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THURSDAY.....DECEMBER 30, 1875.

WEATHER REPORT.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 7:35 A. M. DECEMBER 29, 1875, AT HUNTINGTON, HINTON, AND WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Stations.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.	Rainfall.	River. Ft.	River. In.
Huntington						
Hinton						
W. Sulphur	41	E.	L't rain.	4.10		

REMARKS.—Reports from Hinton and Huntington for iron account of telegraph lines being down.

RICHMOND, December 30, 1875.

Sun rises	7.17	Moon sets	7.33
Sun sets	4.43	Hightide	6.27

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cool and rainy.

Range of Thermometer at the Dispatch office December 29, 1875.

7 A. M.	40	3 P. M.	48
9 A. M.	43	6 P. M.	48
Noon	43	Midnight	48

Mean temperature: 45½.

December 29, 1874.

7 A. M.	60	3 P. M.	56
9 A. M.	63	6 P. M.	56
Noon	66	Midnight	44

Mean temperature: 57½.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—*The probabilities are that it will be foggy and rainy.*

LOCAL MATTERS.

REPORTS TO THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.—Owing to the uncertainty of political affairs and the impossibility of foreseeing whether Republicans or Democrats will be the occupants of the custom-house a year or two hence, or for some other cause, the authorities at Washington have concluded to make most all the old office-furniture serve for the present. According to the original programme Turkey carpets, French mirrors, sumptuous divans, mahogany and walnut desks, hat-racks, beetle-jacks, umbrella-stands, &c., &c., were to be furnished each office. Now all that plan has been changed. Yesterday two or three men were engaged cutting and trimming the old carpets, to be relaid. Some new carpets will have to be purchased, but the estimates have been immensely cut down, and no great amount of money will be spent. The repairs have been going on for about six months. So far as the two upper stories are concerned, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the work will be finished in the course of the next two or three months.

The United States court-room has been greatly altered and somewhat improved. The style of bar is an innovation upon Virginia institutions, and is not regarded with favor by the lawyers. They will, however, have to stick "to the bar," as Judge Hughes means to make a rule providing that no lawyer will be recognized by the court unless he addresses the court from the bar. The Judge's bench has been lowered a foot or two, and the offices of the Circuit and District Courts have been enlarged.

ANOTHER PLEASANT SUNDAY-SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—Tuesday night there was a very enjoyable affair at the Northern Methodist chapel, Rev. Mr. Otis pastor, the occasion being a festival for the benefit of the children of the school connected with the chapel. The exercises were opened by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," &c., to the tune of "Coronation." Prayer was next offered by Rev. Mr. Peterson, of the Methodist Church. A party of a dozen or so from Clay-Street church, under the leadership of Mr. John N. King, then discoursed music appropriate to the occasion. The opening address was made by a little boy scarcely more than six years of age. Next, "Glory to God in the highest" was sung; after which the little children of the school chanted the Lord's Prayer in very good time.

Prizes were given to Nora Shepperson and William Allen for regular attendance. The Honor Roll was then read. After distribution of presents generally, Rev. Mr. Manly, on behalf of some ladies connected with the chapel, presented Mr. Otis with a "Log Cabin" bed-quilt with the hope that over ten thousand stitches might help to give him peace and quiet when tired and weary.

Mr. Otis responded in terms of highest gratitude. He then thanked the various parties present for their assistance in making the occasion interesting.

ELECTION OF CHURCH- AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL OFFICERS.—At the annual meeting of the members of Leigh-Street Baptist church the following officers were chosen to serve the ensuing twelve months: Treasurer, Miles S. Turpin; Assistant Treasurer, William H. Williams; Clerk, E. C. Goddin; Assistant Clerk, G. Harvey Clark; Collector, F. R. Butler; Organist, Mrs. John Mackey.

The Sunday-school officers are as follows, who were elected at a meeting of the teachers and adult scholars of the school: Miles S. Turpin, superintendent; Edward C. Goddin, assistant superintendent; F. R. Butler, secretary; Philip Scherer, assistant secretary; E. S. Turpin, treasurer; Samuel Reynolds, librarian; S. Archer Allen, assistant librarian; Willie F. Crump and Harry Walker, paper-distributors; Jackson Turpin, leader in vocal music; Arthur Clarke, melodeonist. Presiding teacher of primary department, A. B. Clarke.

MEETING OF THE CORN EXCHANGE.—An adjourned meeting of the Corn and Flour Exchange was held yesterday morning, Mr. Thomas W. McCance presiding.

