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THURSDAY.....DECEMBER 23, 1875.

WEATHER REPORT.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 7:35 A. M. DECEMBER 22, 1875, AT HUNTINGTON, HINTON, AND WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Station.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.	Rain-fall.	River. Ft.	In.
Huntington	53	S. W.	Foggy.	00	08	1
Hinton	41	S.	Cloudy.	00		
W. Sulphur	52	S.	Cloudy.	00		

RICHMOND, December 23, 1875.

Sun rises	7.18	Moon rises	3.25
Sun sets	4.42	High tide	12.41

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear, mild, and pleasant.

Range of Thermometer at the Dispatch office December 22, 1875.

6 A. M.	55	3 P. M.	71
9 A. M.	58	6 P. M.	68
Noon	69	Midnight	56

Mean temperature: 62 5-6

December 22, 1874.

6 A. M.	38	3 P. M.	49
9 A. M.	42	6 P. M.	44
Noon	47	Midnight	44

Mean temperature: 44.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—*The probabilities are that it will be partly cloudy.*

LOCAL MATTERS.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AID SOCIETY.—This Society, which is attached to Leigh-Street Baptist church, held its annual meeting Tuesday night in the basement of the church, a large audience being present.

A number of new members were elected; after which the annual reports of the officers were read and adopted.

The report of the treasurer shows that $279.40 were received in money, and in contributions $254.05—leaving a balance in the treasury of $25.35.

The secretary (Miss Annie E. Goddin) reports that 89 persons have been assisted by the Society. The following articles were distributed: Shoes, 97; hats, 44; articles of clothing, 160. Since the organization of the Society (two years ago) 129 children have been aided, and 706 articles of clothing, including hats and shoes, have been given out.

The election of officers then took place, and the choice of the Society resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Quintin Campbell; Vice-President, Miss Mollie S. Garlick; Secretary, Miss Nannie E. Goddin; Treasurer, Miss Lizzie M. Garlick; Visitors, Mrs. Mary Gary, Miss Martha Williams, Miss Indie Westwood, Miss Mollie Tignor.

The proceedings of the Society were very interesting, and showed that the ladies had accomplished a great deal of good in the eastern portion of the city. Some admirable music by the choir of the church added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

THE HEBREW FESTIVAL OF LIGHT.—With last night began the Hebrew feast of "Light," commemorating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after it had been profaned by Antiochus Epiphanus. This is one of the Post-Biblical festivals of the Israelites, but it has become endeared to them on account of its historical significance. When Antiochus Epiphanus, the Syrian monarch, had subdued a greater part of the Hebrew nation and had attempted to compel them to worship the Grecian deities, forbidding the reading of the Pentateuch and other religious practices, he came to the village of Modin, the home of Maccabees. This latter family refused to do the bidding of Antiochus, and when the monarch had ordered that a Hebrew be slain because he refused to render obedience to him the Maccabees took up arms against the invader, and after many battles succeeded in driving him out of Palestine. When the armies returned the Temple, which was hung with pictures of the deities of Greece, was purified and rededicated.

THE CHRISTMAS RECESS.—More than half of the members of the Legislature have left the city to spend the Christmas holidays at their homes. Both houses were "thin" yesterday. They will be "thinner" still to-day.

Under an existing law, when a recess for longer than three days is taken, no pay can be drawn by members, and therefore, while the recess is nominally only for Friday, Saturday, and Monday, no business can be transacted for six or seven days. The majority of members will not return here before next Thursday, and many, indeed, not until after the 1st of January.

THE LATE JUDGE SIEG.—The remains of Judge Sieg were quietly interred yesterday evening.

It was at first proposed that the legislative action in respect to his memory should be taken yesterday, but after a consultation of his friends it was decided to postpone it until to-day, when resolutions will be introduced and eulogistic speeches made, and the two houses will adjourn.

Messrs. Leech and Carpenter, who were in the room with Judge Sieg before the nature of his disease was discovered, left the city several days ago.

THE CLARK SPRING PROPERTY.—A joint meeting of the Council Committees on Finance, Water, and Grounds and Buildings, was held in the Council chamber last evening to consider the subject of disposing of the Clark Spring property, or a portion of it, to the Hollywood Cemetery Company, as asked in their memorial. The proposition of the Hollywood Cemetery Company not being very definite the committee could not reach a conclusion, and therefore adjourned the subject until a specific offer is made for the property.

