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FROM MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE, May 25, 1878.

Sir,—It gives me pleasure to say that you have sent well-prepared young men to this institution. Your school is noted for its good discipline and its thorough educational training.

Very truly yours, JAMES F. HARRISON.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, May 27, 1878.

* * * * I do not hesitate to recommend the Kenmore High School as in every respect deserving the confidence and patronage of the public.

WILLIAM E. PETERS, Professor of Latin, University of Virginia.

* * * * The Kenmore Academy is regarded as amongst the best of the Virginia Schools of high grade. GEORGE FREDERICK HOLMES, Professor History, Literature, and Rhetoric, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, May 30, 1878.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, May 27, 1878.

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FRANCIS H. SMITH, Professor Natural Philosophy, University Virginia.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, May 27, 1878.

Not only from my knowledge of Mr. Strode's high reputation, but also from personal acquaintance with him, and, above all, from intercourse in my own class-room with young men taught by him, I feel certain that the course of teaching at Kenmore is unusually solid and effective.

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FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOL.

I have been well acquainted with the management, discipline, and literary advantages of Kenmore University High School ever since its establishment. * * * In my opinion it has no superior. * * * SAMUEL B. HENRY, Judge of Amherst county.

Dear Sir,—As a patron of your school I take pleasure in commending it in the highest terms for its many advantages. * * * Respectfully, TAYLOR BERRY.

I live in sight of "Kenmore." I have watched its birth, its growth, and development. In its moral and gentlemanly teachings and influences, and in its literary and scientific advantages, it has as a high school no superior. SAMUEL M. GARLAND. June 15, 1878.

[From the Lynchburg News.] KENMORE HIGH SCHOOL.

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For fuller testimonials see catalogue.

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VACANCIES IN VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE.—Under a joint resolution of the General Assembly of Virginia of March 9, 1880, it is my duty to announce that the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College have resolved to hold a meeting at Blacksburg on the 12TH DAY OF AUGUST NEXT for the purpose of electing "professors and all other officers and employees of the College." As now organized the chairs are as follows: President and Professor of Moral Philosophy, Professor of Natural Philosophy and Military Tactics, Professor of Mathematics, Professor of English Language and Literature (including preparatory studies), Professor of Agriculture, Chemistry, and Natural History, Professor of German, French, and Latin, Professor of Technical Mechanics and Drawing. The other officers are Treasurer, Farm Manager, and Physician.

The President's salary is $2,000 and a house; the salary of each professor is $1,500 and a house.

The Board of Visitors will meet also JUNE 30TH at Blue Ridge Springs, in order to consider whether or not any changes shall be made in the subjects or distribution of stories or in the policy of the College. Persons interested can receive information as to all details by correspondence.

Applicants should address Hon. A. M. KEILEY, Richmond, Va., who is now the chairman of the Board. FRED. W. M. HOLLIDAY, Governor of Virginia.

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For circulars and further information apply to MRS. JESSIE GORDON ENGLISH.

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WE HAVE THIS DAY APPOINTED G. SLAUCHTER OUR AGENT to do business in our name at 318 Broad street, Richmond, Va. He will keep on hand a large stock of SAUSAGE, TONGUES, SMOKED and DRIED BEEF, and will sell at Baltimore prices.

His old customers are requested to call at his house, as he is not able to visit them as formerly, on account of sickness.

M. OTTENHEIMER & SON, jy 25-3* Baltimore, Md.

Richmond Dispatch.

SUNDAY.....JULY 25, 1880.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY.

[Entered at the Post-Office at Richmond, Va., as second-class matter.]

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle and South Atlantic States, cloudy weather, occasional rain, southerly winds, stationary or higher temperature, and nearly stationary barometer.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cloudy and mild, with occasional light rains.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 72; 9 A. M., 79; noon, 84; 3 P. M., 82; 6 P. M., 78; midnight, 73.

