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R. S. ANDERSON & SON, 11 A. M., groceries, &c.

JOHN POE, JR., Chief of Police, 11 A. M., three hogs.

J. D. WHITEHEAD, 10 A. M., groceries, &c.

ROBERT B. LYNE, 12 M., commissioner's sale of farming land in Henrico county, on the Charles City road, four miles from Richmond.

ROBERT B. LYNE, 4 P. M., brick dwelling on the northeast corner of Ninth and Marshall streets, with vacant side lot.

GEORGE S. VASHON, 11 A. M., at store No. 2504 east Broad street, groceries, confectionerice, tobacco, show-cases, glass jars, &c.

RICHARDSON & CO., 4 P. M., trustee's sale of new brick dwelling and lot on Ninth street just beyond Leigh street.

W. M. WALSH, Deputy Sheriff, 10 A. M., at Henrico County court-house, will rent at auction a farm on Chickahominy river near Meadow station.

BUFFALO LITHIA WATER.

THE BUFFALO LITHIA WATERS
IN THE PECULIAR DISEASES OF WOMEN.

THE TESTIMONY OF DR. T. J. WILLIAMSON,
OF CINCINNATI, OHIO,
WHOSE SPECIALTY IS DISEASES OF
WOMEN.

No. 137 PLUM STREET, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
November 21, 1877.

Mr. Thomas F. Goode:

Dear Sir.—For the past year I have prescribed the BUFFALO LITHIA WATERS (Spring No. 2) freely in my practice in this city, and with results so uniformly beneficial and gratifying, and at times so remarkable, that it is my desire and purpose to aid as far as I can in the interest of afflicted humanity in making known their extraordinary virtues, and hence, though entire strangers, I address you, as the proprietor, this communication. These waters unquestionably possess wonderful powers as a curative agent in many forms of chronic disease. It is, however, their ALMOST SPECIFIC power in the peculiar diseases of women that gives to them their great SUPERIORITY over all of the more noted mineral waters, both of this country and Europe.

Some of the most distressing and unmanageable cases of uterine difficulty which have ever come under my observation have been entirely relieved by the persistent use of these waters, with but little, and in some instances without any, aid from medicine. To make mention of a single case: Mrs. ——, of this city, severely afflicted, was for four months under the treatment of some of the most eminent of the medical faculty of Philadelphia, deriving no material benefit from treatment. She returned to this city and was put upon the LITHIA WATERS, the use of which for three months resulted in her entire restoration to health.

I have found them equally potent in dismenorrhœa and menorrhœia.

I would especially mention that I have found this water a sovereign agent in the treatment of persons convalescing from scarlet-fever, preventing the distressing and often dangerous dropsical condition to which this disease leaves the system exposed in the damp atmosphere of this city during the fall and winter months.

In conclusion I would add that my views here given in regard to these waters are the result of oft-repeated and thorough practical test.

Very respectfully,
T. J. WILLIAMSON, M. D.

These waters, in cases of one dozen half-gallon bottles, can be had AT THE SPRINGS at $5 per case in advance; in Richmond, of PURCELL, LADD & Co. at $5.50 per case. THOMAS F. GOODE,
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MISCELLANEOUS

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ESTATE OF JAMES S. BROOKS, deceased, are requested to call at my office, corner of Ninth and Clay streets, between 8 and 9 A. M., or 3 and 4 P. M., and settle the same. Those having claims against the estate are also desired to present them. WILLIAM B. GRAY,
Executor of James S. Brooks, deceased.
ja 14-3tcod*

NOTICE.—We are determined to close our BOOKS, and all parties indebted to us will please come forward and settle their accounts.
S. ULLMAN & SON,
ja 14-3t* 820 Main street.