THE FORTHCOMING ORGAN.—Mr. Burch, who was chairman of the conference of Republicans held on the 21st instant, on yesterday appointed the following committee under the resolution looking to the establishment of a Republican organ in this city: First district: Hon. J. B. Sener; second district: Hon. J. H. Platte; third district: Arthur A. Spitzer, William F. Giddings, Rev. William Trov, D. W. Bobonon, Dr. C. S. Mills, John R. Popham; fifth district: D. S. Lewis; fourth district: Hon. W. H. H. Stowell; sixth district: J. F. Wilson; seventh district: S. M. Yost; eighth district: R. D. Beckley; ninth district: Jacob Wagner.

An informal meeting of the committee was held yesterday, and the 30th of December was fixed as the time for a full meeting of the committee in this city.

REUNION OF RICHMOND KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. Richmond Commandery, No. 2, K. T., will have a reunion to-night. The orders of Knighthood will be conferred on several candidates, and Appomattox Commandery, No. 6, of Petersburg, and Fredericksburg Commandery, No. 1, are expected to be present as guests of the Richmond Knights. A good time is anticipated, and it is expected that Richmond Commandery will be fully represented on the occasion.

THE NEW RESERVOIR—PUMPING COMMENCED IN EARNEST.—Yesterday about noon the pumps were set to work in earnest to fill the completed basin of the new reservoir. It will take about ten days to fill it. When this is done the water will be turned into the pipes, and the other basin filled.

THE NEW ENGINE-HOUSE.—The gong and fire telegraph will be moved from the old Eighteenth-Street engine-house to Company C's new quarters, on Main street between Nineteenth and Twentieth, to-day, and the former engine-house abandoned.

EARTHQUAKE.

THREE SHOCKS FELT IN THE CITY.

A MIDNIGHT COMMOTION.

HOUSES SWAYED TO AND FRO

The Earth Rocks Like a Cradle.

EXCITEMENT AND DISMAY AMONG THE PEOPLE.

A Terrific Shake at Coalfield.

ACCOUNTS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Scenes and Incidents in the City.

&c., &c., &c.,

About 11:45 o'clock last night three severe and distinct shocks as of earthquake were felt in all parts of the city, and created great consternation. Thousands of people who were peacefully slumbering at the time were aroused by the rattling of window-panes and the trembling of their houses, and awoke in great fright. The sensation lasted for about twenty or thirty seconds; and began with a slight rocking, which rapidly increased until houses swayed to and fro and the earth seemed slipping from beneath the feet of those who were on the street.

A gentleman who was quietly sitting smoking his pipe in his chamber in the western portion of the city says he heard the rumbling noise as if of some heavy vehicle passing on the macadamized street, before he felt

THE QUIVERING SENSATION.

Then he heard the rattling of the window-panes and the floor began to shiver, producing an unpleasant sensation, like he experienced when standing on the Supreme Court-room floor the moment before it gave way with such terrible destruction of human lives. This gentleman states that looking at the head-board of the bed in the room he clearly perceived it vibrating like a pendulum. There were three shocks, the two last running into each other, not sharp or sudden, but coming on rather slowly, swelling in force and then quickly dying out. The gentleman ran to his window and opened it, and almost simultaneously several other windows were raised. He asked, "What is the matter?" and a gentleman from across the street responded, "It is an earthquake. What shall we do?" Even at that time the earth seemed hardly settled. Every voice that was heard conveyed the impression of fright and of some dreaded

CATASTROPHE IMPENDING.

The idea was that the shocks were from north to south or from south to north, but few people were cool enough to be able to tell exactly from what direction they came.

At the *Dispatch* office the shocks were painfully felt. The tall building trembled to its very foundation, and the compositors on the fourth floor, apprehensive that the structure was toppling, left their stands with all the rapidity possible, and rushed into the street.

One of the compositors whose stand is near the door, believing that the front of the house was falling inwardly, was the first to get out. He was followed by all the others. Many of the men reached the ground breathless, and some say they were almost out of their senses, not knowing the character or the extent of the danger, and being really unable to decide when they had reached a place of safety. One or two in coming down the steps hurt themselves. One, with more forethought than the others, let himself down by means of the dumb-waiter.

