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WEATHER REPORT.

THE WEATHER SATURDAY was cloudy, with occasional light rains.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 71; 9 A. M., 80; noon, 81; 3 P. M., 84; 6 P. M., 81; midnight, 75. Mean temperature, 78.

HOW WE DRESS.

OBSERVATIONS OF JENNIE JUNE AT SARATOGA—WHAT DRESSES ARE WORN AND HOW THEY ARE MADE—"THE STYLE OF WASHING"—HOPS AND BALLS—GRAND TOILETS—A GORGEOUS OUTFIT—JUIVE TUNICS—THICK-RIBBED SILKS.

[Correspondence of the Baltimore American.]

SARATOGA, July 27, 1876.

Young women who have never been to Saratoga seem to imagine that some special dispensation in regard to clothes is required before a foot can be set upon this sacred ground. Special costumes, special hats, special gloves, special parasols, a special outfit, in short, must be procured, adapted to any other time, place or emergency.

This, however, is not at all necessary for people who are accustomed to wearing clothes at home. Almost anything that will do to wear anywhere can be worn in Saratoga.

To be sure there are many beautiful dresses worn, and many beautiful dresses and charming women, but there are these everywhere, and if one does not think of competing with them in New York, why should we in Saratoga?

Really, unless one goes to the hops and balls the difficulty is how to air your nice things at all. I know one lady whose trunk has really never been unpacked during her sojourn—a white dress, a cambric dress, a black silk, and a grenadine have answered all purposes; and over-dresses of silk and lace, pale blue "evening" silk, and an elegant "combination" costume lay with fawn kid gloves and a dress bonnet in the immaculate covers in which they were brought.

Bonnets, and even hats, are hardly seen at all except on arrival and at departure. Gloves are not needed, and trains are a nuisance. There are plenty of opportunities for spending money, however, and one of them is in washing.

ATTEND TO YOUR WASHING.

The style and character of your "washing" is much more than the wearing of silk the test of wealth and position in Saratoga. Everybody has a silk dress and a suit of some kind or other, and can parade the two more or less during a short stay at a hotel; but everybody is not in possession of lovely lawns and cambrics, and French percales, and nainsooks, and thinner French muslins, beautified with fine pleated flounces, and ruffles and ribbons, and embroidery, and every one cannot afford to wear them continually, with exquisite underwear and laces and shoes to match. If you see a woman parading up and down with a long-tailed silk dress on and somewhat scanty *lingerie* and accessories, and another with a dress twenty-five cents per yard, but fresh, and which cost her three to five dollars every time she gets it "done up," you are safe in assuming the silk dress to be the only one of the kind in the wearer's possession, and the length of her purse to be in inverse proportion to the length of her train, while ten to one the twenty-five cent gown will be worn by the wife of a billionaire.

HOW TO "MAKE UP."

There is a great deal in accessories, a stiff bow, the latest thing in neckties, or a framework of whalebone bustle, is never seen upon a really fashionable and elegantly-dressed woman. Her ribbons seem to belong to, or to have grown out of, her dress, and not to have been put there. The finishing about her throat is a piece of old lace or a simple ruffle of exceeding fineness, and her ornament is a rococo, a queer bit of rare or art work, valuable mainly for its antiquity.

As for her skirts, they follow fashion in massing the drapery (in the utterly stupid way in vogue at present) at the back; but at least they are not subject to the wiggle-waggle of the long train-shaped cages which bulge out, spring to one side, and are a torture in sitting, such as some women endure in the interest of fashion. (?) All the tournure necessary is derived from a flounced under-petticoat, made of a coarse, thin barred muslin and drawn in at the waist, so as to tie in front and throw the fullness towards the back. This permits, if it does not give, softness, ease, and grace, either of which is an impossibility in the other case.

Hops and balls, of which we often read such long and glowing accounts, never flourish at watering-places—at least, I have rarely seen one where the guests did not have to be drummed up and really pressed into service, in order apparently to permit a few Cubans or new rich women, who have no other way of showing their fine clothes, to parade in grand satins and gorgeous masses of jewelry, and incidentally to indulge the desire of the young folks for a dance.

GRAND TOILETS.

Still there is beautiful dressing and costly dressing. The United States Hotel is trying hard to restore the old *regime*, and even the state and ceremony and magnificent toilets of years and years ago, when the queens of southern society flourished and swept through its stately halls.

