Richmond Dispatch.

TUESDAY.....JANUARY 14, 1879.

PETERSBURG.

BREAKING UP OF THE ICE-BLOCKADE—CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO SHIPPING—A STORMY SUNDAY—CONFIRMATION BY BISHOP WHITTLE—PERSONAL ITEMS—ANNUAL CHURCH-MEETING—CONTRACT AWARDED—HUMAN BONES FOUND—BENEVOLENT MECHANIC ASSOCIATION.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

JANUARY 13, 1879.

Under the combined influence of the mild weather, the rain, and the freshet, the ice in the river broke up yesterday and swept down stream in great quantities, doing considerable damage. The mud-machine belonging to the city, which for some months past has been anchored in the river a few hundred yards below Pocahontas bridge, was so cut and torn by the ice that it sank. The damage to the frame-work of the machine is believed to be of such a character that nothing but the machinery can be made available for future use. The loss to the city will probably be between $1,500 and $2,000. A small sloop anchored in the stream was carried off by the masses of ice that struck it, and stranded and broke to pieces on one of the islands below. A number of small boats were also torn from their anchorage and carried off, or cut and broken to pieces. The river is quite high, and the wharves are partially submerged. None of the larger vessels at the wharves were injured. It is feared that the Government jetties below the city are damaged, and other improvements injured. But in the present high condition of the water they are concealed from view, and the extent of the injury, if any, cannot now be ascertained. But for the fact that the heavy masses of ice from above were broken in the descent over the falls, the damages to shipping and other property would doubtless have been much greater than it is. Fears are also entertained as to the safety of some of the wharves down James river.

A strong northeast storm prevailed all day yesterday, with a heavy fall of rain. The attendance at our churches was very slim, and at night some of the edifices were closed.

Bishop Whittle preached Sunday morning at Grace church, and administered the rite of confirmation to twenty-one persons—eleven males and ten females—most of them young people. At night he visited St. Stephen's (colored) church, and confirmed a class of sixteen persons—eleven females and five males. On each occasion the Bishop delivered an able discourse.

Information has been received of the safe arrival at Liverpool of Mr. John McGill and daughter, of this city, who went abroad some days ago. Miss McGill will spend the winter in Italy for the benefit of her health.

Fashionable society is alive over the marriage of two of Petersburg's fair daughters, to take place on Wednesday. One of them will marry a gentleman from Richmond.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Table-Street Presbyterian church, which was appointed to be held to-night, has been postponed until next week by reason of the inclemency of the weather. At these meetings the annual reports of the pastor, the board of deacons, the superintendent of the Sabbath school, and the officers of the several societies connected with the church are submitted.

The contract for paving the Old Market square was this afternoon awarded by the Council committee to Messrs. O. O. Thomas & Co., of Farmville, who agree to do the paving with slate flag, cemented, at $1.12 per square yard. There were a number of bids for the work—two of them from Richmond.

During the recent improvements on the site of the old Cedar Point Warehouse, in the rear of the Bollingbrook Hotel, several skulls and other bones of the human body were found. They are supposed to be the bones of unknown Confederate bodies buried there during the siege of Petersburg.

The report of the treasurer of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanic Association, which will hold its fifty-fourth annual meeting to-night, shows the debits of the Association for the year 1878 to be $12,086.27, and the credits the same. During the year the benevolent donations of the Association were over $1,300, the expenditures on the library $69, and the expenditures on the museum $104. The library of the Association, in practical value of books, is one of the best in the South, and its value is yearly increased. An annual income of nearly or quite $2,500 is received by the Association.

ROBIN ADAIR.

DANVILLE.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

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The receipts of internal revenue for last week (mostly from manufactured tobacco) fell short of the amount received for that part of last January by $1,257.18. The amount received was $7,057.21.

The services for the week of prayer were attended by very large congregations, and very great interest was manifested. The services consisted of songs, prayers, and short and pointed speeches on the subjects which had been announced in the programme.

The annual statement of the Finance Committee to the Council shows that the amount of the claims against the Council audited last year was $67,638.52, and the estimated expenses for the current year are put down at $68,600. It is stated that the amount of the tax which the Council is authorized to levy will fall short of the amount required by about $14,000, and to meet this deficiency the Council has ordered that application be made to the Legislature for leave to levy a special tax that shall not exceed $25,000 for the next two years.

Amongst the estimated expenses I note that of $3,500 for the public schools; that of $35,000 for the interest on the city bonds, and that of $24,400 for all departments of the city government.

Captain Green Williams, chief of police, reports the amount of the fines imposed last month at $151.10; the amount for the year, $1,713.15.

