Richmond Dispatch.

WEDNESDAY.....DECEMBER 3, 1879.

PETERSBURG.

A FINE SERMON BY DR. HAWTHORNE—A COLORED EXCURSIONIST FROM RICHMOND FALLS DEAD—HEART-DISEASE—THE SUPPOSED CAUSE—MORTUARY RECORD FOR NOVEMBER—ACCIDENTALLY SHOT—SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED—ADVENT SERVICES—FAREWELL SERMON—CITY EXPENDITURES, &C.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

DECEMBER 1, 1879.

Rev. Dr. Hawthorne, the pastor-elect of the First Baptist church in Richmond, preached at the First Baptist church in this city yesterday morning to a very full congregation. Among his hearers were many members of other denominations. "Who is sufficient for these things?" was his text. Christ and Christianity was his subject. Dr. Hawthorne is a graceful and fluent speaker. His diction is elegant, and he never tacks for a word. He uses the right words in the right places. His sermon was one of the ablest, as it was one of the most forcible, ever delivered before a Petersburg audience, and all who heard him were convinced by the power of his arguments, charmed by his eloquence, delighted with his style as a preacher, and enthusiastic in his praise. He created a profound impression by his sermon.

Among the excursionists to this city from Richmond by the Sunday-morning excursion train was a colored man named George Washington, aged apparently between forty-five and fifty years. Some time during the past week he had sent word to friends in this city to meet him at the depôt. Several of them went down and met him, and walked up town with him. He conversed very cheerfully and seemed in good spirits and health. About 11 o'clock he went to call upon a friend on Halifax street, named Thomas B. Wilson. As he entered the door he saluted Wilson, and while pulling off his glove to shake hands fell back to the floor. He never afterwards spoke a word. Restoratives were applied, and Washington was placed in a carriage and taken to the house of a friend, whose house he was, a short distance away. He died directly after reaching the house, and before a physician could reach him. A coroner's inquest was held late in the afternoon, but little light could be thrown on the cause of death. Deceased had complained during the morning of a slight headache and a pain in the chest. The belief was that he died of heart-disease. He was employed by Messrs. Palmer, Hartsook & Co., in Richmond, and his body was sent back to that city at night.

The Health Officer reports that the number of deaths in Petersburg during the month of November was 62. Of those who died 27 were males and 35 females; 19 were white, and 43 were colored. The condition of the dead shows that 13 were married, 35 single, 6 widows, 1 widower, and 7 unknown. Eighteen died under ten years of age, and twenty over fifty years. The highest rate of mortality was in Fourth Ward.

Saturday afternoon, while Messrs. George Clarke and M. D. Carroll were out hunting partridges in the neighborhood of Battersea, the latter was accidentally shot and quite painfully injured by the former. It appears that they did not go out together, and were unaware of their proximity to each other. Mr. Clarke, in shooting at a bird, lodged nearly the whole charge of his gun in the head, neck, and arms of Mr. Carroll, whom he did not see. Mr. Carroll's wounds are not regarded as serious, and most of the shot have been extracted.

At the West Washington-Street Baptist chapel, of which the Rev. J. A. Speight is pastor, a morning Sunday school was organized yesterday morning under favorable auspices. Mr. Thomas Crowder was elected superintendent. The chapel has a flourishing afternoon Sabbath school.

Mr. Henry Fowler, while playing ball in Battersea Saturday afternoon, fell and cut one of his legs very badly.

Advent mission services will be held every night this week at St. John's Episcopal church, of which Rev. Thomas Spencer is the rector. Rev. Dr. C. J. Gibson left this evening for Norfolk, where he will assist in the Advent services during the week at St. Luke's church, in that city.

A number of the members-elect of the General Assembly passed through the city this morning to Richmond. A good many of our citizens belonging to each of the three parties also went over to Richmond today.

Rev. Joseph H. Riddick preached his farewell sermon at the Washington-Street Methodist Episcopal church yesterday morning. A very large congregation was present, and the occasion was a sad and affecting one. Rev. Dr. Blackwell, who succeeds Mr. Riddick, is expected to assume charge of the church next Sunday.

The Auditor reports that the expenditures of the city during the month of November amounted to $15,633.

The Council this afternoon elected Mr. T. D. Walton a member of that body to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John G. Newsome. A petition signed by several hundred citizens of the ward was presented asking the election of Mr. J. M. Pool. Mr. Pool only received three votes.

The Council adopted resolutions acknowledging the efficient aid given by Colonel William P. Craighill and his assistants in the improvement of the Appomattox river during the past few years with the appropriations granted by Congress. While recognizing the importance of the work from both a national and local standpoint, the Council feels that the financial status of the city is at this time such as to render further improvement of the river and the dredging requisite to place our harbor in a condition necessary for its safe navigation impossible. Colonel Craighill is therefore requested to do all in his power to further the work, and to extend it, if possible, so as to embrace the city harbor.

