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BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RICHMOND, AT RICHMOND, IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 20, 1877:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$1,022,573 78
Overdrafts	12,374 38
United States bonds to secure circulation	622,250 00
United States bonds to secure deposits	100,000 00
Other stocks, bonds, and mortgages	30,882 81
Due from approved reserve agents	133,618 83
Due from other national banks	16,011 26
Due from State banks and bankers	9,475 88
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures	27,693 66
Current expenses and taxes paid	632 37
Exchanges for clearing-house	37,878 04
Bills of other banks	33,912 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	2,884 63
Specie (including gold Treasury certificates)	8,591 98
Legal-tender notes	65,000 00
Redemption fund with United States Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	24,500 00
Total	$2,148,279 62

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$700,000 00
Surplus fund	165,000 00
Undivided profits	6,592 39
National-bank notes outstanding	560,000 00
Dividends unpaid	385 00
Individual deposits subject to check	559,186 23
United States deposits	76,637 46
Deposits of United States disbursing officers	6,236 32
Due to other national banks	39,654 81
Due to State banks and bankers	34,587 41
Total	$2,148,279 62

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF HENRICO, ss:

I, Samuel A. Glover, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. A. GLOVER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of January, 1877.

Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
W. HATCHER,
J. H. BLAIR,
B. F. LADD, } Directors.
ja 24-3t

BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

AT COST FOR CASH.—In order to make room for my SPRING STOCK I will offer my entire STOCK OF WINTER GOODS AT COST FOR CASH until further notice. My stock is first-class, and consists of Ladies' fine Shoes, all styles and makes; Gentlemen's fine Calf Boots; Gentlemen's Congress and Button Gaiters; Misses', Children's, and Infants' Shoes, all sizes. All of which will be sold at cost for cash. Goods charged will be sold at regular prices.
T. D. CRAWFORD,
ja 25-1m 909 Main street, Page's old stand.

LADIES' SOFT GOAT BUTTON BOOTS, $2.25.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

LADIES' GOAT SHOES, $2.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

GENTLEMEN'S THREE-SOLE GAITERS, $2.50.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

GENTLEMEN'S STYLISH CALF GAITERS, $3.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

LADIES' FOXED GAITERS, $2.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL-SHOES, $1.25.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

LADIES' KID LACE-SHOES, $2.25.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

MISSES' FOXED GAITERS, $1.50.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

LADIES' KID BUTTON-BOOTS, $2.75.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

LADIES' CALF LACE-SHOES, $2.25.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

GENTLEMEN'S SCOTCH-BOTTOM GAITERS, $3.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

GENTLEMEN'S HAND-MADE CALF BOOTS, $8.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

MISSES' SCHOOL-SHOES, $1.50.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

TRUNKS AND SATCHELS CHEAPER THAN EVER.
ja 24 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

E. C. BURT'S FINE SHOES—first grade—for Ladies, Misses, Children, and Infants; Ladies', Misses', and Children's Shoes, all styles, Philadelphia best manufacture; Misses' School Shoes, best quality, $2.50; Gentlemen's, Boys', and Youths' Shoes—all grades; Trunks, Valises, Satchels, Shawl-Straps, and Over-Gaiters. The best-wearing Calf Gaiters for gentlemen in the city for $5. Repairing neatly and promptly done at W. P. W. TAYLOR'S.
ja 19 Fourth and Broad streets.

SELLING OFF AT COST FOR THIRTY DAYS.

Ladies' Sewed Shoes only 75c.;
Gentlemen's Balmorals, $1, worth $1.50;
Gentlemen's Calf Boots, $2, old price $4;
Gentlemen's Congress Gaiters, $1.25 and $1.50, worth $2.50; Gentlemen's Square Box-Toe Gaiters, $1.50, cheap at $2.50; Gentlemen's Calf Square Box-Toe, hand-sewed, $3, worth $5;
Ladies' Calf Shoes, sewed, $1, old price $1.75; Ladies' Kid Laced, $1.25, cheap at $2.25; Ladies Philadelphia Pebble Goat Shoes, $1.50, worth $2.50; Ladies' Serge Foxed Gaiters, $1, worth $1.50; Ladies' Congress Gaiters, $1 only; Ladies's best quality Buttoned Gaiters, only $2, sold elsewhere at $3;
Misses' High-Cut Pebble Goat (a good school shoe) sewed, $1.10, old price $2;
Children's Philadelphia-made Buttoned Boots, sizes 6 to 10, only $1, worth $1.75;
Babies' Shoes, with heels, 30, 40, and 50c.
All goods warranted as represented at the old cheap store of M. GOLDEN, 1523 Main street,
ja 10-1m not James Golden.