Mr. Somerville, from the special committee of five appointed to draft suitable resolutions relative to the death of Mr. Lewis D. Crenshaw, presented a report embodying a series of appropriate resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned, in order to allow the members to attend the funeral.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FIRE APPARATUS.—The Committee on the Fire Department has ordered two heaters of different patterns, one to be placed in the Church Hill engine-house and the other in Company C's new engine-house, on Main street between Twentieth and Twenty-first. These heaters are designed to keep a constant supply of hot water in the boilers of the steamers. If they work well all the engines will be provided with them. The Fire Committee will probably also order four additional four-wheel hose-carriages to be built for the steamers not now provided with them if the one which has just arrived for the Church Hill company is found to answer the purposes of the department.

MORE MAIL FACILITIES TO THE NORTH.—Under Mr. Potts's resolution the president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce has appointed the following committee to receive the signatures of merchants and others interested in the welfare of the city and favorable to quick mail facilities from the North, &c.: Thomas Potts, chairman; A. L. Ellett, R. E. Blankinship, General T. M. Logan, John G. Spotts, E. O. Nolting, Isaac Davenport, Jr., T. Seddon Bruce, John K. Childrey, and Moses Millhiser.

PERSONAL.—The ladies and girls of Centenary Methodist church meet at 12 M. to-day in the lecture-room of their church.

Senator Allen T. Caperton, of West Virginia, is visiting relatives here.

F. W. Mahood, formerly of Richmond, now of West Virginia, and an assistant clerk of the House of Representatives, is in the city.

Colonel E. Cuthbert, resident correspondent of the New York *Herald*, has been confined to his room by sickness for nearly a week.

The Richmond Fire-Alarm Telegraph.

The readers of the *Dispatch* frequently see it announced that an alarm of fire was turned in at Station 25, or 35, as the case may be. Now, there are many persons in Richmond who don't even know of the existence of the fire-telegraph system here, and many who are aware that there is such an institution in the city do not understand its workings. A paragraph on this subject, therefore, may not be uninteresting at this time. The system is one of the most complete in operation in this country, and by its workings thousands of dollars' worth of property are annually saved and the lives of many useful citizens preserved.

The Richmond fire-alarm telegraph system was put into operation in this city in 1870 mainly through the efforts of Colonel G. T. Egbert, who was then the Chief of Police under the military government; and if nothing else was done that deserves to be remembered, the introduction of this valuable auxiliary to the Fire Department should never be forgotten. Since that time Mr. J. R. Dowell and Superintendent Paynter have improved the system. Many new stations have been erected, and the system to-day is in fine working order and accomplishing all that could be expected. All that is necessary to give an alarm is to procure a key, which can always be found at a prominent place near the box, unlock the iron door admitting into an inner apartment, where all that can be seen is a brass hook pretruding from an inner iron box. Pull this hook down as far as it will come and let it go.

In five minutes or less three or four steamers, a truck, and one of the hose-companies will be at the box (and by way of parenthesis it may be said that the Richmond department will compare favorably with northern and western departments that cost ten times as much money as ours).

To give an alarm, then, is a very simple operation; but sometimes it is a very serious matter. The workings of the box are equally as simple. When the brass hook alluded to is pulled down it raises a lever, which is attached to clock-work. On the end of the lever is a weight to run the clock-work down. Attached to this machinery is a notched wheel, upon which the wire running from the top of the pole rests. As the wheel revolves it records the notches on all the gongs in the city. For instance: If it is Box 25 there will be two notches cut close together, then a space and five notches. This wheel will revolve five times, which records the number of this box five times in every police-station, engine-house, and street-box. When the wire passes over one of these breaks in the wheel it cuts the wire in two as effectually as if it was done in the street. Currents passing through the magnets to which the gongs are attached become discharged, allowing the armature or hammer attached to the magnet to fall back; but as soon as it passes over one of these breaks in the wheel then the wire becomes intact and the current flows from one pole of the battery to the other, through all the magnets in the boxes and gongs, drawing the armature or hammer to the magnet. Of course as often as the wire passes over these breaks the armature strikes the gong. In case of the Box 25 it strikes twice, then pauses a short time and strikes five times, making 25.

There are three stationary men to every engine-house in Richmond, and it is customary, when the gongs give an alarm, for one of the men to count the strokes, so as to get the proper box, while the other two hitch the horses to the apparatus. This generally takes about one minute. If they have any doubts as to the number of the box they wait until the wheel revolves the second or third time, showing the wisdom of arranging the box to strike its number more than once. Sometimes it happens there is a good deal of excitement and noise caused by the horses and men running to their appropriate places, and it is difficult at times to count correctly the box on the first round.

