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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the South Atlantic Middle States; northerly winds, slightly warmer and partly cloudy or clear weather, and stationary or rising barometer, will prevail.

Cautionary off-shore signals continue at Cape Lookout, Cape Hatteras, Cape Fear, Cape Henry, and are ordered for Cape May, Lewes, Atlantic City, Barnegat, and Sandy Hook.

Cautionary signals continue at New York, New Haven, New London, and Newport.

LOCAL MATTERS.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Mr. Frank Ligon, of the firm of Anderson & Ligon, grocers, while endeavoring to get a barrel of the same brand of glass bottles from a Brook avenue, was thrown to the ground by the girth of the saddle giving away. He struck the back of his head against the curbstone, producing, it is somewhat feared, concussion of the brain. He was conveyed to his residence, on Marshall street, in an ambulance, and at a late hour last night his condition was serious.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY REFUSED.—Governor Holliday yesterday refused to grant Executive clemency to the following parties: Alice Blakey (colored), sent to the penitentiary for ten years by the County Court of Albemarle for infanticide. The prisoner has served since December, 1877.

Braville Skelton, sentenced from King William county for three years in June, 1877, for arson.

Dennis Coates (colored), sentenced in May, 1876, to four years imprisonment for grand larceny, in the Hustings Court of Manchester.

PERSONAL.—The Edward Howell sent to the penitentiary from Norfolk county is not, as has been reported, Edward Howell, the well-known painter of this city, now in Washington, but a colored man of the same name. Mr. Howell is favorably known in Richmond, and was a lieutenant in the artillery service of the Confederate States during the late war.

Councilman Henry Metzger left last night on a visit to his old home and friends in Germany. He expects to be absent about two months, and will take in the Paris Exposition before his return. He bids all his friends good-bye for the present.

Among the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were Mr. Goodman, Quincy, Ill.; G. A. Newell, St. Louis; G. W. Doherty, Baltimore; J. R. Rutledge, Goodland; P. F. Shelton, Florida; H. W. Tucker, Lunenburg; Henry Hoffman, York; W. C. Hollins, Louisa; Henry Attkin, Cumberland; E. B. Brown, Albemarle; G. W. Collins, Nelson; William R. Gargas, Harrisonburg, Pa.; and Dr. W. F. Corrington, Halifax.

JAIL STATISTICS.—A correct census of the inmates of the city jail, taken yesterday by Deputy-Sergeant Hannan, discloses the fact that there are at this time in durance vile sixteen prisoners, classified as follows: White males, 20; colored males, 35; colored females, 10. It is a creditable fact that not a single white female is in incarceration. The highest number of prisoners in confinement at any one time since July 1, 1876, was 176. The number received during the month of May is 17; discharged, 38. For seven days this month no prisoners have been received. At the present encouraging rate of common-law criminality the City Sergeant is not likely to invest largely in brown-stone fronts or United States bonds.

POLICE COURT.—Justice White had a very unimportant common-law docket yesterday. Eleven parties charged with divers offenses, varying from assault with intent to kill to having no visible means of livelihood, were examined and dismissed. Several parties charged with ordinance violations were also discharged.

To-morrow the civil docket will be called at 12 o'clock M., and litigants pro and con are expected to be present promptly.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT.—A CASE OF CHILD-MURDER.—The County Court was engaged all day yesterday in the trial of Martha Ann Morris, charged with infanticide. On the 8th of April last the accused was arrested, charged with the murder of her illegitimate offspring near the town of Westover, in Henrico county, who was suspected of having given birth to a child, which was never seen. The discovery of the body of an infant in a well, in the vicinity, a few days afterwards, led to her arrest. She was arrested by officers of the Third district, and sent to the jail in Henrico county. She was indicted April 20th. The evidence adduced before the jury was purely circumstantial. George W. Thomas, Esq., represented the Commonwealth in his usual effective manner, and the defense was ably conducted by Messrs. Brooks & Rine, two colored lawyers of this city. Old attendants at the County Court stated that the argument of the former had rarely been excelled even at that celebrated bar. At a late hour last night the case had not been decided, the jury not agreeing, and the court adjourned over until this morning at 11 o'clock.

THE TOBACCO TRADE.—The prices of tobacco have been better this week and grades have been finer. Prices have ruled as high as \$75. Yesterday the highest reported price paid for the Tobacco Exchange was \$55, by Yarborough & Son.

In loose tobacco the offerings and sales have been small, and prices have ranged from \$1 to \$7.50. The season for the sale of loose is nearly over, and future receipts will be small.

