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THE DISPATCH.
BY COWARDIN & ELLYSON.
CASH—INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE.

The DAILY DISPATCH is delivered to subscribers at FIFTEEN CENTS per week, payable to the carrier weekly. Mailed at $6 per annum; $3 for six months; 75c. per month for a shorter period.
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AMUSEMENTS.

A GRAND MATCH-GAME OF BASE-BALL will be played at the Virginia State Fair-Grounds on THURSDAY, August 23d, between the champion ATLANTICS and the celebrated BROWN STOCKINGS, of this city. Game to commence at 3½ o'clock. Admission, 25c. au 21-3t

EXCURSIONS.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION DOWN JAMES RIVER TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 28TH.

The steamer ELIZA HANCOX, Captain GIFFORD, has been chartered by the LADIES' SEWING SOCIETY OF THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH for the above purpose, and an agreeable evening is promised to those who may favor the ladies with their patronage. Supper and the usual refreshments will be served at moderate prices.
Arrangements have been made to furnish music for the occasion.
The boat leaves the wharf at 7:30 P. M., returning between 10 and 11 o'clock.
Tickets, 50c.; 25c. for children under twelve years old. au 23-5t

EXCURSION TO SOLDIERS' HOME, OLD POINT, AND NORFOLK.—The LADIES OF CENTENARY CHURCH will make their third and last EXCURSION this season to the above-named points, leaving the wharf at Rocketts on THURSDAY MORNING, August 23d, at 7 o'clock, on the steamer JOHN SYLVESTER.
Will go direct to Old Point, then to Soldiers' Home and spend two hours, where Captain Woodin (the officer in command) has promised his best efforts for entertainment. The steamer will then convey parties to Old Point, Norfolk, and Portsmouth to spend the night.
The SYLVESTER will leave Norfolk for Richmond on the morning of the 24th at 6 o'clock, calling at Old Point on her way.
Persons stopping at the Hygeia can obtain supper, lodging, and breakfast for $1.50 (any of these singly $1); children under ten years at $1.
Parties can remain at $2.25 per day, or $12.50 per week; children under ten years at $1.50 per day or $7.50 per week. Meals on the steamer at a reduced price.
Fare for round-trip, $2; children under twelve years, $1; no charge for children under five years. Tickets good for one week.
Tickets can be purchased at A. W. Garber's; of L. P. Hudgins, at Courtney & Powell's, Broad street; J. Morton, at Merchants National Bank; at W. P. W. Taylor's, corner Fourth and Broad streets; and at the terminus of the street railway on the morning of leaving. No tickets will be sold at the steamer.
A committee of ladies will take charge of ladies without escorts, but will not be held responsible for the comfort of any one who does not request their services. Names of the committee can be ascertained on inquiry at the places designated for the sale of tickets. au 18-6d

ATTRACTIVE TICKET TO OLD POINT, INCLUDING BOARD,

on SATURDAY, August 11th, and EVERY SUCCESSIVE SATURDAY, until further notice, the James River Excursion Company will place on sale round-trip tickets good to Old Point, leaving here at 7 A. M. on SATURDAY and arriving here on MONDAY AFTERNOON, including FIRST-CLASS BOARD at the Hygeia Hotel in the interim, for the low price of $5.
This arrangement does not include breakfast at the hotel Monday morning.
Meals on steamer at reduced rates—viz., breakfast, 25c.; dinner, 75c.
Tickets for sale on board steamer.
L. B. TATUM, General Agent.
au 7-1m

SUMMER RESORTS.

AFTON HOUSE, VIRGINIA.

This new and popular SUMMER RESORT, situated at Afton depot, on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, has been much improved by the addition of several new buildings, including Ball-Room, Bowling-Alley, Bath-House, &c.
Board per month $35
Board per week 10
Board per day 2
Children under twelve years of age and colored servants, half price.
Persons in the mountains should give us a call before they return home.
For further particulars, address
S. H. GOODLOE & CO., Afton Depot,
au 21-7t Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, Va.

CALWELL HOUSE,

adjacent to the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier county, West Virginia.

