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HORSES AND MULES FOR SALE.—Just arrived, twenty-one extra fine DRIVING, RIDING, and FARM-HORSES, most of them boys; one extra iron-gray 16½ hands, a perfect family horse; one fine GRAY MARE; one BAY MARE, can trot in three minutes. Also, thirty-seven EXTRA-FINE MULES, broke and unbroke, all sizes.
Apply at my stables, 1808 and 1812 Franklin street, opposite the Masons' Hall.
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We have "DIGESTINE," the new remedy for indigestion, sick stomach, morning sickness, &c.
MILLER & PIERCE, Apothecaries,
my 5-1m corner Fifth and Marshall streets.

IMPERVIOUS LINT.
This consists of lint of the best quality, one side of which is rendered impervious, thereby preventing soiling of the clothing of those using it, and rendering applications, such as liniments, oils, or salves, more effectual. For sale by
J. BLAIR, Druggist,
ap 25 corner Ninth and Broad streets.

TROEMER'S EXTRACT MALT AND ITS COMBINATIONS.
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TROEMER'S EXTRACT MALT, alterative.
The attention of the medical profession is respectfully called to these valuable preparations.
PURCELL, LADD & CO., Druggists,
mh 19 1216 Main street.

FOR DISEASED GUMS,
DECAYED TEETH,
and ulcerations of the mouth, and as a delightful wash for offensive breath, use MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Sold at 50c. a bottle by druggists generally. ja 1

WHITE TEETH! WHITE TEETH!
To whiten and preserve the teeth, and eradicate tartar without injury, use MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE. Sold at 50c. a box by druggists generally. ja 1

BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

HIGH SANDALS.—Look at the show in the windows.
my 11 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

LOW SANDALS, FOR LADIES, at
my 11 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

$1.50. MISSES' PEBBLE SHOES, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$2.25. LADIES' FOXED BUTTON-BOOTS, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$4. BEST-WEARING CALF GAITERS in town, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$1.75 AND $2. FOXED LACE-GAITERS, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$1.50 AND $2. NEAT SERGE LACE-GAITERS, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$2. MISSES' FOXED BUTTON-BOOTS, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$2. NEWPORT TIES AND MAGNOLIAS, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$2.50. GENTLEMEN'S SQUARE BOX-TOE GAITERS, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$2.25. LADIES' FINE FOXED CONGRESS GAITERS, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$2 AND $4.50. BUCKLE LOW-QUARTERS, for gentlemen, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

$1.25. LADIES' BUCKLE SLIPPERS, at MAY'S,
my 11 607 Broad street.

TRUNKS AT NEAR COST, at
my 11 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

GREAT BARGAINS
FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS
AT JAMES GOLDEN'S,
1537 MAIN STREET.
I intend to sell out my entire stock of BOOTS and SHOES at cost to discontinue business. Ladies' Serge Congress Gaiters, $1.25 worth $2; Ladies' Serge Foxed Balmorals, $1.25, cheap at $2.25; Ladies' Pebble Goat Balmorals, $1.15, cheap at $2; Ladies' French Kid Balmorals, $1.50, cheap at $2.25; Ziegler Philadelphia Ladies' Plain, Serge, and Foxed Balmorals. Also, Misses' and Children's Fine Shoes at very low prices. Gentlemen's Fine Calf Boots, $2.50 worth $4; Gentlemen's Fine Hand-Sewed Calf Boots, $3.50, cheap at $6; Gentlemen's Oxford Ties, Ladies' Slippers and Newport Ties, at the cheap shoe-store of JAMES GOLDEN,
my 4-1m No. 1537 Main street.

$2.50.—LADIES' KID NEWPORTS at J. A. GRIGG'S,
ap 28 Tenth and Main streets.

$2.50.—LADIES' KID FOXED BUTTON BOOTS at J. A. GRIGG'S,
ap 28 Tenth and Main streets.

$3.50.—GENT'S SQUARE BOX-TOE PRINCE ALBERTS at J. A. GRIGG'S,
ap 28 Tenth and Main streets.

$3.50.—GENT'S CALF BUCKLE LOW-SHOES at J. A. GRIGGS'S,
ap 28 Tenth and Main streets.

$4.50.—GENT'S FINE CALFSKIN CONGRESS GAITERS at J. A. GRIGG'S,
ap 28 Tenth and Main.

