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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, falling barometer, southeast to southwest winds, increasing cloudiness and rain, and lower temperature, possibly followed by rising barometer and northwest winds.

For the South Atlantic States, nearly stationary followed by rising barometer, southwest to northwest winds, and clearing weather, preceded by rain areas and slight change of temperature.

For the Gulf States, rising barometer, rising temperature, clear or partly cloudy weather, northerly winds, shifting in the West Gulf States to east and south.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, low followed by rising barometer, northeast to northwest winds, partly cloudy and cloudy weather, with rain areas, and stationary or lower temperature.

The lower Mississippi will continue to rise slowly at and below Vicksburg.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was raw, rainy, and disagreeable.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 46; 9 A. M., 55; noon, 68; 3 P. M., 64; 6 P. M., 55; midnight, 52.

LOCAL MATTERS.

CONSERVATIVE WARD MEETINGS TO-NIGHT. At the following places to-night the Conservative ward meetings will be held for the purpose of electing members of the City Conservative Committee to serve for one year:

Marshall Ward: Club-House.

Jefferson Ward: Police Court-room.

Madison Ward: Monticello Hall.

Monroe Ward: New Market Hall, corner of Sixth and Marshall streets. [No hall within the limits of the ward could be obtained.]

Jackson Ward: Wolf's basement, opposite Broad-Street engine-house.

Clay Ward: Lauer's Hall, opposite Monroe Park.

The present members of the committee are:

Marshall Ward: W. P. Brett, J. C. Dickinson, G. Watt Taylor, O. P. Gregory, and A. W. Weisiger.

Jefferson Ward: C. F. Taylor, C. Thon, A. B. Wells, R. H. Whitlock, and D. G. Baker.

Madison Ward: W. A. Maury, A. Y. Stokes, F. W. Christian, Thomas J. Starke, and M. Millhiser.

Monroe Ward: B. C. Gray, Dr. J. S. Wellford, P. W. Grubbs, W. H. Haxall, and A. L. Ellett.

Jackson Ward: J. W. Beveridge, H. C. Adams, Thomas Cox, R. F. Gaskins, and T. F. Hannegan.

Clay Ward: Z. W. Pickrell, John F. Meredith, Alexander Heirholzer, Joseph R. Anderson, and W. A. S. Conrad.

THE VISITORS COMING FROM THE WEST—PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT—THE COLLECTING COMMITTEES TO START OUT TO-DAY.—The representatives of the various commercial organizations of the city appointed to make arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the visitors from the West, who are to reach here Friday, met last evening in the room of the Chamber of Commerce. There was a full attendance, and Colonel Clement Barksdale was chosen chairman, and Captain P. G. Coghlan requested to act as secretary.

As the gentlemen from the West are coming with the view of extending trade in this direction, and as their friendship and good report are much to be desired, it was unanimously agreed that the businessmen and property-holders of the city ought to take such measures as will ensure them a warm welcome and a pleasant sojourn for the short time they will remain in Richmond. Various plans for carrying out this purpose were discussed. It was agreed that they should receive a public welcome; that they should be shown our places of historic interest, mills, factories, wholesale houses, &c., and particularly our shipping facilities.

A banquet or collation is also proposed. But these matters will be settled at another meeting of the Committee of Arrangements to be held this evening at 6 o'clock. Meanwhile collecting committees composed of well-known citizens will call upon the people for contributions to defray the necessary expenses.

The visitors will arrive here Friday evening about 5 o'clock by the Chesapeake and Ohio road, and will stay Saturday and Sunday and leave either for Norfolk or Petersburg Monday morning.

At a meeting of the members of the Corn and Flour Exchange held yesterday morning a note addressed to the secretary by T. W. McCance, Esq., was read, in which he says: "Since I saw you, and now, I am too unwell to take any part in the proceedings consequent on the expected visitors; therefore I respectfully suggest the appointment of another chairman."

It was then resolved to defer the appointment of a chairman in Mr. McCance's place until the day of the departure of the committee for the White Sulphur Springs, when they will select their own chairman.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Chamber generally who desire to act as committee to proceed to the White Sulphur Springs are requested to leave their names without delay with the secretary, who will be found at the Corn Exchange from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Messrs. George A. Cunningham, P. G. Reynolds, and Robert Somerville were added to the Corn Exchange committee to go to the White Sulphur.

PERSONAL.—Governor Kemper, who has been to his old home in Madison county, will return to the city to-day.

As the State Treasury is empty Treasurer Hunter thinks a crisis is approaching which may require the Governor to reconvene the Legislature. The popular idea is that the Legislature empties, not fills, the Treasury.

