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THE STATE CANVASS.

ROOMS STATE CONSERVATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RICHMOND, September 3, 1879.

CONSERVATIVE MEETINGS, to be addressed by one or more distinguished speakers, are announced as follows:

October 29th—Walton's Mills (Cumberland county).

October 30th—Lexington (barbecue), Henry Courthouse (barbecue), Carrsville (Isle of Wight county).

October 31st—Green Spring Depot (Louisa).

November 1st—Bell's Cross-Roads (Louisa), Halifax Courthouse, Clover Hill, Ettrick (night), Matoaca (Chesterfield).

November 3d—Albemarle (Charlottesville) Charlotte Courthouse, Franklin Courthouse, Frederick Courthouse, Gloucester Courthouse, Greensville Courthouse, Harrisonburg (Rockingham county), Isle of Wight Courthouse, Powhatan Courthouse, Princess Anne Courthouse, Prince William Courthouse, Richmond County Courthouse, Spotsylvania Courthouse. T. M. LOGAN, Chairman.

J. Bell Bigger, Secretary.

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ROOMS STATE CONSERVATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RICHMOND, VA., September 3, 1879.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE have been authorized by the speakers named to announce the following appointments:

Colonel William Ambers—Clover Hill, Chesterfield, November 1st.

William Baird, Esq.—Hoskins's Store, Essex, November 1st; Gloucester Courthouse, November 3d.

Hon. R. L. T. Beale—Alexandria city (night), Oct. 29th; Fredericksburg city (night), October 30th.

Colonel W. P. Burwell—Green-Spring Depot, Louisa county, October 31st; Ettrick (night), Matoaca, Chesterfield, November 1st; Powhatan Courthouse, November 3d.

E. Carrington Cabell—Ettrick (night), Matoaca, Chesterfield county, November 1st; Powhatan Courthouse, November 3d.

Hon. William I. Clopton—Clover Hill, Chesterfield November 1st.

Hon. J. L. M. Curry—Farmville, October 31st; Halifax Courthouse, November 1st; Powhatan Courthouse, November 3d.

General James G. Field—Portsmouth city (night), October 29th; Farmville, October 31st.

Col. William S. Gilham—Bell'sCrossroads, Louisa, November 1st.

Judge J. T. Goolrick—Richmond county Courthouse, November 3d.

Hon. John Goode, Jr.—Henry Courthouse, October 30th; Danville (night), October 31st; Lynchburg (night), November 1st.

W. F. C. Gregory, Esq.—Franklin Courthouse, November 3d.

B. A. Hancock, Esq.—Halifax Courthouse, November 1st; Powhatan Courthouse, November 3d.

Hon. W. W. Henry—Charlotte Courthouse, November 3d.

John Hunter, Jr.—Matoaca, Chesterfield, November 3d.

General Epes Hunton—Norfolk city (night), October 31st; Portsmouth city (night), November 1st.

Hon. James L. Kemper—Henry Courthouse, October 30th.

Hon. A. M. Keiley—Portsmouth city (night), October 29th.

Dr. A. Monteiro—Green Spring, Louisa, October 31st; Bell's Crossroads, Louisa, November 1st.

Captain P. W. McKinney—Franklin Courthouse, November 3d.

R. P. Noland, Esq.—Leesburg, Loudoun, October 29th; Upperville, Fauquier county, November 1st.

Samuel M. Page, Esq.—Chisholm Spring, Albemarle, October 31st; Bell's Crossroads, Louisa, November 1st; Moss's Store, Chesterfield county, November 3d.

Charles L. Peace, Esq.—Ettrick (night), Matoaca, Chesterfield county, November 1st; Winfree's Store Chesterfield county, October 31st.

Col. Henry E. Peyton—Gordonsville, October 31st.

Wm. L. Royall, Esq.—Warsaw, Richmond county, November 3d.

Major Robert Stiles—Green Spring, Louisa, October 31st.

Hon. Robert E. Withers—28th; Henry Courthouse, October 30th.

Captain Geo. D. Wise—Spotsylvania Courthouse, November 3d. T. M. LOGAN, Chairman.

J. Bell Bigger, Secretary.

THE STATE FAIR.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, RICHMOND, October 28, 1879.

