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FOR RENT, the pleasantly situated DWELLING No. 310 Main street, containing nine rooms, with modern conveniences; kitchen in yard. To a desirable tenant the rent will be put low. CHAFFIN, STAPLES & CO., Real Estate Agents.
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FOR RENT, FOUR ROOMS in good repair, all on one floor, over store 413 east Broad street. To a good tenant the rent will be only $10 per month. If desired, a kitchen with two rooms may be had for two dollars extra.
my 4-2t*

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[my 2-1w]

FOR RENT, TWO COMMODIOUS DWELLINGS (near corner of Third and Clay streets), with six large and convenient rooms, kitchens, &c., with modern improvements and in perfect order. J. E. LIPSCOMB & CO.
ap 29-1w

JORDAN ROCKBRIDGE ALUM SPRINGS FOR RENT.

As commissioners under a decree of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge county, we will receive bids for the lease of this

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for no less than one nor more than five years. This property is fully equipped with the modern improvements for first-class hotels, and furnished in a style superior to any summer resort in Virginia. The known medicinal virtues of its valuable mineral waters, its great popularity as a summer resort for invalids and pleasure-seekers, its beautiful grounds and splendid equipment, make this very desirable property for city hotel proprietors whose business does not require their personal supervision during the summer months, and others desiring to rent such property.

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mh 30-w6t3m

FOR RENT, BRICK DWELLING No. 611 north Fourth street, with four rooms; kitchen, two rooms; bath-room and water-closet. In good order. Apply to EDWARD C. GODDIN, No. 1015 Main street.
ap 26-w6t

FOR RENT, that very desirable DWELLING No. 515 Fifth street, between Clay and Leigh streets, containing seven rooms, kitchen, &c. It has all the modern conveniences, and is in perfect order. Possession at once. Apply to JOHN T. GODDIN, Real Estate Agent, Bank and Eleventh streets.
ap 22-w3t

FOR RENT, THE DESIRABLE STORE No. 426 Broad street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, with or without the dwelling above. The location and the house are well suited for any retail business. Apply to GRUBBS & WILLIAMS.
my 2-w6t

WANTS.

A COACH-PAINTER CAN FIND EMPLOYMENT by applying at No. 10 Ninth street. R. H. BOSHER.
my 4-1t*

WANTED, the latter part of this month, by a gentleman, two unfurnished ROOMS—connecting—with a bath-room. Apply to H. B., post-office box 55. my 4-3t*

WANTED, a BOOK-KEEPER, with steady, sober habits, rapid penman, quick and accurate at figures. References required. Application to be written by applicant, addressed to Post-office Box 317, Richmond, Va. my 3-4t

WANTED, BY AN ELDERLY GENTLEMAN a genteel MAN-SERVANT to travel with him during the summer. Must come with good recommendations. Apply, from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock P. M., at No. 74 BALLARD HOUSE.
my 2-3t

BOARDERS WANTED.

Several BOARDERS can be accommodated at ST. JAMES HOTEL with neat and clean rooms, prompt attention, and first-class fare at reasonable rates. Also, a number of MEAL-BOARDERS. Apply at the office of the ST. JAMES HOTEL, southeast corner of Capitol Square.
ap 1-1m

BUSINESS WANTS.

WANTED, TO EXCHANGE SEVERAL NEAT, NEW STOCK-BRICK FRONT DWELLINGS, desirably located in Richmond, for a good GRASS FARM near the mountains and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. CHAFFIN, STAPLES & CO., Real Estate Agents.
my 4-d&w2t

100,000 BIRCH AND WHITE-OAK HOOP-POLES wanted by N. C. TALIAFERRO, General Agent of Penitentiary, 1212 Cary street.
my 3-3t

I WANT MY CUSTOMERS AND THE public generally to know that my COAL-, WOOD-, and COKE-OFFICE has been removed to Main near Ninth—No. 823. W. S. PILCHER.
my 2-1w

WANTED, TO TRADE A NEW SPRING DRAY FOR LIME OR A HORSE. Apply to A. R. LIPSCOMB, Cary street between Adams and Jefferson streets.
my 2-3t

WANTED, at the celebrated French Dyer and Scourer's, 10,000 pair of PANTS TO SCOUR at 50c. per pair. Also, the same amount of COATS and VESTS at $1.50. Also, 10,000 pair of PANTS TO DYE at $1 and $1.25 per pair; whole suit dyed, $3.50. Also, 1,000,000 pair Kid Gloves to clean at 15c. per pair, at the celebrated French Scourer's, No. 8 Ninth street, sign of the Red Flag.
my 1-3m