Mortuary report for last month: Whites, 2; consumption and heart-disease—colored, 4; 1 from scarlet-fever, 1 from brain-fever, 2 from accidental injuries. Dr. Robinson, at the close of his report, says, "Shall I make you frown and grunt again by saying 'sewerage?'"

ALPHA.

[For the Dispatch.]

Presbytery of Roanoke.

On the 7th instant the Presbytery of Roanoke dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Thomas Drew and the church of Wytheville; released Mr. Drew from one half of his pastoral engagements with the Chase City church, and made arrangements to install him pastor of Roanoke church for half of his time on the third Sabbath of February.

H. A. B.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Jason Walker, colored (twenty-four), a former employé on the Gunpowder Water-Works, was brought to Baltimore by two colored men to send him by the early train from Calvert station Saturday morning to his home, in Pittsylvania county, Va. Walker was so far prostrated by sickness that the train officials would not receive him. Policeman Gott put him in a wagon and drove to the middle station, and thence to the City Hospital, but Walker died in the wagon while on the way. Dr. Walker, coroner, decided that death resulted from disease, aggravated by a heavy cold. The man had $21 on his person, and for this sum Abraham Wayman (colored), an undertaker, gave the remains respectable burial in his own lot at Laurel Cemetery.—*Baltimore Sun, 13th.*

Senator Eaton, a few days since, after listening to Voorhees's greenback speech, said that, in his opinion, the Democrats had reached the fork of the road, and if Voorhees's way was that of the Democracy, he, for one, would take the other road.—*Washington special—Baltimore American.*

"The intelligence has been received that Representatives Thornburgh and Riddle, of Tennessee, who are both at their homes, are so dangerously ill that grave apprehensions are entertained.—*Washington special—Baltimore American.*

The First District.

Hon. E. M. Braxton has declined in favor of General Beale.

The following is an extract of a letter from Fredericksburg:

Last week Dr. W. W. Douglas, of Richmond county, accompanied by his friend, J. J. McDonald, of Northumberland, made their appearance here and early sought a conference with Hon. J. B. Sener, S. J. Quinn, and John W. Woltz, by whose machinations last fall, 'twas said, Hon. George C. Round was brought into the canvass in time to defeat the election of Judge Critcher. The absence of Mr. Sener detained them for a day or two. On his return, it seems, it was decided that Douglas was to be the Radical candidate to succeed his deceased relative, provided enough of the lately enfranchised can be induced to settle their head tax for 1878 to give them a majority. With the appearance of Douglas and McDonald came the Hon. T. Spicer Curlett, who also announced himself a candidate on the Radical side. It is supposed he will withdraw in favor of Douglas, thus leaving the field open to Beale and Douglas.

Sener, Quinn & Co. generously forgave Douglas for the errors of last fall, for the sake of harmony and peace in the future, and I have no doubt such pledges were made them as will make them masters of the situation in the future.

But few persons of either party have paid the capitation tax of 1878, and unless persons do of course they can't vote. Outside of Fredericksburg, I understand, but twenty-three persons (two colored) in Spotsylvania county have paid the tax. In Stafford county, out of a voting population of thirteen hundred or more, but fifty-three in all have paid the tax up to this time. Of course but a light vote will be polled, and it is impossible to speculate as to the result where such is the case.

The recent break-up of ice in the Rappahannock destroyed a small portion of Scott's bridge, at this place. It will take two weeks to rebuild the broken portion. In the mean time persons from the other side are forced to go around by Falmouth, several miles out of the way.

Some excitement exists in the wheat and flour market. I understand some capitalists are buying all the flour in the hands of our merchants. This seems to me to be somewhat heartless these hard times.

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Editors Dispatch: "Whatever may be thought or said of this matter [the Rives-Reynolds case] elsewhere—in the Legislature, for instance—the difficulty of the case is entirely *judicial*, and can *only* be disposed of by the judicial department," says "A. B.," a sound lawyer and a sensible man, in the *Dispatch* of Monday morning. Now, Messrs. Editors, this does not militate against what I have heretofore written. The "difficulty in this matter," says "A. B.," "can *only* be disposed of by the *judicial* department." That is so as to *this* case. My suggestion of last week is to prevent future trouble; and as "an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure" I respectfully submit my proposition; but at the same time let our law-makers remember that the Rives-Reynolds case is now in course of settlement in the department where it properly belongs, and that the least said about it by them the better for all concerned.