GENTLEMEN'S, BOYS', AND Youths' Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Brogans, &c., Trunks, Valises, and Satchels of every description for sale low at BOSCHEN'S.
ja 1 509 and 511 Broad street.

WOOD AND COAL.

SOFT COKE! SOFT COKE! SOFT COKE! SPLINT COAL! SPLINT COAL! SPLINT COAL!—Just arrived in my yard, a full supply of Carbon Hill Soft Coke of the best quality, very cheap. Also, a full supply of West Virginia Splint Coal, the best grate-fuel known in the market. Anthracite Coal, all sizes; Pine and Oak Wood, original growth. Call and be convinced that there is economy in buying good fuel and getting good weight. P. R. CARRINGTON, Seventeenth and Cary streets. Branch office: Corner Jefferson and Broad streets. ja 25

BEST SPLINT LUMP COAL IN FULL supply, and all sizes ANTHRACITE (best cooking fuel) and CLOVER HILL COALS, and SOFT LUMP COKE; and superior PINE and OAK WOOD for KINDLING and COOKING, sawed, split, and long. All best fuel very low at Ninth and Cary streets and Basin Bank. J. B. WATKINS.
ja 22

CLOVER HILL COAL.
A full supply constantly on hand and delivered promptly. Our ENGINE COAL the cheapest in the market.
Yard and office corner Seventh and Byrd streets.
T. C. JONES,
ja 22 Commercial Agent.

SPLINT COAL!
SPLINT COAL!
SPLINT COAL!
A FULL SUPPLY NOW IN THE YARD.
CORNER BROAD AND JEFFERSON STREETS.
[ja 17-3t]

FOREST PINE AT PILCHER'S—FOREST PINE WOOD. W. S. PILCHER,
ja 13 823 Main, near Ninth street.

SPLINT COAL at PILCHER'S.
SPLINT COAL.
W. S. PILCHER,
ja 13 823 east Main street.

FULL STOCK OF BEST LUMP AND HAIL SPLINT now on hand, delivered to consumers at from $4 to $5 and $5.25 per ton of 2,000 pounds. Best ANTHRACITE for grates, stoves, or furnaces at lowest cash prices. CLOVER HILL and MIDLOTHIAN at lowest cash prices. OAK and PINE WOOD at Nineteenth and Cary streets.
ja 10 C. H. PAGE.

FOR PARLOR FIRES.—500 tons of the celebrated LORBERRY ANTHRACITE COAL, which makes the cleanest and brightest of fires, at the low price of $7 per ton, delivered: 1,500 tons first-quality EGG, STOVE, and NUT ANTHRACITE COAL, for Latrobes, ranges and stoves, at lowest market rates. S. P. LATHROP,
ja 9 Seventeenth street, at draw-bridge.

ANTHRACITE AND BITUMINOUS COAL. Ben Franklin Red-Ash Coal of all sizes; Reliance and Enterprise White Ash, Egg, and Stove; West Virginia Splint for grates; Clover Hill Lump; Cumberland for steam and smiths' use. Carbon Hill SOFT COKE. OAK and PINE WOOD.
WIRT ROBERTS,
no 17 corner Seventeenth and Cary streets

FOR LEXINGTON DIRECT.—Boat ALICE will leave [illegible] for Lexington and Lynchburg THURSDAY, 25th instant. Freight received daily by
MORRISON & KENT,
ja 24-2t 1503 Dock street.

Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY.....JANUARY 25, 1877.

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

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—*Washington*, January 24.—For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, rising and higher barometer, northwest to northeast winds, nearly stationary temperature, and clear weather will prevail, except lower temperature in Florida and along the South Atlantic coast.

For the West Gulf States, high followed by falling barometer, easterly to southerly winds, slightly warmer and generally clear weather.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, rising followed by falling barometer, colder northwesterly winds shifting to easterly or southerly, generally clearer weather, and succeeded by rising temperature.