The Governor has appointed Hon. Henry W. Thomas, Fairfax Courthouse; General Fitzhugh Lee, Stafford county; General Gilbert S. Meem, Shenandoah county; John Murray Forbes, Esq., Warranton, Va.; and Francis L. Smith, Esq., Alexandria, to constitute the Board of Visitors to Mount Vernon.

Colonel Thomas H. Carter, Railroad Commissioner, has sent to the railroad companies of the State a circular asking them to furnish him with copies of their freight and passenger tariffs. The Attorney-General has decided that the Railroad Commissioner's printing must be done by the Superintendent of Public Printing, and paid for out of the appropriation made for State printing.

Colonel M. G. Harman, who has lately received the mail contract on the line of the canal, was in the city on Sunday, having ridden on horseback from Buchanan to Richmond by way of the tow-path.

AN IMPORTANT MAIL ARRANGEMENT.—Mails to leave the city in the evening, either by Richmond and Fredericksburg or Chesapeake and Ohio railroads, must be in the post-office by 7:30 P. M. or they will unavoidably be delayed twelve hours.

DEATH OF MAJOR CLINTON.—Major George D. W. Clinton, who was well and favorably known in this city, and who resided here several years and married a Richmond lady, died recently at Buffalo, N. Y.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A PRIVILEGED QUESTION—A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR—MORE LIGHT—FRAMED BUILDINGS—HORSES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—ST. JOHN'S BURYING-GROUND—ADVERTISING BILLS—JAMES-RIVER IMPROVEMENT—STREETS—WESTERN VISITORS—RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER—BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN—NEW ORDINANCE FOR THE MARKETS, &c., &c.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council chamber yesterday afternoon—President Anderson in the chair. Present at roll-call: Messrs. Curtis, Davis, English, Foster, Gregory, Hardgrove, Haxall, Hayes, Higgins, King, Manson, Metzger, Starke, Straus, Talbott, Timberlake, Taylor, Whitlock, and Wood.

Mr. Straus stated that his colleague, Mr. Ellett, was absent from the city.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Whitlock rose to a question of privilege, and said, in justification of his conduct at the last meeting, he desired the clerk to read the eighth rule, as he had been called to order by the temporary chairman at the last meeting of the Council. He contended that under this rule a motion to lay on the table was debatable.

Mr. Taylor, who was presiding at the time, said that it was the duty of Mr. Whitlock to have obeyed the gavel and taken his seat and to have waited until the Chair could have decided whether he was in order or not. Under the rule a motion to lay on the table was not debatable.

[This explanation was in regard to the motion to lay the retrenchment report on the table.]

FROM THE MAYOR.

The Sergeant-at-Arms presented to the Council a communication from Mayor Carrington recommending that action be taken at once to provide two rooms at the city jail suitable for the accommodation of sick prisoners.

The communication also called attention to complaints of citizens near the Central and Colored High-School of filth, &c., outgoing from those buildings.

The Mayor recommends in the communication the purchase of a strip of land from Philip T. Johnson, adjoining the Colored High-School.

On motion of Mr. Straus, that part of the message relating to the jail was referred to the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, and that part in relation to the Central and Colored High-School, referred to the Committee on Health.

FINANCE MATTERS.

Mr. Straus, from the Finance Committee, presented a resolution refunding $8.90 to the Good Samaritans and Daughters of Good Samaria, being a penalty incurred for delinquency in payment of taxes for 1876. Agreed to.

The committee recommend that the above property be hereafter exempted from taxation in consideration of its being used for public-school purposes.

LIGHT.

Mr. Higgins, from the Committee on Light, presented joint resolutions for the extension of gas-main from the present terminus on Marshall street to Hancock street. Also, to erect a gas-lamp at corner Twenty-sixth and Clay streets.

The resolutions were agreed to.

FRAMED BUILDINGS.

Mr. King, from the Committee on the Fire Department, presented a joint resolution giving permission to the following persons to erect framed buildings in the city in accordance with their respective petitions: H. W. Tyler, coal-shed on corner of Nicholson and Highland streets; Anderson Carnell, to remove an old house from the alley between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets, corner of Pendleton, to lot near same; W. F. Harwood, dwelling on Twenty-sixth between Leigh and Clay streets; vestry of Christ church, dwelling on corner of Washington and Federal streets; J. Augustine, two dwellings on Franklin between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets; Joseph Heppert, shed on corner of Duval and St. Peter streets; M. Rose, dwelling on Leigh street above Gilmer; J. C. Laughton, addition to office corner Brook avenue and Marshall street; J. W. White, addition to blacksmith-shop on Fifth street between Marshall and Clay streets; William Ferguson, coal-house in rear of 744 Second street, also to repair a similar structure in rear of 746 Second street; M. J. Michelbacher, addition to out-house corner First and Clay streets; B. Boyd, dwelling on Leigh street between Henry and Smith; George Young, addition to No. 526 Twenty-fifth street. Agreed to.

