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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY.—For the Middle States, falling barometer, brisk to high southerly winds, warm, threatening and rainy weather, followed by rising barometer, west or northwest winds, and colder, partly cloudy weather.

For the South Atlantic States, rising barometer, northwest winds, backing to southwesterly, and generally cooler and clearer weather.

THE WEATHER SATURDAY was rainy and mild. At night it was clear and cooler.

THERMOMETER SATURDAY: 6 A. M., 56; 9 A. M., 62; noon, 64; 3 P. M., 66; 6 P. M., 64; midnight, 60.
Mean temperature, 62.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Christmas Trade---

—Has opened even earlier than usual this year, and our more enterprising merchants have already arranged on shelves and counters, and displayed in their windows, most attractive assortments of holiday goods. They know from past experience that the best customers make their purchases early in the season, when they can select from full and unbroken stocks, and they wisely seek to call the attention of this class to their goods through the columns of the *Dispatch*. Quite a number of such advertisements may be found in our issue of to-day. In a day or two we shall furnish information as to the best places for buying all the novelties of the season, as well as the most desirable goods for Christmas presents and Christmas cheer.

AN ALLEGED HORSE-THIEF.—At the Police Court, Saturday, William Green (colored) was before the court, charged with stealing a horse, valued at $100, from Mr. J. L. Frayser, of Spotsylvania. Green is thought to be the ring-leader of a gang of horse-thieves who have stolen several horses recently in the neighborhood of Spotsylvania Courthouse. The horse stolen from Mr. Frayser was found in Richmond, where it is alleged Green traded the animal off. When arrested, the prisoner had in his possession a fine gold watch and chain, an overcoat, and silver-mounted pistol, which are thought to have been stolen. He was tracked by the sheriff of Spotsylvania county and his deputy to Richmond, who desired to take him back Saturday to be tried there. The Justice, however, refused to turn the prisoner over to these officers, but sent him on to the grand jury of the Hustings Court for indictment. Since the sheriff of Spotsylvania arrived here a clue to another horse-stealing case has been obtained, which will, it is believed, also implicate Green.

BRIEFS.—Messrs. Randolph & English received last week two orders from Montreal, Canada, and one from the United States Government, for paper boxes, aggregating 295,700 boxes. This extensive box-factory is sending its goods to all parts of the continent, competing with the largest and best factories in the world.

The following is a statement of the United States internal-revenue collections for the week ending Saturday: Monday, $9,628.61; Tuesday, $4,188.80; Wednesday, $4,385.94; Thursday, $4,958.14; Friday, $3,969.38; Saturday, $6,231.96. Total, $33,362.83.

The Circuit Court was in session Saturday, but nothing of importance transpired.

The grand jury of the Hustings Court will meet to-day, and the Henrico County Court will begin its December term this morning.

CASE CONTINUED.—Henry Jefferson (colored), who was arrested in this city Thursday morning by Officer Fensom for having in his possession a lot of jewelry valued at $150, which was thought to have been stolen, was before the Police Court Saturday for examination.

A telegram was received by the Chief of Police of this city from Miss Jennie Gorham, of Wilmington, N. C., giving an exact description of jewelry which was stolen from her while a passenger on the steamer Wyanoke, and which was the same found in Jefferson's possession. The examination was continued in the absence of important witnesses, and the prisoner was committed to jail. Miss Gorham was telegraphed for, and will come on to testify against Jefferson when the case comes up again.

POLICE COURT, SATURDAY.—The following cases were disposed of at the Police Court—Justice White presiding:

Jack Hazless, for being drunk and disorderly and resisting Policemen Jeter and Sweeney, was fined $5, and in default of payment was committed to jail.

William Mosby (colored), for stealing one lot of brass from the Tredegar Company, was ordered to receive twenty-nine lashes.

Several small boys were before the Court charged with throwing stones in the streets, and were fined $1 each.

