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MEETINGS.

MASONIC NOTICE.—The members of ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 36, A. F. and A. M., are requested to attend a stated meeting at St. Alban's Hall, corner Third and Main streets, THIS (Tuesday) EVENING at 6 o'clock. All Master Masons in good standing are fraternally invited. By order of the W. M.
WALTER MOORE, Secretary.
JANUARY 8, A. L. 5878, A. D. 1878. ja 8-1t*

FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE.—The members of OLD DOMINION COUNCIL, F. of T., No. 130, will attend a stated meeting at Wilkinson's Hall, Ninth street near Franklin, THIS (Tuesday) EVENING at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance each member will be brought before the Council.
D. W. BOHONON, President.
ja 8-1t*

CITY BANK OF RICHMOND, VA., January 7, 1878.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this bank will be held at the Planters National Bank building on MONDAY, January 14, 1878, at 7:30 P. M.
EDWARD COHEN, Cashier.
ja 7-td

OFFICE MERCHANTS AND MECHANICS INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, No. 1214 MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA., January 5, 1878.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of this Company will be held at this office on MONDAY, January 21st, at 12 M. Stockholders unable to attend will please leave their proxies with the secretary.
J. B. MOORE, Secretary.
ja 7-td

OFFICE OF RICHMOND PERPETUAL BUILDING, LOAN, AND TRUST COMPANY, No. 6 ELEVENTH STREET, RICHMOND, VA., January 5, 1878.
NOTICE.—The annual meeting of this company, for the election of directors, will be held on TUESDAY, January 8th, at 8 P. M., at their office. Stockholders are requested to be present in person, or send their proxies.
By order of the Board of Directors.
WILLIAM LOVENSTEIN, Cashier.
ja 5-3t

PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK, RICHMOND, VA., January 4, 1878.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS BANK will be held in their banking-house on TUESDAY, January 8, 1878, at 12 o'clock M.
W. R. QUARLES, Cashier.
ja 5-3t

NATIONAL BANK OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND, VA., December 7, 1877.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this bank for the election of directors will be held on TUESDAY, January 8th, at 12 o'clock M.
J. W. LOCKWOOD, Cashier.
de 7,8&Ja4,6,8

OFFICE OF THE MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS SAVINGS BANK, RICHMOND, January 1, 1878.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this bank will be held at their office on TUESDAY EVENING, January 15, 1878, at 5 o'clock.
WILLIAM A. JENKINS, Cashier.
ja 2-td

GRANITE INSURANCE COMPANY, (Office, 1103 Main street), RICHMOND, VA., December 29, 1877.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the company's office on WEDNESDAY, 9th of January, at 12 M.
T. G. PEYTON, Secretary.
de 31-td

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the STOCKHOLDERS of the OLD DOMINION INSURANCE COMPANY will be held at 12 M. TUESDAY, 8th of January, in the office of the company.
J. D. McINTIRE, Secretary.
de 31-td

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RICHMOND, RICHMOND, VA., December 7, 1877.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RICHMOND will be held at their banking-house, in the city of Richmond, on TUESDAY the 8th day of January, 1878, at 12 o'clock M.
S. A. GLOVER, Cashier.
de 8-8tJa8

OFFICE UNION BANK OF RICHMOND, RICHMOND, December 27, 1877.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE UNION BANK OF RICHMOND will be held on THURSDAY, 10th January, 1878, in the rooms over the First National Bank, at 12 o'clock M., for the election of a Board of Directors. Stockholders are requested to be present in person or by proxy.
JAMES MILLER, Cashier.
de 28-td

AMUSEMENTS.

RICHMOND THEATRE.
TO-NIGHT—JANAUSCHEK,
in the great tragedy in seven acts, from the song of Nibelungen, entitled
BRUNHILD.
Brunhild.....JANAUSCHEK.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH,
CHESNEY WOLD.
Lady Dedlock, Hortense, ...JANAUSCHEK.
Secured seats $1—to be had at JOHNSTON'S and box-office of Theatre.
THURSDAY, Mrs. CHANFRAU. ja 8-1t*

