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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL.

MESSRS. CHARLES R. SKINKER, LEROY S. EDWARDS, E. D. CHRISTIAN, and JOHN J. KING will be supported to represent
CLAY WARD
in the Common Council by MANY VOTERS.
my 1-1t*

TO LEWIS D. CRENSHAW, JR.: It is the desire of a very large number of voters and tax-payers in Madison Ward that you will permit the use of your name at the approaching primary election for a seat in the COUNCIL from said ward. A favorable response will greatly
MANY VOTERS IN MADISON WARD.
RICHMOND, April 30, 1878. my 1-1t*

M. C. CROWDIS, ESQ.: DEAR SIR,—A large number of your fellow-citizens, recognizing your eminent fitness for the position, request that you will allow yourself to be voted for at the approaching primary election as a candidate for the CITY COUNCIL from Marshall Ward.
MANY VOTERS.
my 1-1t*

DR. WILLIAM H. SCOTT: Fully appreciating the valuable services rendered by you to this ward and the city of Richmond as a member of the City Council for a number of years past, we sincerely trust that you will consent to become a candidate for re-election as a member of the Board of Aldermen from Jefferson Ward. Believing that our interests could be committed to no one who would guard them with more zeal and fidelity, we ask your consent for the use of your name.
my 1-1t* VOTERS OF JEFFERSON WARD.

AUDITOR.—I duly appreciate the continuous confidence manifested by the public in electing me to the position of CITY AUDITOR, for which I again announce myself a candidate, and respectfully solicit the suffrages of my fellow-citizens at the coming primary election.
my 1-5t J. B. ROYSTER.

SAMUEL MACCUBBIN
FOR
CITY SERGEANT.
Subject to nomination of the Conservative party.
[my 1-5t]

GEORGE D. WISE,
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY,
is a candidate for re-election.
ap 30-W,F&TutMy7

FOR MAYOR,
W. C. CARRINGTON.
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION.
With a public official record for two years past, he submits his claims to the judgment of the Conservative people at the primary election, relying upon their sense of justice to continue him, if no valid objection can be urged or no complaint found of his official actions. ap 29-tMy7

JOHN F. REGNAULT respectfully asks the suffrage of his friends and fellow-citizens for the office of
CITY COLLECTOR
at the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY the 7th day of May, 1878. ap 29-td*

WILLIAM J. GENTRY
FOR
CITY SERGEANT.
Election, May, 1878. ap 2-tde

FOR CITY SERGEANT.
I beg to announce myself a candidate for
CITY SERGEANT,
and respectfully ask the support of my friends at the primary election May 7th next. P. T. MOORE.
ap 13,15,18,22,25,29,my1,3,6,7-10t*

FOR HIGH CONSTABLE,
S. H. CORNICK,
subject to the decision of the primary election to be held
MAY 7, 1878.
ap 29-M,W&F3t*

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES.
OFFICE CITY CONSERVATIVE COMMITTEE, RICHMOND, April 26, 1878.
I AM INSTRUCTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE to ask PERSONS INTENDING TO OFFER FOR NOMINATION AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION to be held May 7th to SEND THEIR NAMES TO ME, so that the Finance Committee can inform them by circular-letter of the amount of their assessments.
Please give me the information BY LETTER OR POSTAL-CARD. The assessment can be paid at any time before SATURDAY, 4th, at 3 P. M.
W. D. CHESTERMAN, Secretary.
ap 26-5t

FINANCIAL.

LANCASTER & LUCKE,
STOCK AND REAL ESTATE BROKERS,
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TAX-RECEIVABLE COUPONS FOR SALE IN SUMS TO SUIT AT LOWEST MARKET RATES. ORDERS BY MAIL SOLICITED AND FILLED PROMPTLY.
SECURITIES of all kinds bought and sold on commission. my 1-eod10t

MONEY TO LOAN.
I have the following amounts to LOAN on Richmond real estate:
$5,500 one or three years,
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ap 29-3t Real Estate Agent.

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RICHARDSON & CO.,
Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers,
ap 9-1m 1113 Main street.

