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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

☞ On all sales of Real Estate made before the 1st of January and last of June the taxes of the present year have to be paid by the purchaser. On all sales made between the 1st of July and of the year the taxes have to be paid by those selling.
[This custom was adopted about fifteen years ago by all the real estate agents in Richmond, and applies to Richmond and vicinity.]

FRANK D. HILL & CO., 4 P.M., trustee's sale of brick dwelling and lot of ground on the north side of Jackson street between Clarke and Price streets.

GEORGE E. CRAWFORD, 5 P. M., trustee's sale of small house and lot on the west side of Fifth street between Jackson and Duval.

ROBERT B. LYNE, 4½ P. M., trustee's sale of large two-story frame detached dwelling on Church Hill, head of Nineteenth street.

W. GODDIN, 5 P. M., brick store and dwelling on the south side of Marshall, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, 12 M., 1 P. M., and 4½ P. M., granite-front brick tenement No. 1523 east Frank in; store No. 1322 Cary street; dwelling No. 410 Main street, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

J. THOMPSON BROWN, 5 P. M., B road-street store property No. 209 east Broad street.

JNO. E. LAUGHTON, 10½ A. M., china, ware, iron safe, show-cases, crockery, glassware, tapestry carpets, furniture, &c.

FRANK J. SAMPSON, 5 P. M., commissioner's sale of two building lots in Terry's addition to Manchester.

NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS, &c.

HUTZLER BROTHERS.
525 BROAD STREET.
NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS, TRIMMINGS, &c.
We desire the public to call and convince themselves of our
EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.
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Y. G. CROWN LICORICE.—We invite the special attention of tobacco manufacturers to our Y. G. CROWN as a fine article of mass licorice. We warrant each case of Y. G. Crown brand. We have also in stock our well-known brands of G. Y. G. ANCHOR, P. S. & PURA, &c. REFINED and GRAPE SUGAR, extra heavy SYRUPS, &c.
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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, areas of light rain, followed by clearing weather, falling followed by rising temperature, generally higher barometer, and winds mostly from north to west.

For the South Atlantic States, partly cloudy weather, occasional rain, warm southwest shifting to colder northwest winds, followed by higher pressure.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cloudy, mild, and rainy.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 44; 9 A. M., 58; noon, 60; 3 P. M., 56; 6 P. M., 52; midnight, 49.

Mean temperature, 53 1-6.

LOCAL MATTERS.

DEATH OF MR. DAVIS, THE CLERK OF THE SENATE.—Shelton C. Davis, Esq., clerk of the Senate, died at the residence of Mr. George W. Williams, No. 726 north Fourth street, at ten minutes past 10 o'clock last night.

A year ago he suffered very much from a carbuncle on the right cheek, and was in consequence detained for several weeks from his duties in the Senate chamber. About three weeks before the termination of the late extra session a little rising showed itself on the right side of the back of his neck. He supposed that it was a mere pip, and it gave him no concern. His neck, however, got quite stiff, and he tied a handkerchief around it and kept at his desk until the soreness of his suffering compelled him to leave.

Even then Mr. Davis was loth to send for a physician. But he at last yielded to the persuasions of his relatives and friends, and called in Dr. Bright; but too late, it seems. A carbuncle of the most malignant type had developed itself and spread nearly to the top of the head. The sufferings of Mr. Davis were very great. He retained his consciousness with but few brief intervals of exertion until within two or three hours of his death.

On Sunday, as a desperate remedy, Drs. Bright and White performed an operation for the uprooting of the carbuncle. It made no improvement, and he sank gradually until the hour named.

Mr. Davis was born in Henrico county, and was about sixty-one years of age. Two of his brothers (John F. Davis, of Chesterfield, and S. N. Davis, of Richmond,) survive him.

Deceased first entered business as a merchant's clerk. For some years he resided in Petersburg. For a very considerable time subsequently he held an important clerical position in the Auditor's office, and was a member of "the Spartan band" of Democrats in this city.

From the Auditor's office (in 1853) he was elected Clerk of the Senate—a position he filled with great acceptability. At the evacuation he left the city with Governor Smith. He was re-elected Clerk of the Senate as soon as the real people got control again, but was put out by a military order. Upon the meeting of the General Assembly in 1869, Mr. Davis had a formidable opponent for the clerkship in William D. Coleman. He, however, succeeded in getting the Conservative nomination, and was duly elected, and the Senate never had cause to regret it.

