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SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ STUDY YOUR INTEREST.—TIMES ARE HARD—MONEY IS SCARCE—BUY YOUR DRY GOODS WHEREVER YOU CAN PURCHASE THEM THE CHEAPEST.—SYCLE BROTHERS have just received 75 cases of new and desirable goods, $9,000 worth of DRESS GOODS from a large sale in New York, which are bought at one fourth of the value.
KNICKERBOCKER DRESS GOODS, cost $1 in gold to land, are now selling at SYCLE BROTHERS' for 25c.;
DRESS GOODS seven-eighths wide, in Brown, Black, and Seal-Brown, at 25c.—sold first of the season for 60c.
Don't buy your DRESS GOODS before you go to SYCLE BROTHERS'. Their obliging clerks will show them whether you buy them or not.
DRESS GOODS at one shilling worth 25c.;
DRESS GOODS at 20c., never sold for less than 30c.;
KNICKERBOCKER DRESS GOODS at one shilling, never sold for less than 40c.;
10,000 yards of REMNANTS OF BLEACHED COTTON at 8c.; same Cotton retails in pieces at 12½c. per yard;
BLACK ALPACAS, CACHEMIRES, and all other Mourning Goods;
BLACK CACHEMIRE at 45c. worth 65c.;
BLACK CACHEMIRE at 62½c. worth 80c.;
BLACK CACHEMIRE at 75c. worth $1;
BLACK CACHEMIRE at 90c. worth $1.25;
ALL-WOOL CACHEMIRES in colors at 50c.;
ALPACAS at 23c. worth 30c.;
ALPACAS at 25c. worth 37½c.;
Our 30c. ALPACA never sold for less than 45c.;
ALPACA at 40c. worth 62½c.;
Our 50c. BRAND ALPACA certainly is worth 75c., and hundreds of other styles, which we are selling very cheap;
CASSIMERES for men's and boys' wear—an extra large assortment—which we are selling from ten to fifteen per cent. less than at the first of the season. Don't buy your CASSIMERES before you look at SYCLE BROTHERS'.
FLANNEL DEPARTMENT:
SYCLE BROTHERS have added three cases of FLANNELS to their already assorted stock of FLANNEL, from 16½c. to $1;
FLANNEL at 16½c. worth 20c.;
FLANNEL at 25c. worth 30. Don't buy your FLANNELS before you look at SYCLE BROTHERS'.
CLOAK AND SHAWL DEPARTMENT:
CLOAKS from $4.50 to $50; SHAWLS for ladies, misses, and children from 25c. to $25.
BLANKETS! BLANKETS! BLANKETS!—Look at our BLANKETS at $2 worth $3;
BLANKETS at $3 worth $5;
BLANKETS at $5 worth $8.50;
BLANKETS at $6 worth $9;
BLANKETS at $7 worth $10. Don't buy your BLANKETS before you go to SYCLE BROTHERS'.
We have thousands of new and desirable goods such as are kept in a first-class dry-goods house, but too numerous to mention for want of space.
HOSIERY, GLOVES of all description.
CORSETS, BOULEVARD SKIRTS.
All we ask is a call and be convinced that SYCLE BROTHERS have the nicest stock in the city.
Special attention paid to orders.
SYCLE BROTHERS,
311 Broad street,
de 3 between Third and Fourth streets.

☞ T. R. PRICE & CO.,
NOAH-LIKE, SAFE AFTER THE FLOOD.
Just from the large markets we can offer complete stocks of
BLACK and COLORED SILKS;
Beautiful THIRTY-EIGHT-INCH COLORED CASHMERES at 75c.;
BLACK CASHMERES from 75c. to $2;
Magnificent line of KNICKERBOCKERS;
BOURETTES and other DOMESTIC and FRENCH NOVELTIES;
GENTLEMEN'S KIDS—One- and Two-Buttons;
GENTLEMEN'S SCARFS, SHIRTS, DRAWERS, SOCKS, CUFFS, COLLARS, and other FURNISHINGS;
FINE CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, and BEAVERS a specialty with house.
We can give to these goods that warrant that *experience* and *honesty* can confer.
Just opened, enormous stock of
PLAIN BEAVER and MATELASSE CLOAKS.
We can promise satisfaction in these goods;
Assortment complete of
RUFFLINGS, EMBROIDERIES,
FRILLINGS, LACES,
BUTTONS, and other TRIMMINGS;
CRETONNES, DAMASKS, LINEN, and other HOUSEHOLD GOODS.
T. R. PRICE & CO.,
no 30 1101 Main street.