$2.—LADIES' BUCKLE NEWPORTS at J. A. GRIGG'S,
ap 28 Tenth and Main streets.

NEW STOCK SPRING SHOES.—NOTE THE PRICES: LADIES' GLOVE-KID SHOES at $1.25 worth $2.25; LADIES' MOROCCO, $1 and $1.25 only; LADIES' SERGE LACED BALMORALS only $1 per pair; LADIES' HAND-MADE SERGE at $1.50 worth $2.50; LADIES' SERGE FOXED, $1.25—old price $2; PHILADELPHIA FOXED BUTTONED, $2 worth $3; LADIES' BOX-TOE SIDE-LACED, $2 worth $3; NEWPORT TIES AND KID SLIPPERS only $1; MISSES' FOXED GAITERS, $1 and $1.25 only; CHILDREN'S BUTTONED SHOES, HAND-MADE, $1; CHILDREN'S ANKLE-TIES 50c. worth $1; GENTLEMEN'S CALF BOOTS (fine), $2.50 worth $4; GENTLEMEN'S HAND-SEWED CALF, $4 worth $7; GENTLEMEN'S CONGRESS GAITERS, $1.50 worth double the money; GENTLEMEN'S ALEXIS in calf, PRINCE ALBERTS, OXFORD TIES, and all the new styles, at M. GOLDEN'S, 1523 Main street,
ap 28 not James Golden's.

SPRING GOODS! SPRING GOODS.—Ladies' Fancy and Plain Slippers—Bronze and Black; Ladies', Misses', and Children's Kid New-Port Ties; Broad-Bottom, Low-Heel Gaiters—hand-made—for old ladies; Misses' and Youth's School-shoes; Ladies' Fine Pebble Goat and Foxed Balmorals, $2.50; Gentlemen's French Calf and Goat Low-Quarter Shoes, all styles, just received. The best Calf Gaiter in the city for $5. Trunks, Satchels, Shawl-Straps, and Over-Gaiters at W. P. W. TAYLOR'S,
ap 11 Fourth and Broad streets.

MILLINERY GOODS.

ALL THE LATEST STYLES IN STRAW, CHIP, &c.—A SPECIALTY IN FLOWERS.—The largest stock of MILLINERY GOODS, without any exception, in the city, at prices which defy competition.
Mrs. F. HUTZLER'S, 525 Broad street, between Fifth and Sixth, Richmond, Va.
Orders solicited. my 8

BANKS AND BANKERS.

CITIZENS BANK OF RICHMOND.
PAID-UP CAPITAL $100,000
SURPLUS 15,000
Z. W. PICKRELL, President.
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Deposits of one dollar and upwards received, and six per cent. allowed on deposits.
Deposits received subject to check without notice, and interest allowed on same if not checked on more frequently than two or three times a week.
Bank open every day from 9 o'clock A. M. till 3 o'clock P. M., and on Saturday from 4 P. M. till 8 P. M. fe 28-eod

Richmond Dispatch.

FRIDAY.....MAY 11, 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.—For the Middle Atlantic States, north to west winds, partly cloudy or clearing weather, rising barometer, and stationary or rising temperature.

For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, stationary or rising temperature, winds variable and mostly from the north and east, clear or partly cloudy weather, stationary or rising followed by falling barometer in the latter district.

For the West Gulf States, falling barometer, southeast winds, increasing cloudiness with rain areas, and nearly stationary temperature.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, stationary or rising temperature and barometer, northerly winds, clear or partly cloudy weather, followed at western stations by falling barometer, increasing cloudiness, and southeast winds.

The Mississippi river will slowly fall.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and cool during the day. In the afternoon there was a slight shower; after which it cleared off.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 46; 9 A. M., 54; noon, 65; 3 P. M., 69; 6 P. M., 62; midnight, 57.

LOCAL MATTERS.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The regular meeting of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon—President Nölting in the chair. Present: Messrs. Blankenship, Potts, Childrey, Logan, Baldwin, Hawes, Spotts, Capers, and Hill.

Mr. Blankenship, from the Committee on Immigration, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Blankenship also reported upon the complaint made by Smith, Potter & Co., in relation to excessive charges for freight to Raleigh, &c., and after some explanatory statements the report was left in his hands for further investigation.

The President drew attention to a letter he had received from L. B. Tatum inviting such committee as the Chamber might appoint to accompany the western visitors to Norfolk on one of the steamers of the James River Line.

On motion, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Board returned to Mr. Tatum.