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JOHN LAIRD, FLORIST,
GRACE-STREET GARDEN,
offers this spring the largest and finest collection of BEDDING and SUMMER-BLOOMING PLANTS ever offered in this city, at exceedingly low rates. VERBENAS, 50 cents per dozen.
HANGING-BASKETS filled at 50 cents.
Catalogue on application. my 1-2w

FLOWERS! FLOWERS! FLOWERS!
TOLER & HOOPER, FLORISTS,
ADJOINING HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY,
CORNER CHERRY AND ALBEMARLE STREETS,
have the largest, finest, and healthiest stock of GREEN-HOUSE AND BEDDING-PLANTS ever offered for sale in this city—such as
GERANIUMS, ROSES, FUCHSIAS,
CAPE JESSAMINES, COLEUS,
VERBENAS, LANTANAS,
DAISIES, PANSIES,
and all other FLOWERS for spring planting and Conservatory Decorations.
VASES and HANGING BASKETS furnished and filled to order. Prices very reasonable.
Send for descriptive catalogue. ap 13

MILLINERY GOODS, &c.

MRS. E. L. HAMILTON wishes to inform her friends and the public in general that she has just arrived from the North with a large and well-selected stock of MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, which she is now ready to sell at exceedingly small profit, and especially calls attention to her fine stock of French and American Flowers. Give her a call at the old-established house, 1505 Main street. my 1-1t*

WE ADVISE ALL
THE LADIES IN WANT OF MILLINERY GOODS
to call on MRS. F. HUTZLER, 525 Broad street, as she has the largest and most FASHIONABLE STOCK in the city.
It is impossible to enumerate all the beautiful things to be seen at her establishment, but it is well worth the trouble of a visit. A specialty in FLOWERS. ap 22-tMy9

LOST, STRAYED, AND FOUND.

LOST—FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.—Lost between Old Market and Petersburg depot, a SILVER WATCH—open face, with small cord and key attached. The above reward will be paid by returning it to
JAMES L. EDWARDS,
my 1-1t* No. 1721 Franklin street.

PURE IMPORTED
SPANISH LICORICE PASTE.
We offer for sale a fresh consignment of the celebrated
PILAR BRAND OF LICORICE PASTE,
NOTED FOR ITS
STRENGTH, PURITY, and FLAVOR
DAVENPORT & MORRIS,
Agents for the States of Virginia, North Carolina, and Kentucky. ap 29-14t

Richmond Dispatch.

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

WEDNESDAY.....MAY 1, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, southeast to southwest winds, warmer and partly cloudy or hazy weather, and stationary or falling barometer.

For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, south and west winds, stationary or lower pressures, and slightly warmer and partly cloudy weather.

The rivers will generally fall, except the Ohio and lower Mississippi.

Cautionary signals continue at Portland and Eastport.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear, cool, and pleasant.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 54; 9 A. M., 65; noon, 75; 3 P. M., 78; 6 P. M., 76; midnight, 71.

LOCAL MATTERS.

CITY POLITICS—MEETING OF THE CONSERVATIVE COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Conservative City Committee was held last night. The primary plan was amended so as to allow three voting-precincts in Clay Ward. The precincts are at usual places. The following are the judges and clerks for Clay Ward:

First Precinct: George J. Hooper, E. J. Brannan, and P. E. Gibbs, judges; George Hooper and B. A. Jacob, clerks.

Second Precinct: R. V. Priddy, R. A. Lacy, and A. L. Burford, judges; —— Grady and William Glazebrook, clerks.

Third Precinct: E. M. Crump, John T. Butler, and W. Ben. Palmer, judges; John F. Seay and W. C. Thomas, Jr., clerks.

Qualified voters who have moved from one ward to another since last election can vote in the ward in which they now live, provided they exhibit a transfer from the registrar, or a certificate from the judges of the primary election that they have so removed.

The committee will meet on Monday night next.

THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE—AN OUTLOOK.—The week opened with some improvement in the feeling of business-men, though no very decidedly increased activity was observable. In most departments of trade the movement continues moderate, with a rather steadier tone to values, the relative position of demand and supply not warranting any change of great importance. The trade of the season thus far has not been as large as was anticipated and provided for, although some branches will show an aggregate fully equal in value to that of last year. As a rule the margin of profit has been lower than even in the previous spring, when it was thought to be at bottom and panic prices; and even should the remainder of the season recover what has been lost with some merchants the condition of affairs would be but slightly improved. The outlook for the future, however, is encouraging, and our merchants are by no means disposed to be down-mouthed. Never were the stocks of staple and fancy articles on the shelves of our wholesale merchants larger or of a better description, and never were there better facilities offered to the merchants of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee to secure goods on the cheapest terms. The Commercial Club is doing much to build up a better feeling and a social intercourse with all of our merchants, than whom none stand higher for integrity, courtesy, and fair dealing.