For the Middle States, rising and high barometer, diminishing north to west winds, generally cold and clear weather.

Cautionary signals continue at Cape May, Sandy Hook, Boston, Thatcher's islands, Portland, and Eastport.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and cold, with brisk winds from the north and west.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 33; 9 A. M., 38; noon, 49; 3 P. M., 39; 6 P. M., 32; midnight, 28.

The Condition of the Penitentiary.

To the Editors of the Dispatch:

Sir,—In the London *Christian World* I find a letter from Mr. John Ripley, of the firm of Cook, Son & Jenkins, excursion agents, New York, giving an account of a visit to the Richmond penitentiary. Mr. Ripley dates his letter "Ballard Hotel, Richmond, Va., November 21, 1876." I think it probable that Mr. Ripley's letter will do great harm in London, and hence I hope you will publish the subjoined extract. Respectfully yours,

ANGLO-VIRGINIUS.

January 18, 1877.

I then paid a visit to the penitentiary or State prison. I would fain enter into a detail description of the place; but your space will not permit me. It is a dirty-looking, yellow-washed, semi-circular building, situated at the foot of a hill, and only accessible by a road that, like the building, is in a state of extreme dilapidation. Inside the prison there are 890 prisoners, about four-fifths of whom, we were told, are colored people; the chief of their offences being larceny—and the females much addicted to infanticide. The first room we entered contained about thirty women and two men weaving at hand-looms the blue-striped coarse cotton of which their dresses are made. Another room contained one hundred men making barrels, and our conductor told us they can make about four hundred and fifty barrels per day. Another room was occupied by blacksmiths and wheelwrights, and another by shoemakers. Crossing the yard, our attention was attracted to a whipping-post with iron fetters for the wrists, and, after questioning, we were told that they make no distinction as to color in the infliction of punishment, and they have no special offences for which the lash is used, but they whip them for any offence, such as not doing a sufficient amount of work, or any violation of the rules. Passing to the side of the prison we came to a large boarding about forty feet high, and passing through a doorstead we found ourselves in a large space surrounded by the lofty boarding, and occupied by a number of tumble-down frame buildings, in which several of the female prisoners are kept, some of them young mothers, nursing their innocent and unfortunate children. How the poor creatures managed to live in such a state seemed a puzzle to me. In one small miserable room seven slept, and on one bed lying knitting was a fine-looking dark woman chained by the leg to the bedstead, and when we observed the chain, she said, "I am chained to the bed like a dog." Subsequently our conductor told us that she is honest and truthful, but she has a bad temper, that he had with his stick cut her head open the length of his finger, and that last week she assaulted one of the officers, and they were obliged to shoot her, and she has a great wound upon her now from the shot that struck her. Seeing another whipping-post in this part of the prison also, I drew his attention to it and the other we had seen, when he told me they didn't use them above three times a month, which seemed a different story we had heard from our other official guide, who told us they were used almost daily. Another instrument of torture we were shown in the women's quarters, that he told us he used when he didn't want to whip them, and that was a box like a sentinel's box, where they were obliged to stand, as it was too narrow for them to sit down, and into that place he said, "I put two, or three, or as many as I can get in." Such is the prison management of Richmond in 1876. I have seen no prison in Europe nor in America equal to it in general dilapidation and neglect, and only one out of Europe, and that was at Cairo, in Egypt."

EIGHT PERSONS BURIED IN A MOUNTAIN OF SNOW.—[From the Denver *News*.]—One of those fearful visitations peculiar to all mountainous countries, and known in Colorado as a snow-slide, occurred at the head of Hall's gulch, Park county, at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning last, sweeping the boarding-house of the Whale mine a quarter of a mile down the gulch, and hurrying its inmates—eight persons in all—under a mountain of snow, from which the bodies cannot be rescued until the summer thaw reduces the drift. Owing to a break in the telegraph line between Morrison and Hall's gulch, information of this terrible accident did not reach Denver until last evening, when Hon. Ziba Surles was informed of the details through a letter from J. McDonald, operator at Grant, dated January 9th. As near as could be ascertained, the boarding-house contained six men, one woman, and a child, and it is said that one of these escaped, though a letter from D. N. Cassell fails to confirm this item of good news, but says all the inmates were buried beyond reach. James, John, and Matthew Reed, and the child of the latter, together with J. H. Ralph, are among the lost. The woman's name was not given, nor are the names of the other two men. The Reeds have relatives and friends in Central, who have been informed by telegraph from Morrison of the terrible and sudden event under notice.

