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BUNTINGS, BROCADES, SUITINGS and DRAGES;

GLOVES, STOCKINGS, RUFFLES, COLLARS, and CUFFS;

HAMBURG EDGINGS and INSERTINGS and LACES in great variety;

EVERLASTING EMBROIDERY TRIMMINGS, MARSEILLES QUILTS, SHEETINGS and SHEETINGS, at

LEVY BROTHERS'.

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REMNANTS OF DRESS GOODS;
REMNANTS OF CURTAIN LACES;
REMNANTS OF CURTAIN MUSLINS;
REMNANTS OF IRISH LINEN;
REMNANTS OF BLACK CRAPE for Veils and Dress-Trimmings;
REMNANTS OF WHITE GOODS;
REMNANTS OF HAMBURG EDGINGS and INSERTINGS—all to be sold at great bargains at

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See the TWO BUTTON LIGHT-COLORED KID GLOVES at 20c. a pair. fe 11

☞ CARPETS AT REDUCED PRICES.

$1.25 THREE-PLY CARPET reduced to $1 per yard;
45 EXTRA SUPER INGRAIN CARPETS reduced to 50c. per yard;
60c. EXTRA SUPER INGRAIN CARPETS reduced to 75c. per yard;
$1.25 TAPESTRY BRUSSELS CARPETS reduced to $1 per yard;
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RUGS cheaper than ever;
Bargains in MATS, DRUGGETS, and HASSOCKS;
The cheapest WINDOW-SHADES and CURTAINS ever offered in the city;
OIL-CLOTH RUGS and FLOOR OIL-CLOTHS at

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☞ ONE HUNDRED CASES
NEW AND DESIRABLE SPRING GOODS
just opened at
SYCLE BROTHERS'.

100 pieces of new PERCALES—amongst them a great many suitable for Gentlemen's Shirts;
100 pieces new GINGHAMS;
A large lot of IRISH-LINEN LACES and TRIMMINGS;
500 new MARSEILLES QUILTS;
150 HONEYCOMB QUILTS;
1,000 LADIES' LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS from 6¼ to 50c.;
A fresh supply of CASSIMERES for Men and Boys' wear;
LINEN SHEETINGS and PILLOW-CASE LINEN, and REMNANTS of IRISH LINEN;
HAMBURG EDGING and INSERTINGS—the largest stock in Richmond;
100 pieces of LINEN TOWELLING retailing at 10c., real value 16⅔c.;
100 pieces of new CHECKED and PLAID MUSLINS at prices to suit everybody;
500 different styles of TRIMMING to suit the season, in Linen and Cotton;
2 cases of LAWNS to be sold at a sacrifice;
2 cases of ASSORTED DRESS GOODS at less than manufacturers' prices.
Remember, in BLACK CASHMERES we show the largest stock in the city. We have added several new lines to our already large stock;
We also show now the largest stock of SILKS, in BLACK and COLORS, at a great reduction in price, such as Cashmere, Mallenna, and satin de Leon, and a great many other manufactures;
We have a large variety of CORSETS at all prices;
Our HOSIERY DEPARTMENT is complete;
In our CARPET-ROOM we still show a very large assortment. You will also find there a full line of MATTINGS, FLOOR OIL-CLOTHS, RUGS, WINDOW-SHADES, and LACE CURTAINS;
CLOAKS and SHAWLS remaining on hand to be closed out at prime cost;
50 CRUMB-CLOTHS at $6 and $8—real value $10 and $12 each;
100 pieces DOUBLE-FOLD DEBAGE at 16⅔c. per yard—real value 37½c.;
Our entire stock of WINTER DRESS GOODS will be sold at prime cost rather than carry them over to another season;
A large addition of new TOWELS and NAPKINS;
500 LAUNDRIED and UNLAUNDRIED SHIRTS to be sold at less than cost of manufacture;
A full line of TABLE LINENS—Colored and White;
A large stock of DOMESTICS to be retailed at New York prices.
Don't make any purchases before examining

SYCLE BROTHERS',
311 Broad street.

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☞ FIRST IN THE MARKET.

GOODS FOR EARLY SPRING TRADE.

JULIUS MEYER & SON
ARE NOW RECEIVING FROM THEIR BUYER
IN NEW YORK
LOTS OF SPECIAL BARGAINS
IN
NEW SPRING GOODS.