The committee also presented a resolution rejecting the petition of W. E. Nickols to build store and residence on Marshall street between Munford and Gilmer. Agreed to.

The committee also presented a resolution for the purchase of two horses at a cost not to exceed $300; which was agreed to.

ST. JOHN'S BURYING-GROUND.

Mr. Pulliam said that the Committee on Claims and Salaries had only one claim before them—viz., a claim for $200 for keeping in order St. John's burying-ground. He had been informed by the chairman of the committee having charge of the grounds that the amount had usually been paid on application to the Auditor.

Mr. Straus said there had as yet been no appropriation, but he had been informed that the grounds were in bad order.

Mr. Davis moved to refer the matter to the Committee on Cemeteries.

Mr. English moved that the amount be paid, and then made an address denying that the grounds were in bad order.

The motion to refer was lost, and the motion to pay was agreed to.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

Mr. Gregory, from the Committee on Accounts and Printing, presented a resolution discontinuing the publication of the city advertisements in a German paper.

He also presented a joint resolution for the payment of $335.06 for printing and advertising. Agreed to.

Mr. Straus opposed the motion to discontinue the publication of the advertisements in a German paper.

Mr. Higgins endorsed what Mr. Straus said, and the resolution was rejected.

JAMES-RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. Curtis presented a report from the James-River Improvement Committee, showing the operations under the direction of the Engineer, Mr. H. D. Whitcomb, for the month of April.

The report was received.

FROM THE STREET COMMITTEE.

Mr. Curtis, from the Committee on Streets, presented a resolution giving permission to the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company to erect their poles and wires on certain streets. Agreed to.

He also presented a resolution adopting the grade approved by the City Engineer of Baker street from St. James street to Brook avenue. Agreed to.

THE WESTERN VISITORS.

The Chair laid before the body a communication from General W. C. Wickham, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, in relation to the proposed visit of a number of western merchants, and inviting the Council to appoint a committee to meet them at the White Sulphur.

On motion of Mr. Straus the thanks of the body was returned to General Wickham; and it was ordered that a committee of seven be appointed by the Chair (the President to be added) to go to the White Sulphur to meet the gentlemen.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Pulliam, Christian, Timberlake, Curtis, Gregory, Whitlock, and Starke.

RESIGNATION OF MR. BABCOCK.

The Chair laid before the body the resignation of Mr. A. G. Babcock, a member of the body from Jefferson Ward; which was accepted.

Mr. Higgins moved to go into the election of a member to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Taylor was about to make a nomination, when Mr. Guy said he thought it was but just to postpone the election until the matter could be canvassed.

Mr. Christian and Mr. English approved the motion to postpone.

Mr. Taylor said that he represented a majority of the delegation from Jefferson Ward, and was prepared to present to the body the name of a young man who would fill the place with dignity.

The motion to table was agreed to—ayes, 17; noes, 11.

PETITION WITHDRAWN.

Mr. English asked leave to withdraw the petition of C. McNamara in relation to a culvert tax; which was granted.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS.

Mr. Christian moved to take up the ordinance to provide for an inspector of buildings. Agreed to.

Mr. Christian addressed the Council in advocacy of the ordinance.

Mr. Davis opposed it.

Mr. Pulliam said that the minds of a number of members had not been made up and he would move to lay it on the table.

Mr. Christian moved to amend so as to make it the special order for the next meeting. Agreed to.

FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Board joint resolution making abatement in tax-bill of John A. Glazebrook, trustee, was taken up and concurred in.

Board joint resolution granting permit for William Krause & Co. was taken up and concurred in.

Board joint resolution recommended by the Board of Public Interests, concerning connecting railway from Gallipolis to Scary, was taken up and concurred in.

Board joint resolution for printing the city charter, &c., was taken up and concurred in.

Board joint resolution continuing the allowance to William Gardner, a retired policeman, was taken up and rejected.

NEW BUSINESS.

By Mr. Straus: A joint resolution transferring certain bonds to the commissioners of the sinking fund. Agreed to.

By Mr. Christian: An ordinance to amend section 3 of chapter 24 of the Ordinances, concerning the markets. The change proposed is to keep the markets open all the year round from daylight until 12 M., except on Saturday; on Saturday the market is to be kept open from daylight until 9 P. M.