IN ORDER THAT THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY may have an opportunity to visit the State Fair the different departments of the city government will be closed on THURSDAY, October 30th.

oc 29-2t W. C. CARRINGTON, Mayor.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY, AGENT'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., October 29, 1879.

NOTICE.—The FREIGHT DEPOT of this company will be closed on THURSDAY the 30th instant to allow the clerks and others to attend the State Fair. R. D. TYLER, Agent.

oc 29-2t

RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMAC RAILROAD, OFFICE OF GENERAL TICKET AND FREIGHT AGENT, RICHMOND, VA., October 27, 1879.

NOTICE.—Trains will run between Elba (head of Broad) and the Fair-Grounds on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 29th and 30th instant, at intervals of fifteen minutes, commencing at 10 A. M.

Fare, 5 cents each way. C. A. TAYLOR, G. T. A.

oc 28 3t

OMNIBUS LINE TO THE FAIR-GROUNDS.

Commencing TUESDAY MORNING, 28th instant, I will run a line of omnibuses from SEVENTH AND BROAD STREETS TO THE FAIR-GROUNDS every day during the Fair.

Passengers taking this line will be carried directly to the ladies' reception-rooms inside the grounds without having to change. Omnibuses run in each direction every ten minutes. Fare, 25 cents; five tickets, $1; children half price. Owing to the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad trains not running from Seventh and Broad streets, and wishing to accommodate those who desire to attend the exhibition, I will withdraw my omnibuses from the Main-street line during the four days of the Fair. A. W. GARBER, Proprietor.

oc 28-3t

CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, &c.

CHINA, GLASS, &c.—Just received, a large variety of goods to interest housekeepers. A pleasure to show goods and quote prices. Those who call shall be rewarded. Merchants buying for cash are requested to examine this stock before purchasing elsewhere. Great bargains in RODGERS'S TABLE-CUTLERY and PLATED-WARE.

H. H. WALLACE, 406 Broad street.

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CHINA direct from France;
CHINA direct from England;
CHINA direct from Japan.

PLAIN WHITE and DECORATED DINNER- and TEA-SETS;

FANCY GOODS from European factories, ordered before the advance in price. Call and see new shapes—and low prices.

GEORGE GIBSON, JR., 1207 Main street.

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NEW GOODS!

I am now receiving my fall stock of

CHINA, GLASSWARE, AND HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS OF ALL KINDS.

My stock is the LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE in every department ever exhibited in this city.

The prices we guarantee to be as low as the same quality of goods can be bought anywhere.

A call is respectfully solicited to examine my stock and prices, whether you wish to purchase or not, for it is a pleasure to us to show our goods.

E. B. TAYLOR, 1011 east Main street.

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W. C. SMITH, MANUFACTURER OF FINE CARRIAGES, 308 AND 314 NORTH FIFTH STREET, RICHMOND, VA.

FIRST-CLASS WORK AT LOW PRICES.

A FINE FIVE-GLASS LANDAULETTE—the first ever manufactured in Richmond:

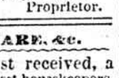
A celebrated DEXTER SPRING BUGGY, which for durability and easy riding has no equal:

and other specimens of my work on exhibition at the State Fair.

Visitors respectfully invited to examine my work.

A few SECOND HAND PONY PHAETONS and FAMILY CARRIAGES also on hand.

oc 29-4t W. C. SMITH.



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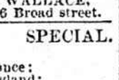

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Visitors to the city will find it to their interest to

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OYSTERS! OYSTERS!!—If you want something nice go to S. J. WHITE'S, 1509 Franklin street, and try some of his FINE LYNNHAVEN, CHERRYSTONE, and other famous brands of OYSTERS. Remember, I can please the most fastidious. A call is solicited.

oc 29-3t*

MEETINGS.

A CALLED MEETING OF AURORA LODGE, 116, I. O. O. F., will be held at Wilkinson's Hall THIS (Wednesday) EVENING at 7½ o'clock. Candidates for degrees will be on hand promptly at the hour named. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to be present.

By order of the Noble Grand.

JOHN J. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

oc 29-1t

MILITARY NOTICES.

