

PETERSBURG. MARKED INCREASE IN TRADE DURING THE LAST YEAR—STATISTICS OF LEAF AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO—OTHER STATISTICS—ABSTRACT.

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The total amount of tobacco manufactured in this city during the year ending to-day amounts to 9,135,000 pounds. The exports of manufactured tobacco for the same period aggregate 3,405,815 pounds; the number of pounds of tax-paid tobacco amounts to 5,747,182.

There was a very heavy increase in the receipts of loose tobacco this city for the last six months. The statistics will show an increase of at least 50 per cent. over the six months ending December 31, 1880, while the receipts of packages indicate an augmentation of 25 per cent. over the last six months of last year.

The receipts of cotton from July 1 to December 31, have been unusually large, and exhibit an increase of 20 per cent. over the six months ending December 31, 1880. The railroads have done a freight business at once great in the amount of matter transported, and varied as regards the character of the freight itself.

The number of marriage-licenses issued during the year was 174, of which 77 were issued to whites, 102 to colored. The mortality record shows that the number of deaths for 1881 has been but little in excess of the deaths for 1880. There were 655 deaths for the year ending to-day, while there were 650 deaths during the corresponding period ending December 31, 1880.

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appointment. He stated that his name had been prominently connected with the office of county judge for the last several years past; that now, for reasons satisfactory to himself and friends, he declined to suffer his name before the present meeting. This announcement has caused a great deal of commotion in the camp; soon, however, the forces were rallied by the sagacious and gallant chairman. But one ballot was taken, when Mr. Shelor was proclaimed as the choice of the meeting.

The successful aspirant is a young lawyer of this county, and his friends claim that he is a man of some legal knowledge. His political status has heretofore been much commented upon, and not generally understood, hence the necessity, we presume, of stating to the meeting that he was a "good Redduster." We have heard that Colonel Turner's friends before the caucus of the Reddusters in the Legislature of 1879 proved that Mr. Shelor was a "good a Funder as Judge Samuel E. Staples," whereupon the Colonel was declared as the choice of the said caucus, but by some means of house-cleaning, the unfortunate and ill-fated candidate was removed to the side, and A. M. Lybrook, Esq., elected as our county judge. Colonel Turner and his friends are greatly mortified and depressed to be thus slaughtered in the house of his friends. He has been considered in the past as a party leader of the county, and his name stands as "Brother Lybrook is more stalwart than thou."

We had no court—Judge Lybrook having resigned the office of county judge. It is not to be concluded that he cannot be judge and senator at the same time, and has laid aside the judicial robes and preferred the uncertain and ungrateful life of a politician. Our senator and representative (Parr) were both on the street during the day, appearing in friendly and amicable terms, talking happily and as usual as new pins in their city clothes. They will of course soon return to Richmond and resume their legitimate duties, and not rest again, we hope, from their Herculean labors till they have fully redeemed the promise made their constituents to be in the city at a very low estimate, the great question of dispute in our State. Our good neighbor Judge Lybrook is one of the most fortunate men we know of; besides his recent political promotion, and his Federal expectation, during the last year, he has had an addition of two to his family, and when it rains it pours. It was never thus with the Judge till he got to be a Redduster, and now provident fortune smiles upon him from every side. DAN.

BOTETOURT. A COURT ANECDOTE—DISASTROUS REDDUSTER AND REPUBLICANS—SHENANDOAH VALLEY ROAD, &c.

DECEMBER 29, 1881. An amusing incident occurred here during the last term of our County Court—Judge Palmer, of Roanoke, presiding in the absence of Judge Mays, who was in your city. A jury was empaneled to try the case of George W. Bell, against J. G. Sperry, the latter testifying in the case. After two days' deliberation the jury returned into court with a verdict of manslaughter. It would be hard to picture the scene that followed. The bar was convulsed, the "dead man" smiled audibly, the Judge looked on for a moment, and then retired, and then hid behind his newspaper.

