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MEETINGS.

NOTICE.—The ninth annual meeting of the STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, OF RICHMOND, VA., will be held at their banking-house, in this city, on TUESDAY the 14th day of January, 1879, at 12 o'clock M.
J. B. MORTON, Cashier.
RICHMOND, December 11, 1878. de 12-2&Mtd

OFFICE CITY FIRE-INSURANCE COMPANY, RICHMOND, VA., December 12, 1878.
A CALLED MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the office of the company on the 13TH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 5 o'clock P. M.
By order of the Board of Directors.
de 12-tdin E. B. MEADE, Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, No. 1114 MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, December 5, 1878.
THE GRAND ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF VIRGINIA will be held in St. Alban's Hall, in this city, on THURSDAY, December 12, 1878, at 6 o'clock P. M.
By order of ALFRED S. LEE, G. H. P.
WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary.
de 6-td

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY CO., CASHIER'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., December 5, 1878.
NOTICE.—THE MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, in the city of Richmond, Va., on TUESDAY the 7th of January, 1879, at 12 o'clock noon.
de 6-td J. GARRETT, Cashier.

AMUSEMENTS.

RICHMOND THEATRE.
FOUR NIGHTS ONLY. COMMENCING WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11TH, JANAUSCHEK, supported by a superior company under the management of M. W. CANNING.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11TH. Schiller's great historic play, in five acts, MARY STUART, QUEEN OF SCOTS. Mary Stuart.....JANAUSCHEK.
THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12TH. Will be produced the thrilling five-act play, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR. Adrienne the Actress.....JANAUSCHEK.
FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13TH, a new play, written especially for JANAUSCHEK, entitled MOTHER AND SON.
SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 14TH, Shakspeare's masterpiece, MACBETH. JANAUSCHEK.....as Lady Macbeth.
The sale of seats will commence December 9th at C. F. Johnston's music-store, 918 Main street.
de 7-7t

AN ENTERTAINMENT, consisting of MUSIC, CHARADES, and TABLEAUX, will be given by young ladies and gentlemen at the VENABLE-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT THURSDAY EVENING, December 12th, at 8 o'clock. Proceeds for the benefit of the Sunday-School Aid Society.
ADMISSION: Adults, 25c.; children, 10c.
de 7-8,Tu&Th3t*

RICHMOND MOZART ASSOCIATION.
The regular weekly soiree will take place at Mozart Hall THIS (Thursday) EVENING at 8½ o'clock. Admission only by membership or invitation-cards, which must be presented at the door. Members can obtain invitation-cards on application at WYATT'S music-store, No. 920 Main street.
ja 3-Th

CHRISTMAS SALE.

CHRISTMAS SALE.—The ladies of the Grace-Street Presbyterian church will open at their Lecture-room, on the 12TH and 13TH OF DECEMBER, a beautiful assortment of FANCY GOODS, TOYS, BOOKS, DOLLS (dressed and undressed), suitable for Christmas presents. Also, excellent home-made FRUIT-CAKE and ENGLISH PLUM-PUDDINGS. Those purchasing for Christmas, and their friends generally, are invited to give them a call. LUNCHES, SUPPERS, and REFRESHMENTS served each day. de 9-3t*

THE TURF.

TROTTING RACE AT THE FAIR-GROUNDS, THURSDAY, DEC'R 12TH.
Match race for $100 will come off over the State Fair-Grounds' track on THURSDAY the 12th. Mile heats—three in five—to harness.
Major J. Walker names b. g. Judge Clopton.
T. Curtis names br. m. Kate Sands.
Race at 3 o'clock. de 11-2t*

MILLINERY.

MRS. B. W. SAUNDERS,
No. 405 BROAD STREET,
wishes to inform the ladies and public generally that she has just received a large and fresh supply of
MILLINERY,
consisting of BONNETS, HATS, new shades of RIBBONS, &c., which she will sell at much less than former prices.
Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.
We defy competition in style and price.
de 12-3t

NO HUMBUG.
SELLING OFF AT AND BELOW COST, UNTIL JANUARY 15TH, TO MAKE A CHANGE IN MY BUSINESS. The LARGEST STOCK OF MILLINERY in the city. A call is solicited.
MRS. F. HUTZLER, 525 Broad street.
de 7

MILLINERY! MILLINERY! AT COST.
I will sell at cost my entire stock of SEASONABLE MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS.
MRS. JULIUS BEAR, 1521 Main street.
de 6-2w