HEADQUARTERS R. L. I. BLUES, October 29, 1879.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. —. You are ordered to assemble at your armory on THURSDAY, October 30, 1879, at 9 o'clock A. M., in full-dress uniform, for parade and drill at the State Fair.

By command of Captain JOHN S. WISE.

FRANK CAMM, Orderly Sergeant.

oc 29-2t

HEADQUARTERS ATTUCKS GUARD, MAIN STREET BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.—Assemble at Old-Market Hall WEDNESDAY NIGHT, October 29th, at 8 o'clock, in full-dress uniform, armed and equipped, for company inspection. Every member that can attend the drill Friday must be at this inspection. A squad will be detailed to receive the Langston Guards, who will arrive Thursday morning on the 11 o'clock train.

By order JOSIAH CRUMP, Captain.

EMMETT SCOTT, Acting Orderly Sergeant.

oc 29-1t

AMUSEMENTS.

RICHMOND THEATRE—TO-NIGHT.

FORD'S ENGLISH OPERA COMPANY, in the over-popular opera H. M. S. PINAFORE, H. M. S. PINAFORE.

THURSDAY EVENING, last time of THE LITTLE DUKE.

FRIDAY. BENEFIT OF MR. S. G. YOUNG.

MATINEE SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

SATURDAY EVENING. Gilbert & Sullivan's new opera, THE SORCERER.

Box-sheet at JOHNSTON'S and office of Theatre. [oc 29-1t*]

FIRST GRAND BALL OF PAWNEE TRIBE, No. 53, I. O. R. M., will take place at LEVY'S HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH OF OCTOBER.

Strict order will be enforced, and no improper characters will be admitted.

Admittance: Lady and gentleman, 75 cents.

REFRESHMENTS at city prices.

GRAND MARCH at 9 o'clock.

Committee of Arrangements: JOSEPH HAGAN, J. T. BURROUGHS, GEORGE W. MOORE, C. M. FRAYSER, J. E. AUSTIN.

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PINAFORE! AT MOZART HALL—FAIR-WEEK.

"Our saucy ship's a beauty."

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BRILLIANT COSTUMES, GRAND SCENIC EFFECT, and the following splendid cast:

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MR. FRANK CUNNINGHAM as RALPH RACKSTRAW.
MR. LOUIS PIZZINI as CAPTAIN CORCORAN.
MR. ASHTON STARKE as SIR JOSEPH PORTER, K. C. B.
MR. LOUIS A. PERROT as DICK DEADEYE.
MR. N. B. PLEASANTS as BOATSWAIN.

General admission, 50c.; reserved seats, 75c. For sale at C. F. JOHNSTON'S music-store, No. 918 Main street, between Eighth and Ninth.

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(SEVENTH STREET BETWEEN BROAD AND MARSHALL.)

POSITIVELY LAST WEEK.

GREATEST HUMAN MARVELS EVER CREATED.

The famous, only, and WONDERFUL MIDGETS!

GENERAL MITE, Aged fifteen years, weighs nine pounds;

MAJOR ATOM, Aged ten years, weighs fifteen pounds,

who have created such a marked and extraordinary sensation in this and other cities, and Coney Island.

VISITORS TO THE FAIR SHOULD NOT FAIL TO SEE THEM.

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Morning, 10 to 12; afternoon, 2 to 4:30; evening, 7 to 9.

Admission, 25c.; children, 15c. oc 18-2w

REUNION AND BANQUET.

THE ANNUAL REUNION AND BANQUET OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA (VIRGINIA DIVISION) WILL TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1879.

GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE will deliver the annual address, to which the public is invited, in the hall of the House of Delegates at 8 P. M. Subject: "CHANCELLORSVILLE."

The BANQUET will be served at Levy's Hall, corner Main and Eleventh streets, immediately after the public exercises above mentioned. It is hoped that there will be an unusually large company at the banquet, as the committee extends a cordial invitation to and expects a large attendance of ladies.

Tickets, admitting lady or gentleman, $1.50 each. For sale at the bookstore of Randolph & English, 1302 Main street, and Piedmont and Arlington office, Ninth and Main streets.

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Richmond Dispatch.