G. K. GILMER.

A LEGAL QUESTION DECIDED.—*Philadelphia*, January 11.—The question whether a foreign corporation which has no office in this city nor transacts any business here can be required to answer in a suit brought against it in this jurisdiction was decided affirmatively by President Judge Thayer in the Common Pleas Court to-day in the case of Eby *vs.* The Northern Pacific railroad. Service was at once made on the president of the company.

[Who, it seems, does reside in Philadelphia.]

ICE-GORGE IN THE OHIO RIVER.—*Cincinnati*, January 12.—The wharf was visited by thousands of people to-day in expectation of the ice breaking up in the river. Tow-boats have broken the ice along the river front, and steamers of the mail line have taken refuge in the mouth of the Licking river. The ice is expected to move before morning. At Portsmouth the ice moved yesterday, smashing five canal-barges and sweeping away some fifteen others. At Maysville a break-up occurred about 3 o'clock this afternoon, sinking and tearing loose some fifteen barges and damaging the wharf-boat somewhat. At 4 P. M. the ice moved again below Maysville, and at last accounts was still fast. A rise of twenty feet is reported in the Kentucky river, which, it is thought, will clear out the Ohio below the mouth of the former stream.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.—For a number of years the form of a feeble old blind man has been familiar on our streets, groping his way along in darkness. Formerly he was in the habit of selling songs and verses of his own composition to procure the means of living. For many months we have not seen him, and did not know what had become of him until yesterday we received the following notice: Died, January 9, 1879, near Concord Depôt, Campbell county, Va., Mr. George A. Wright, in the eighty-first year of his age.

Mr. Wright was one of the founders of the Richmond *Examiner*, a paper which attained such a widespread reputation under the brilliant John M. Daniel, whose genius expired with the life of the Confederacy. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a good and pure old man.—*Lynchburg Virginian.*

DISAPPEARANCE OF PETER HERDIC.—*Williamsport, Pa.*, January 11.—Peter Herdic, who failed for over a million dollars about a year ago, disappeared from this place ten days ago, since which time nothing has been heard of him. He had been sick for some time, and his friends aver that he has gone to Florida for the benefit of his health. His sudden departure, however, causes much comment, in view of his financial difficulties, and it is believed outside of his circle of friends that he left here on account of a requisition from the Governor of New York for his arrest.

BURNING OF A BREWERY AT NEWARK.—*Newark, N. J.*, January 13.—Peter Houck's brewery was burned this morning, with the malt-house, ice-houses, and other buildings. The loss is estimated at $100,000; partially insured.

SUFFERING FOR A LIFETIME.

Persons afflicted with rheumatism often suffer for a lifetime, their tortures being almost without remission. The joints and muscles of such unfortunates are in most cases shockingly contorted and drawn out of shape. To afford them even temporary relief, the ordinary remedies often prove utterly useless. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, on the other hand, is avouched by persons who have used it to be a genuine source of relief. It keeps the blood cool by promoting a regular habit of body, and removes from it impurities which, in the opinion of all rational pathologists, originate this agonizing complaint and its kindred malady, the gout. Besides this the Bitters remedy disorders of the stomach, liver, and nerves, prevent and eradicate intermittent and remittent fevers, promote appetite and sleep, and are highly recommended by physicians as a desirable medicinal stimulant and tonic.

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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE ICE-GORGE IN THE KANAWHA, OHIO, AND OTHER RIVERS—DESPERATE ENCOUNTER OF A DETROIT MERCHANT WITH A BURGLAR—FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD—SHOCK OF AN EARTHQUAKE AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—FEARS ENTERTAINED FOR THE SAFETY OF AN OCEAN STEAMSHIP—A WOMAN FRIGHTENED TO DEATH BY BEING CHASED BY A HORSE THE BROOKLYN PEDESTRIENNE—WASHINGTON NEWS—WORK OF THE TELLER COMMITTEE—OBITUARY—A LAND CASE DECIDED BY THE SUPREME COURT A FIGHT WITH THE INDIANS—DEATH OF PRINCE HENRY OF NETHERLAND—OTHER FOREIGN NEWS, &c., &c.

Washington.

