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MEETINGS.

HDQ'RS COMMANDERY OF ST. ANDREW, U. D., RICHMOND, January 21, 1878.
ORDER No. 5.—SIR KNIGHTS,—Attend a stated assembly of the Commandery at the asylum in St. Alban's Hall, corner of Third and Main streets, THIS (Monday) EVENING at 7½ o'clock, in citizen's dress. The members of Richmond Commandery, No. 2, and all visiting Knights, are courteously invited to attend. By order of the Eminent Commander.
JNO. E. LAUGHTON, JR., Captain-General.
Attest: FRANK D. STEGER, Recorder. ja 21-1t

MASONIC NOTICE.—THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF JOPPA LODGE, No. 40, A. F. and A. M., are requested to attend a called meeting of the Lodge in St. Alban's Hall, on MONDAY MORNING, 21st instant, at 11 o'clock, to pay the last tribute of respect to our deceased brother, Colonel JOSEPH K. WEISIGER.
By order of the Worshipful Master.
W. J. RIDDICK, Secretary.
JANUARY, A. L. 5878, A. D. 1878. ja 21-1t*

AMITY LODGE, No. 76, A. F. AND A. M.—The members of this Lodge will attend a stated communication of their Lodge at Tholl's Hall, corner of Mumford and Broad streets (West End), THIS (Monday) EVENING at 6 o'clock. Brethren of sister lodges and transient brethren are fraternally invited to be present. By order of the W. M.
GEORGE W. DUESBERRY, JR., Secretary.
ja 21-1t*

OFFICE OF RICHMOND RAILWAY COMPANY, RICHMOND, January 18, 1878.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS COMPANY will be held at their office, on Leigh street, on MONDAY the 18th of February, 1878, at 12 M.
C. WALDROP, Secretary.
ja 18-F&Mtd

OFFICE VIRG'A STATE INSURANCE COMPANY, RICHMOND, January 15, 1878.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the VIRGINIA STATE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on TUESDAY the 22d instant, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of the company.
J. M. TATE, Secretary.
ja 16-1w

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.
ja 7-td S. B. MOORE, Secretary.

MILITARY NOTICES.

HEADQUARTERS RICHMOND HOWITZERS, RICHMOND, VA., January 21, 1878.
MEMBERS OF THIS COMMAND will assemble at their armory promptly at 8 o'clock P. M., in citizen's dress, for drill. By order Captain R. C. WORTHAM.
J. B. FOSTER, JR., Acting Orderly Sergeant.
ja 21-1t

AMUSEMENTS.

RICHMOND THEATRE.
Engagement of the young American tragedienne,
MARY ANDERSON.
Her first appearance here since her recent distinguished triumphs in New York, Boston, and elsewhere.
Miss Anderson will be supported by a
POWERFUL AND CAREFULLY-SELECTED COMPANY,
including the popular young actor,
JOHN W. NORTON.
THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 24, 1878, will be presented Richard Shiel's sublime play, in five acts, entitled
EVADNE!
FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 25,
INGOMAR.
MATINEE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 26,
ROMEO AND JULIET.
SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 26,
GUY MANNERING.
Box-sheet opens TUESDAY at 9 A. M. at JOHNSTON'S and box-office of Theatre. Secured seats, $1.50. ja 21-4t

FIREMEN'S BALL.
AN OPPORTUNITY TO AID A WORTHY CAUSE.
TO THE PUBLIC:
As a means of raising a fund for the benefit of the FIREMEN of this city, which it is proposed to expend in procuring for them suitable overcoats and boots to protect them from the cold or stormy weather while in the discharge of their perilous duties, we, the undersigned, propose holding a
BALL AT SANGER HALLE
on ST. VALENTINE'S DAY (the 14th of February), and ask the co-operation of all the friends of the firemen who think they deserve the comforts they ask.
It is desirable to raise at least FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS, and to our friends who will not attend the proposed ball, but who wish to aid us, we beg to say that their contributions in money will be gratefully received by any of the officers of the Department, and will be properly applied.
MANAGERS: GEORGE A. AINSLIE, Chief Engineer; S. H. HERNDON, B. A. PURKS, G. R. MINOR, G. W. TAYLOR, M. T. PHILLIPS, J. F. WINGFIELD, A. L. FUQUA, Commanders in the Fire Department. ja 19-3t

EXCURSION.