Mean temperature, 78.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION—APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.—As has been heretofore announced the Convention to nominate a candidate for Congress for this district will meet at Ashland Tuesday the 27th instant. The following delegates and alternates have been appointed to represent Captain Frank V. Winston: W. R. Bowie, W. E. Cardozo, E. M. Crump, William Elyson, Colonel John H. Guy, Jackson Guy, James W. Gibbons, George J. Hooper, Jr., C. Emmett Hill, William Ben Palmer, Samuel C. Shield, George J. Sumner, William H. Williams. Alternates: Dr. Blair Burwell, Thomas M. Cullingsworth, W. R. Goodwin, James Gordon, R. Andrew Gresham, Osborn Haw, Charles Harwood, Luther Martin, Dr. W. F. Richardson, Carl Reynolds, William H. Talman, Lewis P. Winston, Charles T. Watkins.

The following delegates and alternates have been appointed by Captain George D. Wise to represent him in the Convention. The list of alternates is not complete, as Captain Wise has not made all the appointments:

Richmond.—Delegates: B. C. Gray, John J. Crutchfield, S. B. Witt, John J. King, Kaleb Jacob, James D. Patton, James W. Archer, J. H. Parater, Thomas M. Saunders, Charles Watkins, William H. Cullingsworth, John H. Bryant, W. J. Holmes, H. C. Adams, W. H. Aborn, A. H. Nott, Isaac W. Walker, Charles Gibson, William F. Drinkard, C. P. Stokes, H. W. Lubbock, E. M. Noble, Andrew Jinkins, J. W. Wilks, John M. Higgins, J. F. Wingfield, W. H. Jenkins, W. W. Cosby, Jr., David Wiburne, J. F. Keesee, O. R. Funston, A. J. Vaughan, James E. Phillips, Phil. O'Neill, P. S. Derbyshire, T. Wiley Davis, W. J. Gentry, William Lovenstein, James P. Sharpe, Thomas Cox, B. F. Tinsley, F. J. Reiley, W. P. Greiner, W. S. Gilman, John J. Wright, Alex. Hierholzer, W. S. Gunn, Junius Mosby, William H. Zimmerman. Alternates: W. A. Boswell, Keeve Jacobs, John Walsh, Chas. Perkins, Samuel H. Liggan, William Moseley, Christian Unkel, John L. Houck, Philip Shea, James Butler, Miles Crowdis, H. Tate Evans, Robert Steger, J. Frank Ligon, Andrew Pizzini, Jr., Robert Stanard, William J. Epps, C. C. Cabell, Joseph G. Mettert, George Mays, P. T. Moore, H. H. Wilkins, John A. Meanley, John Drake, Henry Gunst, M. L. Spotswood, A. R. Woodson, W. H. Lamkin, Dr. T. J. Riddell, Michael Fitzpatrick, R. H. Styll, J. H. Dinneen, Andrew Tenser, Dr. Z. B. Herndon, John Murphy, William P. Knowles, G. A. Payne, Henry Thon, Herman Koppie, J. B. Page, Thomas Flannagan, Carter N. Harrison, R. M. C. Jones, Charles Lathrop, Edward Cummins.

Manchester—Delegates: Dr. A. S. McRae, Henry Jordan. Alternates: Charles Page, J. C. Robertson.

Caroline—Delegate: C. A. Dabney.

Louisa—Delegate: William F. Gordon, Jr.

Chesterfield—Delegates: Dr. Phillip S. Hancock, W. L. Porter, Dr. John W. Walke, Colonel William Ambers, Dr. R. P. Grymes, Albert Woolridge. Alternate: Frederick Baker.

Hanover.—Delegates: Dr. T. J. Wooldridge, William P. Shelton, G. G. Brown, D. H. Timberlake, William Gibson, Peyton Pollard, Thomas B. Trevilian, E. S. Cardoza.

Henrico.—Delegates: Charles R. Darracott, John N. Hopkins, J. R. Russell, Charles Herbst, Z. S. McGruder, L. E. Sale. Alternates: William E. Nuckols, E. C. Richardson, Leigh Warner, E. C. Tinsley, John F. Meredith, John E. Jones.

