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MRS. DE WITT WILL REOPEN HER SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 24TH at 316 east Cary street.
TERMS (per session of nine months): English, $25; Latin and French, $12 each—payable one third in advance.
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THE MISSES BENTLEY WILL REOPEN THEIR SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, at their residence, 101 east Main street. se 12-F,M,&WtOc1

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BRICK, three-story, No. 716 west Grace street; 8 rooms, bath, and gas.
BRICK, three-story, No. 122 Fourth, between Cary and Canal streets; 7 rooms.
BRICK, two-story, No. 921 west Clay street; 6 rooms.
BRICK, two-story, No. 809 west Main street; 8 rooms, bath, &c.
BRICK, two-story, No. 302 east Clay street; 6 rooms.
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Richmond Dispatch.

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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, cloudy or partly cloudy weather, warmer, southerly winds, and stationary barometer.

For the South Atlantic States, cloudy or partly cloudy weather, northerly winds, shifting to warmer southerly, and stationary or lower barometer.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cloudy and warmer. At night it was partly cloudy and cooler.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 62; 9 A. M., 68; noon, 78; 3 P. M., 74; 6 P. M., 68; midnight, 62.
Mean temperature, 68¾.

[From the New York Times.]

The Problem of the Pyramids.

The pyramids have given an immense amount of trouble to antiquarians. For what purpose they were built has for ages been classed by our ablest philosophers in the category of those things which no Fellow of any learned society can find out. The hotel-keepers of Cairo believe that the pyramids were built in the interests of the hotel-keeping business. Mr. Henry M. Field, who informs us that he stretched himself at full length on the so-called royal sarcophagus of the pyramid of Cheops, is of the opinion that they were reared in a prophetic spirit to the greater glory of the Field family. Many superficial thinkers have hastily concluded that the pyramids were merely intended as royal tombs, and Mr. Piozzi Smith has written a powerful book to prove that they were built in the interests of religion, astronomy, and mensuration. Mr. Smith's theory is unquestionably the most interesting of them all, although it lacks the simplicity and directness of the Field theory. There is no doubt in Mr. Smith's mind that the builders of the pyramids—or, rather, the builder of the great pyramid—embodied in its construction the chief facts of astronomy, the standard measures of distance, weight, and capacity, and a complete history of the Jewish and Christian religions. This ingenious effort to exhibit the pyramid in the light of a combined Loomis's astronomy, multiplication table, and complete Scriptural concordance, is certainly extremely entertaining, but it is by no means so plausible as the rival theory that it was built in order that at some distant day one of the Field family might enter it and lie down on the dusty sarcophagus of an Egyptian King.

But now comes Mr. Richard Proctor, and sets forth in the pages of the *Contemporary Review* a new theory, in which he attempts to show that the great pyramid was both an astronomical observatory and a tomb, and that its purpose was to aid in discovering the horoscope of the king who was to be buried in it. The base of the pyramid is an exact square, and its north and south sides are precisely parallel with the equator. At a distance of say forty feet from its base on the north side there is a narrow passage inclined downward at an angle of say 45°, which ends in a large chamber. At about a third of the distance from the entrance of this passage a second passage branches off, which ascends at about the same angle of 45°, and leads to a larger chamber in the very centre of the pyramid. There are other slight peculiarities in the interior plan of the pyramid, but they need not be here described. If we keep in mind the two passages and the two chambers just mentioned, we have sufficient facts before us to illustrate both Mr. Proctor's theory and the true theory of the pyramid.

Now, Mr. Proctor is convinced that the sloping passage first mentioned was intended to aid in discovering the North Star. The Egyptians constructed this passage at such an angle that an observer standing at the lower end of it could see the North Star, and accordingly the Egyptian astronomers were in the habit of constantly going to the end of that passage and discovering the star in question. The second passage might have been similarly intended for the discovery of some meritorious star in the southern part of the heavens, had it been carried through the pyramid and out at its south side. Mr. Proctor, therefore, assumes that it was so carried out, but that it was afterward partially blocked up. With the aid of the observations taken through these two passages the astronomers obtained the data for constructing the royal horoscope whereby Cheops was supplied with information concerning marriage, death, stolen goods, absent friends, lucky numbers, and all affairs of life. When he died his horoscope was naturally of no further use, and therefore he was buried in his pyramid, and the sides thereof were incased with polished granite so that the boys of the period could not climb up to the summit.