A committee was appointed to act as escort on the part of the Chamber to escort the western visitors through the Capitol and city generally.

Mr. Potts presented to the Chamber a communication in relation to quotations from New York, &c., of gold, stock, and provision markets, and also the following propositions from the Western Union and Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies:

"RICHMOND, May 10, 1877.

"*Thomas Potts, Esq.:*

"Dear Sir,—We can furnish the Chamber of Commerce quotations by boy, on manifold paper, at one cent per word. The Chamber would require from five to eight thousand words per month, making our tolls from $50 to $80 per month.

"Yours very respectfully,
"R. M. J. PAYNTER, Manager."

"RICHMOND, May 7, 1877.

"*Thomas Potts, Esq.:*

"Dear Sir,—Having opened our office in Richmond, we are prepared to furnish to the merchants of this city such quotations of stocks, produce, and gold as they may desire. We offer to furnish the same at the hour that the Board opens, and at 12 and 2 o'clock, at the following rates: For twenty subscribers, $2.50 from each; for fifteen subscribers, $3 from each; for ten subscribers, $3.50 from each; for five subscribers, $4 from each

"We will also give information respecting any important battle in Europe, and also the failure of any prominent banker or merchant in the United States.

"Having reduced the tariff to extraordinary low figures, we respectfully solicit the patronage of the business-men of Richmond.

"Very respectfully, &c.,
"A. S. ADAMS, Manager."

The letters were ordered to be received.

Adjourned.

APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER FOR THE PETERSBURG AND WELDON RAILROAD.—In the case of Atkins Brothers, &c., against the Petersburg Railroad Company, in the United States Circuit Court at Norfolk, Judge R. W. Hughes presiding, on an application for the appointment of a receiver for the road—counsel present: George J. Hundley and J. Wesley Friend, representing plaintiffs, W. W. Gordon, representing the Railroad Company, and Captain Hinton and Mr. Hamilton, representing certain bondholders. The motion for receiver was made by the plaintiff's counsel and granted by the Court, and Major R. G. Pegram, of Petersburg, was appointed.

INFORMATION OF THE CLOUGH FAMILY WANTED.—The postmaster has received the following:

"MONTGOMERY, May 7, 1877.

"Mr. Postmaster,—If there are any of the Clough family still living in or near Richmond, please hand them this letter, as I am anxious to correspond with them in regard to a business matter of importance. If there are none there, and you know of them elsewhere, please send me their address, and you will confer a great favor. Very respectfully,

"MRS. LIZZIE C. WRIGHT,
"Montgomery, Ala."

GENERAL BRADLEY T. JOHNSON.—The rumor of General Johnson's removal to Baltimore has gotten loose in that city and embarrasses the General. The Fifth Maryland regiment sent a committee to invite him to become their colonel, and divers other offers, political and professional, have been pressed on him. His answer always is that he is much flattered, &c., but it is impossible to entertain any proposition looking to his proximate return to Maryland. He says that the Richmond people have conferred on him a responsible trust, and he must execute that. The young men have made him colonel of the regiment, and he feels bound to retain that until they get into a first-rate condition of efficiency. Any change in this arrangements, therefore, in the immediate future is impossible.

THE DEMAND FOR LICENSES.—Yesterday before noon Judge Guigon remarked to a State officer that there had been twenty applications made to him for liquor licenses during the morning. At a later hour the Commissioner of the Revenue stated that so far from there being a falling off in the number of applications that more persons to date had applied for a renewal of liquor licenses than last year. He added that it is noticeable, too, that a greater number took out licenses both to retail and sell by the drink than heretofore. He requests all, by way of caution, who need licenses for any purpose whatever to hurry up if they would escape the grand jury, now in session. His experience is that lawyers are the slowest, as a class, in making application.

FROST IN NEW KENT COUNTY.—There was considerable frost in New Kent county, near Summit station, yesterday morning, and it is feared that young plants of all kinds have suffered materially.

THE WESTERN EXCURSIONISTS.

DEPARTURE OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES TO MEET THE STRANGERS—ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS—COMMITTEES OF ESCORT ANNOUNCED—PROGRAMME FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE VISITORS.