Mr. Straus said that the butchers' stalls ought not to be kept open all day during the hot weather.

The ordinance was adopted.

By Mr. Whitlock: A resolution to pave the gutters on both sides of Marshall from Twenty-fourth street, and directing the Committee on Streets to push forward to completion the improvements on Venable street. Referred.

By Mr. Christian: A resolution for a joint session of the two bodies at 4½ P. M. on Monday, 22d instant. Agreed to.

By Mr. Anderson: A petition of several hundred tax-payers asking that an appropriation be made for the benefit of the Retreat for the Sick. They propose to furnish the city with a certain number of beds, to be occupied as the authorities may approve, in return for the appropriation they request. The petition was referred to the joint Committees on Relief of the Poor and Finance.

By Mr. Higgins: A resolution for the paving and curbing of Maple street from Poplar street to the York River railroad. Referred.

Adjourned.

GRAND JURY OF THE HUSTINGS COURT.—The grand jury of the Hustings Court (John F. Regnault foreman) yesterday brought in indictments against the following parties:

Felony: Betty Dandridge, breaking and entering the house of Charlotte Turner with intent to commit larceny; Charles Holmes, assault upon Marcellus Williams; Munston Smith, beating and wounding Adaline Mason; Evans Walker, breaking and entering the dwelling-house of W. C. Mayo; and George Oliver, assault upon Robert Lowry.

Misdemeanors: Berry Allen and Ellen Terry, unlawful association; Malcina Epps, keeping a disorderly house; Hattie E. Vaughn, same; Beverly Swan, same; Bolling Draper and Rebecca Logan, unlawful association; James Honon, defacing property of Sallie Banton; Daniel Smith, same.

Not true bills were returned in the cases of Fred. Frick, charged with assaulting Frank Grubb; Herman Mietz, charged with same; Willie Ann Holmes, charged with keeping disorderly house.

The grand jury were adjourned until Thursday.

Several cases will be tried to-morrow.

The Judge yesterday granted thirty-one licenses to parties to sell liquor under the new liquor [Moffett] law. All of them will have to give bond from $100 to $500.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY—*Police-Justice Joseph J. White presiding.*—Henry Payne (colored), charged with feloniously attempting to kill John W. Maxwell in August, 1875, by striking him on the head with a rock, was sent to the county authorities.

Ellen Harper (colored) was fined $5 for assaulting and beating Rebecca Walker.

Laura Jones, Rebecca Walker, and Randall Moore (colored), assaulting and beating Ellen Harper. Jones and Walker were fined $5 each, and Moore $2.50. All committed to jail in default of payment.

Ellen Jones, a colored lunatic, was committed to be examined by a commission.

John Murray (colored) was sent to jail for sixty days for stealing one watch-key valued at $10 from Leroy Nash.

Thomas Harris (colored) was fined $2 and costs for striking Sarah C. White with a rock.

John Fick, charged with stealing one boot from Annie Jackson, was discharged on payment of costs.

The case of John Kelly, charged with feloniously stabbing Fred. Putnam, was called and continued on account of the absence of counsel for defence.

STORE BURNED IN THE COUNTY.—Early Monday morning, at about 1½ o'clock, the store of Mr. John W. Talley, at Westhampton, about four miles from the city, in Henrico county, was totally destroyed by fire. The fire was, it is thought, the work of an incendiary, as it originated in a shed adjoining the store, and there had been no fire of any kind used on the premises for a year. The building was insured for $300 in one of the companies of which Mr. Charles Howard is agent. There was no insurance on the stock. Loss about $800.

FLOOD AT ST. ALBAN'S HALL.—Saturday night some one left a hydrant running in a room on the third floor of St. Alban's Hall. It overflowed the basin and spread out in every direction upon the floor, and thence escaped down into the hall below. Much damage was done on the second floor to carpet, regalia, &c.

UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN RICHMOND POST-OFFICE MAY 7, 1877.—Preson Phillips, Huntington, W. Va.; Miss Sallie Hubbard, Richmond, Va.; Dr. F. D. Cunningham, Richmond, Va.; Proprietors New York *Herald*, New York.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT.—James Hammon was arrested yesterday charged with making a felonious assault upon Moses Miller. The difficulty occurred on Byrd Island.

A TREAT ON UNION HILL.—To-night Dr. W. H. Taylor will give an entertainment at Union-Station Methodist church, the proceeds to be devoted to the church.