In the retail trade there is nothing new to note. Our merchants still have full lines of every article to please the eye, tickle the fancy, satisfy the palate, and to adorn the person or the household. In nearly every branch of the retail trade Richmond can compare favorably with any of the larger northern cities; and what is said of the reputation of the majority of our wholesale dealers is true likewise of their brethren in the retail trade. In most branches of business in both trades the April receipts were as good as those of March. Let us hope that those of May will show excessive preponderance over both.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. B. F. Gravely and E. P. Zentmeyer, who were injured by the late accident on the Richmond and Danville railroad near Clover, are improving rapidly. They are comfortably and agreeably situated at the Retreat for the Sick, where every attention is bestowed upon them. Their favorable condition will be pleasant news to their many friends in the State.

Ex-Senator Clarke, of Pittsylvania, is in the city visiting his two injured friends and ministering to their wants while quartered at the Retreat for the Sick.

Mr. J. P. Stovall, of Danville, is in the city.

M. D. Butler was yesterday appointed by Governor Holliday a notary public for Berlin, Southampton county.

Governor Holliday has accepted the resignation of Lieutenant William T. Mosby, of Company C, First Virginia regiment.

Mr. William B. Robins has been elected assistant secretary of the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company. A good appointment of a most worthy and competent gentleman.

Rev. Dr. McDonald will deliver his lecture at Sidney Baptist church on Thursday night instead of to-night, as heretofore stated.

Mr. John B. Tinsley left last evening *via* the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad for the Sweet Chalybeate Springs, which is being put in thorough order for the springs-season.

Among the visitors at the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were Dr. B. C. Peter, C. W. Blanton, A. H. Porter, J. V. Rice, Farmville; C. W. Statham, Lynchburg; J. J. Campbell, Louisa; J. H. Johnston, Danville; John M. Hanger, Augusta; Thomas Horner, Prince Edward; H. A. Morgan, Halifax; J. A. Boyd, Louisville; A. R. Foushee, Roxboro', N. C.; H. A. Jones, Chesterfield; Powell B. Harrison, Cumberland; N. B. Early, Greene; and C. W. G. Watkins, King William.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE—PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE POLICE FORCE REJECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.—The Committee on Police met at the Mayor's office on Monday evening, Mr. James T. Gray chairman. The plan recently referred to the Committee on Police, proposing very material changes in the present organization of the police force of the city, was taken from the table and considered. Mr. E. D. Christian, of Clay Ward, stated that he had given the subject careful consideration, and after a most thorough investigation of the subject was convinced that it was inexpedient to make the changes; and on his motion, seconded by Mr. John Lauer, the resolution of the Board of Police Commissioners declaring the proposed change inexpedient was concurred in, and the committee will so report to the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

OAKWOOD MEMORIAL-DAY.—The Board of Managers of the Oakwood Memorial Association met at the residence of Dr. R. S. Vest last week, and resolved to observe the 10th of May, their annual memorial-day, as usual. Citizens generally are invited by them to unite in the observance of the day. If any of the military feel disposed to join the ladies on that occasion their presence would add great interest to the day and be highly appreciated by the ladies of the Association. All are requested by the ladies to send or bring flowers.

April Statistics.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following table shows the state of the thermometer (Fahrenheit) during the month of April at sunrise, as also the highest and lowest points reached each day. It also gives the direction of the wind each day at sunrise. The course of the wind is not stated as absolutely correct, but is a near approximation to the true direction:

CONDITION.	Sunrise.	Minimum.	Wind.	Maximum.
April 1—Clear	41	41	N. W.	66
2—Clear	40	40	N. W.	69
3—Partly cl'dy	41	40	S. E.	67
4—Raining; rained all day	41	41	N. E.	50
5—Clear	42	41	N. E.	68
6—Partly cl'dy	44	43	S. W.	67
7—Clear	44	42	S. W.	67
8—Clear	40	40	S.	74
9—Cloudy; rain all night	45	42	S. E.	70
10—Raining; raining all day	54	51	S. E.	64
11—Cloudy	54	54	S. W.	77
12—Clear	49	48	S.	76
13—Clear	49	49	S. W.	81
14—Partly cl'dy	50	50	N. W.	70
15—Raining	48	48	N. E.	59
16—Cloudy	46	46	N.	57
17—Cloudy; cl'r in the afternoon	43	43	N. E.	64
18—Cloudy	38	38	W.	68
19—Clear	43	42	S.	77
20—Clear	45	45	S.	86
21—Clear	50	50	S.	85
22—Partly cl'dy	57	57	E.	87
23—Clear	67	67	S.	88
24—Cloudy; heavy rain at night	67	67	S. W.	82
25—Cloudy	57	57	S. E.	77
26—Clear	53	53	S.	79
27—Partly cl'dy	54	54	S.	82
28—Partly cl'dy; rain- and hail-storm in the afternoon	52	52	S. W.	78
29—Clear	51	51	S. E.	71
30—Foggy	51	51	E.	77

DEEDS RECORDED.

The clerk of the Chancery Court received 190 deeds for record during the month of April. The Henrico county clerk received sixty-eight deeds for record.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS.

The internal revenue collections for the past month amounted to $159,472.51.

FLOUR INSPECTED.

The following is a statement of the flour inspected in Richmond during the month ending 30th April: 1,045 barrels family, 3,336 barrels extra superfine, 539 barrels superfine, 194 barrels fine, 30 barrels middlings, 43 barrels condemned.

MARRIAGE-LICENSES ISSUED.

During the month of April the clerk of the Hustings Court issued 72 marriage-licenses—26 to white persons and 46 to colored couples.

Within the same period 18 licenses were issued by the clerk of the Henrico County Court—12 to colored and 6 to white couples.

POLICE COURT.

During the past month the Police Justice disposed of 262 criminal charges and tried 272 cases of violations of the city ordinances. On criminal charges 13 persons were sent on to the Hustings Court for indictment, 18 were committed to jail on conviction of assault and battery or petit larceny, and 24 in default of surety for their good behavior. Fines collected: City, $220; State, $78.50; costs, $33.40; total, $331.90.

FIRE-ALARMS.

Up to last night the Fire Department had not been called out to respond to an alarm during the past month.

FOREIGN COMMERCE.

Every shipment made during the month of April from the custom-house was to Brazilian ports—Rio Janeiro, Bahia, Rio Grande do Sul, Santos, and Santa Catherine, being represented. Two foreign barks, ten American brigs, and two American schooners cleared. The shipments comprised 13,001 barrels of flour, valued at $94,024; kerosene oil, valued at $1,600; lumber, $321; lard, $921; and furniture and marble, valued at $82. The aggregate value of the exports was $96,948, the greater amount of which went to Rio Janeiro. No imports were reported for the month.

UNITED STATES SPECIAL-LICENSE TAX.—The following is a statement of the amount received at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue for this district yesterday, for special tax under the excise laws of the United States for the year commencing to-day—a very good day's work. Three hundred and forty-seven special-tax licenses were issued, as follows:

186 to dealers in manufactured tobacco	$930
100 to retail liquor-dealers	2,500
36 to leaf-tobacco dealers	900
15 to tobacco manufacturers	150
4 to cigar manufacturers	40
6 to wholesale liquor-dealers	600
Total	$5,120

Total already issued for the year commencing to-day, $10,195.

MORTUARY REPORT.—The following is the mortuary report for the week ending April 27th, compiled from sextons' returns received at the office of the Board of Health: *Cause of Death:* Apoplexy, 1 white; Bright's disease, 1 white, 1 colored; burns, 1 colored; consumption, 1 white, 3 colored; debility, 1 white; dropsy, 1 white; drowning, 2 colored; dysentery, 1 white; erysipelas, 1 white; heart-disease, 1 white; infanticide, 1 white; infantile lockjaw, 1 white; jaundice, 1 white; kidney-disease, 1 colored; meningitis, 1 white; obstruction of bowels, 1 white; old age, 1 colored; pneumonia, 2 colored, scrofula, 1 colored; suicide, 1 white; unknown, 1 white. Whole number of deaths in the city, exclusive of still-births, 27. *Still-Births:* Colored, 1 male, 1 female—total 2. *Sex and Color:* Males, 5 white, 8 colored—total, 13; females, 10 white, 4 colored—total, 14. *Age:* One day to thirty, 3 white; one month to six, 1 white; six months to twelve, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2; one year to three, 3 colored; three years to five, 1 white; five years to ten, 2 white, 1 colored—total, 3; ten years to twenty, 2 colored; twenty years to thirty, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2; thirty years to forty, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2; forty years to fifty, 1 white; fifty years to sixty, 1 colored; sixty years to seventy, 2 white, 1 colored—total, 3; seventy years to eighty, 1 white; eighty years to ninety, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2. *Condition:* Single, 10 white, 8 colored—total, 18; married, 3 colored; widowers, 1 colored; widows, 5 white. *Nativity:* Richmond, 14; other parts of the United States, 11; Germany, 2. *Locality:* Marshall Ward, 2 white, 2 colored—total, 4; Jefferson Ward, 3 white, 4 colored—total, 7; Madison Ward, 1 white; Monroe Ward, 3 white; Clay Ward, 5 white, 1 colored—total, 6; Jackson Ward, 4 colored; alms-house, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2.