THEY HAVE JUST OPENED—
2 cases GARNER'S YARD-WIDE FRENCH PERCALES, new spring styles, at 10c.—regular price, 15c.;
2 cases HANDSOME SHIRTING PRINTS at 6½c.;
4 cases NEW SPRING STYLE DRESS PRINTS at 6¼ and 8½c.;
40 pieces CHECK NAINSOOK at 10c.—regular price, 15c.;
20 pieces EXTRA-FINE NAINSOOK at 16⅔c. worth 25c.;
3 cases CORDED PIQUE at 7, 8½ and 10c.;
30 pieces NEW STRIPED and FIGURED PIQUES;
30 pieces FRENCH NET PIQUES at 15c. worth 25c.;
SOME EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS IN TABLE-DAMASK AND TOWELS.
50 dozen EXTRA HEAVY 36-INCH PURE LINEN TOWELS at 15c.;
60 dozen 33-INCH EXTRA-HEAVY PURE LINEN HONEYCOMB TOWELS at 12½c.;
30 dozen 36 INCH EXTRA-HEAVY DAMASK TOWELS at 25c. worth 35c.;
62 dozen EXTRA-FINE PURE LINEN HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS at 10c. worth 16⅔c.;
30 dozen HAND-EMBROIDERED HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS at 25c. worth 45c.;
AN IMMENSE AUCTION LOT OF HOSIERY.
2 cases LADIES' HEAVY-RIBBED COTTON HOSE at 5c. a pair;
2 cases LADIES' GOOD WHITE COTTON HOSE, four pair for 25c.;
2 cases LADIES' GOOD HEAVY SOLID-COLORED HOSE, three pair for 25c.;
40 dozen LADIES' SILK-CLOCKED BALBRIGGAN HOSE at 15c.;
50 dozen CHILDREN'S EXTRA-LONG HEAVY-RIBBED BROWN-MIXED SCHOOL-HOSE at 10c. worth 16⅔c.;
75 dozen CHILDREN'S COLORED HOSE at 6¼c. worth 12½c.;
50 dozen GENTLEMEN'S REGULAR MADE SILK-CLOCKED BALBRIGGAN HOSE at 25c.;
500 pieces NEW TORCHON LACES from 3c. per yard up—the cheapest TORCHON LACES in the city;
NEW DESIGNS IN HAMBURG EDGINGS from 36 to 45c. and lots of other NEW GOODS, at

JULIUS MEYER & SON'S,
601 and 603 Broad street.

For the BRAINARD ARMSTRONG SPOOL-SILK. It is the best. fe 4 eod

COURT ORDERS.

VIRGINIA—IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 9, 1881.

John R. Cary, who sues for the benefit of himself and all other policy-holders of the class, who will contribute their due proportion of the costs of the suit, ... Plaintiff,

against

The Life Association of America, R. M. T. Hunter, Treasurer of Virginia, and Corbin M. Reynolds, present Treasurer of Virginia, ... Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be further heard upon the papers formerly read, and upon the petition of Gulie G. Harrison, administratrix of George E. Harrison, deceased, filed this day, and the exhibits and affidavit filed therewith, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth order that the said petitioner be admitted as a party defendant to this cause, and doth further order that W. S. Reife, superintendent of Insurance Department of Missouri, Leon E. Page, and H. W. Sollen be made parties defendant to this suit, and that the clerk of this court issue proper process against them; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said W. S. Reife, superintendent, is not an inhabitant of this State, on the motion of the said Gulie G. Harrison, administratrix of George E. Harrison, deceased, it is ordered that the said W. S. Reife, superintendent, do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest; and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Richmond *Dispatch*, and posted by the clerk as required by law. And the court doth further order C. M. Reynolds, receiver in this cause, not to collect the note of George E. Harrison for $1,500 mentioned in the petition of his administratrix until the further order of this court.

A copy—Teste: ALFRED SHEILD, Clerk.
MANN & STRINGFELLOW, p. q. fe 11-F4w

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THE ITALIAN AND FRENCH LANGUAGES.—Ladies and gentlemen desirous of acquiring either of the above languages in a short time can do so by applying to

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Richmond Dispatch.

FRIDAY.....FEBRUARY 11, 1881.

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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, rain areas, followed by clearing weather, winds veering to colder northwesterly, and rising barometer.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was warm and partly cloudy.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 59; 9 A. M., 63; noon, 68; 3 P. M., 73; 6 P. M., 66; midnight, 48.

Mean temperature, 62 5-6.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Chamber of Commerce.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the new rooms of the Board, Commercial-Club building, 912 Main street, yesterday evening—E. O. Nölting, Esq., president, in the chair. Present—Messrs. Dunlop, Childrey, Crump, Jones, Blankenship, Thaxton, Spotts, Rogers, Rosenbaum, Purcell, Potts, and Palmer.