Willie Cheatham, an idiot from Chesterfield, was ordered to turn her footsteps in the direction of Manchester.

PROFESSOR ELDRIDGE AT ASSOCIATION HALL TO-MORROW NIGHT.—Professor J. Prescott Eldridge, of New York city, will give one of his delightful recitations tomorrow night before the Young Men's Christian Association at Association Hall. The late Dr. Nott, president of Union College, says:

"Mr. J. Prescott Eldridge has given recitations before this college, much to their acceptance and interest. His capacity to delineate strong passion is very great, and his impersonations are remarkably apt, exact, and strikingly effective."

Members of the Association admitted free.

COMMISSION OF LUNACY ORDERED.—Saturday morning John Morrand was before the Police Court charged with being a lunatic. His behavior in the court-room necessitated his removal to the city jail, where a commission of lunacy will be held. Several officers accompanied him to the jail.

HOWITZER BANQUET.—The annual reunion and banquet of the Howitzer Association will take place at Ford's Hotel December 12th, at 9 o'clock P. M. The annual address will be delivered by Judge Flournoy immediately after supper.

DR. EATON'S NEXT LECTURE.—Rev. Dr. T. T. Eaton will lecture on Tuesday night at the Leigh-Street Baptist church on "Woman." This lecture has won for Dr. Eaton a considerable reputation, and he will no doubt be greeted by a fine audience.

THE GREAT PINAFORE.—The Chicago Church-Choir Company will play Pinafore at the Theatre to-night. If half that is said about the company be true it will be a grand representation with respect to singing, acting, costumery, and scenery.

WHY WE WAIT.

The Readjusters and Their Trouble with the Colored Members.

TUESDAY FIXED UPON AS THE TIME FOR BEGINNING THE ELECTION OF THE CAPITOL OFFICERS—IN THE MEAN TIME OUR "FRIENDS, THE ENEMY," WILL TRY TO SMOOTH OVER THE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE NEGROES—"THE BOSS" TALKS TO "THE BOYS," AND TRIES TO GET THEM TO SEE WHERE THEIR INTERESTS LIE—REPORTERS WATCHED BY THE READJUSTERS' DETECTIVES—PERSONAL, &c.

Both houses of the General Assembly on Saturday voted to begin the election of Capitol officers to-morrow, commencing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. To-night the Readjusters will hold their caucus in the hall of the House for the purpose of receiving the committee's report on nominations. The doors will be doubly guarded. The galleries will be searched. The members will be cautioned to go straight to their rooms and to bed as soon as they leave the hall. The reporters will be "shadowed," and every effort that readjusting wit and wisdom can devise will be employed to secure secrecy.

THE TROUBLE.

The hitch was caused by the colored members. They want a fair share of the offices. At one time some of them were inclined to be unruly, but "the boss" has smoothed their wrinkled brows with his persuasive eloquence.

When they came to him grunting and growling, he asked them if they expected to be elected to any of the offices named. They said "No." Then he asked if any of their color expected to be so elected. "No," they replied. Then "the boss" put it to "the boys" if they preferred to give one or two white Republicans good, fat places, or secure eight or ten subordinate positions for men of their race. That put "the boys" to thinking, and mollified them very much.

THE ARBITER.

There have been troubles in the party, but, so far, none very serious.

General Mahone rules everything. Whenever there is a hitch he is appealed to, and up to date has been able to reconcile differences.

It is yet probable, however, that one of the Capitol offices will be given to a Republican. Mr. Dyson, of Nottoway, seems to be the favorite of the Mahoneites; but Mr. Hoxie and Mr. Young have active friends anxious to promote their interests.

SULLIVAN'S SUCCESSOR.

The crowd about the Capitol Saturday was great. The office-seekers—white and black—looked ravenous.