The committees appointed by the Corn and Flour, Tobacco Exchanges, and Chamber of Commerce and City Council left Richmond yesterday morning at 9 o'clock on the Chesapeake and Ohio mail train for the White Sulphur. An extra car was attached to the regular train, and it was pretty well filled. The party left the city in fine spirits, and anticipate a very pleasant trip. Without accident they reached the White Sulphur Springs last evening at 9:15, where they meet the western gentlemen. They will leave the White Sulphur at 8 o'clock this morning on a special train, and reach Richmond at 7:15 P. M. At the depôt they will be met by the Council committees and Mayor Carrington, the latter making an address of welcome. They will then proceed to their respective hotels and amuse themselves in various ways until to-morrow morning, when they will be taken in charge by the committees appointed for that purpose and entertained in various ways. At 10 o'clock they will proceed to the Capitol, where General T. M. Logan will make an address of welcome to the visitors on behalf of the commercial organizations.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

An adjourned meeting of the joint committee of the Corn and Flour Exchange, Tobacco Exchange, and Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Clement R. Barksdale in the chair.

ESCORT TO THE VISITORS.

The following names were presented to the committee as having been appointed by the Corn Exchange, Tobacco Exchange, and Chamber of Commerce to act as escort for the western visitors through the city:

FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

William H. Allison, General J. R. Anderson, John G. Spotts, S. H. Hawes, T. M. Alfriend, Alexander Cameron, G. A. Barksdale, G. Hoffhauer, R. L. Brown, John Ott, L. D. Crenshaw, Jr., R. F. Williams, John B. Purcell, John Purcell, Z. W. Pickrell, J. P. Rogers, L. B. Tatum, Thomas Seddon, M. Millhiser, J. H. Montague, B. H. Nash, George S. Palmer, J. B. Pace, O. F. Weisiger, S. H. Pulliam, C. A. Baldwin, A. B. Goodman, S. Blunt Mason, J. R. Triplett, A. M. Lyon, P. R. Carrington, George Gibson, Jr., C. P. Stokes, W. P. Jenkins, P. W. Grubbs, J. H. Capers, Captain Coghlan, Asa Snyder, B. C. Wherry.

CORN AND FLOUR EXCHANGE.

T. W. McCance, Franklin Stearns, J. P. Branch, J. H. Blair, R. T. Briggs, I. S. Tower, W. H. Tyler, W. D. Tompkins, C. L. Todd, Coleman Wortham, John Addison, G. W. Allen, G. L. Currie, W. P. Smith, J. W. Fisher, W. J. Johnson, S. A. Snyder, L. Levy, P. G. Coghlan, George Lee, W. C. Seddon, E. A. Saunders, Charles E. Wortham, J. B. Bland, John Booker, William B. Williams, P. H. Baskervill, W. G. Dandridge, J. B. Morriss, Isaac Davenport, Jr., C. T. Wortham, A. L. Ellett, G. A. Barksdale, W. D. Gibson, Philip Haxall, C. D. Hill, N. B. Hill, Silas Shelburn, A. W. Callaway, E. G. Leigh, J. H. Martin, W. B. Palmer, W. H. Powers, W. N. Ruffin, John B. Davis, P. A. Sublett, R. B. Somerville, H. B. Taliaferro, C. A. Simpson, A. S. Lee, A. Y. Stokes, Samuel Maccubbin.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

G. A. Cunningham, A. D. Chockley, E. D. Christian, R. H. Dibrell, J. G. Dill, L. H. Frayser, John H. Greanor, Leroy Grant, John R. Jeter, J. L. Jones, L. Lottier, R. C. Morton, T. D. Neal, R. W. Oliver, W. R. Pugh, R. A. Patterson, T. W. Pemberton, G. W. Royster, J. M. Rutherford, T. J. Spencer, W. T. Staples, W. D. Tompkins, E. S. Turpin, G. W. Williams, D. N. Walker.

THE CAPITOL GROUNDS.

Mr. Childrey, from the sub-committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, reported that he had performed that duty, and that he found the Governor very pleasant and willing to aid the committee in any way possible in entertaining the visitors. He promised to have the hall of the House of Delegates swept and garnished and prepared for the occasion. He also said that the grounds would be placed at the disposal of the committee and their guests.

When the guests assemble in the hall tomorrow, Mayor Carrington will preside, and will call the meeting to order. He will then introduce General T. M. Logan as the orator for the occasion.

Governor Kemper will occupy a seat on the right of Mayor Carrington, and President Nölting, of the Chamber of Commerce, will sit on the left of the Mayor.

The report was received.

CLERGYMEN TO BE PRESENT.