Mr. Davis possessed extraordinary capacity for the position he occupied. He was probably the most skilful parliamentarian in Virginia. He had the authorities at his finger's ends. He wrote a beautiful hand with great rapidity, and was a hard worker. He exercised great influence upon the Senate, and his opinions were generally taken as law by the presiding officer. In fact, he was the controlling spirit of the body as to all the *technique* of legislation.

On Saturday he became conscious of his danger, and said that he would die Sunday. He lived but a little longer than he expected.

The funeral will take place to-morrow. The hour and place will be duly announced. He will be buried at the old family burying-ground, in Henrico county a few miles north of the city.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A PHILADELPHIAN IN RICHMOND.—Saturday night between 8 and 9 o'clock a strange gentleman was found lying in an insensible condition on Main street near Locust alley. A policeman soon afterwards came along and called the city ambulance. As no one identified the stranger, he was conveyed to the City Hospital for treatment. He had been seized with apoplexy, and, although he received good medical attention, he died Sunday night about 10 o'clock without having regained consciousness. After he had been taken to the hospital it was discovered that his name was Thomas Hare, and that he lived in Philadelphia, and represented a tin-foil firm of New York.

The clerk of the Merchant's Hotel says that Mr. Hare came there Friday night, and was to have left yesterday for Petersburg. Saturday night at five minutes before 8 o'clock the deceased was sitting in the hotel office reading a New York paper. He got up and walked out, and it is supposed that it was only a few minutes afterwards he was attacked.

Mr. Hare was probably between sixty-five and seventy years of age. He had been a tobacconist of high standing in Philadelphia, and as such was known to many people of that trade in this city. He visited the factories of L. Lottier and L. J. Grant & Co. on Saturday, and seemed to be enjoying excellent health.

Captain Bigger telegraphed relatives of the deceased in Philadelphia, and his son at once telegraphed Mr. Lottier that he would be here this morning for the body. This gave his friends in Richmond the first information of Mr. Hare's death. The body was removed from the City Hospital to the residence of Mr. L. J. Grant, No. 107 north Seventh street, whence it will be removed to the train for Philadelphia.

DWELLING-HOUSE PARTLY BURNED.—At 2½ o'clock yesterday morning Policeman Jeter discovered fire issuing from the roof of the brick dwelling at the corner of Buchanan and Jay streets, owned and occupied by Mr. William Whitlock. He went at once to Station 23, corner of Seventeenth and Marshall streets, and turned in an alarm, to which the apparatus responded very speedily and went to work. The roof and the upper portion of the house were damaged to the extent of about $600—insured for $1,200 in the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia. The fire burned so rapidly that Mr. Whitlock and family barely escaped in their night-clothes. The origin of the fire is believed to have been from the explosion of a kerosene-oil lamp, though others suppose that the burning was occasioned by a chimney-spark falling upon the roof. Some very pretty work was done by the firemen.

ELECTION OF TEMPERANCE OFFICERS.—At a meeting of Shockoe Hill Division, No. 54, Sons of Temperance, held last evening, the following officers were elected: E. D. Starke, W. P.; W. W. Williams, W. A.; William Hancock, R. S.; R. H. Burfort, A. R. S.; W. Leigh Burton, F. S.; William T. Allen, T.; R. B. Wilson, Chaplain; Oliver Mountcastle, Conductor; E. L. Crenshaw, Assistant Conductor; S. L. Atkinson, I. S.; S. T. Preston, O. S.; G. H. Valentine, P. W. P.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

TAX ON PHYSICIANS—MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR—VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS—FINANCE MATTERS—REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON LIGHT—EXTENSION OF WATER-PIPES IN MARSHALL WARD—ORDINANCES—GARBAGE—RESOLUTIONS, &c.

A meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon—President Manson in the chair. Present at roll-call: Messrs. Adams, Baker, Christian, Crenshaw, Curtis, Davis of Madison Ward, Davis of Marshall Ward, Edwards, Ellett, Ellyson, Gentry, Goddin, Hargrove, Hayes, Higgins, Irvin, King, McDowell, Oliver, Pierce, Phillips, Pollock, Rankin, Skinker, Taylor, and Wood.