But it will not do; the time has gone by. Modern women are too active, and have too many other things to do—to dress five times in the day—and they no longer take from seven to twenty trunks; one or two suffices. It was not at the United States, however, but at the Clarendon, that I saw the loveliest white I ever saw in my life. It consisted of masses of delicate, knife-edged pleatings, made in the finest French muslin and trimmed with deep, exquisite Valenciennes lace; pale ribbons, lemon color and blue, looped and garnished the dress; which, worn by a fragile beauty, seemed part of her, and the whole an embodied dream. Men may have noticed the woman; I dare say they did, though there was not much of her, and she was guarded by two anxious and devoted cavaliers; but I confess I stood in rapt contemplation before her dress, wondering if mortal hands arranged those intricate, yet simple and graceful folds; if poetic insight or skilled design pictured and then created that perfect ensemble. Very much more expensive white dresses, I suppose, have been worn, though that Valenceinnes lace was by no means "cheap," but none so fine or so effective.

OH, SO LOVELY.

For example, there has been an ivory satin, the skirt covered with scarfs laid in folds of damasee gauze, bordered with deep, tasseled fringe, and crossed and recrossed until it was quite impossible to tell where one ended or the other begun, but was exactly like one worn at the charity ball last winter in New York, and may have been the very one for ought I know, only the garlands of variegated roses were taken away and some vulgar red ribbons substituted.

Many "Juive" tunics or overdresses are worn, which are very novel and stylish. A very handsome one was of white brocade, trimmed with many narrow rows of silver braid, and worn over navy-blue silk and velvet, velvet sleeves. The ornaments worn consisted of a chatelaine, necklace, and earrings of highly-wrought silver.

A party dress of pink-and-white-striped silk and white muslin was worn by a young lady the other evening. The flounces upon the lower skirt were narrow and consisted of alternate knife-edged pleatings of white muslin and gathered ruffles of silk, cut on the cross. The Princesses overdress was of striped silk, prettily trimmed with the daisy pleatings of muslin and ruffles of silk, made very narrow, and forming a delicate, flower-like finish. Ornaments of pale-pink coral were worn with this dress.

Some very rich dresses of thick ribbed silk and satin have been displayed, trimmed with bands of hand embroidery in the natural colors of the flowers—shaded roses, tinted honeysuckles, and Marguerites tied with ribbon. But these are not new; some of them are open in front, with elbow-sleeves and lace ruffles; others have long lace sleeves, but all have a crushed, if not worn, look, as if they had been tumbled at opera and ball, and been packed more than once.—*Jennie June.*

THE COMING AUGUST METEORS.—The time for the annual display of the "August meteors" is fast approaching, and it behooves those who delight to gaze at these celestial fire-works to prepare for their appearance. These visitors from the interplanetary regions commence to enter the earth's atmosphere about the 6th of August, and from that time until the 13th are visible in varying numbers. The period of maximum display occurs generally on the night of the 10th of August. They do not come in such countless multitudes as the November meteors, but their appearance may be relied on with certainty. The August meteors very rarely miss their appointment on the night of the 10th of August in each succeeding year, and may be seen of all degrees of brillancy from the globe of light, outshining Venus or Jupiter, and moving across the firmament in stately grandeur, while emitting a fiery train, to the hardly perceptible thread of silver light of the smallest shooting star. Their advent will doubtless be watched for by the astronomers with interest.—*New York Herald.*

THE SUN AS AN INCENDIARY.—At the National Rifle Association practice at Wimbledon, England, on Thursday, July 13, an incident worthy of record occurred, owing to the heat. The rays of the sun had, it appeared, been playing on the surface of a small mirror hanging in one of the bell-tents in the regimental lines. The glass reflected the rays on to the roof of the tent, and soon afterward the canvass took fire. The flames were, however, very quickly noticed, and no time was lost in endeavoring to extinguish them. By striking the tent no further damage than its distruction, together with a few articles of wearing apparel, took place. Similar occurrences have happened in India and other hot climates, but there is, we believe, no precedent of the kind in England, certainly not at Wimbledon.—*Exchange.*

