Richmond Dispatch.

WEDNESDAY.....JULY 28, 1880.

Virginia.

The Hon. EDGAR WILSON, of West Virginia, once said to a crowd of listeners in the Valley of the Monongahela that wherever he had travelled in the West he had found their fame ahead of him; that in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, or where not, he had heard many people talking of Old Monongahela——here a long pause——"whiskey"! [Great applause comes in here.] Now, we fear that Virginia is enjoying an evil reputation of a somewhat different kind, but none the less evil for this reason. Not only in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and the West, are people talking of us, but in Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and indeed all over these United States, they are talking about "Old Virginia"——dissensions!—dissensions in the Democratic party of Virginia!

The Washington *Republican*, fearing that these dissensions might be healed, or perhaps that the true Democrats might all march up to the support of the regular Democratic ticket, tries to drive a new wedge between the regulars and the Independents by indulging in the following remarks:

"Our advices from Virginia do not consist with the information which the Democratic press outside of that State is sending to the country. The assurance given of a probable reconciliation between the Bourbons and Readjusters there is hollow and unreliable. The sore is too deep and broad and too largely filled with proud flesh to admit of healing at present. Neither of the factions is inclined to surrender its ticket. The feeling of hostility has become too bitter to admit of it, and without a surrender there can be no compromise, no fusion, no reconciliation or coalition. It looks as if matters will remain *in statu quo* until the day of election, and then if the Republicans do not carry their electoral ticket it will be their own fault. A full Republican vote will bring that result, and we are assured by intelligent Republicans who have traversed the State that every honorable effort will be made by the Republicans to secure a full vote. Our friends are in good heart and eager for the fray. A thorough and efficient canvass will be made and the votes will be counted, if Republican vigilance can secure such a result, on the night of the election."

Is it not plain that the Republicans are calculating that the "Bourbons," as they call the regulars, will be defeated by the persistent obstinacy of the Independents? Is it not evident, too, that they regard the "Bourbons" as their enemies in fact, and the "Readjusters," as they call the Mahonites, their allies in all but name? Anyhow, the true Democrats amongst the men who have not yet left General MAHONE'S ticket to its fate ought to learn from these and all other utterances of the Republicans and Republican journals that it is their duty to come up to the work of trying with all their powers to aid in the election of HANCOCK and ENGLISH by voting for the electors nominated by the regular Democratic Convention of the 19th of May.

George D. Wise for Congress.

The Democratic Convention for this district met at Ashland yesterday, and on the second ballot unanimously nominated Captain GEORGE D. WISE for Congress. The popular vote at the primaries seemed to point him out as the man for the place, and the Convention was not long in arriving at the same conclusion. In the contest for the nomination no bad feeling was at any time aroused, and Captain WISE is pledged and will certainly have the cordial support of the gentlemen who were his competitors for the nomination. Besides, he enjoys great personal popularity; he is thoroughly acquainted with the wants of his people, and has the vigor of mind and body, the pluck and determination, to carry him successfully through the canvass, and make him an effective representative in Congress.

The Richmond Collectorship.

[Washington Letter in Baltimore American.]

It is evident that the fight against Collector Mills, of Richmond, will be very vigorously pressed, and the friends of Mr. Spitzer claim that the investigation which has been ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury will fully sustain all the charges that have been made regarding the incompetency of Collector Mills and the peculiar methods which he has adopted to utilize his official position to serve the ends of personal vengeance. It is claimed by Mr. Spitzer's friends that the prime cause for his removal was that in the recent struggle for the presidental nomination Collector Mills was an uncompromising supporter of General Grant and worked vigorously to secure the united support of the Virginia delegation at Chicago. Mr. Spitzer favored the nomination of Secretary Sherman, and, being decidedly the better politician of the two, succeeded in breaking up many of the best-laid plans of the Collector looking to a solid Grant delegation. This, it is said, accounts for the vindictiveness with which the Collector has pursued Mr. Spitzer, and for his subsequent removal. It is stated at the Treasury Department that Mr. Mills has made this issue at, for him, an exceedingly unfortunate juncture, as Secretary Sherman is not inclined to stand by and see those of his friends who were faithful to his interest punished for their adherence; and if the investigation should sustain the allegations made by Mr. Spitzer's friends, there is but little doubt of the removal of Collector Mills and the appointment of Mr. Spitzer.

The Letters of Acceptance.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Mr. A. R. Lamar, of Savannah, Ga., and Major George P. Barnes, of Augusta, Ga., called on the General to-day. General Mitchell stated that arrangements were now being made to deliver General Hancock's letter of acceptance to the press. He could not say on what day it would be delivered, but said that no preference would be shown to any special paper, and that it would be delivered to all at the same time.