ROBIN ADAIR.

BUFFIT-REGISTER RETURNS FOR NOVEMBER—CONDITION IMPROVED—A SUCCESSFUL FAIR—TAX RECEIPTS—PERSONAL—DEATHS FROM DIPHTHERIA, &C.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

DECEMBER 2, 1879.

The following statement of the Moffett-register returns in this city for the month of November is made by the commissioner of the revenue: Alcoholic registrations, 1,456; tax, $306.84. Malt registrations, 1,422; tax, $33.11. Book-sales, 72½ gallons; tax, $14.50. Total tax, $354.45. The receipts show a falling off of nearly $100 as compared with the month of October, and are among the lightest of any month since the Moffett registers were put in operation in Petersburg.

The condition of Mr. J. M. Phelps, who was assaulted and so seriously injured by a negro two or three nights ago, is much improved to-day. He has been restored to consciousness and is able to talk with his friends. His assailant, James Carter, has not been arrested.

It is stated that the net proceeds of the Horticultural fair held in this city last week aggregate nearly two thousand dollars. It was one of the most successful fairs ever held here. The sum realized will be applied to the payment of the debt on the synagogue.

The City Treasurer reports the amount of city taxes collected during the month of November to be nearly $45,000. On Saturday last nearly $5,000 in State taxes were paid to the Treasurer.

Mr. D'Arcy Paul left this city this afternoon for Baltimore, where he will reside in future and engage in the practice of the law.

A little child of Mr. W. T. Cross, aged about eighteen months, was very painfully burned a day or two ago by being upset from its cradle against a hot stove.

At the annual meeting of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church held last night Mr. R. M. Dobie was reëlected superintendent, and all the old officers were reëlected.

The diphtheria has been prevailing to a considerable extent throughout this section for some time, and in the county especially a number of deaths have occurred.

Large quantities of cotton are still passing over the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio road, and also many car-loads of cotton.

ROBIN ADAIR.

HANOVER COUNTY.

A GENTLE AND JOYOUS PASSAGE OF ARMS—SHOOTING MATCH—THANKSGIVING, GENERAL AND SPECIAL—THE STRANGE BIRD—IMPROVEMENTS.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

DECEMBER 1, 1879.

When Mr. Burke explained so confidently that the age of chivalry was gone the returns from Hanover were evidently not before him. Chivalry is still in full flower in this part of the world, in evidence of which fact the tournament remains the principal recreation, not to say occupation, of our gallant youth. On Friday last there was a spirited contest of arms at Mr. Wallace Bird's, near the Junction, in which a number of bold knights took part. The honors of the occasion were adjudged as follows:

The first prize was won by Mr. M. T. Cosby, the Knight of No Hope; the second by Mr. J. J. Taylor, the Knight of Scotchtown; the third by Captain William M. Taylor, the Knight of Railway, and the fourth by Mr. J. J. Smith, the Knight of Grey Rock.

Miss Lily Carter, of Richmond, was crowned Queen of Love and Beauty; Miss W. J. Terry was made the First Maid of Honor, Miss Kate Taylor the second, and Miss Lula Mann the third.

There was an elegant entertainment at night at Mr. Bird's residence, at which several Richmond ladies were in attendance, with numerous belles of the neighborhood. The coronation address was brief, and was delivered in good taste by Mr. Bird. That gentleman acted also as one of the judges in association with Mr. Robert Bisby and Mr. R. G. Oliver. Much credit is given Mr. T. M. Dixon and Captain W. T. Taylor for the success of the occasion.

There was a shooting match last week near Hewlett's for the prize of $20, but I do not know the name of the successful competitor.

Though there was no thanksgiving proclamation by the Virginia authorities, thanksgiving services were duly held last Thursday at the Old Fork church, and a fine congregation was in attendance. The rector preached a sermon appropriate to the day from the text, Psalms ciii., 1st and 2d verses. After the exercises, he found in the vestry-room very numerous and substantial reasons for being grateful to his parishioners, in addition to the usual thanksgiving appropriate to the appointment.

The bird recently disabled by Colonel Hilary P. Jones—of which a description was sent you—lived long enough to satisfy curious scientific inquiry, to the effect that he was a *bittern* and not a *heron*, as at first supposed—and so, having fulfilled his mission, he curled up his pectenated toes and calmly expired.

A handsome new store is in course of erection by Messrs. Cox & Leake, of Ashland, on the site near the Academy recently occupied by Mr. J. H. Stone, who is going to move away.

