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Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY.....FEBRUARY 1, 1883.

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

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, colder, fair weather, northwesterly winds, and higher pressure.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was partly cloudy but pleasant.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 44; 9 A. M., 50; noon, 60; 3 P. M., 59; 6 P. M., 50; midnight, 47.

Mean temperature, 51¾.

LOCAL MATTERS.

State Board of Education.

There was a meeting of the State Board of Education held yesterday in the office of the Superintendent of Public Printing, at which all the members were present—Governor Cameron, Attorney-General Blair, and Superintendent of Public Schools Farr. The Board transacted the following business:

"Whereas School-Superintendent E. M. Garnett has reported to this Board that none of the school trustees of the city of Richmond have qualified by taking the oath of office according to law; and whereas this Board have officially ascertained that there are no legally-qualified occupants of said trusteeships; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board proceed to fill the vacancies occasioned by the failure of the former appointees to qualify, and because the City Council of Richmond did not within sixty days after the occurrence of said vacancies proceed to fill said vacancies;

And further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the said E. M. Garnett, Superintendent of Public Schools for the city of Richmond, with the request that he furnish the State Board of Education the names of suitable parties who will act as school trustees for said city for the term of one, two, and three years, to date from their appointment by the Board."

The following was adopted:

"The committee appointed by the Governor to incorporate the Colored Normal School, and to select a site on the south side of the James river for the establishment of an institute of learning to be used exclusively for educational purposes, have performed the conditions and regulations prescribed by the act approved November 6, 1882, and report in favor of purchasing the property of Captain John C. Griffin, known as 'Fleet's,' in Chesterfield county near Petersburg. The property consists of thirty acres of land, with buildings thereon, and the price to be paid is $13,500."

The city of Petersburg is required to pay $5,000 of this money, and Captain Griffin will have to execute to the State a good and sufficient title to the property.

The Board also made arrangements to defray the expenses necessary in the case of the appeal of the new trustees of the schools of Manchester to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Meteorological.

The subjoined table gives the readings of the thermometer, the course of the wind at sunrise, and the amount of rainfall for the month of January. The readings of the thermometer were taken in an elevated portion of the city, free from any influence of reflected heat, and from French instruments, showing the highest and lowest points of the mercury during each twenty-four hours. It is believed that no better situation for observations of this character can be found in our city. They have been carefully noted, and are believed to be absolutely correct:

CONDITION.	Minimum.	Sunrise.	Course of Wind at sunrise.	Maximum.
Jan. 1—Clear; frost	16	16	N. W.	42
2—Clear	27	27	N. W.	43
3—Clear	23	23	N. W.	44
4—Cloudy (1)	35	35	E.	43
5—Cloudy	35	35	N. E.	36
6—Raining (2)	32	32	E.	37
7—Cloudy	32	32	E.	47
8—Cloudy	33	33	E.	38
9—Cloudy (3)	30	30	N.	32
10—Cloudy (4)	15	15	N.	32
11—Cloudy	20	20	N. E.	33
12—Clear; heavy fog	4	4	N.	33
13—Clear (5)	12	12	S. E.	46
14—Raining	26	35	E.	43
15—Clear	19	19	N.	33
16—Snowing	21	21	N. E.	38
17—Raining (6)	21	21	N. E.	37
18—Cloudy	31	31	S. E.	44
19—Raining (7)	34	34	E.	42
20—Cloudy (8)	31	31	E.	44
21—Cloudy	32	32	S. W.	58
22—Cloudy	28	29	N. W.	47
23—Clear	19	19	N. W.	38
24—Clear	17	17	E.	40
25—Clear	30	30	S. E.	55
26—Cloudy	25	25	N.	33
27—Cloudy	28	28	E.	48
28—Light rain	41	41	E.	48
29—Light rain	38	38	N. E.	42
30—Clear; frost (9)	29	29	S. E.	52
31—Cloudy	38	42	S. E.	60
Averages	26.5	27.0		42.4

Mean temperature, 34.4.