THE TOBACCO CONTEST.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF NINE APPOINTED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE TRADE—ACTION ON THE REPORT POSTPONED TO AWAIT JUDGE GUIGON'S DECISION—OTHER MATTERS.

An adjourned meeting of the Tobacco Association was held yesterday at 12 M.—Mr. B. C. Gray (president) in the chair, General Peyton Wise secretary.

Mr. Gray read to the trade the following report of the select committee of nine on the inspection question:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed under resolution of this body of the 30th ultimo, have carefully considered all matters referred to it, and beg to submit the following report:

Whereas by act of the last Legislature all the old tobacco-laws were repealed, and the new law passed by the same body proves to be inoperative, we are left without a law, and the object of this committee of the trade of the city of Richmond—composed of buyers, sellers, and warehousemen—is to frame such rules as may be thought best for our future guidance; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient at this time to abolish the Tobacco Exchange.

2. It shall be the duty of the various warehousemen in the city to receive, store away, and take care of all tobacco sent to their warehouses, and provide insurance against loss by fire and water on all uninspected tobacco, as heretofore required, and to be held responsible for the safe-keeping and proper delivery of all tobacco entrusted to their care.

3. And when instructed so to do by the owner, or his agent, of any tobacco stored in their warehouses they shall uncase and sample the same, drawing from each package a fair and legitimate sample that shall faithfully represent the package from whence drawn, weighing the cask, box, or whatever cover may contain the tobacco, accurately, which shall be the tare of the package; and after the package is well coopered and put in good shipping-order they shall carefully weigh the package, which shall be the gross weight, deducting the tare, to be ascertained as above provided, from this gross weight, adding five pounds for the sample drawn, which shall be the net weight of the package, and so entered upon their books, and notes issued, and label on samples; and on all tobacco resampled they shall give fresh and actual weights at each resampling, noting on their labels and notes when issued the fact of its being the second, third, fourth, or fifth sample drawn from the package, as the case may be—all samples to be drawn and sealed as now required by the regulations of the trade.

4. And for all samples thus drawn and weights ascertained the warehousemen shall be held responsible to the buyer and seller for a correspondence of sample and weight to the package indicated by sample, label, and note: *Provided*, That a board of arbitration shall be appointed by the president, as follows: To be composed of one warehouseman, one buyer, and one seller, to whom all differences arising under this regulation shall be referred, and whose action shall be final; and it is furthermore provided that fermentation and the natural deterioration and loss of weight shall never be considered by said Board in their adjudication of any case that may be referred to it, nor shall any warehouseman be held for damage where there is even suspicion that the original sample by them drawn has been tampered with.

5. If any hogshead or cask of tobacco shall be delivered out by any warehouseman and received by the owner, such warehouseman from the time of such delivery shall be discharged from any liability for the said tobacco being of less quantity than the notes or receipts given for the same specify, unless it shall be proven that such loss was due to the negligence of the warehouseman: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any shipper of tobacco beyond the limits of the city from having any tobacco he may desire to so ship reweighed at the time of shipment by the warehousemen at the warehouse where originally weighed by paying ten cents for each package so reweighed.

6. And for the thorough indemnification to both buyer and seller for the faithful performance of the duties imposed on the warehousemen by the 2d, 3d, and 4th regulations, they shall give bond and security, as may be provided for by the trade, in the following amounts: Shockoe, $4,000; Mayo's, $4,000; Planters and Merchants, $4,000; Seabrook, $4,000; Public, $4,000; Anderson, $2,000; Myers, $2,000; Wilson's, $2,000; Shelburn's, $2,000; Conrad's, $2,000; Shockoe, No. 2, $4,000; Hawkins & Jones, $2,000; Crenshaw, $4,000; and all other warehouses hereafter opening to be subject to these regulations.

7. And for compensation to the warehousemen it is expressly stipulated that they shall receive one dollar for each hogshead of five hundred pounds or more net weight sampled, coopered up, and weighed as above specified, and and one dollar for each resample; and half the above fees on all packages under five hundred pounds net weight, and for all packages delivered out of their warehouses the fee of $1.25 shall be paid at the time of delivery on all hogsheads of five hundred pounds or more net weight for storage and outage, with extra storage at the rate of ten cents per month, or any part thereof, after the first four (4) months, and half the above fee on all boxes and tierces under five hundred pounds net weight, at the time the inspection-fee is paid, and for all hoops furnished and put on casks more than four they shall be paid ten cents for each hoop so furnished and nailed on; and the practice which now prevails of sending their own markers into the warehouses to mark tobacco for shipment shall be discontinued, and all shippers shall send their list for shipments direct to the warehouse, with instructions how to mark and ship, paying the warehouse ten cents additional for each package marked; and for all extra coopering on each hogshead before sampling there shall be paid to the warehouse fifty cents each for every hogshead so coopered by the owner of the tobacco, and for all new hogsheads furnished there shall be paid by the owner the sum of $2.50 for furnishing and putting on when directed by the owner so to do.

