Richmond Dispatch.

WEDNESDAY.....MAY 10, 1876.

PETERSBURG.

CORONER'S INQUEST—FORTUNATE ESCAPE OF CHILDREN—TOBACCO RECEIPTS—HEAVY RAIN-STORM—SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN DINWIDDIE—MEMORIAL-DAY—DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES—DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN MAN—THE BRITISH BANQUET—OUR PUBLIC PARK, &c.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, May 9, 1876.

The coroner held an inquest this morning over the body of James E. Mundar, who was drowned yesterday afternoon in the river a short distance below Campbell's bridge. The deceased was a native of Richmond, a moulder by trade, but has been living and working in this city for the past eleven years. He went home about 3½ o'clock yesterday afternoon and took several of his little children out in a small boat on the river. His wife, feeling uneasy about them, called her husband back and took the children home. Deceased shoved out from shore again by himself, and afterwards was seen to fall overboard and sink. The body was recovered in a few minutes, still warm, and, it is said, showing some signs of life. But all efforts to restore consciousness failed. The jury rendered a verdict of accidental drowning. By the accident a widow and four little children are left in almost helpless condition.

The receipts of tobacco this week have been more liberal than for some time past, and the scenes are lively about the warehouses, with ready buyers and a firmer feeling in the market. The season up to this date has been a very trying one for planting, and this fact accounts for the recent small receipts at this market.

A very heavy rain fell here last night and this morning, washing all rubbish and dirt from our streets, and damaging some of the roads leading from the city to the counties. The farmers will not need any more rain for some time to come. Several bridges were washed away in the neighboring counties.

John Wilson, a Richmond bird, was sentenced to the chain-gang for sixty days, and thirty-nine lashes at the whipping-post, by the Mayor, this morning, for larceny.

The registration-books were opened in the several wards of the city to-day, but the additions and transfers have been comparatively few, and the registrars have had but little work to do.

Mr. Charles Clay, aged about twenty-two years, a citizen of Dinwiddie, was thrown from his horse while returning from White Oak church on Sunday, and received injuries which it is thought will prove fatal. He was thrown against a tree on the roadside, and his skull fractured and right hip dislocated.

The Ladies' Memorial Association have decided to invite Dr. John R. Powell, of Atlanta, Ga., to deliver the oration here on next memorial-day (June 9th), and are making arrangements for a more elaborate observance of that occasion than usual.

A large number of delegates from the churches and societies in this city left this morning to attend the session of the State Baptist (colored) Convention, which commences in Lynchburg to-morrow. Extra coaches were attached to the regular mail train for their accommodation. There are a great many colored benevolent societies in Petersburg, all of which are entitled to delegates, and all of which send contributions for the various purposes of the Convention.

The death is announced of Mr. Hugh Percival, a venerable and esteemed citizen of Brunswick county, which event occurred two or three days ago at his home, in Lawrenceville. The deceased was the father of Mr. J. J. Percival, of this city.

The adjourned meeting of the British Association will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the Bollingbrook Hotel to complete the arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the Queen's birthday on the 24th instant. It is understood the committee have been very successful in their collection of money for the banquet, and that there is no doubt that the celebration of the occasion will surpass all previous ones in magnitude and elegance.

Messrs. George W. Hall, of Powhatan Tribe, No. 15; T. J. Clark, of Appomattox, No. 32; William M. Evans, of Tecumseh, No. 44; and P. A. McEnery, grand chief of wampum, are expected to represent the tribes of this city at the Great Council of Red Men, which begins its annual session in Norfolk to-morrow.

More attention has been given by the authorities in the past year or so to the improvement of Poplar Lawn than ever before, and the place is not only growing in beauty and taste, but is rapidly growing in public favor as a popular resort. In a short while it will be one of the handsomest parks in the State.

ROBIN ADAIR.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.

REVENUE CASES DISPOSED OF—TARGET-PRACTICE OF THE MONTICELLO GUARD—FOUR-MILE HEAT OF A COAL-CAR; SPLENDID TIME—COLORED BAPTIZING—A ROUND-HOUSE BEING BRECTED—RAIN.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, May 9, 1876.

The proceedings in the cases of the United States vs. Wills & Geiger and D. M. Anderson, for alleged violations of the revenue law, which have been reported by this correspondent heretofore, have been dismissed by the Commissioner of the Revenue at Washington. It is more and more evident that these annoyances of good citizens, who are ready and willing to obey every demand of the law, are the result of the looseness of the administrators of the law. Just where the fault lies in these cases will be determined by future developments. The costs were required to be paid in each case, amounting to about twenty dollars respectively.