While all this fussing is going on they are paying board-bills. Not one in ten can be successful, and the great bulk of the host will retire from Richmond depleted in cash and disgusted with politics. George Washington Cooke, Radical negro, of Norfolk, who was elected Doorkeeper over Arthur Sullivan, one-legged, Stonewall-Brigade soldier, did his best Saturday to keep these and other people out of the hall of the House. But they pressed upon him with such violence and in such numbers that the services of Mr. Grant, of the Capitol police force, had to be secured to keep the crowd back. Mr. Grant was the *de facto* Doorkeeper Saturday, while poor Cooke could only sit and stare.

The Readjusters are already tired of Cooke. They are sick also of the hub-bub, their treatment of Sullivan has caused. It will be no wonder if they get rid of Cooke soon and hunt up some one-legged Readjuster to fill the place.

THE TREASURY.

Mr. Massey recommended to the caucus committee the nomination of Major Vulosko Vaiden, of New Kent, for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Massey, next to "the boss," is the most influential man in the Readjusters' Republican party. In fact, in the opinion of many of his friends, he ought to be at the head of the party and its nominee for senator. Respect for Mr. Massey's recommendations, and as a reward to Mr. Vaiden for presiding over the Mozart-Hall Convention, he will probably receive the recommendation of the committee; that is, if he is willing to undertake to furnish the security required—$100,000. In case Mr. Vaiden is unwilling or thinks he cannot give the security, Mr. W. W. Newman (Greenbacker), of Hanover, will loom up as a candidate. When the division of spoils was first considered, the security the Treasurer has to give was not thought of.

PERSONAL.

General William Mahone, as before mentioned, rarely comes out upon the streets in daylight. He takes his exercise by the light of the moon and stars. He was out Saturday night with a few admiring friends, and was as cheerful as a cricket.

The detective force of the Readjusters' Republican party had a rest Saturday night. So did the reporters. For the first night since the Ballard billiard-room caucus the reporters were allowed to walk about without being "shadowed." If said detectives would catch one of the most active men of their party here in his old trick of writing anonymous letters they would be better employed.

"FOLLOW YOUR LEADER."

Mr. Frazier, of Rockbridge, is the recognized leader of the Readjusters in the House. On Saturday, the House having adopted the substitute of the committee for the Senate resolution as to election of Capitol officers, Mr. Frazier moved to reconsider. He of course wanted the House to reject the motion, and so "clinch the nail" then and there. But the brethren—at least many of the new ones—not understanding this common parliamentary proceeding, and only knowing that it was Mr. Frazier's motion, voted "Aye." The Conservatives had a good laugh on them about it.

THAT AUGUR-HOLE.

"Have you seen the *Dispatch* this morning?" inquired a Readjuster of a friend sitting at breakfast Friday morning.

"No," he replied; "what's in it?"

"Oh, a report of the caucus, or rather the nominations that will be made by the caucus; and they've got it down *fine*, too. How these people get at our proceedings is more than I can find out."

This is but one of the many confirmations we have had from the Readjusters themselves of the correctness of the information which has been published daily.

In the Senate Saturday one of the most intelligent and agreeable of the Readjusting senators remarked to the writer that he believed he had punched out the eye of some reporter the night before in the caucus, for he had gotten his umbrella into an augur-hole in the floor, and it felt very much as if it had gone into some fellow's eye in place of his ear, which he ought to have had there. He said he felt certain it was the augur-hole of the *Dispatch* reporter, for if there were any people in the world who can get through augur-holes at this time, the Funders are the people. Now, didn't that clever Readjuster go a long way to get off that joke?

THE STATE'S CREDIT ABROAD.

In connection with the events now transpiring at the Capitol may properly be mentioned a letter which a well-known gentleman in this city has just received from the United States Consul at Belfast, Ireland, Mr. James M. Donnan, brother of W. S. Donnan, Esq., of this city. Mr. Donnan says in his letter, which is dated November 22: "I am sorry to hear that the Readjusters have probably secured a majority in our next Legislature. You may depend upon it that the credit of our dear old State will suffer greatly by their vote. I trust all may yet be well, but fear the worst."

ET CETERA.