RICHMOND THEATRE.
THREE NIGHTS AND SATURDAY MATINEE.
The beautiful and cultured "society" star, Mrs. HENRIETTA CHANFRAU, supported in a series of exquisite performances, in which she won distinguished honors, by C. W. TAYLEURE'S splendid company.
THURSDAY EVENING, January 10, C. W. Tayleure's powerful new comedy-drama entitled, PARTED, OR THE BANK FAILURE. "The success of the season."—*New York Herald.*
FRIDAY, January 11th, Sheridan Knowles exquisite play, THE HUNCHBACK.
SATURDAY MATINEE at 2 o'clock, C. W. Tayleure's famous adaptation entitled JEALOUSY, the original version of "MISS MULTON." Performed with signal success in New York.
SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, Boucicault's famous fashionable comedy, LONDON ASSURANCE, as given by Mrs. Chanfrau with great success in New York and Boston.
Sale of seats commences TUESDAY, 9 A. M., at Johnston's and box-office of Theatre. Secured seats, $1. ja 7-4t

MISTLETOE-BOUGH MATINEE,
MOZART HALL, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH,
3 o'clock P. M.
At the urgent request of many citizens the lovely pantomime of the MISTLETOE BOUGH will be repeated for a benevolent object at the above mentioned time and place.
Tickets for sale at WYATT'S music-store.
Admission: Adults, 50c.; children, 25c. No extra charge for reserved seats. ja 7-3t

LECTURE.
REV. WILLIAM E. HATCHER, D. D., will deliver his inimitable lecture on "THE MODERN DANCE" on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, January 8th, at the Venable-Street Baptist church, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society. Admission, 25c. ja 7-2t*

BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RICHMOND, AT RICHMOND, IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 28, 1877:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$1,059,623 40
Overdrafts	2,796 42
United States bonds to secure circulation	533,350 00
United States bonds to secure deposits	100,000 00
Other stocks, bonds, and mortgages	20,819 32
Due from approved reserve agents	93,050 94
Due from other national banks	21,904 15
Due from State banks and bankers	10,426 27
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures	26,000 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	12,043 10
Exchanges for clearing-house	36,169 12
Bills of other banks	27,542 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	1,725 07
Specie (including gold Treasury certificates)	6,810 96
Legal-tender notes	103,000 00
Redemption fund with United States Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	21,700 00
Total	$2,076,960 75

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$600,000 00
Surplus fund	175,000 00
Undivided profits	70,917 29
National-bank notes outstanding	480,000 00
Dividends unpaid	175 00
Individual deposits subject to check	559,743 98
United States deposits	74,918 26
Deposits of United States disbursing officers	823 99
Due to other national banks	56,177 52
Due to State banks and bankers	59,004 71
Total	$2,076,760 75

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF HENRICO, ss:
I, S. A. Glover, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
S. A. GLOVER, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1878.
W. T. ALLEN, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
I. DAVENPORT, JR., B. F. LADD, A. CARLTON, WILLIAM HATCHER, } Directors.
ja 8-1t

Richmond Dispatch.

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

TUESDAY.....JANUARY 8, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the South Atlantic States, falling barometer, southeast to northeast winds, warmer, partly cloudy weather, preceding an area of low pressure.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, falling barometer, warmer southeast to southwest winds, cloudy and partly cloudy weather, and light snow or rain.

For the Middle Atlantic States and New England, rising followed by stationary barometer, cooler northwest to warmer southerly winds, partly cloudy or clear weather.

Cautionary signals continue at Galveston and New Orleans.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and cold.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 16; 9 A. M., 22; noon, 32; 3 P. M., 29; 6 P. M., 27; midnight, 18.

LOCAL MATTERS.

CAUCUS TO-NIGHT.—The following notice was read out to the members immediately after the adjournment of the two houses yesterday:

"A caucus of the Conservative party of the General Assembly will be held in the hall of the House of Delegates to-morrow (Tuesday) at 7½ o'clock P. M.

"W. H. F. LEE, Chairman."

CHURCH NOTES.—At the Monumental church on Sunday morning Rev. F. M. Baker read the service and Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, the pastor, preached. In the afternoon Rev. William Powers preached.

At the First Baptist church Rev. H. A. Tupper, D. D., preached in the morning a very clear and forcible sermon on tithes and offerings. At night the pastor preached and baptized four persons. In the afternoon the Sunday school held a meeting and reelected the officers of the last year mainly.

At the Clay-Street Baptist church Rev. J. B. Turpin preached in the morning a very enjoyable sermon. In the afternoon the pastor baptized three, and preached at night.

At the Grace-Street Baptist church the paster filled his pulpit morning and night.

