

Judicial Tenure.

The question which the new Supreme Court of Appeals will soon be called upon to decide in the cases of Judge Burns and Judge Gibson L. Christian is simply and only whether the decisions of the highest judicial tribunal in Virginia are binding upon the General Assembly as a body or not.

Whatever any individual person might think, the law as we have stated, if every county judge and every circuit judge in the Commonwealth had been of a different opinion, it would have made no difference whatever, every citizen loyal to Virginia being bound in law, and in morals we might say to respect the decisions of the highest court in the State.

If the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Attorney-General, and all the other officers in Virginia had held that the decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals was wrong, those officers were nevertheless bound by their sense of duty to themselves and their children and their fellow-citizens to accept as law what the court from whose decision there is no appeal had solemnly decided to be the law.

If all the members of the General Assembly had held that decision to be wrong, each man of them in his individual or personal capacity—that is, as a citizen—would nevertheless have been bound to respect the same as the law of the State, and to obey what was sent to jail for refusing to obey a summons issued to him from a court presided over by any judge holding his office under that decision; and having been incarcerated, he could have been enlarged by no court in the Commonwealth.

Nay, more: The Supreme Court of the United States would not for a moment allow the decision to be questioned before that tribunal, so well settled is it that what the highest court of a State decides to be the true construction of that State's Constitution is the true construction of the same. If it were a question as to the construction of the Federal Constitution, it would be otherwise. The Supreme Court of the United States would take jurisdiction. And if the new Virginia Court of Appeals shall decide that judges are not elected for full terms, then, inasmuch as the highest court in the State will have decided the same question in two ways, it is possible that the cases of Judges Christian and Burns may be taken before the Supreme Court of the United States, though we cannot just now say how they would get there.

All these things being admitted, it follows necessarily that the only question which the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia will have to decide in the cases of Judges Christian and Burns is whether the General Assembly as a body is bound by a decision which it is conceded binds every member of the General Assembly as an individual citizen. That question we will not discuss.

Civil-Service Reform. If Congress really desire to reform the civil service of the United States it can do so by passing a bill providing that all the offices under the Government which are not filled by and with the advice and consent of the Senate shall be divided equally among the several congressional districts and those appointed to each district shall be filled upon the recommendation of the congressman from the district. This will render the service non-partisan, and free congressmen from disagreeing coming under obligations to the Executive officers.

It is practicable; because all the congressmen will stand by one another and see that no one shall secure the lion's share of patronage. It is fair. No officer, however, should be removed except "for cause" who has served less than four years. The congressman should be prevented from recommending incompetents by a provision making it "cause" for removal that the head of the Bureau shall find the appointee incapable of performing the duties of his office satisfactorily.

Cadets are in this manner appointed, both to West Point Academy and the Annapolis Naval School. George D. Wenz and Mr. Tucker have the same right to appoint to these schools that Mr. Robinson and Mr. Calhoun have.

The Government officers are now appointed under the direct interference of the most influential of Republican congressmen; and these congressmen have so much influence that they can keep their favorites in office whether these perform their duties faithfully or not. Such will not be the case under the new arrangement. The least influential congressman will appoint as many office-holders as will the most influential congressman; and as the unimportant class far outnumber the influential class there will be very few office-holders whom the heads of Bureaus would be afraid to dismiss for cause.

What patronage would senators have? They would have the recommending of United States marshals, district attorneys, and all such officers as could not well be apportioned to a single congressional district. They might have the filling of all offices whose incumbents have to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. But really senators ought to be too dignified to claim any of the Government patronage.

We do not know how or where Congress could get the power to pass such a law as we have suggested; but we are confident that it has as much right to do so as it had to pass the bill which it last week passed on the same subject.

We stated last week that "the Committee of One Hundred" in Philadelphia, which had power to dictate either the defeat or the election of almost any candidate for public office, had declared that Mr. Baldwin, Chief Commissioner of Highways, ought not to be re-elected. We added that we should await the result with curious interest. Mr. Baldwin died on Monday last. A telegram from the Washington Post says that his probable defeat was conceded by some of his friends.

Eight out of the thirteen negative votes cast in the United States Senate recently on the resolution pledging a rebate to the tobacco trade were cast by senators from New England. Only one New England senator voted "Aye."

Who will send us the American Almanac for 1883? Or is it out? We suppose not. If it is, we must have it from somebody.

The Virginia Law Journal for December has just come to hand. It is freighted with good things.

Southern Medical College.