The elaborate theory, based on a small quantity of contradictory facts, is a curious illustration of the proneness of scientific persons to shut their eyes to what is obvious and to prefer what is far-fetched and improbable. The real purpose for which the great pyramid was built bears not the slightest resemblance to Mr. Proctor's little romance, and ought to be plain to every thoughtful observer. The pyramid is surrounded by soft sand of great depth, and was originally partially cased with polished stone, though, of course, a staircase existed at one of its corners. It was built to supply the Egyptian public with the means of sliding down hill in a country where snow never falls. The Egyptian who paid the requisite entrance-fee was allowed to ascend the pyramid by the staircase and then to slide down the polished granite side, plunging pleasantly and harmlessly into the sand at the foot. No sleds or other apparatus were needed. The Egyptian simply sat down on the warm and comfortable granite, and slid down without any unpleasant friction. Doubtless, this was a fashionable amusement for both sexes and all ages, and the builders or lessees of the Great Pyramid Sliding Rink must have made a good thing out of it.

The interior of the pyramid, as its plan proves, was a combined ice-house and beer-cellar. The ice-man had merely to dump his blocks of ice in the first passage, and they slid downward into the chamber intended for their reception. The second chamber was a vast beer reservoir, kept cool by its proximity to the ice-chamber. Tubes led from it to the bar, which, of course, existed outside of the pyramid, and thus ice-cold beer was supplied to the Egyptian public during the hottest weather, and, let us hope, at popular prices.

We have here a theory which is at once simple and probable, and which exactly coincides with the known facts as to the construction of the pyramid. The builders certainly deserved a great deal of credit in making the same structure serve for the purpose of sliding down hill and for the preservation of ice and beer in an equatorial climate. To overlook this obvious explanation of the object of the great pyramid, and to construct elaborate and untenable theories connecting it with astronomical and religious affairs, is what we might have expected of a scientific person. Alas! when will the day come when science and common sense shall be reconciled?

All the signers of the Declaration of Independence signed their names with a quill, except one—he signed his Witherspoon.—*Savannah Recorder.*

LOCAL MATTERS.

DEATH OF MR. PHILIP STRAUSE.—Mr. Philip Strause, for many years a resident of this city, died at his residence on Monday, in the fifty-third year of his age. Mr. Strause was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1826, and removed to the United States very early in life. He had been a respected merchant, doing business in Richmond for thirty years. He was a member of Loge Française, A. F. and A. M.; of Rimmon Lodge, I. O. B. B.; and of the Free Sons of Israel.

He will be buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, No. 1411 Main street.

ARRIVAL OF THE NATIONAL PEDESTRIENNE.—Mrs. Mattie Potts, the pedestrienne who has undertaken to walk from Philadelphia to New Orleans in five months, arrived in this city yesterday evening at 7:30 on her return trip, and is registered at the American Hotel. She left Danville on Wednesday morning last, having travelled 140 miles in six days, or an average of 23⅓ miles per day. She has yet nineteen days in which to complete the trip, and a distance of 260 miles from this city to Philadelphia to walk. On the 12th of October next Mrs. Potts is due in that city, her destination, and will receive $5,000 upon her arrival within the specified time. When she started from Philadelphia, nearly four months and a half ago, she calculated to make the entire trip at an average of 16 miles per day. At this rate she is now about 53 miles, or three days and a half, ahead of time; and with nineteen days yet remaining, she can accomplish the distance to Philadelphia at an average of about 14 miles per day, nearly 10 miles less than her usual walk. She is in excellent health, if a cold is excepted, and a slight pain in her right knee. The latter, however, does not impede her locomotion nor threaten to interfere with her enterprise. Mrs. Potts is undecided whether to start towards Washington to-morrow. She desires to give an exhibition five-mile walk here if a suitable place for the purpose can be obtained.