THE SOUTHERN OPINION.—A complete bound file of the SOUTHERN OPINION NEWSPAPER will be sold at a reasonable price. Address "A. B.," through the Richmond post-office.
ja 14-3t*

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ja 11-5t*

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THE LADIES' SEWING-CIRCLE OF GRACE-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH commence a FEAST TO-DAY (Monday), January 14, 1878. They most cordially invite the public to attend. During the day they offer LUNCH and DINNER from 12 to 3, and at night SUPPER and REFRESHMENTS. In the course of the evening there will be singing, and they promise to all a pleasant time. ja 14-2t*

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WANTED, PURCHASERS FOR Two car-loads (250 barrels) CHOICE EARLY ROSE and PEERLESS SEED-POTATOES, to arrive THIS (Monday) MORNING. Will be sold low from depot.
Also, 10 kartels extra fine YORK-RIVER-BAR OYSTERS. J. R. HOCKADAY,
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WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
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FOR RENT, THE LARGE BRICK BAKERY on Twentieth between Main and Franklin streets, recently occupied by F. W. Clarke; will be rented for carpenter-shop or bakery.
FRANK D. HILL,
ja 14-4t 1108 Main street.

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BRICK DWELLING on Ross street near Governor street, with ten rooms; kitchen, &c.
BRICK DWELLING No. 605 Main street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, with ten rooms; kitchen, &c.
BRICK DWELLING on Grace street, No. 813, between Laurel and Shafer streets, with eight rooms, including kitchen.
BRICK DWELLING No. 307 west Clay street, with seven rooms; kitchen, stable, &c.
BRICK DWELLING on Third street near Baker, with five rooms; kitchen, &c.
BRICK DWELLING on Byrd street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, with five rooms and store.
BRICK DWELLING corner Thirty-second and M streets, with four rooms; kitchen, &c.
BRICK DWELLING on Marshall street between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, with nine rooms; kitchen, &c.
FRAME DWELLING on Twenty-sixth street between Clay and Leigh streets, with five rooms; kitchen, &c.
FRAME DWELLING on Broad street opposite Richmond College, with six rooms; kitchen, &c.
FRAME DWELLING on Oak street near Bacon's Quarter branch, with three rooms.
FRAME DWELLING on Twenty-seventh street between Leigh and M streets, with five rooms; kitchen, &c.
FRAME DWELLING on Ninth street, with seven rooms; kitchen, &c. By RICHARDSON & CO.,
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FOR RENT, HANDSOME SUBURBAN RESIDENCE with all the modern improvements, and large lot attached, on the continuation of Main street quarter of a mile west of the corporate limits. By RICHARDSON & CO.,
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FOR RENT, NICE BRICK TENEMENT No. 211 south Third street, between Canal and Byrd streets, containing five rooms; detached kitchen, gas, water, large yard, &c.; and being situated in a first-class neighborhood, is admirably suited for a small family, besides being so near to business. Rent only $250 per annum, and possession given at once. Apply to
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FOR RENT, THAT VERY DESIRABLE TOBACCO FACTORY at the southwest corner of Seventh and Cary streets, recently occupied by Samuel M. Bailey, Esq. As the features in this factory are advertised for sale on the 17th instant an unusual opportunity is offered for obtaining a factory and fixtures complete.
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Richmond Dispatch.

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MONDAY.....JANUARY 14, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY.—For the South Atlantic States, northeast veering to southeast winds, stationary or falling barometer, warmer and cloudy, and possibly rainy weather will prevail.

For the East Gulf States, southerly veering to west and northwest winds, cooler, cloudy, and rainy weather, and falling barometer.

For the West Gulf States, rising barometer, colder northwest winds, and clear weather.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, falling barometer, northeast to southeast winds, warmer, cloudy, and rainy weather.

For the Middle Atlantic States, north and west winds, slight change in temperature, and rising barometer.

The temperature will remain about freezing in the canal regions of Maryland and Virginia.

Cautionary signals continue at New Orleans, Galveston, and Indianola.

THE WEATHER SATURDAY was clear, cool, and pleasant.