GRAND MILITARY AND CIVIC EXCURSION TO CHARLESTON, S. C., BY THE WALKER LIGHT GUARD, COMPANY B, FIRST VIRGINIA REGIMENT.
This company will make a trip to CHARLESTON, S. C., to attend the ceremonies in that city on the 22d of February next, in honor of the Father of his Country.
A limited number of tickets will be sold to citizens who desire to go with the company, good for ten days. Round trip, $12.50.
Leave Richmond by Richmond and Petersburg railroad on WEDNESDAY, February 20, 1878, at 11½ o'clock P. M.
Applications for tickets must be made by the 15th of February to A. W. GARBER & CO., No. 826 Main street. ja 21,28,fe 4,6,8,11,13,15,&td

POULTRY EXHIBITION.

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The FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the VIRGINIA POULTRY ASSOCIATION has been postponed from the 9th of January until
FEBRUARY 20TH, 21ST, AND 22D.
Those who desire to exhibit fowls, pigeons, birds, &c., will please send in their entries as soon as possible.
It is the earnest wish of the Association that every breeder of fowls in the State will send something to the exhibition.
The express companies have agreed to return all fowls, &c., free of charge.
Blanks and any other information will be promptly furnished by addressing
THE SECRETARY,
ja 21-M,W&S6t* Box 73, Richmond, Va.

LECTURE.

THE REV. WILLIAM E. HATCHER, D. D., will deliver a LECTURE, for the benefit of the "Young Ladies' Sewing Society," at LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, TUESDAY EVENING, January 22d, at 7½ o'clock.
SUBJECT: "THE MODERN DANCE."
Price of admission, 25c. ja 21 2t*

DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned in the mercantile business, in the Green Springs, Louisa county, under the name and style of DANNE & PERKINS, was dissolved January 1, 1878, by mutual consent.
CHARLES DANNE, JR., is alone authorized to settle the affairs of the partnership, and all persons indebted are requested to make payment to him.
The business will hereafter be conducted in the name of CHARLES DANNE & SON.
CHARLES DANNE, JR.,
ja 21-1t* THOMAS P. PERKINS.
RICHMOND, VA., January 14, 1878.
I HAVE ADMITTED INTO CO-PARTNERSHIP, with equal interest, in my business, to date from the 1st day of January, 1878, Mr. JOHN ENDERS ROBINSON, the style of the firm to be OLIVER & ROBINSON.
Thankful for past favors, and with increased facilities for supplying the trade generally with all styles of CHEWING and SMOKING TOBACCO, as also CIGARETTES and CIGARS, I respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage heretofore extended me for the new firm.
ja 15-6t* ROBERT W. OLIVER.

Richmond Dispatch.

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

MONDAY.....JANUARY 21, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic and South Atlantic States, increasing cloudiness and rain, southeast winds, stationary or higher temperature, and falling barometer.

For the East Gulf States, cloudy and rainy followed by clearing weather, warm southerly veering to cold northwesterly winds, falling followed by rising barometer.

For the West Gulf States, clear or partly cloudy weather, northwest winds, stationary temperature, and rising barometer.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, cloudy, rainy weather, warm southerly veering to cold northwesterly winds, falling followed by rising barometer.

Cautionary signals continue at New Orleans.

THE WEATHER SATURDAY was clear, mild, and very pleasant.

THERMOMETER SATURDAY: 6 A. M., 35; 9 A. M., 43; noon, 62; 3 P. M., 62; 6 P. M., 53; midnight, 48.

[For the Dispatch.]

The James-River Railroad---City Debt and City Taxes.

The *Dispatch* of December 20 contained the following: "In Springfield, Ill., the total levy for taxes is $4.85½ on $100 worth of property." A few days previously it had copied from a Chicago paper a statement that the assessment in that city was $4 per $100; and its issue of the 5th instant gives the rates in various towns in Ohio, ranging from $1.67 to $3.05 and $3.72 per $100. The tax-payers of Richmond ought to be thankful to the editors for this information, which was no doubt kindly meant as a warning of what we may expect if some of our too "public-spirited" and too sanguine fellow-citizens are to have their way in adding $2,000,000 to our city debt at one dash, and $120,000 per annum to our taxes. The New-Year's issue of the *Dispatch* also contains some figures which I hope were well studied by all who bear the burdens of taxation, for they deserve to be recollected. They show that the debt of the city of Richmond has been *more than doubled in the last eight years*—viz., from $2,092,252 to $4,458,945—and that the yearly interest has been increased in a still larger proportion; for it is during this period that all the eight-per-cent. bonds have been issued.