DEATH OF A SON OF BISHOP WHITTLE.—Information has been received here of the death, in Philadelphia, of Cadet-Engineer Llewellyn Fairfax Whittle, son of Right Rev. F. M. Whittle, D. D., LL. D., of this city. The first information of his illness was received by telegram on Thursday, and was communicated to Bishop and Mrs. Whittle at Rawley Springs, who went immediately to their son, then being kindly cared for at the United States Naval Hospital at Philadelphia. Young Whittle, had he lived, would have reached his majority in November next. He had recently passed to the first class at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and was a splendid specimen of a man, being about six feet two inches tall, and weighing one hundred and eighty pounds. It is stated that he recently met with an accident at the machine-shops at Annapolis, and was sent to the Philadelphia hospital, from the effects of which accident he died.

He will be buried this evening at 6 o'clock from St. James church.

FROM THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.—The American bark Lillian, Strout master, cleared from the custom-house yesterday for Dunkirk, France, with 3,805 barrels of crude petroleum, valued at $17,000, shipped by Meisner, Ackermann & Co., and 50 tons of manganese, valued at $2,250, shipped by William A. Donald.

The German bark Bessel, Summerling master, also cleared for Rio Janeiro, Brazil, with 2,014 barrels and 100 half-barrels of flour, shipped by the Haxall-Crenshaw Company.

The German brig Andrea, Klavensen master, entered in ballast, from Baltimore, to load flour to Santos, Brazil.

TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER COURT.—In the Police Court yesterday at 1 o'clock Mike Wolf *alias* Charles Chapman was arraigned on the charge of stealing two horses from Garland Hanes, of Henrico county. The offence having been committed outside of the jurisdiction of the Police Court of the city of Richmond, Justice Richardson placed the accused in the custody of an officer to be delivered to the authorities of Henrico county. This prisoner is also charged with stealing a horse from Mr. H. P. Didlake, of Chesterfield county, and this case will be sent to the authorities of that county for disposal.

PHARMACEUTICAL.—The next annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association will be held at Saratoga Springs, New York, on the second Tuesday in September. The Richmond Pharmaceutical Association have appointed the following delegates to represent them at this meeting: T. Roberts Baker, John W. Pierce, John B. Purcell, Jesse Child, and Henry Bodeker.

ASHLAND CONVENTION.—A special train for Ashland for the accommodation of delegates and visitors to the Congressional Nominating Convention will leave Elba station, head of Broad street, at 10 A. M. Tuesday, July 27th.

The Richmond Post-Office.

HOW THE ACCOUNTS ARE KEPT—THE RECENT INSPECTION—ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT—WHO WILL BE COLONEL FORBES'S SUCCESSOR?

The public have a very imperfect conception of the complexity of the accounts of the Post-Office Department with the various post-offices throughout the country, especially in the "presidential offices" located in the cities and towns. We have obtained from the Richmond post-office the following explanation of a part of the system in operation up to the 1st of July, which we presume will be intelligible to business-men:

"The postmaster at every depository, 'presidential office' (the postmaster of which is appointed by the President), is required to make a detailed monthly report of the number and amount of each denomination of postage-stamps, postage-due stamps, and newspaper stamps, and of each of the various kinds of stamped envelopes and of newspaper-wrappers and postal-cards received and sold during the month. This report also shows, in detail, the stock on hand at the beginning and end of the month. He is also required to make a detailed monthly report of all funds received and disbursed, bringing forward the balance from the preceding report.

"At the end of each quarter he is required to send to the Auditor at Washington a 'quarterly account current,' showing, in a consolidated form, the stock of stamps, envelopes, &c., on hand at the close of the preceding quarter, amount received during the quarter, and stock remaining on hand at end of the quarter—the difference representing the sales during the quarter, and agreeing with the aggregate of the three monthly reports. This difference (the sales) and receipts from box-rents and sales of waste material constitute the figures of the debit side. On the credit side the amount of his salary, payments for 'clerk hire,' and incidental expenses, are entered—the difference showing the balance due to the Department according to the 'account current.' The quarterly work is now about half done. Another statement, filling several large sheets, called the 'General Postal Account,' has to be made up and sent to the Auditor. In this statement, beginning with the 'account current' balance just referred to, is included a detailed exhibit of every deposit of funds by several hundred postmasters, every payment of drafts, and all other disbursements during the quarter. The balance represents the net amount due at the end of the quarter to the Department, as ascertained by the postmaster; but after it has passed the ordeal of examination at Washington the amount will be greater or less, according to debts and credits made there. The Auditor charges the postmaster with collection-drafts *sent* to him for collection, and gives credit for drafts issued, though they may not be presented to the postmaster for months. A concurrence of balances is therefore impossible until the accounts of the office are closed."