A fire-alarm box may be said to represent a huge man with a voice that can penetrate through an entire city saying to all the firemen, "Come to this point; a great fire is apprehended."

Great credit is due Mr. T. Wiley Davis, chairman of the Committee on Fire-Alarm and Police Telegraph, who has put the wires in better and more perfect working order than they have been since they were put up.

There is another great convenience afforded our citizens by the use of the fire-alarm telegraph, and that is the convenience of getting the exact Richmond time twice daily at every street-box, engine- and police-station house in the city. This is done by Mr. Jahnke, 1327 Main street, at 1 and 7 P. M., his place of business being connected with the wires.

Items from the Capitol.

Governor Kemper returned to the city from his old home, in Madison county, yesterday. During the day he partially examined the papers in the case of Colonel W. D. Coleman, but did not proceed far enough to enable him to form a decided opinion. He regards Judge Guigon's endorsement on the application for pardon as confidential. So it is by no means certain that he (the Governor) will ever allow it to be made public. The general opinion remains that Judge Guigon's statement of the case is not very favorable, even excluding from consideration that part about Colonel Mayo's evidence.

Mr. John Taylor, of King George county, yesterday sent to the State Library a sword which belonged to his grandfather. It has on the blade the following inscription: "In testimony of the intrepidity and valor of Midshipman John Tayloe, of the United States frigate Constitution, in action at the capture of the British frigate Guerriere, 19th August, 1812, the State of Virginia bestows this sword." The home of Midshipman Tayloe was in Richmond county. The sword was an elegant one, and, though somewhat in need of cleaning, even now compares favorably with the best of such weapons of this day.

The Governor yesterday commissioned Robert K. Goodwin a notary public for the county of Rockbridge, and James B. Bell a commissioner of deeds for the State of Virginia to reside in the city of Boston.

The official bond of Major Nathan C. Taliaferro, general agent and storekeeper of the penitentiary, has been approved by Governor Kemper.

Members of the Legislature are slowly returning to their seats. The attendance in each house yesterday showed an increase over the previous day. If the rate of increase of the past two days continues there will be pretty full houses by Monday or Tuesday next. The recess, as ordered, was from the 23d to the 28th of December.

A petition praying the Governor to pardon Mr. Emmet Depriest, now serving out a six months' term of imprisonment in the city jail for winning about one hundred and fifty dollars from Mr. W. B. Ratcliffe at faro, has been signed by quite a large number of members of the two houses.

Messrs. Leech and Carpenter, members of the House, who roomed with Judge Sieg before it was found out that he had the small-pox, are, so far, free from the disease, and it is confidently believed all danger has passed. There is no case of small-pox either in this city or at the small-pox hospital. By the way, the friends of Judge Sieg declare that from their information Judge Sieg was better treated at the hospital than he could have been at home or anywhere else in this State. They speak in high terms of the physician and nurses.

A light iron fence, soon to be put in place, will hereafter prevent persons who are admitted to the floor of the House from pressing too close upon members' desks.

The annual distribution of free railroad tickets will take place at the capitol in a few days.

SOCIAL GATHERING.—The Richmond Caledonian Club will have their third annual social gathering at Levy's Hall to-morrow evening—New-Year's eve.

THE NEW RESERVOIR.—Superintendent Davis, of the Water-Works, yesterday stopped the pumps, which have been at work for a week pumping water into both sections of the new reservoir. Yesterday, when the water was measured, it was found to be about ten feet four inches deep in each side, or more than twice as much as the old reservoir holds when full. The pumps were stopped because one of them needed packing. In order to turn on the water from the new reservoir the Superintendent has made some changes at the pump-house, and already there is a considerable increase in the pressure in various parts of the city.

FUNERAL OF MR. LEWIS D. CRENSHAW.—The funeral of the late Lewis D. Crenshaw took place from his residence, corner of Main and Adams streets, yesterday morning. An unusually large number of persons were present, including leading business-men and members of the city government.

A CHRISTMAS FORGERY.—Charles Richardson and William Sadler (colored) were arrested by Captain Tyler yesterday charged with forging and attempting to employ as genuine a certain order purporting to be drawn by one Mrs. Abrams upon S. Ullman for goods, &c., with intent to defraud. The order was forged to get a supply of Christmas goods.

UNITED STATES COURTS.—Terms of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia will commence in Alexandria on Monday next. Both grand and petit jurors will be summoned. The decision in the case of the receivership of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad will be rendered on that day.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY.—John Diggs was fined five dollars for allowing the hydrant on his premises to remain in a bad condition.