☞ THE FRESHET IS OVER
AND
COLD WEATHER HAS COME,
AND
THALHIMER BROTHERS
are daily receiving the best and cheapest supply of FALL and WINTER GOODS it has ever been their pleasure to offer, and you must not buy your dry goods until you see their goods and prices.
52 pieces DRESS GOODS at 12½ worth 16c.;
83 pieces DRESS GOODS at 16⅔ worth 22c.;
76 pieces DRESS GOODS at 20 worth 30c.;
64 pieces DRESS GOODS at 25 worth 35c.;
comprising a large line of SOLID, STRIPED, PLAID, FIGURED, KNICKERBOCKER, and MATELASSE STYLES. Give us a call on DRESS GOODS.
In BLACK ALPACAS, CACHEMIRES, MERINOS, and other black goods our stock is complete, and at prices to suit any one.
A full line of BEAVER-CLOTHS, CHINCHILLA CLOTHS, WATER-PROOF CLOTH, CASSIMERES, &c., for CLOAKS, SUITS, &c., at very low prices.
Just received a very large supply of CLOAKS, from $4 to $25—all the newest styles and trimmings—very low.
BLANKETS, QUILTS, COMFORTABLES, CARPETS, SHAWLS, SHIRTS, &c., at extra low prices to effect sales. Call and see us on these goods.
LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR—a full line at all prices.
KID GLOVES—We have just received the largest supply we have ever had, from 50c. to $1.50. Call and see our TWO-BUTTON COLORED, WHITE, BLACK, and OPERA SHADES KID GLOVES at 50c.
IN HOSIERY we have an elegant assortment in WHITE, STRIPED, and SOLID COLORS, from 12½ to 75c. a pair. Don't fail to look at our HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.
Also a large line of HANDKERCHIEFS, CORSETS, SCARFS, RIBBONS, POCKET-BOOKS, COMBS, SCARF- and HAIR-PINS, JEWELRY, and a great many other goods too numerous to mention.
We keep all shades TRIMMING-SILKS to match DRESS GOODS at 85c. a yard.
We keep all shades WORSTED FRINGES at 20, 25, 30, and 35c. to match goods.
We keep all shades SILK BUTTONS.
We keep all kinds of BUTTONS for DRESSES, CLOAKS, &c.
We keep everything contained in a first-class dry goods store at prices to defy any competition, and all we ask is a call to be convinced of the fact at
THALHIMER BROTHERS',
601 Broad street, corner Sixth street.

N. B.—MR. CHARLES HUTZLER is with us, and will be pleased to see his many friends and customers at THALHIMER BROTHERS'.
de 1 601 Broad street.