A number of gentlemen who were absent at the last meeting were excused for said absence.

Mr. L. D. Crenshaw, Jr., was reported by Mr. Rogers to be absent on account of an important meeting of the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Blankenship stated that the gentleman appointed to write an address on the subject of the advantages of the city of Richmond as a manufacturing city, &c., as well as a commercial port, was engaged in the work, and hoped to present it to the Board at an early day.

Mr. Blankenship offered the following amendments to the constitution, which were directed to be reported to a general meeting of the Chamber to be held on the 3d of March next:

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and sixteen directors. The president, two vice-presidents, the secretary, and the treasurer shall be chosen at each annual meeting. The sixteen directors shall also be chosen at each annual meeting, but only eight of the sixteen can be chosen from the number who were elected at the previous annual meeting. The Board of Directors at their meeting next preceding the annual meeting shall determine and certify to the annual meeting the names of the eight members who are ineligible for directors.

ARTICLE V.

Strike out fifteen and insert sixteen.

The object of these amendments is to retire one half the members of the Board annually.

Mr. Dunlop, from the special committee appointed to consider the Reagan bill, reported verbally that, as so little time remained for Congress to take up and consider the bill, the committee deemed it inadvisable to take any action in the matter at this time.

On motion of Mr. Blankenship the report was received and the committee discharged.

The Chair laid before the Board a communication from R. M. Littler, secretary National Butter, Cheese, and Egg Association, inviting the Chamber to be represented in the eighth annual convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 2d.

On motion of Mr. Potts the secretary was directed to return thanks for the invitation, and request the secretary of the Association to send to this Chamber a copy of the proceedings of the annual meeting.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Frank D. Hill was elected a member of the Chamber.

On motion, Mr. H. C. Parsons was elected a member.

Adjourned.

THE AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANY. Owners of city and country residences and farm-property will find much to interest them in the twenty-eighth annual statement of the Agricultural Insurance Company which we publish in this issue. The company has over $1,300,000 in assets, and over $200,000 net surplus. It has recently increased its capital to $300,000—making it, as its officers claim, the largest and strongest company in the world doing an exclusively dwelling-house business. We believe there is no other company in this State which confines its risks to dwellings and farm-property, or which can give more certain indemnity against loss.

The company is doing business in Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia, under the management of Messrs. George D. Pleasants & Son, corner of Eleventh and Bank streets, in this city, who have successfully represented the company here as general agents for the past six years.

EUROPEAN STEAMSHIP AGENCY.—Since a trip to Europe has now become an undertaking of much less moment than a journey to New York was considered during the early part of this century, and one which persons in moderate circumstances may enjoy, the establishment of European steamship agencies throughout the country is a necessity. To meet the public wants in this regard occasioned by the increased demand for such conveniencies in the South, Mr. A. W. Garber, at No. 826 Main street, has established such an agency, where European steamship tickets of all kinds, over most of the finest lines, are kept constantly on sale. Mr. Garber will be found always courteous and polite in giving any railway or steamship information.

STATE GRANGE.—The State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry will meet in annual session in Farmville on Tuesday, 15th instant.

There will be an open meeting on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, and an address delivered by one of the most distinguished and finished orators in the State, Rev. William Stoddert, D. D. The subject will be either the "Future of the Tobacco Region," or "Country Life."

After the address the members will be treated to an oyster supper, the bivalves furnished by one of the granges on Elizabeth river. This meeting of the Grange will be one of unusual interest to the members of the order in the State, and therefore a very large representation is anticipated.

ROBBERY IN THE COUNTY.—On Wednesday last, during the absence of the family, the residence of Mr. Thomas A. Gilmer, who lives a short distance below the city, was entered and robbed. The thieves took all of Mrs. Gilmer's clothing except what she wore away, all the jewelry which they could find, provisions, &c. No trace of the stolen property has been discovered.

EGGS.—Until recently the demand for shipment to New York and the scarcity of them has kept the price of eggs very high. That trade has now fallen off or stopped altogether, and prices are again getting within the reach of housekeepers. They were selling in small lots yesterday at 20 to 25 cents per dozen.

THE PETERSBURG MAIL.—Colonel D. G. Potts, postmaster at Petersburg, sends us the schedule of arrivals of the 7 A. M. train from Richmond, from which it appears that it has reached Petersburg only twice in ten days in time for his 10 A. M. delivery.