Mr. Ellett stated that Mr. Straus was detained from his seat by private engagements.

PHYSICIANS' LICENSE-TAX.

Mr. Crenshaw presented a communication from a number of physicians of this city, and moved that the rules be suspended and a deputation of physicians present be heard on the subject. Agreed to.

Drs. Cunningham and McCaw now came within the bar, and Dr. Cunningham, on behalf of the deputation, read to the Council a communication asking that the license-tax assessed by the Finance Committee (being an increase over last year's assessment) on physicians be put back at what it formerly stood.

Dr. McCaw also addressed the Council in advocacy of the petition.

Referred to Finance Committee, on motion of Mr. Higgins.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

The Sergeant-at-Arms presented to the Council the annual message of the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the message and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on Printing to be printed.

CITY FINANCES.

On the subject of finances, after reviewing the operations in the offices of Auditor and Treasurer and the Sinking Fund Board, the Mayor says: By the limitation in the city charter bonds can only be issed to the extent of $5,137,182. The present issue amounts to $4,469,345, and hence the margin for the future is $667,837. It is to be hoped that this margin may continue to increase from the erection of buildings adding to value of taxable real estate; certainly there should not be enlargement of the bonded debt except on urgent necessity. At any rate, the present rate of taxation which sustains this gratifying financial exhibit is very moderate as compared with many other cities, as will be seen by the following statistics:

Our own city rate of tax per $100	$1 40
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	4 35
Elizabeth, N. J.	3 56
Titusville, Pa.	3 00
Troy, N. Y.	3 27
Peoria, Ill.	3 00
Chicago, Ill.	2 86
Albany, N. Y.	2 84
Brooklyn, N. Y.	2 68
Kansas City, Mo.	2 60
Portland, Me.	2 50
Savannah, Ga.	2 50
Jersey City, N. J.	2 36
Camden, N. J.	2 30
Paterson, N. J.	2 25
San Francisco, Cal.	2 24
Louisville, Ky.	2 17
Philadelphia, Pa.	2 05

And many others approximate the last-named rate.

REVIEW.

The Mayor then proceeds at length to review the operations of the several departments, the reports of which have already been printed in the *Dispatch*.

The Mayor dwells at length upon the recommendations of the President of the Board of Health, and urges the Council to be liberal in the expenditure of funds to preserve the health of the city. He pays a high compliment to the unusual energy displayed by the chairman of the Committee on the Fire Department. Concerning the Engineer's report, the Mayor says: You should keep an eye to constant improvement in the street department, and not draw the purse-strings too closely to allow proper and timely attention to repairs and extensions. On the subject of a new city hall the Mayor says: It would be wise to act on the suggestion of the Engineer and begin at once at least to plan for this building and prepare funds to pay for it.

He says the building at the Third police-station is almost a disgrace to the city, and has been often called to your attention. If you will each pay a visit to this filthy, cramped-up, and dilapidated building, you will scarcely suffer it to remain as it now is—a reproach to taste and judgment. The Mayor endorses the report of the Chief of Police, and compliments the police generally. He recommends additional accommodations for the fire-alarm and police telegraph. He recommends repairs to the pumps at the water-works. On the subject of the James-river improvement the Mayor has much to say, chiefly in endorsing what has already been accomplished, and the fact that the value of the improvement cannot be underestimated. He says the city should spare no effort to reap the full benefit offered by proper expenditure and proper exertions in that behalf.

Already vessels of large tonnage are seeking cargoes here, and still greater increase of such applications will come if we prepare for them to come in. * * * Our own experience in this regard should urge us to speedy, vigorous, effective action. The work is in charge of a most skilful and reliable engineer, and you will be much interested by examining the report of Mr. H. D. Whitcomb, engineer in charge. I trust you will take this important matter fully in hand and do what is required to advance the interests of commerce, in which our future is so deeply interested. He recommends needed improvements to school buildings, and improvements in streets to prevent further suits. He opposes a reduction of gas this year because it is inexpedient.

SUGGESTIONS.