SENATORS IN FAVOR OF A REDUCTION—THE SUGAR TARIFF AGREED UPON—AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE JAMES-RIVER IMPROVEMENT; SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS LIKELY TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR NEXT YEAR—NAVAL—PERSONAL ITEMS—RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF A DEAD CONGRESSMAN—BRIEF ITEMS, &C.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, January 13.—Senator Withers informs me that he has had a conference with Senator Bayard, and that I stated his position on the tobacco tax correctly in my dispatch the other night—viz., that he is for a reduction to 16c. Senator Eaton, of Connecticut, has been reported as against a reduction to 16c., but he said this morning that he is in favor of reducing the tax to 12c. He and his colleague, Senator Barnum, may be both counted for the House bill when it comes before the Senate either with or without the favorable consideration of Mr. Morrill's committee. Senator Johnston to-day arranged pairs on the tobacco bill for Messrs. Coke and Bayard, who go south with Mr. Schleicher's body. Colonel Burwell, who was before breakfast this morning looking after the pairs of senators about to leave Washington, has arranged in regard to pairs for Messrs. Bailey, of Tennessee, and Garland, of Arkansas, and others, who are in Louisiana with the Teller committee. A valuable tobacco document was placed in the hands of senators to-day. It gives extracts from the speeches of Senators Sherman, Thurman, and Bayard in the Senate March 1 and 2, 1875. The present Secretary of the Treasury then ably and earnestly opposed an increase from 20c. to 24c., and said that the law under which tobacco is now taxed was dishonorable and unjust. Mr. Bayard said that more money could be raised by reducing the tax below 20c. than by increasing it to 24c., and opposed the increase. Mr. Thurman, in opposing the increase, alluded to the enormous burden under which tobacco then groaned, and asked, If even a tax of 5 per cent. was imposed upon wheat, or Indian corn was taxed 10, 20, or 30 per cent. upon its value, what would you hear from the country? And yet, he said, tobacco was taxed from 100 to 400 per cent.

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AGREES UPON A NEW SUGAR TARIFF—LOUISIANA LIKES IT.

The Ways and Means Committee to-day agreed upon a sugar tariff which fixes the duty on sugar up to 13 at $2.40, from 13 to 16 at $2.75, and above 16 at $4 per hundred pounds. Those representing in the committee the consumers of sugar were substantially for the Richmond plan, but they were defeated. The representatives of the large refiners wanted no change in the tariff except the addition of such regulations as would prevent frauds. After the defeat of the consumers' demand, Mr. Tucker and other southern representatives voted for the plan adopted as the best that could be obtained. It is better than the present law, because it has only one grade of sugar below 13, and under it sugar that rated really as 10 cannot be imported as at 7. The New Orleans people like it because they say low grades of sugar, while now professing to pay an average of $2.40, really do not pay more than $2.19, but under the proposed tariff they will be compelled to pay $2.40, which will give Louisiana sugar an increased protection. I have heretofore stated that the refiners, and the importers who sell to refiners, wanted one system of duty below 13, and yet they differed as to what that system should be, as was shown by the Boston and New York plans, but still they agreed that whatever plan was determined on should apply only to sugar up to 13. For sugars above 13 they wanted a different system. On the 15th the committee will report their sugar tariff to the House.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON RIVERS AND HARBORS AT WORK TO-NIGHT.

Messrs. Reagan, Kenna, and Hubbell are at work to-night on the river and harbor bill, and inform me that they will hold daily meetings until their work is completed. My information leads me to believe that the bill will only appropriate in the aggregate $6,000,000. This would give the James, if a uniform rule is adopted, about $65,000, though I think the committee will see that it has more than ordinary claims upon the Government.

It will be remembered that the engineer says in his report that it will take $180,000 to complete the work, and that $150,000 can be expended during the next year profitably on this improvement. Dr. Mills the collector, too, bears testimony, in a letter now before the committee, to the fact that previous expenditures have greatly helped navigation in the James, until vessels that formerly had to be relieved of part of their cargoes below the city by means of lighters can now come up to the wharf at Richmond with full loads.

WHITEWASHING BEFORE THE HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE.

The Whitthorne report severely criticises Wood, the chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering under Robeson, and he is now having a number of witnesses examined by a sub-committee of the House Naval Committee to show that there was no crookedness about his operations. It is sought through this examination to relieve Robeson, who is a member of the next Congress, from the charges brought against him in the same report.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS.

A telegram from Knoxville says that Mr. Thornburg, Republican member of the House from Tennessee, is better. His disease is pneumonia. Senator Johnston looks greatly improved by his visit to Southwest Virginia. General Pierce M. B. Young, of Georgia, was on the floor of the House to-day. Governor Walker is kept from his seat by sickness. The northern Democrats who voted against the William and Mary bill do not relish the comments of the northern papers which say they had not the courage to brave Conger's threats. The House Election Committee to-day concluded hearing the Reilly *vs.* Nutting Pennsylvania election case. Reilly (Democrat) will retain his seat. Mr. Stenger, member of the House from Pennsylvania, whom Sherman & Co. sought to oust from the House on the affidavit of the creature, St. Marten, is not only one of the most sensible but one of the purest and fairest members of either house of Congress. Mayor Cameron, of Petersburg, and Mr. Walsh, member of the House of Delegates from the same city, are here. The widow of Mr. Schleicher, a most estimable lady, is a native of Caroline county. Captain James M. Stewart, postmaster of the House, is still sick at his home, in Alexandria, of throat affection. Judge Henry W. Thomas was in the ladies' gallery of the House to-day. Governor Hendricks is here, and looks well.