☞ COHEN BROTHERS ARE AGAIN
opening a large stock of goods purchased to great advantage, and as usual they offer the benefit to their customers.
They will offer on Monday an extensive stock of DRESS GOODS at 12½c., heretofore sold at 16½c.
All the better class of DRESS GOODS reduced at a proportionate rate.
DRESS GOODS reduced from 35c. to 25c.; 6-4 ALL-WOOL DAMASSES at $1.50.
They are in receipt also of several cases of BLACK ALPACA at 25 and 30c. worth from 12½ to 15c. a yard more;
A large lot of FRENCH CASHMERES in BLACK and COLORED.
Also, from a retiring importer, large additions to their stock of BLACK and COLORED SILKS
In SILK GOODS prices have recently undergone constant changes, and COHEN BROTHERS offer every advantage to compete with the New York market.
250 pieces of WHITE FLANNELS of the celebrated Quechee mills at 25 per cent. less than the former price;
Another large addition to their stock of LADIES' CLOAKS;
You can also save $1 a yard by buying your BEAVER CLOAKING at COHEN BROTHERS';
In BLACK and COLORED SILK VELVETS they offer the most extensive assortment;
Also, a large stock of MERINO VESTS (see their LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S MERINO VESTS at 35c.), nearly all-wool, at 85c., marked value being $1.25;
The KID GLOVES sold at COHEN BROTHERS' for 75c. a pair are fully worth $1.50 a pair;
They are selling CARPETS at 15 and 16½c., IN GRAIN at 30 and 35c., PENITENTIARY MADE at 37½c., ALL-WOOL TWO-PLY at 60 in and 65c.; also, some exquisite patterns THREE-PLY and TAPESTRY;
UPHOLSTERY REPS, 50 inches wide, at 90c. and $1 worth fully $1.50;
CRETONS in various designs;
In HOSIERY, GLOVES, RIBBONS, FRINGES, FANCY GOODS, and general small-wear, they offer many inducements;
Also, 36 pieces ENGLISH CRAPE at a great sacrifice.
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BILL-HEADS, $7 to $10 per ream, at the DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ GOOD NEWS FOR ALL!
More bargains at LEVY BROTHERS' than anywhere else. The best-assorted, finest, and most carefully-selected stock of DRY GOODS in this city to be closed out at prices that speak for themselves.
Particular attention is called to our stock of
BLACK GROS-GRAIN SILKS, which we offer at prices lower than they can be bought even in New York;
We want you to look at our SILKS and be convinced that you can do well by buying from us;
COLORED SILKS we offer at very attractive prices;
FANCY SILKS now marked down to bottom value;
CLAIR-DE-LUNE SILK in our assortment of colors;
DOUBLE-TWILL CASHMERE we have just received in superior qualities to previous offers. We place them at the same attractive prices as before, and have all the desirable shades of the season.
CORDED POPLIN reduced to 16½c. a yard. The assortment of colors is complete, and the goods themselves the cheapest lot of dress goods ever sold in this city.
KNICKERBOCKER SUITINGS at 8½c. a yard—real value 12½c.;
BOURETTE SUITINGS at 12½ and 15c. a yard;
BLACK CASHMERE, every quality from the lowest grade to the finest made—we offer these goods fully 25 per cent. under regular prices, and can confidently recommend them as being in every respect good goods and not to be equalled by any one at the prices we sell them;
BLACK CLOTH CLOAKS from the largest and most fashionable manufacturers in New York; also, a few IMPORTED BERLIN CLOAKS, no two of which are alike, and not to be found elsewhere in this city.
We offer our entire stock of CLOAKS at particularly low prices, so as to close out our immense assortment of this season's styles.
We have CLOAKS from as low as $4 up to $40. We can furnish a Cloak at any price, as our stock is so well assorted.
Look at our EVERLASTING TRIMMING at 50c. for a piece of twelve yards, worth fully 10c. a yard.
Our stock of HAMBURGH EDGINGS and INSERTINGS comprises the cheapest goods ever brought to this city.
HAMBURGH EDGINGS at 5, 6½, 8½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, and 25c.
LOOK AT OUR BLANKETS,
LOOK AT OUR BLANKETS,
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CHEAPEST BLANKETS IN THE CITY,
CHEAPEST BLAKETTS IN THE CITY,
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LEVY BROTHERS',
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PAPETERIES, in fifty new styles, just received.
NOTE-PAPER at $1 a ream for a good article.
ENVELOPES, all colors, at 5c. a package.
RUFFLINGS and COLLARETTES in a large variety of styles;
SKIRT-SUPPORTERS and SKIRT-PROTECTERS;
JEWELRY, SCARF-PINS, SLEEVE-BUTTONS;
RINGS and PENCILS;
UNBLEACHED, BLEACHED, and COLORED KNITTING-COTTON, COTTON-YARN;
CARPET-WARP—all colors;
WHITE DRESS-SHIRTS at $1 apiece, made in the best manner, of Wamsutta Cotton and fine Irish Linen, completely finished;
GENTLEMEN'S and LADIES' UNDERWEAR of every description;
GENTLEMEN'S MERINO SHIRTS and DRAWERS at 40c.;
BOYS' and MISSES' SHIRTS;
UNION SUITS, for children;
MOTTOES, on black and white ground;
CHROMOS, handsomely framed;
MOTTO-FRAMES; RUSTIC FRAMES, all sizes;
POLISHED WALNUT FRAMES, for photographs, pictures, &c.;
CASSIMERES, KERSEYS, CLOAKINGS;
TOWELS, SHEETINGS, TABLE-DAMASK;
BLEACHED and TURKEY-RED TABLE-DAMASK;
CRETONNES, for furniture covering;
WHITE, RED, GRAY, and BLUE FLANNEL;
TWILLED FLANNEL, OPERA FLANNEL;
BLEACHED and UNBLEACHED CANTON FLANNEL;
VENETIAN, INGRAIN, THREE-PLY, and TAPESTRY CARPETS;
OIL-CLOTH MATS;
VELVET and TAPESTRY MATS and RUGS;
FLOOR- and TABLE-OIL-CLOTH;
LACE CURTAINS, COMFORTABLES;
and thousands of other articles—all at the very lowest cash prices.
We have but one price—the lowest.
LEVY BROTHERS,
1017 and 1019 Main street.
We open our CHRISTMAS DEPARTMENT on MONDAY NEXT. no 29

☞ COD-LIVER OIL.
MEADE & BAKER'S
MEDICINALLY PURE.
IMPORTED DIRECT
We have the testimony of physicians who prescribe it, and of patients who have taken it, that IT IS MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE STOMACH AND MORE EASILY ASSIMILATED THAN ANY OTHER OIL.
MEADE & BAKER,
Importing and Dispensing Pharmacists,
no 15 919 Main street, Richmond, Va.