BOARDING.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE and other parties CAN OBTAIN BOARD at the VALENTINE HOUSE, corner Ninth and Capitol streets. Special terms made where several occupy one room, and for families. no 28-eod1m

BOARDING-HOUSE,
No. 715 FRANKLIN STREET, CORNER OF EIGHTH STREET,
pleasantly located in a central part of the city, one square from the Capitol Grounds and one square from Main street, convenient to Corn and Flour Exchange, Tobacco Exchange, Custom-House, Post-Office, Depots, and Churches of all denominations City railway passes by the door.
Occupants wanted for THREE ROOMS—dressing-room and bath attached—furnished or unfurnished.
Day and transient boarders accommodated. Terms moderate. no 30-2w*

FINANCIAL.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!
TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE IN RICHMOND.
I have sums to invest, from $200 to $10,000, on improved Richmond city real estate. Charges very moderate.
FRANK D. HILL, Real Estate Broker and Auctioneer,
no 16-eod1m 1108 Main street.

LYNCHBURG CITY BONDS WANTED.
In compliance with a resolution of the Council of the City of Lynchburg we are now prepared to purchase $50,000 OF THE BONDS OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG falling due in 1880. For any of such bonds we will pay par and interest upon presentation until January 1, 1879.
R. W. CRENSHAW,
WILSON P. BRYANT,
JAMES T. WILLIAMS,
de 2-1m Finance Committee.

LOANS MADE ON REAL ESTATE, COLLATERAL, OR GOOD PERSONAL SECURITY.
RICHARDSON & CO.,
no 19-3m 1113 Main street.

DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS.

RICHMOND, December 5, 1878.
THE FIRM OF TINSLEY & PIERCE was this day dissolved by mutual consent.
R. F. TINSLEY,
WILLIAM H. PIERCE.
In future the business will be conducted under the firm and style of WILLIAM H. PIERCE & CO., who assume all liabilities and collect all claims.
de 11-3t WILLIAM H. PIERCE & CO.

CITY RAILWAY.
OFFICE RICHMOND RAILWAY COMPANY.
TO THE PUBLIC.—Any citizen signalling a street-car and not gaining attention of the driver will oblige the undersigned by taking No. of car and reporting the same.
R. L. WALKER,
no 19-3m Superintendent City Railway.

BILL-HEADS, $5.50 to $8 per ream, at the DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE.

Richmond Dispatch.

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

THURSDAY.....DECEMBER 12, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, clear or partly cloudy weather, westerly winds, falling followed by rising temperature, and higher pressure.

For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, clear or partly cloudy weather, winds mostly southwesterly, stationary or rising temperature and barometer.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and cool.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 40; 9 A. M., 45; noon, 50; 3 P. M., 54; 6 P. M., 50; midnight, 40.

Mean temperature, 46½.

LOCAL MATTERS.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF METHODS AND RESULTS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—SPEECHES BY GENERAL FIELD, DRS. TUPPER, WARREN, CURRY, PROFESSOR WINSTON, AND MR. MCCARTHY.—A large and important meeting of Sunday-school workers, under the auspices of the First Baptist Church Sunday school, was held at their church last evening, which was attended by eminent religious laborers of the city. Rev. Dr. Curry presided, and appropriately explained the object of the meeting and introduced the speakers, whose addresses were limited to ten minutes each. Under the direction of Professor Reinhardt the music was very charming.

The first speaker was Dr. Tupper, whose subject was the "Infant Class." His remarks were chaste, and sparkled with gems of thought and illustrations drawn from art, sacred and classic history. He held that infancy and early childhood were the basis of the work, and had been dignified in all ages by the wise and good and hallowed as the form in which the incarnate Saviour appeared.

Dr. E. W. Warren maintained that the Sunday school should include the entire membership of the Church, in which the Divine Word should be taught, and enforced his position by apt and striking figures.

General J. G. Field was introduced as the *volunteer* substitute of Dr. Dickinson, who was unavoidably absent. The General playfully denied that he was a volunteer, but protested that he was a conscript. His theme—"The School as a Means of Conversion of Children"—was ably discussed and enforced by useful hints for attaining the inestimable object.