ANOTHER STATE FUNERAL IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the hall of the House of Representatives was again filled with a vast multitude of men and women, who assembled to pay a solemn tribute to one of the hard-workers of Congress who died with harness on, and the scene taught the lesson that it matters not where a man is born the American people are ready to do him honor if he adds to ability honesty and high moral character. These Mr. Schleicher, of Texas, possessed, and it was but proper that the President and his Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the Senate, and high officials of the Government should bear testimony, as they did, to his worth as a man and a legislator by their presence at his funeral. On the floor of the House, as in the crowded galleries, were seated a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The floral tributes of friends completely covered the casket, which occupied a place in front of the clerk's desk. The religious ceremonies were simple but deeply impressive, and the remarks of the chaplain of the House did no more than justice to the deceased. The remains, attended by a committee of both houses, were taken to Texas for interment by this evening's train.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Senator Withers laid before the Senate to-day the proceedings of a meeting of the people of Charlotte in regard to the tobacco tax.

Mr. Wood, the veteran druggist, of Richmond, is here to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. F. H. Bell, formerly of Fredericksburg.

The resignation of Judge Olm, of the Supreme Court of the District, was sent to the President to-day, and accepted. There will be a squabble over his shoes.

Missouri wants ex-Senator Henderson appointed Minister to Germany. They still say George William Curtis can get it if he wants it.

Baltimoreans were at the White House to-day urging the President to withdraw the nomination of John E. Bridges as appraiser of merchandise and retain Dr. Linthicum.

Besides Senator Withers, General Sherman, S. S. Cox of New York, and others, will speak at the meeting to be held in the hall of the House on Thursday night in honor of the late Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian.

Senator Howe to-day introduced a bill in the Senate for the erection of a new building for the congressional library, to be located on the west side of Judiciary Square between D and F streets.

Benjamin F. Butler, decorated with a beautiful button-hole bouquet, was in the House to-day. He is running over with a speech on intimidation in Massachusetts.

A delegation of Women Suffragists, including several from Utah, visited the President to-day, and asked him to mention their claims to the ballot in his next annual message to Congress.

Senator Thurman has sent more evidence to the Blaine committee in regard to election frauds.

Mr. Schleicher said on New Year's day that he weighed three hundred and sixty-five.

Two women were sent to the penitentiary to-day for robbing a green Philadelphian of $900. They were defended by Mrs. Lockwood.

The sleighing which made Pennsylvania avenue lively yesterday and to-day has ceased because of the thaw.

[Associated Press Reports by telegraph to the Dispatch.]

AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

WASHINGTON, January 13.—The agricultural report for December shows that the corn season closed with a marked improvement in the condition of the crop. The aggregate of the crop for 1878 is larger than that of 1877 by some 30,000,000 bushels.

The oat crop exceeds that of last year, it being the largest crop ever raised in the country.

The hay crop is twenty per cent. greater than last year.

The tobacco crop has been secured under exceptionally auspicious conditions of weather. Of the large producing States, Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, and Massachusetts report improved quality. Twelve States report the product as compared with last year as follows: Kentucky 60, Virginia 73, Missouri 56, Tennessee 53, Ohio 90, Maryland 84, Indiana 83, North Carolina 89, Pennsylvania 86, Illinois 50, Connecticut 86, Massachusetts 95.

OTHER ITEMS.

WASHINGTON, January 13.—The funeral obsequies of the late Hon. Gustav Schleicher took place to-day. They were very imposing, being similar in character to those of the late Congressman Hartridge. The seat of the dead representative in the House was draped in mourning to-day.

The case of Benjamin Schulz and others against the United States, in which a claim was set up, under a Spanish grant, to 11,000 square miles of land, embracing twenty-four counties in Missouri and Arkansas, was to-day decided by the Supreme Court adversely to the claimants.

The Committee on Ways and Means to-day agreed by a vote of six to four to submit a bill fixing the following sugar-tariff rates: On all sugars, syrups, &c., not above No. 13, Dutch standard, 2 40-100 cents per pound; on all above No. 13 and not above No. 16, Dutch standard, 2 75-100 cents per pound; and on all above No. 16, Dutch standard, 4 cents per pound.