Patrick McGovern, Seaton Tinsley, William Hoge, and W. J. McDowell were fined one dollar each for allowing their cows to run at large on the streets.

Colin Nash (colored) was reported for allowing a vicious dog to run at large and bite Alexander Simpson. The dog was ordered to be killed.

George Hood, William Branch, William Johnson, and Randall Williams, four notorious negro thieves, went into the store of James Quinn last Saturday night, and while the attention of the proprietor was called off Johnson reached over the counter and stole a box of cigars. Hood and Johnson were given four months each, Branch and Williams thirty days each, in jail.

William E. Atkinson, charged with obtaining under false pretenses goods and refreshments to the amount of thirteen dollars from John Kolbe. Continued till to-day.

Tobias Eacho, charged with maliciously threatening to kill Albert Morgan with a knife, and Albert Morgan, charged with assaulting Eacho. The cases were compromised and dismissed.

Phillis Drummond (colored), assaulting and abusing Julia Hamilton, was fined one dollar.

Henry White (colored), arrested for vagrancy, was sent to jail for thirty days.

Alick Booker (colored), drunk and disorderly in the street, was fined two dollars.

THE THEATRE—"THERE'S MILLIONS IN IT."—Mr. John T. Raymond, in the character of Colonel Mulberry Sellers, the genius of Mark Twain's "Gilded Age," gave quite a large audience an admirable piece of acting last night. Those who ventured to the Theatre through the mud, and dampness, and darkness, were amply repaid for their enterprise and trouble. The "Colonel" is all that his admirers claim—all that fame has pictured him—yet must be seen to be fully appreciated. He is wonderfully amusing; he is "great" indeed. His mission is to astound and please, and in one or the other branch of the undertaking he usually succeeds. Those who have found delight in Sothern's Lord Dundreary, in Owens's Solon Shingle, and in Jefferson's Rip Van Winkle, must admit, after seeing Mr. Raymond in this part, that he has achieved a triumph as great as either of the three mentioned in his specialty. Of the play itself little is required to be said. It would be worse than nothing without Sellers, and Sellers represented by another than Raymond would probably be but an ordinary specimen of the American Fraud. Mr. Raymond's support is equal to the demands of the piece.

Last night the audience was kept laughing almost continually. Away went dull care and all the little vexations of life. Sellers was the "idol of the hour," and for the time drove out of mind all other matters. Many who from over-eating of Christmas turkey and fruit-cake, and over-drinking of Christmas eggnogg, had been down almost to the depths of despair, were raised to a happy level by the electric influences of laughter. To-night the piece will be repeated.

ANNIVERSARY OF DAMON LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—The sixth anniversary of Damon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was celebrated in fine style at their lodge-room on Tuesday night. A large audience was in attendance, composed of gallant knights, their wives, sweethearts, and other invited guests. The entertainment consisted of singing, speaking, and dancing—the latter being kept up until the wee small hours. At appropriate intervals refreshments were partaken of.

RED-MEN OFFICERS.—The following officers have been elected to serve during the coming six months: Annawon Tribe, I. O. R. M., have elected Emmett Hill W. S.; W. D. Fuqua, S. S.; John Sadler, J. S.; Richard Carter, C. of R.; John Mann, K. of W.; and —— Church, keeper of wigwam.

Jamestown Tribe has elected Henry Austin W. S.; W. H. Knauff, S. S.; R. F. Pearman, J. S.; Warren B. Smith, C. of R.; W. Wakefield, K. of W.; George Hatcher, keeper of wigwam.

Chickahominy Tribe elected W. E. Johnson W. S.; S. M. Buchanan, S. S.; H. H. Herbert, J. S.; John F. Shinberger, C. of R.; J. M. Godsey, K. of W.

ELECTION OF PYTHIAN OFFICERS.—At a meeting of Virginia Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, held night before last, the following officers were elected: H. P. Elston, C. C.; George D. Wise, V. C.; H. Downing, K. of R. and S.; I. D. Briggs, M. of E.; Charles Clinely, M. of F.; J. H. Stevens, prelate; W. H. Wheeler, M. at A. Trustees of Lodge: George D. Wise, H. P. Elston, W. H. Wise. Trustees of Pythian Hall: W. H. Wade, B. F. Howard, W. H. Wise. The Lodge decided to have a public installation of the officers on the second Tuesday in January at Pythian Hall.