It is evident that in a business so intricate and full of detail as this an occasional error is almost unavoidable; and when any irregularity is discovered, that some time is required to get at all the facts.

The inspection recently made at the Richmond post-office disclosed the fact that the postmaster had largely overdrawn his salary. Never handling the funds, he did not pay himself, but drew the money from the assistant postmaster (who is cashier and custodian of the funds), but chiefly from the stamp-clerk, who reported his transactions, with vouchers, daily to the cashier. All amounts so drawn were posted by the book-keeper for the cashier's "blotter," except about $500, which was represented by vouchers filed in the safe, and not entered in the "blotter." As an off-set against these vouchers Colonel Forbes had to his credit on the books of the cashier the amount accruing to him *personally* for commissions on sales of revenue stamps. When the final settlement is made, it is expected that the amount which Colonel Forbes or his sureties will have to raise to replace the overdraw will be much less than was at first supposed.

We are assured by Colonel Holladay and Mr. Greme that there has been no defalcation—no suspicion of fraud, and not the slightest effort at concealment. Every draft or valid demand upon the office, in its current business, has been paid on presentation. Neither has there been, these gentlemen say, any deficit in the revenue-stamp agency; in proof of which the accounts have been closed with the Treasury Department. It seems that Colonel Forbes never doubted his ability to provide from his revenue-stamp commissions (amounting to several hundred dollars) or otherwise for whatever sum might be needed to meet any draft if the postal funds in the safe or office should be insufficient, not supposing that a demand for all the balance that might be due by him, or claimed by the Department, would ever be made until his official term expired.

Two days before the recent inspection the "account current" and transcripts for the quarter ending 30th June, 1880, were sent to Washington, and on Tuesday the postmaster was informed by the Auditor that the "account current" had been audited and found correct. The "general postal account," showing a balance due to the Department of $3,800 (in round numbers), was mailed to the Auditor last Monday and has not yet been audited. The balance, as ascertained by the Auditor, will be the balance to 1st July which the Department will require to be paid.

The stock of postage-stamps, &c., 30th of June, reported in the "account current," does not include any issued to the stamp-clerk for sale. All supplies to the stamp-clerk are delivered to him by the assistant postmaster upon requisitions, and reported to the Department as "sales." The stamp-clerk is always indebted to the postmaster (not to the Department) for the amount of his requisitions (which are on file) less the amount of cash he may have accounted for or turned in, and the stock of stamps, &c., on hand. The inspectors counted his cash and stock on the 17th instant, and reported the discovery of a large deficiency, but that is a matter between the postmaster and stamp-clerk. The responsibility of the postmaster is for the stock of stamps ascertained by the Auditor to be in his possession unsold, or that should be held by him, and for the cash balance appearing to be due to the Department at any time the account is made up.

Postmaster Forbes has not yet made his own inventory of stock or other assets, or balanced accounts with the clerks in the office who collect postal funds. When all this is done the exact status of affairs will be ascertained. The inspectors discharged their duty with the utmost civility, and aimed to make their investigation careful and thorough, but after they had left the city it was found that nearly $600 worth of postage-due stamps had been overlooked by inadvertence.

From all the facts now known it would appear that the real amount due from the postmaster to the Government will not be far from the balance reported in the above-mentioned general postal account. Of course there will be no loss to the Department as his official bond is $150,000. When so large a bond is required, with a salary of only $3,000 and no extras of any kind, it would be less strange if the Government were reduced to the necessity of asking some one to take the office than that a number of patriots should be willing to incur so much responsibility, risk, and labor for comparatively so little pay.