How the *rate of taxation* has grown meanwhile, the tax-payers know only too well, and they have doubtless duly noted the recently-reported declaration of the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Council that the rate will have to be increased 25 cents on the $100, unless a material reduction is made in the expenditures of the city; otherwise it will be impossible to "make both ends meet." And it is at this juncture of increased burdens and lessened ability to pay, by reason of reduced income from business and from the property to be taxed, that we are called upon to assume two millions more of debt, with a corresponding increase of taxes. Tax-payers of Richmond, how do you like the prospect? If it is not pleasing to you, it is time your voice was heard in protest.

Several years ago the reckless increase of our debt led to an amendment of the city charter fixing a limit to the debt, which it was declared should not exceed 18 per cent. of the assessed value of the real estate in the city. This restriction, which met with universal approval, was accepted, both as a protection to the tax-payers against excessive burdens and a solemn pledge to the city's creditors. Now it is proposed to break this double compact. Already the machinery is at work to get the charter amended by the Legislature, and those who profess to be the representatives of the tax-payers in the Council are busy in moving it. How far it is designed to cut loose from the restraints of prudence and safety does not yet appear, but there is no doubt that the design is to compass, by one device or another, the addition of $2,000,000 *at once* to the city debt. How much more is in store for us hereafter we can only conjecture. That more will inevitably follow no reasonable man can doubt; but the two millions added to the present debt will make an aggregate equal to more than 23 per cent. of the assessed value of real estate, according to the State assessment, which the city is now obliged by law to observe.

If the tax-payers feel any repugnance to this wholesale accumulation of indebtedness they ought at once to let their representatives in the Council and in the Legislature understand that they have an interest in this matter, and take care that amendments to the charter are not smuggled through which will lay them helpless at the mercy of numbers, and subject them to unlimited burdens without their power to prevent it.

And for what purpose are we to shoulder these two millions of new debt which the great men of our city government talk so lightly of? Why, to build a railroad on the bank of a canal *which has sufficed, and more than sufficed, for all the transportation which has ever been required of it.* No candid man can deny that the James River and Kanawha canal could have transported ten times more freight than has ever been offered to it. If it had not the requisite number of boats, these could at any time have been provided at short notice. If the canal has not poured a boundless wealth of productions into our lap it is simply because the James-River valley, whose untold riches are now daily sung into our ears, has been unable to furnish them.

Be it remembered, too, that the canal, which is now so denounced as a failure, is the very same which only a few years ago was extolled as fit to form part of a "great central water-line," connecting the waters of the Chesapeake with those of the Mississippi! What has so suddenly "changed the tune?" A flood which has seriously damaged the canal, but by no means beyond the possibility of restoration. On the contrary, we are assured that, with the aid of convict-labor, the canal can be put in good order again with a very moderate outlay of money. Indeed, the president of the canal company has expressed the belief that when the repairs are completed the canal will be in better condition for navigation than it has been for many years past. But is the canal alone liable to disaster from floods? How fared it with the Seaboard and Roanoke, the Petersburg and Weldon, the Richmond and Danville, the Virginia Midland, and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroads, during the November floods? And suppose a railroad had been in existence *on the tow-path of the canal*, as now so loudly called for, what would have become of it in that angry turmoil of waters? Will some of our "practical" friends tell us? The idea of building a railroad on the canal-bank to escape the danger of floods to which the canal itself is liable does seem, on a plain, common-sense view of the matter, to be most chimerical. Yet we are called on to give $2,000,000 for such a railroad in order to avoid the expense of $25,000 for the repair of the canal! Truly, no scheme for heaping burdens upon a people ever had less justification.

I forbear at present from entering upon a general discussion of the various aspects of this question, my object being merely to call the attention of my fellow-tax-payers to the dangers which threaten them, and to urge them not to remain idle and passive spectators of the movements which are in progress.

A TAX-PAYER OF MONROE WARD.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE JAMES-RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD BILL.—The incorporators named in the bill introduced in the Senate on Saturday by Mr. Wortham for the formation of the James-River Valley Railroad Company are Dr. W. T. Walker, Judge John A. Meredith, Franklin Stearns, Esq., and Mr. Charles L. Todd. The road is proposed to be built to Lynchburg, Buchanan, and Clifton Forge, and the cities, towns, and counties through which the said road may pass are authorized to vote subscriptions to the preferred capital stock of said company, in form and manner prescribed by law regulating city, town, and county subscriptions to incorporated companies. The subscriptions by city or town shall not be taken into account in estimating the indebtedness of such municipal corporation in reference to the limit of indebtedness now prescribed by their respective charters.