On Friday last the Monticello Guard held their annual target-practice. The two first medals were awarded to Lieutenant Daniel, and the third to H. M. Whitlock. Many ladies were present, and the company bivouacked for the day on the banks of the Rivanna, near Pyrans, and the occasion was one of pleasure to all that attended.

On Saturday a coal-car on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, while being shifted, got beyond the control of the brakeman through the breaking of the brake, and started off down the road. There was nothing to impede its progress, and being on a grade of sixty-six feet to the mile its momentum increased every foot until it had acquired a speed of forty or fifty miles an hour. It passed over the first bridge with terrific speed, and on the Rivanna bridge it struck the section-master's hand-car, which it swept along until it was finally overturned, barely giving a negro laborer time to step to one side on the bridge. It finally brought up at Shadwell, four miles from the starting point, where it encountered an up-grade. The brakeman rode the car through. The section-master says it made the fastest time ever made on this road.

On Sunday there was a colored baptizing at Cochran's pond, where the ordinance was administered to eighty-six persons, fifty-nine of whom were women. It is estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 persons witnessed the ceremonies. It was an impressive scene. The meetings in the two colored churches still continue.

Work has again been commenced on the Chesapeake and Ohio round-house and repair-shops, and it is authoritatively given out that they will be pushed to completion. A large quantity of timber for roofing and other purposes has been delivered, and hands are now beginning to excavate for the repair-shops. This work has been found to be a prime necessity of the road, and under the present arrangements the prospect of its being built under the head of "current expenses" is good.

Rain commenced falling at 8 o'clock last night, and has continued incessantly ever since. It was much needed, and is hailed with rejoicing.

I am glad to be able to report that the crop of fruit of all kinds except peaches will be at least fair average. The tobacco-plants have not been injured to any great extent. And now let's drop the fruit subject till it gets ripe.

QUIP.

DANVILLE.

LIQUOR-TRADE REVIVAL—FIGURES OF THE LEAF-TOBACCO TRADE—CAPTAIN R. B. MOON—PERSONALS—AMONGST THE WAREHOUSEMEN.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, Va., May 8, 1876.

I have kept these figures for several days in the hope of being able to present my monthly statement of the trade in manufactured tobacco along with that of the trade in leaf, but the collector of internal revenue has been so busy with the distillers and the other dealers in liquors that he has not had time to add up the columns for me. There surely must be a considerable revival in the liquor trade; and yet spirits have a remarkable tendency downwards.

The sales of leaf tobacco for last month are reported by President P. W. Ferrell, of the Tobacco Association, as follows: Quantity sold, 1,710,127 pounds; amount paid therefor, $217,056.54; average per hundred pounds, $12.69.

The sales of leaf tobacco for April, 1875, were stated thus: Quantity sold, 1,576,837 pounds; amount paid therefor, $373,821.31; average per hundred pounds, $23.71.

The sales of leaf tobacco from the 1st of October, 1875, to 1st of May, 1876, stand thus: Quantity sold, 11,812,074 pounds; amount paid therefor, $1,285,174.68; average per hundred pounds, $10.68.

The sales of leaf tobacco from the 1st of October, 1874, to the 1st of May, 1875, stood thus: Quantity sold, 8,754,700 pounds; amount paid therefor, $1,901,020.61; average per hundred pounds, $21.71.

It appears plain from the last two statements, after making due allowance for the increased extent of territory from which Danville is drawing, that more than half her share of last year's crop of tobacco has been marketed.

The monthly averages for the several months of the current tobacco year are as follows: October, 1875, $13.25; November, $9.26; December, $9.24; January, 1876, $11.22; February, $10.04; March, $10.95; April, $12.69.

The members of the Fifty-third Virginia regiment will hear with regret of the death of Captain R. B. Moon, of Halifax county. Though "only a quartermaster," I remember that when "Armstead's Old Brigade" was encamped in 1862 along the York River railroad he ventured so far towards the front as to have his horse shot under him.

Rev. George W. Dame, of the Episcopal church, was sick yesterday, and did not preach. Rev. Dr. Martin, of the Presbyterian church, was attending the session of the Roanoke Presbytery at Chatham, and consequently his church was closed.

Rev. M. W. Read preached at Ringgold yesterday morning, and at the Baptist church in North Danville yesterday evening.

