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MEETINGS.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF ST. ANDREW, U. D., KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, RICHMOND, April 19, 1878.
SIR KNIGHTS: Attend a called assembly of the Commandery at St. Alban's Hall THIS (Friday) EVENING at 8 o'clock, in fatigue dress, for drill.
By order of the Eminent Commander.
JNO. E. LAUGHTON, JR., Captain-General.
Attest: F. D. STEGER, Recorder. ap 19-1t

ODD-FELLOWS' NOTICE.—There will be a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE ODD-FELLOWS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION at Odd-Fellows' Hall THIS (Friday) EVENING at 8 o'clock, sharp. All are requested to be present. M. A. McDONALD, President.
T. WILEY DAVIS, Secretary. ap 19-1t*

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—The members of HINES LODGE, No. 17, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, will attend a stated meeting at Wilkinson's Hall, on Ninth street near Franklin, THIS (Friday) EVENING at 8 o'clock. Members of sister lodges and visiting brethren are invited to be present. By order of the C. C.
WILLIAM J. RIDDICK, K. of R. and S.
ap 19-1t*

MYRTLE LODGE, No. 25, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Attend a stated convention of your Lodge THIS (Friday) EVENING at 8 o'clock, at your Castle (Concordia) Hall. Members in good standing of sister lodges are fraternally invited to attend.
By order of the C. C.
ap 19-1t* JOHN W. GLENN, K. of R. and S.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE RICHMOND FIRE ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA will be held at the office of the Virginia Home Insurance Company on THURSDAY, April 25, 1878, at 5 o'clock P. M. R. T. BROOKE, Secretary.
ap 11-td

RICHMOND MOZART ASSOCIATION.
The second annual meeting of the RICHMOND MOZART ASSOCIATION will take place at Mozart Hall SATURDAY the 27th day of April at 8 o'clock P. M. W. U. BASS, Secretary.
ap 8-td

AMUSEMENTS.

READINGS AND MUSIC.
MRS. E. M. WATT, ELOCUTIONIST, assisted by her daughter LULU, will give a SELECT ENTERTAINMENT at ASSOCIATION HALL on FRIDAY EVENING, April 19th, commencing at 8 o'clock.
The programme will consist of choice selections by MRS. WATT, and songs (with guitar accompaniment) by MISS LULU.
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TAXES.
OFFICE OF CITY COLLECTOR, RICHMOND, VA., April 9, 1878.
LICENSE TAX.
This office will be open daily from 9 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M. from the FIFTEENTH TO THE THIRTIETH OF APRIL, for the purpose of receiving the
LICENSE TAX
from all Lawyers, Doctors, Dentists, Commission Merchants, Merchandise Brokers, Stock and Exchange Brokers, Wholesale and Retail Liquor Dealers, Hotels, Restaurants, Saloons, Boarding- and Eating-Houses, Auctioneers, Lumber-Measurers, Architects, Theatres and Halls; Telegraph, Express, and Coal Companies; Mercantile, Insurance, Steamboat, Real Estate, Employment, Ticket, and Sewing-Machine Agents; Butter Manufacturers, Junk and Oyster Dealers, Scavengers and Photographers, Pawnbrokers, Bowling Alleys, Shooting Galleries; or any other business which cannot be reached by the ad valorem system.
All bills remaining unpaid on the 1st day of May a fine of not less than one dollar and no more than five dollars for each day thereafter will be imposed.
A. R. WOODSON, Collector.
ap 9-tMy1

DELINQUENT TAX LIST.
OFFICE OF CITY COLLECTOR, RICHMOND, VA., April 16, 1878.
BY AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY it is required that notice shall be given in all the daily newspapers, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, that the
LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES ON REAL ESTATE
for the preceding year will be published in one or more of the daily newspapers, and also the time and place of sale of said delinquency.
In accordance with the above, the list will be published in the Richmond *Dispatch* on
THURSDAY THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL,
AND ON
MONDAY THE 6TH DAY OF MAY.
The sale will take place in front of the City Hall, on Broad between Ninth and Tenth streets, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 4 o'clock P. M., on
MONDAY THE 6TH DAY OF MAY,
and all property so published will be subjected to an additional penalty of ten per cent. for charges.
ap 16-6t A. R. WOODSON, Collector.