NEW YORK SILK IMPORTERS SMUGGLING. *New York*, January 24.—Louis and Richard Haas, importers of silk, were arrested yesterday charged with smuggling goods through the custom-house through collusion with Deputy Collector Gaylord.

ARREST OF CASSANOVE AND KENNER.—*New Orleans*, January 24.—Cassanove and Kenner, members of the Louisiana Returning Board, left here last night under guard for Washington.

A Tarboro' (N. C.) dispatch reports the hanging, Monday, of Simon Ragland, a mulatto, who gagged and outraged a young white lady.

At Plymouth, in Luzerne county, Pa., on Monday night, Billy Thomas, a saloon-keeper, was shot and killed by Peter Streker. The murderer escaped.

A Terrible Calamity.

THE RIVER-FRONT OF A LOUISIANA TOWN CAVES IN, DESTROYING THIRTY HOUSES.

[From the Iberville (La.) South.]

Our town was visited with a most terrible calamity on the evening of the 17th ultimo. About 8 P. M. a crash was heard on the river-front at the head of Main street, and the people living near the levee, who rushed out of their houses to see what was the matter, discovered that one half of the brick warehouse of Mr. A. Caneza had fallen into the river, and the levee had also gone down. A short time afterward we arrived upon the scene, when the remainder of the building went into the river.

The Planters' warehouse, occupied by Mr. Gustave Roth, was the next to go... In this building was a lot of sugar and molasses, but by great exertions this was rolled out and fortunately saved.

In a short time the building occupied by Mr. Laboye as a cake-shop began to totter, and before everything could be taken out it went over in the river with a loud crash.

The night was very dark, but by the aid of a lantern we wended our way along toward the mouth of the bayou, where we found the levee caving in all the way up to the point at the bayou. Every one living on Front street were moving their goods and chattels. Attempting to return, we found a yawning gulf of water in place of the road over which we had just travelled. We then came into Bank street, and on going around to the head of Plaquemine street we found it was there the cave had begun. It was now about 12 o'clock, midnight, and we left the scene. Early on the following morning we again visited the scene of disaster, and we found that the row of houses on Front street, consisting of some ten or twelve, were on the brink of the cave, about to topple over. The people were tearing down their houses and endeavoring to save the lumber. Eight houses fell into the river, and about a dozen more have since been torn down, and before the levee is built over thirty houses will have disappeared from the most populous portion of the town. This is doubly unfortunate, as the greater portion of this property belonged to poor people, who have been deprived of their homes by this sad disaster.

This cave will necessitate the building of a new levee about 1,800 feet in length; and, as now laid off by the State engineers, will deprive a large number of poor people of every vestige of a home.

On Tuesday night last, just after dark, a cave occurred just above the mouth of the bayou at Slaughter's Landing. On Wednesday night another large slice went down, and on Thursday the cave had extended into the mouth of the bayou. The steamer H. F. Sharp was lying in front of the first cave, and was loading with lumber. She lost all her ropes, and drifted down about half a mile before steam could be raised to bring her ashore. Nothing now remains of the former bank, from Slaughter's warehouse, above the bayou, to the head of Plaquemine street, in the town of Plaquemine, except a narrow point directly in the mouth of the bayou Plaquemine.

A Love-Sick Teacher.

A YOUNG MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF AT THE FEET OF HIS LADY-LOVE.