It was intimated at Governor's Island to-day that the letters of General Hancock and Mr. English will appear at the same time, and will be issued to the press this week, probably Thursday. Both letters will not occupy more than a column and a half, and will announce very concisely and clearly the views of the candidates.

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION IN WEST VIRGINIA.—The Democratic Congressional Convention for the Second district of West Virginia, which met at Fairmount Monday, nominated Judge John Blair Hoge, of Berkeley county, on the ninth ballot, to succeed Hon. B. F. Martin, present representative. The Convention was large and enthusiastic. Judge Hoge's opponents in the Convention were Hon. B. F. Martin and Mr. D. B. Lucas, of Jefferson county. Judge Hoge is the present judge of the circuit composed of Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties, but his term expires January 1, 1881, and his successor will be elected in November next. Judge Hoge is an able lawyer and a fine orator, and will prove a strong candidate.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Bulletin* has heard an "effort is to be made to induce General Hancock to attend the State Fair at Richmond, with a view that his presence will solidify the party, if a compromise between the two Democratic factions is not sooner brought about.

PETERSBURG.

THE CITY WATER, AGAIN—THE HEALTH-OFFICER WARNS THE CITIZENS NOT TO DRINK IT—UNUSUALLY HEAVY MORTALITY—INSPECTIONS OF TOBACCO—POLITICAL MATTERS—DELEGATES APPOINTED IN PRINCE GEORGE—OPENING OF THE CANVASS—VARIOUS MATTERS—POWERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

JULY 27, 1880.

The troubles in regard to our water-supply are not ended, as it was hoped they would be after the rains came. They seem rather to have been increased to-day by the announcement made through the press by the President of the Board of Health this morning warning the citizens against using the city water for drinking purposes until further notice. This warning was given after the president had made as thorough examination of the water as could be done without analysis, and his action was approved by the Board of Health at a special meeting held to-day to consider the matter. The attention of the Health Officer was called to the condition of the water by a number of citizens who had discovered in it both an unpleasant taste and odor, and it is believed that by reason of the deleterious matter in it it is unfit and unhealthy to drink. For weeks past, in consequence of the long drought, the water in the reservoirs has been very low, with the source of supply diminishing with the continuance of the drought. To this, in large measure, is ascribed the present condemned condition of the water. Whether the fault can be thoroughly remedied without cleansing out the reservoirs and washing out the pipes remains to be seen. The mortality in this city this month has been greater than has been known for many years. The Health Officer informed me that for the four weeks ending yesterday *eighty-five* deaths were reported in the city, not including those that occurred at the almshouse. Of these, fifty-two were colored and thirty-three white. And yet there has been nothing like an epidemic in the community. It is seldom that our mortality exceeds sixty per month, and oftener than otherwise it falls below fifty.

While the offerings of loose tobacco have been moderate for some time past, the inspections of hogsheads have been large. The inspections to-day amounted to 222 hogsheads, and it is estimated that there are on hand at the several warehouses in the city fully 1,000 hogsheads of inspected tobacco.

The Conservatives of Prince George county held a meeting at the Courthouse yesterday, and appointed delegates to the Convention, which is to meet at Ocean View to nominate a candidate for Congress in the Second district. The delegates were not instructed, and they are free to go for the best and most available man. It being understood that Auditor Massey is to address the Readjusters of the county on the 12th of August, the meeting took steps to secure a division of time on that occasion, and decided to invite Mr. William L. Royall, of Richmond, to meet and discuss the political issues with Mr. Massey.

The Readjusters expect to open the canvass in this city on the 13th of August with a speech from Hon. H. H. Riddleberger. It is expected that Mr. Riddleberger, as one of the Readjuster electors at large, will devote much of his time during the campaign to the southern section of the State, and that Colonel Cameron, his conferee on the ticket, will speak in other portions of the Commonwealth.

Colonel H. D. Whitcomb and his assistants, Messrs. D. R. Burgwyn and R. L. Johnston, United States engineers in charge of the James-River improvement, are in the city, making a survey of our harbor with a view to any future improvements that may be ordered.

A race has been arranged to take place at the Fair-Grounds on Thursday afternoon for a purse of $200—mile heats, best three in five. The entries are Taylor's "Filbert" and Clary's "Lillie," two well-known Petersburg horses, and it is stated that a considerable amount of money is staked on the result outside of the purse.

A number of Knights Templar of this city are contemplating making the pilgrimage to Chicago next month on the occasion of the Triennial Conclave of the Order in that city.

The official body of Washington-Street Methodist Episcopal church last night granted a leave of absence of one month to the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. D. Blackwell.