A NATURAL ICE-HOUSE—REMARKABLE STORY.—[From the Rutland *Herald.*]—In Chittenden, Vt., is a sort of natural ice-house which has hitherto been comparatively little known. The place is a narrow gorge, with rocky sides extending down about twenty feet, and arched overhead with trees. Here an abundant quantity of clear, solid ice can be found during the hottest season of the year. At the upper end of the gorge is a clear spring of water, from which the ice is formed in winter, filling the fissures and crevices between the rocks at the bottom of the ravine. A gentleman visiting the spot last Saturday—one of the hottest days we have ever known—found ice in large quantities. One fissure eight feet long, three feet wide, and apparently several feet deep, was filled with ice almost blue in its beatiful clearness. This is the ice-house for the people in the vicinity, and here they obtain their supply. Last year ice was taken out in September, and there is reason to believe that it lasts during the whole year. The atmosphere in the vicinity of the gorge is cooled by its frozen treasures, and when the wind is in the right direction a change in temperature is apparent half a mile distant. At a watering-trough by the roadside eighty roads away, fed directly from the ice-bed, men and beasts alike are refreshed with real ice-water. The place is certainly a natural curiosity worth visiting. It is situated near the road from the Chittenden Meeting-house to Forge Flats, about three miles and a half from the church, and a few rods from John Whitcomb's house.

AMERICAN AND SWISS WATCHES.—[Edward King's letter to Boston *Journal.*]—The commissioner informed me that the Swiss manufacturers have come to the conclusion that it is useless longer to attempt to compete with Americans in the making of ordinary watches. The improvements which the American makers have made in machinery for the manufacture of the former class of goods are so extraordinary that there is no chance for foreign trade. "But in chronometers," said the commissioner, "and in a large class of delicate work for which machinery cannot be prepared, and which must be made by hand, we are still far in advance of your workmen here." And in proof of this there are a number of polite young men to show one the marvellous watches which have come from Geneva. One of these is a gold hunting-case watch with minute repeater, chronograph, perpetual calendar, and phases of the moon. The calendar, which is combined in a very skilful manner so as to require the least possible power from the "main train" at the change of day, has a small sunken dial which shows when it is noon and when midnight, and another sunken dial opposite showing the leap year and the first, second, and third after. A rare specimen of workmanship is a gold watch which strikes the hours and quarters voluntarily. This and others are among the wonders shown by Dodallet, of Geneva. Some of the watches are so small that they may be placed in a penholder, and one almost needs a microscope to find out the time of day by them.

AN ELOPEMENT.—[To the Editor of the *Courier-Journal.*]—*Plymouth, Ill.*, July 20, 1876.—Mr. James Barker, formerly of Jeffersonville, Ind., has eloped with my daughter, Mary Hyler, July 18, to parts unknown. He bore a good character here until now. He is a great man for the females. I followed him to Springfield, Ill., and had him arrested, but he knocked down the officer, and made his and her escape. I followed them to Danville, Ill., and from there I suppose they went to your city. He has a living wife in this State, and I hear since he left he has one in Jeffersonville, Ind., and one child. His first wife in this State has three children. My daughter he eloped with is only seventeen years of age. They took with them a gold watch and chain of the value of $150, about $350 in money, and various other valuables. Jeffersonville papers will please copy. DAVID HYLER.

Some of the San Francisco papers are horrified at learning that Lawrence Barrett's name is Lawrence Brannigan, and that John T. Raymond is the *alias* under which John O'Brien has become famous. These stage-names were adopted by their wearers with great reluctance, and only because the public would not consent to recognize genius in Larry Brannigan *as* Larry Brannigan, or in Jack O'Brien *as* Jack O'Brien. Both gentlemen, but Mr. Brannigan in particular, take every opportunity to declare themselves in their true Hibernian character on all private occasions. Mr. Brannigan was once as fine, dirty a lad as every worked in a printing office, and afterwards lugged messages and whiskey around hotels in the capacity of bell-boy, until his talent began to sprout. He desires that these things may be known in order that other boys may take courage at his rise.—*Chicago Times.*

Accounts come from the Northwest of devastations by grasshoppers, the crops of many settlers having already been devoured.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE LEE MONUMENT.—With pleasure we call attention to the annexed offer by the Lee Monument Association, in the hope that it will be favorably received by those to whom it is addressed. We especially commend the idea of having the lithograph of "General Lee on Traveller" offered to the rising generation as rewards of merit in lieu of books, medals, &c., and we do sincerely trust that all educators will adopt the suggestion.

A very small weekly contribution will suffice to place a copy in every school and club-room, in every lodge and armory, and we trust that this appeal of the Board of Managers will not be made in vain.

The offer is made to include all sections of the country—North, South, East, West:

LEE MONUMENT ASSOCIATION,
RICHMOND, VA., July, 1876.