8. All tobacco sold by auction, whether loose at the warehouses or packages at the Exchange, collections for the same may, at the option of the seller, be made in the following manner: The seller of the tobacco the morning after the sale—not later than 10½ o'clock—may place in the hands of the auctioneer of the Exchange a list of tobacco so sold, namer of buyer, price and amount, with notes, manifests, or warehouse bills for loose. The auctioner shall, on application from the buyer, deliver the notes, manifests, or warehouse bill for loose to the applicant, who shall by 2 o'clock next day return to the auctioneer his check, payable to the order of the seller, for the amount of purchase, said check to be handed to the seller by the auctioneer. Any buyer failing to deposit his check as herein provided the auctioneer shall, at the opening of the sale the succeeding day, announce the fact, and decline to receive the bid of said buyer.

9. No sampler, inspector, or warehouseman shall be allowed, directly or indirectly, to purchase or otherwise trade in any unmanufactured tobacco under the penalty of ten dollars per hundred for every one hundred pounds bought: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any warehouseman from selling tobacco for the owner or his agent at any warehouse or at the Exchange.

10. That these regulations take effect from and after the 1st of June next.

Mr. C. R. Barksdale moved that the committee have further time to sit, and report on Monday next. Agreed to.

Mr. F. H. Deane moved that five hundred copies of the report be printed for the use of the trade, and that meanwhile the report be not furnished to the city press for publication. Lost.

Mr. Nolting moved that the committee be instructed to furnish to the trade at least one day before the final report is agreed upon three hundred printed copies of the report. Lost.

Mr. Barksdale moved that the press be furnished with copies of the report made to-day. Agreed to.

On motion of General Peyton Wise it was ordered that the committee inquire into the expediency of having the tobacco trade incorporated.

The Chair stated that the committee had agreed upon a resolution similar to the one suggested by the secretary, and it had been accidentally omitted from the report, but would be presented next Monday.

The consideration of the report of the committee was postponed until Monday next in order to await a decision from Judge Guigon, who has the recent tobacco-law under advisement. The three inspectors who were on the committee do not, of course, desire to act contrary to the opinion the court may entertain of the law, and at their instance the subject was deferred. If Judge Guigon's decision is contrary to any of the resolutions contained in the report they will be modified before next Monday in order that the inspectors may coöperate with the rest of the trade.

The Chair announced that Messrs. J. B. Pace, C. R. Barksdale, and N. M. Wilson would act with the committee of the Corn Exchange and Chamber of Commerce in preparing a plan for the entertainment of the western visitors.

Adjourned.

CHURCH NOTES.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL—ADDITIONS IN THE METHODIST CHURCHES—SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION OF ALL DENOMINATIONS—OTHER CHURCH ITEMS.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL.

The services Sunday at St. Peter's Cathedral were extremely interesting, it being the annual recurrence of the day on which those children of the congregation who have undergone thorough instruction in their faith are permitted to make their first communion and receive the sacrament of confirmation. At 7 o'clock A. M. sixty boys and girls received for the first time the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which was administered by Rt. Rev. Bishop Gibbons, who celebrated mass at that hour. At 10 o'clock A. M. the same children—33 boys and 27 girls—and 21 adults, including 16 converts, were confirmed by the Bishop. The sponsors for the boys were Mr. Andrew Pizzini, Jr., and Dr. John Mahoney; and for the girls, Mrs. James Purcell and Mrs. James Lyons. The Bishop, before and after the ceremony, briefly addressed the little ones upon the importance of the sacraments they were receiving and their duties to God and their Church.

Solemn high-mass was then celebrated by Rev. Father Janssens, Rev. Fathers Hanley and Habets acting as deacon and sub-deacon. After the Gospel, Rev. Theodore Meade, of Mt. Washington, near Baltimore, delivered an eloquent discourse.

During the confirmation ceremony the choir sang Dietsch's *Veni Sancte Spiritus* in E flat, and during the mass they rendered Haydn's Second Mass with fine effect. *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, by Vogler, was sung previous to the sermon; at the offertory, Lambillotte's grand chorus *Lauda Sion* in D; and after the mass the *Te Deum* "Holy God, we Praise Thy Name."