WANTED, ALL WHO ARE IN WANT of LEATHER of any description to know that we are selling at greatly-reduced prices our present large stock of SOLE LEATHER, HARNESS LEATHER, BRIDLE LEATHER, FRENCH and AMERICAN CALFSKINS, LINING-SKINS, SHOE-FINDINGS, &c., in order to reduce the same before removing to our new store, No. 15 Thirteenth street. O. H. CHALKLEY & CO., Thirteenth street between Main and Cary, Richmond, Va.
ap 24-1m

BARK WANTED, BARK WANTED.
500 cords BLACK OAK, CHESTNUT OAK, and SPANISH OAK.
Inquire at Bark and Sumac Mills, corner Seventh and Canal streets, Richmond, or at Tannery and Sumac Mills, Manchester. JOHN P. HULST.
ap 13-2m

WANTED, EVERYBODY TO KNOW that JOHN DOES has on hand 100 CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES, to be sold at reduced price in order to make shop-room for manufacturing; will also sell on the instalment plan and take old carriages in exchange. REPAIRING done neatly. Also, MATERIALS for sale, at 713 Main street. JOHN DOES.
ap 22-1m

WANTED, MY FRIENDS AND THE public to know that WESSON "THE TAILOR" is still at No. 11 Twelfth street, nearly opposite the *Dispatch* building.
I call attention to my unexcelled success in garment-fitting. To lay aside all presumption and pretension, I feel confident of being able to get up a FIRST-CLASS GARMENT at fifteen to twenty per cent. less than larger houses, they, of course, being under heavy expenses—mostly employing cutters, salesmen, &c. A FIT, WORKMANSHIP, and LOWER PRICES are the inducements I offer. Can refer, when required, to a large number of the best people in the city.
Having succeeded so well in giving satisfaction to my customers at very reasonable prices, and feeling confident, by strict attention to business in future, guaranteeing entire satisfaction to all who may favor me with their orders, and gratefully acknowledging the liberal patronage extended to me in the past, I respectfully solicit a continuance of the same. Orders solicited from the city and State.
The latest styles and reports of fashion on hand.
All orders carefully and promptly attended to.
Give me a trial. W. O. WESSON.
mh 20-eod2m

LOST, STRAYED, AND FOUND.

COW AND CALVES FOR SALE. A No. 1 COW, raised by myself, and will give four gallons, with calf one week old. Also, three CALVES five to six weeks old—fine. H. G. ARCHER.
MANCHESTER, May 4, 1876. my 4-1t*

TAKEN UP AT MY PLACE, near Blakey's mill, on the 29th of April, two HEIFERS; one nearly red, the other nearly white. Owner will come, prove property, pay charges, and take them away. PHILIP L. FRITZ.
my 4-1t*

FOUND, a SUM OF MONEY, which the owner can get by describing the property and paying for this advertisement, at the office of the Richmond Railway Company, on Leigh street.
my 4-1t*

LOST, MONDAY EVENING, MAY 1ST, on Marshall street between Eighth and Tenth, a MINK BOA. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at 916 Marshall or 1320 Cary street.
my 3-2t

LOST, ON MONDAY NIGHT, MAY 1st, a fine BLUE ENAMELLED LOCKET, containing a gentleman's miniature likeness. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it with MR. F. M. SHERRY, at No. 1106 Main street.
my 3-2t*

STRAYED OFF FROM my house, No. 311 west Broad street, on Friday night last, a DARK RED COW with white face and feet; tips of ears cut off, with hole in each. A suitable reward will be given for her return to the above No. [my 3-2t*] THOMAS McDONALD.

PIANOS, ORGANS, &c.

ORGAN FOR EIGHTY DOLLARS, CASH.—A very powerful [illegible] Alexandre, thirteen stops, in good order. Considered a great bargain. For sale by C. McCARTHY, 914 Main street.
my 4-1w Richmond, Va.

Richmond Dispatch.

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

THURSDAY.....MAY 4, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT.

PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.—*Washington*, May 3.—For the South Atlantic States, higher barometer, winds backing to westerly and southerly, and warmer, clear weather will prevail.

For the Middle States, stationary and falling barometer, southwest to southeast winds, warmer, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rain.

Cautionary signals continue on the North Carolina coast and at Marquette and Canada.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was rainy and disagreeable during the early part of the day. In the afternoon it cleared off, and at night it was quite cool.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 48; 9 A. M., 50; 12 M., 61; 3 P. M., 64; 6 P. M., 58; midnight, 46.

LETTER FROM A VALETUDINARIAN.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

THE WARM SPRINGS VALLEY.