Richmond Dispatch.

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

FRIDAY.....APRIL 19, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, falling barometer and south and east winds, warmer and partly cloudy weather, and light rain near the coast.

For the South Atlantic States, southeast winds and warmer, cloudy, and possibly rainy weather and stationary or lower pressure.

Cautionary signals continue at Cape Lookout, Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, and Cape Henry.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear, cool, and pleasant.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 41; 9 A. M., 54; noon, 71; 3 P. M., 77; 6 P. M., 63; midnight, 59.

[For the Dispatch.]

Metamorphosis of Plants.

Curious as the doctrines of metamorphosis may appear, they are founded on physiological principles which we can discover and appreciate. There is nothing surpassing belief in the statement that a stamen is only a leaf transformed and modified to execute a special purpose; nothing incredible in the fact of a leaf composed of cellular tissue being increased by proper treatment from a square inch to a square foot in dimension; but there is something incredible, something beyond all our ordinary conceptions of the uniformity of Nature's workings, in the statement that one plant can be transmuted into another; that, for example, barley may be converted into oats, or oats into rye; yet is this doctrine affirmed upon evidence of certain carefully-conducted experiments.

From the many statements that have been published respecting this curious subject, we select that of Dr. Weissenborn. He states: "With reference to the transformation of oats into rye, this remarkable phenomenon has not only been verified by new experiments, but we have caused beds to be sown with oats, in order that we may be able to convince disbelievers, by producing rye-stalks which have sprung from the crown, that shows the withered leaves of the oat-plant of the previous year. I repeat that this transformation does take place if oats are sown very late (about mid-summer), and cut twice as green fodder before shooting into ear, the consequence of which is that a considerable number of oat-plants do not die in the winter, but are changed in the following spring into rye, forming stalks that cannot be known from those of the finest rye. We must expect that this fact will be considered by some as a mere assertion, and that there are others still in doubt about it. Let any one sow oats during the latter end of June, cut them twice for fodder before shooting into ear, and the transformation in question will certainly take place. The time of sowing the oats did not formerly appear of paramount importance, nor was it believed that it would make any difference whether the oats were cut more than twice; in consequence of which a few experiments have failed. Now, however, we must conclude that if the transformation occasionally takes place with oats sown too early, that is merely an accident, depending on a peculiar state of the weather or other casualties, whereas the result is certain if the oats are sown toward the end of June. If the soil is too dry about that time, one of the reporters on the subject to the Agricultural Society of Coburg concludes, from an experiment he made, that one watering, so as to enable the oats to germinate, may be recommended; although if this is done repeatedly the high temperature of the season will cause the plants to grow so luxuriantly as to require cutting three times to prevent them from forming their ear, whereby the object would be wholly or partially lost. If, however, among those who doubt the fact there be found people who pity us because we trust more to actual experiment than to theory, we should almost feel tempted to pity those theorists whose self-sufficiency has prevented them from thoroughly investigating an important phenomenon which was noticed many years ago. Nor can we commend the discernment of those who are unable to discover in the plants in question both the preceding year's dry stubble and leaves of the oats and the fresh stalks and leaves of the rye, which latter form in May upon the crown of the oat-plant and produce fine winter rye. The Society (of Coburg) takes credit to itself for perseverance in having struggled against an opinion of the public for several years in order to establish a fact which no physiologist would believe, because people are always apt to confound the laws of nature with those of their systems."