In the afternoon, at Vespers, nearly two hundred children, including those who had been confirmed in the morning, made a formal renewal of their baptismal vows, the reading of the protestations of love and devotion being done at the foot of the altar by Master Daniel Coleman on the part of the boys, and Miss Cecilia Pizzini for the girls. The reading of both was remarkably good, particularly that of the latter, whose enunciation was clear, distinct, and devotional. The music, as in the forenoon, was very fine.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

At Sidney Baptist church at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon a very large congregation packed the house of worship on the occasion of its dedication. The sermon was by Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, and was one of his ablest, happiest efforts, making a profound impression on the congregation. After the sermon Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher made a brief address, and took the collection for finishing the "church house."

OTHER BAPTIST CHURCHES.

At Leigh-Street Baptist church the pastor, Dr. Garlick, received three persons into the fellowship of the church.

At Pine-Street Baptist in the morning the pastor received three persons into the fellowship of the church.

At night (in the absence on account of sickness of Rev. J. Z. Tyler, who was to have preached the sermon) the pastor (Rev. J. B. Hutson) preached the anniversary sermon before the Young Men's Missionary Society.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

At the Broad-Street Methodist church on Sunday four persons were received—two by certificate and two on profession.

Two persons were received at Oregon Methodist church on certificate, and two on profession at the Manchester church.

There was no preaching at Nicholson-Street church, but the usual services were held in the other churches.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

At the First Presbyterian church Rev. Dr. Preston preached in the morning a practical and impressive sermon on "Confidence in God and Activity in His Service."

Interesting services were held in the chapel of the city almshouse at 5 P. M., conducted by J. D. K. Sleight; also at Howard's Grove by D. A. Brown, and at Old-Market Hall by Dr. Bennett. These meetings are all well attended, and seem to be doing much good.

At the Grace-Street Presbyterian church after preaching the pastor, assisted by Rev. Dr. Brown, installed five deacons recently elected. In the afternoon Rev. J. William Jones preached.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION OF ALL DENOMINATIONS.

A large and enthusiastic mass-meeting of this Society was held at Leigh-Street Baptist church Sunday afternoon last at 3½ o'clock—Major Robert Stiles (president) in the chair, and C. P. Rady secretary.

The Sunday school of Leigh-Street church occupied the gallery, and opened the exercises with singing.

The President read the 121st and 123d Psalms; after which Rev. Dr. Garlick led in prayer.

Major Stiles then made a brief address, stating the object of the meeting and operations of the Society. One of the main objects, he said, was to bring the children and friends of this cause together and have a good time, make all happy, to do and get good. He spoke in glowing terms of the great benefit of the international series of Sunday-school lessons, referring especially to the lessons of the past few months.

Professor Charles H. Winston, of the Baptist College, addressed the children—subject, "Growing." All nature grows daily. Boys and girls are rapidly growing up to be men and women. Some are growing up good, some bad—growing morally and spiritually, some developing into beautiful characters, which God delights to see; some gnarled and twisted, and unfit for anything good or great. He urged the children to watch carefully their spiritual growth, uprooting the evil, holding fast to the good. The address was replete with striking illustrations of the subject.

Colonel J. B. Cary, of the Seventh-Street Christian church, addressed the meeting—subject, "Unity in Christ." He said he was in full sympathy with this movement. He considered it one of the objects of the Society to level all the petty walls of sectarianism which men erect, and bring all together under the broad banner of Christ, who draws all men together by the pulsation of loving hearts. He exhorted the teachers to prepare themselves for the all-important work of training the rising generation in the Sunday school.

Rev. W. E. Judkins, pastor of Trinity, also addressed the meeting—subject, "Encouragements to Sunday-school work." He said that he heartily responded to the sentiment of Christian unity expressed by the brethren. Teachers and workers should be encouraged. (1) By the moral condition of childhood, no fixed opinions or habits. (2) The happy adaptation of the agencies employed to accomplish the end desired. (3) The God-giving power of the living voice, the magnetic influence of eye to eye. (4) Sunday-school music, fixing indelibly on the young minds and hearts the truths they sing. (5) The pledged promises of God insuring the success of the enterprise. He closed with a very happy illustration of the strength of early impressions. In times of danger often the prayer lisped at the mother's knee is the only thing remembered.

General A. E. Moore, superintendent of the Indigent School, of St. Louis, Mo., was called on, and responded in a few very pleasant remarks. The school under his management has about one thousand scholars, and is doing a good work. He said he was favorably impressed with the fact that there are so many Bible classes in our schools, in which so many grown young ladies and gentlemen, as well as adult members of the Church, gather to read God's word. He urged both teachers and scholars to work earnestly for the accomplishment of good through Sunday-school instrumentality.