It appears from the record of many years past that many of the departments persist in expending larger amounts than you have deemed it proper to appropriate to them, until at the commencement of each year a large sum is absorbed to pay arrears, and consequently too little left to pay the way for the current year.

Not only this, but the city has now a floating debt of over $34,000, and its estimated income was so fully absorbed that only about $2,500 was left for a contingent fund—a sum already far more than absorbed by unexpected demands.

This procedure should be stopped, for it is a growing evil that of itself enlarges from the necessity it creates, and unless checked leeds to danger of disarranging your whole financial calculations.

If the present rate of taxation will not furnish revenue to meet all demands, then you should have the nerve to increase it; if the income is such as to meet the expenditure you deem proper, then you should have the nerve to enforce your decrees. How to remedy this is difficult to decide; yet if you *will* you surely can do it. It would certainly be accomplished by requiring no expenditure to be made until it has been sanctioned by your action. Yet this seems impracticable, in view of the emergencies which often require sudden outlay, and of the vast labor imposed on you.

It seems to me that it is more reasonably to be prevented by making it a subject of charges against the officer or committee allowing any expense in excess of appropriation, and making the penalty dismissal from office, at the same time requiring a bond from all officers and chairmen of committees who make expenditures, with a condition of personal liability for any excess of expenditure, and placing like penalty of dismissal and liability against disbursing officers who pay any bill beyond the limit of credit for the year in which the expenditure was made.

If your powers do not now give the right to these remedies, then you should seek by the next session of the Legislature to secure such power as will give protection.

Certainly the present procedure should not be continued; for if it be proper and lawful to bind the city beyond your judgment to a small extent, then there is no limit to the power to bind it, and the shiftings of popular will may pass out of place our present worthy representatives and install such as would ruin the people by their burdens. The charter has sought to protect the tax-payers and property-owners by certain restrictions as to expenditure in requiring a vote of your joint bodies on large sums of money. It seems that you have drifted from that safeguard in a great degree in allowing powers of expenditure to your committees without your passing on them.

You will be surprised to find that a very large proportion of the salaries, wages, and other city expenditures are fixed and made by committees before you pass upon them, and then of course it is too late to prevent what may be objectionable.

There is probably no danger from this with the present honorable members, but you should hold closer control of the money spent, and thus guard against possible future danger from continuance of the present system.

The present margin of your power to issue bonds is growing narrow, in view of improvements you will soon have to make.

Absolute necessity will soon force you to make large expenditure on water-works, and you should not delay an actual preparation for them.

We are now doing well enough, but year after year you have been told that the present power was worked to its full capacity; and now the report again warns you that, without a spare pump, the cylinders of all are wearing out.

This is too vital a matter to justify longer theorizing, planning, and prospecting, but the surroundings demand action—energetic action.

The officers of the city are now cramped and crowded until there is not one who has sufficient room for the proper conduct of his business. Necessity will soon demand enlarged accommodation, and you should not delay another year to meet this demand, or to start towards it. These two necessary improvements will require the full amount of the present margin of bonds. Relief will come from bonds to be retired in 1880 and thereafter, and from enlarged value of real estate in new buildings; yet these necessities should awaken you to economy and strict watchfulness of the city finances.

FINANCE.

Mr. Skinker, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the petition of William Jinkins asking to be compensated by the city in the sum of $105, the amount of delinquent bills due to him for scavenger's work from various parties who are unable to pay, be rejected.

Resolved, That the petition of Williams & Gibson asking a refund of $18.12 tax penalty charged against Truehart's estate be rejected.

The committee also reported that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of requiring the Treasurer to receive fractional currency, including specie, in payment of all bills and dues to the city, as the present ordinances cover the question.

Mr. Taylor presented a substitute for the Finance Committee's report in reference to receiving fractional currency and silver in payment of gas, water, and other bills, providing that the Treasurer shall receive fractional currency and silver in sums not exceeding ten dollars and denominations not less than twenty-five cents.

Mr. Taylor's substitute was adopted by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Crenshaw, Curtis, Davis of Madison Ward, Davis of Marshall Ward, Ellett, Gentry, Goddin, Hayes, Higgins, Irvin, McDowell, Pierce, Phillips, Pollock, Rankin, Talbott, Taylor, and Manson—20.