WARM SPRINGS, May 2, 1876.

When I think of the wonderful attractions of this valley I am surprised at the apparent indifference of capitalists towards it. It contains the only thermal waters in the United States east of Arkansas, save one spring in the western part of North Carolina, not much known. The Warm Springs, visited for a hundred years, the charming place from which I write, is one of the most delightful baths in the world, while it is one of the most healthful. The Hot Springs, only five miles distant from the Warm, is some degrees warmer than the Warm, and is a contemporary of the latter in reputation. These curative waters, from the absence of any similar waters in the Atlantic States, should have a rare value in public estimation.

Only three miles from the Hot is the Healing Spring—a fountain of modern discovery, but whose curative properties have won for it great distinction. Thus we have within the distance of eight miles three mineral fountains of great virtue, possessing curative properties applicable to nearly all forms of disease, and efficacious in some of the very worst and most distressing maladies that flesh is heir to.

The presence of such waters within so short a space is most remarkable, and when we consider the inestimable advantages of picturesque scenery and genial atmosphere to invalids and their delights to all people, we cannot but be deeply impressed with the wonderful combination of bold scenes and exquisite temperatures with the valuable springs of this valley. How can it be otherwise than that the property in these springs must in time become of great—very great—value? The Warm is fifteen miles from the Milborough depôt, on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

THE HEALING

is fifteen or sixteen miles from Covington, on the same railroad. In the springs season the stages take passengers from both Milborough and Covington for these springs, conveying them through a highly-interesting country. The stage-road from Covington to the Healing Springs is one of the boldest and most beautiful on the continent. For more than half the distance the traveller looks down from the mountain along which he journeys upon Jackson's river, which, under some peculiar conditions of sunlight, resembles a current of molten silver, winding its way amongst green fields and quiet valley homes, presenting scenes so full of serenity and loveliness that every one who beholds them feels enchanted with them.

At a gap in the mountain through which runs the creek called Falling Spring the stage route passes to the east of the mountain, leaving the view of Jackson's river and entering the valley of the Springs, which are separated from Jackson's river by the mountain—a mountain which has a gap at each of the Springs, through which pass off the streams they give forth in their course to Jackson's river, into which they all empty.

AT THE FALLING SPRING

gap is beheld the beautiful fall so often described in your paper. The spring is one of the remarkable features of a limestone region, so often met with in that kind of formation. The water, in very large volume, bursts out of the rocks half a mile above the fall, forming a considerable creek, and flows rapidly through a very rich meadow to the precipice of the fall; a few rods east of which the stage-road crosses. Just before reaching the fall, the stream is divided into seven currents, and they fall separately over the acclivity, the distance between the outside streams being possibly 150 feet. The volumes of the several currents vary in size, producing a variety of appearances in the fall that is indescribably admirable.

The fall varies in height on account of the amount of *débris* at the foot of the fall being greater at one place than at another. The area below is a sort of triangle 400 feet across at the fall, with two sides of similar length nearly meeting at the point where the stream takes its departure for its continued leaps and plunges down the mountain sides until it loses itself in Jackson's river. The area at the falls is uneven, even a little rugged, containing many beautiful little pools, resembling baths, that are as delightful as baths. The water is mineral, and its deposit is highly fertilizing. Therefore the earth is covered with grass, and the spray from the fall keeps it supplied with globules of water that at some radiations of light causes it to represent a carpet of jewels.

Here is a spot for the hand of art, stimulated by wealth, to create one of the loveliest retreats for man—one where pleasure, health, and peace might be enjoyed to the heart's content. Why don't these "allied powers" find their way to a spot where they can do so much for the promotion of human felicity?

It is said to be perfectly and easily practicable to build

A RAILWAY—

narrow-gauge—from Covington *via* the Falling Spring and the Healing and Hot Springs to the Warm. Such an improvement would present to the American people one of the healthiest and most charming resources for rest and recreation on the continent. It would be a great human benefaction—such an improvement.

As it is, however, but for the obstinacy of fashion, the short stage route to the springs is really an auxiliary to health. It is to the man of sedentary habits the shaking up he gets in a stage or any vehicle travelling the mountain road that prepares him for the medical effects of the waters. It is the action of travel on mountain roads, the ever changing scene and magnificent phases of shade and sun, that do more than all the railroad travel in luxurious cars can do for the restoration of health. When men complain of discomforts and sore limbs from travel they are railing at the greatest of remedial agents for the self-indulgent man of wealth and ease, whose study at home is to live without effort, and therefore, indeed, to live without *life* itself.