WEDNESDAY.....OCTOBER 29, 1879.

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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle States, northwest to southwest winds, rising barometer, no decided change in temperature, and partly cloudy weather, with light rains in the northern portions.

For the South Atlantic States, clear or partly cloudy weather, northerly to westerly winds, rising barometer, and a slight rise in temperature.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cloudy in the early morning. After that clear with high winds.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 52; 9 A. M., 55; noon, 70; 3 P. M., 72; 6 P. M., 67; midnight, 55.

Mean temperature, 62.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE CONFEDERATE ARMY MEETINGS.—The public celebrations of the Virginia Division of the Army of Northern Virginia always elicit the deepest interest, not only among the veterans of that "incomparable soldiery," but also among the people of the country at large. The House of Delegates never contains a tithe of the people who anxiously seek admittance.

Thus far the character of the addresses has been such as to stamp them with the impress of highest authority, and this evening we feel safe in saying that General Fitzhugh Lee will meet the highest expectations of the army and the State when he discourses upon the battle of Chancellorsville. There is no one now living better prepared to discuss such a subject. It was in this battle that General R. E. Lee and his "Right Arm," Stonewall Jackson, with 40,000 men, by direct assault overcame and dispersed 100,000 men under General Hooker. It was one of the most splendid victories of the southern arms.

After the public celebration, the soldiers, with their friends, ladies, and others, will repair to Levy's Hall and conclude the celebration with the annual banquet. It will be noticed that the lady friends of the veterans will for the first time be admitted to the social reunion. Elsewhere it will be seen that tickets to the banquet may be secured at the Piedmont and Arlington office, from Messrs. Randolph & English, and at the hall of the House of Delegates.

To-morrow (Thursday) night, at the hall of the House of Delegates, the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Society will be held. Father Ryan, the distinguished "poet priest," author of the "Conquered Banner" and other poetic gems, has prepared for the occasion an original poem, which will be read by Rev. J. G. Armstrong. Several distinguished gentlemen have consented to make short speeches, the annual report will be read, and the occasion will doubtless be one of the most pleasant of the week.

LIQUOR-DEALERS TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEIR LICENSES SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED.—The following are the liquor-dealers who have been summoned before the next term of the Hustings Court to show cause why their licenses should not be revoked for failing to register: R. T. Adams, 323 north Sixth street; James Bowen, 411 north Seventeenth street; M. Burns, 1430 east Franklin; Antonio Baccigallupo, 2414 east Main; Ed. Cain, 100 east Baker; Joseph Cannep, 2422 east Main; Mrs. R. Campodonico, 2424 Main; William Ebert, 100 east Byrd; Z. T. Hord, 1851 Venable; John L. Houck, 510 west Broad; Daniel Hannegan, 310 north Seventeenth street; H. Heeke, 626 Brook avenue; W. D. Horton, 1100 north Seventeenth street; M. Hart, 729 east Cary street; G. Solari, 2411 east Broad; Gerhardt Wigger, 400 west Broad; M. J. Walsh, 101 west Duval; George Young, 608 east Marshall; A. Griffith, 301 west Cary; William Glaser, 404 north Sixth; George Hundtermark, 219 east Broad; Otto Morgenstern, 402 north Broad; G. S. Rouche, 210 west Broad; W. W. Phillips, 325 north Sixth; N. T. Redford, 312 east Broad; F. E. Tholl, 760 west Broad; Mrs. Margaret Kell, 501 west Leigh; Charles A. Lohrert, 1608 east Broad; R. E. Manders, 1720 east Main; Charles Neisz, 401 west Baker; Martin Oeters, 722 west Cary; Thomas O'Brien, No. 1 west Jackson; W. W. Putnam, 1312 east Franklin; G. A. Payne, 401 north Twenty-seventh; James Stewart, 1322 east Franklin; Robert Seuf, 218 north Eighth; James H. Smith, 112 north Seventeenth; Conrad Sauer, 703 east Broad.