MEETING OF VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Historical Society was held on Monday night at the Westmoreland Club-house. Present: Messrs. Ott (chairman), Barney, Curry, Brock (corresponding secretary), and Barksdale (recording secretary). A large number of valuable gifts of books, &c., were reported, and measures were adopted which promise to add much to the usefulness and prosperity of the Society. Sigmund K. Harzfield, Esq., of Philadelphia, Pa., was elected a corresponding member, and Rev. Charles Rogers, LL. D., of London, England, nominated as an honorary member. Adjourned.

HUSTINGS COURT, YESTERDAY.—In the Hustings Court yesterday the following cases were disposed of:

Robert Smith *alias* John Taylor, charged with cutting James T. Ellis's throat with a razor, was convicted of unlawful cutting, sent to jail for nine months and fined $50.

Charles McCarrick *alias* Charles Clarke, charged with forging an order on John A. Augustine for five dollars. The accused pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. There were five other cases against him, but on account of his youth a *nolle prosequi* was entered in each case.

Charles Miller, charged with entering the office of Counsellor Stanard and stealing a coat, &c., was tried and acquitted.

Jacob Randolph (colored), indicted for exhibiting a game called chuck-a-luck on Mayo's Island, in James river, was tried and found guilty by the jury, and the Judge sent him to jail for six months and fined him $100. His counsel moved for a new trial, and the motion was continued until to-day.

The grand jury will meet to-day at 11 o'clock.

POLICE COURT.—Police-Justice Joseph J. White yesterday morning fined Hugh McEnery $5 for being drunk and disorderly and resisting the officers; G. W. Fox and Jack Venable (colored) $2.50 each for fighting; and John J. Bowles and George C. Pease $5 for creating a disturbance in a saloon near the Old Market. Henderson Taylor (colored) was sent on to the grand jury to answer for entering in the night-time the dwelling-house of Dr. George B. Steel and stealing two chairs.

MORTUARY REPORT for the week ending September 23, 1879:

Cause of Death: Asthma, 2 colored; apoplexy, 1 colored; cholera-infantum, 2 white; consumption, 4 colored; convulsions (infantile), 1 white; diphtheria, 1 white; drowning, 1 colored; dysentery, 2 colored; dyspepsia, 1 white; fever (continued), 1 white; fever (remittent), 1 colored; fever (typhoid), 1 colored; fever (typho-malarial), 1 colored; heart-disease, 1 colored; infantile lockjaw, 1 colored; inflammation of brain, 1 white; marasmus, 1 white, 1 colored; meningitis, 1 colored; paralysis, 2 colored; pneumonia, 1 colored; premature birth, 1 colored; rheumatism, 1 white; teething, 4 colored; unknown, 1 white, 4 colored. Whole number of deaths in the city, exclusive of still-births, 39.

Age: One day to thirty, 1 white, 4 colored—total, 5; one month to six, 2 white, 1 colored—total, 3; six months to twelve, 1 white; one year to three, 2 white, 6 colored—total, 8; three years to five, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2; five years to ten, 2 colored; ten years to twenty, 1 white, 3 colored—total, 4; twenty years to thirty, 3 colored; forty years to fifty, 1 white, 2 colored—total, 3; fifty years to sixty, 1 colored; sixty years to seventy, 1 colored; seventy years to eighty, 1 white, 4 colored—total, 5; eighty years to ninety, 1 colored. *Condition:* Single, 9 white, 18 colored—total, 27; married, 5 colored; widows, 1 white, 6 colored—total, 7. *Nativity:* Richmond, 26; other parts of United States, 13. *Locality:* Jefferson Ward, 3 white, 5 colored—total, 8; Madison Ward, 1 white, 4 colored—total, 5; Monroe Ward, 1 white, 4 colored—total, 5; Clay Ward, 4 white, 5 colored—total, 9; Jackson Ward, 1 white, 8 colored—total, 9; almshouse, 3 colored.