MR. WHEAT'S ORGAN RECITAL TO-NIGHT.—So perfectly charmed was the audience at Mr. Wheat's organ recital Tuesday night at the Second Baptist church, by the exquisitely beautiful performance of our talented organist, that there was a general demand for its repetition. Mr. Wheat has consented to give another recital to-night at the same church (Second Baptist), when he will give a new and still more attractive programme, repeating, by special request, his "Lullaby," and "Easter Hymn," and "William Tell." Mr. Wheat is entitled to a full and enthusiastic house, and it is to be hoped he may have the proof of our appreciation of his efforts to benefit the community by his unselfish labors in years past by being greeted by Richmond's full and best gathering.

THE ENTERTAINMENT AT VIRGINIA HALL.—Despite the inclement weather last night a good audience was in attendance at Virginia Hall to witness the entertainment given for the benefit of Trinity Lodge, I. O. Good Templars. The charades, tableaux, and statuary were highly creditable to all engaged, and were enthusiastically encored. The beautiful ladies who participated in them were well worth a visit to the hall. The singing of the Eureka Quartette was well received. The entertainment will be repeated to-night, when they will no doubt have, as they deserve, a larger audience.

ARREST OF COW-THIEVES.—Yesterday afternoon Policemen Fowlkes and Griffin arrested three colored men by the names of Wesley Pendleton, John Gilliard, and John Green *alias* William White, on the charge of stealing a cow, valued at seventy-five dollars, from Henry Dedman. The two former parties offered the cow to Thomas Burns, who lives on Seventeenth street, at a price so low as to excite his suspicions, and he told them to bring some one to prove that the cow belonged to them, and they brought Green, who testified that the cow had been in their possession for months. In the mean time Burns notified the police, and they arrested all three parties. Dedman identified the cow. His cow-house was broken open Monday night.

ANNUAL BALL.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians will give their fourth annual ball at the Virginia Opera-House to-morrow night.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—Manchester Council, No. 102, Friends of Temperance, have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: A. B. Cheatham, president; William Caudle, associate; D. J. Weisiger, secretary; W. A. Campbell, F. S.; W. B. Weisiger, chaplain; W. D. Lithgow, conductor; A. Weisiger, I. S.; R. Hall, O. S. These officers will be installed at the next regular meeting.

HANDSOME CONTRIBUTIONS.—About one hundred and twenty dollars' worth of groceries, coal, wood, &c., was sent to the Baptist and Methodist churches Christmas day by worthy citizens for the poor of the city. Doubtless many hearts were made glad some.

POUND-PARTIES.—Rev. Dr. Winfree, of the Baptist, and Dr. Vanderslice of the Methodist church, were both substantially as well as surprisingly remembered by their congregations on Christmas.

PLAIN and ORNAMENTAL CAKES;
Premium and French Candy;
Pears, Oranges, and Bananas;
Lemon, Strawberry, Vanilla, and Chocolate Ice-Cream;
Wine and Fruit Jelly;
A full assortment of good things for New-Year's at COLUMBUS's premium confectionery, 321 Broad street.

NEW-YEAR'S PRESENTS.—Nothing is better for a gift on this occasion than a hanging basket of pretty flowers, a pot of growing plants, such as BOUVARDIES, CARNATIONS, MIGNONETTES, GERANIUM, &c., &c., or a bouquet of CUT FLOWERS. To those in want of any of these we cheerfully recommend JOHN MORTON, corner of Main and Reservoir streets, as having the largest and best collection to be found in the city.

All in want of FLOWERS for NEW-YEAR'S RECEPTIONS will please send in their orders early. JOHN MORTON, florist, corner Main and Reservoir streets.

FLOWERS for NEW-YEAR at MORTON'S garden, corner Main and Reservoir streets.

PIZZINI requests his numerous customers to send in their orders for CENTRE PIECES, PYRAMIDS, CHARLOTTE RUSSE, ORNAMENTED CAKES, &c., for New-Year's day as soon as possible in order that proper attention may be given to them, and not have to rush through with them late in the week.

PIZZINI will receive BANANAS, SWEET ORANGES, PEARS, and MALAGA GRAPES on Wednesday's steamer fresh for New-Year's day reception. Order at once, and get fresh fruit.

SAVE MONEY by having your printing done at the DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE. Good work, low prices, and satisfaction guaranteed.

FREE FROM FUSIL OIL.—The "B SELECT" WHISKEY, controlled by Messrs. W. D. BLAIR & Co., 903 Main street, is particularly fine for the price, and warranted free from fusil oil. It has become justly popular with the trade.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—very pretty—at BOSCHEN'S, 509 and 511 Broad street.