There have been so many complaints of nuisances during the hot weather that it is probable the Common Council, at its August meeting, will confer greater powers on the Board of Health, and give them more money to expend in improving the sanitary condition of the city. The appropriation made to the Board for the year is only $500, which necessarily confines them to the most economical and limited expenditures. At the same time, as the President of the Board in a recent report said, the city expends $5,000 for the support of its paupers at the almshouse.

ROBIN ADAIR.

STAUNTON.

DELEGATES APPOINTED TO THE STAUNTON DISTRICT CONVENTION—HANCOCK CLUBS AND POLE-RAISINGS, &C.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

JULY 27, 1880.

After the speaking at the great Democratic meeting in the Opera-House here yesterday, the large number of citizens of the county and city present resolved to proceed to the election of delegates to the Congressional District Convention which meets in Staunton on the 12th of August. Captain James Baumgardner was elected chairman, and on the motion of Major A. Koiner committees of six representatives from each district of the county and ward of the city were appointed to nominate delegates to the Convention.

The following gentlemen were then reported and unanimously elected:

Staunton—First Ward: Michael Cox, J. H. McCue, Ed. Echols, W. B. Kayser—4. Second Ward: H. St. George Tucker, W. L. Bumgardner, A. F. Robertson, W. A. Burke—4.

Beverly Manor District—M. F. White, G. W. Swoope, E. M. Cushing, J. M. Kinney, C. S. Jordan—5.

South River—D. S. Bell, W. L. Mowry, J. S. Ellis, G. W. Koiner, J. T. Black, A. G. Christian, George A. Bruce—7.

Pastures—John S. Guy, A. B. Lightner, B. O. Ferguson, J. F. Tate—4.

Middle River—A. H. Roller, Thomas Burke, J. H. Crawford, S. H. McCue, J. R. Stout, W. H. Moorman—6.

Riverheads—J. Frank Larew, W. Steel, W. T. Bush, W. F. Smith, M. W. D. Hogshead, W. Thompson—6.

North River—John L. Clarke, James H. Todd, Hiram Hoffman, John W. Crist, John A. Mills, J. A. Hamrick—6.

Total, 37.

The Readjusters here yesterday raised a lofty pole. Upon the flag is inscribed, "Readjuster Ticket—Hancock and English. Virginia Forever." This is the only Readjuster pole in the county. There are several Hancock poles in the county, raised by clubs representing the regular May ticket—namely, at Staunton, Waynesboro', and Folly Mill, and clubs will be organized and poles raised on Saturday at Churchville and Mint Spring. The Democracy here are thoroughly aroused.

PENN.

LYNCHBURG.

THE STREET-CARS ON MAIN STREET—SCHOOL CENSUS—MAJOR DANIEL'S MOVEMENTS—POLITICS IN BEDFORD—A ROPE THAT WASN'T USED—PIC-NIC—PORTRAITS FROM THE OLD WORLD—THE TWO CHAPELS, &C.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

JULY 27, 1880.

It is said that the Street Railway Company will probably encounter opposition in the City Council to its proposition to extend its track along Main street. That principal thoroughfare of the city is so narrow that it hardly accommodates even now the business that is transacted on it; and the laying of a double track for street-cars, it is feared, would greatly impede matters. If the Council should refuse permission this would not, however, be a serious difficulty, as the line might every bit as well be run along Church street.

The school census of the city, embracing all persons between the ages of five and twenty-one, has just been completed by Captain McKeen. The total is 4,870 as against 3,094 in 1875—an increase of 776 in five years.

When the news of the commutation of the sentence of Nelson Mitchell to imprisonment for life arrived yesterday, Sheriff Joyner, of Amherst, was in the city buying a rope and making other preparations for the execution, which would have taken place on Friday next. The sheriff was greatly rejoiced to learn that he had no such use for the rope he had purchased.

It appears that Major Daniel reconsidered his acceptance of the invitation of the Democrats of Vermont to address their State Convention. He did not attend its session. Major Daniel and his wife are now the guests of the Hon. Daniel Dougherty, near Philadelphia.

A Hancock and English flag was raised at Liberty yesterday, on the occasion of Bedford court, and speeches were made by Elector Griffin, Mr. John R. Thurman, and others.

The Sunday school of the Methodist Protestant church, accompanied by many guests, left this morning on a pic-nic excursion for Big Spring.

The artist Fisher, who is now settled at Munich, Bavaria, took with him when he went abroad orders for the execution of a number of portraits of our leading citizens. Recent advices received from him state that these portraits were shipped for this country about the first of this month, so that their arrival is now daily looked for.

In connection with the projected arrangement for filling the pulpit of the Fair-Grounds (Epiphany) chapel a movement is on foot looking to the combination of that place of worship with the Episcopal chapel called Christ church, on Daniel's Hill. This chapel has been under the charge of Rev. J. H. Williams, but since the recent ill-health of that energetic minister its doors have been closed.

