroads and steamship companies, and by all merchants. The inks that we are now furnishing are of a quality that can be copied any length of time after being printed. Will copy in ordinary letter-press book.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.
MOODY & ROYALL, 12 M., at the court-house, Manchester, a farm of five hundred and sixty-two acres.

MOODY & ROYALL, 4 1/2 P. M., house and lot and storehouse on Twelfth street, Manchester, near the depot.

LYNE & BROTHER, 4 P. M., lot and brick dwelling on Main street between First and South.

RICHARDSON & CO., 4 1/2 P. M., storehouse and lot, No. 121 east side of Union street.

E. D. EACHO, 12 M., the personal property of William White's farm, in Henrico.

W. B. RATLIFF, 10 A. M., groceries, &c.

COOK & LAUGHTON, 10 A. M., pawnbroker's sale.

A. B. DUESBERY, High Constable, 11 A. M., stock and fixtures of late No. 1116 Main street.

WILLIAM WALSH, 11 A. M., household and kitchen furniture, horse, cows, &c.

HEADQUARTERS "F. F. COMPANY," FIRST REGIMENT VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS. At a meeting of the officers and men of "F. F. Company," First Regiment Virginia Volunteers, held on Tuesday the 3d day of November, 1874, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas our recent visit to the capital of our country has been a most profitable and interesting one, and we have had the opportunity of seeing the city of Washington, and of participating in the various amusements and recreations which it affords, and we are desirous of making a permanent record of the same, and of preserving the same for the benefit of our countrymen, and we are desirous of making a permanent record of the same, and of