In less than five minutes after the shock at least one-fourth of the people of the city were out

IN THE STREETS,

or in their yards, many in their night-clothes. Mothers grasped their babes from their cradles and went out of the houses seeking open spaces to be away from falling houses. So unexpected, so unprecedented in the history of Richmond was the occurrence, that none were prepared for it, and those who, under ordinary dangers, would have shown boldness and courage, lost all control of themselves. Never before was there such universal consternation. Never before, even in the darkest days of the war, when the almost countless hosts of the enemy were thundering at our gates, and bomb-shells were bursting in the sight of our women and children, was there such fright.

At Ford's, St. James, and Exchange Hotels hundreds of people were awakened, and those who were not asleep felt the quake and heard the rumbling noise most plainly. At these hotels bells were rung, lights put out, people were almost jostled from their beds, and panic and confusion took possession of many. The great desire—indeed, the instinct—seemed to be to get out of the buildings. At the Exchange one man climbed out upon the roof, seeking a safe place.

In Manchester there was the same experience.

A gentleman who has sleeping apartments in Stearns's building says he saw lights springing up and down in all directions.

The plastering was knocked down from the ceiling in a number of houses.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock dozens of gentlemen from

ALL PARTS OF THE CITY

called at the *Dispatch* office. They gave accounts agreeing in the main with what is here written. One said he felt three separate shocks as plainly as he ever felt anything in his life. All described the movement of the earth as of a regular rocking rather than of a convulsive character. There was a swaying to and fro rather than an upheaval or spasmodic movement. Many represented that ladies had been frightened nearly to death, and it is certain that a large portion of our population passed a sleepless night, not knowing how soon new shocks would come, or when they came what would be the result.

Quite a number of gentlemen, ladies, and children, passed the night in the open air.

It was for a considerable time last night debated by those who were out upon the streets whether the shocks were from an earthquake or from

AN EXPLOSION

in some one of the Chesterfield coal-mines. After reports came from Manchester, Church Hill, Rocketts, Sidney, Oregon Hill, and north of Broad street, and Coalfied, it was no longer doubted that we had experienced the shocks of an earthquake, the first felt here in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, and so far as we are at present advised, ever felt here. Three or four years ago there was a like occurrence noticed at Ashland and other points in that vicinity, and forty years ago shocks of consequence disturbed the even tenor of the way of the inhabitants of Louisa, but nothing of the kind so general and so noticeable is known to have previously occurred in this section of the State.

Telegrams were sent to Danville, Lynchburg, Washington, D. C., Coalfield, and Norfolk, but except at Coalfield no sensation like ours was reported.

There were several gentlemen from California stopping at Ford's Hotel, and they all concurred in the opinion that the shocks were

THE FORERUNNERS

of a more serious trouble, but up to the hour of going to press their predictions had not been verified, and it is hoped will never be.

Our reporters visited the depôts in the city in the hope of gaining further information of the alarming visitation.

The watchman at the Danville depôt was at the time sitting near the bridge, eating his supper. He declares that he believed the abutments of the bridge were crumbling away. He felt two shocks, the first lasting about eight seconds. About the time of the first shock the night freight train was leaving the depôt. The operator at Coalfied telegraphed to Richmond at once to know if Richmond had felt it. He said that he was sound asleep and it almost shook him out of bed. The conductor testified that the operator was the hardest man on the line to wake up, and that it must have been terrible indeed to have aroused him.

Danville was next called, and he was the only man awake on the line except Coalfield. Danville stated that there was no shock there.

The engineer of the shifting engine at the depôt was on the south side of the river at the time with his locomotive, but he did not notice the violent shaking of the earth. The brakeman, however, felt it, and he thought that the very track was giving way under the train. The freight cars trembled with the appalling vibrations of mother earth. His account of the phenomenon was graphic indeed.

INCIDENTS.

The police report that citizens on Broad street were almost uncontrollable, and rushed out into the street in all sorts of clothing. Indeed, some of them made their appearance in no garments at all save those they wore in bed.

A gentleman residing on Gamble's Hill stated at this office last night that the walls of his house—a new brick house—swayed like a boat tossed on the waves.

A house in the neighborhood of Brook avenue was said to have been thrown down, but the lateness of the hour at which the information was received afforded no opportunity to ascertain its correctness.