The common faith of naturalists is that what they call species is immutable; in other words, that an animal or plant will give birth to others only of its own species. But what is species? Are we so familiar with Nature's secrets as to determine absolutely what are species and what varieties? The advocates for transmutation in plants do not expect that a cow will ever give birth to a horse, or that an oak will spring from the seed of an apple. They merely affirm that many plants now regarded as distinct species, or even genera, may be made, under certain conditions, to assume the characteristics of each other; and they point to the transmutation of oats into rye, both belonging to the same natural order of Graminæ, as evidence of their assertion.—*Curiosities of Plants.*

The irreverence of Martin I. Townsend in attacking the Mother of Presidents—we refer to that rascally old State Virginia—will make countless thousands weep. Why doesn't the graceless, conscienceless old man direct his violence at some outside territory with which we happen to be at war? Again, there are the Indians. Why not pitch into them? Hasn't the South suffered enough? And is it not heartless to destroy public respect for an institution which nobody has gazed at for a hundred years back without fear and trembling?—shades of John Smith and Pocahontas, not to mention the imitation shadows of Jeff. Davis and Aleck Stephens. Is nothing in this world to be safe from the rude hands of northern mudsills?—*Buffalo Express.*

An Englishman in Nevada proposes, if $250,000 can be raised, to bore two artesian wells, eighteen inches apart, the one a six- and the other a four-inch bore, to the depth of 6,000 feet. Then he will drop into one a powder cartridge wrapped in asbetos, so that subterranean heat will not explode it until it reaches the bottom. The explosion then will unite the two wells, and the water poured down one will be converted by subterranean heat into steam, and sent out through the other, whence the power can be transmitted to any required point.

Frank Murphy, son of the famous temperance advocate, said in a recent speech: "I am heartily in favor of the Moffett bell-punch, and I think it's the best thing ever invented in the shape of a restriction on the liquor traffic. I wish that it could be put in use in all the States."

Mr. Dix announces his lecture under the title, "Are the United States a Government?" True politics require that he should say, "Is the United States a Government?" From a mistake in grammar in this business sprang the rebellion.—*Boston Transcript.*

LOCAL MATTERS.

"THE BOYS IN BLUE"—FUTURE MEETINGS.—The Theatre was crowded again last night, the audience embracing many ladies. Mr. Doutney made his usual appeal in behalf of the temperance cause. There was some excellent singing by Mrs. Doutney and the quartette, including the popular "Grandfather's Clock." Mr. Doutney gave a different version of the *delirium tremens* from that presented on Wednesday night. A number of persons signed the pledge and the evening was passed in a pleasant manner by all who attended. The meetings will be continued at the Theatre to-night and to-morrow night and Sunday afternoon.

At the Broad-Street Methodist church today at 3½ o'clock Mr. Doutney will speak to the ladies of Richmond interested in the cause of temperance. To-morrow at 3 o'clock, at the same house, he will speak to the children. Prizes for the best temperance speeches by boys and girls will be presented. The speeches should be original, and couched in a very moderate strain, or, in other words, be very brief. No admission fee will be charged at either of these meetings. For to-night, an attractive programme will be presented.

The number signing the pledge last night was nearly one hundred, and the total number who have signed thus far approximates 1,150.

COUNCIL NOTES.—The Committee on Streets finished up their tour of inspection on yesterday.

The Common Council will meet this evening at 5 o'clock to consider the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen instructing the Committee on Light to make a railroad connection between the lower gas-works and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

At a meeting of the Committee on Health held on Wednesday evening Mr. James T. Gray, one of the most zealous and efficient members of the Board of Aldermen, was elected chairman in place of Dr. Otis F. Manson, recently elected president of the Common Council.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Leo Wheat has returned to the city.

Mr. J. A. Jefferds, late assistant postmaster of this city under the administration of Miss Lizzie Van Lew, but at present postmaster of Georgetown, D. C., is in the city.

Among the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were Clement Read, New York; D. T. P. Carpenter, J. E. Dempsey, West Virginia; H. S. Vaughan, Norfolk; C. S. Graham, Worcester, Mass.; W. D. Rice, Hamburg, Va.; W. P. Gilliam, Farmville; E. R. Johnson, Amelia; J. H. Woolfolk, Louisa; S. W. Martin, Albemarle; John A. Roberts, Halifax; and J. H. Davis, Buckingham.