RATES OF BOARDING: $2 per day, $12 per week, $40 per month. Especial arrangements made for families spending the season.
The dining-rooms will be in charge of Mr. A. ZETELLE.
Omnibus will transport passengers and baggage, free of charge, from the cars to the hotel.
jy 25-1m

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A GENTLEMAN AND WIFE (no children) can procure good BOARD in an excellent neighborhood. Rooms satisfactory, and charges to suit. Address "R. W. L.," care of the Dispatch. au 17

NEW YORK BOARDING, 33 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.—Elegant family boarding-house. Two dollars per day; ten dollars per week. A most cool and central summer residence.
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BUSINESS CHANCES.

A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.

FOR SALE, A No. 1 COOKING-RANGE, suitable for a hotel or restaurant, in good condition. Apply to S. ZETELLE, at Park Hotel.
au 23-3t

BUSINESS CHANCE.—An ENERGETIC BUSINESS-MAN, with from $5,000 to $10,000 CAPITAL, can hear of an opportunity for an excellent investment in a well-established business, which may be purchased either in whole or in part. Address or apply to CHAFFIN, STAPLES & CO., Richmond, Va.
au 18-eod3t

MINERAL WATERS.

AGENCY FOR THE SALE OF THE WATERS FROM THE VIRGINIA SPRINGS, AND OTHER CELEBRATED WATERS FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN EUROPE—VIZ.:
WHITE SULPHUR, Greenbrier county, W. Va.;
ROCKBRIDGE ALUM, Rockbridge county, Va.;
ALLEGHANY, Montgomery county, Va.;
HEALING, Bath county, Va.;
BUFFALO, Lithia (1 and 2), Mecklenburg county, Va.;
BLUE RIDGE, Botetourt county, Va.;
BLUE LICK, Kentucky;
CONGRESS, Saratoga, N. Y.;
HATHORN, Saratoga, N. Y.;
GEYSER, Saratoga, N. Y.;
CHAMPION SPOUTING SPRING, Saratoga, N.Y.;
KATALYSINE, Gettysburg, Pa.;
VICHY, Vichy, France;
BITTER WATER, Friedrichshall, Germany;
BITTER WATER, Pullna, Bohemia;
SELTZER, Seltzer, Germany.
Salts from the following Springs, for readily making the water, extemporaneously, very useful for travellers or invalids at inaccessible points, can be sent per mail—viz.: Rockbridge Alum Water Mass, from the Rockbridge Alum Springs, $2 per vial; Seven Springs Iron and Alum Mass, Washington county, Va., $1 per vial; Bedford Alum and Iodine Mass, Bedford county, Va., $1 per vial.
Descriptive pamphlets furnished *gratis* on application.
PURCELL, LADD & CO., Druggists,
1216 Main street, and No. 2 Governor street,
jy 12-2m Richmond.

CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, &c.

AT COST.

I have on hand several REFRIGERATORS, which I will sell regardless of cost to close them out. They are of the best make, and warranted to give satisfaction. Now is your time to get a bargain. Call early.
E. B. TAYLOR,
au 20 1011 Main street.

DRUMMOND ILLUMINATOR—the most perfect kerosene-burner and illuminator in the market—a brilliant, steady light, and burns without a chimney.
LITTLE WONDER—odorless, safety NIGHT-LAMP. Every family should have one. Price, 25c.
WATER-COOLERS—handsome designs, cheap, and lined with galvanized iron; great improvement on the zinc.
REFRIGERATORS, FRUIT-JARS, &c.
GEORGE GIBSON, Jr.,
my 16 1207 Main street.

STAGE LINE.

DAILY LINE OF STAGES FROM RICHMOND TO TAPPAHANNOCK.—Leaves stage-office, corner of Broad and Ninth streets (William G. Dandridge & Co.'s, No. 827,) EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY at 7 A. M. Passengers will call at the office.
FARE:
To Old Church $1 00
To Manquin 1 50
To Aylett's 2 00
To St. Stephen's Church 2 25
To Miller's 2 50
To Tappahannock 3 00
On return passengers will be delivered at the stage-office in Richmond.
au 21-1w JAMES E. ENNIS, Proprietor.