(1) Snow and rain.
(2) Light rain all day.
(3) Snow in the afternoon.
(4) Light snow most of the day.
(5) Rain at night.
(6) Light rain and freezing all day.
(7) Light rain in the forenoon.
(8) Light rain all day.
(9) Light rain at night.

RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the month..... 2.18 inches.
Thirteen inches snow, estimated..... 1.00

Total..... 3.18 inches.

POLICE COURT.—The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

William Heilon, charged with being a suspicious character. Discharged; ordered to leave the city in twenty-four hours.

James Jones (colored), charged with assault and battery. Being young he was whipped by his brother.

Washington Johnson (colored), charged with stealing three pairs of boots and one pair of shoes. Continued to to-day.

Ellen Reiley (colored), charged with being drunk and disorderly. Discharged.

William Harris, charged with feloniously assaulting and cutting Fannie Jackson with a knife. Sent on to the grand jury of the Hustings Court.

Virginia Jackson (colored), charged with feloniously assaulting and wounding William Harris with a poker. Discharged.

J. E. Trava, charged with bigamy. Sent on to the Hustings Court.

Gus. Potter (colored), drunk and disorderly. Fined $2.

John Price (colored), drunk and disorderly. Fined $2.

Amanda Morris (colored), drunk. Discharged.

John Griffin (colored), charged with obstructing the street with his wagon. Fined $2.

CORDLE'S BENEFIT.—Friday night the Amatuer minstrels will be at Mozart Hall, the occasion being Mr. Cordle's benefit. The minstrels have a reputation, and a host of friends who will come on the night named if they want to have a good laugh.

BAKER & FARRON.—To-night at the Theatre Baker & Farron, supported by a good company, will play the excellent comedy "Chris and Lena." Reserved seats for sale at Ramos & Moses'.

MR. JOHN S. WISE

Makes Answer to the Notice of Contest Served Upon Him by the Hon. John E. Massey.

Every Material Allegation of Frauds Perpetrated by Readjusters Denied and Mr. Massey Met with the Charge that Many of His Supporters were Themselves Guilty Parties—Mr. Massey's Political History Reviewed—A Great Deal Said About the Conduct of the Campaign in Richmond—Mr. Wise's Opinion of Mr. Massey.

Mr. John S. Wise has replied to Mr. Massey's notice of contest in a paper which makes seventy-one pages in print, and of which the following are extracts:

To John E. Massey:

Sir.—Having received notice from you that you intend to contest my right to a seat in the Forty-eighth Congress of the United States, I reply to that notice as follows:

To the Sufficiency of the Notice.

I claim and insist that the said notice is insufficient in law. The staute requires you in your notice of contest to "specify particularly the grounds" on which you rely in your contest. Besides being false, the paper served upon me could not be made more vague and general in its allegations. I therefore except to the sufficiency of the same, and to each part thereof, and shall pray judgment on this my exception before the House of Representatives proceeds to consider this contest upon its merits.

And not waiving the above exception, but expressly insisting upon the same, I now answer your said notice.

On the Merits.

1. I deny your statement that at the election held November 7, 1882, in the State of Virginia, you were "the candidate of the Democratic party."

I deny your allegation because if you had been the candidate of any party you might have claimed and expected the unanimous support of such party, and would not have claimed or expected support from the party or parties, or members of the party or parties, opposed to it; and because in that event the strength of that party would have been a fair index of your strength, and *vice versa*. But you were the candidate of no party.

You were confessedly not the candidate of the Coalition party, I being, as you admit, the candidate thereof. You were not the Straightout Republican candidate, one John M. Dawson being the nominee of that faction; and you were not the candidate of the Democratic party, as I will prove.