ROLL OF HONOR AT THE RICHMOND HIGH-SCHOOL.—The following is a list of the pupils on the roll of honor at the Richmond High-School during the week: Senior Class—Jennie Dalby, Alice Ezekiel, Ida Hutzler, Lucy H. Powers, Ida F. Ragland, Nannie Schaap, Gertrude Smith, Rachel Van Vort, and Florrie Wilkinson. Intermediate Class—Jacques Boykin, William T. Dennis, Morris Hutzler, Ada Anderson, Fannie Blake, Josie Brown, Constance Cabell, Imogen Cottrell, Alice Eubank, Bena Leftwich, Maggie Mitchell, Fannie Moore, Annie E. Simms, Julia Smith, Emma P. Turner, Jeannie Whittet, Anna Woodson, Louise Wyatt, and Fannie Wyatt. Junior Class—Jennie Cook, Lulie Henshall, and Emma Walters.

THE ITALIAN VICE-CONSULATE IN RICHMOND.—A petition signed by all the representative Italians of Richmond and leading business-men and private citizens of that nationality, of whom quite a number reside here, praying the restablishment of the vice-consulate of Italy in this city, formerly for so long filled by the late D. Von Groning, Esq., has been forwarded to Consul-General de Luca at New York. Inconvenience has been frequently caused by the non-existence of a consular representative of the Italian Government here, and the reestablishment of the office is demanded by the increasing business interests between the United States and Italy.

FIFTEENTH-AMENDMENT CELEBRATION.—The colored people of the city have perfected arrangements for the celebration of the Fifteenth amendment on Monday next, the 22d instant. W. C. Roane has been selected as the orator of the day; W. H. Carter and R. P. Brooks, speakers; W. L. Selden, chief marshal; and Rev. W. H. Brooks, chaplain.

The Chief of Police will give them a squad of police, and the Mayor has consented to review the procession.

STREET IMPROVEMENT.—Part of the roadway of Franklin street between Thirteenth and Eighteenth streets will shortly be improved by the Committee on Streets—at least that part near the Exchange Hotel, which, it is stated, will be paved with Belgium blocks. Dr. Scott introduced a resolution in the Board of Aldermen some weeks ago for this improvement.

SMALL FIRE.—Last night a fire was discovered in a pile of clothing at the store of Jacobs & Co., Main street. The policeman on the beat opened the door and, with others, put the fire out. Five or six coats were burned. The accident was probably occasioned by the dropping of a piece of paper used in lighting the gas.

THE BUTCHERS' WAGON LICENSE.—Another lot of butchers were before the Police Justice yesterday for violating the city ordinance by running their wagons on the streets without license-number. The cases were argued by Colonel John B. Young and James M. M. Davis for the defendants and submitted. The Court reserved its decision.

HOLIDAY AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The Superintendent of the Public Schools will have the schools closed to-day and Monday. To-day is Good Friday and Monday is Easter. This will be the first year that the public schools have had Easter holiday since the organization of the present system.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.—Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company *vs.* Kasey and *als.* From the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. Reversed, Judge Moncure delivering the opinion of the Court.

Burging *vs.* McDowell and *als.* From the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond. Reversed, Judge Christian delivering the opinion of the Court.

Prunty *vs.* Mitchell & Cobbs. From the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. Reversed, Judge Anderson delivering the opinion of the Court.

Taylor's administratrix *vs.* Blackburn and *als.* From the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond. Reversed, Judge Staples delivering the opinion of the Court.

Burkholder and *als. vs.* Ludlam and *als.* From the Circuit Court of the city of Lynchburg. Reversed, Judge Burks delivering the opinion of the Court.

Page *vs.* Clopton, judge. Answer of defendant filed and continued until Wednesday next.

King's executor *vs.* Malone and *als.* Argued by Judge Budd for appellant and continued until to-morrow.

Ratcliffe *vs.* Anderson. Submitted.

HUSTINGS COURT.—The Hustings Court and grand jury will meet again this morning.

POLICE COURT.—The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning:

L. Kolbe, charged with trespass, was required to pay costs.

Rose Green, guilty of stealing one market-basket from Elizabeth Thompson, was jailed for five days.