On motion, it was decided to invite one clergymen of each religious denomination in the city to be present at the banquet.

Rev. Dr. Hoge was appointed to ask a blessing at the banquet.

Subscribers to the banquet fund will be furnished tickets by applying to Thomas Potts, chairman of Committee on Invitation. *No person* will be admitted to the banquet hall without a ticket.

A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL WICKHAM.

Mr. Thomas Potts read a telegram from General W. C. Wickham, dated at Charleston, stating that about one hundred and thirty gentlemen composed the party of western visitors.

MARSHALS.

Mr. L. L. Bass, chief marshal, who was authorized to appoint assistant marshals, said that he had called to his aid Messrs. Thomas Potts, N. M. Wilson, Claiborne Watkins, and J. K. Childrey. These gentlemen, having been on the committee of arrangements, will probably be better posted as to their duties.

After disposing of some routine matters incident to the visit the committee arose.

PROGRAMME OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The following is the entire programme for the reception and entertainment of our western visitors during their stay in Richmond:

1. The special train bearing the excursionists and Richmond committees will arrive at the depôt in this city this evening at 7:15 o'clock. They will be met by the Council committee, greeted by Mayor Carrington, and escorted to their hotels.

2. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock they will be escorted to the Capitol on foot, where, in the hall of the House of Delegates, General T. M. Logan will be introduced and deliver an address on behalf of merchants. Responded to by speakers from visiting gentlemen.

3. From 10½ to 12 M. will be spent in inspecting the Capitol, hand-shaking, and general sociability.

4. At 12 M. the party will proceed in carriages to various points of interest, such as Water Works and manufacturing establishments.

5. At 3 P. M. the visitors, having inspected the city, will be driven to the Chesapeake and Ohio depôt, where they will embark on a special train for the wharves, stopping at the brewery for lunch.

6. At 5 P. M., having inspected the wharves, the party will return to the city, and from the depôt to their respective hotels in carriages.

7. At 6 o'clock the visitors and committees will assemble in the parlors of the Exchange Hotel, and at 6½ o'clock a banquet will be given in the dining-room of the Ballard House.

8. No special programme has been adopted for Sunday.

9. On Monday at 6 A. M. the party will go down the river on the steamer Eliza Hancox to Norfolk.

THE STATE CAPITOL.

ARMS SENT TO A VALLEY COMPANY—THE JUNE QUOTA OF THE SCHOOL FUND—TAX ON PARSONAGES—ACTS OF ASSEMBLY—PERSONAL—CAPITOL SQUARE.

General James McDonald, the Adjutant-General of the State, yesterday sent guns and accoutrements to the "Valley Guards," a volunteer company recently organized at Harrisonburg. The boys in gray were urgent in their appeals that they should be forwarded in time for them to be used at the celebration of the anniversary of the battle of New Market—on the 15th. By the way, the demonstration on that occasion will be a grand one. General John Echols is the orator of the day, and will pay an appropriate tribute to the memory and services of General John C. Breckinridge, who commanded the Confederates in that memorable fight, as well as to the valor and endurance of the brave boys who were under him.

THE SCHOOL FUND.

Yesterday there were a few thousand dollars in the State Treasury, and in June the schools will call for their fund. What amount will be needed to meet this demand can be ascertained from the Treasurer's report last year, when the whole amount drawn for public-school purposes was $443,000 from the property and capitation tax, and $65,000 for interest on bonds—making a total of $508,000. Of this amount $305,000 was drawn on the 1st of June.

TAX ON PARSONAGES.

In a conference with Mr. Munford, Commissioner of the Revenue for this city, the State Auditor of Public Accounts decided yesterday that while parsonages were exempt from taxation under the Code of 1873, they were not under the law of 1874, and from that time to the present have been subject to taxation.

PERSONAL.

Colonel Munford has gone home on a brief visit, and consequently his absence was regretted at the Blues' dinner yesterday. Colonel Thomas B. Bigger, another of the basement clerks and a veteran Blue, was there, however, to tell of the bright and memorable festivities of other days.

Auditor Taylor was summoned to appear before the grand jury of the Hustings Court to testify in the case of the Rev. Dr. Baird, charged with the misapplication of $22,000 of the funds of his Church. The other witnesses summoned were Judges Fitzhugh, Wellford, and Ould, and Mr. Gennet.

THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY.