The Readjusters are still at work upon the negroes, and on Saturday they marched up in line in the Legislature to the music of the new party as if they had been at it all their lives. In the evening it was stated that their differences had been healed and that the Republicans would now be satisfied with one office—Superintendent of the Penitentiary. On the other hand, it was reported, upon the authority of a Readjuster, that they were willing to give the Republicans anything they wanted. A well-known leader in the ranks of the latter stated that he was satisfied General Mahone would come into the Republican fold, and hence they were willing to concede much to gain him and his party.

At Friday-night's caucus Mr. Massey came out for a moment into the rotunda, when he was immediately assailed by one of his country friends to know what the caucus had done with so and so, and whether they had agreed to recommend this or that.

Mr. Massey looked around, and seeing two newspaper men behind him, said: "Don't talk so loud. Don't you see those reporters?" "Where? where?" inquired his former constituent very eagerly. They were pointed out, the two gentlemen withdrew, and the conversation ended.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE GUILLOTINE.

The action of the Senate caucus of Readjusters on Friday night, as published in the *Dispatch* Saturday morning, was confirmed by the Senate in Executive session, and the head of ex-Lieutenant-Governor Marye went off. That is, the recommendation of the Board of Education for his appointment as superintendent of schools for Spotsylvania was rejected. The nomination of Mr. Charles B. Foster for a similar office in the county of Princess Anne shared the same fate, while that of Rev. George W. Dame for the county of Pittsylvania was passed by. Mr. C. M. Wharton was confirmed as county superintendent for Page county. The discussion over the nominations was long and animated.

FAMILY MARKETING—RETAIL PRICES.—The following were the prevailing prices for family marketing on Saturday:

Meats: Beef, 8 to 12c. per pound; mutton, 8 to 12c. per pound; lamb, 8 to 12c. per pound; chops, 8 to 12½c. per pound; veal, 8 to 12c. per pound; pork, 10c. per pound; sausage, 10c. per pound; smoked sausage, 10c. per pound; bacon, 10c. per pound; middling and shoulder, 8c. per pound; chipped beef, 25c. per pound; beef-tongue, 14c. per pound; liver, 8c. per pound; chitlins, 10c. per pound; brains, 10c. per pound; tripe, 8c. per pound.

Fowls, Butter, &c.: Live chickens, 15 to 16⅔c. apiece, or $2 per dozen; dressed chickens, 5 to 6c. per pound—they are plentiful; live turkeys, 50 to 75c. apiece; dressed turkeys, 8 to 10c. per pound; live ducks, 25 to 30c. apiece; dressed ducks, 10 to 12c. per pound; live geese, 40 to 50c. apiece; dressed geese, 6 to 7c. per pound; squabs, 15c. per pair; squirrels, 15c. per pair; old hares, 10 to 12c. apiece; butter, 15 to 30c. per pound—choice, 30c.; lard, 10c. per pound; eggs, 22c. per dozen; sweet-milk, 8c. per quart, or 20c. per gallon; buttermilk, 4c. per quart, or 15c. per gallon.

Vegetables: Cabbage, 3 to 5c. per head; sweet potatoes, 20c. per peck: Irish potatoes, 25c. per peck; carrots, 4c. per bunch; salsify, 5c. per bunch; parsnips, 4c. per bunch; beets, 10c. per dozen; turnips, 15c. per peck; onions, 25c. per half-peck, or 8c. per quart; dried beans, 8c. per quart; white beans, 8c. per quart; dried butter-beans, 8c. per quart; dried blackeye peas, 5c. per quart.

Fish and Game: Perch, 10 to 25c. per bunch; rockfish, 10 to 12½c. per pound; chubs, 10c. per pound; fresh codfish, 5c. per pound; haddock, 6½c. per pound; oysters, 65c. to $1.50 per gallon; partridges, 12½c. apiece, or $1.50 per dozen; ducks (mallard), 75c. per pair.