Professor Charles H. Winston next discussed the question of "Efficient Teaching." Pedagogues he didn't believe made the best teachers. Good Sunday-school work was more an exertion of moral and religious influence than dry teaching. Pupils were to be impressed with the effects of religion rather than drilled into its dry principles. Teachers should be earnest and aim directly at the object, and must therefore study, read, and think and pray.

Mr. Carlton McCarthy, through whose efforts mainly a new, large, and beautiful library fills the tasteful book-cases, made a crisp speech on the uses, distribution, and benefits of the library.

Dr. Curry closed the discussion, urging the study of many standard books which he mentioned, but especially the Bible, the book of God, which, when dying, Walter Scott, the great author, preferred to all others. He claimed it was for all people. Ignorance of it was amazing. Jasper's absurdities were laughed at by those who excelled him in unscriptural absurdities. Finally, he hoped for much and abiding good from the interesting and instructive meeting.

RUMORED DISASTER TO A RICHMOND TRADER.—A cable dispatch from London announces that the bark Knudsvig, from Richmond, is anchored at "Jack-in-Basket," and that she experienced heavy gales off the Western Isles, and was obliged to jetson 700 hogsheads tobacco and 3,000 staves.

The Norwegian bark Knudsvig, Evensen master, cleared from the custom-house October 10th, for Havre, France, under a charter from Curtis & Parker, with 406 hogsheads tobacco, valued at $45,000, and 11,481 staves, valued at $950, shipped by various parties. The report of the throwing overboard of 700 hogsheads tobacco, therefore, must be incorrect, but the loss is a serious one. The cargo was insured.

In the *Dispatch* of December 3d the arrival at Havre, December 1st, of the Kundersvig is announced by telegraph. This is doubtless intended for the Knudsvig.

Messrs. Curtis & Parker have no information in reference to any disaster to that bark, and her arrival at Havre has been reported in the New York *Journal of Commerce*. The German bark Ludwig, Segar master, cleared September 30th for Bremerhaven, Germany, with 460 hogsheads of tobacco, valued at $41,116, and was reported at Pellan November 24th. The vessel was also cleared by Curtis & Parker, and they have no advices of any disaster to either ship or cargo. It is evident that the matter is mixed, and will probably be straightened by the next cable dispatches.

THE NEW ROOMS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at their new rooms Saturday evening at 5 o'clock. The rooms are located on the second floor of the building occupied by the Commercial Club (the old Richmond House), at the corner of Ross and Governor streets, with the entrance on Governor street. The rooms have been altered and arranged with a view to the perfect accommodation for the purpose for which they are designed, and are tastefully and handsomely furnished. Here all the noise from Main street will be obviated, and a better selection of a location could not have been made. Mr. J. Pendleton Rogers was chairman of the committee having the matter in charge, and is entitled to the thanks of the Chamber for the very excellent manner in which their wants and wishes have been complied with. The painting was done by Councilman N. D. Hargrove; the upholstering by George W. Anderson & Sons; John A. Belvin did the furnishing; C. H. Thomas the carpenter's work; and John Bowers the plumming. The work speaks for itself, and reflects credit upon the gentlemen concerned and Richmond mechanism generally. The papering is in the best style of the decorative art, and the rooms combine elegance with comfort.

THE HIGH WATER.—The river at 8 o'clock last evening was about eight feet above ordinary high tide at Richmond, and was rising at the rate of about four inches per hour. The water was about thirty inches deep on the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves.

At Lynchburg the river was reported last evening to be about eleven and a half feet higher than usual and still rising. Serious damage to the canal, however, was not apprehended below that city. West of Lynchburg it was feared that the works of the company had been injured.

The packet-boat which left here on Monday could go no further than Tye river.

THE RAILROAD UP THE JAMES.—The Senate Committee on Roads yesterday took up the canal company's bill for the construction of a railroad up the Valley of the James, and agreed to discuss the bill in conjunction with the House committee, commencing this morning.

RICHMOND AND DANVILLE RAILROAD.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS—REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS—CONDITION OF THE COMPANY—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company was held at noon yesterday at the company's office, corner of Tenth and Bank streets.

The meeting was called to order by President A. S. Buford, and on his motion Judge F. N. Watkins was called to the chair; Mr. Richard Brooke secretary.

Messrs. Gaines, Carrington, and Morton were appointed a committee to examine the proxies. A quorum was found to be present.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President next read his annual report—as follows:

To the Stockholders of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company:

Gentlemen,—The president and directors respectfully submit their report for the year ending the 30th September, 1878—as follows:

RICHMOND AND DANVILLE AND PIEDMONT RAILROAD.