There is probably no feature of progress in the South which deserves more consideration and fostering care than education. And when we consider the nature of her population the South cannot be said to be behind the North in substantial institutions of learning.

One of recent educational establishments whose success is but another of the many proofs of the progress of education throughout the South is the Southern Medical College, of Atlanta, Ga. The faculty is composed largely of Virginians, the dean thereof being Dr. WILLIAM PENNIX NICHOLS, formerly of Richmond, and who last week married the daughter of Colonel H. D. WYCKOFF, of this city. The college was organized four years ago with a view to giving in that section of the South advantages of a high grade of medical education. The institution has met with marked success, its classes increasing each year, with representatives from almost every southern State. Of the faculty Dr. T. S. FOWELL, formerly of Brunswick county, Va., is president; Dr. G. G. ROT, of Virginia, Professor of Materia Medica; Dr. PENNIX NICHOLS, formerly of Richmond, and who last week married the daughter of Colonel H. D. WYCKOFF, of this city. The hospital facilities of the college are said to be very perfect, and the advantages offered by an institution of so recent standing should claim the favorable attention of the profession.

PETERSBURG.

THE INCREASED COMMERCE OF THE CITY—COTTON-MILLS AND THEIR MANUFACTURES—ENCOURAGING CONDITION OF TRADE—TAXATION—INSPECTIONS—TAXABLE VALUES.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

JANUARY 2, 1883.

Statistics show that during the past year the number of vessels of the various classes which arrived at the port was nearly 30 in excess of the number reported in 1881, with an aggregate of 10,000 tons in excess of the latter year.

The number of cotton-mills in operation in and near Petersburg—all of them owned in our city—is six, with an aggregate of 25,500 spindles and 850 looms. They employ 1,000 hands. These mills consumed in the past year 8,620 bales, and the amount of cloth manufactured was 11,058,623 yards. Nearly all of these mills have been improved by the introduction of new machinery, and most of them are now run by steam. New machinery has also been introduced into our flour-mills, which now manufacture flour by the patent process.

The three iron foundries in Petersburg employ 500 hands, whose wages aggregate \$200,000 a year. They consume in the manufacture of machinery nearly 1,000 tons of iron and 1,000 tons of coal.

Statistics as to the condition of all branches of trade are most encouraging and satisfactory, and our city has not such a prosperous condition since 1874. In many dry goods, hardware, boots and shoes, and the other principal trades, the business was unusually large. New industries have sprung up. Our manufacturers have generally done a large business, and prospects for the present year is unusually promising.

The inspections of tobacco at the several warehouses during the year were 5,521 hogheads, and the sales of loose tobacco 4,450,262 pounds. The crop of tobacco in the country is large, but the planters until very recently have had nothing like a favorable season for handling. Hence the receipts have been light here, as they have been throughout the State.

The taxable values of the city are: Real estate, \$5,700,000; personal property, \$3,500,000. Both show an increase over 1881. The value of new buildings erected in the city during the year will reach \$200,000.

ROBIN ADAM.

STAUNTON.

THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DEAF, MUTE AND BLIND INSTITUTION—ANOTHER TWENTY—GENERAL FITZ LEWIS' LETTER—ELECTION IN THE VALLEY MUTUAL—NO MORE INSURANCE FOR THE CHEESAPEAKE AND OHIO EMPLOYEES—THE ELDER AND GRAY—A NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENT—THIRTY-TWO OF THE LORRAINE POLYGAMIST, &c., &c.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

JANUARY 1, 1883.

For some months past there have been differences and difficulties between the principal of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and the Blind, Dr. Vaughan, and the Seward, Mr. Davis, which grew more and more bitter and irreconcilable until at last they have been terminated in the appointment of the new Board of Visitors by the Governor last Saturday.

The present Board has only been in office since last summer, and its course has thus far been entirely satisfactory. Its members have been, only two of its members being retained in the body just appointed. It is so evident to Dr. Vaughan and his friends that the Board, as now constituted, is unfriendly to him, that immediately upon the receipt of the news yesterday of its appointment, Dr. Vaughan resigned his position as principal of the institution. It is understood that the new Board will very soon meet and select Dr. Vaughan's successor, who it is likely is already decided upon, as expressed by those who are generally "cut and dried."

General Fitz Lee will, by invitation, deliver his popular lecture on the Battle of Chancellorsville here on the 12th instant.