The Superintendent of Public Printing informs us that the Acts of Assembly of 1876–'77 will make a volume of over 500 pages, while those of the previous session made 349. In the closing batch distributed yesterday were the law authorizing the Walker Light Guard, of this city, to adopt an additional uniform; the law for the lease, &c., of the Public warehouse, and the law requiring the list of sales of delinquent lands to be returned to the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond instead of as heretofore to the Hustings Court.

CAPITOL SQUARE.

The Square never looked more beautiful than it did yesterday, and northern visitors seemed to agree with us that there is no lovelier park of the same area on this continent. The grass had been greatly benefited by the long season in May.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREAT COUNCIL OF RED MEN OF VIRGINIA. The Great Council resumed its session at 9 o'clock. Roll called, and all the Great Chiefs found present.

Thomas L. Kirby, representing Smedo Tribe; Thomas L. Collier, representing Kecoutan Tribe; and P. G. S. Michelbacher, of Richmond, were introduced to the Council and invited to seats.

The Committee on State of Order presented reports, which were severally adopted. The portion relating to the revision of the General Laws was allowed to be retained in possession of the committee till next session.

Invitations were extended from Winchester and Lynchburg to hold the next session of the Great Council in their respective towns.

The Great Council returned thanks for the invitations, but felt compelled to decline. The next session will therefore be held in this city.

Speeches were made by Messrs. Latham, Granger, Coffroth, Sisson, and Kinzel on this subject.

A report from the Finance Committee was presented and adopted.

The following officers were then elected:

G. S.—E. W. Gaines, of Norfolk.
G. S. S.—J. Rice Smith, of Berryville.
G. J. S.—G. W. Hall, of Petersburg.
G. Prophet—P. A. McEnery, of Petersburg.
G. K. of W.—Henry Kinzel, of Winchester.
G. C. of R.—C. A. B. Coffroth, of Winchester.
G. P. I. Hugh Latham, of Alexandria, was elected representative to the Great Council of the United States.
P. S. G. W. Tolby, of Manchester, was appointed G. Sanap.
P. S. S. H. Offterdinger, G. of F.
P. S. R. L. Kirby, of Smedo, G. W.

The above officers were all duly initiated by Hugh R. Latham in an able manner.

Appropriate speeches were made by all the new chiefs.

A general interchange of views took place, and a very pleasant and enjoyable time was had.

A resolution by P. S. Crump was unanimously adopted, tendering thanks to P. A. McEnery for the faithful manner in which he has presided over the Great Council the past year.

Recess till 3 P. M.

At the afternoon session, after discussion on one of the general laws relative to benefits, &c., the subject was postponed until the next Council.

Adjourned *sine die*.

A LIFE SAVED BY A DELICATE SURGICAL OPERATION.—Dr. Hunter McGuire, the well-known surgeon of General Stonewall Jackson's staff, has established his reputation as one of the most skilful operators to be found in this country. On Saturday a little son of Mr. C. L. Tinsley, aged about five years, who lives in the vicinity of Richmond, swallowed three pieces of hard bark, which lodged in his windpipe. The family were greatly distressed at the accident, especially as the little fellow's condition soon became precarious. Indeed, Mr. Tinsley says he was nearly dead when he was carried to the Retreat for the Sick at the Medical College. The boy remained in this unfortunate condition until Tuesday afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock, when it was decided to attempt an operation in the hope of relieving the little sufferer. The side of the boy's throat was cut open, and the bark, after some difficulty and much care, extracted by Dr. McGuire. Yesterday the patient had so far recovered that he asked his father to take him home. It was deemed best, however, that he should remain until fully restored.

Mr. Tinsley says Dr. McGuire told him that it was a desperate case, but that he would do his best. He is lavish in his praise of the Doctor, and says the country people and the world at large ought certainly to know that there is such a surgeon in Richmond.

UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN RICHMOND POST-OFFICE MAY 10, 1877.—Charles Anderson, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Martha Davanport, Philadelphia; Miss Mary Dusch, Louisville, Ky.; Captain T. Doran, Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Annie Flipin, Richmond, Va.; Miss Sarah M. Jones, 18 Bridgham street; Miss Frances Johnson, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, Ann Arbor, Mich.; J. M. Skinner, Richmond, Va.; Wilson Tompkins, Richmond, Va.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUSTINGS COURT YESTERDAY.—The grand jury met yesterday and found true bills for felony in the following cases: C. L. Radway, for taking away Laura Mitchell, a female over the age of twelve years, against her will, with intent to defile her. He was also indicted for a misdemeanor for attempting to take away Lucie Mitchell, and for adultery. George Cosby, for second offence of petit larceny; James Kelly, for assaulting Admiral Sale; James Kelly, for assaulting Frederick Putnam.