Earnings from freights	$669,713 54	
Earnings from passengers	199,826 65	
Earnings from mails, express, and miscellaneous	72,845 79	
Total earnings	$942,385 98	
Expenses of maintenance, operation, and repairs	631,438 90	
Amount of earnings over expenses	$310,947 08	
Amount received from interest on investments	47,992 33	
Total net revenues of Richmond and Danville and Piedmont Railroad		$358,939 41

NORTHWESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

Earnings from freights	$ 24,020 88	
Earnings from passengers	11,045 23	
Earnings from mails, express, and miscellaneous	2,124 95	
Total earnings	$38,091 06	
Expenses of maintenance and operation	19,223 13	
Net earnings and charged above as part of interest on investments	$18,867 93	

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

Earnings from freights	$261,999 94	
Earnings from passengers	193,437 94	
Earnings from mails, express, and miscellaneous	38,584 70	
Total earnings	$494,022 58	
Expenses of maintenance and operation	334,362 76	
Total net earnings of North Carolina railroad		$159,659 82
Total net revenue from all lines		$518,599 23
Deduct interest on funded debt Richmond and Danville railroad	$252,440 40	
Deduct interest on floating debt Richmond and Danville railroad	18,995 20	
Deduct rental Piedmont railroad	60,000 00	
Deduct rental North Carolina railroad	260,000 00	
		$591,435 60
Balance, excess of expense and liabilities over earnings on all lines for the year		$72,836 37
As compared with last year:		
The total earnings from freights on the Richmond and Danville railroad have increased		57,076 12
The earnings from passengers have decreased	14,848 38	
The earnings from mail, express, and miscellaneous have decreased	9,159 07	
		24,007 45
Total increase of earnings on the Richmond and Danville railroad		$33,068 67
The earnings from freights on the North Carolina railroad have increased	32,377 19	
The earnings from passengers have decreased	$5,345 04	
The earnings from mails, express, and miscellaneous have decreased	1,005 56	
		6,350 60
Total increase of earnings on the North Carolina railroad		26,026 59
The earnings from freights on the Northwestern North Carolina railroad have increased	4,633 52	
The earnings from mails, express, and miscellaneous have increased	100 78	
	4,734 30	
The earning from passengers have decreased	615 23	
Total increase of earnings on the Northwestern North Carolina railroad		4,119 07
Total increase of earnings on all lines		$ 63,214 33
The expenses of maintenance and operation on all lines have increased		44,734 92
Leaving a total net increase of earnings on all lines of		$ 18,479 41

The freight traffic of all the lines has been increased 17,897 gross tons, equivalent to 3,823,387 mile-tons, and, as above shown, with increased earnings therefrom of $94,086.83. The revenues from through-passenger traffic have decreased $24,579.39, while those from local travel have been slightly increased—the whole passenger revenues on through and local combined having been reduced $20,808.65. The ratio of expenses to earnings on the aggregate operations of all the lines is 66.8 per cent.

A few days before the last annual meeting, as then reported to the stockholders, the company suffered very heavy losses in the destruction by high water of its bridge over the Staunton river, and injuries to its road-bed and other structures on the Staunton and James rivers. These losses amount, in payments for restoring bridges, roadway, &c., and for injuries to goods in transportation at the time, to at least the sum of $65,000, independent of the large additional losses sustained in the business of the company's main line by the repeated interruptions of transportation which occurred at Staunton river at intervals during a period of nearly two months after the first great overflow of November 25, 1877. The heavy expenditures thus incurred in replacing and repairing the property and paying for goods lost or injured have been all included and charged in the cost of maintenance and operation of the Richmond and Danville road for the past fiscal year. It may as well be stated here that the crossing at Staunton river has been permanently restored by the elevation of the stone piers and abutments as the revenues and resources of the company would justify. This necessity has required the temporary postponement of the construction of several much-needed station buildings—as at Danville and a few other points—preparations for which have been partially made.

The northern section of the James-River bridge, being that most subjected to heavy use, had become infirm, and has been thoroughly renewed at considerable cost. A new wrought-iron bridge, of 105 feet span, has been erected on the Rocky river, on the North Carolina road, in place of the former wooden bridge that had become insecure, and two wrought-iron bridges of smaller dimensions are now being placed over shorter crossings on the last-named road.

