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CHRISTMAS--1878.

A GLANCE INTO THE EMPORIUMS OF FASHIONS, THE COMMISSARIES OF LUXURY, AND THE REALMS OF ST. NICHOLAS.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

A Few Hints about Where to Make Purchases.

The gay, festive season of Christmas approaches. Yes, the brightest day in the year is near at hand—that day which brings year to all classes and ages; the day when all put on their best dresses, assume their kindest expressions, and demean themselves in their most decorous and graceful manner.

The event which gives time to the day inspires good feeling and friendly impulses in even the roughest minds, and turns even folly to virtue.

It is necessary, then, that all should prepare for a day so conspicuous for PEACE AND GOOD WILL. The dresses, the good things, and the comely decorations of houses, and above all of churches, must be all ready.

The young must show off to the best advantage, the old must wear their most cheerful graces to receive the homage which is paid to age in all good and refined communities on that bright day.

And ungoddly there must be ample means of defence provided against the fearful attack of the Lord of Misrule and his followers, reinforced by the terrible army that lose from the nursery. Oh! what is equal to that general festivity and good-heartedness whose activity and excitement for one day is so great that it puts a world to perfect rest?

The close of the day's maneuvering and the day's jousting of the minute army which invades the social circle is typical of the general result. The combatants fall, as it were, upon the field—the drums and trumpets are scattered, without beaters and without blowers; the cavalry-batters are dismembered, often headless and tailless; the fearful machinery of war and whole regiments of painted soldiers lie prostrate and wrecked upon the field, begrimed, stuck up with the sweet blood of the confectionery so abundantly supplied to reinforce and refresh the proud soldiers in their terrific struggles.

[Isn't it terrible? we ask ma and pa.] And as lies the grand army, so tired and conquered, in society after a day of unbounded joy and good feeling. It has its moral. Weighed with happiness, we ask: What is happiness? Who hath it? Ah, it does not last; but let us nevertheless, when we can, have it and make the most of it, and with the poet Virgil, say "Dum vivimus vivamus"—while we live let us live.

And just now a word to you in your younger days have joyously participated in the pleasures of childhood—to you who can sing of "The joys we have tasted."

Do not lend your voices to the querulous complaints which are obtaining each year against the evidences of merrymaking on Christmas, such as horns and fire-crackers. What would the day be without them? If you cannot be young again and join with the revelers, at least be generous, and grant to them the like indulgence that was shown you by your forefathers on such occasions. Yes, let all our tempers be set aside, and, as we said above, "Oh, let us be joyful!"

So let us get ready. The Dispatch columns now speak with most oracular truthfulness upon this interesting subject, and we invite you to join us in our journey through the establishments which are all ablaze with finery, good things, and comforts for Christmas.

LEVY BROTHERS, 1017 and 1019 Main street—Here we are in the oldest as well as one of the finest dry-goods establishments in the whole South. The business was begun by Mr. Abraham Levy, the grandfather of the present firm, in 1818, at the old market place, and passing down through three generations in the conduct of men noted for strict adherence to business, conscientious devotion to duty, and straightforward dealings at all times, it has come today to be a model business enterprise.

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WEATHER REPORT. INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, clear or partly cloudy weather, northerly winds, stationary or lower temperature, and higher pressure.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear, cool, and pleasant. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 38; 9 A. M., 45; noon, 50; 3 P. M., 54; 6 P. M., 50; midnight, 44. Mean temperature, 47.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE GOODE-FRAYSER PRINTING INVESTIGATION.—The joint standing committee on Printing—Senator Bland chairman—met in the Senate Chamber yesterday evening to investigate the charges preferred by James E. Goode against R. E. Frayser, Superintendent of Public Printing. Mr. Goode was represented by W. W. Gordon as counsel, and Mr. Frayser by George D. Wise and C. V. Meredith. Mr. Gordon raised the question of whether, under the act of Assembly requiring attorneys to pay a fee of \$100 before practicing in cases before the General Assembly, except in matters of contested election, he was not compelled to pay that fee. The committee were of opinion that this tax was not required of him. Mr. Gordon, however, was not altogether satisfied; and to enable him to look further into the matter, and if necessary to pay the tax, the committee determined to adjourn until a week later, when it was expected that a bill would be introduced in the Senate amending the law, so as to make it certain that the tax is not to be required in a case of this character.