FIRE COMMITTEE.—An important meeting of the Committee on the Fire Department will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon at headquarters.

A RAILROAD BOUGHT.

The Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Sold to Clarence H. Clarke and Associates of Philadelphia.

AN INTERESTING SALE IN FRONT OF THE CUSTOM-HOUSE YESTERDAY—LARGE ATTENDANCE AND SPIRITED BIDDING—THE ROAD KNOCKED OUT AT $8,605,000—SCENES AND INCIDENTS—HOW THE ROAD IS PROPOSED TO BE OPERATED—PERSONAL, &c., &c.

Mr. Clarence H. Clarke, who yesterday purchased the property and franchises of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad, is a member of the banking-house of Clarke & Co., Philadelphia. They are also the financial agents of the Shenandoah-Valley Construction Company. The president of that company, Mr. F. J. Kimball, was also present at the sale. It is understood that their plan is to extend their line to the mouth of the south branch of the North river, to run over the track of the Richmond and Alleghany railroad to Buchanan, about forty miles, and to build from that point to the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad at or west of Salem. This gives them an almost direct line from Bristol to Philadelphia, and puts the Virginia Midland out of competition for the northern trade. The road in these hands, it is thought, will be a decided benefit to the Richmond and Alleghany railroad, not only on account of the mileage it will receive in a general system, but because it will give a new outlet for ores. It may also be assumed that some portion of the trade of Southwest Virginia will be turned at Buchanan to Richmond. This injury to the Virginia Midland and help to the Richmond and Alleghany are the only apparent effects it will have upon Virginia roads. The cause of alarm in this purchase lies mainly in the fact that it connects the Southwest by another short line with northern cities, and we know what a terrible draught these cities are. As to the future management of the line the fairest assurances are given; but these may mean little. The real interest of the purchasers will hang in the balance. Whether they will profit more by the haul to Norfolk or by the haul to Harrisburg is not yet apparent. It is reasonable, however, to assume that the road will be operated on business principles, and that Lynchburg, Petersburg, and Norfolk will receive their former, and perhaps a larger, consideration. Mr. Clarke states that his company does not, as has been charged, represent Jay Gould or any other operator, but that the party who furnish the sinews of war has been laboriously formed during the past two months in England, and he says that while there will be a great system crossing the length and breadth of Virginia, the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio will not be the lesser party. Richmond never had hoped much from this road since the consolidation, but she can hardly receive worse treatment than the late management gave to her, and there is reason to hope that she will be fairly treated.

THE ATLANTIC, MISSISSIPPI AND OHIO ROAD.

The Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad is 420 miles long, Lynchburg being the middle point. East of Lynchburg the line passes through an unproductive country, and its local business, omitting that of Farmville and Petersburg, is of little value. West of Lynchburg the line passes over the Blue Ridge mountains and along the great Valley through one of the most beautiful and fertile districts in the world. The price paid for the road is regarded by railroad-men as a liberal one. It is, in fact, between $30,000 and $40,000 per mile, and it is said that a new and parallel road could be built for less money. The line is largely dependent upon through business, and it is threatened with a diversion over the Richmond and Danville railroad. Bidders were timid on account of what they deemed a necessary arrangement with the roads west of it, and to any other person or corporation this was an obstacle. The revenues for the last few years, however, indicate that this is a fair investment, and it is an assuring fact that a railroad under foreclosure in Virginia, one half of which has little local business, has brought in cash over $30,000 per mile.

ITS CONNECTIONS.

At Bristol the line connects with the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia road, at Lynchburg with the Virginia Midland and Richmond and Alleghany, at Burkeville with the Richmond and Danville, at Petersburg with the Richmond and Petersburg, and at Norfolk with the sea.

It is to be hoped that the purchasers will never see cause to regret this evidence of faith, and that Virginia and her cities will find that the enterprise and courage that have been brought into this great line will bring her benefits that will greatly outweigh the nominal loss.

THE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE.

The announcement in yesterday's *Dispatch* that the efforts of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company to postpone the sale of their property had failed in the United States Circuit Court, and that the sale would take place yesterday as advertised, drew together a large crowd of persons, some intent on business, and others as interested spectators. Many business-men and capitalists from all sections of the country were present, and the question as to who would be the successful bidders was fully discussed with that freedom and accuracy (or rather inaccuracy) which always marks the predictions of the average crowd.

CREDITORS PROTECTED.