COMPARATIVE WEEKLY MORTALITY.

	Week Ending Sept. 22, 1877. W.	C.	Sept. 21, 1878. W.	C.	Sept. 13, 1879. W.	C.	Sept. 20, 1879. W.	C.
Total deaths	12	15	13	14	15	12	10	29
Still-born	1	6	0	0	0	2	0	3

Mean temperature for the week ending September 13, 73.11; mean temperature for the week ending September 20, 73.14.

Population of city estimated at 80,000—white, 46,000; colored, 34,000. Rate of mortality of whole population was 25.35 per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of white population was 11.30 per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of colored population was 44.35 per 1,000 per annum.

THE FIFTH-AVENUE COMPANY IN PINAFORE.—To-morrow (Thursday) night the Fifth-Avenue Opera Company will commence an engagement of three nights at the Theatre, and will play the first evening the new and popular opera H. M. S. Pinafore, which has been so successfully presented by this company in New York at the Fifth-Avenue and Madison-Square Theatres, and at the Gaiety Theatre in Boston. The company—if it is as fine a company as that which was here last season—will no doubt have a successful engagement, and the theatre-goers have a treat in store for them in their presentation of Pinafore. In Brooklyn, we are told, the company had unrivalled success, and were most cordially complimented by the critics of the Brooklyn press.

The company will have the ship scenery and all the appointments necessary to present the opera creditably, and which was used by the company in New York and Boston.

Seats may be secured at Johnston's and at the Theatre box-office to-day.

BRIEF ITEMS—PERSONAL.—The Hustings Court grand jury meets to-day at 11 o'clock.

Ex-Alderman John G. Spangenburg, of Clay Ward, has been stricken by paralysis.

The sheriff of Essex county delivered at the penitentiary yesterday Lindsay Green and Obey Bush, two years each, for house-breaking; Isaac Webb, one year, for illegal voting.

Mr. G. R. Quincy, of the Warrenton (N. C.) *Gazette*, is in the city in the interest of his paper. Mr. Quincy was in Richmond with the North Carolina excursionists in May last, and wrote one or two interesting letters, giving a description of this city and its business enterprise. He now returns to invite the attention of other advertisers to his columns and the value of the North Carolina trade.

THE JUVENILE OPERA COMPANY.—Mr. Ford's Juvenile Opera Company completed their successful engagement at the Theatre last night, and to-day leave for Petersburg. They play there to-night, and at Lynchburg on Thursday night.

The children have won many friends here, and will doubtless be most cordially welcomed should they visit Richmond again. It is a splendid company of children, who have good voices, and been well trained.

LITERARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED.—A number of young men of the city met in the Circuit-Court room Monday night and organized a literary society to be known as the "Richmond Debating Club," with the following officers: President, M. L. Spotswood; Vice-President, W. H. Hobson; Secretary, L. T. W. Marye; Treasurer, T. M. Page.

ROOMS STATE CONSERVATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RICHMOND, VA., September 23, 1879.

The following canvassers have been appointed:

Fourth Congressional District—Samuel F. Coleman, R. T. Hubard.

Seventh Congressional District—George Grattan.

Twelfth Senatorial District—John J. Williams.

Frederick County—Morris Lynch.

J. BELL BIGGER, Secretary.
Conservative papers please copy.

Chairs for the Penitentiary Chapel.

Several hundred seats are still needed for the prisoners in the chapel at the State prison.

Good citizens will please not take it for granted that the want will be supplied without their aid. Whoever has one, two, three, or more chairs, please notify Mr. W. P. Munford, and a wagon will call for them.

Who will not help a fallen brother or sister to hear the Gospel?

MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

The Convention To-Morrow.—To-morrow the Convention to nominate candidates for the House of Delegates from this district will be held at the Chesterfield court-house. A large attendance is expected. All of the delegates to the Convention have been appointed. Manchester will be represented by Dr. A. S. McRae, Edward Bourne, B. B. Weisiger, George W. Meredith, William P. Kidd, and Dr. T. P. Mathews. Alternates have been chosen, but it is thought that all of the delegates will attend the Convention.

City School Board.—A meeting of the City School Board was held last night. Rev. W. A. Campbell (president) presided; D. J. Weisiger clerk.

The report from the Committee on Grades was presented and adopted. It contained the list of the books to be used in each grade during the coming session.

There have been some slight changes made in the grades on account of the abolishment of one of the schools, but the same books will be used this session that were used last year. Some [illegible] ever, will be taught by different teachers.

All of the public schools will reopen Monday, and are expected to continue nine months.

Brief Items.—The Hustings Court has adjourned for the term. The next session will be a regular quarterly term, and a grand jury will be drawn.

At the Mayor's Court yesterday morning several persons were reported for a violation of the scavenger ordinance.

A court for the trial of civil cases was held yesterday. Justices Foster and Perdue presided. The most important case on docket was that of O. A. Francis *vs.* William St. Paul Pulliam, which relates to a debt contracted in 1874. A decision was postponed until Friday.

Preparations are being made for another temperance rally here at an early date under the auspices of Manchester Division, Sons of Temperance.

T. J. Wooldridge (without the Dr.) was appointed delegate to the House Convention from Bermuda district, with Theodore Boisseau as alternate.

Two of our well-known sportsmen succeeded in bagging 470 sora in Chesterfield county Monday, all being killed on one tide.

REFRESHMENT PRIVILEGES AT THE FAIR.—Written proposals will be received for these privileges until SATURDAY NEXT at 12 M. For particulars, apply at this office. W. C. KNIGHT, Secretary.

BARGAINS in TABLE-CUTLERY at 50 and 99c. at 99c. STORE.

Our customers should know that we make no charge for repairs on the NEW No. 8 WHEELER & WILSON SEWING-MACHINES within three years from the date of purchase from this agency, and that we repair their old Wheeler & Wilson machines without charge other than the ABSOLUTE COST of the parts used.
WHEELER & WILSON MANUF'G CO., Ninth and Franklin streets, Richmond.

THERE is no subject which should more engross attention than the purity of the preparations which are used to flavor food prepared for the human stomach. BURNETT'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS can be relied upon as being perfectly pure.

THE FINEST LINE of DOLLS from 5c. to $1 to be seen in the city at 99c. STORE.

THE LAST MONTH of the great closing sale of LEVY BROTHERS. Their store is for rent and fixtures for sale. Possession given on the 1st of October. Do not put off buying or you will miss the great opportunity of purchasing your goods at lower prices than you ever saw them.

LARGE assortment of BRONZE MANTEL ORNAMENTS at 99C. STORE.

A FINE CHEW—Cheapest out—10c. a plug, 5 to the pound, at P. WHITLOCK'S, 1445 Main street.

A GOOD TIME to purchase your Blankets, whilst they can be had at such very low prices at LEVY BROTHERS'. Be sure to look at the 11-4 California and Standard Blankets. LEVY BROTHERS also offer great inducements in Black All-Wool French Cashmeres and other Dress Goods; also, in Flannels, Canton Flannels, Sheetings, and Shirtings.

IT MAY INTEREST OUR LADY READERS to know that the painful effects of sunburn upon a delicate skin can be immediately relieved by the use of J. & E. ATKINSON'S Toilet Vinegar.

PURE CIDER VINEGAR, THREE YEARS OLD; OLD SOUTHAMPTON APPLE BRANDY, FOR PEACHES; FRESH SPICES FOR PICKLING, endless variety, at CHRISTIAN & WHITE'S.

FINE line BRONZE DOUBLE INKS at 50 and 99c. at 99c. STORE.

JOB LOT of SILVER-PLATED KNIVES, warranted 12-oz. plate, at $2.97 and $3.96 a dozen, at 99c. STORE.

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