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Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY.....AUGUST 23, 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 South Atlantic States, falling barometer, southeast winds, clouds and rains will prevail, followed by cooler northerly winds and falling barometer.

For the Gulf States, north and east winds, rising followed by falling barometer, and warmer, partly cloudy weather.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, falling possibly followed by rising barometer, cooler westerly winds, and partly cloudy weather.

For the Middle States, falling barometer, increasing southerly winds, partly cloudy weather and possibly slight rains, followed by rising barometer and cooler westerly winds.

The rivers will continue falling, except rises in the rivers of the southern States.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and warm.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 70; 9 A. M., 78; noon, 87; 3 P. M., 87; 6 P. M., 83; midnight, 72.

[From the Scientific American.]

Some New Inventions Necessary for Future Astronomical Observations.

Persons who have never seen a first-class astronomical observatory, nor read a detailed description of the same, can have no idea of the peculiar difficulties which are encountered and have to be overcome at any cost. One of these is that when a telescope magnifies the size of any object it magnifies also its motion, whether real or apparent, in the same proportion. Any one who ever looked through a spy-glass knows that it must be held perfectly still, and that any motion communicated to the same causes an apparent motion of the object observed, and that this motion is larger in proportion to the power of the glass. So in an opera-glass, which never magnifies beyond 3, 4, or 5 diameters—the motion of the hand in which it is held is of not much consequence; but when using a long marine spy-glass it is necessary to hold it quite still, and some improvised support is necessary, among which one of the most convenient is the shoulder of a person standing in front of the observer. For large spy-glasses or small telescopes a foot-piece is necessary, and this must have more stability in proportion to the power of the glass, as the least tremulous motion in the instrument causes a strong vibration of the object seen—so much, indeed, that observations are often interfered with from this cause.

This is the reason that it has become no longer customary to establish observations on the top of buildings, as was done in olden times, but on the ground floor. So the old observatory of the University of Leyden, situated on the top of a high building, possessed a large Newtonian telescope constructed nearly a century ago by a maker who had attained a great reputation in this line, but the instrument was rendered perfectly useless by the continued vibratory motion, either by wind, passing carriages, moving of persons in the building, etc. The objects observed were almost always seen in a condition as if tossed by waves. Some two years ago this telescope was still in existence, and shown as a curiosity, when the writer of this article could not help but admire the useless ingenuity with which it was mounted, and which for an instrument of that power was entirely out of place.

By the general revival of astronomical science, which became very active at that period, it was superseded by a modern refractor, mounted equatorially on a solid base placed at a lesser height.

And here we must explain what is meant by equatorial mounting. The apparent motion of the heavenly bodies, caused by the earth's rotation around its axis, and which increases along the celestial equator, which is the principal region for observation, to about a quarter of a degree for every minute of time, is of course magnified in proportion to the power of the instrument; so for a telescope magnifying say 120 diameters, it will be 120 times as much, or 30 degrees for a minute, or half a degree for a second of time. It is evident that in such a case no object would remain in the field of the telescope long enough to be seen or studied, but stars and planets would move through the field at too rapid a rate. The equatorial mounting thus is intended to cause the telescope to follow that motion, and is accomplished in this way: in place of mounting the joints, by which the free motion of the instrument is obtained, to a vertical, solid pillar, they are attached to an axis placed parallel to the earth's axis, and this axis is rotated by clockwork at the rate of once in 24 hours, in an opposite direction to that in which the earth is revolving, so that these two movements neutralize one another; and the telescope, if left to itself, is rendered immovable in space, except following the earth's yearly orbit, which, however, does not influence the direction of the instrument to any perceptible degree.

The apparent motion of the sun is slower than that of the fixed stars, for one day per year, or nearly one degree for every 24 hours. The apparent motion of the moon is again slower to an amount of nearly thirteen degrees for every 24 hours. The clockwork regulating the rotation of the telescopic axis has to be set in accordance to the intention to use the telescope to observe the fixed stars, sun, or moon, and this movement must be more minutely regulated in proportion to the power of the instrument.