AMUSEMENTS.

CONCERT ON TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 4TH, AT MOZART HALL, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS OF THE MOZART ORCHESTRA.
PROGRAMME:
I.
1. Overture—"Masaniello"....Auber. ORCHESTRA.
2. Duo—"A Night in Venice"....Lucantoni. MRS. REINHARDT and MR. J. D. REDFORD.
3. Solo Violin—"The Little Grandma-ma," Gustave Lange. DR. J. BARTKOWSKI.
4. Solo Soprano—Grand aria from "The Magic Flute"....Mozart. MISS ALICE SWAIN.
5. Solo Cornet—Cavatini from "Nebucodonosor," Verdi. (with orchestra accompaniment) MR. JACOB BEIER.
II.
1. Pot-pourri—"Zucker Backer"....Hamm. (Confectioner) ORCHESTRA.
2. Solo Soprano—"Der Himmel hat ein thrane geweint"....Kucken. (Heaven Has Shed a Tear) (with 'cello obligato by Mr. Thilow) MRS. REINHARDT.
3. Solo Violin—"Ballade et Polonaise de Concert," Vieuxtemps. MR. KESSNICH.
4. Solo Baritone.... MR. W. H. GRANT.
5. Solo Soprano—"Good Night, My Lovely Child," Abt. MRS. REINHARDT.
6. Scena and Aria—"Miserere, Il Trovatore"..Verdi. MISS ALICE SWAIN.
Tickets for the concert 50c., to be obtained at Wyatt's music-store and at the door. de 3-2t

TWO GRAND INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL CONCERTS, AT MOZART HALL, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, December 11th and 12th, BY ROSA D'ERINA, PRIMA DONNA OF IRELAND, as performed by her over one thousand nights in the principal cities of Europe and America.
Admission, 50 cents; reserved seats, 75c.; to be obtained at WYATT'S music-emporium, 920 Main street. For particulars see small bills.
de 3-M,Tu,S,M,Tu,&W

DIVIDENDS.

RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG RAILROAD CO., TREASURER'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., November 28, 1878.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT. on the capital stock of this company has been declared, payable at the office of the company, in the city of Richmond, Va., on and after the SECOND MONDAY (14th) in January, 1878.
The transfer-books will be closed on the 9TH OF JANUARY, 1878. M. W. YARRINGTON,
no 29-tJa14 Treasurer

TO DANIEL B. STEGER, JR., EXECUTOR OF DANIEL B. STEGER, DECEASED.—Take notice that at Powhatan courthouse, at the clerk's office, on the 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1878, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, I shall, as commissioner in chancery of the Circuit Court of Powhatan, proceed to execute the order of a decree of said court pronounced on the 5th of April, 1877, in the cause of Campbell and wife *vs.* Daniel B. Steger's executor and others, in which decree I am ordered to take and settle your accounts as executor of Daniel B. Steger, and to ascertain what assets of the estate of the said decedent you, as executor of said decedent, had in your hands unaccounted for at the time of your removal from the limits of the Commonwealth.
JOHN SPEARS,
Commissioner Circuit Court of Powhatan.
WILLIAM POPE DABNEY, p. q. de 4-Tu4w

BOOK AND JOB WORK NEATLY EXECUTED AT THE DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE.

Richmond Dispatch.

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

TUESDAY.....DECEMBER 4, 1877.

## WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, falling possibly followed by a temporary rise in barometer, and warmer, clear or partly cloudy weather are probable, with southerly to westerly winds in the former, and southerly to easterly winds in the latter.

For the South Atlantic States, falling barometer, increasing easterly to southerly winds, cloudiness, rising temperature, and followed by rain.

For the East Gulf States, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, falling barometer, increasing easterly to southerly winds, warmer, threatening, and rainy weather, and followed in the western portions by rising barometer and colder northwesterly winds.

For the West Gulf States, falling barometer, southeasterly winds shifting to northwesterly, warmer, threatening and rainy succeeded by colder, clearing weather.

For the canal regions of Indiana, Ohio, and the Middle States, temperature remains above freezing Tuesday night.