THERMOMETER SATURDAY: 6 A. M., 36; 9 A. M., 44; noon, 55; 3 P. M., 56; 6 P. M., 49; midnight, 36.

Letter from a Philosopher.

FRANKLIN, W. VA., January 1, 1878.

Editors Dispatch: The recent flood in Virginian waters was a type of the Noachian deluge. A wind from the southeast wafted the Atlantic vapors continuously for several days and nights, and in their passage over us they were partially discharged through the windows of heaven. This phenomenon, protracted to forty days and forty nights, would have destroyed every living creature within the limits of this inundation, as "the world that then was," excepting that part of it in the ark, was destroyed in the days of old. The language of Scripture—"the world that then was"—seems to settle the fact that Noah's deluge was partial, and confined to that part of the earth then inhabited by man.

The flood was a sublime spectacle in the mountains, and grander as the turbid waters, gaining volume and power, approached their outlets. It was an ocular lesson in hydrodynamics. The gushing torrents from the skies, the roar of rivulets and rivers, the moving scene on every sloping ground, the heavy materials drifted on the larger streams, and the grating of rolling rocks—all gave proof of the powers of water in mass. They brought before the eyes something of the resistless power of ocean, that boundless and sublime mass of waters—the image of eternity.

The aqueous element is a world-wide and almost incessant wanderer, and appears under very diverse forms. The dark- and bright-hued cloud, snow and ice, the deep green mirror and white spray of ocean, are some of its different forms. Rarely at rest, in running stream, in ocean wave or moving cloud, it journeys to and fro over the whole earth. The primeval deep doubtless enveloped the globe. But, from the time "God divided the waters above the firmament from those below," they have been in almost ceaseless motion. In this circulation the same particles must revisit the same springs and channels. How long they are in making one of their circuits is a question which may never be answered. In the clouds they often travel on the wings of the hurricane, and in the billows of ocean ride with the tempest. Oft they repose in the glassy lake, and seem motionless in the sluggish stream.

Often we look on the hastening clouds and say, with Schiller,

Eilende Wolken, Segler der Lufte,
Wer mit euch wanderte, mit euch schritte!

Hastening clouds, sailors of the air, who wanders with you? who voyages with you? Or, with Milton, we see,

Mountains, on whose barren breast,
The laboring clouds do often rest.

To break up the fountains of the great deep and open the windows of Heaven belongs to the Omnipotent One. The grand phenomenon may well increase our veneration for Him, and keep His fear before our eyes.

The flood swept away in some places fertile soil, and left rocky beds or deep gullies. In other places it deposited an alluvium, which will be abundantly productive for years to come. Our bridle-paths, wagon-roads, and turnpikes, are torn out or choked up to an extent which will require much time and labor to repair them. Our poor, patient people will have to do as our forefathers did: stay at home and wear home-made. We are reminded of an anecdote of Dr. Spence, the celebrated divine. Returning from a tour west of the Alleghanies, he turned on top of one of the mountain ranges, and looking westward exclaimed, "Farewell! I give you up to the bears and the wolves, who could long ago have recovered possession if they had sued before Chancellor Brown."

The wholesale destruction of our roads should not induce despair or remand our county to barbarism, but, on the contrary, should be the era when a new system of roads will be begun. Our presiding justice, B. Hiner, has just located a few miles of new road from Franklin to connect with the road to Circleville. I hope this will be the beginning of the turnpike to Harrisonburg, and that Colonel Hiner will be granted health and strength to superintend the location of this important road from border to border of our county. I urge my friend to devote himself with as much of his youthful energy as he can till summer to this great work. May health and strength be granted him to associate his name with a great highway across Pendleton as that of Claude Crozet is with that across Highland.