SLIPPERS BOTTOMED.—Custom-work of all kinds made to order and guaranteed at BOSCHEN & BROTHER'S.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY.—Dr. C. W. Benson, a practicing physician at 106 north Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md., who has paid much attention to nervous diseases, has discovered that EXTRACT OF CELERY and CHAMOMILE, combined in a certain proportion, invariably cures headache—either bilious, dyspeptic, nervous, or sick headache—neuralgia, and nervousness. This is a triumph in medical chemistry, and sufferers all over the country are ordering by mail. He prepares it in pills at fifty cents per box. The Doctor is largely known and highly respected in Baltimore.—*Episcopal Methodist.*

For sale by all wholesale and retail druggists PURCELL, LADD & CO., agents.

LIEBIG'S LIQUID EXTRACT OF BEEF, in pint bottles, should be kept in every American home as a physician. It penetrates the stronghold of disease and instantly begins the work of cure.

BOSCHEN & BROTHER keep the largest assortment of boots, shoes, trunks, and valises.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS in Bouquets, Floral Designs, &c., may be had of MORTON, Main and Reservoir streets, at prices to suit.

DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE.—In order to meet the constantly increasing demands of our trade we have added a well-selected assortment of NEW TYPE, which, together with our IMPROVED MACHINERY and SKILFUL MECHANICAL TALENT, warrant us in guaranteeing the VERY BEST CLASS OF WORK at moderate figures and in the most expeditious manner.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

LANCASTER & LUCKE, 12 M., four shares of stock of the Richmond Architectural Iron-Works and Stove Company.

FRANK D. HILL, 11 A. M., tobacco-factory machinery and fixtures.

GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, 4 P. M., two framed dwellings on the east side of Fourth street between Jackson and Duval streets.

COOK & LAUGHTON, 10½ A. M., at Nos. 327 and 329 New Market place, corner Marshall street, bar-fixtures, cigars, bedding, mirrors, &c.

POWELL & BYERLY, 10½ A. M., toys, crockery, jewelry, &c.

EDUCATIONAL.

MISS E. R. SQUIRE will resume the duties of her SCHOOL, corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, on MONDAY the 3d. Terms moderate, and made known on application.
de 30-1t*

NIGHT SCHOOL.

The subscriber would be pleased to meet an additional number of YOUTHS at his room, 512 east Franklin street, on RESUMING LESSONS NEXT MONDAY NIGHT. No better investment can be made by the young. Circulars can be had at 917 Bank street.
de 30-1t* L. S. SQUIRE.

HOLLINS INSTITUTE.—Young ladies proposing to enter this Institute for the second half session should be present on the 10th of February. The charge for board and tuition is $112.50. Apply to the superintendent, at Botetourt Springs, Va.
CHARLES L. COCKE, Superintendent.
de 29-3t

SEINE-THREAD, &c.

SEINE-THREAD
of all Nos. and qualities;
PATENT and SOFT SEINE-TWINE, all Nos.;
SEINE-LINES, all sizes;
LINEN and COTTON ROPES,
SEINE-CORKS and
CORK-WOOD on hand and for sale very low.
HAULING DRIFT, and any other kind of SEINE made to order at short notice.
Orders by mail accompanied with the CASH promptly attended to.
L. LICHTENSTEIN,
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EMPTY BOTTLES FOR SALE.
500 dozen WHISKEY BOTTLES,
600 dozen CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES,
250 dozen WINE and CLARET BOTTLES;
BOTTLES of all kinds at low prices.
ROWLAND HILL,
de 10-eod12t* 127 Seventeenth street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Latest News from Washington.

The Question of Intervention in Spanish Affairs.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 29.—There is no doubt of the correctness of the report coming from Vienna as a special to the New York *Herald* that a circular letter has been addressed by Secretary Fish to the European governments for their opinion on the question of intervention in Spanish affairs in Cuba. The publication of the dispatch excites great comment here, and various opinions are heard concerning the results. Generally, there is no idea that this Government intends anything that will lead to unpleasant relations with Spain, but Cabinet officers who have been interviewed on the matter have no assurances to give either one way or the other, and in fact decline to admit that they have knowledge of such a circular having been dispatched from the State Department, notwithstanding the undoubtable evidences that such a paper has been sent abroad. Of course all the facts will be presented in the supplementary message of the President, which is expected soon after Congress reassembles. TIMON.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, December 29.—The opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the $176,257 tax on dividends of stock of the Illinois Central railroad owned by non-resident aliens should be paid to the company or to the non-resident aliens was given to-day. It holds that the officers of the company are trustees of the stockholders and held the money named in trust for the owners of the stock after the payment of all legal claims against the company. The stockholders can recover from the company any money due them, and the company cannot defend itself in a court of law on the ground that the money was paid upon some unlawful exaction, and especially after the payment has been declared illegal by the highest tribunal. The Government unlawfully exacted the money from the company, and it should be paid back to the company. The money already paid to the stockholders may be deducted and the balance paid back to the road.