The sale took place from the northern front of the custom-house, and promptly at the hour of 12 M. Mr. Keiley came forward and said that as the impression might be left on the minds of some that the interests of certain parties concerned in this case had been neglected, by permission of the master he would read the following:

"RICHMOND, VA., February 10, 1881.

"*Matthew F. Pleasants, Esq., Master in Equity:*

"Dear Sir,—You are hereby formally notified and requested to announce publicly for the information of bidders that the sale of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad, to be made by you to-day, is subject to the rights of the executors of David Graham, deceased, and others, unsatisfied stockholders of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad Company, as asserted in a suit in equity now pending in the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond, in which they are plaintiffs, and S. L. M. Barlow, W. B. Duncan, the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company, the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad Company, the Board of Public Works of Virginia, and others, are defendants. A copy of the *lis pendens* of said suit, which has been docketed in every county and corporation between Lynchburg and Bristol, is herein enclosed, and you are requested to exhibit it to the bidders.

"Very respectfully,
"JOHN LYON,
"A. M. KEILEY,
"F. P. CLARK,
"Counsel for the plaintiffs.

"P. S. You are also requested to announce publicly that said sale will be also subject to the equitable liens and rights of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, furnishers of supplies to the amount of $32,719 29, and of P. A. Krise, assignee of labor claims to the amount of $19,680.95, both of whom have appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States; and also to the equitable liens and rights of Lee & Taylor Brothers and others, furnishers of supplies, whose claims amount to $30,304.10, and of John Wall and others, assignees of labor claims, amounting to $48,157.61, as appears by their intervening petitions, now filed and pending in the United States Circuit Court at Richmond. Very respectfully,
"JOHN LYON,
"A. M. KEILEY,
"Counsel for the petitioners.

"*Richmond, Va.*, February 10, 1881."

THE DECREE AND TERMS OF SALE READ.

The master, M. F. Pleasants, Esq., then read that portion of the decree (which appeared in the *Dispatch* of yesterday) relating to the manner of making the sale; statement of prior liens; statement of obligations of the receivers on account of certain uncompleted contracts, and list of suits pending against the receivers for damages, &c., which, if decided against the company, will have to be provided for.

Of course in so large a gathering it was almost impossible to see all the bidders; but one gentleman, who had taken his stand on the steps of the portico, almost immediately in front of the auctioneer, attracted the attention of nearly every person in that large assemblage. He was apparently about forty years of age, had dark hair, and wore a heavy set of dark side-whiskers. He was neatly attired in a business suit of dark material, and wore a silk hat. There was a look of self-possession and quiet determination about him as he put in his bids, which impressed everybody with the idea that he meant "business." He seemed a stranger to nearly all present, and the question as to who he was passed through the crowd, but no one seemed to be able to give the desired information. Speculation, however, on that point was put at rest when the property was knocked out by the auctioneer and the name of the purchaser demanded, he quietly announcing himself as Clarence H. Clarke, of Philadelphia, who purchased for himself and associates.

THE BIDDING COMMENCED.

When Mr. Pleasants had finished reading the terms of sale he turned the sale over to Mr. P. Y. Lee, of Norfolk.

"What am I offered, gentlemen, for the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad?" cried Mr. Lee, the auctioneer.

A representative of the foreign bondholders made the first offer—$8,078,000—quickly followed by another of $8,100,000, and a third of $8,178,000, and a fourth of $8,180,000. The bidding then continued rapidly until the figures $8,210,000 were reached, when the auctioneer inquired: "Gentlemen, are you all done?" and there was a pause.

The offers then continued until $8,600,000 was reached, when there was another pause, and the auctioneer's inquiry followed. The next bid was for $8,601,000, and the last, $8,605,000, was made by Mr. Clarke, and the property was knocked out to him.

AN INCIDENT.

The bidding had scarcely commenced when there was quite a sensation created in the crowd. Bank street was filled for some distance east and west with people out to the very sidewalk, and many vehicles were drawn up alongside the curbstone. Suddenly there was a stir, and a carriage whirled up to the sidewalk, and General T. M. Logan, accompanied by a friend, stepped out. They were just from the train—a special train from Washington—and their manner at once indicated that they were bidders, and the result proved that their bids were made with spirit. They represented the Richmond and Danville and Clyde interest.

THE SALE.