William S. Ryder, aged about twenty-five, a teacher in a select school at Sing-Sing, attempted to commit suicide in that village on Sunday evening under somewhat unusual circumstances. It appears that until recently a young woman named Mary E. Anderson held a position as teacher in the public school at Sing-Sing, and during her residence there Ryder made her acquaintance, which, it seems, on his part, at least, soon ripened into a more tender feeling. Miss Anderson, who is now living with a relative at Harlem, visited Sing-Sing on Sunday, spending the day with the family of a merchant doing business at that place. During the afternoon Ryder called upon Miss Anderson, and after a few minutes of pleasant conversation both went out for a walk. When they returned and had tea the young couple repaired to the parlor, where there was ample opportunity to enjoy a *tete-a-tete* alone. They had been there but a short time, however, when the report of a pistol-shot startled the family, and on some of the latter quickly entering the room they were shocked at seeing Ryder lying on the carpet bleeding profusely and a pistol by his side. A physician was at once summoned, when it was found that the bullet had entered the left breast immediately above the heart, and after passing nearly through the body had lodged in the back. The ball was extracted, and Ryder was conveyed to the residence of his mother. He refuses to make any explanation of the affair, simply asserting that the young lady had nothing to do with the shooting. It is believed by the friends of both that Ryder had asked Miss Anderson for a positive acceptance or rejection of his suit, and that she declined to commit herself in regard to either horn of the dilemma, when he, in a moment of ungovernable passion, tried to kill himself. At Ryder's request Miss Anderson called upon him yesterday morning before going to her home, in Harlem. The would-be suicide is likely to recover.—*New York Herald*, 23d.

AN INSANE MAN COMMANDED IN A VISION TO TAKE AN EDITOR'S LIFE—HOW HE DIDN'T DO IT.—The late editor of the Connellsville *Tribune*, R. M. Sibbett, is little and plucky, even if the newspaper business did prove too much for him, and he was recently caught in a predicament out of which he might not have emerged unscathed had it not been for his nerve and self-possession. A gentleman in Connellsville had lost his reason, and, pending his commital to Dixmont, Mr. Sibbett was sitting up with him one night to prevent him from doing himself bodily injury, his insanity manifesting itself in that way toward himself and others. Along towards midnight, when the only occupants of the room were Mr. Sibbett and his crazy patient, the latter, who was in bed, reached under the pillow, and drawing from beneath it a revolver, he cocked the weapon and pointed it at Mr. Sibbett, accompanying the act with a statement that he had had a vision and that an angel from Heaven had commanded him to shoot the watcher at his bedside. The situation demanded immediate action. Mr. Sibbett looked at the man an instant and then coolly said, "Why, that pistol isn't loaded." This had the effect of diverting the patient's mind from his purpose, and also aroused his curiosity as to whether the revolver really was loaded. He got out of bed to examine it, and in an unguarded moment Mr. Sibbett snatched it from him. He found that four of its six chambers were loaded. He then, as a precautionary measure, closely examined the room and bed, and under the pillow from which the revolver was taken he also found a hatchet. The cunning of insanity is really wonderful.—*Pittsburgh Gazette.*

A MOTIVE FOR SUICIDE CONCEALED.—It has been customary for three clerks to sleep at night in the clothing store of S. L. Petit & Co., 72 Bowery. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning two of them were awakened by a pistol shot, followed by a deep groan. Springing from their beds they discovered their companion, W. H. Lynch, dead from a bullet wound. He had borne a good reputation, was twenty-four years of age, and had supported his widowed mother, who lives in Morrisania. His fellow-clerks assign no reason for the deed, but say that for several weeks he had been oppressed with melancholy, for which he would not account.—*New York Sun*, 22d.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF ASHTABULA.—At Bloomington, Ill., Mrs. Mary L. Green, one of the victims of the Ashtabula horror, and whose husband was killed in the accident, has been adjudged insane by the county court. Her husband's death and her own injuries weighed so heavily upon her mind that she finally lost her reason. Mrs. Green is a very beautiful and accomplished woman.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—In relation to a statement of our Charlottesville correspondent the officers of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company here say "the pay-rolls of this road are entirely paid up, except about half of what accrued for services rendered in the month of December, 1876, and that would have been paid up before this but for the unprecedented condition of the weather for the past five weeks, which has blocked up both the eastern and western outlets of the road, and at the same time seriously interfered with the movements of local freights."

THE CONTEST FOR VACANT ROOM AT THE SECOND POLICE-STATION.—This afternoon at half-past 6 o'clock there will be a joint session of the Committees on Police and Grounds and Buildings to consider the propriety of giving the unoccupied room at the Second police-station for the enlargement and accommodation of the fire-alarm and police-telegraph battery, &c.