Frederick Washington was fined $1 for allowing his cow to run at large in the city.

CITY POLITICS.

Views of Prospective Councilmen on Important Points.

SHALL THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE KEPT UP?—THE QUESTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND THE REIMBURSEMENT OF PERSONS WHOSE PROPERTY IS INJURED BY ALTERATIONS IN GRADES—THE GAS QUESTION—SHALL CONSUMERS BE MADE TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF LIGHTING THE STREETS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

On the 7th of May the Conservative voters of Richmond will be called upon to nominate members of the City Council. On important points now receiving attention it is well for the views of gentlemen mentioned as candidates to be known. It will be of benefit to them, inasmuch as it will attract to their support all who wish such views to prevail; it will drive away from them only those who would have voted for them under misapprehension. It will save them, too, much of the trouble of a personal canvass, and, what is more, be of value to the public in determining, to some extent, who are suitable men to represent the wishes of the people in the City Council.

A representative of this paper on yesterday asked a number of gentlemen their views: 1st, as to the school question; 2d, as to the matter of street improvements and changes of grade; and 3d, as to charging consumers of gas for the gas used in lighting the streets and public buildings. These seem to be the most prominent issues of the canvass. Every gentleman mentioned for the Council will be kindly requested to furnish his views on these questions (and on any other that he may wish); and if given they will be published, as are those below:

PRESIDENT O. F. MANSON.

Doctor: Are you in favor of maintaining the public schools in unimpaired efficiency, and would you vote necessary money therefor?

A. I am in favor of maintaining the public schools not only "in unimpaired efficiency," but in greater efficiency than at present; for instance, I would recommend the establishment of night schools for the instruction of those whose circumstances will not permit their attendance in the daytime. This might be done with slight increase of expense.

2. How do you stand on the question of street improvements? Are you in favor of paying persons whose property is injured by changes of *established* grades—that is to say, streets where gutters, curbstones, or pavements have been laid?

A. In the present depressed condition of business of all kinds I think that the best policy would be to keep the present streets in good order—postponing the opening of new streets—and regrading old thoroughfares, until the revival of manufactures and commerce. In proper cases just damages ought to be paid by the city for altering the grades.

3. Are you in favor of the present system of conducting the gas-works, by which, as the public understand, the consumers are made to pay the cost of lighting the streets and public buildings in addition to paying a considerable profit directly into the city treasury?

A. In regard to the gas question, my views have been already very fully laid before the public. The gas consumer ought to be furnished gas at prime cost, and the illumination of the streets and public buildings ought to be paid like other public current expenses—out of the common treasury. The private consumers of our sister city, Baltimore, are at present furnished gas at $1.50 per 1,000 feet by private companies, who, of course, make a profit thereby. If our city works were to furnish gas at cost the price could be reduced to or below that price. Every consideration of personal safety, necessity, and comfort demand cheap gas for the people. In proportion to the extension of its use the cost would be diminished and all classes of our people would be benefited thereby.

JOHN BELL BIGGER, ESQ.

In answer to certain questions propounded to me [same as those addressed to Dr. Manson] as an aspirant for the position of a member of the City Council from Madison Ward, I have to say that the subject-matter is, I presume, at least new in the form in which it is presented—certainly new in its form of presentation to me. Not having given these important matters the consideration they deserve I will not hastily adopt any line of action to govern me, if elected, which my own individual opinion might now dictate, but prefer to ascertain the opinions of those whom I shall feel proud to have as my constituents, and when in possession of their well-digested views of the right and justice of the matter, will (if elected), as their representative, yield obedience to their clearly-expressed will in the premises, or return the trust reposed in me back to the sovereign power.

ROBERT W. OLIVER, ESQ.

In response to same questions:

1. Yes, I am in favor of maintaining the public schools, for I think that they are one of the grandest institutions in this country, and, if necessary, would vote to appropriate money to sustain them.