Lately a great pressure has been brought to bear on those having the power or means of managing or founding astronomical observatories, so as to induce them to have large, powerful telescopes constructed. Million-dollar telescopes have been spoken of, but the difficulty of their mounting and the absolute necessity of regulating their proper motion to follow the objects observed appears not to have been thought of, while it is one of the most important mechanical problems with which the utility of such instruments will stand or fall.

Suppose a telescope could be constructed which would bring the surface of the planet Jupiter to within an apparent distance of ten miles. Then not only the motion of the earth herself, but also that of the planet in his yearly orbit, and the immense velocity of rotation around his axis in ten hours, would have to be compensated for by the clockwork attached to the telescope, as without it the objects would fly across the field with the velocity of a railroad train. To realize the truth of this assertion we have only to consider that the circumference of the planet amounts to a quarter of a million miles, so that every point of its equator moves that distance in a little less than ten hours, equivalent to a velocity of about 29,000 miles per hour. Seeing objects moving with such a velocity at a distance of ten miles is equal to seeing objects move with 1-500th part of that velocity at a distance of 1-500th part of ten miles, which corresponds to observing a velocity of 50 miles per hour at a distance of 34 feet. Looking, therefore, with a telescope bringing the surface of Jupiter to an apparent distance of ten miles would be equivalent to looking at a distance of only 34 feet at a railroad train moving at a velocity of 50 per hour. Of course nothing could be distinguished. The problem is therefore not alone to make the lenses and the tube a gigantic telescope, but an equally important problem is the mounting and clockwork required to make observation possible. And this becomes an interesting problem because with such high powers the earth's yearly and daily motion not alone, but also the velocity in orbit and rotation of planets, must be taken in account, as well as the inclination of the axis, of planes, of orbits, and of rotation.

Queer Operations with a Draft.

The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says: "On the 6th of last month a stranger called at the Marine Bank of this city and obtained a draft for $12 on the Bank of North America, payable to the order of H. J. Walker. A week later another stranger called at the same bank and obtained a draft on New York for $1,200, also payable to the order of H. J. Walker, and drawn on the Bank of North America. On the 20th the individual who got the last-mentioned draft called at the Marine Bank, said he was unable to use the draft as he had intended, and asked that the currency be refunded to him for it. The teller recognizing him as the person who had purchased the draft, gave him the money as requested, and handed the draft to the book-keeper, who entered it on the books as paid, and put it into the drawer of cancelled vouchers. Some days after this it was discovered that the draft of the 6th for $12 had been cleverly altered to $1,200, and a description of it was furnished the Marine Bank by the Bank of North America in its monthly statement. This led to an investigation, and it was found that the altered note was negotiated at Strathroy, Ontario, with Messrs. A. Johnston & Co., bankers at that place, who sent it to their agents in New York, Messrs. Smither & Watson, who had it certified on the 19th, and advised Johnston & Co. by telegraph of its payment. Johnston & Co. then settled with Walker for the draft, and that individual left for parts unknown. Messrs. Smither & Watson deposited the draft in the Bank of New York, from whence it passed through the clearing-house, and was paid by the Bank of North America on the 20th. The draft negotiated here and the one at Strathroy, Ontario, were not signed in the same handwriting, and there was probably a confederate at each place. It is understood, in accordance with a decision of the Court of Appeals in a similar case, that the loss will fall on A. Johnston & Co., of Strathroy, or Smither & Watson, their New York agents."