May Colonel Hiner entitle himself to the gratitude of the present and future generations of dwellers in these mountains by taking in hand the survey and estimates for this road and demonstrating it to be within the tax-paying capacity of our people. A tax of 20 cents on the $100 value would increase the annual tax of three fourths of those who pay on personal property alone only $1 or under, and the annual tax of three fourths of our landholders who appear to pay on $500 value and under would be increased only $1 or under. One fourth of our people, who are taxed upon more than $500 worth of real and personal property, would have to pay much the largest part of the tax. If they will vote for the tax surely the three fourths should be ready to do likewise. If Colonel Hiner will inaugurate this great improvement and take steps that will insure its completion his name will go down to posterity as one of Pendleton's greatest benefactors. The work will be to him *monumentum aere perennius*—a monument more lasting than brass. May the new system of roads in our county be at once commenced, and forever do away with the applicability of the remark of Colonel Crozet, "that it was a remarkable fact that the people of Virginia were always going down when they should be going up, and going up when they should be going down."

The shortest route on a good location is the one for the turnpike. Southern exposures should be kept on the sides of hills, ridges, and mountains, and the road so graded and drained as not to wash under our heaviest rainfalls. Of the $25,000 required to make the road, $5,000 can be raised by private subscription, and a tax of 20 cents on the $2,000,000 of our taxable property will discharge the debt in five years. Surely the County Court will order the preliminary survey, and, I hope, appoint the superintendent I have named. The money can readily be borrowed upon our county bonds and the road put largely under way during the coming year. It will be at once productive, and enhance the value of our property, thus enabling our people to pay the tax. The present burden of taxation should not delay the enterprise. It will be the readiest mode of lightening these burdens.

People of Pendleton, be aroused to this work. No longer defer to make

From Circleville
O'er mount and hill,
To town of Harrison
A broad, smooth road
For every load
From State of Pendleton.

Then daily mail
Will Franklin hail,
And stage-coach, too, will run.
With a turnpike
Who would not like
To live in Pendleton?

I hope Rockingham will not repair the old Dry-River road, but make a new one from Rawley's Springs to the top of the Shenandoah mountain, locating it on the face of the mountain north of Dry river to the mouth of Skidmore's Fork, there bridging Dry river, and thence making the location on the face of the mountain north of Skidmore's Fork to the Shenandoah mountain, keeping high and dry above the valleys. The road up the Shenandoah mountain should be located on the opposite side of the hollow from the site of the present road, to get a southern and dry exposure; as easy a grade and good a location in every other respect can no doubt be found there. If Rockingham will do this, surely Pendleton will carry the road across her county. INVALID.

A Patriot Can't Get Office.

Editors Dispatch: For many years I have been ambitious to fill some position of public trust where the pecuniary compensation would comport with the dignity of the station and be commensurate with my zeal for the public interest. These patriotic aspirations were, however, repressed until, a few years ago, the domesticity of a quiet home was invaded and I was dragged forth to enter the contest for a municipal office.

I doffed the overalls of a journeyman bricklayer and entered the arena encouraged by the encomiums of friends and the benedictions of an intelligent and appreciative people. I should undoubtedly have been elected had not the inopportune circulation of a rumor touching my personal pulchritude or the happening of some other event caused a sudden disaffection in the ranks of my friends and reduced my supporters to a number corresponding exactly with those to whom I had promised positions in the event of my election.

While by this defeat I was not permitted to enjoy the fruition of my sanguine hopes, I was not utterly discomfited. Once embarked upon the eddying tide, I nailed my colors to the mast and determined if necessary to make myself a martyr for the public weal.

Wife, children, business, were now minor considerations compared with the honor and glory of serving the dear people and emblazoning the cabalistic words "*Pub Func*" upon my family escutcheon.

With this singleness of purpose I made the rounds of all the offices, and sought positions under all of my more fortunate rivals.