2. I am decidedly in favor of the city paying damages to owners of private property injured by apparent and unnecessry grading of streets. I voted against the grade ordinance as recently presented before the Council, deeming it unnecessary for years to come, and therefore a useless expenditure of money both to the city and to private individuals.

3. I am in favor of continuing the present system of conducting our gas department in lighting our streets and public buildings, feeling that a large number of our citizens in that way contribute towards our expenses who would not do so in any other way. I will add, however, that I am clearly in favor of reducing our expenses for manufacturing gas. A large number of our citizens rent houses, and do not own property; but in paying for gas there is a large amount of revenue obtained in that manner that the city would be unable to get in any other way, and very lightly felt by the parties paying the present rates.

JAMES HAYES, ESQ.

In answer to same questions:

1. I am a strong supporter of the public schools, and am willing at any time to vote necessary funds for their maintenance.

2. Where a street is curbed, guttered, or paved, and the grade is changed, I am in favor of paying the property owner for any damages caused thereby.

3. As to the gas-works, I am in favor of giving to the consumer gas at what it costs to manufacture it.

W. W. TIMBERLAKE, ESQ.

In answer to same questions:

1. I am in favor of maintaining the public schools under the present system, and would vote to appropriate the necessary money for that purpose; but I am under the impression that their expenses should be cut down.

2. I am in favor of improvements. I certainly believe that parties whose property has been injured by street grades ought to be paid therefor. Portions of Baker and Duval streets, above St. Peter, have been seriously damaged by the recent grade. In some places the property has been damaged from 25 to 50 per cent. In relation to paving of sidewalks on the most public thoroughfares, I am in favor of the present system; but out on the suburbs of the city, I do not think it necessary at this time to require the work to be done.

3. I am in favor of the present system.

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.—A. W. McKean *alias* McKane will be brought before the United States Commissioner on a writ of *habeas corpus* sued out by his counsel, Samuel B. Witt.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.—St. Mary's Social Union will have a pic-nic at Blenner's Park Monday, April 29th, and not, as stated, on Easter Monday.

Interesting and important tobacco news will be found in the commercial column.

The Handsome, Happy, and Hearty young men, of whom W. A. S. Conrad is president and D. H. Griffiths secretary, festivitate at the pump-house Easter Monday night.

Numbers of people were boating yesterday, the public parks and cemeteries were thronged, and the fashionable drives crowded with vehicles.

The Richmond and Danville Railroad bridge is being thoroughly overhauled and strengthened.

The fish-market is plentifully supplied, and that article of diet is getting cheap.

Two deeds of trust and two of bargain and sale were recorded in the Chancery Clerk's office yesterday.

The Henrico County Court grand jury meets to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

John Wright (tobacconist), of this city, has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition.

Ten decrees in chancery were granted by Judge Fitzhugh yesterday.

The old residence at No. 109 east Grace street is being entirely renovated and remodelled.

The city hands are working on the sewers and gas-mains on Broad street, near Fifth, and at the corner of Fourth and Grace streets.

The British brig Seabird, Lindh, entered yesterday to load flour for Brazil; also, brig Katahdin to load coal for Curtis & Parker.

The Board of Supervisors of Henrico county will meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

THE MOZART LAST EVENING.—Notwithstanding the Lenten season, there was a large and fashionable audience at Mozart Hall last evening, on the occasion of the fifty-first *soirée musicale*, and the performance was in many respects quite enjoyable. The programme opened with the overture "Fest" by the orchestra, which was well rendered, as was also the waltz "Crine Dorato" and "Gavotte." There was in the latter piece a little hitch with the time, and the first violins throughout seemed not to be quite strong enough for the brass instruments. Certainly one or two more violins would be an improvement.

Mrs. Reinhardt's two solos were well received; but it seemed unfortunate that both of them—the aria from "Der Freischutz" and "Du bist mein Traume"—were of the same plaintive character. Something brighter would probably have pleased better in the first piece, especially since this aria has been so often sung here.