To stimulate collections for the Lee Monument Fund the Board of Managers will send by mail to any college, school, lodge, club, military or civic association which shall contribute $10 a lithograph of General Lee or Traveller, 18 by 14 inches. A small weekly contribution will secure a handsome ornament for the school, lodge, club-room, or armory. These lithographs might be acceptably used as rewards of merit in lieu of medals, books, &c., to which end they will be supplied to teachers on satisfactory terms. A large sum is now in hand for the monument, and a generous response to this appeal will enable the managers to proceed at an early day to arrange for its construction.

By order of the Board.
S. BASSETT FRENCH, Secretary.

ARRESTED FOR BIGAMY.—On Saturday afternoon a warrant was taken out for the arrest of William H. Pettis, charging him with bigamy. It appears that Pettis was married a few years ago and an unceremonious separation took place. Pettis got so used to it that he forgot that he had ever been married, and a short time since took unto himself another wife. Mrs. Pettis No. 1 therefore got out a warrant for the arrest of her recreant lord.

Pettis was arrested on Saturday afternoon and kept in custody.

JAMES RIVER IMPROVEMENT.—At a meeting of the James River Improvement Committee Friday evening—present: Messrs. Davenport, Childrey, Cannon, Babcock, Nolting, Purcell, Blankenship, Curtis, and Wagner as chairman *pro tem.*—Mr. Blankenship was reëlected chairman, Mr. Cannon auditor of the committee, and Colonel Whitcomb reëlected engineer of the improvement.

POSTAL.—The postmaster has been informed by the Post-Office Department that letters for the Island of St. Thomas or to any *British* colony in the West Indies, upon which the direct postage has been paid, may be forwarded to the British Consul at Havana, leaving the British postage due to be collected on delivery at its destination.

According to the United States *Postal Guide* this would make the postage to be prepaid here five instead of thirteen cents.

PRODUCE WEIGHED.—Up to Saturday morning Weighmaster Finnerty reports the following as the amount of produce weighed during the week: Hay, 22,870 pounds; oats, 62,230 pounds; straw, 9,090 pounds.

Weighmaster Snellings, of the Second Market, reports as follows: Oats, 37,690 pounds; hay, 24,250 pounds; straw, 5,930 pounds; fodder, 1,160 pounds.

The prices of forage ranged about as follows: Hay, 80c. to $1 per hundred pounds; oats, 50 to 60c. per hundred pounds; rye straw, 90c. per hundred pounds; fodder, 60 to 70c. per hundred pounds.

RETAIL MARKETS.—The large increase in the supply of vegetables during the past week has reduced the price of vegetables considerably. An active trade has been going on, and the number of carts about the markets has been greater by twenty per cent. than during the week previous. The following are the retail prices reported Saturday:

Eggs, 16⅔c. per dozen; corn, from 10 to 25c. per dozen; tomatoes, 5c. per quart, or 25c. per dozen; Irish potatoes, 10c. per half peck; sweet potatoes, 25c. per half peck; peaches, 20c. per quart, or 40c. per dozen for choice; cabbage, from 3 to 10c. per head; pears, indifferent, 15c. per quart; huckleberries, 6 to 10c. per quart; cucumbers, three for 5c.; squashes, 8c. per dozen; blackeye peas, 15c. per quart; butter-beans, 15c. per quart; damsons, 60c. per peck; canteloupes, from 1 to 5c. each; watermelons, 5 to 25c. each.

Fish.—The fish market is dull with the following prices: Spots, 25c. per bunch, eight to ten on the bunch; sheephead, 8⅓ to 12½c. per pound; crabs, 50c. per dozen, and scarce at that.

Meat.—The meat market has improved within the past week. We quote: Roast beef, choice, 16⅔c.; beefsteak, choice, 16⅔c.; veal cutlet and roast, 12½ to 16⅔; lamb or mutton, 12½ to 16⅔c.; pork, 15c.; liver, 10c.; tripe, 10c.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.—The following is the conveyances of real estate for the week ending July 29, 1876: Lots fronting—122 feet on Cary street, corner Twenty-sixth, for $610; 170½ feet on Main street, corner Lombardy (two-thirds interest), for $800; 52 feet on Denny street, corner Fifth, for $350; 99 feet on Carter street for $495, 30 feet on Third street between Byrd and Arch for $1,496; 32 feet on Buchanan street between Richard and Balding for $265; 16 feet on Buchanan street between Richard and Balding for $132; — feet on N street between Thirtieth and Thirty-first for $150; 30 feet on Pendleton street, corner Thirty-first for $135; 150 feet on Walker street for $2,800; 150 feet on Walker street for $2,450; 26½ feet on Rocketts street, near Elm, for $450; 15 feet on First street between Hill and Coutts, for $125; 90 feet on Reservoir street, near Taylor, for $351; 100 feet on Prentis's alley, near Duval street, for $300; 60 feet on N street, corner Twenty-eighth, for —; 16 feet on Twenty-eighth street between N and O for —; 22 feet on Seventeenth street, corner Grace, for $3,150.