COMPARATIVE WEEKLY MORTALITY.

	Week Ending April 29, 1876. W. C.	April 28, 1877. W. C.	April 20, 1878. W. C.	April 27, 1878. W. C.
Total deaths	11 12	8 15	13 17	15 12
Still-born	1 —	1 1	— 1	— 2

Amount of rainfall for week ending April 20th, 0.10 inches; amount of rainfall for week ending April 27th, 0.86 inches.

DR. HOGE'S LECTURE.—Rev. Dr. M. D. Hoge delivered his beautiful lecture on "The Land of the Midnight Sun" at the First Baptist church to a large and appreciative gathering last night. The lecture was delivered in the reverend gentleman's most attractive style. It is one of his best efforts. His audience were delighted, and the lecture is destined to be a very popular one.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—Letters and postals addressed as follows remain unclaimed in the Richmond post-office: S. Brown, John Brown, Mrs. M. A. Burriel, Mrs. W. W. Clarke, T. M. Christian, Miss J. Christian, C. A. Chewning, J. C. Cook, W. D. Courtney, Mrs. E. A. Douglas, Lucy Daniels, B. Dennis, E. S. Delone, J. Dickson, T. N. Dicken, M. Dowlings W. F. Duffield, A. H. Dodge.

VISIT TO THE RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Governor Holliday, Attorney-General J. G. Field, and Dr. William H. Ruffner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, accompanied by the Hon. A. M. Keiley, Major Alfred R. Courtney, Dr. William H. Scott, Mr. Charles P. Rady, Superintendent J. H. Peay, Jr., and Secretary Alfred Moses, of the City School Board, visited the Richmond High-School, Colored High-School, Leigh School, and Baker School (colored) yesterday.

The party met at the Richmond High-School and witnessed the opening exercises. The reading by Misses Ida Hutzler and Susie Walker was done in fine style, and much enjoyed by all present. General Field made some felicitous remarks, illustrating them by a very appropriate anecdote. After the closing exercises the whole party visited the different rooms in the building and were much gratified with the work exhibited by the pupils of the High-School and First Grammar grades. From this building the party proceeded to the Richmond Colored High-School, and witnessed the work of the various schools in that building. The partial examination of the senior class in philosophy by Mr. Keiley was very satisfactory. The pupils generally acquitted themselves well.

Leigh School was next visited. Here the party was greeted by the smiles of about 600 happy and bright faces. Superintendent Peay introduced the members of the State Board of Education, and Governor Holliday responded in a happy and impressive speech. The calisthenic exercises by the pupils were very entertaining. Nine of the school-rooms were visited, and the work of the prescribed course of study was shown in detail. Exercises in mental and practical arithmetic, map-drawing from memory, reading, spelling, phonetics, and other subjects, showed the proficiency the children had made, and elicited much commendation. The party next proceeded to the Baker School (colored), where they were met by the principal, Mr. T. P. Crump, and conducted through the different schools of the building. Here, too, the work of the schools was fully exemplified, and the results were highly gratifying. The schools were assembled, and the pupils entertained the visitors with some excellent songs. The members of the City School Board were afforded an opportunity to address the children, but yielded to the members of the State Board of Education. General Field, Governor Holliday, and Superintendent Ruffner made appropriate addresses, filled with good advice to the children. The close attention and excellent order were subjects of remark.