Mr. W. H. C. Reynolds, an old merchant of this county, is reported extremely ill.

The directors of the Grange warehouse have refused to make any agreement with the other warehouse-men. You know it is always a harvest day for the house that has the first sale. As yet the Tobacco Association have taken no public action in the matter except that the sales committee has directed the other warehouse-men not to proceed with their sales as heretofore. So things stand now.

ALPHA.

Lexington Presbytery.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS—RECIPROCAL DUTIES OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS—FOREIGN MISSIONS—MISSIONARY SUPPLIES—STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. H. Gilmore made a report on the subject of reciprocal duties. This report showed a good degree of punctuality on the part of the congregations in paying the amount due to the ministers for their services, only a few churches failing in completely complying with their obligations.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made a report.

The 30th of August was chosen as the time for the meeting of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The stated clerk made his statistical report to the General Assembly; accepted and ordered to be forwarded.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod made a report; which was adopted.

On motion, the treasurer was directed to pay the sum of thirty-five dollars each to the commissioners to the General Assembly.

The Committee on the Narrative reported. The report was received, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

A vote of thanks was cordially tendered to the citizens of this community for their hospitality, and the authorities of the Associate Reform Church for the use of their house of worship by the Presbytery during its sessions.

The missionary supplies reported. Minutes of the session were then read, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Lexington on the 24th instant.

The following statistics will show the condition of the churches: Added on examination, 234; on certificate, 130; adults baptized, 108; infants, 205; children in Sabbath schools and Bible classes, 3,508; sustentation, $1,139; evangelistic fund, $410; invalid fund, $421; foreign missions, $2,275; education, $1,444; publication, $377; presbyterial, $447; pastors' salaries, $19,573; congregational, $13,311; miscellaneous, $954.

D. B. E.

Presbytery of Roanoke.

REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES—SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE—DANCING PARTIES DISCOUNTENANCED—CONGREGATIONS IN ARREARS TO PASTORS—COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY—LICENSED TO PREACH—OTHER BUSINESS DISPOSED OF.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

This ecclesiastical body met at the beautiful and flourishing village of Chatham, or Pittsylvania Courthouse, on Wednesday the 3d instant. Dr. T. E. Peck was made Moderator, and Rev. J. H. Davis and Ruling Elder T. O. Rogers, of Black Walnut, temporary clerks. The usual routine business was attended to of receiving and digesting reports from the several churches on the state of religion, Sabbath schools, pastoral support, systematic beneficence, &c., which exhibited some progress, but not without some discouragements.

The Sunday-school cause seems to be receiving increased attention. It was ordered that the sessions of the churches see that our own catechisms exclusively be taught in our own schools.

In answer to an inquiry from the session of the Clarksville church, in regard to the propriety of Christians frequenting, and of parents encouraging or permiting their children to attend, dancing parties, the Presbytery reiterated its former testimony against such practices.

Several of the congregations appearing from their reports to be so seriously in arrears to their ministers as to cause them great inconvenience, and endangering the stability of existing relations, the Committee on Pastoral Support was directed to write to such churches, in the name of the Presbytery, in regard to the matter.

An encouraging advance seems to have been made in the matter of systematic beneficence. The only excuse offered in any of the reports for having failed to take up a collection was that of being for the time without a minister. The Presbytery decided that this was no sufficient excuse.

Although the number of contributing churches to the several causes seem to be steadily increasing, the amounts contributed have not in every instance been enlarged. The wants of the education cause particularly were forcibly presented by Dr. Alexander, of the Seminary. Dr. Peck was made the chairman of this committee.

Rev. J. H. Davis and Judge W. M. Tredway as principals, and Dr. Peck and William P. Dupuy, of Briery church, as alternates, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, which is to meet at Savannah next week.

Spring Hill church was chosen as the place for the next stated meeting, to take place on the Wednesday before the second Sabbath of September.

Mr. B. Hunter Dupuy was licensed to preach as a probationer for the ministry, and having a call to preach to the Powhatan church, within the bounds of East Hanover Presbytery, (in connection with Centre church, in Cumberland), he was dismissed to the care of that Presbytery.

Rev. Thomas Drew being invited to preach a part of his time at Boydton church, and he deeming it to be his duty to do so, asked, though with much reluctance, the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and Blnestone church; and said church was cited to appear, by its commissioners, before Presbytery, at Drake's Branch, on the Tuesday after the fourth Sabbath of this month, to show cause, if any there be, why the request should not be granted.