The answer of Mr. Frayser to the charges is as follows: The committee were appointed by the Senate and House of Delegates of the State of Virginia for the purpose of examining certain charges preferred by James E. Goode against the Superintendent of Public Printing, and through the said committee to the honorable bodies they represent: The undersigned, Richard E. Frayser, Superintendent of Public Printing, with humble thanks to the committee, begs leave to submit the following answer and denial of the charges above mentioned: The undersigned, feeling confident that the said charges will be thoroughly examined, does not deem it necessary to present any plea in defense, and in attention of the committee with lengthy and separate denial of each of the charges above mentioned. But in justice to himself and to the cause of truth he emphatically and fully denies each and every one of said charges that are more than pertinent. In conclusion he respectfully asks this committee not only to examine into the charges above mentioned, but that they will make a full and searching examination into the working and management of the said office of Superintendent of Public Printing, which is now held and managed by the undersigned. Very respectfully, R. E. FRAYSER, Superintendent Public Printing.

THE RAILROAD OF THE JAMES.—The House Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation met yesterday and took up the bill to confirm the contract of the James River and Kanawha Company with the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company. Major Johnston, president of the canal company, was present, and made a very interesting statement in reference to the proposed road. Dr. E. C. Robinson, of Norfolk, a member of the House, spoke in opposition to the sale of the canal for the purpose indicated. The committee on Roads and Internal Navigation will consider the bill jointly on Saturday.

THE RIVER.—The river reached its maximum (nine feet) last evening, and commenced falling. The canal is reported damaged west of Lynchburg. There are one or two minor breaks east of Lynchburg. At 6 o'clock last evening the water was fifty-four inches deep over the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves. The Ariel's passengers were landed at the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves brought through the tunnel to the city by the Chesapeake and Ohio Company. The Ariel will leave from the same wharves this morning. At midnight last night the water was in Main street.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS, THURSDAY.—Ewell vs. Commonwealth. Petition for writ of error to judgment of Hustings Court of City of Petersburg. Reversed. Judge Anderson delivering the opinion. Veale's administrator vs. Darnes's executor. From Circuit Court of Loudoun. Reversed. Judge Monroeur delivering opinion of court. Wickham vs. Wickham. From Circuit Court of Loudoun. Reversed. Judge Monroeur delivering the opinion. Veale's administrator vs. Darnes's executor. From Circuit Court of Loudoun. Reversed. Judge Monroeur delivering opinion of court. Wickham vs. Wickham. From Circuit Court of Loudoun. Reversed. Judge Monroeur delivering the opinion.

GLASCOCK vs. Welch and als. From Circuit Court of Essex county. Reversed. Judge Monroeur delivering the opinion. Elder's executor vs. Harris and als. From Circuit Court of Lunenburg county. Reversed. Judge Anderson delivering the opinion. Thornton vs. Thornton. From Circuit Court of Fairfax county. Reversed. Judge Burks delivering the opinion.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY.—William P. Hopkins, trespassing on the premises of Henry Yates, threatening to kill Anna White with a knife, was fined \$5. Pleasant Motley, and creating a disturbance at the depot of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, was fined \$1.50. Charles Johnson was fined \$2 for disorderly conduct in Locust alley. Fleming Gary, threatening to kill Anna White with a knife, was acquitted. Acting Police-Justice J. J. Crutchfield presided.

PERSONAL.—Mentioned in connection with the judgeship of his circuit, he has requested us to say that he is not a candidate for the position, and would not accept it if unanimously elected. All the members of the General Assembly, Conservatives and Republicans, from Judge Montague's circuit will, with one exception, vote for his reelection. Colonel Thomas B. Bigler is quite ill. Among the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were Samuel A. Sawyer, E. J. Collier, New York; Z. P. Richardson, Gray vs. Liberty; J. P. Watson, Pulaski; A. G. Walters, Danville; C. M. Reynolds, Clifton; Forge; J. S. Winfree, Powhatan; W. J. Barry, Culpeper; W. T. James, Franklin; Dr. J. R. Baylor, Albemarle; and E. A. Allen, Lynchburg.

WOODBRIDGE MEMORIAL WINDOW.—The committee yesterday received a letter from New York saying the memorial window will be shipped next week by the Old Dominion Glass and Manufacturing Company. It is expected that it will be in position on the 23d inst.

CONFERENCE OF SUPPORTERS OF THE BARBOUR BILL. PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF THE READJUSTERS' PARTY—SENATOR MASSEY COUNSELS THE BRETHERN TO HASTEN SLOWLY; SPEAKER ALLEN WANTS A CONFERENCE WITH THE CREDITORS; MR. BARBOUR SAYS STAND FIRM; MR. HARVIE THINKS A CHANGE HAS COME OVER THE SPIRIT OF THE GOVERNOR'S DREAM; AND MANY READJUSTERS TRUST THAT THE BARBOUR BILL WILL BE AGAIN PASSED AND THE GOVERNOR DARED TO VETO IT.