A number of our fashionable young folks leave next Thursday to attend a German at the Alleghany Springs.

TELEPHONE.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.

HANCOCK CLUB—POLE-RAISING—PERSONAL—LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH—LECTURE OF BISHOP KEANE, &C.—SERVICES ELSEWHERE—LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY—CAMP-MEETING—THE CHARLOTTESVILLE AND RAPIDAN RAILROAD.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

JULY 26, 1880.

A Hancock Club was organized on Friday night, with a large membership. Micajah Woods, Esq., was made president, and L. Waddell, Esq., secretary. Six vice-presidents were appointed, and committees to take charge of the various interests of the vigorous campaign to be inaugurated.

A Hancock and English pole will be raised here this evening at Midway Park. Speeches are expected from some of our most talented speakers, and an interesting time is anticipated.

The corner-stone of the new Catholic church in process of erection in this town was laid yesterday by Bishop Keane according to the ceremonies of the Roman ritual.

First, the Bishop briefly explained to the assembled multitude the nature of the ceremony about to take place. Then reciting the appropriate psalms and prayers, he blessed the spot where the altar is to stand, which was marked by a large wooden cross, blessed and laid the corner-stone, and blessed the foundations of the new edifice. From an elevated platform he then addressed the spectators. All hearts were glad, he said, because a new sanctuary was to be erected to the living God, a new temple of the new law, a new treasure-house of the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord himself gave us, in the words which formed the Bishop's text (John xv., 16) the title by which the new church was to be called. It was to be named the Church of the Paraclete, and was to keep the people ever in mind of Him whom our Lord sent to be made unto us the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of Fortitude, the Sanctifier. The Bishop developed briefly the thoughts suggested by each of these titles of the Holy Ghost, and showed how in each capacity He is the Paraclete—that is, the *Comforter*.

Before the ceremonies the Bishop preached at late mass on the warning and the lesson given by our Lord in the Gospel of the Festival of St. James the Apostle (Matthew xx., 20-23). In the evening he lectured at the Town Hall to a very large audience, briefly reviewing the history of the Church of Christ, and dwelling on the lesson suggested by it.

The new church will be situated on the corner of Jefferson and School streets, and is to be of brick, Mr. J. B. Black, of Richmond, being architect and builder. The style is Byzantine, and its extreme dimensions, including the sanctuary and the front tower, will be 75 by 40 feet. While it is not to be a costly building, it is intended that it shall be an ornament to the town and a credit to religion. The Catholic congregation number about one hundred.

In the Baptist Sunday school an address was delivered by Mr. Shaddock, of Louisiana. Rev. R. H. Stone, of Culpeper, preached at this church at night.

At the University in the morning Dr. McGilvray preached in the Public Hall. At 5 P. M. Colonel Thomas L. Preston lectured the Normal Institute on "Reminiscences of Palestine." His relation of the scenes and incidents which came under his personal observation was graphic and interesting, and were told in the chaste and polished style in which Colonel Preston is not equalied. The large hall was well filled and the strictest attention was paid to the lecturer.

One feature of the exercises of the Normal Institute which has been heretofore given no public prominence is that department presided over by Professor Funk—viz., vocal music, calisthenics, and elocution. Professor Funk is said to be very very proficient in his department and much interest is manifested by the teachers in his instruction.

A camp-meeting of considerable extent has been in progress near Nortonsville for some days past. Many persons from Charlottesville attended on Sunday, and represent the meeting to be of much interest and attended by large numbers of people.

The Charlottesville and Rapidan railroad is running trains now to the river, five miles. It is said that the cars will go through next week. Freight trains only will be run for several weeks.

QUIP.

HANCOCK MEETING—ACCIDENT—DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.

JULY 27, 1880.

A Hancock and English meeting was held at Midway Park last evening, upon the occasion of throwing to the breeze a flag bearing the names of the next President and Vice-President of the United States. A procession was formed on Main street, headed by the Charlottesville Band, which proceeded to the Park, where a stand had been erected, beautifully illuminated with Chinese lanterns. A very large crowd, including many ladies, surrounded the stately pole. Oscar Reierson, Esq., presided.

Addresses were made by George Perkins, Esq., Mr. Briggs, editor of the Suffolk *Herald*, Hon. S. F. Leake, John M. White, Mr. Meredith, of Richmond, and several others. The enthusiasm was very great. The speeches were all good, and a general feeling of confidence was expressed in the success of the Democratic ticket. There was no sentiment in favor of a "giving away" of the regular Democratic electoral ticket. Indeed, Mr. Gibson declared himself to be a Readjuster, but an honest one, and he had no idea of supporting the "bogus" ticket nominated by the Mahone Convention. The meeting was altogether a success. The name of Garfield is either not known here or is obsolete.