There were but three bidders—Messrs. Collinson, the Clydes, and the Clarkes. The maximum bid of the foreign bondholders was $8,178,000; the maximum bid of the Clydes, $8,601,000; and of the Clarkes, $8,605,000. Their party, besides the foreign capitalists, is made up of wealthy men in the Louisville and Nashville and the Shenandoah Valley Construction Company, and the sale is regarded as an excellent one. The cities of Norfolk, Lynchburg, and Petersburg were largely represented at the sale, and the interest continued unabated throughout.

THE DEPOSIT MADE.

Shortly after the sale, and when the crowd had thinned out, Master Pleasants, accompanied by Mr. Clarke, went to the Planters National Bank, where the $100,000 required by the decree was safely deposited. Mr. Clarke and his associates also made a contract with the State of Virginia in connection with her interest in the road.

WHAT THE PURCHASER SAYS.

Mr. Clarke states that it is the expectation and intention of the new owners of the railroad to reorganize the company, by which it is proposed to make reasonable and proper provision for the old stockholders and unsecured creditors. The road will be run on strict business principles and in the interests of the section of the State it traverses and the cities through which it passes. The interests of the railroad are identical with its customers and patrons, and it will be managed so as to secure to them the best service, and to it their good will and co-operation.

The purchasers are representative men of capital in New York, Philadelphia, and London, some of whom are already interested in other public works in Virginia and in the development of its material resources, and they propose, in conjunction with existing and connecting lines, to form a grand trunk between the Seaboard and the West and Southwest.

THE PASSAGE OF THE RICHMOND AND ALLEGHANY ROAD THROUGH THE CITY.—The Committee on Streets met last night and voted to allow the Richmond and Alleghany railroad to enter the city by way of the canal line to Seventh street, lowering Myers's bridge to the grade at that point, and thence down to the wharves from the basin, where a union depôt is to be built. The route to the wharves is to be agreed upon between the City Engineer and the company's engineer.

This news will be gratifying to the friends of the road and citizens generally, and it is to be hoped that the proper ordinance will be passed by the Board of Aldermen on Monday evening, and concurred in at a very early day by the Common Council. Good for the committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church (colored) was celebrated last night in the lecture-room of the church. The attendance was very large. The order of exercises was as follows: An ode of welcome by the school; Bible-reading and prayer by R. B. Johnson, of the Richmond Institute; recitation by several of the scholars; essay by Emma L. Hill on Sunday-school work; reports of superintendent and secretary; cane presentation to William H. Davis, superintendent; hat, to William H. Anderson; sleeve- and cuff-buttons, to A. M. Burton; prizes to Robert Spurgeon and others for having brought in the largest number of scholars during the past year. Several interesting addresses were delivered; after which the newly-elected officers were installed.

THE DEJARNETTE CASE.—Yesterday the Court of Appeals reversed the decision of the Corporation Court of Danville, by which Thomas J. Dejarnette was sentenced to be hung for the murder of his sister. Dejarnette shot his sister, Mollie Dejarnette, in a house of ill-fame in Danville last summer, and was sentenced September 12, 1880, to be hung October 29th. A plea of insanity was put in by the defence, and the prisoner now gets a new trial.

HYMENEAL.—The marriage of Miss Lelia B. Meredith, daughter of Judge John A. Meredith, to Mr. Richard I. Manning, Jr., of South Carolina, was solemnized last evening at the residence of the bride's father, corner Franklin and Eighth streets. The ceremony was performed with great impressiveness by Rev. Joshua Peterkin, and was witnessed by a large number of the relatives and friends of the two families. The groom is the nephew of Governor Manning, of South Carolina, and while he will bear with him to his home in the sunny South a bride who will grace the society to which she goes, Richmond looses one of her fairest and most refined ornaments.

The following were the bridesmaids and groomsmen: Miss Jennie McDonald and Mr. Charles Sinkler, of South Carolina; Miss Mammie Skelton and Mr. T. N. Carter; Miss Emily Hannewinckle and Mr. Charles Lee Andrews, of Baltimore; Miss Lucy Gordon and Mr. John B. Lightfoot, Jr.; Miss Mattie Minor, of the University of Virginia, and Dr. H. Dickson Bruns, of New Orleans; Miss Gay Blackford, of Abingdon, Va., and Mr. David Williams, of South Carolina; Miss Helen Berry, of Amherst county, and Mr. Frank Massie, of the University of Virginia; Miss Emily Triplett and Mr. W. Blanding, of Sumter, S. C.; Miss Carrie Sinkler, of South Carolina, and Mr. Wyndham R. Meredith.

The bridesmaids were all simply but most becomingly attired, and, as arranged on either side of the bride and groom, they presented a beautiful tableau to the large assemblage of friends who were gathered in the front parlor.