The visit to the schools was in every respect gratifying, and the members of the State Board of Education promise at a very early day to make a tour of the other public schools of the city of Richmond.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—MERITED PROMOTIONS.—That sterling organization Company F, of the First Virginia regiment, held its annual election of non-commissioned officers last night. Captain Henry T. Miller presided, with Lieutenants George D. Wise and Robert H. Gilliam as the returning board. Sergeants Pizzini and Budd acted as tellers. The choice of the company fell upon the following gentlemen, who constitute as an efficient non-commissioned corps as any company in the regiment can boast of, which is no mean compliment: Joseph Pizzini, first sergeant; M. F. Seay, second; William H. Budd, third; Charles T. Tinsley, fourth; George F. Sumner, fifth; Lewis E. Harvie, Jr., first corporal; W. T. Bryant, second; Newton McVeigh, third; L. S. Sisson, fourth; Joseph Becher, quartermaster; and Munford Harrison, commissary.

THE DOUTNEY MEETING—AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.—There was a large and very enthusiastic attendance at Mozart Hall last night. Mr. Doutney delivered a very fine temperance speech, and a number of persons signed the pledge. There was some excellent singing by the quartette and solos on the cornet, all of which were rapturously applauded; but the enthusiasm of the audience reached fever-heat when Signor Liberati favored the audience with "Dixie," and the quartette sang "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming." There will be another entertainment given at Mozart Hall to-night, when an exceedingly attractive programme will be presented. Mr. Doutney will make several more addresses previous to his departure from Richmond, of which due notice will be given.

CHURCH SOCIABLE—A PLEASANT AFFAIR. The congregations of St. James and the Moore Memorial churches had a sociable in the lecture-room of the former last night. There was a large attendance of the members and their friends. There was an abundance of fragrant tea, coffee, chocolate, with most delicious sandwiches and other refreshments, and the ladies vied with each other in attention to their guests. But the most pleasant part of the occasion was the delightful converse and social intercourse of the membership. This is by far the most agreeable way of introducing the members and of perpetuating the friendships thus formed. They should be held by all churches, and the more often the better.

PILGRIMAGE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—On the 6th of May Richmond Commandery, No. 2, and St. Andrew's Commandery, Knights Templar, will visit Petersburg at the invitation of Petersburg Commandery, which then celebrates its semi-centennial.

About the 20th of May the Washington Knights Templar will visit Richmond. They expect to bring about one hundred and fifty Templars, and will be accompanied by a number of ladies. Richmond Commandery and St. Andrew's Commandery will entertain them.

THE MYSTERIOUS FIFTEEN.—At a meeting of this club held on the 20th of April an effort was made to change the name of the association and admit more members. After much discussion it was laid on the table until April 27th. Many names were proposed on this occasion, and finally it was christened "The Mystics of the East End." The following new officers were elected: Allen P. Hawkins, president; H. N. Marks, vice-president; J. P. Harrison, treasurer; and George T. King, secretary.

ARREST FOR CRUEL TREATMENT.—Albert Norvell (colored), of No. 709 east Preston street, was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Seal on a warrant sworn out by Stephen Kemp, of No. 644 north Seventh street, before Justice J. Johnson (colored). The charge preferred was that Norvell, who is a teacher in one of the colored public schools, had cruelly assaulted and whipped the daughter "Allis" of the said Stephen Kemp. The accused was bailed for his appearance at the Police Court this morning.

A COINCIDENCE.—On the 26th day of April, 1877, a colored woman named Peggy Williams was sent to Pinel Hospital from Henrico County jail. She was an unusually violent character, and her case was considered a bad one. April 26, 1878, after being under treatment for exactly twelve months, she was discharged in perfect health of mind and body. This is not only a coincidence, but a fact creditable to the officers in charge of Pinel Hospital.

CAPITATION TAX.—The Assistant Treasurer, Mr. S. G. Tinsley, has closed the lists of persons who paid their capitation tax to date, and will prepare the lists for the commissioners of election. Persons paying on and after to-day must preserve their tax-receipts for election purposes.

HENRICO COUNTY JAIL.—There are at this time in the jail of Henrico county three colored male, two colored female, and two white male prisoners. Twenty convicts engaged at work on the county roads are quartered in the old jail.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.—Judge Hughes arrived in the city yesterday. The consideration of the "gold cases" has been continued until Thursday, May 23d.