They, with an obtuseness of intellect wholly incomprehensible, failed to appreciate the importance of securing at once my influence and valuable services. The weeks grew into months, the months into years, and I still waited, expecting, believing, hoping that some ray would illumine their minds and enable them to see their duty to themselves and the public. Two years rolled round, another election was held, the old officers went out, others took their places, and again I went the monotonous round. But the new were less appreciative than the old, and my claims were still ignored. I demanded a place in consideration of my party services, I reasoned with them upon the high grounds of public policy. I begged them from motives of a private character, but all without avail, and even the loan of a quarter was oftentimes denied me by those for whom I had worked so hard and sacrificed so much.

I now became fully satisfied that these miscreants were unworthy of my attentions, and turned my efforts in another direction.

The police force seemed to offer a sure haven for my storm-tossed bark—a certain asylum for the office-hunter, weary, tattered, and torn—and for that harbor I now set my sails.

This was my City of Refuge—this hope *could not* fail me. I knew all the members of the old Board of Police. I had attended school with Anthony, I had played marbles with Joe, and the Judge had been born and raised in the same county with my wife's sister's husband. Some recommendations were, however, required merely as a matter of form. The flattering testimonials I received from many of the most prominent of our citizens caused me to hesitate from fear that I had made a mistake in offering myself as a candidate for the humble position of policeman instead of the mayoralty, or some other office of equal dignity. Armed with my credentials, I called upon my friends, the members of the Board. Two votes were alone necessary to an election, but to make assurance doubly sure I obtained the promise from all three that they would vote for me—or do what they could, which was the same thing. A vacancy occurred, an election was held, but by some unaccountable mathematical gymnastics a man who, in the nature of things, could not have received any votes, was elected over me, when I had three votes to start with!

The day following I demanded an explanation from my friends and sought to fix the liability upon some one, but they all with one accord pleaded the inviolable secrecy of their proceedings as an excuse for not elucidating the problem. Several successive trials were attended with the same result.

At length a new board was organized. Seven wise men, free from political bias, were ground out of the circumlocution mill and installed as "a coördinate body, free and independent," and invested with supreme control of the force. A clean sweep from this new broom revived my hopes. Strict discipline and wintry winds did not deter me nor chill my ardor. Two-fifty per day—well, it would do—and another police ball would supply the funds for the purchase of an overcoat to turn the chilling blasts. I renewed my application, obtained testimonials from my grocer and all those to whom I was indebted, and called upon the seven virtuous citizens who had been chosen as the dispensers of this modicum of P. P. (public pap).

I pleaded my past services, my long citizenship, the extended line of a noble ancestry, the wants of a wife and seven children (all infants of tender years), an old mother and a sick aunt—all dependent upon me for a support. Many of the members of the Board were affected even to tears.

Encouraged by this reception, I made a second round. Mr. A. was not in the city, and would not return until the day of election; but the spectre of a bald head, so like his own, raised above the woodshed in the back yard, filled me with superstitious forebodings. Mr. B. was very sick, as was evidenced by the closed blinds; but two luminous orbs peered through the interstices thereof. Mr. C., polite but "very busy," told me I stood not the ghost of a chance, as mine was a "new application," although it had been on file five years or more. Mr. D. wrote my name in a little green book and promised to give it his attention. Mine was the ninety-seventh name on his list, as a casual inspection of the book, when his back was turned, showed me. Mr. F. ran his fingers through his caststeel locks and remarked that he "attended to official duties only when concerned in official conclave." Mr. H. was not in his office, so his clerk said, but an anxious face peering around a corner, and a husky voice asking "Is he gone?" led me to believe that Go. W.'s example of verity was lost upon that clerk. Mr. J. told me that the recommendation of General P. would alone secure to me the coveted honor.

I readily obtained the endorsation of this Warwick, and returning with the application handed it to the clerk of the Board with a significant wink. He smiled a ghastly smile, and immediately endorsing my application "No. 682, select," placed it on file. An election to fill a vacancy was held Monday afternoon, and "No. 682, select," did not draw the prize.