THE LAW VINDICATED.—This morning Deputy-Sergeant Hannan will convey to the penitentiary Henry C. Giddings, convicted in the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond, for the murder of Thomas B. Cersley, Esq., to a check for \$22. Giddings belongs to a most respectable family in Chesterfield, and was at one time, under the township system, clerk of Manchester township. Giddings is sentenced for two years.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—Letters and posts addressed as follows remain unclaimed at the Richmond post-office: H. Grant, 111 Bruen street; J. H. Le Grange, care of Margaret Danglerfield; D. M. Hanes, Meyer Hecht; J. B. Jentry, A. L. Graves, Briggs House; Bettie Jones, Mrs. M. Jones, 125 Main; Mr. Maxwell, James M. Mitchell, Flann, Hatfield; agent B. & M. R. P.; Lorenz & Brother, R. L. Lambert & Co.; H. E. Moon, care of Haynes, Spencer & Co.

NEVER TOO OLD TO MARRY.—An aged couple obtained a license in the Hustings Court Tuesday to marry. The bridegroom was seventy-eight and the bride eighty years of age. Both parties have before been married. The matrimonial yoke.

THE RAILROAD MEN.

Two Important Reports Presented and Discussed.

THE BEST FORM AND MATERIALS FOR LOCOMOTIVE-WHEELS AND AXLES—OPINION OF MASTER MECHANICS—THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES CONSIDERED—SOME OF THE CAUSES OF DETERIORATION OF BOILERS, &c.

The Convention was called to order at 9 o'clock by President Chapman. A letter from Professor Stevens, of the Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J., was read, expressing regret that he was unable to be present, and notifying the Convention that he had sent to them one of the Institute's machines for testing lubricants. Accompanying the letter were the results of several experiments.

STANDARD GAUGE AND TENDER-AXLE. Mr. H. M. Forney, editor of the Railroad Gazette, of New York, offered the following: Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Master Car-Builders' Association, or any other parties, regarding the best form and proportions for a standard gauge locomotive, and to report to the committee report to this Association at the next annual Convention.

ADOPTED. COURTIERS. Thanks were voted to A. Shaw, superintendent of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company, and to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, for the same extended to the Convention. Mr. Shaw offered all facilities for an excursion to Petersburg. General Wickham desired to serve the members in any way most agreeable to them.

LOCOMOTIVE-WHEELS AND AXLES. The report of the committee on "the best form and materials for locomotive-wheels and axles; also the best method of counterbalancing," partially discussed on Tuesday, came up as unfinished business. The following is an outline of it:

Your committee find it very difficult to obtain any data which give comparisons between the different classes of wheels, and are unable to make any recommendations as to the best, considering both the questions of durability and economy.

They submit some tables showing difference in first cost and cost of maintenance, as far as the iron and meagre data they have been able to collect. In regard to driving-wheels, it seems from the answers to the circular sent out by the committee almost the unanimous opinion of those who replied that wheels with hollow rim, spokes, and hub, are preferable, only to the extent of the iron and meagre data they have been able to collect.

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The committee recommend large-sized journals as the best, both on account of their safety from breakage and being less liable to heat from friction. They suggest the use of the preferred axle, and of journals for engines with 16x24 cylinders: For engine-truck axle, 4x10 inches; For tender-truck axle, 3x7 inches; For driving-axle journal, 7x8 inches.

Drawings were submitted giving the axle recommendations, and the committee recommended the Master Car-Builders' standard. The committee submitted various plans sent them on the subject of counterbalancing. The first writer says: "Figure a little and then guess at it." Others treat the subject more seriously and conscientiously.

The committee regret that they cannot give more information in regard to the relative cost of steel and iron wheels. They urge the Convention to adopt a plan for obtaining the necessary data to accomplish this purpose.

The report, after further discussion by Messrs. Forney, Black, Wells, Woodcock, Rushton, Johann, Hudson, Setchel, Hayes, and Sedgely, was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. James Sedgely, of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad; H. L. Cooper, of the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western; and J. M. Boon, of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, to confer with the Master Car-Builders' Association.

NEW MEMBER. D. A. Wightman, of the Pittsburgh Locomotive-Works, was added to the list of members.

LOCOMOTIVES. Mr. R. Wells, of the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad Company, submitted a report of the Committee on "Best Materials, Methods, Forms, Proportions of Construction of Locomotive-Boilers, and the Best Method of Promoting Economy in the Use of Fuel."