Fruits: Green apples, 5c. per quart, or 35c. per peck; dried apples, 5c. to 7c. per pound; dried peaches, two pounds for 25c.; dried pears, 10c. per pound; lemons, 20c. per dozen; plentiful; cranberries, 10c. per quart.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.—To-day the festival of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin will be celebrated in the Catholic Church throughout the world with all the solemnity pertaining thereto. It is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the promulgation by Pope Pius IX. of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. At St. Peter's Cathedral in this city Pontifical High-Mass will be celebrated by Right Rev. Bishop Keane at half-past 10 o'clock this morning, and to-night at half-past 7 o'clock there will be Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, together with a sermon by the Bishop.

ROLL OF HONOR AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.—The following is a list of the pupils on the roll of honor at the High School for the past week: Senior Class—Amelia Brimmer, Emma Laube, Blanche Lee, Eva Lee, Juliet Marks, Lizzie McDonald, Bettie Mountcastle, Nettie Smith, Nora Smith, Emma Walters, A. P. Cone, T. C. Eggleston, and George McCann. Intermediate Class—J. William Wills and Maggie Ferrell. Junior A Class—Kate Dunkel, Irene Lovenstein, and Rosa Salamonsky. Junior B Class—Byrd Reeve.

Attendance for the week, 96 per cent.

BROUGHT BACK.—Alexander Moss *alias* Maas, the ex-penitentiary convict who suddenly left Richmond last Thursday morning, after having obtained a quantity of money and goods under false pretence from a number of persons here, and whose flight occasioned much talk, was captured in Washington Friday, and brought back to this city late Saturday night and lodged in the First police station. He will appear before the Police Court this morning for examination.

PERSONAL.—F. W. Foster, of North Carolina, and B. B. Vaughn, of Petersburg, were among the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange Saturday.

The reader will see that the following communication was written last Tuesday. It may, therefore, seem to be out of date. Nevertheless, as many of the views are of a general nature and applicable at all times, and may therefore have a tendency to render our people better satisfied with the defeat of the scheme in question, we think proper to publish it, but without endorsing it:

The James-River Valley Railroad Subscription.

To the Editors of the Dispatch:

Gentlemen,—The communication in your issue of yesterday in respect to the proposed subscription by the city in aid of the James-River Valley railroad presents very clearly the views entertained by many of the real-estate owners of this city in respect to that project; but the writer, Mr. Dunlop, confines himself to a discussion of the *expediency* of the enterprise, leaving unnoticed the grave question which underlies the subject—viz., the principle involved in the proposed undertaking on the part of the city.

Municipal governments are not created or designed for the purpose of building railroads or canals any more than for speculations in coffee, cotton, or grain. Their legal office is to provide proper ways and means for the government of their inhabitants, the protection of their lives and property, the regulation of trade within their limits, and other legitimate objects of that sort which pertain to the wellbeing of the corporators, and to this end they have the right to impose taxes and disburse them, and to make loans if necessary to erect public buildings, furnish suitable police, provide light and water, and do whatever else is needful to promote the comfort, health, and convenience of the people.

These are the legitimate ends of municipal governments, and in these matters the will of the majority must and ought to prevail; but beyond this they have no right to go; and when the city in its corporate character undertakes to vote away the money of the people for the construction of railroads or canals, either with or without the consent of a mere majority of its people, it is a virtual seizure of private property for public uses without that just compensation to the minority which is forbidden by the Constitution of the State to the State itself in the exercise of its sovereign powers.

The creation of a debt of this sort means, of necessity, the imposition of additional taxes, which means the creation of an additional lien as effectual as a mortgage or deed of trust to that extent upon the estate of every landed proprietor in the city; and it amounts to the same thing whether a man's private property is taken without his consent for public uses or whether a perpetual charge is fastened upon his property for the same purpose.