The report of the Fort Sugg commission will not be published until Bristow and the Cabinet have read it.

It is true, as stated in a special dispatch from Vienna, that the Secretary of State has addressed a circular to all the European governments on the subject of Cuban affairs, enclosing a copy to Spain. Its contents cannot be obtained from official sources here.

Collector of Internal Revenue Shaughnessy, at Jackson, Mississippi, telegraphs the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that his deputy, W. B. Redmond, had been driven from his office and house, and from county to county in his division, while discharging his official duties, by armed bodies, who publicly defy the authority of the United States Government and threaten to resist. If Redmond cannot discharge his duties without military interference, he asks instructions how to proceed. The Commissioner telegraphs: "Is your evidence positive of Redmond's pursuit by armed bodies. How numerous are they, and how large a force do you require?" To this, Collector Shaughnessy replied by telegraphing: "Evidence positive. Redmond was notified by the mayor of Summit, Pike county, to leave at once, as he and the peace-officers could not protect him. Armed bodies numbering from fifty to seventy-five men assert that he cannot remain in the division. A commissioned officer and twenty-five soldiers, if stationed at Liberty, Aurita county, and instructed to support him for thirty days, or until the offending parties are arrested, would be sufficient. Cavalry prepared as the escort could accompany him on a tour through the bad counties and have a good effect."

The papers in the case were transmitted to President Grant, who directed the military officer commanding the Department of the South to furnish a sufficient force of cavalry to enable the proper officer to collect the revenue.

Deep-Sea Soundings.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—The Navy Department has a report from Commander J. N. Miller, commanding the United States steamer Tuscarora, dated "Off Honolulu, 4th of December, 1875." The Tuscarora left San Francisco on the 3d of November and arrived off Honolulu on the 29th. Captain Miller says: "I will leave here on the 6th instant to carry out the Department's orders of October 14th in running a line of deep-sea soundings to Australia, hoping to reach Brisbane, Australia, by the middle of February or before. I have made inquiries at this place, where there is constant communication with the South Sea Islands, in regard to the kidnapping of natives, and the impression is that the practice has been broken up by the English Government. A Captain Hayes, who has been engaged for many years in kidnapping, has been arrested by the Spanish authorities at the Madrone Islands."

Patent Case Decided, &c.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—In the case of Watkins, of New York city, *vs.* McCulloch, of Richmond, Ind., both claiming patent for the fire- and police-alarm telegraph generally in use throughout the United States, the Commissioner has awarded priority of invention to Watkins.

Dispatches from many points north say that the authorities of respective cities intend ushering in the centennial year with firing of cannon, ringing of bells at midnight, illuminations, decorations, &c.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, rising barometer, southeast to southwest winds, warmer and partly cloudy weather.

For the Lower Lakes, Middle and Eastern States, stationary or rising barometer, except falling over the lower lakes, northeast to southeast winds, higher temperature, fog, and rain.

Mrs. Moulton and Plymouth Church.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Mrs. Moulton declined to meet the Plymouth Church special committee last evening to confer upon the preparation and issue of letters missive for the call of a mutual council. She said in her note of declination, "That the time given is altogether too brief for the grave duty to be discharged. The better plan, and the one I prefer, is for Plymouth Church to submit to me a proposed letter-missive and a list of members of the council it determines to summon, and then I will suggest and answer to the letter, and submit the names of members I may wish to invite, or *vice versa*. I will take the initiative in the preparation of the paper and nominating the members. I believe the idea of a mutual council originated with me, and I am advised that I have some voice in the constitution of the council, the platform on which it is to proceed, and the term of its meeting."

Centennial Knights Templar Parade.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29.—In commemoration of the Centennial anniversary of American independence a reunion of Knights Templar of the United States will take place in this city on May 30th and 31st and June 1st, 1876. A grand parade will take place on June 1st, which, it is expected, will be participated in by Sir Knights from all quarters of the globe.

Destruction of Stock, &c.

CONCORD, N. H., December 29.—A. Perdin's barn, in Pittsfield, with eight oxen, eight cows, three horses, a number of hogs, and one hundred and twenty-five tons of hay were burned to-day.