NOES.—Messrs. Christian, Edwards, Ellyson, Hargrove, King, Oliver, Skinker, and Wood—8.

The other resolutions were agreed to.

LIGHT—A SPLENDID ADVERTISEMENT.

Mr. Curtis presented a report from the Committee on Light authorizing a member of the Committee on Light and an officer of the gas-works to visit northern cities with a view of gaining information as to gas, &c. Adopted.

The committee reported back, without any recommendation, petition of Oliver & Robinson, asking the privilege of using the apex of one hundred city gas-lamps for an advertising sign, the petitioners to pay twenty-five cents for each lamp and to keep the same in order.

Discussion.

Mr. Christian presented a resolution giving authority to the Committee on Light to grant the petition for one year if deemed expedient by them. Referred to Committee on Light with power to grant.

EXTENSION OF WATER-PIPES.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Water, presented a resolution appropriating $840 for the extension of water-pipes on Twenty-fourth street between Marshall and Leigh streets. Agreed to.

The committee also presented a resolution paying Smith Ely about $200 for damages to his property on Twelfth street between Main and Cary streets. Agreed to.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. Higgins rose to a personal explanation, and sent to the clerk's desk and had read an article he had written on the subject of a reduction in the price of gas. After the article had been read he proceeded to show how he had obtained the figures—viz., from the Auditor's office and from his own deductions. He also had read the following letter:

HARTFORD, CONN., March 17, 1879.

Hon. John M. Higgins, Richmond, Va.:

My Dear Sir,—I have with much pleasure this morning read in the *Gaslight Journal* your communication to the Richmond *Dispatch* on the subject of reduction in the price of gas in your city. Accept personal congratulations on your advanced and correct ideas in regard to the matter. As you will see by the heading of this note, this company has already taken the step, dating from the 1st of this month. We do not propose to have oil take away any more of our business; but do propose to furnish a good gas at a price that will not only retain our present business, but induce many who have already gone to oil to come back to gas at an early day, and also to induce many to use gas for cooking and other uses instead of coal, on the score of economy.

Wishing you success, and with kind personal remembrances to yourself and many other Richmond friends, I am, very truly yours,

[Signed] JOHN P. HARBISON.

FRAMED BUILDINGS.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee on the Fire Department, presented a joint resolution giving permission to the following persons to erect framed houses in the city: John T. J. Melton, bakery and dwelling on N street between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets; G. Schultz, addition to house corner Baker street and Prentis's alley; W. S. Pilcher, office on Eighth street near Main; H. C. Osterbind, dwelling on Pine street south of Holly street; Joseph Terrer, Jr., dwelling on Thirtieth street between Q and R streets; Jacob Bryce, cow-house on Little Clay street; J. B. Gathright, cow-shed, &c., corner Venable and Jessamine streets; John Cummings, dwelling on Page street between Lownes and Accommodation streets; Thomas Murphy, dwelling on Ninth street between Clay and Leigh streets; Patrick McGovern, to remove dwelling from corner Third and Grace streets to Goddin street, near Brook avenue; A. J. Haynes, dwelling and store corner Pine street and Maiden lane; John Cottrell, kitchen corner Cherry and Albemarle streets; D. E. Montgomery, for Chapman & Hawley, addition of one story to No. 2802 Venable street; R. L. Tucker, store and dwelling corner Pickett and Pleasant streets; John A. Glazebrook, store on Franklin street between Pine and Monroe streets; Louis Muller, addition to No. 710 Brook avenue; Puller Brothers, closet at No. 108 west Marshall street; John K. Wilkinson, school-room on Twenty-fifth street between O and P streets; E. M. Noble, kitchen at No. 529 Twenty-fourth street; J. C. Smith, to repair and improve building corner Cary and Ninth streets; C. Zeble, stable corner Charity and St. James streets; J. L. Slaughter, kitchen at No. 917 west Main street; Charles H. Page, to repair building on lot in Jail alley; Andrew Smith, dwelling on Cedar street between Seventeenth and Buchanan streets; R. W. Oliver, to remove building from near factory on Brook avenue to Madison street and the alley.

The resolutions were adopted.

GARBAGE, &C.

Mr. King presented the report of the Board of Health showing the quantity of garbage, ashes, &c., removed during the past quarter. Received.