The vacancy in the management of the Valley Mutual Life Association caused by the recent death of Mr. William Forbes, general agent, has just been filled by the election of Mr. E. L. Edmondson. Mr. Edmondson is well known in Richmond, where for several years past he has represented the company and made for himself many friends. The Board of Directors also elected Mr. J. H. Alexander, the express messenger on the Chesapeake and Ohio who resigned after the Millboro' accident, to a clerkship made vacant by the death of Mr. William M. Moffett, one of its members. They also passed a resolution not to insure for the present any of the employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio now engaged in active service on that road.

The survivors of the Twenty-eighth New York regiment have arranged for a coming of the blue and the gray at Niagara Falls on the 22d of May next. The Fifth Virginia regiment, made up of Augusta companies, in the bloody engagement of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862, captured the battle-flag of the Twenty-eighth. The flag has been accidentally discovered, and is to be returned to the survivors of the New York regiment at their reunion at Niagara Falls. They have invited in the most cordial spirit their former enemies and victors, the old Fifth, to join them as their guests on the interesting occasion. At a meeting held here in the court-house on the other day the old Confederate regiment was well represented. Major J. W. Newton presided, and Mr. D. E. Strasburg was secretary. The invitation of their northern friends was cordially and unanimously accepted, and a committee of arrangements appointed for the occasion.

On Christmas-day the congregation of the First Presbyterian church of this city presented to Misses Olie and Sarah Hotchkiss \$75 in gold as a testimonial of appreciation of their services in the choir of that church. These young ladies are daughters of the veteran railroad man, Major N. H. Hotchkiss.

Judge Quarles has appointed three commissioners in each township of the county to lay off the election districts for each precinct. There are two Reelfooters and one Democrat on each district board.

A good deal of coal-burning has been going on at the coal-pits here recently, and a watch set for this purpose succeeded in one night this week in capturing five. Justice Furman gave them from ten to thirty days in jail.

Mr. John B. Chapman, a business-man of this place, has had some very unexpected success in the lottery. He was married on the 1st instant to Miss Ella M. Ar-

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Trying to Saw a Woman's Head Off with a Razor.

Sunday morning, in Portsmouth, Peter Kelly, a white man, attempted the life of a woman named Georganna Kane by cutting her throat. The Norfolk Ledger gives the following particulars: During the morning Kelly went to the house of Edward Bailey, on Third street opposite the navy-yard, and asked to see the woman Kane. Mrs. Bailey invited him in, and after being seated a short while he asked Georganna to let him see her privately. They both passed out into an adjoining room, and in a few moments a scream was heard from the room.

Two men named Wright and Bailey, occupants of the house, rushed in and found Kelly holding the woman down on the bed, with his knee on her breast and sawing on her throat with a large razor. Wright and Bailey fell upon him and succeeded in taking the weapon from him and securing him until the police could arrive.

Some weeks ago Kelly, who is a man about sixty years of age, and his victim were arraigned in the Mayor's Court for unlawfully living together, and both were sent to jail for a few days. On Saturday before Christmas they were discharged from custody, since which time she refused to live with him, though he has repeatedly entreated her to do so.

After falling to murder her outright he asked her to kiss him, saying that she was done for, and that he would not live long. After being arrested he stated to the officer that he would cut her "d-d head off if he had not been interrupted, and that they might bring him before the Mayor's Court, but he would be dead before any other court could try him.

Dr. Parker was called in and rendered the necessary surgical attention to the woman, who lies in a critical condition, and entirely destitute of the necessities of life. Kelly was partially examined by the Mayor this morning, and committed to await the result of the woman's injuries.

LADY WITH THE SEALSIN SACK.—She sat in the crowded church that dreadfully cold Sunday, and kept her new saquin on all the morning. She went with perspiration and the saquin into the chilly street and caught an awful cold. And they lauded in vain to cure that cold until they thought of PERRY DAVIS' PAIN-KILLER, and sent to the druggist for a bottle. Then came relief. Suddenly-checked perspiration brings sudden colds, chills, coughs, consumption.

MARRIAGES. Married, on December 1882, at the First Presbyterian church, by Rev. Thomas L. Preston, OLIVER P. DICKEN and MARGIE A. daughter of Mrs. J. W. BROWN.

Married, December 20th ultimo, at Union-Station Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. H. C. Chestnut, JAMES W. WALKER, and MARY E. ANDREW C. STEVENSON; both of this city.

Married, Thursday evening, December 24, 1882, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Joseph Lear, at the residence of the bride, JAMES W. WALKER, and MARY E. ANDREW C. STEVENSON; both of this city. Baltimore papers please copy.