MORTUARY REPORT for the week ending October 25, 1879:

Cause of Death: Apoplexy, 2 white; cancer, 1 white; congestion of lungs, 1 colored; consumption, 2 white, 6 colored; convulsions (infantile), 2 white, 1 colored; debility, 1 colored; diphtheria, 1 white; dysentery, 1 colored; fever (scarlet), 2 white, 1 colored; fever (typho-malarial), 1 colored; heart-disease, 2 colored; imperfect development, 1 colored; inanition, 1 colored; inflammation of brain, 1 white, 1 colored; kidney-disease, 1 colored; marasmus, 2 colored; old age, 1 colored; premature birth, 1 colored; unknown, 2 colored. Whole number of deaths in the city, exclusive of still-births, 35. *Still-births:* Colored male, 1; colored female, 1—total, 2. *Age:* One day to thirty, 1 white, 4 colored—total, 5; one month to six, 2 colored; six months to twelve, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2; one year to three, 1 white, 2 colored—total, 3; three years to five, 2 white; five years to ten, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2; ten years to twenty, 4 colored; twenty years to thirty, 1 white, 2 colored—total, 3; thirty years to forty, 1 white, 2 colored—total, 3; forty years to fifty, 1 white, 3 colored—total, 4; fifty years to sixty, 1 white; sixty years to seventy, 1 colored; seventy years to eighty, 1 white, 1 colored—total, 2; eighty years to ninety, 1 colord. *Condition:* Single, 7 white, 16 colored—total, 23; married, 4 white, 5 colored—total, 9; widowers, 1 colored; widows, 1 colored; unknown, 1 colored. *Nativity:* Richmond, 19; other parts of the United States, 15; Germany, 1. *Locality:* City at large, 1 white; Marshall Ward, 2 white, 2 colored—total, 4; Jefferson Ward, 1 white, 6 colored—total, 7; Madison Ward, 2 colored; Monroe Ward, 2 white, 2 colored—total, 4; Clay Ward, 3 white, 2 colored—total, 5; Jackson Ward, 2 white, 7 colored—total, 9; almshouse, 3 colored.

COMPARATIVE WEEKLY MORTALITY.

	Week Ending							
	Oct. 27, 1877.		Oct. 26, 1878.		Oct. 18, 1879.		Oct. 25, 1879.	
	W.	C.	W.	C.	W.	C.	W.	C.
Total deaths	8	16	16	9	12	14	11	24
Still-born	0	2	0	5	2	3	0	2

Mean temperature for the week ending October 18, 75.28; mean temperature for the week ending October 25, 59.71.

Amount of rainfall for the week ending October 18, 0.00 inches; amount of rainfall for the week ending October 25, 1.06 inches.

Population of city estimated at 80,000—white, 46,000; colored, 34,000. Rate of mortality of whole population was 22.75 per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of white population was 12.65 per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of colored population was 34.66 per 1,000 per annum.

LARGE HAWK.—Yesterday Mr. J. M. Gregory, of Chesterfield, brought to the *Dispatch* office a hawk, which was killed by him on his farm, which measured four feet from tip to tip.

THE STATE FAIR.

FIRST DAY—EXHIBITION IN THE ANIMAL DEPARTMENTS GOOD—IN MOST OF THE OTHERS BUT MODERATE—CROWD YESTERDAY SMALL—WIND HIGH AND DUST FEARFUL—THE RACES—PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY—FARMERS' MEETING.

The nineteenth annual exhibition of the Virginia State Agricultural Society commenced yesterday. The morning opened cloudy and damp, with every prospect of a rainy day, but the skies cleared early in the forenoon, and the day proved fair; but a high wind prevailed, making a walk on the grounds very disagreeable. There were very few visitors on the grounds. Some of the committees of award got to work early, and completed their labors without interruption. Others could not be got together in time, and the work had to be delayed until this morning.

We do not propose to give in detail a list of exhibitors, as the premiums which we shall publish from day to day will give an idea to distant readers of what is on exhibition, but merely direct the attention of our readers to a few of those who are more prominent in the different departments.

MAIN BUILDING.