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE collections for the Third district for the week ending Saturday: Monday, $9,964.37; Tuesday, $9,225.76; Wednesday, $8,851.16; Thursday, $11,548.11; Friday, $9,975.42; Saturday, $8,596.20. Total, $58,161.03.

ORGANIZATION OF A HAYES AND WHEELER CLUB.—Another club was organized Saturday night, with the following officers: President, J. R. Griffin; Vice-President, R. Carter; Secretary, P. H. Fleming; Treasurer, A. S. Johnson; Chaplain, William C. Washington; Sergeant-at-Arms, Washington Holmes.

PERSONAL.—Bishop Dudley arrived in the city on Saturday to spend a few weeks with his friends here. He was announced to preach at St. James's church on Sunday at 11 A. M.

Colonel William S. Gilman left t he city for the springs Saturday night.

John B. Davis, Esq., president of the Planters National Bank, returned on Saturday from a trip to Bedford Springs and Deer Spring Park in fine health and spirits.

Rev. Mr. Dashiell, of St. Mark's church, has returned to the city, and was expected to fill his pulpit yesterday.

Young Dugan, who, it was thought, was badly stabbed a few days since, was out on Saturday.

FARM SOLD.—The Ashland *News* says: "We learn that Colonel J. Bell Bigger has sold his farm and residence in this county for $3,800. We are sorry to part with him, but suppose his attention is occupied with matters pertaining to his business as clerk of the House of Delegates."

Colonel Bigger, it is understood, will take up his residence in the city.

MYSTERIOUS TELEGRAMS.—The following telegrams have been received by city officials:

"GREAT BIG HORN, July 27.

"Me understand tin-medal man goin' come shoot at Injun man. How kum. If kum me big Injun eat much and shoot white man heap. WANNYBUCKASHEE,
(young man fond of his cocktails),
Sioux Chief."

"KEAMAZEJI, AFRICA.

"A leaden bullet, surrounded with a halo of resplendance, fell at my feet a moment ago. O'Neil, by the aid of his hundred-horse power buckananum, has discovered that it came from somewhere near your city. Explain. HENRY M. STANLEY,
"African Explorer."

The only solution to the above is that there was a target-practice held near the city a few evenings since.

POLICE COURT, SATURDAY—*Justice Joseph J. White presiding.*—The following parties were fined: John Taylor (colored), for attempting to strike Oliver Byrd with a rock, $2.50; William Banister (colored), for disordely conduct, $1.

Thomas H. Kelley was sent to jail for thirty days for assaulting and striking Samuel Scott with a brick.

The case of John Galvin, charged with creating a disturbance in the house of and threatening to beat Michael Dunigan, was dismissed on payment of costs.

Robert Scott (colored), an old offender, drunk and disorderly in the street, was committed for sixty days.

The case of Robert Edmunds (colored), charged with house-breaking, was continued till to-day (Monday).

CONVICT.—Judith McQuillian (negro), from Cumberland county, five years for poisoning, was received at the penitentiary Saturday.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.—The Committee on Streets have awarded contracts as follows: For flagging, 40 cents per foot, to M. Hayes; for curbing, 58 cents per foot, to the James River Granite Company; for corner curbing, to H. Minter, at $5.50 per corner curb.

THE STONE-CUTTERS.—About five hundred of these hard-fisted sons of toil will go to work on Tuesday morning. They are a splendid set of fellows, and it is to be hoped they will never be allowed to remain idle so long as there is a foot of granite near the city.

ARRESTS.—At the First station-house on Saturday night a number of arrests were made, most of which were for abusive language or for being drunk and disorderly. The recreants will be brought before the Police Justice this morning.

GRANGE DEPUTY APPOINTED.—George D. Pleasants, Esq., has been appointed district deputy for the Patrons of Husbandry for the county of Henrico.

THE CUSTER MONUMENT BALL.—Arrangements have been made by which cheap excursion tickets will be issued for the Custer monument ball on the 10th. The affair promises to be a grand success.