Cautionary signals continue at Indianola and Galveston, and are ordered for New Orleans, Mobile, Grand Haven, Chicago, Milwaukee, and Section 1.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and very cool.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 29; 9 A. M., 33; noon, 46; 3 P. M., 47; 6 P. M., 42; midnight, 32.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO CAPTAIN OLIVER J. SCHOOLCRAFT.—Captain O. J. Schoolcraft met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock, while driving from his country residence, on the Grove road, into the city. He had arrived at the intersection of Franklin and Laurel streets, when his horse fell, upsetting the buggy, and throwing him and his companion, Mr. Phil. August, out upon the roadway. Mr. August was but slightly injured. Captain Schoolcraft fell on his forehead with great violence, and was knocked senseless. It very fortunately happened that Dr. Cunningham was attending a patient in the immediate neighborhood, and in three minutes after the accident he was at Captain Schoolcraft's side. For some moments it was almost impossible to tell whether or not life was left in him, but signs of vitality slowly returned, and he was then taken into Dr. Smith's residence and kindly cared for. He was unconscious two or three hours, and at one time fatal consequences were feared.

Yesterday evening, his condition having improved and consciousness returned, he was removed to the residence of Dr. Beattie, his step-father, at the west end of the Grove road.

Dr. Cunningham hopes that Captain Schoolcraft is not very badly injured. But as he has undoubtedly suffered concussion of the brain, it will be some days, in all probability, under the most favoring circumstances, before he can be pronounced out of danger.

Captain Schoolcraft was on yesterday engaged in removing some of his furniture from his Grove-road place to rooms in the Piedmont and Arlington building, and had seen the last wagon loaded before he started in in his buggy. He was not driving very fast at the time of the accident. It is said by some that his buggy-wheels struck against the street-railway track where it sharply curves, and that thus the horse was thrown down and carried with him the buggy. It was with considerable difficulty that the fallen horse could be raised.

A gentleman who came in from Captain Schoolcraft's between 10 and 11 o'clock last night reported that the patient was delirious, and that Dr. Beattie felt very uneasy about him.

MEETING OF THE TOBACCO TRADE—ELECTION OF A BOARD OF MANAGERS.—A meeting of the Tobacco Trade was held at the Tobacco Exchange yesterday at 12½ o'clock P. M.

The President (B. C. Gray) occupied the chair, with Peyton Wise as secretary.

The first business in order was the election of six members of the trade to constitute a Board of Managers.

The two tickets announced in the *Dispatch* of last Saturday were placed in nomination. The balloting resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen: Messrs. W. T. Carrington, P. H. Mayo, R. A. Mills, W. H. Perkins, W. D. Gibson, and James T. Gray.

Messrs. Carrington and Mayo were on both of the tickets. After the election of managers a number of rules and regulations were adopted and other business of importance to the trade, but not of general interest, was transacted. The other officers of the Tobacco Trade are: Messrs. B. C. Gray, president; James A. Scott, vice-president, and Peyton Wise secretary and treasurer. Of the above officers and managers, Messrs. B. C. Gray, James A. Scott, Peyton Wise, P. H. Mayo, R. A. Mills, and James T. Gray are buyers; Messrs. W. T. Carrington and W. D. Gibson are sellers, and Mr. W. H. Perkins is an inspector of tobacco at Shockoe warehouse.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE—CAUCUSES. The General Assembly will meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock. Messrs. Marshall Hanger, James Barbour, John Echols, Lewis E. Harvie, T. T. Fauntleroy, Thomas S. Bocock, Charles T. Smith, and other members, have already arrived.

It seems understood that Mr. Bocock will run against Mr. Hanger for the Speakership.

A caucus of the Conservative members of the House will be held in the hall of the House to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock.

If a sufficient number of senators are here a caucus of senators will be held in their chamber at 8 o'clock.

A THIEF JUMPS IN THE DOCK.—About 7 o'clock last night James Johnson (a negro man) entered the store of Messrs. J. E. Morris & Co., on Main street near Seventeenth, and stole a box of soap. He was making off with his plunder when he was detected by a clerk in the store, who gave the alarm. Policeman Rex, of the First station, who was on that beat, gave chase. Johnson made for the dock, dropping the box on the way. The policeman pressed him so closely that when he reached the dock, near Seventeenth street, Johnson made a plunge into the water, and was making for the opposite bank. Policeman Rex procured a boat and started in pursuit, catching him about midway. After some difficulty the darkey was gotten out and taken to the First station, protesting all along that he had not committed any offence. The soap was recovered.