But leaving the general question, and coming back to the particular watering-place where I am now recruiting health, I will state a fact that is to all who know this place wonderful. It sold a few years since for what was but a moderate price for the farm itself. It contains a body of 1,900 acres, embracing some of the finest wheat- and grass-lands in the State. It is singular, indeed, that a thermal water so excellent—affording the most luxurious bath in this country—should change hands in this manner. The day is not distant when it will be more properly appreciated, and when this property will attract capital for its improvement and adornment in a manner worthy of its great natural advantages. It is now in the hands of one who understands its merits well, and who manages it admirably to the satisfaction of his guests. He has added greatly to its popularity, and there is every reason to believe from the promises now held forth and the letters daily received by Colonel Eubank that the approaching season at the Warm will be one of the very brightest it ever had. The region is rich in commissary stores, and the company at the Warm will live well. It is a region of good beef, mutton, and butter. The Warm Springs mutton is too well known to need praise. There is none better.

TAKING THIS VALLEY

in all its aspects, and giving a fair estimate of its beauties and attractions, I believe that means here judiciously invested will yield largely of human benefit and real recompense.

We have here very profound rest, and certainly no sensations. Socially the few here have an amount of enjoyment which they wish they could share with a few more friends. They desire not a monopoly of it. Mr. T. L. Moore, of Richmond, has rented the Francisco mansion, near these Springs, and has furnished it and fairly domiciliated himself and family therein. If anybody wants to understand the graces and happiness of a mountain home amidst the charms of mountain scenery let him visit Mr. Moore.

A GLANCE TOWARDS HOME.

I see that there is no want of excitement in Richmohd, such as it is. The zeal to serve the city is, as always, excessive. How happy is the city that has such devoted sons! What a contrast is presented now between Richmond and Bath Courthouse! Here we have no candidates and no spouters. The only matter of especial interest socially is Colonel Terrell's health, which is growing better, with an occasional unfavorable day. Remembering that we have the best fireside sociability and table entertainment, varied by the incomparable bathing of the place, we find no little pleasure in contemplating Nature in her various walks. A smart sensation was created yesterday by a raid made by a rascally blackbird upon a robin's nest. The scamp deliberately tore the nest in parts and scattered the material of which it was made about the tree. The outrage was regarded with indignation by an exemplary population, and if process could have been served upon the offender he would have been brought to justice. But there it is. It is as hard to tell one blackbird from another as it is to tell one negro voter from another, and, as Zetelle would say, "that's what's the matter."

RURAL FELICITY.

There is a variety in the interest of the locality that to me is considerable. Just now there are a number of beautiful calves recently introduced into the world by their milk-giving mothers. They are beauties. Did you ever consider a calf? Did you ever have a fellow-feeling? Looking at their plays in the green meadow I almost wish I was one, and probably I would so wish but for fear of a too early introduction to the butcher. Surveying the green acre of the gay little animals the other day I discovered that calves had vanity as well as man. Man's self-conceit leads him to look down on his fellow. Wealth, especially, engenders arrogance. That is the meanest kind of self-complacency, and it never enters the breast of the calf—which, therefore, has the advantage on that point. But calves will pride themselves on experience, and size, and age. A calf of three weeks' existence we saw contemplating a brother of a day old as he stood with trembling legs and vacant stare out of his big eyes not far from his mother. Our three weeks' hero endeavored to attract the attention of the younger one. He surveyed him up and down, and proposed to leap the little ditch between them, but the horn of the mother suggested a dilemma which he was not brave enough to encounter. So he satisfied himself with a philosophic reflection as to what such a limber-jointed, scrawny little fellow had come into the world for, and for what could he be created. Poor thing, he could not surely live. Making a final futile effort, with a subdued bleat and a festive shake of the tail, to attract attention, he gave up his attempt at sociability and capered gaily to his ma, who was down in the meadow. Tell me calves don't think and philosophize! Why, the naturalists style them ruminants. I have known them to ruminate. You have, Messrs. Redacteurs, contemporaries who do. As Artemus Ward says, Adoo. VAL.