WATCHMAN FOR THE CITY HALL.—The Committee on Grounds and Buildings will no doubt be overwhelmed with applicants this afternoon when they meet at 6 o'clock to elect a watchman for the City Hall. The City Council, it will be remembered, passed a joint resolution providing for such an appointment, and fixing the pay at $40 per month. This joint resolution became a law yesterday, having been approved by the Mayor.

MISS ADELAIDE NEILSON IN RICHMOND—A GREAT TRIUMPH.—Miss Adelaide Neilson has come, and conquered us. Richmond—at least a large and fair portion of it—surrendered to her at the Theatre last night, when she appeared as Rosalind, in Shakspeare's sparkling comedy "As You Like It." Fortunately, her fame does not exceed her deserts, and public expectation was not merely satisfied, but more than fulfilled. She is blessed with great gifts. She is very pretty. Her face beams with intelligence, and for every word and sentence she utters there is expression of the eyes that shoots the meaning right clear into the mind. And her smile—oh! how devastating; how irresistible. Alas, for the hearts of our young men! As for her reading, it could hardly be improved upon. It is natural and soulful; and her every movement upon the stage is the embodiment of grace itself.

So it seemed at least to her audience last night; so, probably, will it seem to those who hear her to-night. To those who have been charmed by her presence and dazzled by the splendor of her genius no terms of praise would seem exaggeration; but to the outside world, even what is here stated, true as it is, may appear too highly colored. Let those who doubt go and judge for themselves, and be convinced, if they dare.

The company supporting Miss Neilson is a very good one. Mr. Tom Karl as Amiens was able to add to the pleasure of all present by his songs. Mr. Stevens as Jaques, Mr. Plympton (a promising young man) as Orlando, Mr. Bailey (an old-time favorite here) as Adam, Mr. Bowers as Touchstone, Mrs. Norris as Celia, and Mr. Taylor as the Duke, deserve especial mention for the faithfulness and skill with which they played their parts, and the effectiveness they thereby gave to Miss Neilson's acting. To-night, Twelfth Night, with Miss Neilson as Viola; Mr. Plympton as Sebastian.

To disarm criticism upon the critic, and to give further proof of the evening's triumph, it should be said that Miss Neilson was called before the curtain three or four times—a thing quite extraordinary, as Richmond play-goers are noted for a certain stiffness of manner that often prevents them giving utterance to their enthusiasm.

"Let no face be kept in mind
But the fair of Rosalind."

THE MOZART INSTRUMENTAL EVENING.—The programme of this Association promises to be very enjoyable this evening, and the performances will be entirely instrumental. The orchestra will perform four pieces, including the overture Pique Dame and the polka Les Fauvets, which "brought down the house" at the last performance. Mr. Julius Peters will play Paganini's celebrated Carnival de Venice, as arranged by Ernst; Mr. Voelker will perform a clarionet solo, "An Evening Upon the Mountain;" Mr. Beier will play a cornet solo, "Souvenir de Baden-Baden," and there will be a duet for piano by Messrs. Thilow and Reinhardt—tremulo by Thalberg. Upon the whole, this promises to be one of the most attractive programmes ever presented by the Association, and no doubt a large crowd will, as usual, be in attendance.

THE TRINITY CHURCH EXHIBITION.—The last entertainment for the benefit of Trinity Methodist church will be given in the lecture-room of the church to-night by Dr. Taylor.

RED MEN—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At the last regular council of Pocahontas Tribe, No. 14, I. O. R. M., P. G. Sachem William E. Granger, assisted by P. Sachems Cree, Cole, Anthony, and others, raised up the following chiefs, elected to fill their stumps for ensuing grand sun: A. S. Loyd, W. S.; W. G. W. Childress, Sr. Sag.; C. H. Martin, Jr. Sag.; W. J. George, C. of R.; James Levere, K. of W. Trustees: Past Sachems W. A. O. Cole, W. E. Granger, and G. W. Tolby.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS, WEDNESDAY. Burkholder *vs.* Ludlam, &c. *Certiorari* awarded.

Clarke's *vs.* Gevan's executor. Order awarding *certiorari* set aside.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY—*Police-Justice Joseph J. White presiding.*—Susan Stanard (colored), charged with stealing a shawl of the value of $5, the property of Rebecca Powell. Case continued and accused committed.