Yesterday it was stated upon what seemed to be very good authority that not one of the many persons whose names have been mentioned as applicants for postmaster of this city would receive the appointment, but another would be the favored man.

THE number of market-carts at the Old Market yesterday was unusually large. They were filled with melons and other country produce.

Hallowed Ground.

HOLLYWOOD'S NATURAL AND ORNAMENTAL BEAUTIES—AN IMPOSING MONUMENT—THE DUTY OF THE LIVING TO THE DEAD.

The recent visitor to Hollywood cannot fail to have been impressed in the most favorable manner with the many improvements recently made and with others still in progress. Handsome enclosures have been lately put around many lots, and others are being enclosed and beautified. Large quantities of beautiful and fragrant flowers have been planted, and the entire surface of the cemetery is bathed in living green and and adorned with flowers of every hue. As lavish as has nature been in her gifts to our lovely silent city of the dead, art has done much for its embellishment, and between the beauties of one and the adornments of the other Hollywood ranks to-day with the first places of sepulchre in the country.

Particularly noticeable has been the number of new monuments and tombstones recently placed in position, many of them ranking in style, finish, beauty, and cost with those which mark the last resting-places of the most prominent dead in the metropolitan cities.

In passing through Hollywood a few days since the attention of the reporter was particularly struck with the handsome monument just erected by the young Alvey brothers, of this city, as a last sad tribute of love and affection to the memory of their father and mother and the loved and lost darlings of this worthy couple. This monument is situated on one of the main thoroughfares, in the immediate vicinity of the Masonic section, and in close proximity to the monument which was erected to the memory of the venerable Dr. John Dove. It is in the same section with the fine Lipscomb monument erected a few years since. The monument stands on three bases or pedestals. The dimensions of the first is 6 feet 4 inches, of the second 5 feet 2 inches, and of the third 4 feet 4 inches; the die is 3 feet 7 inches square and 5 feet 5 inches high; the shaft is 21 feet 8 inches in height, and the entire structure measures 32 feet 6 inches. The weight of the monument is 42,000 pounds. It was built by Lumsden Brothers, of this city, from the best Richmond granite, and is probably the highest and most beautiful of all the memorials of love to departed worth yet erected in Hollywood. The monument is in the most approved style, the execution of the work excellent, and with its towering shaft presents a most imposing appearance.

On the north side is inserted the names of Richard T. Alvey, born November 29, 1814, died June 25, 1870; and of Mary Elizabeth Alvey, born August 23, 1818, died February 12, 1879. On the east side the names of William H. and Laura, and on the west side those of Jimmie, Ida, Lillie, and Minnie—all children of the deceased pair—whose life and death this column is also designed to commemorate.

Mr. Richard T. Alvey will be recollected as one of Richmond's oldest, most successful, and respected merchants, and the senior member of the firm of Alvey & Lipscomb, who for many years carried on business at the corner of Thirteenth street and Lombard alley. His wife was a daughter of the late Thornton C. Lipscomb, and sister of the junior member of the above firm.

In erecting this beautiful testimonial to the memory of their parents these young gentlemen have set an example worthy of all imitation by those who enjoy fortune's favors. In no better way can the descendants of those who leave behind them the accumulated treasures of this world expend a portion of it than in the erection of some tablet commemorating the virtues of deceased friends and relatives and keeping fragrant and green their memories.

"Could honor's voice provoke the silent dust" we would recall all our buried hosts from the cerements of the tomb, have them walk and move erect, and bid them live alway. "Could flattery sooth the dull, cold ear of death" we would forever keep with us our loved darlings, and the relentless reaper would wield his relentless scythe in vain. But since death is the allotted portion of all men it is but natural that we should place in position "the storied urn" and erect the "monumental bust" as slight tributes to those whom living we loved and whom dead we reverence and venerate.

This, then, is the sad mission of the living, not only to emulate the virtues and avoid the vices of those who have journeyed on before, but by every means within the scope of our ability to pay all proper regard to the mounds where, after life's fitful fever, they sleep well.