A conference of "the readjusters" of the General Assembly was held in the hall of the House last night, and was called to order by Senator Fulkerson; Mr. J. H. Robinson, of Portsmouth, secretary. Mr. Fulkerson, desiring at some time during the evening to discuss the conference, and to have Mr. Harvie take the chair. There were about seventy members present—some of them probably as spectators only. Senator Paul offered the following: Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and is hereby directed to prepare an address to the people of Virginia, setting forth the objects of the readjusters, and calling a convention, to be held in the city of Richmond on the 1st day of January, 1879, to organize the readjusters of the State as a party for the purpose of securing readjustment of the State debt and maintaining the public free-school system, and in opposition to the party recently organized in the city of Richmond to establish a subject throughout the State, with the avowed object of making the taxes on our already impoverished people; said committee to report its action under this resolution to this conference for its ratification, at a meeting to be held on Monday night next.

MR. HARVIE (Mr. Fulkerson in the chair) was convinced that in the Barbour bill the State if anything had conceded too much. Under no circumstances would he take a step backward. He didn't come to Richmond to ascertain the sentiments of the bondholders. He didn't care to consult them. He would have the Barbour bill passed again, and then let the Governor and his friends say what they pleased here saying that under no conceivable circumstances would he favor an increase of taxation. Now a change has come over the spirit of his dream, and in his recent message he recommended an increase! The ability of the people to pay was the proper basis of taxation. In Mr. Harvie's opinion, and that limit had already been reached. Mr. Harvie was decided in his disapproval of what he called the Governor's change of front.

MR. STEVENS OFFERED THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTE: That the Executive Committee of this conference be requested to report to a meeting of this conference, to be held in this hall on Wednesday night next, the propriety and expediency of preparing an address to the people of Virginia, setting forth the objects and purposes of the readjusters, and also to the propriety of calling a convention with a view to a more thorough and compact organization.

MR. SPEAKER. He referred to the compromise bill of last session, which he voted against, and for which action he had been denounced as a traitor. The hour held out in a conference with the creditors. As intended by its advocates, it has accomplished an offer from the creditors; they have made theirs. Now, will it be the part of wisdom to seek a conference with the creditors? The Speaker thought so. He hoped that the conference would be held before the readjusters move further.

FOR ONE, the Speaker never would accept the compromise as indicated in the Governor's message. But he was willing to try the creditors again. If they refuse a reasonable compromise the arm of the readjusters will be greatly strengthened. He did not want to go into a fight as he did last winter, and get nearly every turn of the wheel against him. The gentlemen that they would have no fight left to make. The experience of last session showed what a compact minority could do. Then the readjusters lost every single State office, and were at last placed in the humiliating position of making nominations to the office to be made to make nominations. The battle to come would be a severe one, and they would need all the arms they could carry into it. He wanted to proceed cautiously; to go into the fight prepared, and not to be taken by surprise. He would like to win. Therefore it was his honest opinion that the conference should be sought with the creditors. If it is unavailing, then the readjusters could appeal to the people with greater effect.

WANTED, A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. Mr. J. H. Robinson saw no way of getting out of the dilemma except by a constitutional convention. [Applause.] He would like to direct proceedings; and he would like to see the Government supply of water by means of a tunnel from the basin.

THE BOX selected was one of the best accessible, and such as to give all of the engines a fair trial as to speed and suction qualities, and also to put the officers and firemen on an equality. Both objects sought to be attained by the ordinance appear to have been accomplished. All of the men were taken entirely by surprise, especially the Chief Engineer, who at the time of the first alarm was attending to some business on the street with one of his some seconds from the time of the turning in the alarm. The first assistant engineer, Captain G. W. Taylor, reached the box at the same time. Second Assistant Engineer J. F. Wingfield came down with the hose-carriage of Company No. 5. Time, four minutes.

When the first alarm was sounded the engineer of Steamer No. 1 (Church Hill) was at work cleaning out his engine, part of it being in pieces. The water in the tank was cold, and it took nearly five minutes after reaching the truck. The leaders of the Truck Company were not raised. All of the engines worked well, taking the water with their suction very promptly from the basin, and the members of the committee present pronounced the trial satisfactory. The committee will discuss the result at their meeting to be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at headquarters.

