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ment, as along the line of all the railroads, shared in the blessing of good crops vouchsafed our whole State last year, and bought and sold more than usual.

It is not to be denied that the condition of the agriculturalists is improving. Unhappily, the evidence of it is found in the statement that our merchants sold in the past year not only more goods than they sold in 1874, but as many as they generally disposed of in the years previous to the panic.

The new year comes rich in promises, which the activity of our merchants and manufacturers will doubtless realize. No recollections of recent great calamities to darken our hope.

And now, having generally referred to Richmond's standing and progress, we invite attention in detail to the vast amount of information gathered together by our industrial reporters, and wish the readers of the Dispatch in its perusal and in all other proper and commendable undertakings a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

Mayor, A. M. Kelley. City Attorney, L. R. Page. Treasurer, S. C. Greenbow.

Police Justice, Joseph J. White. Clerk to Police Justice, D. C. Richardson.

Chief of Police, Dr. C. W. P. Brock. Chief of Fire Department, George A. Ainslie.

Chief of Public Schools, Benjamin T. Auerst. Clerk of First Market, Samuel Ellis.

Chief of Second Market, George Timberlake. High Constable, A. B. Duesberry.

Commissioner of the Revenue, Robert B. Mulford. Assistant Commissioner of the Revenue, Edward Gray, H. H. Wilkins, and John W. White.

City School Board: Hon. A. M. Kelley, Mayor, President of the Board; James H. Buford, Superintendent of Schools; Alfred M. Sess, Secretary of the Board.

Board of Aldermen: The Board of Aldermen is composed of eighteen members, three from each ward in the city.

MANUFACTURES.

We present below our annual tabular statement of the manufactures of Richmond for 1875. Although in many branches our factories have shared in the general depression of business existing throughout the country, yet the aggregate of sales of their products shows an increase of \$6,049,514 as compared with 1874.

We give returns from 862 establishments which were visited by representatives of the Dispatch, in which 11,752 hands were employed, and in which \$3,317,090 are invested in machinery, tools, and fixtures, and \$3,993,900 in buildings and lands.

Our figures establish the gratifying fact that in the face of the most unfavorable circumstances our manufacturing interests are steadily growing in importance, are giving employment to a large proportion of our population, and are affording, even in these hard times, tolerably fair returns for the capital invested.

With very few exceptions the inquiries of our reporters were promptly responded to by the proprietors of our manufacturing establishments, who evinced great interest in our work, and who are entitled to our thanks for the time and labor expended in furnishing information.

Table with 5 columns: Kind of Manufactures, No. of establishments, No. of hands, Value of products manufactured, Value of real estate. Includes categories like Agriculture, Bakers, Barrels, etc.

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CITY DEBT.

The following is a statement of the city debt and interest from January, 1865, to January, 1876, inclusive:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Per Cent, Six Months, Eight Months. Shows debt and interest over time.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the bonds are being paid on demand as presented.

TAXABLE VALUE OF REAL ESTATE.

The following is a statement of the taxable value of real estate and taxes thereon from 1865 to 1875, inclusive, under assessments made by order of the City Council:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Approximate Value, Taxes, Per Cent. Shows real estate value and taxes from 1865 to 1875.

APPROPRIATION.

During the year 1875 a new appropriation of the real estate in Virginia has been made under an act of the General Assembly.

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Value. Lists values for various wards like Marshall Ward, Jefferson Ward, etc.

RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE.

Meets daily except legal holidays over the First National Bank, on Main street next to the corner of Eleventh. M. W. Underhill, 25, Officers: R. H. Maury, president; J. James C. Williams, vice-president; G. A. Uyenoyor, secretary and treasurer.

REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.

The following statement contains the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the city, and the taxes thereon, the number of polls, &c., for the year 1875:

Table with 4 columns: Real Estate, Personal Property, Polls, Taxes. Shows assessed values and taxes for 1875.

FIRES DURING THE YEAR.

The following is a statement of the fires during the year:

Table with 4 columns: Date, Loss, Cause. Lists fire incidents with dates, losses, and causes.

STATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXES, 1875.

The following taxes were assessed: Tax on real estate, \$139,829.34; Tax on personal property, \$7,995,727.00.

Table with 2 columns: Tax on Real Estate, Tax on Personal Property. Shows state tax assessments.

POLICE FORCE.

The Richmond police force is managed by the Board of Police Commissioners—Mayor Kelley, the President of the City Council, and the Police Justice.

First Police Station—Captain James M. Tyler, Sergeant James B. Pleasants, Sergeant W. B. Whitlock, Sergeant B. F. Howard, Acting Sergeant Daniel Wren, and 22 privates.

Second Police Station—Captain John Disney, Sergeant Reuben T. Seal, Sergeant George W. Folkes, Sergeant John D. Ferris, Acting Sergeant John T. Hall, and 21 privates.

Third Police Station—Captain Charles H. Epps, Sergeant Thomas B. White, Sergeant Dudley Gilman, Sergeant Robert N. Thomas, Acting Sergeant A. R. Cousins, and 20 privates.

Changes in the Force During the Year—Resigned, 3; discharged, 5; died, 1; total, 9. Appointed, 9.

Number of arrests made, 5,472. Felons, 363; misdemeanors, 5,119. White, 2,103; colored, 3,379; total, 5,472.

Number of violations of city ordinances reported, 1,091; number of alms of fire given, 83; number of persons furnished lodgings, 2,175.

THE CHAIN-GANG.

The following is a statement of the work done by the chain-gang during the year. Digging culverts, cleaning streets, cleaning gutters, putting down drain-pipes, lowering water, and gas-pipe, cutting gutters, taking

up brick and stone pavement and curbstones, digging gravel, turning round Shockoe Hill borrying-ground, also in City Springs and Monroe Park, working in Monroe Park, putting away wood and coal at City Hall, cleaning off street-crossings, building tool-house at city jail, digging out foundation for boiler at City Hall, cleaning up the streets, cleaning up Shockoe creek, cleaning out alleys, cleaning bricks at the armory, cleaning street-basins.

Total number of prisoners during the year, 200; 41 in the gang at present—40 blacks and 1 white; 2 deaths during the year; 0 escapes, 3 recaptured.

Total expense of the chain gang to the city during the year, \$2,970. Superintendent in charge of the chain-gang, O. C. Wilkinson; assistants, Henry K. O'Dwyer and Tucker Davis.

CITY JAIL.

This department of the city government has undergone a thorough investigation during the past year, and its management, endorsed, although the management itself was condemned. The City Council has within the past few months, ordered many improvements, which are now progressing.

There were 28 lunatics received during the year—8 white men, 7 white women, 8 colored men and 5 colored women. There were 75 prisoners conveyed to the penitentiary during the year, of which there were 19 white men and 56 white women, 41 colored men and 13 colored women.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department of the city of Richmond is composed of a chief engineer, seven commanders, eighty minute-men, and fifteen station-men, and sixteen horses, located and divided as follows:

Company A (steam fire-engine), M. T. Phillips commander, 12 minute-men and 3 station-men. Engine-house, Broad street between Tenth and Eleventh.

Company B (steam fire-engine), S. H. Herndon commander, 12 minute-men and 3 station-men. Engine-house, Third street between Broad and Grace.

Company C (steam fire-engine), B. A. Parks commander, 12 minute-men and 3 station-men. Engine-house, Main street between Tenth and Eleventh.

Company D (hook-and-ladder company), George R. Minor commander, 12 minute-men and 3 station-men. Truck-house, Broad street between Ninth and Tenth.

Company E (steam fire-engine), Twenty-fifth street between Broad and Marshall. W. Taylor commander, 12 minute-men, three of whom are on duty in the engine-house at night; 1 station-man. A steam fire-engine has been bought by the City Council, and is now complete with the exception of the purchase of horses for it.

Company G (hose company), A. L. Fuqua commander, Tenth street between Main and Cary. It numbers 8 minute-men, all of which number sleep in the engine-house.