At the Second Baptist church the pastor preached morning and evening. In the afternoon the annual church meeting was held, in which the reports of all the standing committtes of the church were read. These reports show a very healthy condition of the church, and present the gratifying fact that the contributions of the church foot up more than eleven hundred dollars in advance of what they were last year.

The meeting continued with interest till it was necessary to light the gas. An outstanding debt of $200 was reported, and the amount immediately raised to cancel it.

At the Sidney Baptist church the pastor preached morning and night, and baptized two.

At Pine-Street Baptist church the pastor preached and received seventeen into the full fellowship of the church.

At Venable-Street Baptist church the pastor preached morning and night. In the afternoon a mass-meeting of the church was held. A brief and interesting history of the work performed in this field, which resulted in the organization of this church, was given by Mr. L. H. Frayser, who has long been connected with this enterprise. The report of the finance committee shows that the church begins the new year with a debt of only fifteen dollars. The meeting was one of deep feeling and profit, and enthusiasm awakened for the promising work before the church.

At Leigh-Street Baptist church the pastor preached and gave the right-hand of fellowship to ten.

At the Broad-Street Methodist church on Sunday the pastor preached and received one person on profession of faith. The Rev. J. J. Lafferty administered the communion.

Bishop Doggett preached at Centenary church in the morning, and Dr. Bennett administered the communion. In the afternoon a New-Year's prayer-meeting was held, and at night Dr. Sledd preached.

At Clay-Street Methodist church two persons were received by certificate. Rev. T. Digges assisted Rev. Mr. Brown, the pastor, in the administration of the communion.

One person was received on profession of faith at Oregon church.

Rev. G. Zimmerman preached at the German Methodist church morning and night.

At Park-Place church Rev. P. Nash preached at 11 A. M. One person was received by baptism and five on certificate. Dr. Edwards preached at night.

At the Second Presbyterian church on the first Sabbath in the year it is Dr. Hoge's custom to give his people a motto-text for the year. On last Sabbath he preached to them from the words, "And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end."—Hebrew vi., 11. The sermon was rich in practical instruction, faithfully and forcibly setting forth the duties of church members, and closing with a vivid picture of a beautiful natural phenomenon seen in the mountain region of Norway, which formed a fine illustration of the Christian's character, as, lifting up first his heart in prayer to God, he stretches forth his hands to *work*.

In the afternoon he preached to an immense audience of all denominations, on the State of Religion in Richmond, from I. Corinthians, xii., 21: "The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again, the head to the feet, I have no need of you." It was a sermon accurately prepared. It discussed our New-Year's religious statistics; spoke kindly of all the denominations, and referred to the small increase of church-membership during the year, while praising the good order and Sabbath-observing character of the people, and was itself an illustration of that conservatism which he claimed as one of the characteristics of his own denomination. As the time allotted to the afternoon service did not permit him to finish his discourse he reserved the latter and most interesting part of his theme—viz., "The Relation of the Churches to One Another"—for next Sabbath afternoon.

It is an encouraging feature that although large congregations have always been the characteristic of this church, it has never been so densely crowded as it has been this winter. On several occasions many were obliged to go away because neither sitting or standing room could be obtained.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—In view of the recommendation made by nearly all Christendom that the first week of each year be observed as a week of prayer, the lecture-room of the Grace-Street Presbyterian church will be opened every day this week for this purpose from 12 till 1 o'clock. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

A NICE LITTLE ITEM.—A number of skaters from the city went out to the new reservoir yesterday and found the ice on the lake very good for skating purposes. It will be much better to-day. To-night the authorities will have the pond lighted by oil-lamps, and it will be a very attractive place for those who delight in skating.

POLICEMAN APPOINTED.—At a meeting of the Police Board held yesterday at the residence of Mayor Carrington T. C. Epps was appointed on the force in place of Henry Dabney, deceased.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A LENGTHY MEETING LAST NIGHT—REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES—THE PROPOSITION TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF GAS TO TWO DOLLARS PER THOUSAND FEET LAID ON THE TABLE—FRAMED BUILDINGS—THE CITY HALL—BUSINESS FROM THE OTHER BRANCH—THE CUSTOM-HOUSE GAS—NEW BUSINESS—THE CITY LUNATICS, &c., &c.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon—President Christian in the chair. Present at roll-call: Messrs. Adams, Campbell, Curtis, Davis, Ellett, Gregory, Hardgrove, Haxall, Hayes, Higgins, Johnson, King, Metzger, Skinker, Stokes, Straus, Talbott, Taylor, Whitlock, and Wood.