Mr. Editor, if you should happen to hear of any one who wants brick-laying done at the lowest rates please refer him to

DAVY CROCKETT.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE JAMES-RIVER RAILROAD—THE BILL AGREED UPON.—The committee, consisting of Messrs. W. W. Gordon, John A. Meredith, Isaac Carrington, William A. Anderson [owing to Judge Meredith's absence from the city he was unable to take part in the preparation of the proposed bill, but the bill is so guarded that it is hoped that it will meet his approval and earnest support], appointed to report to the President and Directors of the Buchanan and Clifton-Forge Railroad Company what legislation is proper and necessary to carry out the instructions given by the James River and Kanawha Company at its last meeting, have agreed to recommend that legislation embodying, among other things, provisions to the following effect be applied for:

1. Changing the name of the Buchanan and Clifton-Forge Railway Company to the James-River Railroad Company.

2. Authorizing the James-River Railroad Company to build a railroad from Clifton Forge to Richmond, or to such intermediate point as the means of the company may allow, and to build a branch to Lexington.

3. Fixing the capital stock of the James-River Railroad Company at not exceeding $2,500,000, and authorizing the James River and Kanawha Company to subscribe $1,500,000 of the stock, to be paid for in property, work, and bonds of the canal company.

4. Authorizing the Governor to turn over the convicts not needed for the profitable working of the shops of the penitentiary to the James River and Kanawha Company, to be used in building the James-River railroad.

5. Authorizing the James-River Railroad Company to execute a mortgage and issue bonds to an amount not exceeding $3,500,000, and authorizing cities and counties to subscribe to the stock of the James-River Railroad Company, or to exchange their bonds for the bonds of the railroad company, or to guarantee such railroad bonds by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters, which shall include a majority of the freeholders of such city or county voting on the question.

The bill contemplates the construction of a continuous line of railroad from Clifton Forge to Richmond, or to Lynchburg, or such other point east of Buchanan as the means of the company will justify, and providing for such connections with the canal as shall protect the interests of the canal, the cities, and counties.

A QUESTION FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS TO DECIDE.—General Johnson stated in the Senate on Saturday that inasmuch as Senators Phlegar, Fulkerson, and Brooke, together with gentlemen on his side, wanted the question as to school tax settled by the Court of Appeals at once, a petition would be filed to-day in the Supreme Court of Appeals in behalf of Sergeant James M. Tyler, of Richmond, for a *mandamus* to compel Auditor Taylor to receive $500 in coupons paid to Tyler by D. C. Mayo for a fine of that amount. It will be recollected that last summer Mayo was fined $500 by Judge Guigon for an assault. He tendered coupons to the City Sergeant in payment of it, and the Sergeant refused to receive it. Therefore Mayo sued out a *habeas corpus* before Judge Minor, who discharged him from custody on the ground that the Sergeant ought to have received the coupons.

Tyler then took the coupons and offered to pay them into the Treasury, but the Auditor refused to receive them on the ground that fines, having been dedicated by the Constitution to public schools, could only be paid in money. This *mandamus*, therefore, will raise the very question which the Senate has been debating for the last ten days—that is, whether Mr. Massey's bill declaring that coupons shall not be received in payment of taxes due the public schools is constitutional. The question will be pressed to a speedy decision—probably before the 1st of February.

ELECTION OF PYTHIAN OFFICERS.—At a stated meeting of Richmond Lodge, No. 14, Knights of Pythias, held at Pythian Castle Hall, the following officers were installed for the ensuing six months: Past-Chancellor S. H. Bowman, chancellor commander; J. S. Geotinger, vice-chancellor; Past-Grand-Chancellor D. W. Bohonon, prelate; Past-Chancellor J. W. Foster, master of exchequer; Past-Chancellor L. E. Wood, master of finance; Past-Chancellor C. F. Danforth, keeper of records and seal; Past-Chancellor W. P. Poythress, master-at-arms; T. H. Roberts, inside guard; F. H. Williams, outside guard.