ORDINANCES.

Mr. Ellyson, from the Committee on Ordinances, presented a report recommending various amendments to the city charter.

The committee also presented a report paying balance due for compiling city ordinances, &c. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The resolution to pay for revising the ordinances was agreed to.

FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Mr. Higgins, from the Committee on Fire-Alarm and Police Telegraph, presented a resolution to set apart a portion of the floor over the Council chamber for the battery-room of the fire-alarm and police telegraph. Referred to the Committee on Grounds and Buildings.

The committee also presented a resolution for payment for supplies, &c. Agreed to.

ANNEXATION.

The Committee on Annexation of Manchester presented a report (already published in the *Dispatch*); which was received.

TOLLS ON THE FREE BRIDGE.

The conference Committee on Tolls on the Free bridge reported that the Bridge Commissioners have the right under their charter to charge tolls on non-residents of Richmond and Manchester to keep the bridge in repair. Adopted.

FROM THE BOARD.

Sundry resolutions from the Board of Aldermen were concurred in.

The resolution setting apart a room in the Second police station for the fire-alarm and police battery was tabled, on motion of Mr. Higgins.

Mr. Taylor presented a substitute for the resolution adopted by the Board in reference to the paving funds received, &c.; which was adopted—as follows:

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the City Collector is hereby required to place upon the tax-bills in his hands for 1879 the principal amounts due from individuals on account of paving of sidewalks, the same to be paid without penalty and without interest as said tax-bills are paid, at the option of the debtor, in two instalments from 15th to 30th of June and from 15th to 31st of December next; and if not so paid, subject to such charges and penalties only as are prescribed for delinquency in the payment of said tax-bills. And the Auditor is hereby directed to place the amounts of such payments on account of paving of sidewalks to the credit of the contingent fund from time to time as the same shall be received.

The vote was recorded as follows:

AYES.—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Curtis, Davis of Marshall Ward, Gentry, Goddin, Hayes, Higgins, King, McDowell, Oliver, Pierce, Phillips, Rankin, Talbott, Taylor, Wood, and Manson—17.

NOES.—Messrs. Christian, Crenshaw, Davis of Madison Ward, Edwards, Ellett, Ellyson, Hargrove, Irvin, Pollock, and Skinker—10.

The resolution making an appropriation to repair the jail and provide hospital accommodations was laid on the table.

The resolution to repair and enlarge the vaults of the Chancery Court was read.

Mr. Curtis moved to lay on the table.

Mr. Christian called attention to the necessity of repairing this building, and of the responsibility resting on the city in case of a fire and the destruction of any of the papers in the Chancery Court.

Mr. Skinker demanded the ayes and noes on the motion to table, and being taken the Council refused to lay on the table by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Adams, Curtis, Davis of Marshall Ward, Phillips, Talbott, and Taylor—6.

NOES.—Messrs. Baker, Christian, Crenshaw, Davis of Madison Ward, Edwards, Ellett, Ellyson, Gentry, Goddin, Hargrove, Hayes, Higgins, Irvin, King, McDowell, Pierce, Pollock, Rankin, Skinker, Wood, and Manson—21.

The resolution was then concurred in.

THE FREE BRIDGE.

Mr. Christian presented the report of Colonel Cutshaw and Mr. Whitcomb, in reference to the Free bridge, as follows:

RICHMOND, VA., March 26, 1879.

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Upon an examination of the James-River Free bridge we find certain repairs necessary, which will cost $2,415. We therefore recommend that they be made without delay.

Some settling and disturbance in five of the piers are found to have taken place; some changes in the iron-work are needed to prevent vibrations and wear; and after awhile the iron-work will need repainting. We therefore suggest that the Bridge Commissioners be requested to have these points carefully looked after.

Very respectfully,
W. E. CUTSHAW, City Engineer;
H. D. WHITCOMB,
Engineer James-River Improvement.

The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Ellyson presented an ordinance extending the time for the sale of fish from 15th of April to 1st of May. Adopted.

Mr. Taylor presented an amendment to the present ordinance in reference to assessment on wooden buildings by the Commissioner of the Revenue. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

By Mr. Edwards: A resolution for repairs to the soldiers' section in Hollywood. Agreed to.