At the general meeting of the stockholders called and held in Richmond on the 15th of October last an arrangement, as then fully reported, was approved and authorized to reëstablish and secure permanently proper business connections with the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta railroad, extending through a populous and productive country—195 miles from Charlotte, N. C., to Augusta, Ga. In accordance therewith that arrangement has been fully consummated by full payments and proper transfer of 3,767 shares of the capital stock of said company in proper trusts for the protection of the interests of this company in respect of the sum of money advanced by the company on this account, and in such manner as cannot fail to secure as well to this company as to the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company the mutual advantages of a free interchange of the large and valuable traffic which their physical relations naturally develop and require. Only a short time has elapsed since this arrangement has been perfected and put in operation, but the advantages anticipated have been so far fully realized, and it is not doubted will so continue.

The duties of officers and employés have been efficiently discharged, and in all cases involving pecuniary trust and responsibility with the most exemplary fidelity and integrity.

Respectfully submitted.

A. S. BUFORD, President.

On motion of Major Fred. R. Scott the report was received and ordered to be referred to the usual committee.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fred. R. Scott, J. P. Branch, T. T. Bouldin, R. P. Richardson, J. R. Anderson, J. N. Du Barry, R. V. Gaines, T. M. Logan.

The report of the Examining Committee was read by Mr. T. D. Neal and referred to the committee appointed to consider the president's report. Recess until 4 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Mr. Fred. R. Scott, chairman of the committee on the president's report, submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The committee on the president's report have made as full an examination of the affairs of the company as time would permit, and have had the advantage of the presence of Colonel Talcott, superintendent, and report as follows:

	1877.	1878.
Gross receipts all divisions	$1,411,284 34	$1,474,499 62
Gross expenses	940,289 57	985,024 79
Net earnings	$470,994 47	$489,474 83
Interest on investments	28,964 30	29,124 40
	$499,958 77	$518,599 23
Interest on bonded and floating debt and rentals	583,052 43	591,435 60
	$83,093 66	$72,836 37

In the face of this continued deficiency, we have thought it important to ascertain what compensating improvement has been made in the value of the property. We have therefore made special inquiry as to the work done on the road during the past year to ascertain what amount of expenses represented permanent betterment, and we find as follows:

Cost of new rails put in track in excess of ordinary renewals	$20,500
Value of iron bridge over Staunton river in excess of value of bridge destroyed	20,000
Cross-ties put in the road this year in excess of the value of same annually during the past six years	8,000
Expended on culverts in excess of ordinary repairs	2,000
Extension of sidings	1,500
Expenditures for ballasting in excess of ordinary maintenance	7,500
New cars built in excess of ordinary maintenance of rolling-stock	10,600
	$70,100

No allowance is made for the loss of property and business by the destruction of the Staunton-River bridge, which caused interruptions to the traffic for a month.

It will thus be seen that, even without any general improvement in the business of the company from returning prosperity, or from the advantageous connection recently made with the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta railroad, the earnings of this company are sufficient to pay all its obligations. The interest on all its debt, including that due the State, has been paid. The present organization is believed to be most efficient and economical, and the committee are encouraged to believe that the current year will show a decided improvement in business and net revenue.

The committee heartily approve the suggestion of the payment of the debt due to the State, and recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the president and directors in their report of this date, in relation to an adjustment of the annuity to the State of Virginia, be and the same is hereby approved; and the president and directors are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to make application to the Legislature for such legislation as may be deemed necessary for that purpose, and, if obtained, to provide for carrying the same into effect at such time and manner as in their judgment shall be for the best interests of the company.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of the appreciation of the currency, the corresponding depreciation of all other values, and in view of the further fact that the income of the company has not kept pace with ordinary and extraordinary expenses of operating the road, the committee would respectfully and urgently recommend to the management the necessity of reducing the operating expenses to the basis of specie-resumption, so far as the same may be done without cessation of the policy of a gradual but steady improvement of the property or lessening the efficiency of the same.

The committee not having any information on the matters referred to in the report of the Examining Committee beyond what is stated therein, recommend its reference to the Board. Respectfully,

FRED. R. SCOTT, Chairman.

Colonel Buford said that the policy indicated in the second resolution was now being pursued by the management. He endorsed the resolution.

The whole report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Colonel A. S. Buford was unanimously reëlected president.