True bills for misdemeanors were also found against the following parties for carrying on a lottery: Alexander Smith, W. P. Willis, A. J. Berry, Thomas H. Heath, Thomas H. Tyrer, W. Preston Nuckolls, and Edlar Chappell.

When the grand jury came into court the foreman reported to the Court that Cornelius Harris, a justice of the peace for Jackson Ward, had issued a number of warrants against parties without any affidavit to the warrants and without the complaint of any person. The foreman asked whether such act was an indictable offence. The Judge informed the jury that if the act was done to annoy the parties it was an indictable offence, and the papers were thereupon turned over to Mr. Wise.

The grand jury was adjourned to Monday.

Daniel Smith and James Honan, charged with breaking and injuring the house of Sallie Banton, were tried and convicted, fined $5 each, and sent to jail for thirty days.

A number of liquor licenses were granted by the Court.

C. L. Radway's case is set for trial on Monday next. Colonel John B. Young and S. B. Witt are his counsel.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY—*Police-Justice Joseph J. White presiding.*—Celeste Minor (colored), a Cash-Corner virago, charged with resisting Deputy-Constable A. W. Rosene while in the discharge of his duty, was committed to jail for thirty days.

Blair Stratton, charged with striking Beverly Jefferson with a rock, was fined $10 and costs.

CUT WITH AN AXE.—Yesterday about 2 o'clock an altercation occurred between two colored women in the alley above First between Main and Franklin streets, which resulted in the serious wounding of the one by an axe in the hands of the other. It appears that the two (Matilda Gains and Laura Moody) had quarrelled about church matters, when they came to blows. During the encounter Laura seized an axe and dealt Matilda a blow over the left side of her head, inflicting a severe wound. The wounded woman was conveyed to her home, and the woman Moody was arrested and taken to the station-house by Policeman T. L. Skinner. She will have a hearing before the Police Justice this morning. The wound inflicted is about three inches long, and may prove fatal.

THE BLUES' ANNIVERSARY—A PLEASANT DAY AT THE PUMP-HOUSE.—The Richmond Light Infantry Blues celebrated their eighty-ninth anniversary yesterday by a dinner and target-shooting at the pump-house. At 12 M. the company, commanded by Captain John S. Wise, accompanied by their honorary members and invited guests, marched to the foot of Eighth street, where they took boats to the pump-house. On arriving there games of various kinds were indulged in until about 4 o'clock P. M., when the company and guests sat down to a table groaning with every delicacy of the season; after which the following toasts were given:

Virginia: Her banner with the field of blue is no older than our order. As in the flag, it surrounds her "Sic Semper," so in the field we pledge her our support.

Eloquently responded to by Hon. A. M. Keiley.

The Bench and Bar: Invincible in peace, invisible in war.

Responded to by Hon. J. J. White.

Isaac Newman:

A cashier ne'er cashiered,
Who is always crying "cash-here,"
Deeply, Darkly, Desperately Blue,
Where others make a dollar grow
He always can make two.

Responded to by Mr. J. M. Cowardin.

The medal to the best shot of the active members was awarded Mr. Isaac Newman. Best shot of visitors, General R. L. Walker.

The handsome company medal was presented to Mr. Newman by Captain Wise, and accepted by Captain J. H. Chamberlayne.

The prize for best shot—a fine saddle of lamb—was presented to General Walker by Captain Wise, and accepted by Hon. J. J. White in a neat little speech.

Amongst the old Blues and invited guests present we noticed the following gentlemen: Colonel T. P. Bigger, R. F. Walker, J. B. Royster, Isaac L. Cary, Captain William Epps, James L. Davis, John Bell Bigger, E. D. Eacho, James M. Taylor, C. T. Wortham, J. H. Cogbill, A. J. Berry, E. C. Howard, W. L. Montague, Dr. A. S. McRae, Benjamin F. Ladd, C. W. Purcell, Hon. A. M. Keiley, Judge A. B. Guigon, Judge Wellford, and a host of others.

About 6 o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable afternoon, the company returned to the city.

