

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle States, increasing cloudiness and rain, winds mostly from the south and southwest, with slight changes in temperature. For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, southeast to southwest winds, partly cloudy weather, and local rains, with slight changes in temperature and pressure.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE KNIGHTS' TEMPLAR.

GRAND CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—RECEPTION OF THE OFFICERS—PARADE—SPEECH OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE—BUSINESS—HOUSES DECORATED—PARADE, INSPECTION, AND REVIEW THIS AFTERNOON.

The Knights Templar were the observed of thousands of observers in this city yesterday. Their white plumes and handsome regalia made them marked men, and were at once passports to our cordial welcome and most generous hospitality.

The Grand Officers present were: James G. Rain, Grand Commander, Portsmouth; John F. Reynolds, Grand Commander, Richmond; John L. Boper, Captain-General, Norfolk; Rev. George W. Dime, Grand Prelate, Danville; W. H. H. Lynn, Staunton, Grand Junior Warden.

The column was headed by twenty policemen, under Sergeant Parater, and Kessner's band, Vocker's band and visiting drum-and-life corps were also in the line. After Appomattox Commandery came the Grand Commandery, escorted by St. Andrew Commandery of this city.

In the Asylum (the escort having been dismissed at the hall) Right Eminent William B. Isaacs, Past Grand Commander, delivered the address of welcome, saying: Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

Implicit obedience to the commands of a child is the first duty of a citizen. In the execution of those orders is arduous and disagreeable; again they are easy and pleasant. This latter is my present obedience; for it is easy and pleasant—however indifferently it may be done—to obey the command of Richmond Commandery and the Commandery of St. Andrew, and to you all on their behalf a cordial welcome to the capital of Old Virginia.

THE EXTENT OF THE DROUGHT.—In addition to what we said yesterday in regard to the drought, we have been informed that on some portions of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio rivers, especially in the neighborhood of Farmville, the sources of water have almost entirely dried up. The tanks have given out, and water has to be hauled from the rivers and creeks to furnish the engines.

PERSONAL—BRIEFS.—Robert A. Coghlin, of Amherst; J. J. Wilkinson, of Pittsylvania; and C. T. Smith, of Nelson, members of the General Assembly, were in the city yesterday.

THE CANAL.

MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA COMPANY—REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS—CONDITION AND PROSPECTS OF THE CANAL—ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TO-DAY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company was held in the office of the company yesterday afternoon. Thomas W. McCance, Esq., was appointed chairman, and Colonel William P. Munford secretary.

Major John W. Johnston submitted the annual report of the President and Board of Directors, which, with a communication of Major Johnston addressed to the Board of Public Interests of Richmond, was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. B. H. Nowlin, A. T. Barclay, Isaac H. Carrington, J. F. Luckado, and John M. Higgins, with instructions to report on the recommendations of the Board of Directors.

The following is a synopsis of the annual report, in which President Johnston states that the receipts of the company for the fiscal year ending 30th September, 1878, were: From tolls, \$105,959.63; From the Richmond dock, \$1,455.50; From rents, \$14,100.15.

At Richmond office there was an increase in tolls received of say \$3,000 during the last quarter, and a decrease of say \$2,000 during the first three quarters—making a net gain of say \$1,000 for the fiscal year.

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SHALL WE INVEST?

A Plan for Building the James-River Railroad.

PROPOSITION THAT THE CITY OF RICHMOND SHALL FURNISH \$750,000 TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILROAD—THE SUBJECT CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC INTERESTS AND A SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTED TO MAKE A REPORT—STATEMENTS OF MAJOR JOHNSTON.

A meeting of the Board of Public Interests of the City was held yesterday evening in the Council chamber. Present: Dr. O. F. Manson, chairman; and Messrs. Stearns, Gray, Nitting, Palmer, Crenshaw, Anderson, Courtney, and Christian.

The Chairman stated that the Board had been called to consider the following communication: OFFICE JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA CO., AND BUCHANAN AND CLIFTON FORGE RAILWAY COMPANY, RICHMOND, VA., November 10, 1878.