JONES.

DANVILLE.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

DECEMBER 2, 1879.

Mr. P. W. Ferrell, of the Tobacco Association, reports that the warehouse sold last month 1,866,594 pounds of leaf tobacco for $177,059.57, the average being $9.53 per hundred. In November, 1878, the quantity sold was 1,728,978 pounds, the value thereof $193,497 57, and the average $11.20. In the last two months (the first two of the new tobacco year) there were sold 2,776,835 pounds, the value of which was $277,022 71, and the average per hundred $9.97. For the same two months of the preceding year the quantity sold was 3,007,485 pounds, the value of which was $327,597.36, and the average $10.89.

The internal revenue receipts from tobacco for last month amounted to $77,483 94; for the last two months, $166,428 72. For November of last year the receipts from tobacco were $120,053.16; for the two months, $250,962.48. The other receipts for last month were: For spirits, $2,303 50; special taxes, $431.27; assessments, $60.51.

The Moffett register returned $881.60 for last month. This was an increase of about $100 on the receipts for October.

Weather quite cold for the last three days.

Mr. James B. Pace, of Richmond, has bought at auction the three lower (or eastern) tenements of the Pace building, the property of the late G. T. Pace, for $26,900. The upper (or western) tenements, I understand, are reserved for Mrs. G. T. Pace. The property purchased by Mr. Pace includes the Opera-House. New arrangements are to be made at once about the Opera-House. A steam-heater of sufficient capacity is to be placed in the building, the floor cleansed and covered with new russet carpeting, and new dressing-rooms put up and elegantly furnished.

Rev. Dr. Dickinson, of the *Religious Herald*, preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

ALPHA.

[For the Dispatch.]

Blacksburg College.

The following changes were made by the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College at the recent meeting:

The "Chair of English Language and Literature," filled by Professor Martin, and the "Preparatory Department," under the charge of Adjunct-Professor Conrad, were consolidated, and a "Chair of English" established, to which new chair Professor Conrad was elected.

The duties of treasurer, heretofore discharged by Mr. G. D. Thomas, cashier of the Montgomery Savings Bank, were devolved upon Professor Shepherd.

By these two acts the institution saves $1,700 a year.

The Board meets December 10th to elect a president.

The report of the Committee on Reörganization, which has been adopted, and which will make very important and fundamental changes in the internal management of the college, will soon be issued in pamphlet form and sent to the journals of the State, and will be forwarded to any party wishing one upon addressing the Secretary of the Board, Box 37, Blacksburg, Va.

THE BIG-SANDY ROAD.—[Special to the *Courier-Journal*.]—*Ashland*, November 28. W. P. Huntington, General Echols, General St. John, and other gentlemen connected with the Chesapeake and Ohio road, arrived here on Monday evening, and on Tuesday and Wednesday were in conference with the directors of the Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad Company, E. D., having in view a consolidation of interests. No definite conclusion was arrived at. The party left for Huntington on Wednesday evening.

THERE IS HEALTH AHEAD FOR cheerless dyspeptics who will use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which will enable them to digest, restore their appetites, steady their nerves, and drive away the blues. If with such a prospect there are any of them who neglect to profit by the above suggestion, why they deserve to suffer, that is all. Let them ask any one who has used the Bitters if it is not a good medicine, and if they receive a truthful reply it will be an affirmative. Biliousness, bowel troubles, debility, rheumatism, are all conquered by this highly-esteemed and professionally-sanctioned specific, which has also won a national reputation as a remedy for and means of averting intermittent and remittent fevers. It has a cheering effect upon the despondent invalid, and may be relied upon to produce decisive, and not palliative effects. It is the one thing needful for the cure of dyspepsia, and nothing will supply its place. de 3-W(w).F&M

DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS.

RICHMOND, VA., November 29, 1879.

THE FIRM OF LEE, SEDDON & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All parties indebted to the firm will please make payments. Those having claims will present them at once for settlement.

Each member will sign in liquidation.

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THOMAS SEDDON.

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THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE DISPATCH.

CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER WASHINGTON MATTERS—ELECTION ROWS IN PHILADELPHIA—FIGHT WITH ILLICIT DISTILLERS IN GEORGIA—ERECTION OF A CENOTAPH IN FREDERICKSBURG, VA.—RESULT OF THE LATE ELECTION IN NEW YORK—HONORS TO THE LATE GENERAL JEFF. C. DAVIS—DAMAGING FIRE ON THE PETERSBURG AND WELDON RAILROAD—A TRAGIC AFFAIR AT A DANCE IN TEXAS—ONE MAN KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED BY THE FALL OF A SCAFFOLD—A VENGEFUL TURK "RUNS A MUCK" IN CONSTANTINOPLE AND WOUNDS FOUR PERSONS WITH A DAGGER—FATAL COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN SAXONY—YAKOOB KHAN—THE RUSSIAN NEW DEPARTURE IN GOVERNMENT—THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN FRANCE—REPORTED ATTEMPT ON THE CZAR'S LIFE, &c.