The lower floor of the main building is but poorly filled. Yet there may be found there some substantial goods, prominent among them the exhibits in boots, shoes, leather, &c., of the Winchester Boot and Shoe Factory. These goods are all of the best quality, and made up in the highest style of St. Crispin. From the same city the Paper-Manufacturing Company send very excellent specimens. Messrs. Randolph & English send a fine lot of blank books and a large quantity of paper boxes of various designs and every conceivable shape, making an attractive show. In the line of fruits there are exhibits of apples, and one lot of late fall peaches. In the same room Dr. Armistead exhibits his anti-dyspeptic drops, and Polk Miller & Co. a beautiful case of tastefully-arranged samples of medicines, drugs, &c. Messrs. O. H. Chalkley & Co. exhibit fine specimens of leather of their own tanning.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

On the second floor of this building the ladies find themselves in their own true element; for it is here that the articles which pertain to their home departments are collected. The display of needle- and fancy-work is about the best we have ever seen there, and will prove very attractive to all who take an interest in the labors of the fair ones.

IN DOMESTIC PRODUCTS

the ladies also show substantial proofs of their handiwork in exhibits of preserves, pickles, jellies, cakes, bread, and all the articles of this class so tempting to the men-folks and so pleasing to their palates. Here, too, the display is very large and attractive, and will prove the centre of observation for all housewives.

"THE ART GALLERY."

This room is not now used for the purpose for which it was built. In it may be found a few articles of interest—amongst them the display made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company of coals and woods from along the line of their road. Of the latter are ash, oak, maple, walnut, hickory, &c., as good as can be produced from any point in the country. The display shows the wonderful value of these lands and their richness in minerals and timber. The fishway of Colonel McDonald near the fountain attracts much attention as a novelty.

In Machinery Hall there is but little to draw visitors.

The dog show is not a success.

HORTICULTURAL.

In the Horticultural Department we find a large display of vegetables, &c. The hay, corn, wheat, fodder, &c., will receive much notice at the hands of the planters.

CARRIAGES, &C., &C.

W. C. Smith puts out a few carriages, the only articles in his line on exhibition.

In the line of trees, Mr. J. D. Mosby presents a good display of fruit- and, with others, a lot of shade- and evergreen-trees. Messrs. A. Saks & Co. have erected a house near the main building, in which they make a display of their gentlemen's furnishing goods.

HORSES—CATTLE.

The lovers of good horses will find a large number of the different breeds which are of sufficient merit to satisfy the most fastidious and exacting. The number is so great that every stall has been filled.

In the cattle-sheds are some of the finest breeds in the country, and amongst them animals of merit that would make a mark in any herd.

The Swine Department is filled with specimens that are well worth the attention of breeders. The various strains are represented by individual animals that would attract notice in any exhibition.

The sheepfolds are overflowing with all the popular grades of sheep for food and wool, and all the various classes are well represented by specimens worth the attention of lovers of mutton and fine wool.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

In the Agricultural Implement Department there is about the usual display of useful and necessary articles for the planter. The reapers, threshing-machines, fans, ploughs, harrows, &c., &c., are of almost innumerable patterns, and of sufficient value to employ hours in studying their merits and examining the points of interest which each presents. There are several sulky- and gang-ploughs which attract much attention from those who have never had the opportunity of seeing them at work.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

Not among the least attractions at our State Fair is the feathered tribe. A stranger on entering the grounds need not be told that they are there, for the loud cackle of the Brahma and Cochin, or the shrill voice of the Hamburg, soon give evidence of their presence.

The visitors, however, will either have to nearly put their eyes out in trying to look into the unsightly coops or ruin their hats and bonnets in endeavoring to get a good look at the fowls.

By all means the Society ought to see to it that by another year suitable coops and accommodations be given to this part of their exhibition; for with proper efforts this can be made one of the best features of the Fair.

Take it as a whole, the exhibit of fancy poultry is not as good as we have seen it. While there are a larger number of fowls shown, the qualities of them are inferior to those of former years.