Then follow a number of extracts from the *Dispatch*, running from March 7, 1879, down to the time when Mr. Massey left the Readjusters, showing—as Mr. Wise contends—that he was not considered a Democrat and did not claim to be one. Then Mr. Wise says:

I will show that, although *tolerated* by the representative bodies and organs of that party, as paying you the price of a bargain between yourself and certain members of that party, you never were recognized or acknowledged as their *candidate*, and that while you were given the benefit of their whole party machinery, and your name was put upon their tickets, support of you was never officially in any way made a test of party allegiance, and many true and staunch members of that party scorned and refused to support you.

HIS HISTORY.

In an examination of Mr. Massey's political history, Mr. Wise goes into Mr. Massey's aspirations for the office of Governor, then of his desire to be United States senator, and files the statement of Edmond Parr, a member of the Legislature, who declared that Mr. Massey tried to bribe him; also, corroborative statement of Mr. Amos Dickerson, and then follows a notice of the Big-Four revolt, and a great many extracts from newspapers, to show how Massey's candidacy for Congress was brought about. Mr. Wise asserts that Mr. Massey, "after failing to do more than secure a negative support of the Democratic party without recognition, sought to gain support from 'all good men of all political parties.'"

RESULTS.

After an exhibit of figures, Mr. Wise says:

I call your attention to the fact disclosed by the foregoing returns, that although John M. Dawson, the Republican candidate for congressman at large, received 296 more votes than all the Republican district candidates combined, and although I received 333 votes more than the combined vote of the Coalition district candidates, you, on the other hand, were so unpopular that your vote was 870 less than the combined votes of the Conservative-Democratic and Independent district candidates who supported you.

And I charge that you did not receive as many votes as the combined votes of said district candidates, because you were not the Democratic nominee, and at least 870 Democrats in Virginia, who voted for the district nominees and candidates, believed you had no claim upon them, and had not forgotten so soon their former abuse of and contempt for you, or did not believe in your new-born professions of Democracy.

COLLECTORS, &C.

Each and every material charge of Mr. Massey as to frauds committed by the Readjusters is denied, and Mr. Massey's inauguration of the system of special collectors commented upon. He alleges that every receipt issued by Snelling was paid for before election; that Snelling "faithfully reported every receipt issued; that he paid the money so received into the Treasury." The charge about blank receipts is denied, and Judge George L. Christian is spoken of as "a partisan of yours" [Massey's].

JUDGE HUGHES'S INSTRUCTIONS.

As to these he says:

The instructions of Judge Hughes set forth in your notice are correct. Your opinion that they were designed to intimidate the State officers of election is the prejudice of an evil imagination. Your statement that they did so in fact is false. Your legal opinion as to their correctness is worthless. I deny and call upon you to prove that said instructions "were made the excuse for unjustifiable interference, whereby in some instances many citizens who desired to vote for you were disfranchised."

ELECTION-DAY IN RICHMOND.

Mr. Wise states that he was not in Richmond at the hour when the Clay-and Monroe-Ward judges were arrested and brought up, but as to what occurred subsequently in the United States Court-room he says:

I listened to what passed between Mr. Pleasants and Judge Christian, and Christian stated that he would recede from his first instructions to the judges and give his second, because Mr. Pleasants said if the judges refused the Snelling receipts he would arrest them. Mr. Pleasants said he made no threats. I thereupon advanced and said: "I will relieve Mr. Pleasants of all embarrassment on that score. As District Attorney I will swear out warrants against every man of them who refuses the Snelling receipts," and as I turned away I said, *sotto voce*, "And, by God, I will have Judge Christian arrested for his interference in this affair." The profanity which you delight to ascribe to me was not indulged in as stated.

Your effort to obtain a seat in Congress by pretence that your vote was terrorized or intimidated in the city of Richmond is, I undertake to say and to prove, the most barefaced pretext ever resorted to since the day that the wolf of the fable ate the lamb for muddying the waters of the stream below him.