The capital stock of the company is to be designated as follows: First, two millions of dollars in shares of one hundred dollars each shall be known and classified as preferred stock, and shall be entitled to a semi-annual dividend of four per cent. whenever the net earnings admit of it; second, all other stock to an amount not exceeding four millions of dollars shall be classed and known as common stock, which shall be entitled to a dividend out of the net earnings of the company after paying first the interest on the bonded debt of the company, and the dividend on the preferred stock.

The incorporators are authorized to open books for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the preferred stock to the extent of two millions of dollars, and to require the payment of not less than ten per cent. of the amount so subscribed at the time of such subscription, with authority to reject any subscription offered by any party who may by them be considered not sufficiently solvent for the amount of such subscription; that whenever two hundred thousand dollars shall have been paid in by parties subscribing stock, then an election shall be held, after giving ten days' notice of time and place, published in one of the newspapers in the city of Richmond and one in the city of Lynchburg, of nine directors.

It shall be lawful for the company to issue its bonds in such sums as they may deem proper, to the extent of $1,600,000, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually at such point as the company may designate—said bonds to be used first for the purpose of acquiring title to the rights, franchises, and property of the James River and Kanawha Company; the remainder of said bonds to be the general fund of the company; the payment of said bonds to be secured by mortgage or deed of trust on its franchise, real and personal property, and all its other property which it may hereafter acquire, including its road-bed, rolling stock, equipments, branches, income, and other things, or any part or parts thereof.

The company is authorized to purchase from the James River and Kanawha Company all their real and personal estate, privileges, and franchises, of every kind whatsoever, subject to all liens of the creditors of the James River and Kanawha Company.

Whenever the stockholders in the James River and Kanawha Company shall consent to the sale of the property and all rights of every kind belonging to the James River and Kanawha Company to the James-River Valley Railroad Company, on condition that the railroad company shall assume or provide for the payment of all the debts of the said James River and Kanawha Company, and for the issuing to the stockholders of said company two millions of full-paid common stock, which shall be divided among the stockholders *pro rata* as two millions are to the whole amount of stock, in shares of fifty dollars each, except when necessary to issue stock in amounts less than fifty dollars, to make proper division. The remaining two millions of common stock shall be held by the company until the last assessment of the preferred stock shall be fully paid by the party holding said preferred stock, then said stockholders shall be entitled to receive equal amount of common stock.

The company is authorized to consolidate with the Buchanan and Clifton-Forge Railway Company, and to pay stockholders other than the James River and Kanawha Company the amount which they may have paid for their stock, with interest.

After the first election of the officers of the James-River Valley Railroad Company, under the provision of this act, there shall be an annual election of directors, of whom five are to be elected by the holders of preferred stock, one by the bondholders of the company, and three by the holders of common stock; but no person shall be elected a director unless he be a stockholder or bondholder, and in the event there shall be no bondholders, then the directors who would be elected by said bondholders shall be elected by holders of common stock.

The said James-River Valley Railroad Company shall organize and commence work in four months, and finish said railroad within two years from the passage of this act: *Provided*, the James River and Kanawha Company shall transfer to the said James-River Valley Railroad Company their property, franchises, and privileges within the said four months.

There are one or two other bills before the Legislature for the construction of a railroad to Clifton Forge, the main features of which have already been published in the *Dispatch*.

REAPPORTIONMENT.—The Joint Committee on Reapportionment, General Bradley T. Johnson chairman, will meet again to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, when it is expected it will so far complete its labors as to report a bill for the consideration of the General Assembly. The committee adopts as a basis of reapportionment the last census (1875) of the school population of the cities and counties of the State, which embraces all children between the ages of five and twenty-one years. These results are multiplied by three to ascertain the true population and aggregate a population in the State of 1,448,367; thus providing a senator to each 36,209, and a delegate to each 14,483 of population. The next General Assembly, should the work of the committee be adopted, will consist of forty senators and one hundred delegates, the maximum under the constitutional amendment ratified by the people in November, 1876; a reduction of three senators and thirty-three delegates.

The *projet* of the committee apportions eleven delegates to each congressional district of the State, except the ninth, which will have twelve.

Many senators and delegates have appeared before the committee in the interest of their respective districts, and now, with an exception here and there, the result is generally conceded to be equitable.

To-morrow evening the senatorial districts will be defined and the report of the committee prepared.

Richmond city will have four delegates.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS.—The amount of United States internal revenue collected for the week ending Saturday was as follows: Monday, $4,153.74; Tuesday, 2,742.32; Wednesday, 2,389.53; Thursday, 2,099.48; Friday, 3,884.41; Saturday, $4,146.69—total, $19,421.17. This is a decrease of $7,494.66 on the collections for the week ending January 12th, when $26,915.83 was reported.