Mr. Ellett presented an ordinance declaring that on any square already partially occupied by buildings the front wall of the majority of such buildings shall be adopted as the front line of any new building to be erected, except where the existing line shall by the City Engineer be adjudged inappropriate, &c. Referred.

By same: A resolution allowing James S. Forbes to grade at his own expense the alley between Monroe and Madison and Franklin and Main streets. Adopted.

By same: A resolution as to expediency of contracting for the washing of the city gas-lamps. Referred.

By Mr. Crenshaw: A resolution as to the expediency of extending the culvert on Ninth street. Referred.

By Mr. Adams: A resolution refunding $5 to T. P. Turner for fine imposed, &c. Referred.

By same: A resolution for curbing on Venable street between Eighteenth and Mosby streets. Referred.

By Mr. Hargrove: A resolution to grade and pave Eighth street between Grace and Franklin streets. Referred.

By Mr. Curtis: A resolution to pay Mrs. Welsh $300 for damages on account of filling up Nicholson street. Referred.

By Mr. Taylor: A resolution calling for an estimate of expenses and plan for the repair of the city jail. Referred.

By same: A resolution appropriating $4,000 to buy a lot and erect a building for Steam Fire-Engine Company No. 5. Referred.

By Mr. Adams: A resolution to reduce the license-tax of W. P. Hughes. Referred.

By Mr. Davis: A resolution as to the salary of the keeper of St. John's Cemetery. Adopted.

By Mr. McDowell: A resolution looking to the widening of First street between Marshall and Clay streets.

Adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

CHURCH NOTES.—Services appropriate to Palm Sunday—Sunday next before Easter—were held in all the Catholic and Episcopal churches. At the Monumental church in the morning an adult was baptized. In the afternoon the Rev. H. M. Jackson, of Grace church, read a portion of the service, and the pastor delivered one of his most impressive discourses. On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the united services will be held at 12 M. instead of 5 P. M., as heretofore. On Good Friday divine service will be held in all the Episcopal and Catholic churches. On Good-Friday night the solemn rite of confirmation will be held at the Monumental church at 8 o'clock.

At the First Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Eaton, of Petersburg, filled the pulpit in the morning, and the pastor at night. Three persons were baptized during the week—making forty-three baptisms as the result of the recent meetings—and one other was received for baptism.

At Clay-Street Baptist church, during the week, three persons were baptized—making thirty-four baptisms in all as the result of the recent meetings—and one other person was received for baptism.

At the Grace-Street Baptist church the meetings are still going on with interest and power. There have been about eighty professions of conversion during the revival—fifty have been already baptized, and fifteen await the ordinance.

On Sunday the pastor, Dr. Hatcher, filled the pulpit, preaching morning and night to very large congregations. He baptized one person in the morning and eleven at night.

At Leigh-Street Baptist church the pastor filled his pulpit and gave the right-hand of Christian fellowship to two persons at the communion.

At Venable-Street Baptist church Rev. A. J. Reamy, of Richmond College, preached a very effective sermon in the morning, and the pastor preached to a large congregation at night. Three persons were received by letter.

At Pine-Street Baptist church three persons were received into full fellowship and one was received for baptism.

At Centenary Methodist church, on Sunday, one member was received on certificate.

One member was received on profession at Broad-Street church.

Eight members were received at Trinity church on profession, four of whom were baptized. The special services in this church resulted in nine conversions.

At Laurel-Street Methodist church one member was received on profession.

At Park-Place church one member was received by certificate and three on profession.

At St. Peter's Cathedral Sunday night Right Rev. J. J. Keane closed his series of lenten sermons on "Faith" with a masterly effort. The Cathedral was, as usual, crowded with an immense audience, many of whom were well-known non-Catholics. This is Holy week in the Catholic Church, and impressive services appropriate to the time and expressive of events commemorated will be held in all the churches on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, commencing at 8 o'clock A. M.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.—The sixty-sixth anniversary of the Virginia Bible Society was held on Sunday, April 6th, at 4½ P. M., in the Second Presbyterian church, in the presence of a very large congregation. Rev. Dr. Hoge presided. The exercises were opened with an appropriate hymn by the choir. Rev. Dr. Jeter offered prayer. A portion of Scripture was read by the President. Rev. Dr. Judkins read the report of the Board of Managers, published in yesterday's *Dispatch*.