"Le Desir," as played by Mr. Thilow on the 'cello, was a *chef-d'oeuvre* in its line, and was heartily applauded. His harmonic notes were beautiful, but the ladies kept such a noise with their fans that it was difficult to catch the most delicate parts of this piece.

The duo for violin and piano, by Dr. Bartkowski and Mr. Reinhardt, was artistically performed and warmly received.

The orchestra seems to be gradually improving, and will by faithful practice after awhile be a delight and credit to our city.

THE CIRCUS—AN EXCELLENT EXHIBITION. There was a large attendance at Campbell's circus yesterday afternoon and last night. The circus is without doubt one of the best that ever visited Richmond. The menagerie is itself worth the price of admission. The mammoth elephant and the horses are also an object of great attraction. The clowns, Jerry Harper and James Ward, keep the audience in a roar of laughter. The lady performers—Misses Rosa Lee, Linda Jael, Alta Hallet, Belle Mortimer, and Ella Swift—appear in graceful, wonderful, and daring feats, including bareback riding, somersaults, hurdle-riding, &c. Messrs. Victorella, Caudella, Leopold, and Gaston are unequalled in their particular *rôles*. Little Bobby Lee is a prodigy and a universal favorite. The costumes are elegant, and the properties of the best description. The property-men, band, and other auxiliaries, are handsomely uniformed. The band is very large, and an excellent one. Polite and attentive attendants explain all that is interesting and instructive about the animals, and particular attention is paid to seating the audience. Messrs. John Campbell, John O'Brien, and John J. Foster, and others connected with the management, are incessant in their exertions to please their patrons. Apart from the merits of the show, Mr. O'Brien deserves well of our people, as he has spent considerable money in the city and vicinity. At Washington a new outfit will be obtained, and Campbell's circus will be one of the best and largest on the road; and it is hoped that the coming season will be a most successful one with it. Performances to-day and to-morrow, both in the afternoon and night, and everybody is advised to attend, as such another show will probably not visit Richmond this year. Grand street parade this morning and to-morrow morning.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—Letters and postal-cards addressed as follows remain unclaimed in the Richmond post-office: Mrs. Cora Cotton, I. Constable, Albert Crews, W. S. Crew, Mrs. F. G. Crutchfield, Mrs. M. A. Cronie, A. Curry, Coleman Dabney, Mrs. E. P. Davis, S. E. Davidson, W. I. Decker, Richmond Academy, Margaret Dean, R. Sam. Denny, Louisa A. Dickson, Ellen Dorsan, Fannie Dodson (colored), J. M. Dunn, G. W. Daggett (or Haggett), Miss M. Douglass, Jane Dudley, F. A. Drake & Co., Dodd & Hadley, C. A. Jackson & Co. Also, packages for W. A. Roberts and Conrad Teuber.

READINGS AND MUSIC.—To-night, at Association Hall, Mrs. E. M. Watt, of Kentucky, assisted by her daughter, Miss Lulu, a charming young lady of fifteen years, will give a select entertainment, consisting of readings of choice selections by Mrs. Watt, interspersed with songs by Miss Lulu, with guitar accompaniment. Mrs. Watt has been highly recommended by the press of other cities as a lady of refinement and culture, and withal a graceful, effective, and talented elocutionist; and her daughter an excellent guitarist and singer. The entertainment will doubtless receive the encouragement it merits.

THE GRAND OPERA.—Sale of reserved seats for the Kellogg-Cary-Roze grand opera will be commenced at C. F. Johnston's music-store on Tuesday the 23d. The opening piece (15th of May) is Il Trovatore, whem Miss Kellogg appears; second night, Favorita, with Madame Roze in the leading character; third performance, Mignon, with Kellogg, Roze, and Cary in the cast. The price of seats in the orchestra or dress-circle is to be $2, and no extra charge for reserved seats.

JUDGE FARRAR LAST NIGHT.—A large and brilliant audience greeted Judge Farrar at Grace-Street Baptist church. "Johnny Reb" was in his happiest vein, and his well-selected programme was recived with mingled laughter and applause.

The ladies will continue their festival to-night. They promise all who attend a pleasant time, and ask the patronage of their friends.