The charge about the assessment of the Richmond office-holders by the Democrats is repeated. The committee's printed plan for paying capitations is republished. The charges against Commissioner Munford and his deputies occupy two or three pages in print, and it is averred "that by systematic practice of fraud on the part of the Conservative party in Richmond Jackson Ward has been created into a 'shoe-string ward,'" and that the number of voting-precincts is insufficient, and that these polls closed at sundown with hundreds of voters waiting to vote.

INTIMIDATION IN RICHMOND.

I charge that the spirit of bullying, threats, and intimidation so prevails among your supporters in the city of Richmond that men were discharged by their employers for voting for me; that an intolerant, aggressive, and insolent spirit of ostracism and abusiveness prevails among your supporters in Richmond to the extent that it requires nerve and personal courage to openly proclaim opposition to the views and methods of your Bourbon allies in the city of Richmond; that this spirit is so fierce that timid people are afraid to encounter it, and retiring and complaisant people shun its bitterness and recrimination by acquiescing in it, although at heart despising it. I charge that by the fraudulent methods in Richmond above set forth, and the intimidation above mentioned, the result as between you, John E. Massey, and myself in the last election in Richmond was at least 1,500 votes in your favor out of the way of a fair, free, and full expression of the popular will of that city.

Further, Mr. Wise promises to show that frauds were committed by Democrats in numerous counties and by various means, which he mentions.

PARTING BLOW.

In conclusion he says:

I do not claim that the election between us was in all respects an absolutely fair election. But I do believe that the frauds practiced therein were more than ordinarily insignificant, and were by ten to one in your favor; and that but for the intimidation and threats practiced by your friends throughout the State my majority would have been over ten thousand.

As to your personal conduct of the campaign, it was characteristics in all respects. Dodging and avoiding all my appointments, you never showed me your face during the campaign, and, not content with urging the claims of yourself and the measures and policy you advocated, your speeches were, in the main, gross tissues of falsehoods and traduction concerning my actions and private character, and the character of others who opposed you.

Finally, I charge that your candidacy for Congress was conceived in treachery, born of infamy, prosecuted with mendacity, and ended in the disgrace and defeat which in all such cases is inevitable.

JOHN S. WISE.

Richmond, January 15, 1883.

Briefs and Personals.

The matter of street-cleaning is in the hands of the Board of Health, and the people look to them to put the Main-street crossings above Fifth in decent order. The crossings are shockingly bad for ladies especially. Will Dr. Cabell look into this matter?

The intermediate examinations at the High school and Colored Normal school are now going on. Those at the other schools will commence Monday.

The Supreme Court of Appeals, now that it is in accord with the party in power in this State, ought to make some effort to have their court-room refitted. Its appearance is by no means elegant. A little painting, papering, and carpeting would improve it wonderfully.

Rev. W. B. McGilvray will lecture at the conference of the superintendents of public schools to be held here on the 27th of February, and will take for his subject "Growth and Progress as the Outcome of Our Public Schools."

In the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday the case of Roper, &c., *vs.* McWhorter and others, was argued by Judge William H. Burroughs and Colonel W. W. Gordon for appellees, and Major John H. Gayle and Richard Walke for appellant.

Mr. Stephen Hunter was thrown from his horse a day or two ago and received trifling injuries.

The Gesangverein Virginia have placed the sale of tickets at 910 and 1318 east Main street for the convenience of their friends in the lower part of the city.

An entertainment will be given to-morrow night at Park-Place Methodist church by the "Rosebuds." They hope to have the patronage of all their friends, and without a doubt deserve it.

The Charity Ball To-Night.

Most complete arrangements have been made for the charity ball which is to take place at the Regimental Armory to-night, and the committee in charge guarantee that those who attend, either to participate in the dances or as spectators merely, shall have an agreeable time. They have prepared the floor and decorated the walls for the occasion, and will have on hand excellent music.

The ticket includes supper, which will be furnished in fine style.

Those who patronize the entertainment will be able to secure for themselves an evening of enjoyment and likewise contribute to a noble charity.