Mr. Timberlake was reported absent on account of sickness.

The Chair announced that Mr. Skinker had been appointed on the Committees on Finance, Light, Ordinances, and on Board of Public Interests, and that Mr. Campbell had been appointed on the Committees on Claims and Salaries, Schools, and Fire-Alarm and Police Telegraph.

FINANCE MATTERS.

Mr. Straus, from the Committee on Finance, presented resolutions rejecting petition of W. E. Grant for abatement of personal taxes; abating culvert-tax against Henry Spurlock for $24; refunding $6.90 to N. F. Bowe for culvert-tax; refunding $4.50 to Mary Myers for culvert-tax; abating personal tax-bill against Rev. J. B. Jeter in $17.50; refunding $449.70 tax erroneously assessed against the Richmond Banking and Insurance Company.

The committee say they have carefully considered the importance of providing for deficit in the pay-rolls of some of the departments now without the means of paying employés for services in December, and with a view of meeting this urgent necessity recommend the following resolution, transferring $500 from hands and carts to Board of Health, and that the account of hands and carts, pay-rolls, roller and crusher, hands and carts expense account, and streets engineers' department, be consolidated into streets generally, the Auditor being empowered to pay warrant for these accounts to the extent of the aggregate balance to the end of the present fical year:

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the sum of $550 be transferred from grounds and buildings to water department; and that $60 be transferred from grounds and buildings to grounds and buildings pay-roll; $1,000 from fire-alarm telegraph to water department.

The resolutions were all agreed to—ayes, 23; noes, none.

LIGHT.

Mr. Higgins, from the Committeee on Light, presented an ordinance reducing the price of gas from $2.50 to $2 per 1,000 feet. The ordinance is to go into effect on the 1st of February.

Mr. Curtis moved to lay the report of the Committee on Light on the table, because the city could not well afford to reduce the price of gas at this time.

Mr. Taylor spoke in advocacy of the proposed reduction in the price of gas.

Mr. Straus said he was in favor of the proposed reduction, but for one reason—viz., the absence of Mr. Manson—he thought it ought to be tabled. There was another reason. It will reduce the revenue of the city $80,000, and the Council must make some other provision for the deficit.

Mr. Skinker was opposed to raising the tax on property in order to give it to the gas-consumer.

Mr. Higgins said he was in favor of the reduction, but as a matter of courtesy to Dr. Manson he would vote to lay the subject on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

FRAMED BUILDINGS.

Mr. King, from the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, presented a resolution giving permission to the following persons to erect framed buildings in the city: William Brown, shed at No. 110 Federal street; H. Metzger, stable on his premises on Clay street between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets; Julian C. Donnella, dwelling on Buchanan street between —— and Carrington streets; J. W. Beveridge, stable at No. 812 Brook avenue; A. W. Weisiger, stable in rear of his residence on Twenty-fourth street between M and N streets; William V. B. Barker, addition to his house corner Twenty-sixth and O streets; F. Virginia Chamberlayne, storehouse at No. 115 west Jackson street; Isaac Fanear, shed on Seventh street near Byrd; F. W. Mahoney, stable on Clay street between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets; A. N. Gill, stable on Twenty-fourth street between Clay and Leigh streets; H. T. Douglass, to remove office from Twenty-second and Dock streets to Twenty-fifth and Dock streets; James C. Smith, paper-mill on lot adjoining James River and Kanawha canal in rear of Shockoe warehouse; Emily M. Phillips, stable on Marshall street between Monroe and Henry streets; James Fox, addition to dwelling on Thirtieth street between Leigh and M streets; William H. Baker, coal-house on China street between Pine and Laurel streets; Mrs. Staude, cow-shed on Marshall street between First and Adams streets; Charles P. Winston, shed-stable on corner of Grace and Pine streets; S. W. Godsey, shed on Leigh street between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets. Agreed to.

The committee also presented a resolution rejecting the petitions of S. H. Hawes for framed storehouse at the corner of Eighteenth and Cary streets, and of A. B. Lipscomb for building at No. 110 west Cary street, between Adams and Jefferson streets. Agreed to.