Dr. Hoge then, in a very felicitous manner, after expressing regrets that General Field was prevented by State business from filling his promise to make one of the addresses, introduced Professor Noah K. Davis, of the University of Virginia, to the audience, as the speaker of the occasion.

Professor Davis, being a layman, addressed himself especially to the laymen. It was the duty of the minister to go and preach; it was the duty of the laymen to send. His theme was "The Duty and the Reward of Distributing the Scriptures." The address was pronounced by many as one of the ablest ever delivered on such an occasion, and was listened to with profound attention from beginning to the end. We hope to see it in print.

After the address Dr. Hoge stated that according to the plans and policy of the Society his term of office, which he had held four years, would expire at the close of the present meeting. He referred very touchingly to the great work which the Society had accomplished during his term of office under the greatest financial distress ever experienced in the history of this country; to the kind, cheerful, and hearty coöperation of all the members of the Board; and the very pleasant relations he had sustained to the Board as a member and as an officer for the many years that are past. In taking leave as the president it gave him great pleasure to introduce one who had been elected to fill the office for the ensuing four years as peculiarly fitted by his long experience as an executive officer in deliberative bodies for this new position. This gentleman was Bishop Doggett. He hoped and trusted that as a new era of prosperity was about to dawn upon the State, the Society, under the new administration, would accomplish greater results in the future than in the past.

Bishop Doggett, in assuming the chair, paid a most beautiful compliment to the able manner in which Dr. Hoge had always presided, and the marvellous success which, under the greatest embarrassments and financial distress, had attended the efforts of the Society. In entering upon the new duties he asked the sympathy and coöperation of all the friends of the Bible in the great work of the Society. The Virginia Bible Society is doing, he said, a work which no other organization is doing or can do. Bishop Doggett then pronounced the benediction.

COLORED BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.—The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday-School Union took place on Sunday at the Second Baptist church. Mr. Bowler (the president) called the meeting to order. A passage of Scripture was read by Rev. D. A. Vassal. The reports from the various schools were read, showing the progress made during the past month. There were several recitations by the children. The singing, under the leadership of Stephen Jones, was excellent. Mr. W. C. Roane then delivered an address on the "True Objects of the Sunday School," and was followed by Rev. Mr. Constantine, late missionary to Africa. After singing Old Hundred the meeting adjourned.

MOFFETT REGISTER—THE REPORT FOR MARCH.—The following is the report of the registers in the upper district (west of Twelfth street) for the month of March: Number of alcoholic drinks 44,163, amount of tax, $1,104.08; number of malt drinks 60,288, tax, $301,44—total, $1,405.52. There are in this district 152 alcoholic and 115 malt registers.

In the Second district (from Twelfth street east) the number of alcoholic drinks registered was 26,557, tax, $663.93; number of malt drinks registered 30,825, tax, $154.13—total, $818.06.

In this district there are 130 alcoholic and 88 malt registers. The total alcoholic tax in the city was $1,768.01; the malt tax, $455.57. The aggregate in the city was $2,239.58.

PERSONAL.—Major Boykin is improving. His condition is regarded as good as it could be under the circumstances of the attack.

Judge Isaac H. Christian, of Charles City county, was in the city yesterday.

BRIDAL COUPLE IN THE PENITENTIARY.—Among recent arrivals at the penitentiary were Edward Kinney (colored) and Mary S. Hall (white), of Hanover county, convicted of violation of the State law forbidding intermarriage of persons of different races, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. This is the first conviction under the decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia at Staunton in the McKinney case.

Kinney and the woman had been unlawfully living together, and in October last some prosecution was threatened, as is claimed; whereupon the two went to Washington, and were there united in marriage according to the laws of the District of Columbia.

After marriage and return to Hanover they were indicted and tried together for violation of the law mentioned, and with the result stated.

It is understood that a strong petition from those best acquainted with the merits of the case will be presented to the Governor asking for their pardon—they to leave the State forever.

DISTINGUISHED FRENCHMEN.—Mons. le Duc de Morny and Mons. Baudon, ingénieur des Arts et Manufactures, two distinguished young noblemen from France, were in