Those sessions which failed to send in their reports on "Systematic Beneficence" are required to do so at the next stated meeting.

A committee, consisting of Rev. J. S. Watkins and Mr. O. C. Clark, was appointed to visit Campbell Courthouse with reference to Presbyterian interests there.

Committees were appointed to prepare memorials of the lamented Isaac V. Scott and Samuel R. Booker, licensed to preach a year ago, and who have since died.

Fine weather was enjoyed throughout the meeting. Large audiences attended the religious services. Of the hospitality of the people we need not speak. The Presbytery will always be glad when the turn comes to meet at Pittsylvania Courthouse.

H. A. B.

VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA POSTAL AFFAIRS.—The post-office at Churchland, Norfolk county, Va., on the route from Bellevue to Norfolk, is reestablished, with Thomas C. Trotman as postmater. A new post-office is established at Greenlaw Wharf, King George county, Va., near Port Royal, on the route from Fredericksburg to Baltimore, with P. Parker as postmaster. A new post-office is established at Snead's Camp, Franklin county, Va., on the route between Elamsville and Young's Store, with William A. Pedigo as postmaster. Major L. Thomas is appointed postmaster at Point Lick, Tazewell county, Va., *vice* H. S. Higginbotham, resigned. Lazarus Bibb is appointed postmaster at Louisa Courthouse *vice* George Turner, removed. A new post-office is established at Piney Grove, Kanawha county, W. Va., on the route from Kanawha Courthouse to Galliopolis, Ohio, with Mrs. Marina Hurt as postmaster. The post-office at Sardis, Harrison county, W. Va., on the route from Wilsonburgh to Prospect Hill, is reestablished, with Robert S. Ogden as postmaster. A new post-office is established at Cedar Valley, Monongalia county, W. Va., on the route between Arnettsville and Laurel Point, with W. N. Stewart as postmaster. The post-office at Cowgar's Mills, Randolph county, is discontinued for want of a candidate; papers go to Webster Courthouse. The post-office at Coon's Store, Boone county, W. Va., is also discontinued; the papers go to Crook. The office at Whittaker Rock is also discontinued; the papers go to Mingo Flat.

A NEW OUTLET FOR PETROLEUM.—Richmond is now formally in the field as a competitor for a share of the export trade in petroleum. The oil is coming forward to that point *via* the Ohio river from Pittsburgh to Huntington, West Va., and from Huntington eastward by the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. Export buyers have already availed themselves of this source of supply, and have recently chartered vessels to load at Richmond for European ports, including a German bark, 751 tons, with 5,000 barrels refined petroleum for Bremen, at 3s. 6d. per barrel; another with 3,000 barrels for Lubec, at 4s. 6d., and a Norwegian bark with about 3,000 barrels refined petroleum for the Baltic (Norwegian or Swedish), at 4s. 9d. per barrel. These charters, the first effected for this route, were made through Messrs. Funch, Edye & Co., shipping merchants of south William street, in this city. The new source of demand for tonnage for this interest is considered an encouraging "sign of the times."—*New York Times, 8th.*

A WEST VIRGINIAN CHARGED WITH PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—C. T. Lucas, of Giles county, West Virginia, was on Monday committed to jail in Baltimore for a hearing on Friday, in default of $5,000 bail, by United States Commissioner Rogers, on the charge of attempting to pass a ten-dollar counterfeit note on the National Bank of Richmond, Indiana, to Massimo Pisani, No. 141 west Baltimore street. Another similar note was found on him. Lucas is a country merchant of respectable standing. He did not explain where he got the counterfeit notes, but asserts his innocence. He had specie and other good money in his pocket when arrested.

THE STRAWBERRY BUSINESS.—The shipment of strawberries to New York and Philadelphia on Saturday aggregated nearly 30,000 quarts. The steamer Equator, which left for Philadelphia, had one of the new Charleston-made Lyman patent refrigerators, which was put up on Friday night. It carried nearly 10,000 quarts of berries, shipped by Messrs. Paul, Welch & Co., who also shipped by the same steamer about 2,600 crates of green peas. The steamer Champion, for New York, carried 20,000 quarts of berries and about 3,000 crates of peas.—*Charleston (S. C.) News, 8th.*