Spanish Affairs.

THE CUBAN INTERVENTION—ARRANGEMENTS MAKING—EX-QUEEN ISABELLA'S RETURN—SERIOUS RESULTS APPREHENDED.

NEW YORK, December 29.—A special from Vienna to the *Herald* says: "The Secretary of State of the United States has transmitted to every European government a circular, dated at Washington, asking an expression of views of each foreign executive regarding the question of American intervention in Cuba.

"The object of the American Cabinet Minister is the obtaining of data to be used in the preparation of President Grant's supplementary message to Congress. All foreign governments have replied satisfactorily. England is ready to endorse the intervention movement at the present moment. The other nations express their willingness to support the intervention, but hesitate to take the initiative."

A Madrid special says Count Pimonastro is now in Paris engaged in the official duty of arranging for the return of ex-Queen Isabella to Spain. King Alfonso opposes the will of the Ministry in this matter. He defies the Cabinet, declaring that the Ministry may resign, but that his mother must have an asylum in Spain. Her residence is to be at Valladolid, for the reason that Madrid is not considered a safe place for her. It is now believed that the serious issue has been forced on King Alfonso by Isabella, and the results will be most disastrous. The Spanish army will be divided at once if the ex-Queen takes any part in the direction or counsel of State affairs. Isabella's return will even cause the loss of Senor Sagosta to the Royalists.

Meeting of American Citizens in Berlin.

THE BREMERHAVEN DISASTER.

BERLIN, December 29.—The meeting called last Monday by citizens of the United States residing here, to give expression to their abborrence of the Bremerhaven crime, and to protest against the unjust comments of the German press, was held to-night. It was attended by two hundred Americans. A resolution was adopted declaring that the act of Thomas or Thomasson is in no respect the fruit of American civilization. It affects the honor of humanity, not that of a particular nationality. Also, protesting against the unjust aspersions on American character which have appeared in some German newspapers in connection with the crime.

Mexican Border Troubles.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 29.—A dispatch from San Diego says that the true history of the raid on Caipo is coming to light. Almost the entire Mexican population in that vicinity was implicated, and would have shared in the spoils in the event of success. A dispatch from Tuscan says that the revolutionist General Serva claims to have recaptured Altar, in Sonora, on the 8th instant without a fight, and that his allies, the Zaqui Indians, have defeated Pesquira in three engagements. Pesquira's friends deny the report. Both parties while in Arizona refrained from committing any outrages, and paid cash for their subsistence.

Later news just received from Tuscan states that in a fight between the State troops and revolutionists in Sonora, twenty-five miles south of the boundary line, the former were defeated with the loss of ten killed, a number wounded, and some prisoners. The revolutionists are marching on Hermosilla. Most of the Americans here sympathize with the revolutionists, considering that they represent the better classes of Sonora. No news has been received of Colonel Biddle's command.

The Know-Nothing Order.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The evening papers publish the following statement of principles of the Order of the American Union:

New York, December 28.—The National Executive Committee of the Order of the American Union deem it advisable to promulgate a summary of the principles which underlie and energize their actions as citizens and as members of the Order:

1st. We accept the Bible as the basis of all moral and religious government and educational undertaking.

2d. We yield an unhesitating support to the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the several States.

3d. We urge that the present system of a general unsectarian free-school organization shall be maintained inviolate.

4th. We claim that no part of the public funds shall ever be used for the support or maintenance of any sectarian school or institution whatever.

5th. We are opposed to any interference in political affairs by any man or body of men acting in behalf or by direction of any ecclesiastical body or powers, yet we make no war upon any man's religious creed.

The objects and purposes of our Order are few and simple, and we give them publicity. The ways and means of conducting our business matters—the methods by which we propose to secure the desired results—are particularly our own, and we intend to keep them to ourselves.

Third term or one-term Democracy or Republicanism, hard money or soft money, crooked whiskey or straight, are entirely outside of our aims and plans, and receive no attention whatever. To sustain and advance the ideas above summarized we propose to use all lawful and suitable means at all times that to us seem to be propitious, with all persons who labor for their triumph against all agencies who seek their overthrow and destruction. As in the past so in the future we wish and expect to receive the co-operation and aid of thousands upon thousands of sturdy, stalwart, patriotic, and thoughtful men, who love their country with an ardor surpassing that of party, sect, or clan. By order of the National Executive Committee.

GEORGE D. WEEKS, President.

Henry T. Holt, Brooklyn, N. Y., Secretary.

New York Items.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Freight on live stock has advanced five cents