BLENNER'S PARK.—There will be a dance at Blenner's Park to-night.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

Ward Meetings to Elect Delegates to the Congressional Convention—Three Wards Instructed for Walker—The Remainder Express the Same Preference.—In pursuance of a call of the City Superintendent, Mr. H. A. Jordan, meetings were held in all of the wards of the city Saturday night for the purpose of electing delegates from this city to the Congressional Nominating Convention which assembles in Richmond on August 24th. Considerable excitement has prevailed for the past few weeks as to who would be the representatives of this city in this Convention.

A meeting was held in the Third Ward last Saturday night, which elected Mr. Socrates Brooks as a delegate. This meeting, however, not being called by the City Superintendent, that officer thought it best that another meeting should be held in that ward, which was accordingly done Saturday night. The most harmonious and pleasant feelings prevailed at all the meetings, and everything passed off quietly.

First Ward: The meeting in this ward was called to order by City Sergeant Henry Fitzgerald. James A. Clarke was unanimously elected chairman, and James A. Gentry secretary. The chairman having stated the object of the meeting, James A. Gentry nominated G. C. Walker as the choice of the meeting for reëlection to Congress, and J. B. Fitzgerald nominated Captain George D. Wise. Upon the vote being counted it was found that G. C. Walker had received 21 votes and Captain Wise 16. Henry Fitzgerald, J. B. Fitzgerald, and A. C. Jones were then nominated for delegates. Henry Fitzgerald received 24; J. B. Fitzgerald, 11; A. C. Jones, 5. Henry Fitzgerald, having received the largest vote, was declared the delegate. A. A. Allen was unanimously elected alternate; whereupon the meeting adjourned. The delegate and alternate were instructed to vote for Walker.

Second Ward: The meeting in this ward was presided over by Mr. A. A. Waugh. Mr. Edward Gallagher was unanimously elected as delegate, and Mr. J. H. Perdue as the alternate. The motion to instruct the delegate to cast his vote for Governor Walker in the Convention was rejected, but the meeting expressed itself in favor of that gentleman as its first choice by an almost unanimous vote, but thought it better not to instruct the delegate.

Third Ward: The meeting in this ward was presided over by Mr. B. B. Weisiger; and Mr. Socrates Brooks, who was elected at the meeting of Saturday night week, was reëlected. No alternate was elected. A motion to instruct the delegate to support Captain George D. Wise in the Convention was rejected by 20 ayes to 30 noes. Pending a motion to instruct the delegate to cast his vote for Governor Walker the meeting adjourned.

Fourth Ward: The largest and most enthusiastic meeting was that held in the Fourth Ward. Mr. A. J. Gary presided. Dr. L. R. Chiles was chosen as the delegate, and Mr. Douglas Baird alternate. The motion to instruct the delegate to cast the vote of the meeting for Governor Walker in the Convention was adopted by a vote of 57 to 24; after which the meeting adjourned at half-past 10 o'clock.

Recapitulation: First Ward—Delegate, Henry Fitzgerald; alternate, A. A. Allen. Second Ward—Delegate, Edward Gallagher; alternate, S. H. Perdue. Third Ward—Delegate, Socrates Brooks; alternate—none elected. Fourth Ward—Delegate, L. R. Chiles; alternate, Douglas Baird.

Resumption of Work at the Old Dominion Granite-Works.—Mr. Bosley, the superintendent of this yard, arrived from Washington on Saturday afternoon, and states that operations will be resumed at the Old Dominion stone-yard at once, probably on Tuesday next. The entire force heretofore employed will be put on, and the work pushed forward as hererofore.

Going to Fortress Monroe.—The Union Guard (colored), James H. Cunningham, captain, will participate in the drill of the colored military to take place at Fortress Monroe on the 7th of August.

The Centennial Pic-Nic at Throgmorton's To-Day.—Every arrangement has been made to make this one of the most pleasant excursions of the season. The boat leaves the Richmond wharf this morning at 6 o'clock.

Ordinance Violations.—Bob Braxton and Richard Van Horn, drivers for Mr. William Cole, of Richmond, were before the Mayor Saturday afternoon, charged with running unlicensed teams in Manchester. They were recognized to appear this morning, when they will have a hearing.

Mayor's Court, Saturday.—Thomas Callihan was up, charged with being drunk and unable to take care of himself. Upon his promising to refrain from getting drunk again he was acquitted.

Adam Harris (colored), charged with assaulting a colored girl, was fined two dollars and costs.