Washington.

SENATORIAL CAUCUS—THE MONROE DOCTRINE—THE STOLEN MESSAGE—BILLS IN THE SENATE—SOUTHERN POLICY—WAR-CLAIMS—THE DEPUTY MARSHALS—PERSONAL—THE CENSUS QUESTION.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, December 2.—The Democratic senators were in caucus to-day, and considered the organization of committees. Nothing was done of special interest. The session of the Senate was brief, but time was given General Burnside to deliver a carefully-prepared speech in support of his resolution reäffirming the Monroe doctrine. He was listened to with attention, and made a good impression on the galleries as well as the Senate. He went the whole figure against foreign interference in the affairs of this continent, and indicated that at the proper time he would be in favor of this Government establishing a protectorate over Mexico. It was clear that he does not want any improvement like the Nicaraguan canal to be controlled by foreign Powers. He did not fail to contrast our vigorous republic with the effete dynasties of the Old World. General Burnside is not ultra in politics, and is personally very popular with Democrats. He voted with the Democrats on the army bill at the extra session.

PRECAUTIONS AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE.

Mr. Hayes is sorely chagrined over the theft of his message, and he has not ceased to manifest it. To-day newspaper correspondents who went to the White House report that the customary courtesies shown them by the secretaries were dispensed with, and that they had to remain in the vestibule of the White House, whereas they had formerly been admitted to the President's office. Mr. Sherman also has his detectives still at work trying to ascertain who stole his report and sold it to the newspapers. In a conversation to-day he was very severe on the newspaper people who were parties to the publication of his precious financial document.

BILLS IN THE SENATE.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate to-day was one by Mr. Rollins, of New Hampshire, which provides that no vessel engaged in the coasting trade shall by virtue of any State laws be compelled to employ a pilot; and another by Mr. Eaton, the object of which is to secure greater safety to the patrons of railroads and steamboats. It provides that all railroads and steamboats shall adopt such improvements as are shown by practical examination to be useful, and also for the establishment of a board of commissioners. Three of these are to be appointed by the President, and two by the railroad and steamboat companies, and their salary is to be $3,000 per annum each.

THE SOUTH TO PRESERVE A DIGNIFIED SILENCE.

General Gordon looks to be in first-rate health, and is evidently in good spirits. He does not hesitate to talk freely, and always is on the conservative line. How strange that a man so brave in war should be so quiet and conciliatory in peace; while Mr. Conger, on the other side of the Capitol, who never faced a single southerner in battle, is now so bloodthirsty when there is no chance to fight anybody. When asked what the Republicans will do this session, General Gordon replied that they will again abuse the South and the Democratic party, and endeavor to provoke bitter speeches from southern congressmen, but that it is clearly our policy to let them do their worst without gratifying them with a single reply. He again called attention, in support of this policy, to the manner in which Democratic senators treated Senator Morton's memorable bitter assault on the South. The Indiana Senator, it will be remembered on the occasion referred to, not only poured out all of the vials of his Radical wrath upon the South, but singled out southern senators by name and made severe personal attacks upon them. Yet he was not accorded a word of reply, and his speech utterly failed of its purpose. Your correspondent recalls many occasions during the recent extra session when southern members of the House could have gained more by dignified silence than by combatting bitterness with bitterness.

THE HOUSE AND WAR-CLAIMS.

To-day in the House a proposition to refer a bill in regard to abandoned property to the Committee on the Judiciary stirred up quite a political breeze, and proved that Senator Johnston is right in proposing to take all war-claims, &c., out of Congress, and send them to the Court of Claims. The Republicans do not favor it, because it will deprive them of a standing charge that the South wants to bankrupt the Treasury by means of loyal war-claims.

THE DEPUTY MARSHALS.