PIANO RECITAL.—Professor F. C. Habr, of Petersburg, will give a piano recital this afternoon, commencing at 1:15 o'clock, at Davis & Co., Richmond. The program consists of brass selections by Liszt, Chopin and other distinguished composers.

THE PEOPLE that he is a better readjuster than the readjuster himself. WHAT FOR? Mr. Robinson wanted to know what all this organization was for. Mr. Fulkerson said that without an organization, if a constitutional convention is held the debt will be fixed upon us forever. The debt-payers will capture the convention and the whole of the debt will be recognized in the organic law. Mr. Robinson asked how could that be if, as Mr. Fulkerson claimed, four-fifths of the people were readjusters. Mr. Fulkerson said that if an organization was formed, it could not be held until the latter end of the session, and then it would be too late to act. But for the sake of harmony, he would agree to have the resolution go to a committee. His own idea as to legislation was that they should pass the Barbour bill over again. Mr. H. H. Harrison declared that he was in favor of passing the Barbour bill again.

MR. BARBOUR. This gentleman thought the General Assembly had already accomplished a great deal. All the readjusters now had to do was to stick down their pins and let the creditors know that they would not take them up again. He thought the Governor was very much inclined to cooperate with them. That was the impression made upon Mr. Barbour after conversation with the Governor. Mr. Barbour congratulated the conference upon the good temper shown, and the solid front which the readjusters present. THE BARBOUR BILL. Mr. Harvie (Mr. Fulkerson in the chair) was convinced that in the Barbour bill the State if anything had conceded too much. Under no circumstances would he take a step backward. He didn't come to Richmond to ascertain the sentiments of the bondholders. He didn't care to consult them. He would have the Barbour bill passed again, and then let the Governor and his friends say what they pleased here saying that under no conceivable circumstances would he favor an increase of taxation. Now a change has come over the spirit of his dream, and in his recent message he recommended an increase! The ability of the people to pay was the proper basis of taxation. In Mr. Harvie's opinion, and that limit had already been reached. Mr. Harvie was decided in his disapproval of what he called the Governor's change of front.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING. CASH—INvariably IN ADVANCE. One square, one insertion..... \$0 75 One square, two insertions..... 1 50 One square, three insertions..... 2 25 One square, six insertions..... 4 00 One square, twelve insertions..... 7 50 One square, one month..... 25 00 One square, three months..... 75 00

Blind as the Tio that Blinds.

MARRIAGE OF MR. FURMAN TUPPER AND MISS MARY THOMAS WORTHAM AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LAST NIGHT. The First Baptist church was the scene of another fashionable and brilliant marriage last night. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Thomas Wortham, daughter of one of Richmond's oldest and most honored citizens, Mr. Coleman Wortham, and herself long the joy and pride of a large circle of friends, and Mr. Furman Tupper, son of Rev. H. A. Tupper, among the most wealthy and popular young gentlemen in the city.

The doors of the church were opened promptly at 7 o'clock, and soon the sacred edifice was filled with an array of that beauty and fashion for which our city stands pre-eminent. The body of the church was reserved for those having cards of invitation, while the galleries were open to the general public. The immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom occupied seats immediately in front of the altar. The time before the arrival of the bridal party was enlivened and made pleasant by the beautiful music of the organ, which, under the skillful hand of Professor Reinhardt, pealed forth its most melodious notes.

In the front of the altar a room had been erected in order that the audience might obtain a better view of the bridal party. On either side of the pulpit were placed rare tropical exotics, and similar flowers graced the altar. The floral decorations were simple and plain, but in every way timely and tasteful.

THE CEREMONY was to have taken place at 8 o'clock, but it was fully 8:20 when the bridal party entered, Professor Reinhardt playing an appropriate and imposing wedding march. The first of the altar was the church as attendants upon the bridal pair was Miss Alice Hamilton, of Macon, Ga., escorted by Mr. Henry M. Wortham, of this city. Then followed Miss Annie Tupper, sister of the groom, and Mr. William S. Wortham, brother of the bride. The couple were respectively the right and left of the platform. The third and last attendant couple was Miss Gay Thomas and Mr. Brantley, of Baltimore, who acted as best friends in the ceremony, and on the right of the altar, leaving a break in the circle of beauty and chivalry to be completed by the presence of the fair bride and her chosen husband.

The service was not after any regular form. Rev. J. M. Curry, who officiated, first in a most happy manner, asked a blessing upon the kneeling pair, and then, in language chaste and beautiful, called their attention to the holy responsibilities which they were about to assume, and after receiving their pledged troth, pronounced the nuptial blessing. The ceremony was concluded by the reading of the scriptures, and the presentation of the bride to her father, who was spoken of by the reverend gentleman as typical of that

EXCENDING LOVE which should characterize their lives until parted by the hand of death. The benediction was then pronounced, and, in a most happy manner, the bride and groom proceeded to the residence of the bride's father, where an informal reception was held.