Senator Thurman has addressed another letter to Senator Teller, furnishing him with instalment No. 3 of information in connection with the investigation under the Blaine resolution.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency have failed to dispose of Hewitt's bill, making gold and silver interchangeable. A proposition was made by Mr. Ewing that on reaching the bill for the repeal of the resumption act, it be so amended that greenbacks be acceptable for bonds and customs; also, that no more four-per-cent. bonds be sold to maintain specie-payments, and when the sales of four-per-cents reach $3,000,000 the Secretary of the Treasury be required to call in six-per-cents, giving thirty days' notice instead of ninety.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs have passed resolutions highly eulogistic of their late member Hon. Mr. Schleicher, and hoping that the balance of the salary that would have been due this Congress and the entire salary of the next Congress will be appropriated to the family of the deceased.

The War Department has a dispatch saying that the troops surrounded the Indians flying from Fort Robinson, and a fight resulted, in which a number of the troops are reported killed. Thirty Indians have been killed thus far.

Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces Indians, an interpreter, and Yellow Wolf, a chief of the same tribe, arrived to-day. They will have an interview with the Commissioner to-morrow.

Louisiana Senatorial Contest.

NEW ORLEANS, January 13.—The Legislature ballot to-morrow for United States senator to succeed Eustis. A caucus was to have been held to-night, but only sixteen members appeared, and nothing was done.

The North Carolina Senatorship.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., January 13.—At a caucus of the Democratic members of the General Assembly held to-night the Hon. A. S. Merrimon withdrew from the contest for United States senatorship, leaving Governor Vance in possession of the field. Judge Merrimon said that he did this in the interests of peace and harmony in the Democratic party.

Governor Vance will probably be nominated by the caucus to-night on the first ballot.

General Clingman, who has been regarded as "the dark horse," left the city this evening.

West Virginia.

BREAKING UP OF THE ICE IN THE KANAWHA—THE SITUATION ON THE OHIO AT HUNTINGTON.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., January 13.—The gorge below the mouth of the Kanawha river broke this morning.

The ice is broken from here to Portsmouth, and is moving out.

The Kanawha is still gorged from Red-House to Brownstown, a distance of forty miles. There were heavy rains and snow last night and to-day in the New-River mountains. The weather is moderating rapidly, and a general break-up is expected to-night.

Rivers Gorged with Ice.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., January 13.—Since Sunday night the three principal rivers of East Tennessee have been gorged with floating ice. Nearly all the lowlands have been flooded, and fences swept away. The river here at noon to-day was at a stand, being thirty feet above low-water mark. No trouble to railroad-bridges is apprehended; all trains are running on time.

Marine Disasters.

LONDON, January 13.—The Italian bark Luiga Olivar, from Philadelphia for Siloth, was totally wrecked near Whitehaven. Eight of the crew were cast upon the beach. Nothing is known as to the fate of the rest.

QUEENSTOWN, January 13.—The British bark Tancook and German ship James collided on the 7th instant. Both sustained serious damage.

Fears for the Safety of an Ocean Steamer.

BOSTON, January 13.—Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the steamer Homer, Captain Walker, which left here December 17th for Liverpool, and has not since been heard from.

Given Up as Lost.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., January 13.—The owners of the ship Jean Ingelow, of this city, have received no tidings from her for months, and have given her up as lost.

Desperate Struggle with a Burglar.

CINCINNATI, January 13.—Robert H. Murphy, a grocer on Grand River avenue, Detroit, suspecting that burglars had been attempting to enter his store, last night concealed himself and awaited developments. Soon after he heard the burglar enter the rear door by means of a false key. He attempted to arrest the man, and a struggle ensued, during which Murphy seized an iron wedge and struck the burglar several blows upon the head, felling him to the floor; but the fellow regained his feet, and, choking Murphy into insensibility, escaped. An hour later a man applied at the police-station for medical attention, saying he had been waylaid and beaten by robbers. Murphy regained consciousness and proceeded to the same station-house, where he identified the party as the burglar. The latter admitted the fact, and said fear lest he should die unless his wounds were dressed had prompted him to go to the station-house.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

CINCINNATI, January 13.—Saturday night a west-bound freight train on the Marietta and Cincinnati railroad, when near Mineral City, broke a coupling. The extra freight train following ran into its rear just as it reached a trestle thirty feet high, crushing the caboose. Three passengers jumped from the caboose and alighted on the solid ice below. One of them, Washington Reifsnyder, was instantly killed, and William King fatally injured. The third, John Betz, had his feet crushed.