Mr. Curtis moved to recommit so much of the resolution as rejects the petition of Mr. S. H. Hawes.

The chairman explained that the building was such a large one that the committee deemed it inexpedient to grant it.

Mr. Christian (Mr. Haxall being the chair) spoke in favor of recommitting that part of the resolution.

Mr. Whitlock said that every member of the committee was a friend to Mr. Hawes, but they were all opposed to the petition. He believed it would lessen the value of Mr. Hawes's property to put up the building.

Mr. Curtis said he could see no danger in putting up this house. The buildings in the neighborhood were far more dangerous than this building.

The motion to recommit was lost, and the resolution rejecting the petition agreed to.

CLAIMS AND SALARIES.

Mr. Haxall, from the Committee on Claims and Salaries, presented resolutions paying the claims of the Coroner and others, amounting to about $125. Agreed to.

ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.

Mr. Gregory, from the Committee on Accounts and Printing, presented a joint resolution for the payment of bills for printing and advertising amounting to $387.50. Agreed to.

THE NEW CITY HALL.

Mr. Haxall, from the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, presented a report, stating that at a meeting of the Committees on Grounds and Buildings and Finance the subject of a new city hall had been indefinitely postponed.

The report was received.

LIGHT FOR THE MILITARY.

Mr. Skinker, from the Committee on Ordinances, presented an ordinance to reduce the price of gas to the military companies; which was adopted.

RENT OF STALLS IN THE FIRST MARKET.

Mr. Curtis presented a report from the Committee on the First Market to reduce the rent of certain stalls in the market from $10.50 per month to $9 per month. Recommitted.

FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Board joint resolution from the Committee on Streets was laid on the table, except as to transfer of certain funds for sewer purposes; which was agreed to.

Board joint resolution from the Committee on Finance was taken up and concurred in.

Board joint resolution concerning the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad reception-room, corner of Broad and Belvidere streets, was taken up and concurred in.

Board ordinance repealing section 5 of chapter 6, concerning salaries of officers, was taken up. The section proposed to be repealed provides that the Council shall not increase or reduce salaries of officers except in July.

Mr. Higgins moved to lay on the table.

Mr. Straus hoped the ordinance would be passed. He said last year, when an effort was made to reduce the pay of the laborers at the gas-works, he was confronted by an opinion of the City Attorney that it could not be done until the section was repealed. These employés receive $2.50 per day, and while he was in favor of giving them a fair compensation for their work he was opposed to paying a much larger amount than they can get outside of the city government.

Mr. Taylor favored the motion to table.

The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

JAMES-RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD.

The Chair laid before the Council a communication from the Board of Public Interests in reference to James-River Valley railroad (heretofore published), which was laid on the table.

The resolution from the Board of Aldermen proposing an appropriation of $2,000,000 to build the James-River Valley road was read, and on motion of Mr. Curtis laid on the table.

NEW BUSINESS.

By Mr. Adams: A joint resolution to go back to the old plan of meeting twice in each month.

Mr. Davis moved to lay on the table. Lost—ayes, 11; noes, 11.

The Chair voted "No."

The resolution was rejected—ayes, 9; noes, 13.

By Mr. Higgins: A joint resolution instructing the Auditor to pay salaries and wages of the regular officers and employés as fixed by the ordinances of the city, and the pay-rolls of the several departments as usual, until an appropriation bill is passed, and charge such salaries and wages to the proper heads in the appropriation ordinance when the same shall have been approved by the Mayor.

Mr. Straus opposed the resolution on the ground that it would be manifestly wrong to take such a step as this until it has been ascertained what the probable expenses of the city for next year will be.

Mr. Whitlock also opposed the resolution.

Mr. Christian (Mr. Taylor being in the chair) moved to lay the resolution on the table. Agreed to.

By Mr. Higgins: A joint resolution directing the City Engineer to prepare and report proper plans and estimates for improvement along Shockoe creek as shall be most advantageous and best calculated to abate all nuisances between Broad and Franklin streets. Referred.

By Mr. Straus: A joint resolution for a committee of three from the Common Council, and two from the Board of Aldermen, to confer with the city representatives in the Legislature as to necessary amendments to the city charter, and that the said committee report to the Council the amendments that ought to be made to a joint meeting of the two bodies. Agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Straus, Guy, and Haxall.