Judge Harris to-day introduced a bill in the House amending the law in regard to deputy marshals. His idea is that as the law cannot be repealed it is best to so modify it as to prevent its working any great injustice. The bill provides that the deputy marshals shall be appointed by the circuit judges instead of the United States marshals, and that the Democrats shall have an equal show with the Republicans in their appointment. This is a practical move, and is on the principle that a half loaf is better than no bread. It went to the Judiciary Committee, and will be reported back by Judge Harris at an early day. This will remove one of the causes of irritation so prominent at the extra session.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Tucker is at the Hamilton House. Judge Keith, Colonel Thomas Smith, and Messrs. H. C. Gordon and Douglas Tyler were here to-day. Among the visitors to the White House were Senator Davis, of Illinois; General Sherman, Conger, and a number of Republican congressmen. The House Committee on Rules will report next Thursday. General Ewing will arrive today, and Senator Vance will not be here for several days yet. Colonel Corkhill will succeed Governor Henry Wells as United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia. General Clingman says he prefers Grant to Blaine or Sherman, and a Democrat to either. Senator Baldwin will be named to fill the places on the committees held by Senator Chandler. Otherwise the Republicans will remain on the committees as they stood at the extra session. The western Republican members continue to growl about Mr. Sherman's report. Colonel Burnside, of the Post-Office Department, is one of the best rifle-shots in the United States, and he is also one of the most accomplished and popular officers connected with the Government.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Judge Buckner offered a resolution of inquiry to-day as to the advisability of taxing the consumption instead of the manufacture of whiskey.

Judge Harris to-day asked unanimous consent to fix the second Tuesday in January for the consideration of the bill to refund to Virginia her advances made the Federal Government during the war of 1812, now amounting to $2,000,000. Mr. Willet, of Michigan, alone objected. It will, however, come up at an early day.

I learn to-night that the Democratic senatorial caucus to-day discussed the census question, and well-grounded fears were expressed that there is danger of the Democratic States being cheated in the returns. Now, as the Senate has the confirmation of the supervisors, it will not be out of the power of the Democrats to take precautionary measures to prevent any crookedness.

[Associated Press Reports by telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CAUCUS OF REPUBLICAN SENATORS.

WASHINGTON, December 2.—The Republican senators held a brief caucus this afternoon, and referred to a committee the subject of filling the vacancies in the Committees on Commerce and Naval Affairs caused by the death of Senator Chandler. The committee subsequently assigned Senators Baldwin and Ferry, of Michigan, to the vacancies.

Forty-sixth Congress—Second Session.

WASHINGTON, December 2, 1879.

SENATE.

Senator Gordon introduced the following joint resolution:

Whereas the project of the construction of the inter-oceanic canal in Nicaragua is recognized as a necessity for the prosperity of the commerce of the world and the development of maritime and commercial interests of the United States; and whereas such enterprise must of necessity be considered as of national utility under the protection of the United States: therefore be it

Resolved, That the Government of the United States pledges to accord full and entire protection to the company to which shall be granted concession by the Government of Nicaragua for the protection of said inter-oceanic canal, and will secure to said company the peaceful enjoyment of the rights conceded by such concession.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce, when appointed.

Mr. Burnside called up his resolution of last session, reäffirming the Monroe doctrine in connection with the proposed Darien canal, and proceeded to speak thereon. At the conclusion of Mr. Burnside's remarks the Senate, on motion of Mr. Garland, went into executive session at 12:45. The doors were opened at 1 P. M. and the body adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The resolution offered by Mr. Price, of Iowa, declaring it to be the opinion of the House that no change should be made in the currency laws at the present session of Congress was referred, as was also the joint resolution introduced by Mr. Ellis, of Louisiana, pledging the protection of the Government to the Nicaraguan Inter-Oceanic Canal Company when it shall have obtained a grant from the Nicaraguan Government.

Mr. Young, of Ohio, offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the present system of paying fees of the officers of United States courts. Referred.

Mr. White, of Pennsylvania, introduced a joint resolution proposing constitutional amendments providing that general appropriation bills shall contain nothing but appropriations, and granting power to the President to disapprove any separate item without defeating the entire bill.

Mr. Fort offered a resolution opposing the attempts to withdraw or change the *status* of any paper money issued by the United States, or to reöpen by legislation currency questions settled by the Supreme Court.

Mr. McCord, of Iowa, offered resolutions proposing constitutional amendments to give Congress power to regulate and protect trade-marks.

Adjourned.

Crimes and Casualties.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT ON THE LITTLE ROCK ROAD—FIFTEEN CARS LOADED WITH COTTON BURNED.

MEMPHIS, December 2.—An east-bound freight train on the Little Rock railroad jumped the track yesterday afternoon between Forest City and Madison, and ran into the trestle, ditching fifteen cars loaded with cotton, all of which were burned. A negress and her two children, and George Forsythe, brakeman, were instantly killed. Trowbridge, conductor; O'Brien, brakeman; Joseph Hooker, proprietor of Blackfish eating-station, were seriously injured. The tender passed over safely.

SENTENCED TO BE HUNG FOR MURDER.

LEBANON, PA., December 2.—Henry Wise, one of the murders of Joseph Raber, was this morning sentenced to be hanged.