Copying Records.—The three experts appointed by the Hustings Court to perform that work will commence copying the records of the County Court to-day.

FROM the *Methodist Protestant*, Baltimore, Md.: For invalids and those in declining health we know nothing better than COLDEN'S LIEBIG'S LIQUID EXTRACT OF BEEF AND TONIC INVIGORATOR. We recommend it from personal knowledge as carefully prepared and being all it claims.

CHEAP READING.—Go to C. F. JOHNSTON'S Music- and News-store, 918 Main street, and buy one or more of the Lakeside Novels—price only ten cents. The regular price of these novels, published in any other form, is from 50c. to $2 each. All of the latest and best sheet-music can also be found at JOHNSTON'S.

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A handsome 18-karat gold, gentleman's size, stem-winding, shell-case WATCH for sale very cheap at WINSTOCK'S.

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Agents for U. S.

Visitors to the VIRGINIA SPRINGS will guard against *baggage agents on the trains* for Staunton. There are coaches and wagons to convey passengers and baggage free of charge. Don't give up your checks till you get in the omnibus at the depots.

THE VIRGINIA RILEY WHISKEY, sold by CHRISTIAN & WHITE, has been analyzed by Drs. McCaw and Taylor and recommended as a pure medicinal beverage. Price for two-year old, $2.50 per gallon; price for three-year old, $3.50 per gallon.

THE PEOPLE WANT PROOF.—There is no medicine prescribed by physicians or sold by druggists that carries such evidence of its superior virtue of BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP for severe coughs, colds settled on the breast, consumption, or any disease of the throat and lungs. A proof of this fact is that any person afflicted can get a sample bottle for ten cents and try it. Regular size, seventy-five cents. PURCELL, LADD & CO., wholesale agents.

COLDEN'S LIEBIG'S LIQUID EXTRACT OF BEEF AND TONIC INVIGORATOR is not injured by the influence of the weather. According to Liebig's expression, it is liquid bread, being both nourishing and strengthening.

CUSTOM (hand-made) WORK to order, and guaranteed to fit. Repairing neatly done by
BOSCHEN & BROTHER,
509 and 511 Broad street.

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

SLIPPERS, TIES, AND BUSKINS in great variety at BOSCHEN'S, 509 and 511 Broad street.

TRUNKS, VALISES, AND SATCHELS reduced to very low prices at BOSCHEN'S, Broad street.

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

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

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

☞ *On all sales of Real Estate made between the 1st of January and last of June the taxes for the present year have to be paid by the purchaser. On all sales made between the 1st of July and last of the year the taxes have to be paid by the seller*

[This custom was adopted about fifteen years ago by all the real estate agents in Richmond, and applies to Richmond and vicinity.]

RICHARDSON & CO., 6 P. M., valuable suburban farm of 146 acres, two miles northwest of Richmond.

GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, 4½ P. M., commissioners' sale of a lot on Libby's Hill; and at 5½ P. M., valuable suburban farm known as "Laurel Spring."

CHAFFIN, STAPLES & CO., 6 P. M., trustee's sale of a two-story framed dwelling on Beverly street between Pine and Belvidere streets.

HILL & ANDERSON, 10½ o'clock, sale of groceries, &c.

J. D. WHITEHEAD, 10½ A. M., trade-sale of groceries.

BYERLY & POWELL, 10 A. M., furniture and miscellaneous articles.

DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between GARRET F. WATSON and J. J. BOWEN in the manufacture of furniture, and conducted in the name of G. F. WATSON, is this day dissolved, and Garret F. Watson will wind up the business.
[Signed] GARRET F. WATSON,
J. J. BOWEN
JULY 29, 1876. jy 31-6t

N. B. HILL AND R. S. ANDERSON have this day formed a co-partnership under the firm name of HILL & ANDERSON, for the purpose of conducting a GENERAL AUCTION AND COMMISSION BUSINESS at 1524 Main street. By strict attention to business, quick sales, and prompt returns, they hope to merit a liberal patronage from their friends and the public generally.
JULY 1, 1876. jy 1-S&M1m

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between John Wright and Thomas Balmer, under the firm-name of J. WRIGHT & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent
THOMAS BALMER will sign in liquidation.
JOHN WRIGHT,
THOMAS BALMER.
JUNE 30, 1876.

The business as heretofore conducted by J. Wright & Co. will be continued under same name by JOHN WRIGHT.

THOMAS BALMER will conduct a business as heretofore conducted by J. Wright & Co. at 1711 Cary street. jy 1-1m

LAUNDRIES.