EXCURSION TO OLD POINT.—The many friends of the ladies of Centenary Methodist Episcopal church will be pleased to know they have perfected arrangements for excursions during the summer to Old Point and Norfolk. The first will be made on the 15th of May.

UNKNOWN COMBINATION.—John A. Stevens's "Unknown Combination" will appear at the Theatre on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights next. Mr. Stevens is a successful dramatist and a talented actor, and will doubtless have fine houses.

CHURCH SOCIABLE.—There will be a church sociable this evening in the lecture-room of Dr. Hoge's church from 6 to 11 o'clock.

[Communicated.]

The faithful and energetic senator from your Mr. Waddill's native county, Pittsylvania, deserves especial notice. In every contest for retrenchment, State's interest, or State's honor, Senator Hurt was found valiantly fighting in the front; and, we believe, in justice, without a desire to be invidious, we should acknowledge the faithful services of the talented and energetic Phlegar, of Montgomery. From the reports, these senators could never have been absent from their post.

We copy the above from the Lynchburg *News*. It only does justice to two of the most hard-working, intelligent, and independent members of the Senate.

Senator Hurt was indefatigable in his devotion to the public business. His intelligence, capacity, and courage made him a position before he had been there a week. He was one of the earliest champions of retrenchment, and never ceased his efforts until they had been carried with success in the passage of the salary bill. He actually did most of the work on the reapportionment bill, and to him the people are mainly indebted for that measure.

Senator Phlegar was constant in his attention, and no one was more devoted in his industry. Though only the second member of the Committee on the Revision of the Criminal Laws, his labor mainly perfected that laborious measure, and to him its championship was largely committed in the Senate. Though several amendments were made in it against his vote the efficiency of the law as an economical reform is largely due to his acumen and professional learning.

These two young senators give full promise for the growing generation of Virginia statesmen.

MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

The Circus Parade—Why it Did Not Take Place.—The statement that the circus would extend their parade to Manchester yesterday was authorized by the agent. They were prevented from coming by unavoidable circumstances. It was a matter of as much regret to the management as to the people who were disappointed, and they desire the good people of Manchester to know that the failure to visit them was unintentional, and not designed. The show is an excellent one, and everybody in the city should see it. The report that the elephant's trunk was checked northward, and that Queen Emma refused to come on the south side, is untrue, and she is extremely anxious to visit her loyal subjects on this side of the Jeems.

Good Music.—Wednesday night Manchester was visited by a serenading party. They favored a number of our prominent citizens with first-class vocal and instrumental music, and all who heard them were loud in their praises. The instrumental quartette consisted of Charles E. Blent, first violin; Barney Kinker, bass viol; W. T. Dickinson, concertina; and A. H. Yerby, guitar. The vocal quartette comprised Walter F. Adams, G. W. Redd, A. H. Yerby, and Walter P. Lambert.

Delivered Up.—Sheriff Clarence H. Flournoy yesterday received a telegram from Petersburg stating that Johnson, the Midlothian horse-thief, had been delivered up to the Chesterfield authorities.

Up-Town Improvement.—Mr. William E. Moody is making great improvements at his handsome building on the corner of Eleventh and Hull streets.

Personal.—Miss Lizzie Vickers, of New York, who has been the guest of her uncle, Colonel Edward Vickers, has returned home.

Dr. S. L. Ingram declines to be a candidate for the City Council, and Justice P. A. Chalkley declines a reëlection as magistrate—both in the First Ward.

Hustings Court.—The court was occupied yesterday in the consideration of the civil docket. Mr. Thomas N. Page, of Richmond, qualified to practice law in that court.

The Flour Business.—At the famous Manchester flour mills of Dunlop & McCance three vessels are being laden with flour for Brazilian waters.

PUFFS.—One quart of flour, one tablespoonful of butter, salt, two or more tablespoonfuls white sugar, two eggs, three teaspoonfuls DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER, and one pint sweet milk. Beat the eggs separately, adding the whites last. Bake in gem pans in hot oven.

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