THE BIRTHDAY DONATIONS.—We repeat the notice in Saturday's issue, that persons with whom envelopes have been left for birthday contributions to the Lee monument will please leave the same at the offices of the daily papers, or at the Governor's office.

THROUGH TRAVEL SOUTH.—The Staunton-river bridge on the Richmond and Danville railroad having been fully repaired, through trains are now running, with palace- and sleeping-cars, from New York to New Orleans.

PERSONAL.—Among the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange Saturday were W. F. James, Franklin county; F. S. Kelly, Washington county, and E. M. Pace, Danville.

The State officers, with the exception of the Treasurer, Second Auditor, and Railroad Commissioner, will be elected on Wednesday.

Several of the clerks, pages, and members of the House are sick with chills, colds, and other such ills, by many attributable to the bad ventilation of the hall.

Major Johnston, president of the canal company and a gentleman of tireless energy, expects to have the canal open to Lynchburg during the present week.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett and company left for Petersburg Saturday evening, where he was to have appeared in Richelieu that night.

In accordance with the resolution of the Chamber of Commerce adopted Thursday evening, Mr. Nolting, the president, has appointed Messrs. A. Y. Stokes, John Purcell, Thomas W. McCance, C. U. Williams, and R. E. Blankenship to prepare an address on the subject of the State debt.

DEATH OF AN UPRIGHT YOUTH.—On Saturday morning Mr. Archer, of the Tredegar Company, had occasion to go into the race which feeds the works, the water having been drawn off, and to his surprise discovered in one corner of the race the body of a colored youth standing erect, but cold and dead. He was not long in getting out and sending a messenger for the Coroner. The body proved to be that of a boy named James Williams, aged about fourteen years, who had been seen at the Tredegar Works on Thursday, and who, it is supposed, in wandering around fell into the race, and the immense force of the water rushing along set him up in a vertical position as described. The Doctor concluded that it was a case of accidental drowning, and deemed it an unnecessary expense to hold an inquest. The body was buried at the cost of the city.

THE TOBACCO TRADE.—Business was unusually dull at the Tobacco Exchange for the past week. Large sales of loose were reported at the warehouses. The agitation of the tobacco-tax is undoubtedly having a depressing effect on the trade. Many think that if the drawback clause was at once enacted by Congress that business would revive pending the discussion of the question of a reduction of the tax. The breaks at the Tobacco Exchange for the week ending Saturday comprised 127 hogsheads, 13 tierces, and 12 boxes. The offerings at auction on 'Change were 47 packages, of which 19 were taken in and 28 sold. The prices during the week ranged from $1.80 to $16.75.

OUR FOREIGN COMMERCE.—The exports for the past week comprised 3,365 barrels of flour, shipped by Dunlop & McCance to Rio Janeiro per Norwegian bark Gallis.

The imports consisted of 4,000 sacks of salt from Liverpool, consigned to Davenport & Morris, per Norwegian bark Sorrideren.

The Danish bark Cito also arrived in ballast during the week to load flour for South America. The Cito is under a charter from Dunlop & McCance, of the Manchester mills.

The German brig Ida cleared Saturday for Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, with 2,150 barrels of flour, shipped by the Haxall-Crenshaw Company.

THE JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA CANAL COMPANY.—An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company was held Saturday at 10 o'clock—Thomas W. McCance in the chair.

A short discussion was had on the adoption of the bill as proposed by the proxies of the Buchanan and Clifton-Forge Railroad Company.

The views of a majority of the stockholders, as expressed, were strongly in favor of the completion of the repairs of the canal from Richmond to Lynchburg and the construction of the railroad from Clifton Forge to Buchanan.

The meeting, without transacting any business of public interest, adjourned until Saturday, January 26th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BOARD.—The Board of Visitors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College held its session at the Exchange last week. Colonel Eggleston, of Giles county, was elected rector. C. W. Button, of the Lynchburg *Virginian*; Dr. Sullins, president of Sullins College; and the rector, were made members of the Executive Committee. The retiring rector, General Wharton, was complimented by earnest resolutions of endorsement and regret at his retirement. Adjunct-Professor Conrad was handsomely complimented for efficient work in his new department. The Board worked vigorously, extending their night sessions to 2 o'clock. Rules and regulations were adopted looking to vigorous discipline and a live management.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.—Marxhausen *vs.* Commonwealth, Helfrick *vs.* Commonwealth. Partly argued by Colonel John B. Young for the plaintiffs in error and submitted.