Charles Allen, Daniel Bril, John Claiborne, and Richard Allen (colored), charged with stealing one pair of shoes of the value of 99 cents, property of W. A. Stevens, was sent to jail for 24 hours, and ordered to be punished with 10 lashes.

Archer Garrett (colored), charged with stealing one lot of chickens, the property of E. P. Lyons, was sent to jail for 30 days and given 39 lashes. George Cosby (colored) was sent to jail for 25 days and given 39 lashes for complicity in the theft.

Henry Meade and George Wells (colored) were sent on to the grand jury for entering Patrick Fagin's house and stealing $100 in silver coin.

There will be forty or fifty cases for the consideration of the grand jury at its February term.

ACQUITTAL OF SERGEANT WREN AND POLICEMAN SWEENEY.—The Board of Police Commissioners met yesterday evening, heard the complaint of Mr. H. T. Bevans, the young gentleman who was arrested by the officers named a few days ago, without any warrant or provocation, and, indeed, without any good excuse, and discharged them. Judge Meredith was absent.

CONVICTS RECEIVED.—The following convicts were received at the penitentiary yesterday from Petersburg: Henry Conner (white), three years for forgery; George Fells (negro), one year for unlawful shooting; John Carter (negro), one year for grand larceny; Reuben Baugh (negro), five years for burglary.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER.—After the lecture of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher Tuesday night a number of prominent gentlemen called upon him at his hotel and extended their congratulations. At their earnest request he promised to take into favorable consideration their desire for him to return here and deliver two other lectures. He will probably come in March or April.

THE LAW-GIVERS.

RESIGNATION OF COLONEL G. F. STROTHER—CAUCUS NEXT WEDNESDAY—THE PUBLIC WAREHOUSE—REVISION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS—THE "WHISKEY-PUNCH," ETC.

The following communication from Colonel George French Strother was sent to the House of the General Assembly yesterday:

"CULPEPER, VA., January 19, 1877.

"*To the Governor and General Assembly of Virginia:*

"Gentlemen,—Having ascertained that the General Assembly is of the opinion that the public service is suffering because of my absence from my official duties, caused by my illness, and while I myself feel and have the assurance of my physicians that my restoration to health is almost absolutely certain at no remote period, still, being unwilling that any damage or loss should result to the State from any action on my part, I hereby resign into your hands the office of Superintendent of the Penitentiary, with which you have heretofore honored me, said resignation to take effect from the 1st day of February, 1877.

"Very respectfully,

"GEORGE F. STROTHER."

The caucus to nominate a Superintendent will be held on Wednesday night next. It now seems that the most prominent candidates are General R. Lindsay Walker, of Richmond, and Colonel Samuel A. Swann, a delegate from Caroline.

The Governor yesterday appointed Colonel John B. Cary, Charles Campbell, Esq., and Dr. C. H. Smith directors of the penitentiary. The two first named are members of the present Board.

THE PUBLIC WAREHOUSE.

The lease of Messrs. Archer & Co. on the Public Warehouse property, near the Petersburg depôt, will expire in November of this year, and the State is then to pay the lessees the value of the buildings erected thereon by them, the same to be ascertained by arbitration. The matter has been under discussion in the Senate for several days with the view of agreeing upon a plan to carry out the contract and to make the required payment to the lessees, so that the warehouse may either be re-leased at auction to the highest bidder or conducted as a State public warehouse for the inspection of tobacco. This latter plan is urged by Senator Hinton, of Petersburg, and by a number of Southside planters, for whom ex-Senator R. S. Ragland is authorized to speak at the proper time.

These gentlemen will probably put their proposition into definite shape before long. There are others who will insist that the property be leased to the highest bidder at public auction for a series of years.

REVISION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS.

The sub-committee having charge of the subject of criminal charges have determined to recommend to the joint committee the following rates for maintaining prisoners in the jails of the Commonwealth: For as many as two prisoners, fifty cents per day for each; for as many as five, forty cents per day for each; for any number exceeding five, thirty cents per day for each. From the conversation of members it now seems likely that the subject of constable's fees will not be touched upon.