If the city may lawfully, by the vote of a majority of its freeholders, even though that majority may amount to two thirds of the whole number, appropriate $750,000 to commence the construction of a railroad, it may proceed upon the same principle to expend ten times that sum to complete the work, and impose a crushing load of debt upon the minority without the possibility of redress or relief.

It is true that the present charter does authorize a vote of this sort to be taken, and the subscription to be made if sustained by a vote of two-thirds of the freeholders, but it may well be doubted whether this provision of the charter, which is the act of the Legislature, is not liable to grave constitutional objection; and whether it be or not, it would seem advisable, in view of the great abuse to which such a provision is liable, that an effort should be made to expunge this feature from the present charter.

It is rumored that the friends of this measure, who fear that a two-thirds vote may not be obtained, are meditating an application to the Legislature to amend the charter so as to legalize the subscription by a bare majority vote, or, if that will not do, to throw open the poll to the entire voting population of the city, and if this be true it is high time that those of the people upon whom this burden is about to fall should bestir themselves in the matter.

Of course the real property of the city, already depressed beyond all precedent, is the property upon which this load will primarily rest, and it is the only property which can never escape from the burthen when once imposed.

We all know that the grievous financial straits to which the State has been reduced have been brought about mainly, if not wholly, by the unwise use of its credit in aid of public works, in which her capital has been sunk, from which she has derived no revenue, and the control of which has passed from her hands and those of her people and into the hands of those who neither share her burthens nor add to her prosperity.

Fortunately for the State, although at a late hour, this fatal facility for contracting debt has been inhibited by the Constitution.

But is it wise for the city, even if it have the power, to follow this bad example?

Is this city, with its small population and its meagre resources, already saddled with a debt of four and a half millions, and straining every nerve to meet its present engagements, to embark in a new and untried enterprise, in which millions may be sunk, and from which nothing, or next to nothing, may in the end be realized?

It is perfectly well settled that if the State assessors honestly perform their duty in the coming year, as they doubtless will, the real estate of this city will exhibit a decline in value from the last assessment averaging at last 30 per cent.

It is notorious that a large part of its real estate is now assessed at a third, in some cases a half, more than its market value. It may, therefore, be said with truth that the rate of taxation, now nominally $1.40 on the $100, in reality amounts to from $2 to $2.25 on the $100, and if it be true that the present revenues of the city are barely sufficient to meet its disbursements, as is the case, what is to be done in the face of the reduction of values which will be exhibited by the next assessment? Either more money must be borrowed or a large rate of taxation imposed to meet even its present liabilities, and the creation of this new debt is an additional burden which the tax-payers must look in the face.

But the truth is that the proposed subscription is a mere sop to Cerberus, a tub to the whale; all that will go to buying up the canal and its bondholders; and if the canal has nearly broken us, what will the combined canal debt and the building of the railroad effect? Simply, if the scheme is carried out, to insure bankruptcy, if the work is pressed to completion or its abandonment before it is half completed.

After the $750,0000 has been furnished, where is the money to build the road? What individual takes stock in it? If it is a profitable enterprise, why does not private capital venture into it? Why did not Blaine and Parsons, with their vast wealth, engage in it? The answer is, It would not pay; and if it would not pay them, will it pay this city to build a railroad and then to run it?

To build and run a railroad upon conjecture as to its profits is rather a serious undertaking.

No doubt a railroad is desirable, but there are other people outside of this city who are as much interested in the road as we, and whose interest it will be in the end to build it, and who would doubtless be well pleased to have it built by this city, with the certainty of taking the elephant off our hands at no distant day at one half, or perhaps less, of his cost.

There are doubtless a few individual interests that might be promoted, and probably would be, by the execution of the scheme; but that it is for the true interest of the property-holders, or even of the people of this city, is a matter of too much doubt to justify anything short of the most careful and deliberate action in the premises, to say the least of it.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the Board of Aldermen, about to convene to consider this question, will act with the firmness and prudence which this grave crisis in the affairs of our city demands at their hands.

We solicit Orders for fine Dress-Shirts.