THE LEE MONUMENT CAUSE IN BALTIMORE. A Lee memorial meeting was held Monday night, under the auspices of the General Committee of the Society of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States, to devise ways and means to aid in the erection of the equestrian statue to General Lee at Richmond, Va. Rev. W. W. Walker, General Herbert, Judge Inglis, Henry M. Warfield, and other citizens, were present and made remarks in advocacy of the object of the meeting. The expense will be about $75,000, of which about $25,000 has been secured. A resolution was adopted to appoint a committee of fifty ladies and fifty gentlemen to carry into effect plans to raise funds.—*Sun.*

A GEOGRAPHICAL BLUNDER.—At a recent meeting of the Maryland Historical Society ex-Attorney-General Jones called attention to a book entitled "Butler's History of the United States," which he said contained a number of great blunders. He states that among the errors is one which is the most glaring, because it shows great ignorance, the blunder being the statement that Mason and Dixon's line lies between Virginia and North Carolina. Dr. Dalrymple read from a journal of Captain Henry Fleet an account of a voyage from Virginia to the Falls of the Potomac in 1630.

Washington's false teeth are to be exhibited at the Centennial in contrast with the finest dental work of New York. The wonder is, they say, that any man ever held them in his mouth five minutes. The teeth are bits of bone, scarcely trying to look like teeth, attached to gold plate, with strips riveted across to strengthen the teeth in place, while coiled wire at the end of the jaws make a spring and assists in opening and closing the machine.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

The heirs of ex-President Johnson have succeeded in collecting the residue of the money belonging to him and on deposit at the First National Bank at Washington when that concern collapsed a couple of years ago. The original amount was about $60,000, and before his death Mr. Johnson obtained 40 or 50 per cent.

A militia company has been formed among the Virginia oystermen. Now they'll get up a few-raw over that thing and fill up their roaster in no time. They are to wear shell-jackets, and the jolly coves will be ready to come out on the first broil with stew-pandous effect. Virginia once more rallies her oistering blades.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

J. C. Donaldson, of Sherman, Texas, has a veritable iron link from the armor of Cortez, the conqueror. He knows it is genuine, because he stole it from a museum in the city of Mexico.—*St. Louis Globe.*

The United States Indian agent at Red Cloud writes that there is no foundation whatever to the report that the Indians of that agency are in a starving condition.

"Country cousins mistook the parade of the New York Coaching Club for a circus." Not much of a blunder about that.

A Conservative primary election will take place in Alexandria on the 18th.

Dom Pedro reminds a Washington correspondent of the late Bishop Johns.

A Savage Sexton.

THE CONFESSION OF PIPER—LIGHT FOR BLINDED COUNSEL—A CRAVING FOR BLOOD THE SECRET OF HIS CRIMES—A SUSPICION THAT HE IS TRYING THE INSANITY DODGE.

As briefly mentioned in our telegraphic dispatches yesterday, Thomas W. Piper, the sexton of the Warren-Avenue church of Boston, who is under sentence of death for the murder of the five-year-old child Mabel Young in the belfry of the church, Sunday startled his counsel, Edward P. Brown, who was in consultation with him regarding the motion for a new trial, by a confession of the murder, and, furthermore, that he was the murderer of Bridget Landregin, at Dorchester, on the night of December 5, 1873, of which crime he has been long under suspicion. Also, that he was principal in the mysterious and nearly fatal assault on Mary Tyner in Oxford street, Boston, two years ago. Piper declares that he had no motive for these crimes, particularly the murder of the child, and cannot understand how he came to commit them. It is charitably assumed by some that he was actuated only by a fiendish love of bloodshed, like the boy Jesse Pomeroy, who still lies in jail. Piper says he has hitherto lied about the matter to blind his counsel, knowing that he could not get their aid if they for a moment believed in his guilt. He has of late been rapidly breaking down in strength and health through his great mental agony, and it is thought that if allowed to escape the gallows he could not live six weeks. His execution is set down for the 26th of this month.

Piper, in his confession of the murder of Mabel Young, says:

I took the bat from the lower room before or about the commencement of school to kill somebody. At that time I carried it up into the auditorium, but during the session of Sunday school took it from the auditorium and carried it to the belfry. After the close of school I came down stairs and opened the doors; then I went up again. At the time I sent away the boys who were playing in the vestibule. After the boys had gone out and I was still in the vestibule, when the little girl came up stairs, and I induced her to go with me into the belfry. There I struck her with the club two or three times, and she fell where the blood was found. Then I picked her up and carried the body to the place where it was discovered.