The prospect is that the attendance will be of those people whom to meet is a pleasure. Go; if not for your own, then for "sweet charity's sake."

THE MOZART THIS EVENING.—First, overture "Fest," (Leutner,) orchestra; second, solo piano, "Trovatore," (Hoffman,) Miss B. Eichberg, of Alexandria, Va.; third, solo baritone, "Chorister," (Sullivan,) Mr. W. H. Grant, Jr.; fourth, solo trombone, "Cujus Anima," (Rossini,) Mr. A. Equ; fifth, solo piano, "Whispering Wind," (Wollenhaupt,) Miss B. Eichberg; sixth, solo baritone, "Sweetheart," (Millard,) Mr. W. H. Grant, Jr.; seventh, solo clarinet, "Polka," (Cavalini,) Mr. Felix Jardella; eighth, waltzes, "Les Sirenes," (Waldteufel,) orchestra.

MARRIAGE-BELLS.—Mr. Barney Frischkorn, a popular young gentleman, was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Rose, daughter of John E. Rose, Esq., at the residence of the bride, yesterday at 4 P. M., leaving soon after for a brief tour North amid the congratulations of a host of friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Wiley Bledsoe, of Trinity, who appropriately added some beautiful sentiments suggestive of their duty to each other, &c. The presents were many and costly, and formed a glittering array of beauty and usefulness, and their future success through life's stern realities were drunk by numerous friends who wish them God-speed.

REWARD OFFERED.—The Governor yesterday offered a reward of $100 for the arrest of Lewis Carter, of Southampton county, who last Friday murdered his wife near Jerusalem. He went into his house at night, armed with an axe, and struck his wife on the head with the same twice, completely crushing her skull, and producing instant death. He then fled and has not been heard from since. He is described as being about five feet seven inches high, ginger-bread color, pitted with small-pox, and marked on his arms in India ink with his name and an anchor. He is said to be more than ordinarily intelligent, and about thirty years of age. No cause is assigned for his murderous behavior.

A WRIT OF ERROR.—The Court of Appeals has granted a writ of error in the tag-tax case. This case was decided by Judge Fitzhugh against J. M. Blanton, the Virginia Agricultural Commissioner, and his right to tax fertilizers by the device of affixing a tag to each bag denied.

James B. Ficklen.

The death of this gentleman, which occurred on yesterday morning at his residence, in Buckingham county, will give grief to many hearts in Virginia and some even beyond her bounds.

Mr. Ficklen was born about the year 1830 in or near Winchester, in this State, and was trained up as a boy in the mercantile business of Joseph Sherrard, who was an old and esteemed merchant of that town.

In early manhood he removed to Fredericksburg with his widowed mother, a brother, and several sisters, where he soon entered the dry-goods business, and afterwards became a member of the prominent dry-goods firm of Hoomes, Ficklen & Wallace, in Fredericksburg.

About the year 1857 he removed to Richmond and became a partner in the dry-goods business of Mr. J. B. Watkins, under the firm of Watkins & Ficklen, occupying one of the fine tenements on the present site of the Citizens Bank. Mr. Ficklen's energy and enterprise contributed much to the large and successful business of this firm, which was terminated by the war in 1861, and the building, whose tenantcy was retained by Mr. Watkins, perished in the great fire of April, 1865. Between 1861 and 1863 Mr. Ficklen conducted, with the late Warren Slaughter, of Fredericksburg, an auction and commission business in the above-mentioned storehouse; after which he purchased and occupied the fine river homestead, the "Red House," two miles below New Canton, in Buckingham county, where, as stated, he died. After locating in Buckingham, Mr. Ficklen's fine social qualities attached to him his neighbors and county-men, so that he became popular. He soon developed a taste and peculiar talent for politics, was several times a candidate for delegate to the Legislature, and served two sessions in that body, faithfully guarding the interests of his constituents, and displaying good powers for parliamentary debate. Full of fire and impulse, well read in history and general literature, he captivated his hearers rather by the earnestness and fluency of his oratory than by its profound logic.