THE STAR LAUNDRY,
No. 117 east Broad street,
between First and Second, south side.
is now prepared to do a large amount of WASHING, STARCHING, and IRONING in the very best manner and latest style. Fluting done on ladies' and misses' clothing. Lace curtains done up as good as new. Store and custom shirts done with either soft- or gloss-finish. All work guaranteed.
Good WASHERS and IRONERS wanted.
MRS. W. BYRNE,
jy 3-1m Proprietor.

BILL-HEADS, $7 to $10 per ream, at the DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE.

RECORD OF NEWS.

LETTER FROM GENERAL SHERIDAN.

MORE TROOPS WANTED.

CROOK REPORTED DEFEATED.

Three Hundred Men Killed.

CRAZY HORSE ALIVE.

HE IS NOW FOR PEACE.

A SCHOONER CAPSIZED.

TWO MEN DROWNED.

RAID ON TRAMPS.

Stock Exchange Panic.

FATAL DUEL FOUGHT.

SWEDISH TOWN BURNED.

HAVANA DEFALCATIONS.

THE SULTAN DYING.

XLIVTH CONGRESS—First Session.

WASHINGTON, July 29, 1876.

SENATE.

There was no session of the Senate today.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Hill, of Georgia, called up the bill, passed by both houses, extending the time for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes, in order to have it amended so as to exclude the possibility of its being construed to affect national cemeteries. The bill was so amended and passed.

The House proceeded to the discussion of the reports of the Committee on Naval Affairs, the Speaker *pro tem.* holding that the matter pending at the previous adjournment took precedence of the business of the morning hour.

At the conclusion of a very long debate the previous question was seconded, and the matter went over to Monday, when a vote takes precedence of all other business.

There is a night session for debate.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

CONVICTED OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER—TWO MEN DROWNED—SEVERE STORM.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., July 29.—Captain R. R. Ferguson, indicted for the murder of James Council, at Bower's Hill, a few weeks ago, was convicted of involuntary homicide today and fined $50.

A truck-sloop capsized in a squall this afternoon off the mouth of the Western Branch. Two negroes were drowned, and others escaped by swimming.

There was a severe thunder-storm to-day, lightning doing considerable damage to telegraph property.

RHODA FEWELL'S RAID ON TRAMPS.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

MANASSAS, VA., July 29.—On the night of the 27th four tramps entered Rhoda Fewell's unoccupied house and stole some of his clothing. He followed them, and near Nokesville came in contact with them. He caught one and carried him to jail with a rope around his neck, and shot three times at another, but without effect. The others made their escape.

[Associated Press Telegrams.]

THE OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE ORGANIZED INTO A TILDEN CLUB.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The officers and employés of the House had a preliminary meeting last night to organize a Tilden, Hendricks, and Reform Club. A committee of thirteen was appointed on permanent organization to report Monday.

A HUMAN MONSTROSITY KILLED BY ITS MOTHER.

ELIZABETH, N. J., July 29.—Ellen Shelton (colored) has been committed to jail for murdering her infant, one year old, by throwing it into a well. The child had four arms and three legs. The well had been constantly used. The child had been missing since September.

ANOTHER CITIZEN OF NEW YORK KILLED BY BURGLARS.

NEW YORK, July 29.—Mr. Judlew was fatally stabbed by burglars last night. The police, attracted by the noise, arrested one of the burglars, who gives his name as William Keller. He is an Italian, six feet high, and very muscular.

PLOUGH- AND WAGON-WORKS DESTROYED. FIRE.

BELOIT, WIS., July 29.—John Thompson & Co.'s plough- and wagon-works have been burned. Loss, $60,000.

DEMONSTRATION OF UNEMPLOYED WORKMEN.

NEW YORK, July 29.—A number of unemployed workingmen are to have a mass-meeting and parade in Tompkins's Square next Monday. They will proceed in a body to the City Hall, and express their views and make demand for labor to Mayor Wickham and other city officials.

A LADY BURNT TO DEATH.

HAVERHILL, MASS., July 29.—A tenement house was destroyed by fire last night. Mrs. Long was burned to death. Two other women jumped from the windows.

CONDITION OF WHEAT IN CHICAGO ELEVATORS.

CHICAGO, July 29.—The committee appointed by the President of the Board of Trade to investigate the condition of the wheat in the elevators report it in good condition, except about a dozen bins, which contain warm wheat.

NEW ORLEANS GOLDE