DEATHS. Died, January 1, 1883, on the Brook turnpike, in Henric county, Va., Mr. WILLIAM LYVERA, in the thirty-seventh year of his age.

He was buried in the lot from Emmanuel church at half-past 10 o'clock this (Wednesday) MORNING. Rev. (New York) papers please copy.

Died, in this city, on yesterday morning, at the residence of her parents, No. 613 North Twenty-second street, MARY WALKER, daughter of Josiah A. Walker and Mary E. Walker; aged two years and nine months.

For funeral services take place from her parents' residence, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

MEETINGS. OF SECTION NO. 18, of the P. O. will attend a stated meeting THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, January 3d, at 7 o'clock. Every member is invited, and is requested to be present, as the election of officers will take place at this meeting. The Secretary and Treasurer of Section No. 18, is J. W. BROWN.

THE CITY BANK OF RICHMOND, Va., January 2, 1883. THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS BANK will be held at 11 o'clock A. M., on Monday, January 8th, at 11 o'clock A. M., WALKER HILL, Va. Cashier.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE "DISPATCH" will be held at 11 o'clock A. M., on Monday, January 8th, at 11 o'clock A. M., WALKER HILL, Va. Cashier.

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ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY!

MEYER'S. 601 AND 603 BROAD STREET.

DIY GOODS AT RIDICULOUSLY LOW PRICES.

Intending to make extensive alterations in our place of business, we are compelled to make room for same. Despite the enormous trade we have had during the past season, we have still an immense stock on hand. The stock must be reduced, and in order to do this we have made extraordinary reduced prices throughout every department. These prices are made regardless of value or cost.

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, we will offer special extraordinary bargains in BLACK and COLORED DRESS GOODS, SILKS, VELVETS, PLUSHES, DOLMANS, CIRCULARS, PELISSIES, CARPETS, RUGS, OIL-CLOTHS, HOSIERY, KID GLOVES, WHITE GOODS, BLANKETS, CASSIMERES, CLOTHS, FANCY GOODS, and DOMESTICS.

WE MEAN BUSINESS, AND IT WILL PAY YOU TO GIVE US A CALL. JULIUS MEYER & SON, 601 and 603 Broad Street.

Just receiving a large lot of HAVANA CIGARS.

FANCY GOODS. AT STEVENS'. order and quiet reign once more, and I wish to say to our friends and customers that we looked quite as much to their comfort as to our profit in closing from time to time our doors on Saturday.

THE CROWD SO DENSE WE COULD NOT DO OTHERWISE. WE WOULD GLADLY HAVE WAITED ON ALL WHO WISHED HAD IT BEEN POSSIBLE, AND HOPE NONE WILL BE OFFENDED WHEN WE ASSURE YOU WE DID ALL WE COULD TO ACCOMMODATE YOU, AND FOR THE NEXT ELEVEN MONTHS PROMISE OUR USUAL PROMPT ATTENTION TO ALL WHO WILL FAVOR US WITH THEIR ORDERS.

Please accept our thanks for your patronage and the universal good nature with which you met our errors and delays. Hoping to see you all frequently, I am, very truly, W. A. STEVENS, 505 Broad Street.

BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c. BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c. Large lot of DIARIES for 1883; Large assortment of BLANK BOOKS, LEDGERS, JOURNALS, DAY-BOOKS, CASH-BOOKS, BILLS-RECEIVABLE AND PAYABLE, RULING in price from 10c. to 50c. per quire; MEMORANDUMS in RUSSIA LEATHER and all other bindings; STYLOGRAPHIC PEN and QUART-BOTTLE of INK, 81; GOLD PENS and PENCIL-FALCON PENPOINTS included; All the latest styles in STATIONERY, both plain and fancy; Still a large supply of CANES to suit everybody; PRAYER-BOOKS and HYMNALS in all bindings, and lots of other things, at N. LEONARD'S News-Store, 908 Main Street.

FOR THE NEW YEAR. BANK BOOKS in stock or made to order; OFFICE STATIONERY of all kinds; DIARIES for 1883; VIRGINIA and CHURCH ALMANACS; COUNTING-HOUSE and POCKET CALCULATORS to those who will call or write to us. Orders promptly attended to. WEST JOHNSTON & CO., Book-sellers and Stationers, 1883. BLANK 1883.