Tyler, Sergeant, &c., *vs.* Taylor, Auditor, &c. The Attorney-General filed the answer of the Auditor to the rule awarded on Tuesday last, and the cause was set down to be heard on Thursday next.

It is supposed that the prohibition cases of Moll & Hagan *vs.* Guigon, judge, &c., will come up on Wednesday after the cases now under argument are concluded.

POLICE COURT—*Acting Justice Crutchfield presiding.*—The following business was transacted Saturday:

Alexander White, a sailor, was charged with attempted desertion from the Danish brig Cito. The case was, for good cause, continued until to-day.

William Jackson (colored boy) was sent to jail for one hour and ordered five stripes for stealing apples from James Hopes.

GOOD TEMPLARS MUTUAL-BENEFIT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.—This Association, composed of colored men, was organized Friday night with the following officers: Dr. J. E. Ferguson, president; W. H. L. Combs, vice-president; B. J. Franklin, secretary; P. M. Steward, treasurer. Board of Directors: Captain R. A. Paul, P. H. Fleming, Lewis Dickerson, Sr., Philip Green, J. W. Gaines, W. H. Brooks, J. A. Ball of Lincoln.

The Society proposes to give a death-benefit of $1,000 to the heirs or assigns of a deceased member of this Association.

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 19, 1878.—Lots fronting: 30 feet on Grace street between Belvidere and Pine for $1,425; 80 feet on Clay street between Norton and Kinney for $5; 31 feet on Grace street corner Morris for $100; 60 feet on Clay street corner Sixth for $2,000; 25 feet on Grace street between Laurel and Shafer for $875; 64½ feet on Fourth street near Cave for ——; 20⅞ feet on Twenty-sixth street between O and P for $400; 15 feet on Seventh street near Preston for ——; 15 feet on Seventh street near Preston for ——; 30 feet on Leigh street near Kinney for $162; 19 feet on Canal street between First and Second for $2,050; 19 feet on Canal street between First and Second for $2,250; 20 feet on Clay street for $250.

THE DAVID-GARRICK MATINEE.—The last but not the least of Lawrence Barrett's triumphs was won Saturday, when he appeared as the hero in the delightful comedy of David Garrick. The audience was an unusually beautiful one, the parquette and dress-circle being filled with ladies. Like everything essayed by Barrett, the character was performed to perfection, and the large audience testified their appreciation of the effort by repeated demonstrations of approval.

HOW TO REGISTER A LETTER.—When you wish to have a letter registered at the post-office for transmission through the mails it should be presented for registration sealed as any other letter; but in addition to the stamp or stamps affixed to it for the prepayment of postage (three cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof), it must have also a ten-cent stamp (or its equivalent in other postage-stamps)—the registry fee. All of these stamps must be placed on the letter *before* it is presented for registration. The stamps can be obtained at the stamp-window in the post-office, and not at the desk of the registering clerk. The only other requirement is that the name and post-office address of the sender shall be printed or written on the *face* of the envelope. The letter is then ready for registration. When registered the sender forthwith receives a receipt for the *letter*, which he retains in his possession. The letter is forwarded to its destination in an official sealed envelope made for the purpose. As it passes from hand to hand a receipt is given at each transfer until it reaches the person for whom it is intended, who signs a receipt for it, which is transmitted to the sender of the letter. This explanation shows both the simplicity of the process of registration and the security of transmission, and may be found worthy of preservation for reference by all not familiar with the system who may expect to use it at any time hereafter.

MISS MARY ANDERSON'S ENGAGEMENT.—Miss Mary Anderson, the noted southern actress, who enjoys a most enviable reputation, will commence an engagement at the Theatre in this city on Thursday, and will give four performances. Miss Anderson will be supported by Mr. J. W. Norton and a good company. The sale of reserved seats commences at Johnston's on Tuesday.

EVANGELINE.—The Rice Combination, in the final performance Saturday night of this opera bouffe, did not have a full house. The acting and much of the singing was, however, highly enjoyed. The opera is sufficiently light and amusing to please those who seek recreation after a day's labor and vexation, and is unobjectionable in its features. The young ladies of the company are very fair, and their costumes were elegant.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—Chaffin, Staples & Co. have recently sold to Mr. J. B. Smith, of Orange county, N. Y., the farm in Powhatan county known as "Lyle Tract" for $5,000; also, to Mr. E. S. Delone, of Pennsylvania, three hundred and forty-two acres of "Chatsworth"—the estate of the late William B. Randolph—for $3,500.