CHARGE OF CRUELTY NOT SUSTAINED.—The Committee on Teachers and Schools held a meeting Saturday the 12th instant, at 4 P. M., for the purpose of investigating the charge of cruelty to a pupil against Miss M. E. Savage, a teacher in the Leigh school, made by Mrs. H. T. Anderson. After a thorough examination of the case the committee were unanimously of the opinion that the charge of cruelty was not sustained. The injury received by the child is believed to be the result of an accidental fall. Miss Savage has been restored to duty in her school.

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 12, 1878.—Lots fronting: 33 feet on Clay street between Adams and Jefferson for $1,485; 31 feet on Grove street corner Morris for $100; 120 feet on Cherry street near Cumberland for $——; 25 feet on Twenty-ninth street near O for $125; 27 feet on Third street for $——; 68½ feet on Grace street corner Seventh for $9,648; 16⅔ feet on Clay street near Brook avenue for $1,350.

THE TOBACCO TRADE.—The breaks at the Tobacco Exchange for the week ending Saturday comprised 216 hogsheads, 19 tierces, and 7 boxes. The number of packages offered at auction on 'Change for the same period were 139, of which number 65 were taken in and 74 sold. The prices during the week ranged from $1 to $28.

OUR FOREIGN COMMERCE.—There were no imports reported at the custom-house for the week ending Saturday. The only exports reported were one cargo of hoops shipped to Cardenas per schooner Thomas Clyde by Curtis & Parker. The Clyde cleared Wednesday.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS.—The amount of United States internal revenue collected for the week ending Saturday was $26,515.93—as follows: Monday, $5,204.76; Tuesday, $2,561.91; Wednesday, $3,941.05; Thursday, $5,200.35; Friday, $3,841.64; Saturday, $5,766.22.

LADIES' FESTIVAL.—The Ladies' Sewing Circle of Grace-Street Baptist church will open a feast to-day. They will furnish lunch or dinner from 12 o'clock M. to 3 o'clock P. M., and supper and other refreshments at night. The entertainment will be enlivened by music. They extend a cordial invitation for all to attend, and promise to make their stay an agreeable one.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR.—A select committee of the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Hurt of Pittsylvania, Murray, and Marshall, have made a report in connection with the presentation of House bill No. 1, to provide for the use of convict labor on the James River and Kanawha canal to Governor Kemper, in which they conclude that certain exhibits tend to show "that there was no intentional wrong upon the part of those who committed the error." See Senate Document No. 9.

A minority report, submitted by Mr. Marshall, is very full, lucid, and interesting. It gives a full history of all matters in connection with the subject, and concludes with a resolution that the Clerk of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls, and Governor Kemper, have promptly and properly performed their respective duties in accordance with statutory law and the Constitution, and that no one concerned in this transaction has done wrong or error. See Senate Document No. 14.

It will be well for senators to read both reports, as the Senate will be called upon at an early day to decide between them, and their decision is a matter of importance to the interests of the Commonwealth.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE GAS QUESTION.—Postmaster Forbes and his assistants on Saturday signed a petition to Secretary Sherman requesting him to continue taking the city gas for the custom-house building; but if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made to that end, that they prefer that gas should be manufactured on the premises rather than that they should be subjected longer to the use of kerosene-oil lamps. They expressly state that they do not wish to be regarded as taking any part in or expressing opinion as to the controversy between the city authorities and governmental officials.

PERSONAL.—The visitors to the Tobacco Exchange Saturday were Charles Morris, Ashland; J. E. T. Jones, Greensboro', N. C.; and J. M. Mason, Washington, D. C.

Police-Justice White is quite sick from a neuralgic attack.

On Saturday evening Governor Holliday gave a dinner to thirty members of the General Assembly. He will this week invite thirty others, and so on until they have all received his hospitality.

THE NEW STREET STAGE-LINE.—Major Garber, of the enterprising Transfer Company, is succeeding with his new line of omnibuses which he has put on Main street, and will in a short time add to the number of omnibuses now on the streets. At present they make trips every