BOOKS, of all sizes and styles; DIARIES, from 10c. to \$1.50; RICHARDSON'S ALMANACS, 5c. (twelve for 50c. by mail); HAGERSTOWN ALMANACS, twelve for 60c. by mail; CALendars, four kinds, (for mail) by J. W. RANDOLPH & ENGLISH, 1302 Main Street.

DIARIES 1883! DIARIES 1883! FULL ASSORTMENT OF SIZES, STYLES, AND PRICES. CARLTON MCCARTHY & CO., 913 Main Street.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

FRINGES. A large assortment of FRINGES for Curtains, Lambrequins, and Fur-trimmings; also a large assortment of VELVETS for Dress Trimmings at \$2. LEVY, DAVIS & DRAKE'S, 112.

EMBROIDERED CASHMERE DRESSES at \$12 worth \$25; and like reductions in the prices of finer goods. A determination to sell the reason for our giving these low figures is LEVY, DAVIS & DRAKE'S, 112.

GENUINE BUCK GLOVES, MITTS, and GAITHERS for men; BERRY PLAZEE-LIKE GLOVES for men at 10c. a pair worth 40c.; FUR-TOP GLOVES, KID, DOG-SKIN, THREAD CLOTH, and SILK GLOVES; SHIRTS, DEANS, HANDKERCHIEFS, SUSPENDERS, LINEN, PAPER, and CELLULOID COLLARS and CUFFS; TIES, CORSETS, CRAVATS, BOWS, PULSERS, and NIGHT-CAPS; WARMERS, MUFFLERS, COMFORTERS, and NIGHT-CAPS; THE FURNISHING GOODS of every description call at LEVY, DAVIS & DRAKE'S, 112.

NONPAREIL VELVETEENS. A full line of this excellent article at LEVY, DAVIS & DRAKE'S, 112. Fall not to see our cheap CLOAKS, 112.

BLANKETS, COMFORTABLES, and QUILTS can be had at LEVY, DAVIS & DRAKE'S at lower prices than elsewhere. Having made heavy purchases, they can offer extraordinary bargains to purchasers. See our CLOAKS for ladies and children. We will sell them very cheap. LEVY, DAVIS & DRAKE'S, 112. Successors to Levy Brothers and their stock of CLOAKS for ladies and children must be sold.

WAIT UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING AT HALF-PAST FOUR TO BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY PRESENTS. OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN AT HALF-PAST 4 O'CLOCK.

DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS. SHELL-BLOCKS, FANCY ARTICLES. We have just received from our buyer in New York a large stock of HOLIDAY GOODS—FUR COLLARS, FUR LOOPS, FUR COLLARS, DOLMANS, CIRCULARS, JACKETS, CLOAKS, GARNET and WINE-COLORED CASHMERES, a large stock; SILK HANDKERCHIEFS in numerous varieties; HOSIERY at all prices; CARPETS, RUGS, MATTINGS, and OIL-CLOTHS, to be sold regardless of cost; FLANNELS, BLANKETS, COMFORTABLES, UNWASHED SHIRTS, UNDESHIRTS for ladies, children, and gentlemen; MEDICATED SHIRTS at \$1.25 worth \$2.50; TERRA-COTTA MUSEUM TABLE KID GLOVES just received; WORSTED HOODS, JACKETS, SCARFS; RUBBER COATS for ladies and children at \$1.25 worth \$2; JEWELRY, BUTTONS, NOTIONS, &c., &c.; Look at our SILK SLICE at \$1 worth \$1.75. Just from auction; BASKET-FRANCS in OX-BLOOD, SCARLET, WINE, and all other shades, just opened; Large stock of FANCY GOODS for the holidays at extremely low prices.

Our store will be kept open EVERY NIGHT until 10 o'clock. Give us an early call to secure some of the best bargains. D. M. MITCHELL, 527 Broad Street, de 23-58-89A.

DIVIDENDS. CITY BANK OF RICHMOND, Va., January 1, 1883. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT. on the capital stock out of the profits of the last six months, payable to the stockholders (free of taxes) on and after January 3, 1883. WALKER HILL, Va. Cashier.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have declared a DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. (free of tax), payable on and after January 3, 1883. J. W. LOCKWOOD, Cashier.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

TOO MANY GOODS. WE HAVE TO MOVE THEM BEFORE TAKING INVENTORY.

During the next thirty days we will sell FUR-LINED CIRCULARS at \$18 that have been selling at \$25; FUR-LINED CIRCULARS at \$20 that have been selling at \$27.50; FUR-LINED CIRCULARS at \$25 that have been selling at \$37.50.

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