Desperate Distillers in Georgia.

INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS SUCCESSFULLY INTERVIEW THEM WITH BREECH-LOADING RIFLES.

WASHINGTON, December 2.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue to-day received a dispatch from Collector Clark, of Atlanta, Ga., stating that an assault by a band of illicit distillers had been made upon his deputies in Townes county. The collector also says that three of his deputies in Rabun county, after seizing several illicit distilleries, were fired upon and all wounded, one of them five times. The deputies returned the fire, and being armed with United States breech-loading rifles were enabled to drive the illicit distillers off. Collector Clark expresses the opinion that there is a preconcerted plan on the part of the illicit distillers throughout the entire mountain section to resist the revenue officers. The commissioner has directed the collector to employ a sufficient force of armed men to assist and maintain the supremacy of the revenue laws.

New York.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR POTTER TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

NEW YORK, December 2.—The rumor mentioned in one of last evening's papers is repeated this morning, that the State Board of Canvassers will probably certify the election of Clarkson N. Potter as Lieutenant-Governor of the State in consequence of the irregularities by some of the county boards in counting as scattering votes intended for him. The difference in the vote cast for Hoskins and Potter respectively is said to be less than one hundred.

Poor Memphis!

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SANITARY COMMISSION ADOPTED.

MEMPHIS, December 2.—The Citizens' Committee of Fifteen last night adopted the report of the National Sanitary Commission recently submitted in reference to sewers, etc., and decided that 2 per cent. tax is necessary to carry out the recommendations. A resolution urging Governor Marks to call a special session of the Legislature was adopted.

Strike of Cotton-Weavers.

EASTON, PA., December 2.—Three hundred weavers in the cotton-mills of McKean & Rafael, South Easton, struck to-day for an increase of wages or a decrease of hours of labor, and were discharged as they left the mills.

Fire on the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 2.—Three hundred cords of wood near Stony Creek station, on the Petersburg and Weldon railroad, were burned this morning. The fire also destroyed the railroad for a considerable distance and stopped the passage of trains. The northern-bound mail train, with two hundred colored emigrants from different sections of North Carolina *en route* to Indiana, due here at 3:30 P. M., has not arrived. Telegraphic communication with southern points is cut off. The damage will be repaired as soon as possible.

A Texan Desperado's Bloody Work.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, December 2.—A special to the *News* from Waco says: Last night in the country near this place, where a dance was in progress, Bud Wood invited Miss Grace Stanfield to dance, which she declined. Wood became angry, and demanded that the dance cease, and following a man named Will Currie into a back room provoked a fight, and Currie knocked him down with a pair of tongs.

The two men afterwards met outside and fought a duel with pistols, a dozen shots being exchanged. Currie was wounded in the hand, a bystander in the leg, and George Wood was shot in the thigh. Bud Wood then went to where Miss Stanfield was engaged in conversation with Albert Choch, and made two attempts to shoot her. He then said to Choch, "You are a friend of Currie," and shot him dead, and then going up to Currie, knocked him senseless with his pistol. Wood then made good his escape.

Tobacco.

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CINCINNATI ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS.

CINCINNATI, O., December 2.—The twelfth annual meeting of the Association of Manufacturers and Dealers in Leaf Tobacco was held yesterday. No recommendation was made to Congress for any change in the revenue laws, the Association congratulating itself upon the reduction of the tax, which has given an impetus to the tobacco trade. Dr. E. W. Thomas was reëlected weigher and inspector.

Memorial Cenotaph in Fredericksburg, Va.

FREDERICKSBURG, December 2.—The employés of the Southern Express Company have erected a marble cenotaph twenty feet high to the memory of W. M. Willis, their late superintendent, who fell a victim to yellow-fever in Memphis in 1878. Suitable inscriptions commemorate the unselfish devotion and noble character of the deceased and the affection in which his memory is held.

Election Row in Philadelphia.

ONE MAN MURDERED.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2.—A Democratic delegate election was held here today, which was attended with much disorder. In the Fifth Ward the Convention was broken up by a mob from the Fourth Ward, and three men were shot, one of whom—Bernard Riley—died on his way to the hospital.

Fighting also occurred in the Fourth and Fourteenth Wards. In the former Michael Lyons was shot, and in the latter another man was badly injured.

Result of the New York Election.

NEW YORK, December 2.—An Albany special to an evening paper here says: Complete returns of the late election are now at the office of the Secretary of State. The majority for Hoskins over Potter by the full returns is 287. The Board of State Canvassers meets December 12th for the purpose of counting the returns and making an official declaration of the result.

The Late General Jeff. C. Davis.