His confession of the murder of Bridget Landregin on December 5, 1873, was equally explicit. He was under the influence of whiskey and opium, and deliberately prepared a club to kill some one. He saw Bridget on the street and followed close behind her. He says: "I struck her. Immediately she fell down, and I struck her again. While I was stooping over the body I saw a man coming, so I started up and ran away. I got over the fence and went along towards the railroad. While I was at the railroad somebody called out to me, and I then turned back, took a roundabout course, and got home. On the way home it occurred to me that I had a knife in my pocket which might be recognized in some manner, and so I threw it away."

The Bridget Landregin case has been wrapped in the deepest mystery. The girl was a domestic in good repute, and while returning to her mistress' home at about 9 o'clock at night, from a visit to some friends, was assaulted and brutally clubbed to death at a part of Dorchester known as Upham's Corner. Several arrests were made, Piper's being one of them, but sufficient evidence could not be obtained against any of the prisoners, and each was discharged soon after examination. It was for this murder that Thomas Cahill, who went soon after the murder to Ireland, was extradited and brought to this country by the detectives. He was a former sweetheart of the girl, but no case whatever could be made against him, and he was discharged only to return to Ireland to be murdered himself there. Mary Tyner was a girl of the town, and was found one night in her bed insensible and horribly mangled. She was taken to the hospital and managed to live through. A lover of hers named Colby was arrested for this assault, but she refused to tell what she knew of the case, and he was discharged.

There are petitions in circulation for the commutation of sentence of Piper, and already they have been signed by many influential citizens. Whether he will be abandoned to his fate remains to be seen.

The *Evening Herald* says: "There is a feeling abroad among lawyers, detectives, and the public generally that the contradictory statements now put out by Piper are the result of cool reasoning on his part and of such ingenuity as he is possessed of in order to throw doubt upon his sanity in general, or else to show that he has an uncontrollable mania for blood, for which he is not responsible."

ATTEMPTED COWHIDING OF A BALTIMORE PREACHER.—Monday morning passers-by on Baltimore street near Eutaw were gratified by the unusual sight of a minister of the gospel held fast in the grasp of two young men who were raising aloft, not the standard of truth, but two raw, suggested cowhides. The gentleman who thus gained unenviable notoriety, and doubtless also experienced certain unpleasant sensations, was the Rev. R. Semple Rowe, pastor of the Northwestern mission of the Methodist Protestant Church, holding its meetings on Lexington street, and the young men were William Richards and J. A. Richards, brothers. They were decided in their request that the reverend gentleman should apologize for some alleged insult, and he was equally decided that he would not. At this juncture a policeman appeared on the scene, and the irascible Damon and Pythias were taken to the Western police station. On the arrival there of Justice Peters their father also appeared, and requested the hearing of the case might be postponed until this morning, and the magistrate named the hour of 10 o'clock as the time.

In justice to Mr. Rowe it must be said that this is not "a scandal case." The two young men who made the assault were indignant because the preacher had called the attention of their father to certain conduct of their mother during religious services, which he did not regard as proper and becoming in a Christian lady. There have been some troubles in the church, and Mrs. Richards allowed her wrath and her hospitality to the pastor to carry her beyond the bounds of decorum. Hence the complaint to Mr. Richards, and the foolish attempt to cowhide Mr. Rowe by the two Richards boys. All the facts in the case will probably be brought out at the hearing to-day.—*American.*

A minister while marrying a couple of his rustic parishoners felt exceedingly disconcerted on his asking the bridegroom if he were willing to take the woman for his wedded wife by the would-be Benedict scratching his head and saying, "Ay, I'm wullin, but I'd rather hae her sister."

DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.—The concern of W. M. LOVING & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. W. M. LOVING will continue to conduct the GENERAL MERCHANDISE BUSINESS at the same stand, Main street, Gordonsville, Va., and will settle all business of the late firm.

W. M. LOVING,
A. O. BELL.

APRIL 24, 1876. my 9-2t*

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between Mr. W. M. JONES and myself having been dissolved on the 1st of May, 1876, by mutual consent, I have opened a

FAMILY GROCERY-STORE

at No. 301, corner of Third and Broad streets, where I will be pleased to serve my friends and patrons.

ROBERT S. CHAMBERLAYNE.

MAY 6, 1876. my 8-1w

WINES, LIQUORS, &c.

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D. G. YUENGLING, JR.,
my 1-3m Richmond, Va.

BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

RAILROAD TICKET-SELLERS AT THE CENTENNIAL.

THE INDICTMENT AGAINST BELKNAP.

Northern Methodist General Conference.