By Mr. Curtis: A resolution to fix the hours for the Treasurer's office from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. from April to October, and from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. during the rest of the year. The change proposes to keep open the office one hour longer.

Mr. Ellett moved to lay on the table. Lost.

The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

By Mr. Straus: A resolution to pay the keeper of St. John's cemetery his salary of $50. Agreed to.

By Mr. Whitlock: A resolution for crossing Grace street at intersection with Twenty-third; also, for improvement between Franklin and Grace, so as to prevent further washes, &c. Referred.

By Mr. Johnson: A resolution in reference to abatement of the tax on the estate of the late Samuel Anderson. Referred.

Mr. Talbott presented a communication from Dr. F. D. Cunningham in reference to his late accident on Fourth street, and a bill for damages to his property amounting to $100.

The subject was referred to the Joint Committees on Water and Claims and Salaries.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE GAS.

Mr. Christian (Mr. Taylor being in the chair) presented a lengthy preamble and resolution in reference to the erection by the Government of gas-works at the custom-house, &c., declaring that said gas-works will be a public nuisance, which will endanger lives and damage the property of the citizens, and that the same should be abated; that the City Attorney be instructed to proceed at once to Washington and represent to the Secretary of the Treasury the true status of this matter and the wishes and action of this Council in the premises, and ask that he give such directions as will cause said nuisance to be at once abated.

That in the event the City Attorney fails to obtain the relief desired, that he is directed at once to institute such proceedings as will cause said nuisance to be abated.

That it is the intention and desire of the Council to give the Government every facility that it can for the proper use of the gas and water of the city in the custom-house consistent with regulations of the Treasury Department and the interest of the public, and that the ordinances of the city shall be so amended as to effect this end as soon as the regulations of the said Department are known to the Council.

He next presented a petition of citizens protesting against the nuisance of building gas-works by the Government; and also explained the facts connected with the cutting off of the gas from the custom-house, and showed very clearly that the Council and Committee on Light were entirely exonerated from any blame in the matter. In the course of his remarks Mr. Christian said that in an interview with Dr. Mills he asked him to telegraph to Washington asking a suspension of the work on the new gas-works, as he was satisfied that there was a misunderstanding between the city and the Government. Dr. Mills did not telegraph, but sent a written communication to Washington.

Dr. Mills, being present, stated that in reply to the communication sent to Washington he had been informed that it was too late to stop the work; that the contract had been awarded and the work commenced.

Mr. Christian stated that he was satisfied that the Government at Washington did not understand the matter, and he thought that when it was understood the nuisance would be abated.

Dr. Mills addressed the Council, and said that he knew that the Council had never been made aware of the facts in the case. He made a full statement of the whole subject, and said that the matter resolved itself into the question as to whether the Government should pay the penalties imposed for failing to pay the gas bills in the time prescribed by the city ordinance.

Mr. Christian said that the complaint he had to make was that the Council had never been consulted in the matter, because it could have rectified the matter.

Dr. Mills exonerated Mr. Page, the gas inspector, from any blame in the matter.

Mr. Talbott was not certain that the proposed gas-works would be a nuisance. If not a nuisance the Government certainly had the right to build the works.

Mr. Christian said that the only evidence he had that it would be a nuisance was the testimony of one hundred of the best citizens of Richmond:

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Christian presented a joint resolution remitting to Dr. Mills the penalties paid by him for failing to pay the gas-bills, which was agreed to.

THE CITY LUNATICS.

Mr. Wood submitted a report from the Committee on Lunatics, stating that there are now eighteen city lunatics in the Pinel Hospital. Next month the cost of maintaining these lunatics will be reduced to twenty-five cents per head.

Mr. Straus presented the following:

Whereas the case and maintainance of the lunatics of this city now costs the city $3,055.50 per annum and the State double that sum—say $6,110—equal to an expense of $538.50 for each lunatic so cared for and maintained, while the actual amount of expenditure by the various asylums of the State does not exceed $200 per annum for each lunatic there cared for and maintained:

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the Committee on the Relief of the Poor and the Committee on Lunatics, with the advice of the City Engineer, be requested to ascertain and report to the City Council what additional buildings at the city almshouse, if any, are necessary for the accommodation of the lunatics of this city, together with an estimate of the cost of such buildings.

Agreed to.

Adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

MEETING OF THE TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED, &C.—A meeting of the Tobacco Manufacturers' Mutual Protection Association was held yesterday at 12 o'clock M. in the president's room at the Tobacco Exchange. Miles Turpin, the president of the Association, occupied the chair, with Charles T. Binford as secretary. The object of the meeting was to take action in favor of the proposed reduction of the tax on manufactured tobacco, and to take steps looking to an active co-operation with all dealers interested in the said reduction. All the prominent tobacco manufacturers of the city were present.

Several propositions were submitted and voted down.

By invitation, Colonel William P. Burwell addressed the meeting in favor of the main features of the bill introduced in Congress by Hon. George C. Cabell.

Mr. J. B. Pace presented a preamble and resolutions which approved of the bill mentioned, with the exception of the leaf-tobacco clause allowing the planter to dispose of tobacco to the amount of $150 on the place raised.

After considerable discussion the following resolutions were adopted *seriatim*, and then as a whole:

1. *Resolved*, That we approve of the bill introduced by Hon. George C. Cabell, in the following features—namely, to reduce the tax to 12 cents per pound and to allow a drawback of difference between the new and the old rates of all stock stamped in manufacturers' hands, their agents, and others, at the time the new law takes effect.

2. *Resolved*, That our representatives be requested to bring to the earliest vote any bill which may be reported on by the Committee of Ways and Means for the reduction of this tax.

3. *Resolved*, That in our opinion any bill introduced looking to the reduction of this tobacco tax or other internal subjects should be kept separate and apart from any tariff bill in order to secure the earliest action attainable.

4. *Resolved*, That we will coöperate with the western and other dealers to have this subject properly presented to each of the committees of the two houses of Congress and the collection and dissemination of all facts bearing on this most important subject to our interests, and to influence public sentiment through the press and by all other proper means.

5. *Resolved*, That Congress be requested in its revision of the tariff to allow stick- and mass-licorice to be admitted in our factories in bond free of duty.

6. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means to carry out these our resolves.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Peter H. Mayo, J. Leigh Jones, and Lewis H. Frayser as the committee.

The Association will pay all expenses incurred by their said committee in furtherance of the above resolutions.

Colonel William P. Burwell will doubtless be retained by the Association to aid the committee in the work assigned them.

The following are the officers of the Association: Miles Turpin, president; Joseph G. Dill, vice-president; Charles T. Binford, secretary and treasurer; James B. Pace, Lewis H. Frayser, and Dr. R. A. Patterson, Executive Committee.

The Association meets on the call of the president, at the request of the Executive Committee or a majority of the members.

ACCIDENT TO A MAN ON THE RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG ROAD.—The northward-bound train on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad brought to this city last night a man who was very painfully, if not dangerously, injured. When the train reached Dry Bridge, about three and a half miles this side of Petersburg, several of the passengers heard a heavy thud on the top of the car, and it was believed that some one had thrown a large stone from the bridge. Nothing more was thought of it until the cars reached a neighboring station, when ex-Senator Allan and others heard a cry of distress from the top of the car. They went out, and found a white man badly wounded on the head, a frightful gash extending across his face, and one of his eyes nearly out. He was also injured in the small of his back. The man was taken into the smoking-car and made as comfortable as the circumstances would admit. He gave his name, and said he was from St. Louis, Mo.; but his voice was so feeble that the passengers could only hear his first name, which he gave as Henry. The city ambulance was telegraphed for, and the injured man carried to the city almshouse, where he is well cared for. It is supposed that he got on top of the cars for a ride, and that in passing the bridge was struck by it and badly wounded. Among those who administered to his comfort on the cars was Mr. Tupper, of New Orleans, a relative of Dr. Tupper, of this city.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND JURY YESTERDAY.—The grand jury of the Hustings Court met yesterday, and after finding true bills in the following cases were discharged: Felony: W. H. Robinson (three cases), for breaking and entering the houses of P. H. Baskerville, W. T. Carrington, and John J. Binford; William Reevesley, for breaking into the houses P. H. Baskerville, W. T. Carrington, and John J. Binford; William Thomas, for breaking into the houses of William Y. Sheppard, J. B. Wilson, O. A. Francis, John J. Binford, W. T. Carrington, and P. H. Baskerville; Thomas Johnson, for breaking and entering the storehouse of John J. Crutchfield; William Warren, same offence; Chester Page, for assaulting John Lee Ware; Benjamin Moore, for assaulting Andrew J. Morton; Edward Richardson, for breaking into Abram Harris's and stealing a gold watch, and also for breaking into the store of William Ira Smith; W. R. Thorp, for assaulting Griffin Brisby; George Valentine, for breaking and entering the storehouse of R. L. Butler; William Adams *alias* William Stewart, for the same offence; Stephen Price, for breaking into Shelton, Minor & Co.'s store; A. Maas, charged with forging the name of O. M. Harrison to a check for $100.