SOUTHERN FREIGHT.—The Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company are advised that the steamer from Portsmouth, Va., to Wilmington, N. C., has a full cargo, and consequently the railroad company will not receive freight for southern points (except Newberne, Washington, N. C., and points on Tar river) until further notice. Another steamer will leave Portsmouth in a few days, about which the public will hereafter be duly informed.

TO TRAVELLERS.—The 10 A. M. train on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad has been withdrawn for the present. The 11:30 P. M. train stops at Petersburg for the present, but will run through in a short time.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

A PETITION FROM THE JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA CANAL COMPANY FOR $25,000 TO AID IN REPAIRING THE CANAL—AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION—THE WHOLE SUBJECT REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE—RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT ANDERSON AND ELECTION OF MR. GEORGE L. CHRISTIAN—FRAMED BUILDINGS—RESIGNATION OF MR. PULLIAM—MR. SKINKER ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE BODY FROM CLAY WARD.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon. President Anderson in the chair. Present at roll-call: Messrs. Adams, Christian, Curtis, Davis, Ellett, Foster, Guy, Hargrove, Haxall, Hayes, Higgins, Johnson, King, Manson, Metzger, Oliver, Stokes, Straus, Talbott, Taylor, Timberlake, Vandervall, Whitlock, and Wood.

THE DAMAGE TO THE CANAL BY THE FLOOD.

Mr. Guy moved that the regular order of business be suspended in order that a petition from the James River and Kanawha Company, and citizens generally, might be considered. Agreed to.

Mr. Guy then presented a petition from the president of the James River and Kanawha Company, Major J. W. Johnston, and a large number of citizens, asking that the city aid the company in the sum of $25,000, to be expended in repairing the canal between Richmond and Lynchburg.

Mr. Guy moved that Major Johnston be heard in regard to the damage to the canal. Agreed to—ayes, 16; noes, 6.

Mr. Vandervall asked the Chair to request Major Johnston in the outset to tell the Council how much money the company now owes the city. [Laughter.]

Major Johnston addressed the Council, and said the damage was not as great as at first believed. From this city to Lynchburg the damage amounted to $50,000; at Lynchburg, $10,000; and west of Lynchburg, $50,000.

Major Johnston said that in 1870 the damage amounted to $270,000, and that Richmond furnished $200,000 of that amount; that the interest on that sum, amounting to about $80,000, had not been paid; and that that sum and $576,000 of stock constituted the debt of the company to the city of Richmond.

Mr. Vandervall inquired what the company did with the money that was made on the canal.

Major Johnston replied that he would furnish the honorable gentleman, or any other member, with the reports of the company showing how the money had been expended.

Mr. Guy asked where the company expected to get the other $25,000 from if the city of Richmond should furnish $25,000.

He replied that he had hoped to get $25,000 from the Legislature, but he did not know that the money could be gotten.

Mr. Pulliam said he was at the meeting of the directors of the James River Company when it was decided to ask the city for this sum. He went there feeling that the city could not give any relief to the company, but from information received as to the benefit of the canal to the city, he was willing to offer a resolution appropriating $25,000 for the purpose named, contingent upon aid to be furnished by the State. He then presented a resolution appropriating $25,000 out of the resources of 1878.

Mr. Curtis asked Major Johnston what guarantee the company would give for the payment of the interest; whether the company would pledge the receipts of the dock?

Major Johnston said that the company would give in exchange the bonds of the company to secure the payment of the money so expended.

Mr. Christian moved that Mr. W. H. Palmer, a citizen of Richmond, be allowed to address the Council in opposition to the apropriation. Agreed to.

Colonel Palmer addressed the Council as a tax-payer in opposition to the scheme. He said he was tired of spending money to aid the canal without any security being given for the payment of the money. He deemed the question asked by Mr. Curtis as very pertinent. He then went on to refer to the James-River valley, its fertility and value, and the importance of a railway line up the James-River valley connecting at Clifton Forge with the outlet to the great West. But for the canal such a line would long ago have been built. When the water rose thirty feet he prayed to God that it might rise to fifty feet and wipe out the canal-locks and everything else connected with the canal. [Laughter.] The canal had always been a curse to the city of Richmond, and he sincerely hoped that no more money would be expended in such a fruitless enterprise. He appeared as a tax-payer, and as large a tax-payer as any in the city, to oppose the appropriation of any more money for this purpose.

Mr. Pulliam pressed his resolution to appropriate $25,000, provided the State of Virginia will furnish the necessary convicts and aid in other ways to repair the canal. He said he believed it was the wish of the business-men generally that this sum should be appropriated. If there was any doubt about it he thought it might be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion as to the right of the City Council to expend this money.