AN INCIDENT OF SLAVERY.—George Hall, the good-natured hired man on the farm of William Yarnall, over the river, was the recipient last week of a long letter from his father, Mr. John Hall, of Robertsport, Liberia, whom he had not seen for twenty years, the whole family—father, mother, and two sons—having been slaves in the South, and thus become scattered. The father, obtaining his freedom, found his way to Liberia, where fortune has favored him. He is engaged in coffee-raising, and says he has a coffee-grove planted for each of his boys (George and Charles), and is very urgent in his appeals that they shall come to Liberia, "their natural home," and be a comfort to him in his old age. He says that to emigrants who mean to stay the American Colonization Society will furnish a free passage, six months' provisions, a town-lot, and five or six acres of land when they arrive at Monrovia, the capital of the country. George has not yet decided to go, but feels very much like going to see his old father, but is afraid he would not like the country as well as the United States, and the cost of a trip to Africa and back again would be rather hard on his bank-account.—*Pottstown (Pa.) Ledger.*

Sam. Shriver tells the following on Dr. Beamon: Upon arriving at Richmond to attend the Convention, the Doctor approached Ford's Hotel, weary and dusty. A boot-black accosted him at the hotel entrance, "Shine, boss; have a shine?" "Yes," said the Doctor; and the boy was at his work in a moment. "But stop, what are you going to charge?" "Only ten cents, boss; jess ten cents." "Well," said the Doctor, "—— I haven't anything less than a dollar bill, but——; go ahead, go ahead and black them, and when you get through we will walk in the hotel and get this bill changed, and then I'll pay you." The boy stopped work; resting on his knees, his arms akimbo, he looked up into the florid countenance and said: "Ax yer parding, boss; but isn't you a member of de Convention?" "Yes," said the Doctor, "I'm a delegate, certainly I'm a delegate; but what have you got to do with that?" "Sorry for you, boss; sorry to let yer go off with jess one shoe blacked, but fact is *I'm fraid yer might want ter compromise dat det.*"—*Suffolk Herald.*

THE RULING PASSION STRONG IN DEATH.—The superstitions of the Chinese are sometimes very curiously exemplified. The other day a woman died in the city—she was the wife of a charcoal-dealer—who, for a long time had hoarded money secretly, the fact being hidden even from her husband. When she fell sick, she took her dollars and concealed them under her pillow, her avarice extending so far—the ruling passion strong in death—that when she died her hands were found clutching a number of the coins so tightly that it was impossible to unlock the fingers. Of course, firmly as the muscles may have been set, it would no doubt have been possible for her husband to have wrenched or cut them apart had he wished to do so; but no. "She stuck to her dollars during her life," said the widower, "and she clings to them still more desperately in death; let her have them undisturbed." And so the corpse was buried, its dead hands clasping the dollars with a desperate grip, while the rest of the poor creature's savings were put into the coffin and buried forever with her.—*Shanghai Celestial Empire.*

LONG-CONTINUED DECEPTION.—The Aroostook county (Me.) *Pioneer*, in noticing the death of W. Delavan, a "deaf mute," in San Francisco, states that the man was neither deaf nor dumb, but representing himself as such. In 1858 he was at Presque Isle as a mute artist, representing that he was sketching scenery for a panorama of Aroostook. He was made much of, and was admitted to every house as a welcome guest, and consequently became the possessor of many family secrets. He ran off with a blacksmith's daughter, to whom he had revealed the fact that he was an impostor, but the enraged father overtook them and they went back. They were finally married, however, and he subsequently deserted his wife and ran away with another woman. He afterwards turned up in the Lake Superior copper mines as a deaf-mute Government detective.

The Mobile *Register* purposes to get even with the Yankees. It announces the publication of a report made by a creditable eye-witness of an investigation of the condition of northern and eastern operatives. Its readers may prepare, it says, for a recital of horrors which no nation, ancient or modern, has ever excelled. It will show how life has to be sustained by the working classes amongst those who shed tears over the fate of the poor slave of the South, and they will shudder when they hear of the physical sufferings and moral degradation to which northern operatives are subject, drawing a long breath of thankfulness to God that never have their sugar, cotton, or rice fields been polluted by such cruelties!

Great are the mysteries of freight rates. Merchants from Wellsburg, Pa., are purchasing goods in Chicago in preference to New York, on account of the railroad freight arrangements, the freight on goods from New York to Wellsburg being $1 per hundred, while from New York to Chicago is only twenty-five cents per hundred, and the same from Chicago back to Wellsburg by water route. In other words, the freight from New York to Chicago and back to Wellsburg is only half as much as from New York to Wellsburg, which is less than half the distance between the two cities.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Anniversary Celebration of the K. K. K.