To-night a reception will be given at the residence of the groom, after which the newly-wedded pair will leave on an extended southern tour, followed by the best wishes for their entire happiness of a host of friends.

The ushers on the occasion were Messrs. John Chamblin, L. B. Warren, T. B. Christian, Samuel B. Williams, James Lyons, Jr., and Manly B. Curry. The gentlemen efficiently and gracefully discharged their duties in seating the vast audience, and as the *avant-couriers* of the bridal party.

[FOR OTHER "LOCAL" SEE FOURTH PAGE.]

A NICE SATCHEL OR TRUNK. A pretty pair of Gentlemen's Slippers. A neat pair of Ladies' Shoes. A good pair of Boys' Boots. A good pair of Shoes for the little ones. Are you looking for Christmas presents. You can buy them at a very low price.

HERMAN BOSCHEN & BROTHER, 509 and 511 Broad street.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY.—The housekeeper or cook who studies economy in the kitchen can do so in one direction by always using DOOLEY'S YEAST-POWDER. It will be found truly economical and of the latest and best quality. It is made of the finest wheat, and contains all the ingredients necessary to make all articles prepared from flour. And why? Because in using the DOOLEY POWDER you save in eggs, in shortening, in butter, in cooking, in washing, and in all other respects. It is turned out light, palatable, and wholesome, so that every morsel is eaten up and no waste.

HOLIDAY GOODS. CHOICE DIAMONDS, IN EST-RINGS AND ELEGANT BRACES. ONYX AND DIAMOND. TURQUOISE AND DIAMOND. DIAMOND SHAWL-PINS.

CHOICE JEWELRY. FINE WATCHES. IS-RAT Gold Engagement and Wedding Rings. Bridal Presents. Silver Goods—a great variety. All kinds of Hair-Work made to order. Repairing old watches and jewelry, and an extensive assortment of watches received in exchange. C. GREENET, 917 Main street, Richmond, Va.

THE LAGUYA COFFEE we sell at 18c per pound is as fine as we ever saw. W. D. BLAIR & CO. are the sole agents.

LEWY BROTHERS offer to-day a large lot of CLOAKS, at GREATLY-REDUCED PRICES. Having bought out a large stock, direct from the manufacturer, at a great sacrifice, they are enabled to offer.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS. They also offer SILKS, SATINS, AND VELVETS, at unprecedentedly low prices. Much can be gained by calling at LEWY BROTHERS' and making your purchases.

OTHER ODDITIES WATER under my valuation of the fine into insipidly, but MURRAY & LANZAN'S FLOWERS WATER passes through no such gradations. As it is when sprinkled upon the hands or face of the patient, so it remains—delicate, refreshing, and delightful to the taste.

WEDNESDAY night Mr. C. D. Sutherland was accidentally shot in the left hand by a pistol left him for repair. Mr. Sutherland was examining it under the impression that it was unloaded. Mr. Frederick Boschen died suddenly yesterday about noon of apoplexy. Mr. Boschen was about fifty-five years of age; was a cigar-maker, and resided at No. 310 Second street.

There is an unmailable letter in the Raleigh (N. C.) post-office addressed to D. O. Davis & Co., Richmond. There seems to be but little doubt but that the reported arrival of the bark Knudvig, from Richmond at Havre, was premature, and that the disaster to the vessel mentioned yesterday is correct.

ODD-FELLOWS' REUNION NEXT WEEK.—The Odd-Fellows of Richmond and Manchester are making arrangements for a banquet to be given at Levy's Hall on the 19th of this month. This entertainment is to be given in honor of the Odd-Fellows of Petersburg, by whom certain members of the order from this city were so handsomely treated on the occasion of their visit to that city a short time since. It is also expected that a number of distinguished Odd-Fellows from other points in the State and from Baltimore will be present.

SOCIABLE AT ST. PAUL'S.—To-night at 8 o'clock the Sociable at St. Paul's Episcopal church lecture-room. A pleasant meeting is promised all of the congregation who will attend. FINANCIAL. INCHBURGH 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 City of Lynchburg bonds of 1880 falling due in 1880. For any of such bonds we will pay par and interest upon presentation until January 1st next. R. W. GREENHAWK, Cashier. JAMES T. WILLIAMS, Finance Committee. 22-1m 1119 Main street.