[Communicated.]

Captain R. E. Frayser.

As the election of Superintendent of Public Printing will occur on Wednesday next I wish to write a brief communication in behalf of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this article. Captain Frayser is a native of New Kent county, and was mustered into the Confederate service in the spring of 1861, and belonged to Company F, Third Virginia cavalry, and continued with it until May, 1862, when he was detailed for special duty at General J. E. B. Stuart's headquarters.

He was promoted from the ranks to a captaincy on the field at the second battle of Manassas for gallantry by a recommendation from General Stuart to General George W. Randolph (then Secretary of War), and was assigned to duty on the staff of the brave and chivalrous Stuart, where he remained until that officer fell at Yellow Tavern, on the 11th of May, 1864, while defending this city. In the memorable raid of Stuart in rear of McClellan's army, just before the battles around Richmond, Stuart, in his official report, giving an account of this expedition, published on the 12th day of August, 1862, pays a high compliment to this officer, and also in subsequent official reports. As an act of retaliation he was in August, 1864, sent by the United States Government from Fort Delaware, where he was confined as a prisoner, with a large number of officers, among them Colonel A. Fulkerson and Captain W. C. Nunn, now in the State Senate, and placed on Morris's Island, near Charleston, S. C., and there he was retaliated on for the alleged ill-treatment of Federal soldiers confined at Andersonville. At the close of the war Captain Frayser connected himself with the press of this city, and was with the *Dispatch* for several years, and is highly endorsed by that journal. Subsequently he was made business-manager of the *Whig*, and remained with that newspaper until last October; which last paper also endorses him. He is now before the General Assembly as a candidate for Superintendent of Public Printing, and is eminently qualified for the place he seeks, and we trust it will be the pleasure of that body to elect him, as he comes up fully to every requirement as to qualifications under the law. Notwithstanding he is *not a practical printer*, he is sufficiently familiar with all the details of the office to discharge every duty of it satisfactorily to the public. As to his eligibility, that question is settled by the printed opinions of a number of the best lawyers in Virginia. RICHMOND.

The Gas Question.

Editors Dispatch: Let the councilmen do their duty fearlessly and reduce the pay of city officials in a rate corresponding with the reductions that have been obtained in business circles, and the question of cheap gas will be solved at once.

As a tax-payer, I am willing that every man in our service should be as well remunerated as he would be were he employed by a business-house of good standing and reputation. On that basis our expenses could easily be reduced twenty-five per cent.

And who can say that it would be unjust? EARNESTNESS.

MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

Adjourned Meeting of the City Council—The Summons on Mr. Brooks Returned Not Executed—The Richmond Cedar-Works, Again—Mr. Batcheller's Resolutions—Mr. Brooks Expelled.—An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held Saturday night. Present at roll-call: Messrs. C. C. McRae (president), Batcheller, Eubank, Gary, Gallegher, Gibbs, Matthews, Monteiro, and Whitehead.

The summons against Socrates Brooks was returned not executed.

Dr. Monteiro offered the following:

That whereas S. Brooks has refused to obey the summons of the Council, be it

Resolved, That the claim of the city against him be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

A. C. Attkisson was allowed $20 for services in the suit of the city of Manchester *vs.* C. Y. Morriss.

Mr. Matthews offered a resolution authorizing the erection of a bridge at the corner of Second and Decatur streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Attkisson (by permission) addressed the Council in reference to the resolution passed by the Council with regard to the appointment of a committee to ask the Legislature to delay action on the proposed amendment to the city charter.

[The said amendment is to repeal the ordinance imposing a penalty of fifteen per cent. on unpaid tax-claims.]

Mr. McRae, as the mover of the resolution referred to, explained his reasons for introducing it.

Mr. McRae said the first notice the Council had of the matter was a notice in the *Dispatch*.

Mr. Attkisson was proceeding to justify his course when Mr. McRae called him to order and Mr. Attkisson retired, stating that he considered he had been treated with discourtesy.

Mr. McRae said that this was a business meeting of the Council, and not a public meeting.

The President gave notice that if spectators persisted in applauding he would have the lobby cleared.

A communication was received from the Richmond Cedar-Works Company declining the terms offered by the Council Friday night. The communication was laid on the table.

Dr. Monteiro offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas it is the opinion of this body that the best interests of Manchester demands that the Richmond Cedar-Works Company should be encouraged to remain in the city by any fair and honorable means; therefore be it

Resolved, That said company be granted their request on the conditions agreed on by the Council on the 18th instant, with the changes only of a period of eight years, when the agreement was six; also, the tenure of the buildings to be erected shall be held by the city under the like conditions as those of Dunlop & McCance's mill.