A little colored boy named Wilson Brooks fell off a coal-cart yesterday, and the wheel of the cart passed over his thigh, crushing the bones without making an abrasion of the skin.

J. Frank Fry, Esq., one of the oldest, best-known, and best-loved citizens of this county, died last night. Mr. Fry was eighty-one years old. He had been for many long years connected with the public interests of Albemarle, and at the time of his death was commissioner of the revenue for the lower district. He was a man full of genial kindliness and a power to attract men to him. He was loved by all people of all parties and of all races. Up to a short time of his death he pursued his avocation and held his years well. An illness, however, last winter disabled him and perhaps superinduced his death, much to the sorrow of his fellow-citizens. Peace to his ashes.

QUIP.

The Democratic Campaign.

SOME OF THE REPORTS DAILY SENT TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE—ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-MORROW'S MASS-MEETING.

[New York World, yesterday.]

At the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee, No. 138 Fifth avenue, yesterday, the committee to take charge of speakers for the campaign organized with Bradley B. Smalley, of Vermont, as chairman, and will hold daily sessions in the rear rooms of the first floor at headquarters. Among those present at the rooms yesterday were General W. T. Martin, of Mississippi; B. B. Smalley, of Vermont; John W. Daniel and Judge John T. Harris, of Virginia; B. F. Jonas, of Louisiana; Senator C. W. Jones, of Florida; W. D. Harker and D. M. Runyan, of Kentucky; W. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania; A. S. Sullivan, Mayor Cooper, Abram S. Hewitt, ex-Congressman Edwin R. Meade, and General P. H. Jones, of New York. An enormous mail was received by the committee yesterday. S. M. Finger, of North Carolina, writes:

"I count on a very handsome majority in this State for General Hancock. Our people are in better cheer than they were four years ago."

Three California correspondents speak encouragingly of the outlook in that State. William S. Moss, of San Francisco, proprietor of the *Daily Examiner*, writes:

"The enthusiasm over the nomination of Hancock is intense and increasing. The campaign opens better than any I have ever witnessed in this State, not excepting even that of Franklin Pierce in 1852."

John Markley, who is sheriff of his county, in California, writes from Salmas City: "I am pleased to say that many of the Republican workingmen are with us this year. In this precinct (Salmas City) we have twenty. This county gave Hayes 171 majority, but we shall carry it for Hancock."

W. A. Selkirk, secretary of the Democratic Committee of California, writes: "The nomination of Hancock and English has excited the greatest enthusiasm in California."

Charles Smith, president of a Hancock club at Bellefonte, Pa., writes: "We expect to poll the largest Democratic vote ever polled in Centre county, and to increase our majority at least 25 per cent. on 1876."

J. H. Swartwout, of Stamford, Conn., reports the party to be in better condition than it ever has been in that section. Local quarrels are all healed and a large Hancock club has just been formed at Stamford.

A. C. Parkinson, chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Wisconsin, writes: "The feeling in Wisconsin is excellent; in fact, I have never known a presidential campaign to open so auspiciously."

William Mutchler, of Easton, Pa., called at headquarters yesterday. He said that a large number of Hancock and English clubs have been formed throughout Northampton county, and that several Hancock veteran clubs have been organized already with a number of Republican soldiers on the rolls.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hancock Veteran Association yesterday at the Westminster Hotel reports were received from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana in relation to formation of Hancock veteran associations. In every case it is reported that a large percentage of the membership is made up of Republicans who voted for Hayes, but are now for Hancock. The Executive Committee will have its National Committee list completed to-day, and will meet at 4 P. M. daily through the campaign.

It is probable that Mayor Cooper will preside at the Hancock and English ratification meeting in the Academy of Music to-morrow evening. Among the speakers expected are Samuel J. Randall, John W. Daniel, Daniel Dougherty of Philadelphia, who nominated General Hancock at Cincinnati, A. S. Hewitt, and Senator John P. Stockton of New Jersey.

At the meeting to be held in Irving Hall on the same evening, Franklin Edson will preside. Among the speakers will be Senator C. W. Jones of Florida, B. F. Jonas of Louisiana, Gilbert C. Walker, Chairman Lester B. Faulkner of the State Committee, and E. K. Apgar.

The German meeting in Nilsson Hall will be presided over by Commissioner of Education Ferdinand Traude. Among the speakers will be Joseph Pulitzer and General Franz Siegel.

Governor's Island.

PEOPLE STILL MAKING IT THE GOAL OF THEIR PILGRIMAGES—A LABOR LEAGUE DELEGATION.

[Herald, yesterday.]