CINCINNATI, December 2.—The remains of General Jeff. C. Davis arrived at Indianapolis this morning under escort of four of General Sheridan's staff officers, and were taken to the residence of Mrs. Morrison, sister of the deceased general. Flags were at half-mast on all the public buildings, and a salute was fired at noon by the German veterans.

Accident in a Nevada Mine.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 2.—A Virginia City dispatch says: "The engineer at Union shaft, while changing the shift this morning, ran the cage into the sheaves. Eighteen men were in the cage and on the skip beneath, and nearly all were more or less injured. One man has since died, and several others, it is feared, are fatally hurt. The engineer left immediately after the accident, and a committee of miners are now looking for him."

Fatal Fall of a Scaffold.

SACO, MAINE, December 2.—Calvin Boston, a carpenter, was killed, and four other men seriously injured, here this morning by the fall of the scaffolding in an ice-house upon which they were at work.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

France.

PARIS, December 2.—M. Gambetta and all the Ministers were present in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. M. Baudry Dasson withdrew his interpellation of the Government for the present. M. Waddington, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs, complained of this course, and declared that the ministerial question should not be raised by unmeaning programmes drawn up in private conventions, but openly in the Tribune. A truce to the policy of meetings and newspaper articles, he said, would be for the interest of the Government, Parliament, and the country. If the Ministers had not the full confidence of the Chamber of Deputies, they were ready to resign. The speech was cheered not only by the deputies of the Centres, but by a portion of the Left.

Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 2.—Yesterday a man forced his way in the hall of the Medical Council at the War Ministry and wounded four persons with a dagger. The motive which prompted the act was private vengeance, and had no political signification.

Saxony.

MINE-EXPLOSION—EIGHTY LIVES SACRIFICED.

LONDON, December 2.—The Chemnitz, Saxony, *Tagblatt* states that an explosion of fire-damp occurred in a mine in that district last evening, and it is feared that from seventy to eighty persons perished. The recovery of the corpses of the victims is actively proceeding.

The Czar's New Departure in Government.

LONDON, December 2.—A Berlin dispatch to the *Standard* says: "The Czar will inform the nobility of Moscow at the reception to-day of his determination to call a number of unofficial advisers to assist him in the Government of the empire. The council will be purely deliberative, without any right of control or interference. It will be chosen partly by the suffrages of the middle and peasant classes and partly by direct nomination of the Czar from the ranks of the hereditary nobility. Other measures of local reform will be announced. These innovations have been strongly advocated by the Czarowitch."

Rumored Attempt to Assassinate the Czar.

BERLIN, December 2.—Rumors are current that an attempt was made upon the life of the Czar while he was on his way to Moscow, but no authentic details of the affair have been received.

The Question of Papal Infallibility.

LONDON, December 2.—A dispatch from Paris to the *Times* says: "The Archbishop of Mechlin, Belgium, in a recent pastoral, asserts that the Pope is not infallible except when he judges in questions which rest on the testimony of God—that is, on His revealed truth or revealed law. This is intended to rebut the charge that the Belgian bishops are guilty of schism or disobedience in disregarding the Pope's admonitions respecting educational agitation.

"The Bishop of Tournay, the most violent opponent of the Liberal Cabinet, has been superseded by an administrator appointed by the Pope. The Bishop's mind is believed to be unsound."

Afghanistan Affairs.

LONDON, December 2.—This morning's *Post*, commenting upon Yakoob Khan's departure yesterday from Cabul for Pishawud, says: "This news is of great significance. It probably means that Afghanistan has seen the last of its Ameers. It also points to the restraint, if not actual punishment, in store for Yakoob on account of his carelessness in permitting the massacre of the embassy, if not of his connivance in that tragedy. The commission of inquiry is said to have found it impossible to obtain evidence which would justify his conviction for the major offence, but there is more than enough to prove his weakness and culpable negligence."

FINANCIAL.

RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1879.

SALES.—5,000 Virginia tax-receivable coupons sold at 84½.

Government Securities.—United States 4½'s, 106 bid; United States 4's, 102¾ bid.

State Securities.—Virginia 10-40's, 42 bid, 43 asked; Virginia consols, 55½ bid, 55¾ asked; Virginia consols, new, 24 bid, 28 asked; Virginia deferred, 6 bid, 7½ asked; Virginia interest certificates, 10 bid; Virginia tax-receivable coupons, 84 bid, 85 asked; North Carolina 4 per cents, 64 bid, 66 asked.

City Securities.—Richmond city 8's, J. and J., 123 bid; Richmond city 6's, J. and J., 107 bid, 107¾ asked; Petersburg city 6's, F. and A., 101 asked; Petersburg city 8's, 108½ asked; Lynchburg city 6's, J. and J., 102 bid; Manchester bridge 8's, M. and N., 52 bid, 72 asked.