On motion of Mr. John P. Branch the following directors were reëlected: A. Y. Stokes, J. N. Du Barry, W. L. Owen, Strickland Kneiss, W. T. Sutherlin, John Bardsley, Isaac Davenport, Jr., and A. J. Cassatt.

On motion of Colonel Buford, W. B. Isaacs, Thomas D. Neal, W. T. Scott, John P. Branch, and R. V. Gaines were elected Examining Committee.

Adjourned *sine die*.

PERSONAL.—It is understood by members of the General Assembly that Judge Tredway declines reëlection.

Columbus Moïse, Esq., formerly of Richmond, late attorney for Duval county, Texas, was a few days ago admitted to the bar of Kansas City. Mr. Moïse left here in 1874, when he was but nineteen years of age.

The Goode-Frayser investigation will be commenced before the joint Committee on Printing this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The committee meets in the Senate chamber.

H. L. Staples, of the firm of Chaffin, Staples & Co., returned yesterday from Pennsylvania, where he made some large negotiations of real estate, including the sale of the farm known as Wakefield, in Prince Edward county, Va., containing 808½ acres, to Mr. J. J. Kauffman, of Schuylkill county, Pa.

The visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were W. H. Gregory, Granville, N. C.; J. H. Booker, Prince Edward; R. B. Smith, Charlotte; S. H. Brooks, Halifax; P. C. McPhail, Roanoke; W. A. Holland, J. B. Pace, T. J. Corbin, Danville; W. J. Dance, Jr., Powhatan; J. T. King, South Boston; T. A. Jeter, Bedford; W. R. Roberts, Louisa; W. H. Smith, Charlotte; W. H. Baker, Chesterfield; W. H. Eubank, Lunenburg; T. W. Scott, Drake's Branch; and W. A. Thornton, Appomattox.

NEEDS REPAIRING.—The recent rains have washed a dangerous and unsightly hole in New street, in front of the Retreat for the Sick, which renders the street wellnigh impassable. Of course it will be speedily repaired.

A MASONIC INCIDENT.

UNVEILING OF THE DOVE MONUMENT AT HOLLYWOOD YESTERDAY—AN INTERESTING OCCASION—A SKETCH OF THE MONUMENT AND CEREMONIES, &c., &c.

Yesterday was bright and beautiful, and will long be remembered with pleasure and pride by the Masons of Virginia. The occasion was the reception and unveiling of the Dove monument by the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Lodge met at St. Alban's Hall at 2 o'clock, and, after some preliminary business incident to the object of the communication, repaired to the street, and were formed in the following

ORDER OF MASONIC PROCESSION

by Grand Marshal John Thompson Brown, of Française Lodge, No. 52, and his Assistant Marshals Herman J. Myers, of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 11, and Ben. T. August, of Dove Lodge, No. 51:

Richmond Commandery, K. T., No. 2—mounted—Sir L. L. Bass, eminent commander; Commandery St. Andrew, No. 13—mounted—Sir William E. Tanner, eminent commander; detachment of police, Sergeant B. F. Howard commanding; music; Right Eminent Sir James G. Bain, grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, and other Grand Commandery officers; Worshipful James M. Taylor, grand tiler of Grand Lodge of Virginia, with drawn sword; Worshipful James E. Riddick, grand pursuivant; Thomas Angel, grand steward; invited Master Masons; Worshipful Peyton Johnston, representative of Grand Lodge of Ireland, with Bible.

Carriages containing Grand Lodge officers: First carriage—R. W. R. M. Page, grand senior warden; R. W. Mayo B. Carrington, grand junior warden; Wor. Henry W. Murray, grand senior deacon; Wor. F. H. Hill, grand junior deacon. Second carriage—R. W. William B. Isaacs, grand secretary; R. W. Rev. George W. Dame, grand chaplain; R. W. James Evans, grand lecturer. Third carriage—M. W. Beverly R. Wellford, Jr., grand master; R. W. William B. Taliaferro, past grand master; R. W. Peyton S. Coles, deputy grand master. Fourth carriage—The Dove Memorial Committee: Wor. James A. Scott, chairman and grand architect; Wor. J. T. Keesee; Wor. O. M. Marshall, grand treasurer; Wor. William E. Tanner. Other carriages containing the relatives of the deceased, R. W. John Dove, to whose memory the monument is erected.