It is not necessary that the tribute of regard shall be graven in bronze or purest marble, even the frailest memorials erected nigh, if prompted by genuine affection, will bear as honest and as hearty testimony to buried love as the most costly effigy ever reared on consecrated ground.

It is but a modest request that they make who leave "the warm precincts of this cheerful clay," that amid our joys and our sorrows, in adversity and prosperity, in days alike of sunshine and of shadow, to be remembered in our prayers, to have a place in our memories, and that, come what may, we will see that their graves are kept green.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS OF AMERICA.—To the many orders and societies in our city has been added a branch of the Catholic Knights of America, known as Richmond Branch, No. 143. The Supreme Council of the whole order has its headquarters in Louisville, Ky. The charter members here are Messrs. Thomas W. Cox, E. W. Drew, Juan A. Pizzini, John E. McDonough, Thomas Byrne, John J. Byrne, John W. Johnson, Martin P. Joyce, and Frank M. Catogni. The objects of this order are similar to those of the Knights of Honor, and was instituted to give our Catholic fellow-citizens (as they are not allowed by the rules of their Church to belong to secret associations) an opportunity to avail themselves of like benefits as given in the Knights of Honor. The initiation-fee is $3, and the dues $1 per quarter. On the death of any member an assessment of $1 on each surviving member is levied, and the sum of $2,000 is given to the representatives of the deceased, and as there are now over 6,000 members in the order one assessment is sufficient to pay for three deaths. In addition to this general benefit the local branch gives weekly benefits in event of sickness. This order requires for membership as strict and as searching examination by a physician as is demanded in a first-class insurance company, and limits the age between eighteen and fifty years. The meetings are the second and fourth Wednesday in every month. No doubt our Catholic citizens willl take advantage of this organization.

RESIGNATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS. At a regular meeting of Richmond Division, No. 4, Uniformed Rank Knights of Pythias, Sir Knight Commander A. A. Warren tendered his resignation as commander, and Sir Knight Lieutenant-Commander L. T. Christian was elected commander; Sir Knight S. T. Beach, lieutenant-commander; Sir Knight W. L. Cox, herald. The Division is in a flourishing condition. It is composed of some of our most active citizens.

TRACK LAID ON THE RICHMOND AND ALLEGHANY ROAD.—Up to Friday seven miles of track had been laid down on the Richmond and Alleghany railroad. The track-layers, at last accounts, were a short distance above Dover Mills awaiting the arrival of fish-plates, which were sent up yesterday.

The schooners John A. Curtis and D. Gifford are on the way up James river with two additional cargoes of steel rails.

PIC-NIC TO-MORROW.—The P. S. B. Club announce a grand pic-nic at the Scheutzen Park to-morrow. Dancing from 2 o'clock P. M. to 2 o'clock A. M. There will also be a shooting-match at pigeons, commencing at 4 o'clock, open to all comers.

Saddled on Him.

HOW A DEGENERATE GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS CAUGHT IN HIS LITTLE SADDLE GAME BY SERGEANT HOWARD AND TWO RURAL GENTLEMEN—IN THE HANDS OF JUSTICE.

The recovery on Friday last of the saddle stolen from the stable of Mr. J. C. Dickerson, who resides at No. 2916 Marshall street, as well as the subsequent capture of the thief, was cleverly effected by Sergeant B. F. Howard, of the city police force, assisted by two Henrico farmers, who played their parts in a way which, while they were "child-like and bland," were in marked contrast to their verdant field. The capture was admirably contrived, and carried out in a way that would elicit the approval of a veteran detective. The facts are these:

The stable of Mr. J. C. Dickerson was robbed of a fine quilted saddle on the night of the 21st, and a reward offered for its recovery and the capture of the thief. The case has been reported to police headquarters and Sergeant Howard put to work on it. On Friday Mr. Childrey, who resides below the city, and is a marketman at the First Market, reported to Sergeant Howard that he thought he had the stolen saddle. It appears that as he (Childrey) was driving his cart to town early that morning he was accosted by an unknown negro, who came out of a piece of woods about four miles down the River road, and asked if he did not wish to buy a saddle. A bargain was soon effected, Childrey becoming purchaser for the sum or $3, which was to be paid on his return from market that evening. On reaching the city Mr. Childrey read the advertisement of the stolen saddle in the *Dispatch*, and concluded at once it was the one he had purchased. His surmise proved correct, as the property was at once identified, and plans were forthwith matured for the capture of the thief. Accordingly the assistance of Mr. Frayser, a gentleman from the county, who drives a buggy, was secured.