The fifth anniversary of the organization of the Konservative Kampaign Klub was celebrated at the Scheutzen Park (Brewery) yesterday. There were present altogether about one hundred gentlemen, including many city official and others prominent in Richmond political and commercial circles. The party was a thoroughly sociable and agreeable one, and the day was spent in quoit-pitching, rifle-shooting, card-playing, and in various manly, innocent, and invigorating exercises. There was no set programme, and no formalities of any sort, and as a consequence all whiled away the time happily.

Two foot races were made up. The distance agreed upon was about a hundred yards, and the course not a particularly smooth one, as it was over a piece of ground thick in places with stubble.

In the foot-race for lean men, the entries were Messrs. John Bowers, Elijah Hulce, J. H. Claiborne, Charles Clinely, John M. Hall, and W. H. Page. Bowers won the race, with Hulce second, Claiborne third, Clinely fourth, Hall fifth, and Page last.

Five fat men started in the race arranged for heavy weights. Herman Myers got in first, Frank Reilly second, O. Morgenstern third, Sam. Maccubbin (the biggest man of all) fourth, and George Robinson last. Mr. Robinson, after travelling about fifty yards at a rapid gait, had a fall, which without hurting him lost him his position in the race. Maccubbin, perhaps, would have been the winner had the judge (Mr. Keiley) acceded to his proposition for "a sealed vote," as he called it—viz., that all the contestants should carry weights, which, added to their own fleshly avoirdupois, would make each as heavy as Maccubbin.

Dinner, prepared under the supervision of Zetelle, was spread in the pavilion at 4:30. The "bright particular" dish was Brunswick stew, but other things, good and substantial, were provided in abundance, and the wines were rich and plentiful. Major Claiborne, chief of the Klub, made a short address of welcome to the guests. Just before the gentlemen left the tables Mr. Charles V. Meredith, by request of Major Claiborne, read the following letters:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, August 22, 1877.

Messrs. John H. Claiborne, John G. Mosby, and others, Committee of Invitation, &c.:

Gentlemen,—An unusual pressure of official duties denies me the liberty of attending the K. K. K. anniversary dinner of today.

Duly appreciating the courtesy and compliment of your invitation, and tendering you my congratulations upon the strength and harmony which now characterize the Conservative organization of Virginia, I have the honor to be

Your very obedient servant,
JAMES L. KEMPER.

207 WEST FRANKLIN STREET,
August 21, 1877.

Messrs. John H. Claiborne and others of Committee:

Dear Sirs,—Greatly do I regret not to be able to mingle in your festivities of the morrow. A sad domestic affliction in our family calls for my friendly services.

A good conscience makes a "man" happy. The retrospect of the K. K. K.'s, without a stimulant (and of course you won't have any), alone should make them happy.

I offer you this sentiment: "The K. K. K.: *Glorious* alliteration! Years of arduous, happy work to the State should make them enjoy their 'Holliday.'"

With you truly in heart and sentiment,
JOHN F. LAY.

RICHMOND, VA., August 22, 1877.

Major John H. Claiborne, Chief K. K. K.:

My Dear Sir,—Please make my cordial acknowledgment to the Club for their kind invitation of to-day. Till within the last half hour I indulged the hope of enjoying their generous hospitalities, always so pleasant to remember, but I find myself too closely pressed by imperative duties to indulge myself.

Congratulating the Club on completing to-day its first lustrum, and wishing it a century of existence and happiness, I am very truly and respectfully your obedient servant, ALEXANDER Q. HOLLADAY.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
OFFICE OF AUDITOR PUBLIC ACC'TS,
RICHMOND, August 22, 1877.

Messrs. John H. Claiborne and others, Committe of Invitation:

Gentlemen,—I regret my inability to accept your kind invitation to attend the fifth anniversary dinner of the Konservative Kampaign Klub, particularly because I know that when the Konservatives park their big guns at Schuetzen there will be sharp shooting that day.