Twelfth street from Cary south is being newly repaved.

It is expected that the ladies and children's cheap excursions to Chester will be soon commenced.

The funeral of James H. Butler, an old Blue, and a member of Pocahontas Tribe, I. O. R. M., took place yesterday at 4 o'clock P. M. from St. James church.

Interesting tobacco items will be found in the appropriate column.

Judge Bond will open his court again Tuesday, May 21st.

The funeral of Mr. H. Reisner, an old resident, aged seventy years, who died suddenly, took place yesterday morning.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Fish and Game Protection Association will be held Friday, May 3d, at 6 o'clock P. M., in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Richmond markets are not very well supplied at this time except with fish, kale, and turnip-salad.

The Square, parks, new reservoir, Hollywood and other cemeteries, and the pump-house, are thronged with visitors every evening.

The arrival of various flour vessels from Richmond at Brazilian ports is noted in the marine column.

The match-game of ball between the Richmond and Atlantic Clubs resulted: 6 for the former and 4 for the latter.

Five decrees in chancery were entered by Judge Fitzhugh yesterday.

The directory of the Young Men's Christian Association will wait on its friends for funds to assist it in raising a needed amount.

HUSTINGS COURT.—In this court yesterday the Judge overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Smith Payne, convicted of keeping a policy-office, and he was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and be imprisoned three months. An appeal was taken by counsel, but the Court refused to allow bail.

The court was adjourned for the term until Monday next, when the grand jury meets.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.—One of the most delightful Germans ever witnessed in Richmond was given last evening at Sänger Halle by a number of charming and (not to speak in a too business-like manner) enterprising young ladies. In contradistinction to the Young Ladies' Club, or from a spirit of modesty, the affair was called the "Spinsters' German"; and there could not have been a greater misnomer, for the hall presented a scene of youth, beauty, and grace bewitching to behold.

The greatest credit must be accorded the young ladies for the success of the affair. It was perfect in every appointment. The hall had been, with the valuable assistance of Mr. Charles L. Seigel, tastefully decorated with flags, banners, and streamers. The music, under the leadership of Professor Kessnich, was good, and the waiters in attendance most courteous. To mention the charming young ladies present (they were all belles) would be an endless task. The leader of the German (and we forbear mentioning his name for fear of shocking that young gentleman's modesty) performed the arduous duty assigned him gracefully, systematically, expeditiously, and to the satisfaction of all.

The lady managers of the occasion were Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson, Mrs. Edward Christian, Mrs. Edgar Garnett, and Mrs. Dr. Crenshaw.

The Spinster's German was preëminently a success, and its pleasant recollections will long be cherished in the memories of all participants.

MATRIMONIAL NOOSE—A DOUBLE WEDDING.—Union Station church was packed last night on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Charles W. Thomas and Miss Sarah E. Edwards and Mr. Charles Mahone and Miss Willie Coghill. The bridal parties and their attendants were elegantly attired, and looked all the happiness they doubtless felt on so interesting an occasion. The ceremonies were performed by Rev. J. A. Proctor, at the conclusion of which the party, with invited guests, repaired to the Planters' Hotel (old Clifton House). There a reception was held, an elegant supper was provided, and the happy party expected to engage in dancing until broad daylight warned them it would be time to go home with the girls in the morning. Much happiness and many years of it to the newly-wedded couples.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY.—The following cases were disposed of:

L. L. Martin, John Smith, and Ned Tinsley, charged with peddling fish in the streets without licenses. Ordered to stop at once or procure licenses.

Lewis Hillman and Charles Williams, charged with breaking into Thompson Chow's house and stealing $1,450. Continued until Saturday.

Charles Addington, Charles Miller, and Frank Perry, charged with stealing twenty-six iron plates, valued at $35, from the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company. Convicted of petit larceny and sentenced to six months in jail and labor, and to be punished with thirty-nine stripes.

Mary A. Wallace, charged with trespassing on the premises of William Quarles and assaulting and abusing him. Dismissed on payment of costs.

James Thomas and Justis Potter, charged with being vagrants. Committed for ten days in default of $50 security.

JURY DRAWN.—The following jury has been drawn for the term of the Circuit Court of Henrico county which commences May 6, 1878: C. A. Robinson, John Risener, Thomas H. Tiller, Henry C. Ashby, William T. Dicken, John W. Ammons, M. K. Crenshaw, L. C. Ellis, C. H. A. Clay, W. B. Glazebrook, George W. Hechler, James F. Henley, William J. Pendleton, Lemuel B. Quarles, John Sinton, William R. Brock.