During the year the Council Committee on the Fire Department, which is very ably presided over by Mr. George Bargamin, has purchased a new four-wheeled horse-carriage for the Church Hill steam fire-engine company, and it is now in service with 800 feet of hose rolled upon it, which has also been bought during the year.

Two steam tractors for the engines have been ordered, and will be put up in the new Main street house and in the engine-house on Church Hill.

The Fire Department costs the city annually about \$35,000, and during the year it has rendered most valuable service, and the officers and men deserve the credit they receive for their faithfulness and labors.

The new pumps, Nos. 7 and 8, pumped the first water into the new reservoir No. 30, 1875, and their performance was considered satisfactory. The reservoir is located about a half mile north of the first locks of the canal, and is nearly two miles from the pumps, and 37 feet higher than the old one, which is 166 feet above the pumps.

Notwithstanding the great increase in discharge connected with the old reservoir, and greater elevation, these pumps performed their labor as well as was anticipated. They have worked at intervals since starting, and were put to work permanently on the 22d instant to fill the reservoir for use. The increase in the consumption of water, and the additional water-works, generally is rapidly increasing the time when new works should be ready for use, so that in case of accidents or other causes there will be a sufficiency of power to meet any emergency.

year occurred in August. The smallest loss in February. Alarms were turned in at Box 2 three times; 3, twice; 4, nine times; 5, three times; 6, once; 7, four times; 12, eleven times; 13, once; 14, five times; 16, three times; 17, twice; 24, twice; 25, seven times; 26, twice; 31, three times; 33, twice; 34, once; 35, twice; 42, once; 43, four times; 45, five times; 46, seven times; 51, twice.

FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH.

As several changes have been made in the location of the fire-stations in the last few days we publish the following list, revised by Superintendent R. M. J. Paynter: No. 2, at First and Second streets.

No. 3, at Second police station. No. 4, at Third police station. No. 5, at engine-house on Third street between Grace and Broad.

No. 6, at engine-house on Broad street between Ninth and Tenth. No. 7, at new engine-house on Main street between Tenth and Twenty first.

No. 12, at Rocket's, opposite Watson's bedstead factory. No. 13, at the corner of Main and Twelfth streets.

No. 14, at the corner of Tenth and Byrd streets. No. 15, at the corner of First and Cary streets.

No. 16, at the corner of Pine and Main streets. No. 17, at the corner of Third and Duval streets.

No. 21, at the corner of Twenty-fifth and Venable streets. No. 23, at the corner of Seventeenth and Marshall streets.

No. 24, at the corner of Seventeenth and Washington streets. No. 25, at the Metropolitan Iron-Works, Seventh street.

No. 26, at the corner of Fifth and Main streets. No. 31, at the corner of Fourteenth and Main streets.

No. 32, at the corner of Twenty-fifth and Main streets. No. 34, at the corner of Thirteenth and Cary streets.

No. 35, at the city almshouse. No. 36, at the Tredgar Iron-Works, canal bank.

No. 41, at the corner of Ninth and Leigh streets. No. 42, at the corner of Jail alley and Broad street.

No. 43, at the corner of Pine and Spring streets. No. 45, at the corner of St. James and Duval streets.

No. 46, at engine-house on Twenty-fifth street between Broad and Marshall. No. 51, at engine-house on Tenth street between Main and Cary.

No. 52, at the corner of Clay and Glimmer streets. Explanation: If the alarm is turned in at Box No. 7 the bells will strike seven in quick succession; if at Box No. 17 the bells will strike once, and after a pause of five seconds, strike two, and after a pause of five seconds, strike three, and after a pause of five seconds, strike four, and after a pause of five seconds, strike five, and after a pause of five seconds, strike six, and after a pause of five seconds, strike seven.

CITY WATER-WORKS.

In this department everything is in very good condition. The pumping-power, though taxed to a considerable extent, particularly during the past summer, still performs its work successfully. As this is the most important part of the works, and one that requires constant attention, competent mechanical superintendents are alternately on duty, and have charge of the machinery, buildings, and grounds appertaining to the same.