Like Moffett, Barbour, and others, he was at first identified with readjustment, but also like them united with the Conservative Democrats, and so continued. Into several of the late political canvasses in the State Mr. Ficklen threw himself heart and soul, visiting many counties, speaking often to immense multitudes, who were inspired and influenced by his fervid appeals. As a stump-speaker he was very successful, and in the estimation of the masses often bore off the palm from men of much more logic and intellectual acuteness. When "*Ficklen*, the farmer from Buckingham," rose to speak, the yeomanry were all enthusiasm and attention. He was vice-president of a railroad projected from New Canton to the New Store, in this county.

For a year past Mr. Ficklen's health has been failing, so that in the last canvass he was silent from necessity; but, like an old war charger, who smelt the battle from afar, he was sometimes all elate with anxiety to mingle once more in the fray. But alas! he was doomed to the solitude of a sick chamber, for disease had too surely undermined his delicate constitution.

Mr. Ficklen married about 1860 a daughter of the late William L. Pannill, of Pittsylvania, who with eight or nine children survive him.

Since early youth he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In his home he exemplified the virtues of the good father and husband, and as a neighbor he was kind and helpful; as a citizen he was public-spirited and patriotic.

Virginia may well mourn the loss of men of the type of James B. Ficklen.

Death of Colonel Timothy O'Brien.

Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock Colonel Timothy O'Brien died at his room in the American Hotel. Although he has for a long time been suffering from the ravages of consumption, which it was feared would shorten his days, yet his end came unexpectedly, and the sad intelligence was felt in consequence more forcibly by his friends. Night before last he was able to walk about the city, and before retiring ate a hearty supper. Yesterday morning he did not leave his room, but sent down to Mr. Dodson for a glass of milk. When it was taken to him the sands of his life had nearly run out.

Colonel O'Brien was born in New York State, and was a lawyer by profession, but not in the practice. He went into the war on the Union side as major of the Sixteenth New York cavalry, and participated in many of the battles in Virginia. Being a strong Democrat, he was not much in favor at Washington; yet he rose to the rank of colonel, we believe. In New York his ardent Celtic blood, uncooled even by his American birth, made him a passionate politician, and he became a prominent member of the Tammany Society, but an opponent of John Kelly's ring, and a personal friend and supporter of Mr. Tilden, whom he supported for the Democratic nomination for President in the Convention held in 1876.

Despite his feeble health, Colonel O'Brien was an active business-man, and, indeed, energetic in everything he undertook. He was an active member and treasurer of the relief committee formed after the terrible Grove-shaft disaster at Midlothian, and was untiring in the discharge of the self-imposed duties of this office.

Colonel O'Brien possessed a remarkably bright and quick mind, to which was allied excellent judgment. He was one of the best-informed men in Virginia upon the political history of the United States. Added to all, he was a genial, companionable, and hospitable gentleman.

His remains will be taken from the American Hotel this evening, and will be carried on the 4:45 train north, where they will be laid to rest in Little Falls, Herkimer county, the home of his boyhood and youth. Colonel O'Brien was about forty-two years of age.

THE ALLAN-WILL CASE.—The trial of the Allan-will case was begun in the Chancery Court yesterday. The entire morning was occupied in the selection of a jury. The following were finally selected to try the case: Harvey Spence, George A. Ainslie, Edgar Taylor, E. M. Norvell, D. G. Baker, H. C. G. Hartman, Joseph Priddy, James H. Anderson, S. B. Hughes, John Tyler, J. M. Macon, and J. C. Cottrell.

The jury in the case upon its former trial disagreed. Messrs. John Lyon and John H. Guy are counsel for Mrs. Genevieve Montague, and Messrs. Sands, Leake & Carter represent Mrs. Allan's Richmond heirs.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS.—Mr. Frederick Warde, who will appear at the Theatre Friday night, has consented, at the special request of some of our leading citizens, to play Damon and Pythias on next Monday night, and no doubt will receive the most flattering reception.