Mr. Whitlock presented a resolution as a substitute for Mr. Pulliam's, declaring it inexpedient to appropriate any money at this time for the purpose named. He said that all of our citizens regretted the disaster to the canal, but he did not think the city could afford to give the canal any more aid. Whenever the canal is in trouble the company comes to the city of Richmond and asks aid. He was greatly impressed with Major Johnston's ability as president of the company, but he did not believe the canal could be repaired for the sum asked for. He thought it might be best to put the canal in the hands of a receiver.

Mr. Guy said that if the canal was to go down for want of this money it might be well for Richmond to furnish the $25,000; it might be to the interest of the city to give the aid asked for. He thought that it might be well for a committee to inquire into the matter and report whether the markets of Richmond could afford to be deprived of the wheat, tobacco, corn, and other articles that came to the city by the canal. He moved that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Anderson (Mr. Taylor being in the chair) addressed the Council. He remembered when the canal was commenced under the advice of some of the wisest men in the State. He did not think the Council was ready to vote upon the question. He was not at present prepared to express an opinion; but it behooved the Council to look at the question with care and see whether there are good reasons for substituting for the canal a railroad upon its banks. He had made up his mind that there should be instituted a commission, or that the Board of Public Interests should report as to whether we can afford to repair the canal every time it is washed away. He would get from competent engineers versed in such matters—and he would name our engineer of the James-River Improvement, Mr. H. D. Whitcomb, as one well able to say—whether it would be expedient to abandon the canal and build a railroad upon its banks. All these facts ought to be ascertained. He was, however, in favor of giving the $25,000 asked for as a temporary relief to restore the canal to Lynchburg.

Mr. Anderson then presented a preamble and series of resolutions as pertinent to the subject under discussion, stating that for forty years the experiment of the canal had been tried without accomplishing such results as its friends anticipated.

The preamble also states that the minds of many of our most reflecting people have become greatly exercised on the question whether it would not be better even now to substitute for the canal a railroad on its banks, extending all the way from Richmond to Clifton Forge.

The resolutions provide that the Board of Public Interests shall confer with the authorities of the canal company and with the Engineer of the city and the Engineer of the James-River Improvement as to the proposed change, the approximate estimate as may be made for them by the engineers referred to of the cost of a railroad from Richmond to Clifton Forge on the bank of the canal.

Mr. Talbott did not believe that $25,000 would be enough for the work of repairing the canal. If he thought it would be enough he would cheerfully vote for that sum.

Mr. Straus suggested that the matter had better be submitted to the people. If the Legislature had anything to do with it they would let Richmond subscribe a million dollars.

Mr. Christian, as a substitute for all the propositions, presented a resolution submitting the question to the qualified voters of the city on the second Thursday in January, 1878.

The names of the citizens and merchants asking the city to appropriate $25,000 were read.

Mr. Straus said that there seemed to him to be about one hundred names on the list, and if each one of those gentlemen would give one hundred dollars the required amount would be speedily raised. [Laughter.]

Mr. Anderson spoke again in favor of the $25,000 proposition.

Mr. Manson moved to amend Mr. Christian's resolution so as to insert 17th of December instead of second Thursday in January.

Mr. Starke said he wanted to be satisfied that $25,000 would repair the canal before he voted for it. If it would do so he would vote for it.

Mr. Manson's amendment to fix the election on the 17th of December was rejected.

Mr. Christian's proposition to submit it to a vote of the people on the second Thursday in January, 1878, was rejected—ayes, 7; noes, 21.

Mr. Guy's motion to refer the matter to the Finance Committee was agreed to—ayes, 17; noes, 9.

Mr. Anderson now brought forward his resolutions again as to the expediency of substituting a railroad for the canal; which were adopted.

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT ANDERSON—ELECTION OF MR. GEORGE L. CHRISTIAN.

Mr. Anderson, president of the Council, now presented his resignation as such, and a member of the body from Clay Ward, with appropriate remarks.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Taylor presented a preamble and resolutions highly eulogistic; which were unanimously adopted.

The election of a president being next in order Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. George L. Christian for the position, and he was elected unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Straus, a committee of three was appointed to escort Mr. Christian to the chair.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Straus, Taylor, and Hayes.

Mr. Christian, upon taking the chair, made a handsome and appropriate response for the compliment just conferred upon him.

Mr. Charles R. Skinker was elected to fill the vacancy in the Council from Clay Ward.