Maloney was appointed in place of Captain J. P. Tyler, who died during the past year. The Water-Works were commenced October 30th, 1850, put into operation in March, 1855, and have stood the test of time very well.

THE CITY ALMSHOUSE.

The City Almshouse is one of the most important and thoroughly organized and managed institutions of the city government. It is under the control of the joint committee of the City Council for the relief of the poor—viz.: William English (chairman), L. Straus, L. Wagner, W. E. Tanner, W. Williams, William Jenkins, and J. W. Mann.

The officers of the institution are: Charles P. Bigger, superintendent; William J. Epps, assistant superintendent; J. S. D. Cullen, physician. These gentlemen have been untiring in their labors during the year, and have accomplished astonishing results in the improvement and general arrangement of the institution.

An important adjunct to the almshouse is the "accident ambulance," which has rendered valuable aid to many sufferers during the year. The following is a consolidated report, giving the number of inmates received, discharged, and died at the almshouse from January 1, 1875, to December 31, 1875:

Table with 3 columns: Received, Discharged, Died. Shows statistics for Whites and Colored people.

Grand total, 239—being one more than at same date last year. During the year 147 tramps (white) have been furnished with lodgings and meals.

During the year one white and one colored foundling have been received, and eight white and two colored children adopted (three white) by ladies to be raised as their own children, two white by Sisters of Charity, one white by the Female Humane Asylum, one white by St. Joseph's Female Orphan Asylum, one white by St. Paul's Church Home, two colored by the Colored Orphan Asylum.

Department Out-Door Poor.

This department, also under the control of the above-named committee, has furnished relief to out-door poor from January 1, 1875, to December 31, 1875, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Whites, Colored, Average per week. Shows statistics for out-door poor.

Since the 24th of November (the first of this winter) there has been distributed 300 cords of wood, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Whites, Colored, No. of persons. Shows wood distribution statistics.

Total, 1,280 bushels. Note.—Coke in lieu of wood is furnished to persons residing on and east of Seventeenth street. It will be seen by the above that only two cords of heads of colored families have been received, which is owing to the fact that the greater number of colored recipients reside in the upper part of the city.

Prescriptions furnished from city dispensary.

Number of persons vaccinated: White (adults), 8; colored (adults), 5. Coffins, 124. Number furnished: Burials, 190.

City Ambulance.

Since its inauguration, March 24, 1875, the city ambulance has responded to 93 calls—whites, 53; colored, 40. Of these, 32 whites and 23 colored, after receiving medical attention, were either left in the care of their friends or conveyed to their homes; and 21 white and 17 colored received all possible attention at the spot, and were carried to the almshouse for further treatment.

The city ambulance, with a physician and appliances for the relief of indigent sick and persons wounded upon the streets of the city, can be summoned by the city police, John Purcell, Alter Orday, and Third Telegraph and Transportation Company's telegraph instrument at the Old Dominion Steamship Company's office; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad depot; Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad depot; Richmond and Petersburg at Broad and 13th; L. J. Manly, James F. Wingfield.

The following is the number of patients admitted, discharged, and died from January 1, 1875, to December 31, 1875:

Table with 3 columns: Received, Discharged, Died. Shows statistics for City Hospital—Small-Pox.

The following is a statement of the licenses issued from the City Auditor's office in 1875 for teams and animals: 723 one-horse wagons, &c.; 312 two-horse wagons, 30 three-horse wagons, 27 four-horse wagons, 7 hacks and omnibuses, 110 buggies, 270 dogs, 42 bicycles, 204 goats. Aggregate amount of taxes received for these licenses, \$14,055.75.

CITY RAILWAY.

During the past year there have been transported on this road 893,228 passengers. Mr. Lewis N. Hopkins, of Baltimore, is president. Mr. P. T. Yeatman general superintendent, and Mr. C. Waldrop secretary and treasurer. Recent year two cars have been taken off the line, and those now on are run by twelve engines apart over the Main and Broad street portion of the line.