The situation of the Boss and his advisers is beginning to attract attention here. The determination (which now seems to be arrived at) to throw overboard the Stalwarts who won the canvass of '87 and '90, and the Republican vote, or late converts to the cause, is regarded as the entering wedge to the dissolution of the dominant faction. The slaughter of Massey, who is very popular with his party in this section, and the election of Riddleberger, a bitter pill to the old Reddusters, while the alleged "sneaking" of Lewis and the other very bitter to the old Redduster Republicans; and candor compels us to say that a more fearless and untiring "set of workers" never stripped for political battle, and should they change front the "Boss" will feel that in losing he has lost heavily. Hereafter they will associate and vote with the man, under orders from their local leaders. Should these weaken, hundreds of their followers will vote this fall for the Democratic nominees. The crowding of Redduster-Democrats newly-converted to the faith into offices won by Republican votes and Republican money over Stalwarts who fought for a bad cause when only desperate and unscrupulous politicians dared openly to avow their principles will "do the work" for us quicker than any move we can make. Mark this prediction. The worse the men they select for position the more cheerfully should we acquiesce in their elevation.

The two committees representing each wing of the Redduster party will meet at Fineston on the 21st, to select a candidate for superintendent of schools for the county. They will doubtless select a good man, and the committee will be made up of friends of the free schools.

The work on the Shenandoah road has progressed finely, and the cars run to Cloverdale daily. By May the first will run through to Buchanan. A. B. C.

ESSEX COUNTY. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) Now that the political campaign has ceased to boil, and the distributors of the county's peace have ceased their wrangling to enjoy at their homes this festive holiday occasion, it is to be hoped the majority party will return to their legislative work imbued with juster ideas of right and more of charity than heretofore in their hearts. A proposal has been made by the State Comptroller to take over the railway from further interference in Virginia matters at least for a season.

The fall and winter has thus far been unusually mild, favoring the farmers in completing their work preparatory for winter, and a blessing to farm stock in view of a sharp winter. The crops are generally good, and the growing crop of wheat is very promising and more advanced than for some years.

Let us hope, though the political outlook is dark and unpromising, that at least Providence will gladden the State with abundant harvests and good prices. OMEGA.

ARREST OF J. T. LLOYD—SNOW-STORM. NORFOLK, JANUARY 1.—J. T. Lloyd, the well-known manufacturer of Lloyd's maps, was carried to Tennessee to-day by a heavy snow-storm. He had been in Norfolk for some time, and had been obtaining goods under false pretenses to the extent of \$20,000. He operated here in obtaining goods from the express office under the name of McDonald, son of General John B. McDonald. A heavy snow-storm prevailed here all day and a Gale is blowing to-night, promising some severe weather on the coast.—Baltimore Sun.

Thomas T. Henry, a colored resident of Philadelphia, was admitted to the bar Saturday. Henry was born in Richmond, Va. He was a letter-carrier in that city by appointment of Miss Van Lew.

By a vote it is known that I suffered with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism for four weeks, the best local physicians failing to give me relief. I was confined in my room for many weeks, and was unable to do any work. I procured a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil from my druggists, Messrs. Harris Brothers, of this town, and a few applications entirely cured me. After the first application the pain was gone, and in a week I was able to attend to my business.

ROWLAND T. LENDHART. We were personally acquainted with above-named Rowland T. Lendhart, and know him to be a young man of truth, whose statements are perfectly trustworthy.

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How George Nesbitt Acquired a Fortune and How He Lost It.