Dr. Monteiro asked a suspension of the rules for the consideration of the resolution.

Mr. McRae addressed the Council in opposition to the suspension of the rules and Dr. Monteiro in favor of said suspension.

The ayes and noes were called with the following result:

AYES.—Messrs. Eubank, Gallegher, Matthews, Monteiro, and White—5.
NOES.—Messrs. Batcheller, Gary, Gibbs, Moody, and the President—5.

The Council refused to suspend the rules.

Mr. Eubank moved to adjourn—ayes 3 (Messrs. Eubank, Gallegher, and Whitehead); noes, 7.

Mr. Batcheller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the question of granting the terms asked for by the Richmond Cedar-Works Company be submitted to a vote of the freeholders of the city, to be held at the court-house Monday, January 21, 1878, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

The resolution was laid over until the next meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Messrs. A. Gary, A. C. Gibbs, and R. S. Whitehead, Mr. Brooks's colleagues on the late Special Street Committee:

Resolved, That S. Brooks be expelled from this Council in accordance with section 17 of the charter of Manchester.

On a call of the roll the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Charles W. Turner was authorized to prosecute the claim of the city *vs.* Mr. Brooks immediately.

W. L. Moody was excused from service on the special committee to attend the Legislature.

Dr. Monteiro offered a resolution that when the Council adjourn it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, January 23d, at 7½ o'clock. Adopted.

After the transaction of other unimportant business, the Council adjourned.

Death of an Old Citizen.—Mr. Joseph K. Weisiger died in Manchester Saturday in the seventy-seventh year of his age. The deceased was a native of Manchester, and a member of the large, well-known, and respected family of that name who have been connected with the history of Manchester *ab urbe condita*.

Mr. Weisiger had been engaged nearly all of his long and useful life in business in Richmond. He was for a long time with Binford, Mayo & Blair, and A. K. Parker & Co., and with his son, Powhatan Weisiger. He was noted for the urbanity of his disposition, and was, indeed, a gentleman of the olden time. He was universally beloved as an honest and good man, and his memory will ever be green in the hearts of a host of friends. Mr. Weisiger was a member of Joppa Lodge, No. 40, A. F. and A. M.

The funeral will take place from St. James Episcopal church to-day at 12 o'clock M. The deceased had been confined to his room for two years and had been a great sufferer. He was patient at all times and under all circumstances, and died in the blissful hope of a blessed immortality beyond the tomb.

The Venire for the Hord Trial.—The following venire has been drawn for the trial of W. F. Hord, charged with the murder of D. C. McCloud, which commences January 28th: Luke W. Dugger, Samuel A. Coleman, William H. Davis, James H. Eanes, P. R. Driscoll, James K. Dance, Richard M. Baines, George W. Phaup, W. E. Pulliam, Joseph P. Gilliam, Thomas W. Pinchback, Thomas P. Perdie, Leonidas Burton, John Clarke, Edward R. Newby, James Toone, Jack Stahlman, Robert R. Toone, George W. Bittle, C. M. Cousins, George W. Chandler, James F. Whitlock, Joseph Williams, Andrew Williams.

Personal.—Richard S. Whitehead, and not John C. Batcheller, was the member of the Special Street Committee who signed the report noticed in Saturday's *Dispatch*.

Dr. William R. Weisiger resigned his seat as a member and president of the City Council immediately on the passage of the resolution creating the Special Street Committee.

The Gilt-Edge Coterie are making arrangements for a grand calico ball on or about February 1st.

Wholesale Arrest.—Officer Fitzgerald on Saturday night arrested some eighteen white youths for disorderly conduct in front of the Baird school-building, at the corner of Fifth and Hull streets. They were reprimanded and discharged.

A GREAT desideratum has been a fashion organ, which, completely covering the field of dress and the various interests of the household, should also give the reader choice literary and general reading matter. This is accomplished by "Andrews's Bazar," published at Cincinnati, at the subscription price of one dollar a year. Send ten cents for specimen copy.

THE CLASS IN SHORT-HAND organized by the official stenographer of the Legislature will receive the first lesson at 914 Main street, over Walford's bookstore, on MONDAY NIGHT, 21st, at 8 P. M. The session will continue for three weeks. Five lessons a week.

A SEVERE COLD caused the muscles of my neck to contract; could not move my head. GILES'S LINIMENT IODIDE OF AMMONIA gave instant relief.
FRANK HERMANCE,
Conductor N. Y. and N. H.