ETIQUETTE IN WASHINGTON—MRS. FISH AND MRS. CHRISTIANCY.—[Mrs. Grundy in Washington *Chronicle*.]—When Mrs. E. C. Stanton made such a flourish of trumpets about Mrs. Fish, a scion of the Knickerbockers, having called upon Mrs. Christiancy, despite the latter having been employed in the Treasury Department before her marriage, she was probably unaware that etiquette had years ago laid down the law that the wives of members of the Cabinet should make the first call upon the wives of senators. Also, she apparently does not understand that in Washington the fortuitous circumstances of a lady who, by education, refinement, and good breeding is qualified to enter any society, being compelled to earn her bread in an honorable manner in the departments, or out of them, does not at all affect her social status. Instead of being considered a reason why other ladies, to whom fortune has been more kind as regards the comfortable things of life, should not visit her, her efforts to maintain her independence are considered praiseworthy. Those who do not live in Washington do not seem to appreciate the fact that in proportion to their numbers, there are more women of superior intelligence inside the Government departments than outside. Ex-Commissioner Douglass once said to me that he did not believe that if the same number of women were taken from any class of society that so many could be found possessed of refinement, cultivation, and propriety of demeanor as can be found in the Treasury Department. He specified that department because he was best acquainted with its inmates, but I have no doubt the same is true of all the departments where women are employed. To fill many of the positions to which they are assigned it is absolutely necessary that the clerks should have been thoroughly educated. In the dead-letter office are ladies who understand two or three foreign languages sufficiently to translate letters in those tongues. As was said, but now education is absolutely necessary for admission to some of the bureaus, now we all know that education is not all indispensable in general society. If it were, what would become of the possessors of wealth acquired late in life after a youth spent among untutored minds? When one remembers that the immediate ancestors of many of the ladies employed in the Departments held the highest offices under the Government it would be indeed surprising if the families of those now holding the same offices should decline to exchange visits with the descendants of their predecessors in official life.

Immense quantities of grain have been contracted for at Omaha, Nebraska, to be moved east during the present fall in freights, between that point and the East, caused by the war between the fast freight lines.

Paul Boyton dryly suggests that he didn't sell enough of his life-floats in America to hold up one Alexander Stephens.—*Free Press.* Paul don't usually make dry observations, but he evidently makes very light of Alec.

Dr. Holmes says: "We count the broken lyres that rest." But were the Doctor to go to Washington and undertake to count the blasted liars that don't rest he would strike for more wages—or for home—in less than two hours.—*Norristown Herald.*

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE CITY CANVASS.

THE REGISTRATION LISTS TO BE REVISED—ANOTHER CHANCE FOR TARDY VOTERS—THE ALDERMEN TO BE ELECTED—CLOSING WORK FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION—THE CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATIONS—MEETINGS OF CITIZENS.

Yesterday morning Judges Wellford, Fitzhugh, and Guigon (each of whom is now invested with power to decide questions of registration) had a conference for the purpose of determining whether there ought to be a revision of the registration before the election. It was determined by a majority of the judges that such registration was proper under the law.

Registrars will therefore post notices by the 5th of May for three days' revision of registration, commencing on the 15th of May.

The registration law, Code 1873, chapter 7, page 9, after providing for registration one day, on the second Tuesday in May, and ten days before the November election, adds this proviso: "That in each city or town having more than 2,000 inhabitants the registrar may sit three days previous to any State, city, county, or township election."

The law under which the general registration was held in '72 provides that such registration shall be made, *revised*, altered, and amended in the modes prescribed in the general registration laws. It is therefore held that this new registration, which is a revision, is authorized by the provision of the former general law authorizing a three days' registration previous to any election in this city.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the City Conservative Committee will meet at headquarters, No. 1115 Main street, to-night. They will arrange any little details in relation to the primary election that have been heretofore overlooked.

Ward superintendents will receive their poll-books and tickets from Mr. Thomas J. Starke, chairman of the Printing Committee, this evening.

Primary election-polls will be opened at the usual places of election, except where other places are announced.

The commissioners and clerks of election ought to be sworn in to-day. There will not be time to do it before 6 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. At each precinct there is to be a ticket-holder appointed by the ward superintendent.

The City Committee and the Commissioners of Election will meet together to-morrow night, and the latter will ascertain and announce formally the result. As the voting is to be *viva voce*, it will be known half an hour after the polls are closed who are nominated.

THE ALDERMEN.

The terms of the following aldermen expire on 1st of July: Messrs. Bass, of Monroe Ward; Beall, of Madison; Forrester, of Jackson; Lipscomb, of Marshall; Smith, of Jefferson; Tanner, of Monroe; Todd, of Clay; Vandervall, of Jackson; Meredith, of Madison—9.

Mr. Pickrell was elected by the Council in place of Colonel Albert Ordway, resigned. Colonel Ordway was a four-year man. There will be an election to fill his unexpired term. All the other aldermen will be elected for four years. The following shows the number of aldermen the wards will elect:

Marshall	1
Jefferson	1
Madison	2
Monroe	2
Jackson	2
Clay	2
Total	10

THE CANDIDATES.