Railroad Bonds.—Virginia Central Railroad first mortgage 6's, J. and J., 101 bid; Virginia Central Railroad third mortgage 6's, J. and J., 102 bid; Virginia Central Railroad fourth mortgage 8's, J. and J., 104 bid; Southside Railroad third mortgage preferred 6's, J. and J., 85 bid, 89 asked; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad mortgage 8's, J. and J., 115 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad mortgage 7's, J. and J., 105 bid; Richmond and Danville Railroad consolidated 6's, M. and N., 96 bid; Piedmont Railroad first mortgage 8's, A. and O., 108 bid, 110 asked; Atlanta and Charlotte Air-Line Railroad first mortgage 7's, J. and J., 65 bid, 73 asked; Richmond, York River and Chesapeake Railroad first mortgage 8's, J. and J., 102½ bid, 105 asked; C., C. and A. Railroad first mortgage 7's, 98 bid, 104 asked; C., C. and A. Railroad second mortgage 7's, 80 bid, 82½ asked.

Canal Bonds.—James River and Kanawha Canal first mortgage 6's, M. and N., 50 bid; James River and Kanawha Canal second mortgage 6's, M. and N., 15 bid.

Railroad Stocks.—Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, 100 par, 16 bid; Richmond and Petersburg Railroad, 100 par, 45 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad common, 100 par, 45 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad 7 per cent. guaranteed, 100 par, 95 bid; Connection Railroad stock 70 par, 69½ bid; Richmond and Danville Railroad, 100 par, 25½ bid, 27½ asked; Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, guaranteed, 100 par, 95 bid; Richmond, York River and Chesapeake Railroad, 15½ bid, 25 asked.

Canal Stocks.—James River and Kanawha Canal, 100 par, 1 asked.

Bank Stocks.—National Bank of Virginia, 100 par, 85 bid, 95 asked; Planters National, 100 par, 110 bid, 115 asked; State Bank of Virginia, 100 par, 86 bid, 90 asked; Union Bank of Richmond, 50 par, 49¾ bid, 49⅞; Merchants and Planters Savings, 25 par, 18 bid, 22 asked.

Insurance Companies.—Virginia Fire and Marine, 25 par, 32½ bid, 35 asked; Virginia State, 25 par, 29 bid; Virginia Home, 100 par, 92½ bid, 100 asked; Merchants and Mechanics, 100 par, 90 bid, 99 asked; Granite, 100 par, 70 bid.

Miscellaneous.—Old Dominion Steamship Company, 100 par, 80½ bid, 102½ asked.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 2.—*Noon.*—Stocks firm. Money on call, 5@6 per cent. Exchange—Long, 480⅝; short, 483¾. State bonds dull. Governments nominal.

Evening.—Money, 4@7 per cent. Exchange, 80½. Government's strong and advancing; new 5's, 102½; 4½ per cents, 105⅛; 4 per cents, 103⅝. States neglected and unchanged.

COMMERCIAL.

CORN AND FLOUR EXCHANGE.

RICHMOND, December 2, 1879.

OFFERINGS REPORTED TO SECRETARY.

WHEAT.—*White*, 414 bushels. *Red*, 3,530 bushels.

CORN.—*White*, 3,246 bushels. *Mixed*, 172 bushels.

OATS.—68 bushels.

RYE.—62 bushels.

POTATOES.—106 bushels.

PEAS.—14 bushels.

SALES REPORTED TO SECRETARY.

WHEAT.—*White*, 364 bushels at $1 50; 50 bushels very good at $1.57—total, 414 bushels. *Red*, 18 bushels Lancaster at $1.50; 256 bushels good Lancaster at $1.55; 10 bushels Lancaster at $1.50; 1,116 bushels Lancaster on private terms; 528 bushels Lancaster at $1.57; 90 bushels mixed at $1.45; 42 bushels mixed at $1.57; 486 bushels mixed at $1.48; 88 bushels mixed at $1.55; 42 bushels mixed at $1.56; 60 bushels mixed at $1.50; 8 bushels Fultz at $1.25; 20 bushels good Fultz at $1.43; 10 bushels good Fultz at $1.43; 78 bushels good Fultz at $1.45; 18 bushels Fultz at $1.40; 10 bushels common Fultz at $1.25; 66 bushels good Fultz at $1.45; 122 bushels Fultz at $1.40; 62 bushels Fultz at $1.46; 60 bushels Fultz at $1.40; 106 bushels common Fultz at $1 25; 62 bushels fair Fultz at $1 40;