Monthly Report of the City Mission.

The managers of the City Mission feel that it is due the citizens to give an account of their stewardship, and herewith submit the following report of the work accomplished by the mission during the month of January:

The distributions have been 2,200 quarts of soup, 4,400 pones of bread, 500 sick rations (consisting of groceries), 175 yards red flannel, 260 yards cotton cloth, 30 bed-comforts, 1,000 old garments, 150 pairs of old shoes. The amount expended for provisions was $166.63; total amount expended during the month of January, $257.79.

It is proper here to state that the strain on the Mission is greater at this time than ever before, owing to the number of men thrown out of employment and the amount of sickness among the poor. These causes have given rise to great destitution and suffering, and the soup-house is thronged each day, and every nerve is taxed to meet the demands for soup and bread.

When it is remembered that the City Mission is supported entirely by voluntary contributions (with the exception of $200 in money and 400 tons gas-coke given by the City Council), it can, with all propriety, be proclaimed a "living monument" to the benevolence of the citizens of Richmond.

The managers of the Mission acknowledge their obligations to Mr. Bigger, Superintendent of the Almshouse, for his hearty coöperation with them, as far as practicable, in all their efforts to assist the poor.

Persons desirous to contributing in any way to the Mission can send such contributions to Mrs. M. F. Baker, 213 east Franklin; Mrs. S. M. Price, 217 south Third street; Mrs. R. Colston, 710 east Grace; Mrs. A. Y. Stokes, Marshall street; Mrs. J. G. Spotts, Third street; Mrs. J. E. Moore, 200 east Franklin; Mrs. W. H. Pleasants, 2510 east Grace street.

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The return of the Mutual Life-Insurance Company for the year 1882 will be found in our advertising columns to-day. The exhibit of this, the largest of the life companies, is certainly in the highest degree encouraging, and shows that the confidence with which the company is regarded by the public is deserved and rests upon a sure foundation, excellent management, ample reserves, and financial resources of great strength.

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MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

Briefs.—It is now understood that the bridge over the creek on the new River road near this city was never really broken, as related, by the passage over it of a two-horse wagon. The report was occasioned by the fact that a Granger did by careless driving precipitate his team and himself from the bridge to the creek below. This did not jolt the structure in anywise, but considerably mixed up the rural party and the team which was subjected to the sudden descent alluded to. The bridge is now and has all along been in good condition for travel.

The wrongful application of air-brakes on a Richmond and Petersburg train near Port Walthall on Tuesday brought the train to a sudden halt and shook up the passengers in a painful manner. The train, owing to the severance of one of the brake-beams, was detained half an hour. The author of the mischief did not materialize.

The remains of the late Otto Fischer were interred yesterday in Maury cemetery. He was only nineteen years of age, and his bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Luckily the muddiness of the James river has disappeared entirely. Likewise happily its protuberant surplusness has also evaporated, and the river is now at its usual level.

Confirmation services will take place at Meade-Memorial church next Sunday. Under the ministration of Rev. Mr. Allanson the church membership has continued to increase steadily.

Bon Air.—J. W. Holt, of Drake's Branch, of the firm of Thompson & Holt, contractors, and Colonel W. H. Jones, the well-known tobacconist, are making preparations to build, ready for the next coming season. Everything is promising for the season, and the never-tiring company is making all efforts to keep up the standard.

At Granite the neighborhood is making efforts to see the evil of the open platform now used for a station remedied by petitioning the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company for a depot. Until now passengers have been compelled to wait for trains on the open field. No doubt the proper railroad authorities were not aware of the fact, and will promptly remedy it. The Old Dominion Company, which has suspended operation until March 1, 1883, meditates opening a new and promising quarry, and the villagers of Granite are doing all in their power to draw parties there from Richmond and Manchester during the summer months. Of course they look upon that class of people not willing to select the fashionable Bon Air.

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