New York Whiskey Men Indicted—The Chicago Mayoralty Troubles—An English Walking-Match — Rubenstein Found Dead in Bed in His Cell—The Salonica Troubles—The Turf.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Both houses of Congress adjourned this morning without transacting business.

The entire legislative, judicial, and executive departments have gone to the Centennial.

There have been no committees in session to-day. Everything has been adjourned to Friday.

Ex-Congressman Smith, of Louisana, who leaves for home to-night, reports that the members of the Senate and House Committees on Railroads have agreed that the eastern terminus of the Texas Pacific shall be changed to Vicksburg, or the North Louisiana Railroad shall be subsidied as the Vicksburg branch.

The railroad ticket-sellers of the South reached here this morning *en route* to Philadelphia to attend the Centennial opening ceremonies as guests of Colonel Fouracres, of the Virginia Midland route. Nearly every southern city is represented in the party, which is under the charge of W. D. Chipley, general southern agent of the line. The party breakfasted at the Relay House by invitation of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

The *Star* says Secretary Bristow is again the target of slander-circulators. It is now charged upon him that he suspended the proceedings against John Buckner, who was collector of internal revenue at Louisville and defaulted to the extent of $100,000, because Mr. Miles, the foster-father of Mrs. Bristow, who died recently, leaving Mrs. Bristow a handsome legacy, is on the bond of the defaulter, and to proceed against him would involve the estate. It is further said the matter has been quietly investigated by the Ways and Means Committee.

The indictment presented against Belknap sets forth that he was Secretary of War on June 16th, 1873, at which time certain questions were pending in relation to the appointment and retention in office of the trader at Fort Sill; that he unlawfully, wilfully, and corruptly accepted and received $1,700 from Caleb P. Marsh, with intent to have his decision and action in the matter influenced, and did appoint one John S. Evans, and retained him as post-trader in consideration of having received said sum.

THE METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

BALTIMORE, May 9.—In the Methodist General Conference to-day a communication was read from Rev. J. A. Duncan and L. C. Garland, fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, announcing their presence in the city and readiness to appear before the Conference at any time designated. The letter stated that Rev. Levich Pierce, a fraternal delegate, and who was the author of the address of the Church South to this Conference, would not be present, being detained by infirm health.

Dr. Walden said on the 21st of May a hundred years ago an annual conference was held in Baltimore, and moved that a special committee of five be appointed to make arrangements for a suitable commemorative service. The motion was agreed to.

"CROOKED-WHISKEY" MEN OF NEW YORK INDICTED.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The grand jury of the criminal branch of the United States Court has presented thirty indictments, most of which are understood to be against crooked-whiskey men of high standing. The warrants will be served to-morrow, when the details will transpire.

THE CHICAGO MAYORALTY.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Mr. Hayne qualified as Mayor of Chicago this morning and was duly sworn in. No further steps towards getting possession have as yet been taken.

DEATH OF RUBENSTEIN, THE MURDERER.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Pesach N. Rubenstein, the murderer of the Jewess Sara Alexander, died this morning at 10 o'clock, in his cell at Raymond-Street jail, Brooklyn. The cause of his death was general debility.

NAVAL EXAMINATION AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Sub-Committee of Naval Expenditures, in session at the Astor House to-day, examined John Roach, ship-builder and contractor. The examination continued six hours. Roach gave a detailed account of his transactions with the Government during the past ten years. He denies having improperly influenced officials. He claimed that all his transactions were fair and above board. He had political assessments, and once contributed to the election of Governor Hoffman. He gave in this way about as much to one party as to the other.

A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE IN BROOKLYN.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Brooklyn Superintendent of Police has been notified that a vigilance committee has been organized in that city to hunt up burglars and murderers. The committee styles itself "Lafayette Tribe, Camp No. 1, of Brooklyn, organized 18th September, 1869." The police are hunting the matter up.

THE GIANT-POWDER EXPLOSION—FURTHER PARTICULARS.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The contractor at the Bergen tunnel, where the explosion took place Saturday night, says he saw twelve or thirteen tunnelmen come from the direction of Hoboken on Saturday night and go up the "Hundred Steps." After they reached the top of the hill he heard the report of a pistol, and soon after the explosion occurred. He did not dare to go out, as he was afraid of his life on account of the strikers. He states that the door of the magazine was found in the Elysian fields, two miles distant, yesterday afternoon.

CHANGE OF VENUE—ODD-FELLOWS.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 9.—The trial of George M. Swepson, indicted for the murder of A. Y. Moore in Alamance county, and removed by the prosecution to Orange county and set for trial to-day, was again removed, on the affidavit of the defence that a fair trial could not be had in Orange, to the county of Wake.