The exercises were interspersed with excellent singing by the scholars of Leigh-Street school.

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Association Hall on Friday afternoon next at 6 o'clock for the election of officers and other important business.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION—ANNUAL MEETING.—The twenty-third annual meeting of this popular Association will be held at Association Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. The occasion should be one of interest to our whole community, and should bring together all who are interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of the young men of the city. The Association is in good working order and has accomplished a great deal of good during the past year. Mr. J. Taylor Ellyson (president) will submit his annual report showing the working of the Association during the year, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Short addresses will be delivered by leading members of the Association and pastors of our city churches.

THE R. L. I. BLUES.—At a meeting of the R. L. I. Blues held last night Dr. Hugh M. Taylor was chosen surgeon of the company. Arrangements for the 10th-of-May celebration—the eighty-ninth anniversary—were nearly completed. At 12 o'clock Thursday the members, active and civic, will meet at the armory, and, with colors flying and drums beating, march down to the packet office, where a Dolly Varden boat will be taken for the pump-house. Those who desire to go at a later hour can do so, as the boat has been engaged to run at frequent intervals during the afternoon. The target-shooting, dinner, toasts, and speeches, all promise to be worthy of the ancient renown of this honored command.

HOUSEHOLD TREASURES.—Rebecca Mead (colored) was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing a whole lot of household goods belonging to Daniel Brown, colored whitewasher. The case seems one more suited to the Chancery Court than the Police Court. It was decided by Justice White six weeks ago, and the accused discharged.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.—The ladies of St. Mark's Episcopal church invite their friends to attend a fair now being held by them for the benefit of their church, corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, where they have many useful articles for sale at low figures. They have also a dining-room attached, where they can furnish meals at moderate prices.

PROFESSOR LAUBE'S MAY BALL TO-NIGHT. This entertainment, which takes place this evening at Levy's Hall, promises to be a brilliant affair in every particular. Professor Laube's reputation in terpsichorean art is well established, and the ball to-night will come up to any of his previous "annuals." Kessnich's band will furnish the music, and the exercises will begin promptly at 8½ o'clock.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

Despite the unseasonably cold and damp condition of the atmosphere on Sunday, our churches were attended by fine congregations. The pulpits were filled by the regular pastors except that of the Baptist church, which was occupied by Rev. J. J. Taylor, of Richmond, who preached a most excellent discourse from Romans i., 16: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Dr. Winfree preached in the evening, and one person was baptized.

Real-Estate Sales.—Sold recently by Augustine Royall, real estate agent and auctioneer: Lot 75 feet on Seventh street to W. E. Gary for $356.25; house and lot corner of Fourteenth and Porter streets to A. W. Traylor for $480, cash; 66 by 165 feet to C. W. Bishop for $150; house and lot on Bainbridge street to J. D. Elsroad for $405; house and lot to C. F. Moore, on same street, for $200.

LARGE NUMBER OF LOTS IN THE "WEST END," NEAR HOLLYWOOD AND THE OLD RESERVOIR, TO BE SOLD BY TRUSTEES ON THURSDAY THE 10TH OF MAY, 1877, ON THE PREMISES, AT 4 O'CLOCK.—The special attention of capitalists and others is invited to the sale of Dr. John B. Harvie's LARGE NUMBER OF LOTS, located as above, having fronts on Cary, Beverly, Reservoir, and other streets, according to plats to be exhibited at the sale. Taking into consideration the rapid improvements going on in that locality, we can safely recommend these lots to those who may wish to invest profitably. For further particulars, see auction head of advertisement in *Dispatch* and *State*, signed by Messrs. Alexander H. Sands, E. B. Meade, John B. Harvie, Jr., and John O. Steger, trustees.

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DR. GEORGE B. STEEL, Dentist, No. 723 Main street, may be found daily from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

MAPLE-SUGAR.—Go to PIZZINI'S and get some of that fine maple-sugar.

TO ALL, PARTICULARLY INVALIDS. SPRING IS A trying season. Indications of sickness should at once be attended to. Fatal diseases may be caused by allowing the bowels to become constipated and the system to remain in a disordered condition until the disorder has time to develop itself. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is an old and truthful saying. Therefore, we advise all who are troubled with the complaints now very prevalent—headache, indigestion, disordered liver, want of appetite, nausea, or feverish skin—to take, without delay, SCHENCK'S MANDRAKE PILLS. We know of no remedy so harmless and decisive in its action. It at once strikes at the root of the disease and produces a healthy tone to the system. People never need suffer from any