MR. WOOTTON'S LECTURE TO-MORROW NIGHT.—Mr. George Dabney Wootton, whose name is familiar to every one in Richmond, and who has been a resident of the city for so many years, announces that he will lecture at the Virginia Opera-House on Thursday night on the subject of "Reputation." Mr. Wootton will doubtless have a large audience to hear him, as his subject will probably be treated in a novel manner. The proceeds of the lecture or address will be devoted to the publication of a book of which he is the author, entitled "Twenty Years' Experience at the Richmond Bar."

FANNY DAVENPORT.—The box-sheet was open yesterday morning at Johnston's and at the Theatre, and many seats were reserved for the performances of Mr. Augustin Daly's Fifth-Avenue Company. Miss Davenport will appear in "Pique" Thursday night, "London Assurance" and "Oliver Twist" Friday night, "Divorce" at the matinée, and "Lemons" Saturday night. It will, it is said, be the crowning event of the season.

TRINITY CHURCH EXCURSIONS.—The ladies of Trinity Methodist church, corner of Broad and Twentieth streets, have made all necessary arrangements for several excursions down James river on the splendid steamer Ariel during this season. The first trip will be a delightful moonlight excursion on Tuesday night, May 14th. The second trip will be an excursion to Old Point and Norfolk on Thursday the 13th of June.

SHOOTING-MATCH.—The first match of shooting at glass balls took place at Fairfield race-course Monday evening, the contestants being the Fairfield and Mohawk Clubs, each with ten men, each man to shoot at fifteen balls. The score resulted: Fairfields, 88; Mohawks, 85. Captain Mitchell, of the Fairfield team, broke fourteen out of fifteen balls. Another match is in contemplation between the clubs, to take place this spring at the same place.

THE FRENCH TOBACCO.—Mons. de Sibourg, vice-consul of France in this city, has not as yet received samples of the types of Virginia tobacco required by the French Government. As soon as they arrive due notice will be given to the trade through the columns of the *Dispatch*.

MEETING OF CANDIDATES.—A meeting of the various candidates will be held in Clay Ward to-night at 8 o'clock at Tholl's West-End Hall.

MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

Statistical.—In the Hustings Court for the month ending yesterday twenty deeds of bargain, sale, trust, release, &c., were admitted to record, and marriage-licenses issued to two white and two colored couples.

A Perfect Wreck.—The sleeping-car demolished at the recent accident on the Danville railroad reached the city yesterday, or at least the remnants of it. It was pronounced by all who saw the *débris* to be the most perfect wreck in their recollection, and how any one escaped without loss of life or serious injury is indeed miraculous.

Personal.—Mr. William T. Barrett, a well-known citizen of this place, has left for Quincy, Mass., where he has been offered a good situation. Mr. Barrett spent a portion of last year at Quincy and other northern cities.

Several of the employés in the recent accident on the Danville road are residents of this city, and have the reputation of being careful, temperate, and industrious railroad-men.

Bridge Avenue.—The work of filling up Bridge avenue from Porter to Perry street has commenced. After it is completed the sidewalk will be laid on the north side from Hull to Perry street. When this is done the Council should see that the fence from the Danville arch to the Free bridge is repaired, as at present it is a most dangerous place, and the city is liable for damages to parties receiving injuries by walking or falling over it at night.

Another Lamp Asked For.—As it is useless to ask for light from the city of Manchester, the city of Richmond would oblige and accommodate its citizens, as well as our own, by putting a lamp at the north end of Mayo's bridge similar to that placed at the Free bridge.

New Fencing.—The old vacant lot at the northeast corner of Bainbridge and Sixth streets, and in rear of the Masonic Hall, is being fenced in, and will be used as a pasturage. It has never been occupied, was for many years under water, and was culverted and drained some years since, to the great disgruntlement of all the ducks and geese in the city—(it was before the passage of the goose-law).

Muddy Water.—The recent heavy rains have made the hydrant water so muddy that it is fit neither for drinking, washing, or cooking. It is a public inconvenience that Manchester (where the quantity of water is limited for the reason of the few hydrants) should have no means of filtering the supply.

The Cedar-Works.—