Gentlemen,—I beg to acknowledge your kind request to submit, in print, the remarks which recently had, upon your invitation, the honor to make before you, upon the interests of the city of Richmond in the speedy opening up and development of the James-River Valley;

Circumstances have been such as to compel me to content myself with a hurried and imperfect preparation of the views and considerations which I now have the honor to submit, appended hereto.

Major Johnston, in the paper referred to, gives a great deal of valuable information concerning the stock of the company, the condition and prospects of the canal, the progress of the Buchanan and Clifton Forge railway, negotiations with creditors (which have been met in a kindly spirit), and plans for handling the iron ore.

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ESTIMATES OF COST FOR A RAILROAD ON AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE TOWING-PATH AND CANAL LOCATION FROM RICHMOND TO CLIFTON FORGE.

Table with 2 columns: Description of work, and Estimated cost. Includes items like 'Mortgage bonds, Richmond dock, \$650,000' and 'Stock subscription Richmond city, \$4,900,000'.

Accompanying the report are communications from Professor J. L. Campbell and T. C. Jones, Esq., as to the iron deposits of the James-River Valley, the coal deposits of the Kanawha Valley, and the necessity and advantage of at last uniting the two.

Along with the above report is the annual report of the Buchanan and Clifton Forge Railway Company, showing that with the means at hand good progress is being made with the railroad.

These estimates have been purposely made low as to receipts and high as to expenses, so as to show the results for the first three years greatly less favorable than those promulgated by the promoters of former schemes.

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FORGE TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND IS BY FAR THE MOST DESIRABLE IMPROVEMENT FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THIS CITY WHICH HAS BEEN CONSIDERED.

That it appears from the communication of Major John W. Johnston, president of the James River and Kanawha Company and of the Buchanan and Clifton Forge Railroad Company, submitted this evening, in print, that the accomplishment of this work and the securing of a controlling influence of the same to this city may be accomplished by the payment of \$750,000.

Therefore, in order to have the exact mode and plan of carrying out these suggestions presented to the Board for their consideration in some intelligible and tangible form, the president of this Board is hereby directed to appoint a committee of three, who shall take the communication and suggestions of Major Johnston under consideration, and report as early as practicable the precise obligations which the city of Richmond will be required to assume in this matter, and the legislation, if any, which should be asked to carry out the said suggestions.

This resolution having been adopted, Major Johnston asked to be excused from serving on the committee, and was accordingly excused. The Chair appointed Messrs. Anderson, Palmer, Stearns, Christian, and Gray. Adjourned.

THE MOZART TONIC (EVENING)—First, overture, "Serenade" (Rossini), orchestra; second, solo clarinet, "Il Trovatore" (Verdi), Signor Jarella; third, solo violin, "Elegie" (Ernst), Mr. Kessnich; fourth, waltzes, "Winter-Night's Dream," (Germann), orchestra; fifth, duo piano, galop, "Diavolo," (San Francisco), Messrs. Thibault and Thibault; sixth, waltz, "March (Bacchini), strings; seventh, "War March of the Priests, (Mendelssohn), orchestra.

MISS NELSON.—The Nelson tickets are being rapidly sold. The play on the first night will be "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and on the second Romeo and Juliet.

A COMPLAINT. RICHMOND, November 12, 1878. Editors Dispatch: I beg leave to call attention, through the columns of your valuable paper, to an advertisement published in the Richmond Theatre which, though perhaps unwittingly committed, has nevertheless proved a source of serious inconvenience, not to say injustice, to our theatre-goers.

When the brain is weary, the nerves intrude, the muscles wobble, the intellect falters, the memory fails, the system breaks down, the system breaks down, the system breaks down.

DRACULA WHITE TEETH! MEADE & BAKER'S SAVORY MENTHOL TOOTH PASTE WILL PRESERVE THE TEETH, REMOVE INCrustant Tartar, and SOFTEN THE TEETH BEAUTIFULLY CLEAN.

THE LADIES OF THE GRACE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will hold their CHRISTMAS SALE on the 11th and 12th of DECEMBER in their LECTURE-ROOM, corner of Grace and Fourth streets.

PHILLIPS & JENNINGS, 131 MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA.—We have just received a large stock of choice goods, including DRUGS, RIGGS, and MATS, OIL-CLOTHS of all widths; LACE, and FANCY WORK, and SPECIAL STYLE OF FANCY WORK.

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