The number of candidates announced amounts to about 150. Candidates for Council are most abundant in Marshall Ward, and least in Jackson Ward. Alfred Sheild, clerk of the Circuit Court of Richmond; Samuel C. Greenhow, treasurer; and J. B. Royster, auditor, have no opposition.

General Joseph R. Anderson, president of the Common Council, at first positively declined reëlection, but, finding that his friends had nevertheless placed his name on the ticket, has acquiesced, and will serve if nominated and reëlected.

One of the two aldermen to be elected by the Clay Ward voters is to serve for four years, and the other for two (an unexpired term). It is suggested that the candidate receiving the largest number of votes should be declared the nominee for the long term, and the next highest be declared the nominee for the short term. Unless the Executive Committee of the City Committee undertakes to settle this matter by some such arrangement at the meeting to be held to-night, the candidates for aldermen in that ward will have to try to have an understanding among themselves.

MARSHALL WARD MEETING.

At a meeting of the Conservative voters of Marshall Ward held at the Club House last night Joseph J. English, Esq., was called to the chair and James E. Riddick requested to act as secretary. The chairman introduced Colonel W. C. Carrington, who addressed the meeting. He closed by introducing Hon. A. M. Keiley, who was followed by Mr. George Dabney Wootton. The meeting was also addressed by most of the candidates for the offices of Commonwealth's Attorney, Sergeant, clerk of Hustings and Chancery Courts, Constable, Sheriff, and Council.

JEFFERSON WARD MEETING.

The last opportunity the candidates will have of addressing the people in a public assemblage will be given at the meeting to be held in the Old Market Hall to-night. It is expected that all the candidates will be present. The hall is so large several other persons can get in.

IMPORTANT CONTRACTS AWARDED.—At the last meeting of the Committee on Streets the following contracts were awarded:

For brick sewer on Twenty-fifth street, from half way between Franklin and Grace streets to Broad street, to Powers & Crump at $17 per 1,000 bricks.

For brick sewer in ravine north of Jackson street between Fifth and Sixth streets, to W. N. Kersey at $19 per 1,000 bricks.

For brick sewer in ravine north of Baker street between Third and Fifth streets, to Maynard & Brother at $24 per 1,000 bricks.

For stone arched bridge, to be constructed on Williamsburg avenue over Gillie's creek, to James Netherwood at $1,795, the city to furnish cement.

For excavation of Orleans, Nicholson, and Fulton streets to fill in the approach to Gillie's creek, to Higgins & Badkins at twenty-four cents per cubic yard for short hauls, and twenty-six cents per cubic yard for long hauls.

AN UNJUSTIFIABLE ASSAULT.—The Police Justice yesterday morning fined three young white men for making an unprovoked assault upon a colored man named William H. Loving. The accused had been drinking at the expense of the candidates, and knew not what they were doing.

LET EVERY CONSERVATIVE VOTE TO-MORROW. THE PRIMARY IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE GENERAL ELECTION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.—The annual meeting of the State Board of Underwriters was held at the office of the Virginia State Insurance Company at 12 o'clock M. on yesterday. The attendance was full, and the proceedings harmonious and beneficial to the character and objects of the association. The old officers—viz., J. B. Moore, president; J. F. Slaughter, vice-president; and W. L. Cowardin, secretary—were reelected; and Samuel H. Pulliam, W. H. Christian, B. H. Wherry, Jr., B. H. Nash, and John Wood, Jr., were elected Executive Committee.

THE LEE MONUMENT CONCERT.—The first rehearsal for this grand festival of music took place in the lecture-room of Dr. Hoge's church on Tuesday evening, and despite the rain there was a good attendance of singers. Mr. Wheat took hold of the choruses with his accustomed enthusiasm, which is so inspiring to the singers under his instruction.

The next rehearsal will take place this evening, and it is expected that there will be a very large attendance of our best singers. Indeed, we would strongly advise our amateurs not to allow bad weather or any trivial cause to keep them away from these rehearsals, as the gratuitous instruction received from so eminent an artist as Mr. Wheat will more than compensate them for any ordinary sacrifice of time or comfort they may make in availing themselves of the same.

Among the choruses to be rendered will probably be the following: "See, the Conquering Hero Comes," and "Sing unto God," from Handel's oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus"; "Lift up your Heads, O, ye Gates," and the "Hallelujah," from Handel's "Messiah"; to be done with full orchestral accompaniment.