Telegrams were received at the First station-house from the Second and Third stations, and from the almshouse, conveying similar information to that from all other sections of the city.

Policeman Skinner was at the city railway crossing near Hollywood at the time of the occurrence. He thought that the end of time had come. Around him a moment before all things wore the stillness of death, when suddenly the earth seemed to tremble from centre to circumference, the windows rattled, and the blinds slammed to and fro so violently that he believed some awful explosion had occurred, and if life was spared him it could only be accounted for as a dispensation of Divine providence.

A hackman who was in the neighborhood of the Church-Hill tunnel, near Twenty-sixth street, reported that the citizens in that vicinity thought that the tunnel had fallen in. Persons from the other end of the city believed at first that the Gamble's Hill tunnel had been demolished.

Everybody with whom we conversed stated that when they felt the shock their very bodies thrilled and tingled as though they had received a shock from a powerful electic battery.

The Latest—3.10 A. M.

Our reporter at 2 o'clock visited the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad depôt in order to ascertain the effect of the shock on the line of the road. The operator there very kindly informed him that the quake was felt severely as far as Meechum's river, one hundred and seven miles west from Richmond. At Staunton it was not felt.

At Alexandria it shook every building in the city, and alarmed the citizens not a little. At Lynchburg a loud noise was heard but did not know what it was.

THE WEATHER.

Some parties of inquiring turn of mind, in their anxiety to ascertain what was the cause of the agitation of the earth last night, advanced the idea that the weather had something to do with it. That is hardly likely. Yet the weather has undergone rapid changes within the past few days.

On the 18th at the White Sulphur Springs the thermometer was but four degrees above zero. At Richmond it was eighteen. Yesterday at 3 o'clock the thermometer here was seventy-one, and the heat was so oppressive as to be generally complained of. Last night about the time of the shocks an unusual number of shooting-stars were observed, and that was taken in connection with the weather by the theorists who wanted to get up some sort of fanciful explanation.

A BURGLAR SHOT AND CAPTURED.—About 8 o'clock last night Mr. Robert T. Mitchell, who resides in Henrico county, near Laurel Hill church, came upon a negro burglar named Samuel Trueman standing in the passage of his house. Upon asking Trueman what his business was, Trueman fled, and Mr. Mitchell, having obtained a pistol, pursued him and fired three shots, one of which grazed Trueman's forehead and ploughed up the skin.

Trueman was then captured, and Mr. Mitchell tied him and brought him to Richmond in a cart. Meeting Captain Tyler on the street, Mr. Mitchell turned over the prisoner to him, and Captain Tyler lodged him in the First station-house, and will this morning deliver him over to the Henrico authorities.

Trueman's wound is not a severe one. He appeared to be half drunk, though when captured by Mr. Mitchell he had sense enough remaining to give a false name. It was ascertained that Trueman had been at work on the place of Mr. Mitchell's brother, which is also in the Laurel Hill neighborhood.

CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY STOLEN. Reuben Williams, a stone-cutter, was arrested yesterday evening by Private Detective John Wren on a warrant charging him with stealing $150 from the trunk of his room-mate, Peter Shields. The two men boarded at a house on Main street between Twenty-second and Twenty-third. Shields laid away his money on the 14th or 15th. When he went to look at it on Tuesday it was missing. The trunk had been opened with a false key.

Williams, after being arrested, told Detective Wren where he could go and get one hundred and four dollars of Shields's money. Accused was lodged in the First station-house last night, and will be brought before the Police Justice this morning. He is a young man and a native of Richmond, and was never known to be in any scrape of the kind before.

REMEMBER THE ORPHANS.—Those who are laying in Christmas supplies for their families and are buying presents for their children should not forget the orphans, who have only the public to look to for their Christmas cheer. It is proposed to provide a nice Christmas dinner for them, and the money so far realized is wholly insufficient for the purpose. Spare a small part of your means to make glad the hearts of the little ones who have no kind parents to fill their stockings or to gladden their hearts with Christmas gifts. Contributions of money, however trifling, left at the *Dispatch* counting-room, will be turned over to the committee, and be thankfully received and properly applied.

It ought to be the work of the girls and boys of Richmond each year to see that the orphans have a nice Christmas dinner.

NOT THE RIGHT BOX.—Yesterday morning a well-known State officer tried for some time to put a letter that he wanted to mail into the Fire-station 13, at the corner of Thirteenth and Main streets. A policeman showed him the error of his way, and the gentleman walked off a wiser and a considerably amused man.