There were plenty of visitors yesterday to Governor's Island. Among the earliest was ex-Governor Walker, who, however, did not call on General Hancock, but sent him a note. Following him were General "Baldy" Smith, Captain John J. Rogers, formerly of the navy, but now attached to the Stonington Line of steamers; Thomas Kinsella and W. R. Grace, of Brooklyn; George P. Barnes, of Augusta, Ga.; A. R. Lamar, of Savannah, Ga.; Frank Cary and William R. Belden, of New York. They were all kindly received, some being accorded brief interviews, and others indulging in quite prolonged conferences. These visitors were of the class that has almost daily presented itself at Governor's Island since General Hancock's nomination, some coming to congratulate him—an excuse for calling that does not seem to have worn quite threadbare yet—and others to talk over the political situation, with interjections of personal advice as to his letter of acceptance and general line of policy.

There was, in addition, yesterday, a delegation of a novel and decidedly distinctive class. This was a committee from the United States Labor League, comprising Mr. John Pope Hodnett, of Washington, D. C., president; General J. D. McBride, of Virginia, secretary, and Major Daniel O'Driscoll, of Dayton, Ohio, corresponding secretary. They stated to the General that as the representatives of a large body of workingmen scattered through twenty-six States of the Union they had come to consult him as the Democratic candidate for the presidency relative to matters which their organization considered of great and vital importance to the interests of the laboring classes. They announced—or rather Colonel McBride, who acted as the spokesman of the committee, did—that both Democrats and Republicans belong to their organization; that they exercised a great influence in many sections in local elections, and that in September next they were to hold a Convention in this city, at which they would discuss and decide the question as to which of the candidates for the presidency should receive their support—a decision that could only be reached by first ascertaining which of the candidates was most in accord with their views. In order that the General might better understand what they sought to accomplish he denied in the first place that their organization had any connection with socialism or communism, but assured him that their sole object was to secure justice to the working classes, an enforcement of the eight-hour law, the establishment of a system of arbitration between employers and workmen to prevent strikes, and the enactment of laws tending to more justly award the division of profits between capital and labor. He said in conclusion that many "greenbackers" belonged to the organization, but it had never committed itself to an endorsement of their views, and their choice of candidates lay solely between Hancock and Garfield.

After listening with his usual courtesy to the statements of the committee General Hancock refused to express any views in the matter. Under the circumstances all he could do—and this he cheerfully did—was to give them a letter of introduction to Senator Barnum, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. The letter was a strictly formal one, and said that the gentlemen would explain their business. This seemed to be satisfactory, and, in fact, the committee could hardly do otherwise than express their satisfaction, having very speedily ascertained the fact that it would be utterly impossible, more especially in advance of his having written his letter of acceptance, to draw out any expression of views from the General. The committee expressed themselves as pleased with General Hancock, but refused to state their personal prefences regarding the presidential candidates. "We believe," said Mr. Hodnett, "that our principles are the live issues of the day. We are not partisans and are willing to support either of the great parties that will come nearest to carrying out our ideas. The fight over slavery is over, and it is time that all sectional jealousies should be buried; but every man and woman is interested in the laws regulating labor."

At a meeting of Norfolk Republicans Monday night, Mr. L. L. Lewis, United States district attorney, urged in strong terms the Republicans of Virginia to carry Virginia for the Republican electoral ticket, as they had it in their power to do. He stated that he believed Garfield to be as honorable and as high-toned a man as walks God's green earth; that Hancock was a fair man, but in bad company.

Mrs. Harriet Girard Clark, widow of Dr. G. Clark, and last surviving niece of Stephen Girard, died in Philadelphia Monday. Her first husband was Baron Lallemand, a general of artillery under Napoleon I.

Reports from Minnesota confirm the earlier predictions of an abundant wheat harvest, and the total yield of the State is placed at thirty-five or forty million bushels.

Orange county has elected delegates favorable to Neale for Congress.

MARRIAGES.

Married, on the 29th of June, at the residence of the bride, in Henrico county, by Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., Mr. E. P. PERKINS, of Chesterfield county, and Miss MARY J. CONAWAY, of Henrico county.

Petersburg and Norfolk papers please copy. *

DEATHS.

Died, on Tuesday, July 27, 1880, at 7:50 P. M., ROBERT L. WIGLESWORTH, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

His funeral will take place from his late residence THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON at 6 o'clock. His friends and relatives are invited to attend. *

Died, yesterday morning, July 27th, GEORGE STANLEY, youngest son of William M. and Mollie S. Martin; aged two years four months and fourteen days.

"As vernal flowers that scent the morn
But wither in the rising day,
Thus lovely was this infant's dawn,
Thus swiftly fled his life away."