Misdemeanor: Edwin Want, for selling goods by sample; Angelo Bacigalupo, for selling and not registering a drink of liquor; John Edward Maybush and John B. Graves, for perjury; Martin Oeters, for selling a drink and failing to register the same—two cases.

Election and Installation of Officers.

GOLDEN RULE SECTION.

Golden Rule Section, No. 3, Cadets of Temperance, has elected the following officers for the ensuing quarter: William Thomas, worthy archon; A. B. Scott, vice-archon; C. C. Chamberlayne, recording secretary; F. Richardson, assistant secretary; R. Bruce Evans, treasurer; Guy E. Day, assistant treasurer; Rev. G. W. Samples, chaplain; J. H. Youston, guide; William Minor, usher; Peter White, watchman; A. Richardson, assistant watchman; Thomas H. M. Hopes, past worthy archon.

The above officers will be installed at the next meeting. Grand Secretary R. B. Evans, and R. O. King, district deputy grand worthy patriarch, will officiate.

SHOCKOE HILL DIVISION,

No. 54, Sons of Temperance, installed the following officers last night for the ensuing quarter: R. Valery Freeman, W. P.; C. Nichols, W. A.; George W. Mayo, R. S.; S. T. West, A. R. S.; W. Leigh Burton, F. S.; William T. Allen, Treasurer; R. B. Wilson, Chaplain; George M. Long, C.; John Boucher, A. C.; C. B. Fisher, I. S.; J. C. Mehring, O. S.; and T. K. Andrews, P. W. P.

CHRIST (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH BROTHERHOOD

has elected the following officers for the ensuing quarter: L. C. Tucker, president; Thomas Poindexter, vice-president; R. Valery Freeman, secretary and treasurer; and J. W. Gaines, doorkeeper.

MISSIONARY AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS OF GRACE-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

At the annual meeting held on Sunday afternoon, January 6, 1878, the following officers were elected: T. H. Ellett, president; William C. Smith, vice-president; John H. Schooler, recording secretary; H. C. Burnett, corresponding secretary; C. V. Clash, treasurer; A. D. Jenkins, librarian; R. W. Jenkins, assistant librarian.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 47, INDEPENDENT ORDER FREE SONS OF ISRAEL,

installed officers on Sunday, January 6th: P. Hellstern, president; P. Hirshberg, vice-president; M. Kaufman, treasurer; William Flegenheimer, recording secretary; Julius Myer, financial secretary; J. Michaels, tiler. Trustees: J. M. Wertheimer, E. Solomosky, and A. Loebenburg.

This lodge has forty members. Its lodge and sinking fund is upward of $600. It pays $5 weekly sick benefit and $1,000 endowment to the widow or orphans of a deceased brother within thirty days after his death. Mr. Flegenheimer has exhibited to us a check of $1,000 for endowment, to the widow of Sol. Hechinger, who died on the 27th of November last, and awaits her order.

THE COLD SPELL.—It will hardly be considered a piece of news to say that the weather yesterday was quite cold. It is nevertheless a fact. Saturday night the mercury got down as low as 16°, as was indicated by the thermometer on Sunday morning. The maximum of the thermometer Sunday was 30°. Old "Indications'" promise of possible snow in the Middle States was not fulfilled—that is, so far as this part of the moral vineyard is concerned; but the weather continued to grow colder, and yesterday morning at sunrise it was 12° or 20° below freezing, and continued cold all day. The river was frozen over from shore to shore, with ice about half an inch in thickness. The basin was also frozen, except where there was a current—viz., at the canal entrance, a space in front of the Gallego Mills, and a part of the basin leading to the gauge-lock.

The ponds in the country were also frozen, and hands were yesterday reported to be engaged in gathering ice at Young's and Hechler's. Information received from Covington on Sunday was to the effect that the mercury was ten degrees below zero—one degree colder than at any time during the winter of 1877—and the ground covered with snow four inches deep.

In Staunton the mercury yesterday