A fit to all guaranteed.

Fine material.

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ALL THE NEW AND LEADING STYLES IN NECKWEAR, UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, GLOVES, ETC.
FINE GOODS AT LOW PRICES.
SILK AND COTTON UMBRELLAS, NIGHT-SHIRTS, DRESSING-ROBES, SMOKING-JACKETS.
A. SAKS & CO;
ONE-PRICE CLOTHIERS,
1013 Main street,
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All kinds of Underwear in stock.

Extra size Shirts and Drawers a specialty.

Full line of Dress-Gloves.

FOR ULCERATED MOUTH, the healing properties of MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH are unexcelled. Fifty cents a bottle.

AS A FRAGRANT AND PLEASANT WASH for the mouth, there is nothing so good as MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Fifty cents a bottle.

SOMETHING NEW AND LOVELY.—We were shown a charming new publication on Saturday entitled "GOLDEN THOUGHTS ON MOTHER, HOME, AND HEAVEN," with an introduction by Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, D. D. It is filled with gems of prose and poetry, is engraved in a high style of art, and is handsomely gotten up. These qualities, taken with its high moral tone, makes it a valuable and lovely work for a Christmas present. The PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING COMPANY have the agency, and it will be sold to-day for the first time by subscription, when agents will take orders at your houses and places of business.

CHRISTMAS is coming, and while our readers are on the lookout where to buy, we would advise them to call at PIZZINI'S, No. 807 Broad street. If you want RAISINS, he sells them at 15 cents a pound; CITRON, 25 cents a pound; CURRANTS, three pounds for 25 cents. Then he will bake the cakes for those who have bought fruit of him FREE. His FRENCH and PLAIN CANDIES are made fresh daily, and his stock of other goods is large. Prices low.

NOVELTIES in handkerchiefs, scarfs, fichues, &c., &c., &c., at
CARDOZO, FOURQUREAN & CO.'S.

THE MOST TROUBLESOME COUGHS AND COLDS to which we are liable at this season of the year can be alleviated by the use of PURCELL, LADD & CO.'S Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. Price, 50 cents per bottle.

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FOR BLEEDING GUMS, use MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Fifty cents a bottle.

USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS at
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DR. WILBOR'S COD-LIVER OIL AND LIME.—Invalids need no longer dread to take that great specific for Consumption, Asthma, and threatening Coughs—Cod-Liver Oil and Lime. As prepared by Dr. WILBOR it is robbed of the nauseating taste, and also embodies a preparation of the Phosphate of Lime, giving nature the very article required to aid the healing qualities of the Oil, and to recreate where disease has destroyed. This article also forms a remarkable tonic, and will cause weak and debilitated persons to become strong and robust. It should be kept in every family for instant use on the first appearance of Coughs or Irritation of the Lungs. Manufactured only by A. B. WILBOR, Chemist, Boston. Sold by all druggists.

Black and Colored Silks very cheap at
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FOR OFFENSIVE BREATH from decayed teeth and diseased gums, use MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Fifty cents a bottle.

THE SUREST, QUICKEST, AND MOST PERMANENT WAY to stop a troublesome cough is to use the Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, prepared by PURCELL, LADD & CO. Price, 50 cents per bottle.

D. & E. MITTELDORFER WILL OPEN ON MONDAY a large stock of NEW GOODS, CLOAKS, CARPETS, DOLLS, FANCY ARTICLES, UNDERWEAR, DRESS GOODS, and BLANKETS, which will be sold at the old prices, notwithstanding the advance in all goods. Read their new advertisement.

LOOK at the many beautiful goods suitable for holiday presents at
CARDOZO, FOURQUREAN & CO.'S.

ALPHA
is a new brand of WHISKEY that Messrs. W. D. BLAIR & CO. have just put on the market. It is a perfectly pure article, and more resembles the old-fashioned Rye than any we have seen since the war. The price is very moderate.