Earthquake in Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, January 13.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here about 11:45 o'clock last night, which lasted about thirty seconds, and appeared to move from southeast to northwest. Buildings were violently shaken, crockery rattled, and doors thrown open. The shock was felt at St. Augustine, and down the Gulf-coast from Punta Rosa to St. Marks, as well as over the interior portion of the State. Nothing of the kind was ever experienced here before.

Charges Against Brooklyn Officials.

NEW YORK, January 13.—Messrs. Flaherty and Burnett, commissioners of the city works of Brooklyn; Michael Dady, inspector of sewers; and Peter Melin, water-purveyor, were arraigned in the Kings-County Over and Terminer to plead to-day to an indictment charging them with conspiring to defraud the city out of $50,000. Their counsel put in a demurrer, upon which argument was heard.

The Tammany Troubles.

NEW YORK, January 13.—The Supreme Court Chambers were crowded to-day with politicians interested in the hearing of the case to show cause why the temporary injunctions restraining Tammany Society from initiating members elected New-Year's eve should not be made permanent. Counsel for the Society requested an adjournment until the 27th instant, and the motion was granted.

Lecture for the Benefit of Lieutenant Benner's Family.

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 13.—A recent lecture by Hon. George Davis, ex-Attorney-General of the Confederate States, for the benefit of the widow and children of Lieutenant Benner, netted $250—the largest amount ever realized from a lecture in this city, save from one by Edward Everett in aid of the Mt. Vernon Association.

The Female Pedestrian.

NEW YORK, January 13.—Madame Anderson, the pedestrienne, this afternoon is in good condition. There is every prospect that she will complete her task at 11 o'clock to-night.

Pennsylvania.

MAUCH CHUNK, January 13.—J. E. Pryor, an old newspaper publisher, is dead.

Charles Sharpe and James McDonnell will be examined to-morrow for the murder of George K. Smith.

Frightened to Death by a Horse.

NORFOLK, January 13.—The wife of a farmer of Norfolk county named Hyslop was frightened to death Saturday by being chased by a horse while out in the fields.

Fire.

MACON, January 13.—A fire in Cochrane last night destroyed one block of the business portion of the town, containing eight stores and a hotel. Loss, $10,000; no insurance.

Suicide.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 13.—W. W. Pegg, telegraph-operator at Greenville, S. C., committed suicide Saturday night by taking morphine. Cause, unrequited love.

A Brother of King William Dead.

THE HAGUE, January 13.—Prince Henry of Netherlands, brother of King William, died to-day.

Cable Notes.

LONDON, January 13.—The Governments of Germany, Great Britain, France, United States, Belgium, Spain, and Portugal are said to have agreed to the rules drafted at Berlin to prevent collisions at sea.

A Paris dispatch says the velvet manufacturers of St. Etienne have resolved to reduce the wages of operatives twenty per cent. as the only means of facing foreign competition.

The *Times*, judging from the uncertainty and divided councils shown at the various meetings of the Midland railway employés, editorially declares it not too much to say that they are ready to return to duty if the olive branch is held out.

The moulders, fitters, and blacksmiths of the railway rolling-stock work at Barrow have struck against the extension of the hours of labor from fifty-four to fifty-nine hours per week.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, January 13.—The steamer Averill, which arrived to-day, encountered a terrific gale on the passage, and lost overboard most of her live stock.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 13.—Prince Labanoff, the Russian Ambassador, has accepted all the articles of the definitive treaty of peace as agreed to by the Porte but clause 2d, relative to Russia's supervision over the execution of the treaty of Berlin, which is only accepted *ad referendum*.

The scheme for the organization of the *gendarmerie* adopted by the Eastern Roumelian Commission provides that the commander and instructors shall be Frenchmen.

LONDON, January 13.—The British bark General Canfield, Captain Cleif, from New York for Dunkirk, is ashore near Kinsale. She is a total wreck. The crew was saved. The cargo is saturated.

PARIS, January 13.—*Le Temps* announces that General Borel has resigned the Ministry of War. General Faidherbe will succeed him.

FINANCIAL.

RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE.

MONDAY, January 13, 1879.

Government Securities.—United States 4½'s, 105½; United States 4's, 99¾.

State Securities.—Virginia consols, 55¾ bid, 56 asked; Virginia consols, new, 37 bid, 39 asked; Virginia fundable, 27 bid; Virginia deferred, 7½ bid; Virginia interest certificates, 10 bid; Virginia tax-receivable coupons, 77¼ bid, 77¾ asked.