The groom is accompanied by his mother, his brother, Mr. Willie Manning, and several lady and gentlemen friends. The happy pair will spend a few days in Richmond before leaving for their home in South Carolina. May joy attend them through life, and may this tie between two distinguished families of the Old Dominion and the Palmetto State be another link to strengthen the bond of love between Virginia and South Carolina.

THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.—Those who are so fortunate as to attend the concert to be given to-night at Mozart Hall by the Listemann Company may rest assured they will have furnished them a rich musical feast. It would be a subject of regret did such fine musicians, during their one evening's engagement here, meet with a cold reception. We trust they will have a good audience. The following is the programme for to-night: Part I—1. Hungarian Rhapsodie, (Lisz;) 2. Fantasie Melodique for violoncello, (C. Schubert,) Mr. Alexander Heindl; 3. Cavatina, from "Der Freischütz" (Weber), Miss Amy Sherwin; 4. Violin Solo—*a*, Notturno (Ernst), *b*, Allegro spirito (Paganini), Mr. Bernhard Listemann; 5. Quartette for strings, in G, Op. 59, (Haydn)—*a*, Allegro con brio; *b*, Allegretto; *c*, Minuetto; *d*, Presto.

Part II—6. Concerto for Flute in F, Op. 6, (Demersseman,) Mr. Edward M. Heindl; 7. *a*, Evening Song, (Schumann,)—*b*, Turkish March, (Beethoven;) 8. Spanish Serenade for two violins, (Leonard,) Messrs. B. and F. Listemann; 9. Song, "The Surprise," (F. Gabriel,) Miss Sherwin; 10. Visions in a Dream, with zither obligato, (Lumbye.)

MOZART HALL.—Last night Mozart Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and that not without reason. The opera night of the Association was a great success. Eichberg's pretty little opera, "The Doctor of Alcantara," was given with charming effect. We missed only the appropriate scenery. As Doctor Paracelsus, Mr. Bernard amused the audience with his capital acting in a part comic in itself, but requiring no little talent to make it as good as he presented it. The exquisite vocalization of Mrs. Bernard gave a peculiar charm to the part of Inez. When good acting is combined with good music the result is excellence. Mr. Hoff had a most uncomfortable *rôle* as Carlos, but filled it well. The castanet solo of Inez in the first act was particularly pleasing. The "Good-Night, Señor Balthazar," in the second act, was well sung by all, but we missed the scenery which would have given it effect. On the whole, the performance was pleasing, the costuming truthful, and the chorus showed the effect of careful study and direction.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS, THURSDAY.—The following business was disposed of yesterday:

Scott *vs.* Cheatham. Appeal allowed and *supersedeas* awarded to a decree of the Circuit Court of Amelia county.

Sydnor, assignee, *vs.* Swetson. Case to be reinstated on docket; new bond to be executed within fourteen days.

Kengy's administrator *vs.* Frank, &c. Appeal allowed to a decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county.

Manson *vs.* Lee and *als.* From the Circuit Court of Bedford county. Reversed, Judge Christian delivering the opinion.

Kelly, survivor, *vs.* Board of Public Works. From the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. Reversed, Judge Anderson delivering the opinion.

Dejarnette *vs.* The Commonwealth. From the Corporation Court of Danville. Reversed, Judge Staples delivering the opinion.

Easley, &c., *vs.* Hawkins, &c. From the Circuit Court of Halifax county. Reversed, Judge Burks delivering the opinion.

POLICE COURT.—The following cases were disposed of at the Police Court yesterday morning by Police-Justice D. C. Richardson:

Moses Smith (colored) was found guilty of stealing one robe valued at $15 from Mrs. M. A. Branch, and sentenced to be punished with thirty-nine lashes.

John Henry, for stealing one lot of coupling pins from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, and resisting the police in the discharge of his duty, was ordered to be punished with fifteen lashes and required to give security to keep the peace for three months.

Albert Carter (colored) was fined $5 for assaulting and striking R. H. Gilmore.

Mary Brown (colored), charged with stealing one gold pin. The case was continued until to-day.

Frederick Hord was fined $5 and costs for disorderly conduct.