He will be buried at Oakwood TO-DAY (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock. Services at the grave. *

Died, on the 27th instant, at 4 o'clock A. M., JAMES HENRY, infant son of George W. and Christina N. Lamb; aged nine months and two days.

"Of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend the funeral TO-DAY at the residence of his parents, No. 813 Jessamine street, at 3 o'clock P. M. *

MEETINGS.

HEADQ'RS COMMANDERY OF ST. ANDREW, RICHMOND, July 28, 1880.

A CALLED ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMANDERY will be held at St. Albans Hall THIS (Wednesday) EVENING at 8 o'clock, in fatigue dress, for work. Officers, members, and candidates will be prompt in attendance. The members of Richmond Commandery, No. 2, are courteously invited to attend.

By order of the Eminent Commander,
JNO. E. LAUGHTON, JR., Captain-General.
Jy 28-1t

I. O. O. F.—The members of AURORA LODGE, No. 116, are hereby notified to attend a regular meeting on WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 28th instant, at Schiller Hall, Broad between Sixth and Seventh streets. Business—an important amendment to the by-laws will come up for action.

By order of the Noble Grand.
JOHN J. SULLIVAN, Recording Secretary.
Jy 28-1t

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 23, K. OF P.—Attend a regular convention THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, July 28th, at 8 o'clock at your castle (Wilkinson's) hall. Candidates for ranks will be prompt in attendance at 8:30. By order of the C. C.

JAMES R. LAMKIN, K. of R. and S.
Jy 28-1t*

OFFICE OF THE OLD DOMINION IRON AND NAIL WORKS COMPANY, RICHMOND, VA., July 27, 1880.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company will be held at this office on MONDAY, August 2d, at 12 o'clock.

E. E. BLANKENSHIP, Commercial Agent.
Jy 28-5t

AMUSEMENTS.

MOZART HALL.

ENGLISH OPERA.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GUARD OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

TWO NIGHTS ONLY.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 30TH AND 31ST.

MADAME CAROLINE RICHINGS-BERNARD, AMERICA'S GREATEST PRIMA DONNA,

SUPPORTED BY

MISS AMY ROGERS,
MR. EDWIN W. HOFF,
MR. PIERRE BERNARD,
MR. JOSEPH S. GREENSFELDER.

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 30TH,

First production of the new opera,

THE DUCHESS.

Music by Pierre Bernard. Libretta by Caroline Richings.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 31ST,

First production of Victor Masses' grand Parisian success,

LE NOCES DE JEANNETTE,
(Jeannette's Wedding.)
AND
SECOND ACT OF MARTHA.

POPULAR PRICES.—Admission, 50 cents; reserved seats, 75 cents; gallery, 25 cents.

Box-sheet opens at C. F. JOHNSTON'S Tuesday, July 27th. jy 25

EXCURSIONS, PIC-NICS, &c.

CHEAPEST EXCURSION OF THIS SEASON. Only 25 cents to MT. PLEASANT. Children 15 cents. THURSDAY, July 29th. REFRESHMENTS at less than city prices. FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL PIC-NIC. Tickets for sale at L. E. Franck's, 20 north Ninth street, and at H. J. Ide's, 1803 Main street, and at train. jy 25-3t

RICHMOND, YORK RIVER AND CHESAPEAKE RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, RICHMOND, VA., June 22, 1880.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Commencing THURSDAY, July 1st, the POWHATAN-LINE STEAMERS will leave their dock, Twenty-fourth and Dock streets, for BALTIMORE each THURSDAY at 9 A. M.

THE SUNDAY EXCURSION TRAIN to WEST POINT leaves depot, corner Twenty-third and Dock streets, on each SUNDAY at 8 A. M. Returning, arrives at Richmond at 7:30 P. M.

Fare from Richmond to West Point and return, good only for that day and train, 50 cents.

H. T. DOUGLAS, Superintendent.
jy 24-18ep1

CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, &c.

DOWN THEY GO!

100 TIN TOILET SETS just received, to be sold at from 10 to 25 per cent. less than regular price.

Great bargains in SILVER-PLATED ICE-PITCHERS.

PORCELAIN-LINED PRESERVING KETTLES very cheap.

The largest stock of CHINA DINNER, TEA and TOILET WARE and HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS GENERALLY, to be found south of New York, at BOTTOM PRICES. If you wish bargains give me a call.

jy 12 E. B. TAYLOR, 1011 Main street.

JUST RECEIVED, A CRATE OF SOUP-TUREENS from England; a large stock of DECORATED CHAMBER SETS, some very pretty, a few ugly ones; a great variety of TIN SETS; 2,000 MILK-PANS, slightly damaged. Call early and secure bargains.