At his usual hour of departure in the afternoon Mr. Childrey left the city for home, followed at a cautious distance by Sergeant Howard in the buggy with Mr. Frayser, thus effectually disarming any suspicions that might be aroused in the wiley negro who awaited the return of his morning's customer. At some distance behind these again, and mounted on horseback, followed Mr. Dickerson, who was anxious to dash in at the auspicious moment and see the capture thoroughly effected.

Arriving at the trysting-place, Mr. Childrey was met by the negro, who was anxious to secure his money and be off. The former, however, affecting the most natural solicitude to pay him, found great difficulty in making the exact change. The negro was completely thrown off his guard and scarcely heeded the approach of the country buggy which came plodding along the road until Childrey accosted one of its occupants, as they drove alongside, with "I say, Frayser, can you change me five dollars or lend me a quarter?" And while Frayser seemed most earnestly searching his breeches-pocket for the money Sergeant Howard slipped out the of the buggy in the most natural way, and remarking that he had a quarter he was welcome to, advanced as if to hand it to Childrey. But the direction of his extended hand was suddenly changed, as with a firm grasp he seized the unsuspecting negro back of the neck, who now for the first time realized his peril as the Sergeant said, in a stern voice, "You are my prisoner." The colored gentleman who had "jest bin progekin wid de saddle," and upon whom the aforesaid saddle will prove more galling than it could ever be to a quadruped, gave his name as George Washington. He was soon securely handcuffed and escorted to the First police-station, where he spent the night.

He was tried by Justice Richardson yesterday and sent on to the grand jury on two charges for stealing. Washington proves to be an old offender, and has served thirty days in the chain-gang for shooting at the son of Sergeant Angle.

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

Meats.—Beef, 6 to 12½@15c. per pound; mutton, 8c. per pound; spring lamb, 10 to 12½c. per pound; lamb-chops, 12½c. per pound; veal, 10 to 12½c. per pound; pork, 10c. per pound; sausage, 10c. per pound; smoked sausage, 10c. per pound; bacon, 8 to 12½@14c. per pound; beef-tongue, 12½c. per pound; corn-beef, 8 to 10c. per pound; liver, 8c. per pound; chitlins, 8c. per pound; tripe, 8c. per pound.

Fowls and Butter, &c.—Live chickens, 25 to 30c. apiece, or 50c. per pair, $3 per dozen; spring chickens, 12½ to 35c. apiece, or 25 to 70c. per pair, $1.25 to $3 per dozen; live ducks, 20 to 25c. apiece, or 40 to 50c. per pair, $2 40 per dozen; spring ducks, 40 to 45c. apiece, or 70 to 75c. per pair, $4 per dozen; live geese, 50c. apiece, or $1 per pair; guinea fowls, 20c. apiece, or 40c. per pair; squabs, 15c. per pair; eggs, 10c. per dozen. Fowls are plentiful and selling very cheap. Cheese, 8 to 15c. per pound; butter, 15 to 20@25c. per pound; sweet milk, 8c. per quart, or 25c. per gallon; buttermilk, 5c. per quart, or 20c. per gallon.

Vegetables.—Corn (roasting-ears) 10c. per dozen; tomatoes, 5c. per quart; cucumbers, 10c. per dozen; cymlins, 8c. per dozen; cabbages, 5 to 10c. per head; beets, 4 to 5c. per bunch; Irish potatoes, 4c. per quart, or 12½c. per half-peck, 25c. per peck; onions, 8c. per quart, or 25c. per half-peck, 50c. per peck; butter-beans, 10c. per quart; blackeye peas, 10c. per quart; carrots, 4c. per bunch; snaps, 5c. per quart, or 15c. per half-peck, 30c. per peck; soup-herbs, 2c. per bunch, or 20c. per dozen bunches.