George H. Nesbitt, who has been expelled from the Pittsburgh Petroleum Exchange because he was unable to meet the standing contract, and a career resembling the former millionaire known as "Coal Oil Johnny." When a mere boy Nesbitt started for the oil regions to make his fortune. He met with rare luck, and was soon in control of some of the finest and most valuable properties in the West. He was very successful. As a producer he was rich quickly. In 1876 he was the big man of the Parker (Pa.) Exchange. Then Parker was chief among the oil centres, and Nesbitt was probably the wealthiest operator in the country. His success was the most stupendous case, not unfrequently involving a million dollars in a single day. It was not till within the last half-dozen years that he launched out into speculation. He seemed to care nothing for risks. The magnitude of his speculations was such that he was virtually above competition, and by sheer good fortune he was not knocked under. His strangest freak was committed about a year ago, when he was probably a millionaire, and as reckless as he was rich. He was called in at the Petroleum Exchange, and was ordered to meet the oil producers of the Pennsylvania oil regions. He was interested in everything pertaining to petroleum. He was disgusted with the slowness of things in the Exchange. He had no respect for men who bought oil in lots of a few hundred barrels. He had cherished the idea that New York was something of a town, and his disappointment was marked; but what New York couldn't do for herself Nesbitt determined he would do for her. He had his private secretary along with him, and in a careless, off-hand way he ordered the purchase of a certificate of membership, paying out of the spot the sum of \$300, in which the certificates were then selling. Mr. Nesbitt proceeded to business at once, and the magnates of the Exchange looked on in astonishment. From an operator who was dispensing "privileges" the new member called for fifty thousand barrels of oil, and he had purchased three hundred and fifty thousand barrels of petroleum. He made no money in this speculation, and his losses are not certainly known, but he had done "big things" among the oil-brokers. He had acquired fame; he seemed to be happy, and the next day he transferred his certificate of membership to a Wall-street man and started on a journey homeward toward the oil regions. Fortune had smiled on Nesbitt since. His career has been marvellous, and his recent career has been marvellous through with disaster and ill luck. He was very liberal, and his charitable acts were numerous. His faults, according to the stories told by those who knew him in his palmist days, have always been his own hurt only.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

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EMANCIPATION-DAY IN NORFOLK. (Special telegram to the Dispatch.) NORFOLK, January 2.—The celebration of emancipation-day by the colored element fell far short of the general anticipation—the military were out to honor the occasion.

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Perils of the Rail.

PART OF A TRAIN PRECIPITATED DOWN AN EMBANKMENT—ONE PERSON KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED. KNEXBURY, Me., January 2.—As the 8:30 o'clock train from Boston, on the Boston and Maine railroad, with two engines, crossed the iron bridge at Cole's corner, at Wells, the bridge gave way after the engines, baggage and parlor-car had crossed, precipitating the other four cars down an embankment, and they immediately caught fire and were destroyed. There were about one hundred passengers on board. One man, whose name is unknown, was killed. J. Henry Downer, of Berwick, Me., was probably fatally hurt. Conductor Weymouth and James Nolan, brakeman, were badly wounded, and Leland and James Cannon, of Pittsfield, were also badly hurt. Thirteen passengers were injured more or less severely.

NEW-YEAR CALLS IN WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, January 2.—The weather today was everything that could be desired—clear, bright, and bracing—and the custom of New-Year's calling was very generally observed. The fact that it was President Arthur's first New-Year reception attracted a full attendance at the White House. All the foreign legations were represented, and the usual programme was carried out. The reception of the White House was less profuse than in former years, because of the recent death of President Garfield, only plants and flowers being used, and these in moderation. Even Guitau held a reception in jail, and received probably two hundred people. A large proportion of ladies called on him.

FOREIGN NEWS. THE ANGLA-FRENCH COMMERCIAL TREATY. LONDON, January 2.—A dispatch to the Standard from Paris says: "At a meeting of the Anglo-French Commercial Treaty Commission the concessions made by the French commissioners in regard to cotton and woolen goods did not reach the minimum fixed by the English commissioners, and were finally declined. The English commissioners will therefore return on Monday."

DISMISSED ON SUSPICION. BERLIN, January 2.—The Tagblatt publishes a rumor of the dismissal of the servants from the Portuguese royal household on suspicion of connection with a plot to poison the King.

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RAILROAD MATTERS. SAVANNAH, Ga., January 2.—The election for Central Railroad directors to-day resulted in the success of the Alexander party and in favor of a big dividend. Four new members were elected—Messrs. Alexander, Phinizy, Falligant, and MacLean. The election changes in a measure the policy of the road, and will induce the issuance of income bonds of the Ocean Steamship Company, and the sale of a dividend of 46 per cent. on the Central common stock.

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