Mr. Straus moved that when the Council adjourn it adjourn to meet on Friday at 5 P. M. 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: Lewis Hall, building two stories high, with shed, on Judah street between Leigh and Duval streets; W. J. Bowe, addition to house on Morris street between Main and Cary streets; Thomas Kane, two kitchens on Main street between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth; J. L. Brown, dwelling on St. Peter street near Jackson street; S. A. Dunn, addition to dwelling on Broad between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets; J. L. Taliaferro, office on Union street between Grace and Franklin streets. Agreed to.

RELIEF FOR SUFFERERS BY THE FLOOD.

Mr. Curtis presented a joint resolution authorizing the expenditure of such a sum as may be necessary for the relief of persons who have lost their all by the late flood, the money to be expended only in deserving cases. Agreed to.

FROM THE MAYOR.

The Sergeant-at-Arms presented to the Council a communication from the Mayor vetoing a resolution of the Council authorizing the granting of permits for erection of wooden buildings and the publication of the same; which was laid on the table.

RESIGNATION OF MR. PULLIAM.

Mr. Haxall presented the resignation of Mr. Samuel H. Pulliam, from Monroe Ward, which was accepted.

Mr. Curtis presented a complimentary resolution to Mr. Pulliam, which was adopted.

Adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

THE MOFFETT PUNCH.—Justice White on yesterday sent on to the Hustings Court for indictment Joseph Pearman, Jacob Orme, Daniel Beach, and Cary Trabue, charged with attempting to extort money from Mary Baccigalupo by threatening to report her for violation of the Moffett law. The young men deny the charge—on the contrary, allege that the accuser offered to pay them not to report her. It is expected that Mrs. Baccigalupo, or her husband, will be indicted for violation of the liquor law.

THE FLOOD-SUFFERERS' BENEFIT.—Our people should not forget the entertainment at the Tabernacle, corner of Twenty-sixth and Broad streets, to-night for the benefit of the sufferers by the recent flood. There is much destitution among them, and they need the aid of the charitable. Aside from this, the entertainment will be well worth the small price of admission. The programme embraces tableaux, charades, and vocal and instrumental music.

FIRE YESTERDAY MORNING.—Yesterday morning at 9:18 an alarm of fire was turned in at Station 24, corner of Seventeenth and Washington streets, caused by the partial burning of a two-story brick building, No. 902 Seventeenth street. The property was owned by James Upshur, was occupied by John Frayser, and caught from sparks from a chimney. Loss, $25; insured for $700 in the Richmond Banking and Insurance Company.

FINED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.—George Isaacs, James Mallory, and W. G. Davidson, were on yesterday fined twenty-five dollars each (or, in default, six months' imprisonment) for trespassing on the premises of Mollie Meade, in Exchange alley; for attacking the girls there, and for other disorderly conduct on Sunday.

THE TUGBOAT ARCTIC.—Divers were engaged yesterday examining the bottom of the tug Arctic, sunk in the river during the freshet. The hole in her bottom was temporarily stopped, and to-day the work of raising her will be commenced.

THE CONCERT AT MOZART HALL TO-NIGHT.—A very attractive programme has been arranged for the concert to take place to-night for the benefit of the professional musicians of the Mozart orchestra. All lovers of good music, vocal and instrumental, who fail to attend will have much to regret.

THE GESANGVEREIN VIRGINIA.—At a monthly meeting of this association last night at Sanger Halle Professor Charles Seibert was elected musical director, to succeed Mr. C. Siegel, who, having served for several years, tendered his resignation about a month ago and declined reëlection.

## CHURCH NOTES.

ADDITIONS AND BAPTISMS IN THE BAPTIST AND METHODIST CHURCHES—DEDICATION SERVICES OF THE NEW PARK-PLACE METHODIST CHURCH—OTHER CHURCH ITEMS.

At the Venable-Street Baptist church the pastor baptized one person on Sunday.

At Grace-Street Baptist church the pastor, Dr. William E. Hatcher, having recovered from his sickness, filled his pulpit morning and night, and at night baptized one candidate.

At Sidney Baptist church the pastor, Rev. H. Hatcher, received one for baptism, and in the afternoon baptized eleven persons. The protracted meeting at his church has closed.

At Pine-Street Baptist church Rev. J. H. Barnes (assisting the pastor in protracted meeting) preached morning and night tender and acceptable sermons. The pastor baptized five and received two for baptism, and gave the right hand of fellowship at the communion service. Services every night this week at 7½ o'clock.

At Clay-Street Baptist church there was preaching morning and night by the pastor. Prayer-meetings will commence on Wednesday night and continue each night at 7½