Very truly, &c.,
GEORGE W. MUNFORD.

Major John H. Claiborne, Chairman, &c.:

My Dear Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind invitation to be present with your Club at their fifth annual dinner. I regret exceedingly that I shall not have that pleasure today, as I am compelled to be elsewhere.

Hopiag that you all may have a very pleasant reunion, I am, very truly, &c., your obedient servant,
CHARLES E. WORTHAM.

"*West End,*" *Henrico county,* August 22, 1877.

RICHMOND, August 22, 1877.

Major John H. Claiborne and others, Committee:

Gentlemen,—Please accept my thanks for your invitation to attend the anniversary of the K. K. K. to-day. Pressing business engagements prevent my attendance.

Wishing the "Klub" a long career in the good work they are doing, and health and prosperity to the individual members, I am very truly yours,
R. E. BLANKENSHIP.

There were no speeches.

Think of that!

A public dinner and no speeches!!

Yet there were at least two dozen gentlemen present who excel in *post-prandial* oratory.

It is even said that some had speeches committed to memory, and were prepared to utter them on slight provocation. But there was no chance given. This startling innovation upon a well-established (and much-abused) Virginia custom met with general approval. If it could be successfully practiced upon a company so largely composed of speakers and aspirants for popular favor it is certainly worthy of trial where the oratorical inclination is not so strong.

After dinner there was an amusing struggle between eight married men and the same number of bachelors. A very heavy rope—cable, rather—sixty feet long was procured. The married men took hold of one end of it, and the bachelors took hold of the other end. The bachelors pulled the married men down the first trial. On the second the married men won. On the third trial the bachelors won again.

In throwing the heavy hammer Mr. Alex. Dick far excelled all competitors.

About 6 o'clock Mr. Keiley, in a short and happy speech, presented to Mr. John Bowers, Jr., the fine leather-medal won last year by Major Claiborne by superior fleetness of foot, and this year taken from the Major by Mr. Bowers. Mr. E. C. Cabell responded handsomely for Mr. Bowers.

After this ceremony the party dispersed, with lively recollections of the pleasures of the occasion and grateful feelings for the members of the K. K. K., for Zetelle, and for all others who contributed to the success of the entertainment.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY—*Justice John J. Crutchfield presiding.*—The four colored persons arrested, charged with stealing $75 in currency and some jewelry from W. N. Newman, Esq., were discharged, it appearing that the property was taken by W. G. Newman, son of Mr. Newman. The youth (aged fifteen) waived examination, was sent on to the grand jury, and committed to jail. The money, or a considerable portion of it, and some of the jewelry, was given by the youth to a woman named Pearl Western. She and the keeper of the house, Mollie Beazley, were sent on to the grand jury for disreputable conduct.

Peter Larance was fined $5 for being drunk and lying in the street, and resisting the police.

William James and Adalaide Brown (colored), charged with a moral delinquency, took a waiver to the Hustings Court and gave bond for their appearance.

James Green, William Smith, Bernard Dent, and Charles Bram, arrested for card-playing in the neighborhood of Granite ferry. Sent to jail for thirty days in default of surety.

Edward Thomas *alias* Fitzhugh, the colored man who was arrested for picking the pocket of Mrs. Caroline Speireiser, was sent to jail for twelve months, with labor.

SCARCITY OF WATER IN THE RIVER.—The water in James river continues very low; indeed, the river is easily forded above the falls or near the Free bridge. Yesterday Superintendent Davis, of the Water-Works, commenced blasting out a ledge of rock in the river near Rutherford's old mill, above the pump-house, so as to increase the supply to the pumps and throw more water into the channel. The water has fallen in the old reservoir about six feet below the water-line, and in the new reservoir it has fallen about two feet below the usual level.

The river is, in the opinion of many, lower than it has been for forty years, and unless we have rain very shortly the matter will become one of very serious moment. In many places pools have been left by the falling water, and in these pools large numbers of fish have been caught and some killed by the boys, who now find no difficulty in getting a good, heavy string in a short time. It is to be hoped that this state of things will last only a short time.