The Grand Encampment of the Order of Odd-Fellows is in session in this city.

The Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows assembles to-morrow, and many delegates are already in attendance.

KENTUCKY RACES.

LEXINGTON, May 9.—In the mile-heat race to-day there were five starters. Belle Bruce won the race in two straight heats. Time: 1:43¾, 1:44. Pennington was the favorite.

The handicap sweepstakes was won by Bob Wooley; Chesapeake second; Gypter third. Time, 2:39¾.

SERIOUS STREET-CAR ACCIDENT—A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS INJURED.

NEW YORK, May 9.—A street-car containing twenty-seven passengers fell from the elevator at Jersey City Heights last night. No one was killed outright, but four received injuries which proved fatal. Eight or ten others were hurt, most of them seriously, but not dangerously. The cause of the accident is attributed to the carelessness of the truckman, who rang the bell for the engineer to go ahead before the car had passed safely on the trucks.

THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT CONVENTION.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 9.—The secretary of the National Independent Convention announces that the report of the postponement of the Convention until July 4th is utterly false. The Convention will meet in this city next Wednesday, May 17th, and make nominations.

THE MINERS' TROUBLES IN OHIO.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, May 9.—There is much excitement at Massiler to-night, and further trouble with the striking miners is anticipated. [illegible] Washington mine has forty green men at work under protection of the militia. The work of repairing the works of the mines burned by the strikers is also going on under protection of the soldiers.

ALMOST A PANIC IN A THEATRE.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 9.—During Barry Sullivan's performance of Richard III. last evening considerable excitement was created by a dense smoke rolling forth from the stage. A panic was arrested by an actor crying that the fire was out. The smoke increased, however, and the play was stopped, and the audience found their way safely down the narrow stairs from the second story. The smoke originated from a fire in the basement of an adjoining building.

FOREST FIRES EXTINGUISHED BY HEAVY RAINS.

MILFORD, PA., May 9.—The rain last night extinguished the forest fires, which had already destroyed thousands of acres in Pike county.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

England.

WAR-SHIP LAUNCHED—A TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR WALKING CONTEST.

LONDON, May 9.—The iron-plated war-ship Temarire was successfully launched to-day.

Fourteen English pedestrians contested in the twenty-four-hours' walking match for $5,000. Mr. Miles made fifty miles in eight hours, forty-eight minutes and twenty-eight seconds—the fastest recorded. Mr. Vaughan walked ninety-nine miles in eighteen hours, forty-one minutes and twenty seconds, and completed one hundred miles, beating O'Leary's time two minutes and five seconds.

Later.—Vaughan won the match, making 120 miles in twenty-three hours and forty-five minutes.

Turkey.

DETAILS OF THE SALONICA OUTRAGE.

LONDON, May 9.—The Porte has sent by telegraph the following account of the disturbances in Salonica to the Ottoman ambassador at London:

"The convert to Mahometanism arrived at Salonica by railway. The Mahometans proceeded to conduct her, according to custom, to the residence of the Governor-General, when about one hundred and fifty persons, whom the United States consul had assembled, rushed at the convert, tore off her veil and mantle, and carried her by force to the house of a Christian. The excited Mussulmen proceeded to the Governor's residence and insisted that the convert should be brought thither. The Governor, hearing that the German and French consuls had entered the mosque, which was invaded by a crowd, went there to induce the consuls to withdraw and calm the people. All his efforts were useless. The populace wrenched the bars from the grating, fell upon the consuls and struck them down in despite of the desperate efforts of the Governor to shield them with his own person. The troops ultimately dispersed the people." The Governor telegraphs that order has been restored and the guilty parties arrested.

WAR-VESSELS ORDERED TO SALONICA.

PARIS, May 9.—*Le Pays* announces that a French iron-clad frigate and a dispatch-vessel have sailed for Salonica.

ROME, May 9.—The Minister of Marine has ordered two men-of-war to go to Salonica immediately.

LONDON, May 9.—The *Standard's* correspondent at Berlin says: "It is generally thought here that the Salonica affair will prove fatal to Turkey. The interference of the European Powers for the benefit of Christians is now considered unavoidable, as it is evident that the Porte is powerless to protect them against the outbreaks of fanaticism."

Colonel John A. Sloan is at work in St. Louis raising money for the Lee monument fund.

DEPARTURE OF STEAMERS.

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