H. H. WALLACE, No. 406 Broad street.
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NEW CHINA GOODS.

DECORATED TEA-SETS;
DECORATED DESSERT-SETS;
DECORATED BERRY-SETS;
DECORATED CHAMBER-SETS;
DECORATED FLOWER-HOLDERS.
WILD ROSES, WATER-COOLERS (new designs), ICE-CREAM FREEZERS. Look before buying at new goods. GEORGE GIBSON, JR., 1207 Main street.
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DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS.

RICHMOND, VA., April 9, 1880.

THE CONCERN OF JOHN R. McPHAIL & BROTHER is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The business will be continued by E. W. McPHAIL, under the firm-name of JOHN R. McPHAIL & BROTHER, at the old stand, 1800 Main street.

All persons indebted to the concern are requested to come forward and settle with E. W. McPHAIL.

JOHN R. McPHAIL,
E. W. McPHAIL.
jy 27-2t

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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SALE EXTRAORDINARY
BY
THALHIMER BROTHERS.

In consequence of a greatly-increased patronage we have found it necessary to secure

A MUCH LARGER STORE

for the accommodation of our trade and a proper

DISPLAY OF OUR GOODS,

we have accordingly rented that LARGE, COMMODIOUS, AND WELL-LIGHTED STORE at the corner of Fifth and Broad streets, now occupied by Messrs. A. P. Fox & Son, and which will be still further beautified and especially fitted up to suit our wants.

OUR INTENTION

is to remove on the 1st of October, but before retiring from our present stand

WE ARE DETERMINED TO CLOSE OUT

our entire stock and start at the new stand with an entirely new and

FRESH SUPPLY.

Knowing how difficult it is to dispose of an accumulated stock of DRY GOODS without

MAKING A SACRIFICE,

we are prepared to say that THE SACRIFICE will be made and

THE GOODS MUST BE SOLD.

OUR CLOSING OUT SALE WILL COMMENCE

ON MONDAY, JULY 5TH,

and the slaughter will be started in the prices of all kinds

OF SUMMER GOODS.

SUMMER CASHMERES,
SUMMER DRESS SILKS,
SUMMER BROCADES,
EMBROIDERED SWISSES,
BORDERED LAWNS,
GRENADINES, BUNTINGS,
PLAIN and FANCY SATINS,
LINON DE DACCAS,
VEILINGS, INDIA MUSLINS,
LACES, LINEN LAWNS, GLOVES,
VICTORIA LAWNS, FANS,
WHITE GOODS, ETC., ETC.

These goods must be sold, and we have made the prices LOW ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM MOVE. We intend, furthermore, that all summer goods shall be disposed of within the next three weeks, because we purpose on the 1st of August to

SHOW OUR WINTER GOODS AND TO SELL THEM.

We do not expect in a RESOLUTE SALE like this to sell a big lot of goods at their value nor do we expect to get back what we paid for them, but we will sell them

FOR WHAT THEY WILL BRING,
IRRESPECTIVE
OF COST OR VALUE.

OUR ASSORTMENT

is as complete as any that can be shown in the city of Richmond, and our determination

TO SELL CLEAN OUT

will place at the disposal of purchasers

A LINE OF BARGAINS RARELY TO BE MET WITH.

Call and examine for yourself at

THALHIMER BROTHERS',
jy 7-W,Sa&Su No. 601 Broad street.

SYCLE BROTHERS

WILL CONTINUE

FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS TO OFFER GREAT INDUCEMENTS,

AS THEIR

STOCK IS STILL VERY LARGE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

100 pieces of those CHEAP and HANDSOME LAWNS at 5c. per yard;
HANDSOME MADRAS GINGHAMS at 12½c. per yard;
20 pieces TABLE-LINEN from 37½c. to $1 per yard;
100 dozen more of those NAPKINS at half their value;
A few pieces more of those CRETONS for furniture covering, very cheap;
We have another large lot of those LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS at the same old price;
1,000 pairs GENTLEMEN'S HALF-HOSE, regular made, at astonishingly low prices;
A few pieces of LINEN SHEETING left, which will be closed out very low rather than carry them over;
100 pieces COLORED PIQUES at 6½c. per yard, real value 10c.;
10 pieces LINEN GINGHAM at 12½c. per yard, real value 25c.;
50 dozen more of those SILK-EMBROIDERED CORSETS at 50c. apiece;
50 pieces of FANCY MATTINGS on hand, which will be closed out regardless of cost;
A full line of LACE CURTAINS and WINDOW-SHADES;
250 MARSEILLES and HONEY-COMB QUILTS, which will be closed out at reduced prices;
200 SHETLAND SHAWLS to select from;
A great many PARASOLS and UMBRELLAS, which will closed out at cost, as the season is so far advanced;
In HAMBURG EDGINGS and INSERTINGS we have the largest assortment in the city, and at very low