The Gesangverein Virginia, a musical organization to whom the community is deeply indebted for many pleasant operatic performances, have resolved to give a grand entertainment for the Lee Monument fund some time during this month. The details will be arranged next week.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—The United States Circuit Court has adjourned. Judge Hughes and Commissioner Pleasants have gone to Norfolk.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WEDNESDAY—*Hon. Robert W. Hughes presiding.*—In the matter of O. M. Chandler. L. Royster, sheriff, &c., was directed to pay the amount received by him on account of the indebtedness of B. D. Christian to the assignee in this cause.

In the matter of Norton Alcott. W. T. Atkins, of Mecklenburg county, was appointed assignee, and ordered to give bond in the penalty of $5,000.

In the matter of J. J. Sutherland. The bankrupt was ordered to appear before the register, in Richmond, on the 6th of May, 1876, for examination.

In the matter of William Major. The clerk was directed to spread upon the record certain proceedings of the court of October 8, 1873.

A discharge in bankruptcy was issued to James M. Campbell, of Powhatan county.

The court adjourned until the 10th instant.

INFORMATION FILED.—The District Attorney yesterday filed in the United States Circuit Court information against J. A. Dinsmore, who is charged with passing an advertising dodger, which looked like a five-dollar bill, on a woman of this city. Dinsmore was sent on for indictment by Commissioner Atkins, and being unable to give bail was committed to jail. In jail he remained for several weeks, and until released by Judge Hughes on his (Dinsmore's) own personal recognizance. Since that time Dinsmore, who was a peddler and a stranger, has never been seen in these parts.

TRIED AND ACQUITTED.—In the Hustings Court yesterday George Cross, charged with stealing twenty pounds of lead-pipe, was tried and acquitted.

Cornelius Smith, charged with stealing seven pairs of shoes, was tried and acquitted.

FINED.—In the Hustings Court yesterday T. N. Hanes and Harriet Miller, charged with a misdemeanor, were convicted and fined $50 each.

Herman Raslont, charged with the same offence, was also convicted and fined $50.

CONSERVATIVES, TURN OUT TO-MORROW AND POLL A FULL VOTE at the primary election. It is necessary for the interest of the city that it should be done.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND JURY YESTERDAY.—The grand jury of the Hustings Court met again yesterday, and found a true bill for misdemeanor against Louis Lee, Charles Haskins, Jr., and Joseph James (the Chimborazo rioters), and Herman Raslont. In the cases of Henry Edwards, Edward Holmes, Junius Johnson, and Charles H. Harris, charged with the same offence, the indictments were ignored.

THE PARDONING POWER.—The Governor yesterday pardoned Martha Twine, who was sentenced by the Hustings Court of Richmond, on the 7th of April, 1875, to five years' confinement in the penitentiary for grand larceny. "The prisoner is a deaf mute of tender years, who has served more than a year in the penitentiary. She is pardoned upon medical proof that her health is such that her life depends upon her release," the Governor says.

The Governor refused applications made for the pardon of George W. Blemis, of Wise, who is in the penitentiary for one year for attempting to commit murder, and W. D. Winston, of Richmond, who is in the penitentiary for three years for grand larceny.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.—Charles H. Myers & Brother and others have filed a petition asking that Benjamin S. Hooper, of Farmville, be adjudged a bankrupt. Hooper is to show cause on the 10th of May why the prayer should not be granted.

WOUNDS FROM CARELESS HANDLING OF FIRE-ARMS.—A colored man named James Smith, living on Seventeenth street near Franklin, yesterday, while carelessly handling a pistol, it went off, causing a wound in his hand and inflicting a more serious bullet-wound in the muscular portion of the leg of Maria Jones. Dr. Riddell was called in, but did not consider the wound one of a dangerous nature.

EVERY CONSERVATIVE SHOULD VOTE TO-MORROW. We want GOOD MEN in all the offices, and our people can have them if they will vote at the primary election.

THE PENSION AGENCY.—The nomination of Mr. S. L. Anable to be pension agent of the United States Government in Virginia will be considered by the United States Senate Committee on Pensions to-day. The friends of Mr. Anable are confident that the committee will report favorably, and that the Senate will concur therein.

PIGEON-ROOST ROBBED.—Night before last Mr. P. S. Crutchfield's pigeon-roost was robbed of a number of birds, and yesterday Sergeant Thomas and Policeman Epps, of the Third district, arrested a negro named George Cosby, charged with the theft. The accused was lodged in the station-house to await an examination this morning.

DEBATING CLUB REORGANIZED.—At the last reorganization of the Associated Debating Club, of Church Hill, the following officers were elected: James Johnson, president; F. G. W. Coleman, vice-president; J. H. Hargrove, secretary; Williams Christian, assistant secretary; William E. Lewis, treasurer; H. A. Cobbs, librarian; Thomas Smith, assistant librarian; B. C. Collier, chaplain; W. Peter Willis, critic. Monthly oration by W. H. Carter.