Line of March—St. Alban's Hall to First street, from First to Franklin street, up Franklin to Belvidere street, thence to Main street, up Main to Cherry, down Cherry to Hollywood.

Arriving

AT HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY,

the line was halted just in front of the Davies vault, and in open order, the Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge passing through the line to the Masonic section, the remainder of the procession following. On arriving at the monument, in the section of the lot owned by the Masonic lodges of the city, the Grand Master and many prominent members of the Grand Lodge were escorted to the platform erected within the enclosure, the same being tastefully decorated, Senator R. E. Withers, past grand master, being among the number occupying seats upon it.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

The Grand Marshal announcing that everything was in readiness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master said:

Brother Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Lodge of Virginia having been assembled for the purpose of unveiling the monument erected by the Grand Lodge of Virginia to the memory of our deceased grand secretary Right Worshipful John Dove, it is my order that the Grand Lodge of Virginia now proceed to the performance of that important ceremony. This, my will and pleasure, you will communicate to the Grand Junior Warden, that the brethren of the Grand Lodge may have due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

RESPONSE.

The Grand Senior Warden responded as follows:

Brother Grand Junior Warden, it is the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia that this Grand Lodge do now proceed with the ceremonies of unveiling the monument erected to the memory of our deceased Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful John Dove. This you will report to the brethren, that they, having due notice thereof, may govern themselves accordingly.

The further ceremonies incident to the reception and unveiling were then proceeded with, which consisted of a very fervent and touching prayer by R. W. George W. Dame, Grand Chaplain of the M. W. G. L.; a funeral dirge by the band, and an address by Grand Master Wellford, which was brief but well worthy of the occasion, and was fully in keeping with the reputation of Judge Wellford as one of the most eloquent Masonic orators in Virginia.

There was an immense assembly of people near the monument, all of whom seemed deeply interested in the beautiful and solemn ceremonies, and the very best order was preserved throughout.

THE MONUMENT

is probably one of the very finest of its kind in this country, and its very beautiful workmanship reflects credit upon the contractor. It is of Virginia granite, and its height will exceed any in the cemetery. On its base is the single word "Dove." On the block above the base is the scriptural legend "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they do rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." The scroll on the front panel of the monument is inscribed as follows:

R. W. JOHN DOVE, M. D.
Born in Richmond, Va.,
September 2, 1792;
Died in Richmond, Va.,
Nov. 16, 1876.

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia by successive elections from 1835 to 1876.

The ceremonies at the monument being concluded, the line was reformed and the procession returned to St. Alban's Hall; and thus ended one of the most interesting occasions that will probably ever mark the history of the Masonic fraternity in Virginia.

GRAND LODGE OF (COLORED) MASONS.—This body has been in session here since Monday. The reports of the Grand Master, James H. Jones, the Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, show an increase in membership, number of lodges, and finances. Delegates are present from various parts of the State.

The Grand Lodge elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Grand Master, T. G. Gladman, Lynchburg; Deputy Grand Master, W. H. Hughes, Manchester; Senior Grand Warden, D. J. Butts, Petersburg; Junior Grand Warden, W. A. Coleman, Norfolk; Grand Treasurer, James Stewart, Richmond; Grand Secretary, R. A. Perkins, Lynchburg; Senior Grand Deacon, Captain Z. A. Langley, Lynchburg; Junior Grand Deacon, Thomas Cayton, Charlottesville; Grand Chaplain, Rev. Richard Wells, Richmond; Grand Pursuivant, J. H. Clayton, Petersburg; Grand Sword-Bearer, Robert H. Matthews, Lynchburg; Grand Stewards, D. W. Williams, Danville, and R. C. Crump, Petersburg; Grand Marshal, Henry Cheesman, Hampton; Grand Tiler, James Reynolds, Lynchburg.

The Past Grand Master, J. H. Jones, of Petersburg, then installed the above officers.

The visiting delegates were entertained by the members of the order in this city.

The session will continue to-day, 12th.

State Dental Association.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS—REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES—THE USE OF CELLULOID—OTHER BUSINESS, &C.

The Dental Association met again yesterday at 11 o'clock—Dr. J. H. Moore, president; Dr. Keesee, secretary.

Dr. T. S. Walters, of Baltimore, was introduced to the Association and invited to take part in its proceedings.

The report of the Publication Committee was received and adopted.

The report on Mechanical Dentistry was called for, and, on motion of Dr. Keesee, was taken up.