FOR ALL DISEASES OF THE TEETH AND GUMS use MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Fifty cents a bottle.

READ CARDOZO, FOURQUREAN & CO.'S advertisement.

A FRAGRANT BREATH!

If your TEETH are decayed or defective; if your GUMS are spongy, bleeding, ulcerated, or receding from the teeth, use
MEADE & BAKER'S
CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH,
which removes the bad odor caused by these, and rapidly heals and cleanses the mouth, imparting a DELICIOUS FRAGRANCE TO THE BREATH.
Sold by all druggists at 50c. a bottle.

INCIPIENT TARTAR AND SCURF removed by MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE. Fifty cents a box.

BLACK SILKS were never as cheap before as they are now. To get the full advantage of the present low prices call at LEVY BROTHERS' and make your purchases. LEVY BROTHERS are also offering great bargains in Colored Silks, Pekin Stripes, Black and Colored Satins, Brocaded and Striped Silks and Satins, Striped Watered Silk, and Fancy Goods for Trimmings; also, a large assortment of Nottingham-Lace Curtains, Bed-Spreads, Pillow-Shams, and Tidies.

BEAUTIFUL WHITE TEETH!
MEADE & BAKER'S
SAPONINE DENTIFRICE
WILL PRESERVE THE TEETH, REMOVE
INCIPIENT TARTAR,
and
KEEP THE TEETH BEAUTIFULLY CLEAN
Sold by druggists at 50c. a box.

DISCOLORED TEETH rendered beautifully white by the use of MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE. Fifty cents a box.

SAVE MONEY by having your printing done at the DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE. Good work, low prices, and satisfaction guaranteed.

A BENEFACTRESS.

Just open the door for her, and Mrs. Winslow will prove the American Florence Nightingale of the Nursery. Of this we are so sure that we will teach our "Susy" to say "A blessing on Mrs. Winslow" for helping her to survive and escape the griping colicking, and teething siege. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP relieves the child from pain, and cures dysentery and diarrhœa. It softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures wind-colic, and carries the infant safely through the teething period. It performs precisely what it professes to perform, every part of it—nothing less. We have never seen Mrs. Winslow—know her only through the preparation of her "Soothing Syrup for Children Teething." If we had the power we would make her, as she is, a physical savior to the infant race. Sold by all druggists. 25 cents a bottle. de 3-eod1w

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

M. ROSE, 10 A. M., sale of junk-store stock, horse, wagon, and fertilizer, &c.
POINDEXTER & TUPPER, 10 A. M., groceries, wines, crockeryware, bar-counters, &c.
R. S. ANDERSON & SON, 10 A. M., groceries.
J. R. HOCKADAY, 10 A. M., produce, provisions, &c.

LECTURES.

LECTURE AT LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. T. T. EATON, D. D., will DELIVER A LECTURE at LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH on TUESDAY NIGHT, December 9th, at 8 o'clock.
SUBJECT: "WOMAN."
Price of admission, 25 cents. de 8-2t

RECITALS.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
J. PRESCOTT ELDRIDGE, ESQ.,
of New York city, the distinguished American recitationist, will deliver his RECITALS before the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, at ASSOCIATION HALL, TUESDAY, December 9th, at 8 P. M. Admission, 25 cents. Tickets for sale at the hall. Members of the Association admitted free. de 5-4t

CHRISTMAS SALE.

CHRISTMAS SALE.—The ladies of the GRACE-STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will hold their CHRISTMAS SALE at the lecture-room, corner Fourth and Grace streets, on the 11TH AND 12TH OF DECEMBER. They offer novelties in FANCY ARTICLES, KENSINGTON EMBROIDERIES, &c.; also, a large and attractive assortment of BEAUTIFUL TOYS, DRESSED DOLLS, and ELEGANT BOOKS, suitable for Christmas presents. They will be pleased to see their friends from 12 M. on THURSDAY, and will furnish LUNCHES, SUPPERS, and REFRESHMENTS throughout the day