Mr. J. J. Maxon, of Gallapolis, Ohio, has some good Dark Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks, White-and-Brown Leghorns, Buff and Partridge Cochins, Silver-Gray Dorkings, and Toulouse geese; Mr. H. H. Wilkinson, of Richmond, shows fine Black, Buff, Partridge, and White Cochins; Mr. R. M. Taylor, of Richmond, Silver-Spangled and Golden-Pencilled Hamburgs, Dark Brahmas, White and Black and Red bantams, and Pekin ducks; Miss Ella River, of Albemarle county, shows Rouen ducks; Messrs. M. B. and A. P. Rowe, Jr., of Fredericksburg, Va., exhibit Brown and White Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks, Houdans, Light Brahmas, Bronze and White Holland turkeys, Games, Colored pea-fowls, and Brown Chinese geese; W. H. Jennings, Richmond, has Brown Leghorns, Partridge and Buff Cochins; Dr. S. P. Moore, Light Brahmas and Colored Dorkings; Mr. A. M. Bowman, Augusta county, Houdans, Colored Dorkings, White and Black Spanish and Bronze turkeys; Mr. A. Davenport, Gordonsville, has a splendid lot of Colored Dorkings; Mr. H. Theodore Ellyson, Richmond, Va., exhibits Light Brahmas, Black and Golden-Pencilled Hamburgs, and White China geese; Mr. L. M. Perdue, Manchester, has Brown Leghorns and Silver-Spangled Hamburgs; Mr. J. J. Hollingsworth, Hanover, has nice Black and Red Games, Plymouth Rocks and Colored Muscovy ducks; Mr. G. Julian Pratt, Augusta, Pekin ducks and Bronze turkeys; Macon & Redd have a fine lot of Game fowls; also, Mr. J. F. Siegel of Richmond, and Mr. A. R. Venable, Jr., of Farmville, have Plymouth Rocks, Bronze turkeys, and Pekin ducks; Dr. George B. Steel, Light Brahmas and Plymouth Rocks.

First Day's Races.

The racing yesterday was opened under the disadvantages of high winds (which drove clouds of disagreeable and blinding dust) and the small crowd usually attendant on the first day of the Fair. The track was fair for speed, but so hard as to make it somewhat distressing on the horses. The two races announced in the programme were filled, and called by the judges punctually at 2 o'clock, the hour prescribed.

There is always more or less trouble in starting trotting-matches on these occasions, which is calculated to dissatisfy and tire spectators. If the judges were a little more exacting, and would make an example of one or two of these laggards, it would have a most salutary influence.

THE FIRST RACE

was trotting in harness, free to all, mile heats, best two in three, three or more to enter, two to start; time better than 2:40. First horse, $150; second, $50. It was filled with E. E. Taylor's Tornado, driven by Thomas Curtis, having the inside track; E. Key's Kanawha, driven by Edward Caney, second position; and J. L. Schoolcraft's Lady H., driven by Thomas Cook, outside.

First heat—Lady H. made a beautiful start from the word go. Tornado broke badly, and took the third place on the first quarter, but soon came down to work, and at the half-mile was gaining on the Lady, who had a good lead. Kanawha had taken third position, which he failed to improve during the heat. On the third quarter Tornado was beautifully filling up the gap between himself and Lady H. At the last quarter he was hard on her heels, but as they came down the home-stretch Tornado broke badly, and the Lady came in winner of the first heat by two lengths. Time, 2:33¾.

The second heat and race was won by Lady H., who took the lead from the start, which she kept in a steady, pretty trot. Tornado broke up badly in the first and third quarters. Kanawha went off so well, and pressed the mare for the first half-mile so closely, that much was expected of him, but the Lady was only content to give him second honors in the race, which she won in 2:34¼.

THE YOUNGSTERS' PRIZE

was open to three year-olds, mile heats, best two in three, three or more to enter, two to start. First horse, $100; second, $25, and was filled with R. Bradley's bay colt and W. W. Parrish's Skylark.

A good start was readily made with the colt on the inside. But as neither rider seemed in a hurry to finish the race or get a record on time they kept together in a pleasant gallop until they neared the half-mile, when the bay colt was slightly leading. At that point they were running well, and might have both been covered with a blanket. It was now neck-a-neck to the last quarter, when they got down to real work, and Skylark shot ahead and kept the lead down the home-stretch, coming in about a length ahead in the *wonderful* time of 2:15.

The second heat was led throughout and race won by Shylock in a pretty run. Time, 1:56¾.

The judges were Major Thomas W. Doswell, General Williams C. Wickham, Dr. David S. Watson, and Mr. T. M. Hewett. Time-keeper, Colonel Snowden Andrews.