Fish.—Spots, 15 to 25c. per bunch; small croakers, 15 to 25c. per bunch; rockfish, 25c. per bunch; sheepshead, 12½c. per pound; crabs, 25c. per dozen. The market is well supplied, and selling at reasonable prices.

Fruits and Melons.—Apples, 3 to 5c. per quart, or 10c. per half-peck, 20c. per peck; peaches, 10c. per quart; whortleberries, 7c. per quart; pears, 5c. per quart; plums, 10 to 15c. per quart; grapes, 10c. per pound, or three pounds for 25c.; canteloupes, 1 to 5c. apiece, according to size; watermelons, 5 to 10c. apiece—choice, 15 to 25c. apiece; lemons, 20c. per dozen.

THE OPERA THIS WEEK.—On Friday and Saturday nights of this week Professor Charles L. Seigle's newly-organized and fine opera company will open their summer season at Mozart Hall with two choice operatic entertainments. The performances are to be given for the benefit of the Guard of the Commonwealth, of this city, and the outlook is very promising for two evenings of rare musical enjoyment.

The artists, Madame Caroline Richings-Bernard, Mr. Hoff, Mr. Bernard, and Mr. Greensfelder, are too well known and thoroughly appreciated here to need any further introduction. Miss Amy Rogers, who completes the list of the company, is a stranger here, but comes well endorsed as a pretty, bright, and spirited little artist. The programmes for the two nights are entirely new, and are likely to prove very charming, as neither of the operas which will be given have ever been performed here before.

On Friday night they will play "The Duchess," the music of which was composed by Mr. Pierre Bernard, and the libretta by Mrs. Richings. It is said to be a very charming little opera, and the music is highly spoken of. For Saturday night Victor Masses's Parisian success, "Le Noces de Jeannette" (Jeannette's Wedding), and the second act of "Martha" are announced. The former has enjoyed a fine reputation for musical excellence, and we are anxious to see it and judge for ourselves, while every strain in imperishable "Martha" is familiar and dear to us all.

The company is stopping at the American Hotel, and are diligently rehearsing their extensive *reportoire*, and we trust their summer tour may be a successful one.

PERSONAL—BRIEF ITEMS.—The views of the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *American* as to Dr. Gilmer's seeking office are not shared by that gentleman's friends and acquaintances here. He has been endorsed for postmaster of Richmond by several of the most prominent Republicans in Virginia and by numerous well-known citizens of the Democratic faith, all of whom warmly testify to his character, intelligence, and worth, and give assurance that if appointed postmaster he will discharge the duties faithfully and satisfactorily.

Governor Holliday, Senator Johnston, and Colonel W. S. Gilman, leave the city Monday morning for Old Point and Yorktown. Senator Johnston is chairman of the Yorktown-monument congressional committee, and also of the sub-committee which meets at Yorktown on Wednesday. Messrs. Goode, of Virginia; Dawes, of Massachusetts; Aldrich, of Rhode Island, and Davis, of North Carolina, are the other members of the sub-committee.

Information has been received in this city of the death of Mr. Charles L. Mitchell, son of Mr. R. D. Mitchell of this city. The sad event occurred in Sherman, Texas. The deceased was at one time deputy city-sergeant under the late Thomas U. Dudley. This is the third son Mr. Mitchell has lost in the past nine months.

The First English Lutheran Sunday-school pic-nic has been postponed from last Thursday to next Thursday, July 29th. No one desiring a pleasant day at Mount Pleasant should fail to go. The object of the excursion is not to make money, but to furnish every one real enjoyment at the very cheapest rate.

Professor Edward Caulfield has been compelled to dissolve his connection with the Seigel Opera Company during their approaching tour in consequence of the failure at the last moment of his arrangements for filling his place as organist at St. Peter's Cathedral during his absence with the troupe.

The annual excursion and pic-nic of St. Patrick's-church Sunday school will be given this year at Bon Air, on the 10th of August. The committee are active in making preparations for having