ELECTION OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—Last night the annual election of non-commissioned officers of Company G, First Virginia regiment, took place, and the following were elected: First Sergeant, Tate Starke; Second, S. Chasey; Third, C. B. Childress; Fourth, William Williams; Fifth, F. W. Taylor; Quartermaster-Sergeant, James Blackburn; Commissary-Sergeant, Thomas J. Dance; First Corporal, W. W. Saunders; Second, Howard Gillespie; Third, William Shoebridge; Fourth, W. R. Epps.

GENERAL HANCOCK NOT COMING TO RICHMOND.—Colonel W. W. Gordon, just from Norfolk, reports that General Hancock left for Baltimore Wednesday night by the Bay Line of steamers.

TO BE REPEATED.—The Little Folks' Levee, which was attended with such *éclat* last week at the Second Baptist church, will be repeated next Friday night the 18th instant, with some pleasing additions to the programme.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. John Van Horn, general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and James Merrihew, superintendent of the company in Philadelphia, are in the city.

CLEARED.—The Norwegian bark Roma, Hansen master, was cleared yesterday by Meissner, Ackermann & Co. for Elsinore, Denmark, with 3,240 barrels of refined petroleum.

THE FRENCH TOBACCO.—Mons. de Sibourg, vice-consul of France, has received the samples of the several types of Virginia tobacco required by the French Government. Those interested can call at the consulate from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

DR. TAYLOR gave a very successful exhibition at Union-Station church last night. To-night and to-morrow night he visits the Manchester Baptist church.

ATTRACTIVE TICKETS TO THE SEASIDE.—The James River Steamboat Company, in connection with the Hygeia Hotel, Old Point, have put on sale the following attractive summer tickets—viz.: Round-trip ticket and board from Saturday until Monday, $6; for one-half week, $9; for one week, $15. Also, a family cheap ticket to Tree's Point, opposite Brandon, on James river (half-way), and return same day, for $1. All of these arrangements are cheaper than any offered before, and must be very popular. The Sylvester and Hancox, commanded by Captains Post and Gifford, are elegant and fast river-steamers, and have recently been thoroughly repainted and renewed.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held on Tuesday night next.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—American Lodge, No. 789, G. U. O. O. F., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Monroe Jones, P. N. G.; Charles Semmes, N. G.; W. J. Lewis, V. G.; J. H. Jones, E. S.

THE MOZART.—A pleasant *musicale* was given last evening, and the hall was well filled.

The solo "Die Hienmath," sung by Mrs. Euker, with bassoon obligato by Mr. Krause, was lovely. She also sang Gunod's "Sing, Smile, Slumber."

Professors Thilow and Reinhardt gave a finished interpretation of a piano duo, by Fesca. Their playing was expressive and beautifully shaded.

Mr. Kessnich's difficult violin solo was well given.

The orchestra played four selections. Their rendition of Suppé's overture "Morning, Noon, and Night" was spirited and correct; but we hope soon to hear them give the lovely overture of the "Magic Flute," by Mozart, in better style than they did last evening.

ST. MARK'S FAIR.—The fair for the benefit of St. Mark's (free) Episcopal church is still going on in the house corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, offering useful and fancy articles and dainties. To-night it is expected that the Amateur Band will add the attraction of its very enjoyable music. Money spent at the fair will be well invested.

Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper and *Scientific American* for this week received from J. T. Ellyson, 1112 Main street.

Bakers' Bread—Protection of our Suffering Poor.

Editors of the Dispatch:

A large class of our citizens—the humble and the poor—whose precarious resources force them to be reliant upon obtaining their daily supplies of bread from the bakers are anxiously awaiting the petition promised by our bread manufacturers to be made to the City Council for standard weights and fixed prices of loaves, and necessary action by that body for the protection of their interests against the sordid and the unscrupulous.

The bread of several bakers did some week or more ago vary from one to two ounces in weight, and the same state of things is believed to exist now. If the large cities of the Union—Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Baltimore, and New Orleans—are protected by law, and false weights and inferior quality of bread condemned by the police and forfeited to charitable purposes, it becomes our city fathers to afford similar protection to our poor. It is to be hoped that the prominent bakers mentioned in your local of the 1st instant will prove their consistency and the Council its efficiency by speedy action.

HUMANITY.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

George W. Benedict, charged with abusing and threatening Officer Jones, was on yesterday arraigned before the Mayor and fined $2 and costs.

Ann Olphin and her husband, Gourd Olph