City Securities.—Richmond city 8's, J. and J., 117½ bid, 119 asked; Richmond city 6's, J. and J., 102 bid; Petersburg city 8's, special tax, J. and J., 108 bid, 111 asked; Lynchburg city 8's, J. and J., 110 bid; Lynchburg city 6's, J. and J., 98½ bid; Norfolk city water 8's, M. and N., 112 bid.

Railroad Bonds.—Virginia Central Railroad first mortgage 6's, J. and J., 90 bid; Virginia Central Railroad third mortgage 6's, J. and J., 90 bid; Virginia Central Railroad fourth mortgage 8's, J. and J., 100 bid; Virginia Central Railroad non-mortgage 8's, J. and J., 100 bid; Virginia and Tennessee Railroad second mortgage 6's, J. and J., 87 bid, 90 asked; Virginia and Tennessee Railroad third mortgage 8's, J. and J., 99½ bid; Virginia and Tennessee Railroad funded 8's, J. and J., 98 asked; Southside Railroad second mortgage preferred 6's, J. and J., 78½ bid, 80 asked; Southside Railroad third mortgage preferred 6's, J. and J., 68¾ bid; Petersburg Railroad first mortgage 8's, J. and J., 101 bid, 105 asked; Petersburg Railroad second mortgage 8's, J. and J., 35 asked; Richmond and Petersburg Railroad first mortgage 8's, A. and O., 105 bid; Richmond and Petersburg Railroad second mortgage 7's, M. and N., 98 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad mortgage 8's, J. and J., 101 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad mortgage 7's, J. and J., 98 bid; Richmond and Danville Railroad consolidated 6's, M. and N., 79 bid; Piedmont Railroad first mortgage 8's, A. and O., 102 bid.

Railroad Stocks.—Richmond and Petersburg Railroad, 100 par, 35 bid, 40 asked; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad six per cent. guaranteed, 100 par, 75 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad seven per cent. guaranteed, 100 par, 85 bid; Richmond and Danville Railroad, 100 par, 3½ bid.

Bank Stocks.—First National, 100 par, 115 bid; National Bank of Virginia, 100 par, 80 bid, 87½ asked; Planters National, 100 par, 105 bid; Union Bank of Richmond, 30 par, 40 bid; Citizens Bank, 25 par, 22 asked.

Insurance Companies.—Virginia Fire and Marine, 25 par, 35 bid, 38 asked; Virginia State, 25 par, 27½ bid, 28½ asked; Virginia Home, 100 par, 100 asked; Merchants and Mechanics, 100 par, 87 asked; City, 100 par, 82 bid.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, January 13.—*Noon.*—Stocks buoyant. Money on call, 2½@3½ per cent. Exchange—Long, 483¼; short, 487½. State bonds quiet. Governments active.

Evening.—Exchange, 483½. Governments active; new 5's, 107¾. States dull.

BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, January 13.—Virginia 6's, deferred, 7½; consols, 55; second series, 37¾; past-due coupons, 77¾. North Carolina 6's, old, 19; new, 12; special tax, 2½. Bid to-day.

COMMERCIAL.

CORN AND FLOUR EXCHANGE.

RICHMOND, January 13, 1879.

OFFERINGS REPORTED TO SECRETARY.

WHEAT.—*White*, 64 bushels. *Red*, 62 bushels.
CORN.—*White*, 538 bushels; of which 490 bushels were re-exhibited.
BEANS.—4 bushels.

SALES REPORTED TO SECRETARY.

WHEAT.—*White*, 64 bushels good at $1.05. *Red*, 32 bushels very good fultz at $1.05.
CORN.—*White*, 40 bushels good at 43c.; 48 bushels very good at 42c.; 210 bushels very good on private terms—total, 538 bushels.

Flour.

Fine, $2.75@$3; superfine, $4.25; extra, $5; common family, $5.50; fancy brands, $6@$6.50.

RICHMOND TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

MONDAY, January 13, 1879.

There were no transactions on 'Change to-day.

RICHMOND MARKETS.

MONDAY, January 13, 1879.

Country Produce.

Apples: $1.50@$2.25 ⅌ barrel.
Beeswax: 22c. ⅌ lb.
Butter: Prime to choice yellow, 15@18c.; fair to good, 8@14c.
Corn Meal: 43@48c. ⅌ bushel for country.
Dried Fruit: Apples, 2@3c.; peaches, peeled, 5@8c.; unpeeled, 2@3c.; cherries, 12½@15c. ⅌ lb.; blackberries, 4c.
Eggs: In barrels, 23c