The sub-Committee on Criminal Procedure seem disposed to recommend that in prosecutions for embezzlement the law should be amended so as to provide that indictments should not be drawn as for larceny, but should state specifically the charge and circumstances, so that the accused may be better informed as to what he must do to defend himself.

The sub-committee having charge of that subject have agreed that it is inexpedient to recommend that guards be sent out from the penitentiary to the jails to bring convicted prisoners to the institution.

THE WHISKEY BILL.

Governor Smith occupied the entire time of the House Finance Committee yesterday morning in discussing his whiskey bill. He will speak again at the next meeting of the committee. The committee will certainly not report in favor of the bill.

"The whiskey punch" still retains its popularity with members. The apparatus is undergoing improvements at the hands of the maker.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

The Governor appointed yesterday John T. Goddin and J. W. Anderson notaries public for the city of Richmond.

PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING..—A public temperance meeting will be held at Union-Station Methodist church to-night under the auspices of Springfield Division, Sons of Temperance. Addresses will be delivered by Mr. H. A. Atkinson, Jr., Rev. Mr. Booker, pastor of the church, and others.

REMOVED TO PINEL HOSPITAL.—A brother of Frank McCormack, the man who was mysteriously beaten some days ago, arrived in the city yesterday, and caused him to be removed from the almshouse to the Pinel Hospital.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS.—The Police Justice on yesterday imposed fines on the following parties: William Twine was fined $2 for fast driving; Joseph Holzback was fined $10 for keeping his bar-room open and selling liquor on Sunday.

A Question for the Board of Police Commissioners to Answer.

To the Editors of the Dispatch:

In view of the recent unwarranted arrest of a gentlemen named Bevans, whose card I saw published, I desire to ask the following question:

Has a policeman the right to arrest *without warrant* any person whom he *suspects* as a suspicious character?

There is an ordinance of the city which seems to give the policeman such authority, but has the Council the right to ordain such an ordinance, and if the Council has the right to ordain or pass such an ordinance under the charter of the city, has the Legislature the right to confer such authority upon the Council? Does not the Constitution of the United States guarantee to the citizens of each State the right to pass unmolested through or remain in any other State so long as they do not violate its laws; and is not the authority conferred upon any petit officer to arrest and imprison any citizen merely because he suspects him of being a suspicious character a violation of the Constitution of the United States? It seems to me that the matter is worthy of very serious investigation. CITIZEN.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

The peace and quiet of Manchester remains undisturbed, and while this may be considered a healthy indication for the good city of Manchester, it is certainly dispiriting to reporters. Policeman Fitzgerald created some diversion yesterday morning by shooting the largest muskrat ever shot in the canal by a Manchester policeman. The amphibious rodent died game, and as he expired muttered something like "K. M. 1876. A. Fitz!" Characters corresponding to this were found upon the back of the animal when taken from the water.

Sentenced.—In the Hustings Court on yesterday Peyton Quarles and Jordan Epps were sentenced to the penitentiary for three years each.

Sons of Jethro.—The approaching convention of the Grand Division Sons of Jethro promises to be large and interesting, and extensive preparations are being made to that end.

PHOTOGRAPHS.—Call at once at REES'S gallery and have your likeness taken by the new and improved process. Four, card-size, for $1 worth $2.50; one dozen for $2.50 worth $5; large size, for framing, $1 worth $3; life-size from $15 to $40 worth $75. Main street near Eighth.

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There are a few boxes of CHEWING TOBACCO left at Messrs. W. D. BLAIR & CO.'S, 903 Main street, that is said and believed to be the best that has been on our market since the war. A trial will convince you of its superior quality. The price is exceedingly low. Inquire for the "Best Bower."

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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.]

ROBERT B. LYNE, 4 P. M., commissioner's sale of small framed house and lot on Fourth street between Denny and Louisiana.

RICHARDSON & CO., 4 P. M., commissioner's sale of two framed dwellings and lots on Church Hill.

E. B. COOK, 11 A. M., marshal's sale of stock of harness, saddles, harness materials, &c.

BRONAUGH & TAYLOR, 12 M., trustee's sale of engine and boiler.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Sheriff, 12 M., on Canal between Fifth and Sixth streets, twenty-four barrels railroad axle-grease and sundries.

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