COLORED MASONS—A UNION EFFECTED.—The two grand lodges of colored Masons heretofore existing in this State have been united into one grand lodge. All the lodges of Richmond and Manchester will unite in a Masonic celebration Monday next, St. John's day.

THE HOUSE-RAILING.—The contract for putting up a railing in rear of the seats of members in the hall of the House of Delegates has been given to Ass Snyder & Co.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY.—*Justice J. J. White presiding.*—Charles Smith, aged ninety-one years, was sent to jail for being drunk.

Archer Scott and Julia *alias* Ludly Scott, charged with stealing a lot of shawls and cloaks from Cardozo, Fourqurean & Co., were sent to jail to await trial on the 24th.

Emily Green, charged with cutting Barbour with a hatchet, was sent on to the January term of the Hustings Court. Emily was in court, but was in a very dilapidated condition, and before the examination was ended became insensible, and had to be carried home in a carriage.

Stephen Williams (colored) was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Michaels, having in his possession a pair of boots he had just stolen from Fernando Woods, a countryman. He was conducted to the Police Court, and on examination was sentenced to jail for forty days.

The case of Jim Robinson, charged with house-breaking, was continued until to-day. Being recognized as the thief who stole a lot of personal property from James Quinn, he was given six months in jail on that account.

The case of Archer Scott and Julia *alias* Ludly Scott, charged with stealing goods from Cardozo, Fourqurean & Co., was continued till to-morrow.

WERE THE GOODS STOLEN?—Mention was made in the *Dispatch* yesterday of the arrest of a man named Wall, charged with assaulting Timothy Drian with a slung-shot. Last night Drian was arrested on the charge of being drunk, and when taken into custody he had in his possession a huge bolt of new black oil-cloth, a lot of dry goods, four damask table-cloths, silk handkerchiefs, &c. He was questioned as to where he procured the goods, but could not give any satisfactory account of them.

APPLICATION FOR BAIL REFUSED.—Colonel John B. Young, counsel for Barney Johnson, applied to Judge Guigon, of the Hustings Court, yesterday, for bail on account of the alleged bad condition of his health. Drs. J. H. White, Hunter McGuire, and J. F. Jackson were examined as to his condition. They all testified that there were no symptoms of organic disease, and the court therefore declined to bail the accused.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Matt. O'Brien, formerly of this city and now manager of the *Atlantic Coast-Line Journal*, a very neat advertising sheet published monthly under the auspices of the passenger and freight department of the Atlantic coast line of railways in Charleston, S. C., is in the city.

Dr. A. G. Wollard, whose residence thieves have twice attempted to rob recently, has returned to the city. The Doctor thinks that with the assistance of his son he will be enabled in the future to prevent further depredations.

The Governor yesterday made Mr. J. R. V. Daniel, of Richmond, a notary public.

Major E. A. Von Buhlow, the fresco artist, has left the city on a visit to the South for the benefit of his health.

It is stated that Josh Billings, the celebrated humorist, will lecture in the Richmond Theatre on Tuesday night, February 1st.

Hon. Beverly B. Douglas, M. C., was at the St. James Hotel yesterday.

Joseph L. Young, Esq., formerly of this city, now business manager of the Norfolk *Landmark*, is on a visit here.

Delegate Kellam proposes to spend his Christmas holidays at his old home, in Accomac county.

George Moran, fined by the Police Justice for being drunk, was not George N. Moran the bricklayer of Sidney.

CROOKED WHISKEY.—Judge Hughes though still quite unwell, was able yesterday to sit up in his chambers to hear the case of the United States against M. & E. Myers' distillery. It is alleged that the Messrs. Myers, who are business-men of Petersburg, did an extensive traffic in illicit whiskey, and the forfeiture of the distillery to the United States Government is now claimed. The question whether or not the books of the establishment, seized by judicial process, can be used in evidence in the case, was argued and submitted to the Judge, who reserved his decision. Mr. G. F. Richards, of the internal revenue collector's office in Petersburg, was then put upon the stand and examined. About 3 o'clock the case was adjourned to 11 o'clock to-day.

CONTINUED AGAIN.—The case of Thomas E. Milstead, late deputy collector of internal rev