Elsewhere in this morning's *Dispatch* will be found a notice of the Superintendent of the Water-Works urging that all fountains, street-sprinklers, and other uses of water that are not absolutely necessary for family or mechanical purposes be immediately stopped. The subject is an important one and deserves the attention of our citizens.

ANOTHER PROGENY FOR HANOVER.—The county of Hanover, which has furnished us with so many wonders lately, such as triplets, live lions, and mammoth watermelons, exhibited yesterday on our streets a giant baby, which we are sure will outweigh any other baby of the same age the world can produce.

The child is named William Henry Martin, the son of Mr. Martin, of Hanover; is two years and three months old, weighs forty-seven pounds, well developed, and handsome. It is too fat to walk, however, and it was with great difficulty that its mother, who is visiting the city, could proceed down Main street yesterday. At almost every corner the child, which she was transporting in a baby-carriage, was surrounded by an admiring crowd, which grew in numbers until some thoughtful person would request that they make way for the lady to pass; and so it would proceed, soon to be stopped again. However tiresome the journey may have proved to her, that mother must have felt her heart beat with pride at beholding such genuine admiration lavished upon her offspring from every side.

CONVICTS RECEIVED.—The following convicts were received at the penitentiary yesterday: From Botetourt—Maria Jordan, four years for unlawful cutting; expenses for sheriff and guard, $78.85. From Russell: John Farmer, twelve years for rape; William Shelton, five years for burglary. The court in this case allowed three guard, making with the sheriff four persons, to carry two prisoners to the penitentiary, costing the State $215.66.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE THEATRE.—Workmen are now engaged in cutting a large door (ten feet wide) from the lobby into the Theatre parquet, and in making other arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the patrons of that place of amusement. The stairway leading from the street to the family circle is being taken out, and will be substituted by one three feet wide. The season begins on the 3d of September.

AN EXCURSION TO NEW YORK.—The ladies of Broad-Street Methodist church have made arrangements for a grand excursion to Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, and New York *via* the York River line. The train will leave Richmond on Tuesday the 11th September at 3 o'clock P. M. The price of tickets has been put within the reach of all who will probably take part in what promises to be a most delightful excursion.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION DOWN THE RIVER. The Ladies' Sewing Society of the Third Presbyterian church have chartered the Eliza Hancox, and will make a moonlight excursion down James river on Tuesday evening next, the 28th instant. Supper and the usual refreshments will be served. A band of music will be in attendance. The steamer will leave her wharf at 7:30 o'clock.

ACCIDENT ON THE RICHMOND AND DANVILLE RAILROAD.—On Tuesday evening as a crank-car on the Richmond and Danville railroad was running down towards Chula depôt a little son of Mr. Cofer, the agent at that place, was playing upon the track, and the car backed upon him, knocking him down and severely bruising him on the side and head.

THE MOZART THIS EVENING.—The orchestra this evening will be full, and will perform three pieces—the overtures "Yelva" and "Banditenstrieche," and the beautiful "Delaware" waltzes, by Gungl. Messrs. Thilow, Kessnich, and Reinhardt will play a trio, and Mr. John D. Redford will sing two charming solos.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. N. W. Wilson, of New Orleans, formerly of Richmond, will preach at Grace-Street Baptist church on Sunday next at 11 o'clock A. M., and at Clay-Street Baptist church at 8½ P. M.

RURAL GENTLEMAN ROBBED.—Yesterday morning Mr. Edward Duke, of Louisa county, while asleep in his wagon in a lot in rear of the store of W. S. Davis & Co., Brook avenue, was robbed of $12.

A NEW DANCING ACADEMY.—We understand that Professor CHARLES W. TUMBLINSON, of Baltimore, will open a new dancing academy at Monticello Hall about the 1st of October. The Professor comes to our city highly recommended, and will give instructions in all the latest dances. With such a proficient in his art, and such a pretty and airy hall, the academy promises to be first class.

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