Dr. Scribner opened the subject by asking the opinion of those present as to the use of celluloid.

Dr. Harris, of the Baltimore Dental College, stated that he would not advise the use of it as a base. He had no confidence in it, for it would warp, and will, after twelve months' use, disintegrate, and is so very unreliable that he would not recommend it at the college. It might suit plain but not gum-teeth. It will undergo changes, turn dark, and soften on the surface, and finally give way, and in some cases he could not tell what it was. The rubber would stand, and was ever so much easier to work, but he would not use it for temporary plates.

Dr. Walters, of Baltimore, stated that his experience with the use of celluloid did not agree with Professor Harris's; had used it since 1873; worked it in a vapor of glycerine, and preferred it to rubber. Silver and celluloid worked favorably together, but gold was the best base to use.

Dr. Scribner asked if silver would not corrode.

Dr. Walters replied that it certainly would, and that he only spoke of it as to its cheapness.

Dr. Thompson stated that he had used celluloid for four or five years, and found it everything he wanted; would not work rubber, and had never made a failure with celluloid.

Dr. Walters said the pressure must not be taken off until the plate was thoroughly made.

Dr. Chewning, of Fredericksburg, stated that he had made it his business while living in Baltimore to inquire as to its workings, and had ascertained that there was a wide difference of opinion as to its qualities.

Dr. Hunt, of Washington, stated in the manipulation of celluloid as compared with rubber more skill was required in the use of celluloid than rubber. The result in his experience of the use of celluloid was that it is far superior to rubber. It is more pleasant to wear, and he used it in preference to rubber, it being more durable.

Drs. Keesee, Cowardin, Mercer, and Moore, also took part in the discussion.

On motion of Dr. Keesee, the Association adjourned to 4 o'clock.

At the afternoon session Dr. T. S. Walters, of Baltimore, was elected an honorary member.

Dr. Chewning, of the Baltimore Dental College, offered the report of the Committee on Dental Literature, which was fully discussed by Dr. Jud. B. Wood, who complimented Dr. Chewning upon its efficiency and ability, and pronounced it the best that had been offered since the organization of the Association.

On motion of Dr. Scribner, a vote of thanks was tendered him.

The report on dental pathology was next in order, when Dr. Keesee stated that he received the report of Dr. N. M. Burkholder by mail. He was unavoidably detained. The report was received.

Dr. Thompson, from the same committee, also submitted a report, which was received.

The reports were discussed by Drs. Wood, Hunt, and others.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Association adjourned to meet again to-day.

The president, Dr. J. H. Moore, stated before adjournment that he hoped that the members would be punctual and the attendance good.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.—The amount of loose tobacco sold at Shockoe warehouse yesterday was 75,000 pounds. Highest price reported, $8.25.

The amount of United States internal revenue collected yesterday was $3,130.79.

This has been a bad week at the custom-house. No entrances or clearences reported yesterday.

Tobacco transactions on 'Change were small yesterday. Highest reported price paid, $9.50.

Henrico County Court was engaged yesterday in the consideration of civil cases; after which it adjourned until Saturday.

The coastwise receipts yesterday were coal and iron. One cargo of granite was shipped.

The following convicts were received yesterday at the penitentiary from Alexandria: Frank D. Barker and Miles H. Ramsey, each for three years for grand larceny.

A trotting race will take place at the Fair-Grounds at 3 o'clock P. M. to-day between Major Walker's b. g. Judge Clopton and Thomas Curtis's br. m. Kate Sands.

Don't forget to attend the Chrismas sale of the ladies of the Grace-Street Presbyterian church at their lecture-room to-day and to-morrow. All kinds of useful, beautiful, and palatable articles will be furnished.

There was a large attendance at the opening of the protracted meetings of Rev. Z. Parker Richardson at the Main-Street Christian church last night.

Tableaux, charades, and music for the benefit of the Sabbath-School Aid Society at the Venable-Street Baptist church to-night.

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

Charles P. Anderson and V. Pendleton, fighting in the street. Anderson was fined $2.50.

James Hensen and James Sullivan, tramps, were jailed for three months under the vagrant law.

J. H. Dunlevy, feloniously assaulting Fannie E. Dunlevy with intent to extort from her a certain bond valued at $400, was fined $50 and jailed for twelve months and labor.

Charles Kline was fined $2 for sitting on a bench in the market-house.

C. B. Lipscomb and C. H.