DELAYED TRAIN.—The regular mail train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway coming east on Wednesday found, on arriving near Afton, that the track was obstructed by the running off of a freight-train engine at that point. The train was run back to Waynesboro', and started east again at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. After starting from Waynesboro', and when in the neighborhood of Greenwood Depôt, it was discovered that the express train which left here on Wednesday had jumped the track at that point. Another delay of two hours was thus incurred. In consequence of these mishaps this train, which should have arrived here at 9 o'clock Wednesday night, did not get in until 11:20 o'clock yesterday morning. The passengers took breakfast at Gordonsville yesterday morning. It was raining very hard at that time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of the Garrison Lyceum Wednesday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Lewis Stewart; Vice-President, Joseph Brown; Secretary, George B. Washington; Assistant Secretary, Augustus Brown; Treasurer, James A. Chiles; Librarian and Foreign-Business Manager, Henry C. Roberson; Critic, W. Leroy Vanderwall.

A WATCH-THIEF CONVICTED.—In the case of the Commonwealth *vs.* W. L. Wingate, charged with stealing a gold watch and chain from J. B. Oliver, the first jury failing to agree, a second was empanelled and the accused put upon trial, and convicted and sentenced to receive thirty-nine lashes.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.—At a meeting last night of the C. H. G. Club, composed of young ladies and gentlemen of Church Hill, the following officers were elected: President, James W. Tabb; Vice-President, Miss E. E. Coles; Secretary, H. Davis; Assistant Secretary, Miss A. Woodson; Treasurer, Miss Anna Tyree; Financial Secretary, Miss Lee Montgomery. As there was no business of importance before the Club, they repaired, by invitation, to the residence of T. Wiley Davis, Esq., where a fine collation was spread. The time was most pleasantly spent, and the whole affair voted a decided success.

STOLEN MULE RECOVERED.—The mule which was stolen from Mr. C. M. Robinson on Tuesday night last was on yesterday recovered by Detective John Wren. The thief has not yet been caught, but sufficient evidence has been secured to lead to his capture.

RICHMOND, February 10, 1881.

Editors of the Dispatch: Noticing a communication signed "Merchant" in your paper of the 9th instant, and the reply of Colonel Pope thereto, we desire, in justice to all, to say that this committee had addressed a letter to Colonel Pope on this subject immediately on the promulgation of his order, which communication was courteously met and our views adopted, and the substance of his letter this morning is the result thereof.

We respectfully request of all merchants that whenever cause for complaint arises they will refer the matter to this committee, who will give it prompt attention.

Very respectfully,
THE TRADE COMMITTEE
OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

Badly Beaten.—James Rice, a fireman on the Richmond and Danville road, who was so badly beaten by E. B. Anderson, a conductor on the same road, at Burkeville, several nights ago, resides in this city, and is now undergoing surgical treatment at the hands of Dr. Matthews. Rice's injuries may yet prove fatal. He remained unconscious some time after the affair occurred, and Wednesday was the first time he has been able to see since the difficulty. Anderson has so far evaded arrest.

Funeral of a Well-Known Colored Citizen.—The funeral of Jack Gray, a highly-respected colored citizen of Manchester, who resided here for years, and who was known all over the city as "Uncle Jack," took place yesterday from the Manchester Baptist church. The remains were taken to Maury cemetery for interment, escorted by the colored societies of which the deceased was formerly a member. The procession was a long one, and was headed by a band of music.

Fire.—The old house situated on the east side of Hull street near the Richmond and Danville railroad called the "Old Continental"—probably on account of its age—caught fire from a defective flue Wednesday afternoon. The flames were extinguished without much difficulty. A general alarm was not given. Loss trifling.

Lecture To-Night.—Dr. Witherspoon will deliver his lecture entitled "Atoms on the Sea" at the Manchester Presbyterian church to-night at a quarter to 8 o'clock. The reputation of this popular lecturer should draw a fine audience. This lecture was postponed a short time since on account of the inclemency of the weather, but will be delivered to-night, however, regardless of the state of the weather.

PARTIES DESIRING A GOOD INVESTMENT should attend the sale of the Broad-street property by H. L. STAPLES & CO. TO-DAY at 4 P. M.

FOR THE BEST FOREST PINE AND WELL-SEASONED OAK WOOD, either long or prepared to any length to suit order by machinery in fifteen minutes' notice, call on CRUMP & WEST,
1719 east Cary street.

GEOGRAPHIES, HISTORIES, and READERS (second-hand) for sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

I HAVE analyzed the Whiskey known under the brand of "B SELECT," controlled by Messrs. WALTER D. BLAIR & CO., Richmond, Va., and find it free from fusil oil and other impurities, and I recommend its use for medicinal and family purposes. J. B. McCAW, M. D., late professor of