The committee have decided for the remaining days of the Fair to close the entries at 4 o'clock, at the secretary's office on the grounds, each evening before the day upon which races are to be run.

Programme for To-Day.

1. Gates will be opened at 9 o'clock.

2. Judges of awards in all departments who have not acted will resume their work to-day.

3. The general meeting of this Society will resume their meeting at the Society's rooms at 7½ P. M.

4. Special trials will commence at 2 o'clock P. M., as follows: First trial—Trotting in harness—open to three-year-olds raised and owned in Virginia, mile heats, best two in three, three or more to enter, and two to start; no owner to enter more than one horse; first horse $100, second $25. Second trial—Roadster's prize—trotting under the saddle, open to all horses raised and owned in Virginia, three-mile heats, best two in three, three or more to enter, and two to start; gentlemen riders, and no professional rider or trainer allowed to ride; first horse $150, second $50.

Meeting of the Society.

A meeting of the State Agricultural Society was held at their hall last night—Major A. H. Drewry, the president, in the chair, and Colonel W. C. Knight secretary. The attendance was but moderate.

Major Noland suggested as a topic for discussion, "How can the poor lands of Eastern Virginia be utilized in the hands of the present owners?" In other words, How can a poor man support his family and reclaim his poor land? Brief speeches were made by Colonel Washington, of Caroline; Major Noland, Mr. Thigpen, of North Carolina; Colonel Beverly, of Fauquier; Mr. George Watt, Sr., and Dr. Dennis, of Amelia.

Major Drewry stated, as his judgment, that farming is as profitable now as before the war. Labor is as cheap, and, owing to the introduction of labor-saving machinery, is not so much required as formerly. Mr. Watt gave an incident, showing how a poor man, by his own labor and determination, had made himself well to do; beginning on rented land, and gradually accumulating until he was able to buy land—poor land at that. The general opinion of the speakers was that a good living could be made in Eastern Virginia by those who are able and willing to work and have reasonable experience in agriculture, and are willing to practice economy.

Professor Page, of the University, thought what our people most wanted was encouragement. They had seen hard times and been greatly depressed. Encouragement is what they need.

On motion of Professor Puryear, the question was framed as follows: "What is the cheapest and most effectual method of improving impoverished lands?" and the discussion was continued until to-night. All farmers are invited to attend.

GENERAL HOOD'S CHILDREN.—An excellent photograph of the orphans of General John B. Hood has been prepared under the direction of the old soldiers of the southern armies now living in New Orleans. The picture is an excellent specimen of photographic art, and will be sold for the benefit of the children, suddenly bereft of father and mother. A formal appeal for the assistance of these children need not be made to the people of the South.

ACCIDENT TO CAPTAIN TAYLOR.—While Captain G. W. Taylor, first assistant engineer of the Fire Department, was on his way to the fire yesterday morning his horse slipped upon the flagging near the corner of Cary street and Shockoe Slip, and injured him upon his side and leg. He went to the fire-station in a few moments, however, and afterwards drove home in the Chief's buggy.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY—*Justice Joseph J. White presiding.*—The following cases were disposed of:

Cornelius Thompson (colored), disorderly and assaulting George Scott. Fined $1.

John Bland, fighting and creating a disturbance. Fined $1.

James Boyd, cursing and abusing John B. Harris. Fined $2.

BRIEF ITEMS—PERSONAL.—Mr. H. D Whitcomb, engineer of the James-River improvement, has gone to Jamestown to do some work upon the river at that point.

George R. Peake, of Kansas City, Mo.; J. V. Perrin, of Amelia; W. S. Boswell, of Fluvanna; and R. B. Berkeley, of Prince Edward, were among the visitors at the Tobacco Exchange yesterday.

Joseph Bish, of Pittsburgh, Penn., president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron- and Steel-Workers of the United States, is in the city, stopping at the American.

David B. Capps, of Norfolk; James de Mandeville, of Canada; Edward Hogan, of Boston; J. M. Whitcomb and H. S. Osborne, of New York, registered at the State Library yesterday.

There will be a large sale of Alderneys at Davis's