CONSERVATIVES, IF YOU WANT TO HEAL ALL FURTHER TROUBLE in the party turn out to-morrow, and select good men for the Council as well as the other offices.

CONFIRMATION LAST NIGHT.—There was a very large congregation at St. Paul's church last night to witness the solemn rite of confirmation. Rev. Charles Minnigerode, D. D., pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Pike Powers, read the service. Bishop Whittle preached; after which he confirmed twenty-six—twenty-two ladies and four gentlemen.

HIGH PRICE.—A lot of leaf tobacco, grown in Montgomery county, was sold at the Tobacco Exchange yesterday for $2.35 per pound.

PRINTING APPEAL.—The board of State officers invested with the power of hearing appeals from the decisions of the Superintendent of Public Printing were in session yesterday taking evidence in the case of Mr. F. A. Christian, who claims that he was the lowest responsible bidder for certain work recently awarded other parties. The decision of the board, when given, will be of interest to printers, inasmuch as it will determine a point of law often raised. Mr. Joseph Bryan is counsel for Mr. Christian, and Mr. John S. Wise for the printers to whom the work in question was awarded.

LET EVERY CONSERVATIVE DO HIS LEVEL BEST to nominate good officers to-morrow.

HOARDING THE SILVER.—Retail merchants complain of the scarcity of small change. Fractional currency is almost as hard to get as silver. The latter is being hoarded by many people.

MAY BALL TO-NIGHT.—Professor Henry F. Laube's fourth annual May ball takes place to-night at Levy's Hall, Main street. From the preparations and high expectations formed by the lads and lassies attending his school, no less than the public generally, it will no doubt be a stirring, brilliant, interesting, and enjoyable affair.

FAY TEMPLETON.—Fay Templeton's company commences an engagement of four nights at the Theatre in this city on Tuesday night next, the 8th instant.

THE BREWERY PARK MEETING.—About three or four hundred people attended the pic-nic of the German political clubs at James River Brewery Park yesterday. Nearly all the candidates were present, and most of them made speeches. The matters discussed by the candidates for Commonwealth's attorney were particularly interesting to the crowd.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

Resigned.—Justice S. T. Hancock has tendered his resignation to Judge Clopton as a justice of the peace for Chesterfield county.

City Council.—A regular meeting of this body will be held at the Council chamber Friday night.

[For the Dispatch.]

To All Voters.

Citizens have a right to ask for the best men to be put in public positions, particularly those having the care of our fellow-beings—as jails, almshouses, &c. I have known men to hold places who were not at all fit for the trust, put in by your votes. Prisoners were never made better by their rule—have had great wrongs done them—and their sufferings were borne in silence. For the prisoners that lie in jails, and are yet to go there, you are the voice and guardian. They have no speech but through your vote. Before you cast a vote for these officers ask yourself if this is truly the best man for the position.

A vote is a tremendous power. You not only protect yourself with it, but provide for the wants and miseries, or add to the wretchedness, of your fellow-beings. Remember, the ballot is the moral lever by which you put in place and power your officials.

PROFESSOR LAUBE'S MAY BALL.—Scholars who are to participate in the fancy dances are required to be in attendance at 12 o'clock to-day, at Levy's Hall, to rehearse with orchestra.

Parties desiring to attend the ball are requested to procure their tickets at WYATT'S music emporium before night.

Cast your suffrages at the primary election for B. H. BERRY, the present Clerk of the Chancery Court. He is able, competent, and skilful, and you cannot better yourself by electing another.

WE WOULD respectfully call the attention of the public, and especially the ladies, to the fact that the sale at the store of S. LISBERGER of his stock of dry goods is still in progress. We understand that there will be a very superior line of splendid alpacas, fine silks, &c., offered to-day at 11 o'clock precisely, and would advise the ladies to be in attendance promptly at that hour, as great bargains may be expected. The sale is conducted by BYERLY & POWELL, auctioneers.

B. H. BERRY, the present and efficient Clerk of the Chancery Court, is a candidate for re-election, and should receive the suffrages of our citizens at the primary election to-morrow.

I have analyzed the WHISKEY known under the brand of "B SELECT," controlled by Messrs. WALTER D. BLAIR & CO., Richmond, Va., and findit 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.

The Clerkship of the Chancery Court requires a competent and experienced man. Mr. B. H. BERRY, the present clerk is just the man for the position.

IT IS CONCEDED by all smokers that WHITLOCK'S MODEL CIGARS are the best for ten cents. For sale everywhere.

Vote for B. H. B