The committee complained that they have not been able to collect the data they need. Over two hundred circulars were sent out and replies only received from twelve persons. In answer to the question, "Which have you found to be the best material for the shell of the boiler, iron or steel?" the committee say: "Those who have used it longest are most decided in their preference for it."

"In regard to the best thickness of metal for the sheets of a boiler from forty-eight to fifty-two inches in diameter to carry a working pressure of ten atmospheres and thirty pounds of steam, the opinion was unanimous in the case of steel three-eighths inch was sufficient and the best thickness to be adopted, taking all things into account, and in the case of good iron from three-eighths to seven-sixteenths was considered the best thickness to be adopted."

To the question, "To what extent does a well on longitudinal seams add to the strength of the boiler?" but little positive information was elicited by the committee. The practice of constructing boilers on that plan has not yet become general.

To the question, "Do your boilers deteriorate from the inside in the form of pits, commonly called pitting?" the committee have received various answers, but no very conclusive reasons are given as to the cause. (Here follow syllabuses of the answers.) The general complaint is that the deterioration of the boiler is caused by the fact that some cause exists other than defects in the metal of the shell. Just what that point is, perhaps, as objectionable as it is, if the former can be made so as not to weaken the boiler, there is no reason why the same cannot be attached in such a way as to be equally as strong as that point by flanging the sheet of the shell upward at the dome and the addition of a ring of

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DECEASED MEMBERS.

Mr. Johann announced the death of A. J. Hanglin, of the Texas-Factor. He was ordered that a special committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in respect to his memory. Messrs. Johann, King, and Devine were appointed on the committee by President Chapman.

An eulogy upon the character of the late Edward Garfield, of Massachusetts, written by Mr. Gordon H. Not, of Chicago, was read by the secretary. Ordered to be spread upon the minutes and printed in the report.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Mr. Woodcock moved that a committee of three be appointed to present names to be voted for as next place of meeting. The president appointed Messrs. Woodcock, Echford, and Boyden.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning. THE DOUTNEY TESTIMONIAL.—The complimentary benefit tendered Thomas N. Doutney, the temperance advocate, at Mozart Hall last night, was largely attended. The performance was excellent and the applause deserved. The ovation received by Mr. Doutney was a fitting tribute to his efforts in behalf of the temperance cause in this city, and he carries with him the best wishes of a large number of our best people. Mrs. Doutney and all who accompanied Mr. Doutney, and who have contributed to the gratification and elevation of our people, are included in this benison. Mr. Doutney goes hence to Norfolk, and from thence northward.

THE MOZART THIS EVENING.—The programme for this evening will be instructive and will be very attractive. The overture will be played in three pieces—the overture "The Tramp's Destination," by Suppe; "Les Fauteuses Polka" (with piccolo duet), by Bosquet; and the "Circassian March," by Strauss. Miss Kate H. Mera will play a solo on piano, "Valse Caprice," by Tausig; Dr. Bartokowski will play solo for violin, "La Villanelle" (The Village Maiden), by Danbe, and the "Seventh Air," by De Beriot, and Signor Jardella a solo for clarinet, "Melodie del Puritani," arranged by Bassi.

AN EVENING OF CHOICE MUSIC.—A grand vocal and instrumental concert will take place to-morrow night at Druid's (Thon's) Hall, southwest corner of Seventeenth and Main streets. Distinguished master talents will appear, including the celebrated quartette—Messrs. Goode, Cook, Gentry, and G. Ruescher; the well-known baritone, Henry Denning; F. Ruescher, basso; Mr. N. N., solo comic; together with an accomplished piano accompanist. The affair, which is for a most worthy object, and is forming a noble example, will be under the management of Messrs. Denning and F. Ruescher, and an enjoyable time is expected.

THE POLICE.

Plan for the Reorganization of the Force.

A PROJECT TO REDUCE EXPENSES AND INCREASE THE FORCE—UNDER IT THE CAPTAINS TO BE DISPENSED WITH AND ONE OFFICER TO BE CLERK OF THE POLICE COURT AND CHIEF—ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE CHANGE.

Several weeks ago Mr. Pickrel presented to the Board of Aldermen a plan for reorganizing the police force. It was referred to the Committee on Police, who at the last meeting of the Board reported that it was impracticable to carry out the plan. That was the judgment of the majority. Mr. Braselman, however, presented a minority report, which is favored by several other members of the City Council, and is as follows: RICHMOND, VA.,