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PRICES WAY BELOW THE NEW TARIFF BASIS.

We had consigned to us by one of the leading importing houses in New York

A LARGE LOT OF SILKS.

Being rather full up in stock, we did not care to keep them. We wrote the consignors asking instructions. Their answer was: "DON'T RETURN; SELL THEM, AND WE WILL STAND THE LOSS." And we are going to sell them.

THE PRICES WE MAKE WILL SELL THEM.

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1 lot SUMMER SILK at 34c.;
1 lot SUMMER SILK at 37½c.;
1 lot SUMMER SILK, all the new colors, at 49c.—regular price, 75c.;
1 lot BLACK-AND-WHITE-CHECKED SUMMER SILKS—regular 85c. quality—at 58c.;
1 lot FANCY-CHECKED SUMMER SILKS—regular $1 quality—at 68c.;

24-INCH ALL-SILK OTTOMANS, all new shades, real value $2.50—they go at $1.67;
24-INCH ALL-SILK SURAH, cheap at $1.35—they go at 98c.;
$1 SILK MOIRES, all shades, at 47c.;
24-INCH ALL-SILK SATIN MERVEILLEUX, real value $1.75, but they go at $1.25.

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WHICH YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN AT THESE PRICES BEFORE.

HEAVY GROS-GRAIN—regular 75c. quality—at 48c.;
22-INCH SUPERIOR GROS-GRAIN, worth $1, at 57c.;
BONNET CACHEMIRE, SUPERIOR—regular $1.25 quality—at 75c.;
BONNET—sublime quality—HEAVY GROS-GRAIN, at 88c.;

GENUINE GUINET'S—superb quality—at $1;
GUINET'S CACHEMIRE—sublime—really worth $1.75, only $1.25;
BILLOU'S ROYAL QUALITY—the standard $2.25 quality—at $1.50;
24-INCH ALL-SILK SATIN MERVEILLEUX, would be cheap at $1.50, but we have eleven pieces to go at $1.17.

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We closed an importer's stock of

BLACK-SILK BROCADE GRENADINES,

(new and elegant patterns.) They cost $1.10 to import.

WE SECURED THE LOT VERY LOW,

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THIS BARGAIN MUST BE SEEN TO BE APPRECIATED—AT

JULIUS MEYER & SON'S,
601 AND 603 BROAD STREET.

THIS SALE COMMENCES
MONDAY, MAY 14TH,
AND CONTINUES THROUGH THE WEEK.
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HUGUENOT SPRINGS,
SITUATED
EIGHTEEN MILES FROM RICHMOND,
(1¼ miles from Vinita station,) on the Richmond and Allegheny railroad, will be
OPEN FOR THE RECEPTION OF VISITORS
ON
JUNE 1, 1883.
The hotel and cottages, situated in a beautiful grove of twenty acres, have been thoroughly repaired and painted.
The WATERS—sulphur and chalybeate—are said by judges to be as good as any in the country.
The SPRINGS have grown in popularity, and their distance from the city makes them highly desirable as a place of summer resort. Special rates will be made with families, and the railroad has also agreed to special rates. Only a limited number of visitors will be accommodated, and early application should be made at once to
W. J. McDOWELL,
corner Seventh and Main streets;
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my 13-eod3t Fifteenth street.

CAPON SPRINGS AND BATHS
(ALKALINE LITHIA WATERS),
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, W. VA.,
OPENS JUNE 1ST. NO FOGS. Easy of access from all points of the compass. Having the LARGEST SWIMMING POOL OF CARBONATED MINERAL WATER IN THE WORLD. Also, IRON SPRINGS SECOND TO NONE. Half to three quarters of an hour's ride (carriage or horseback); a SPLENDID WHITE SULPHUR. GRAND MOUNTAIN SCENERY. SUMMER CLIMATE UNSURPASSED. A CHARMING SUMMER HOME. Five IRON FIRE-ESCAPES.
For medical and other testimony send for pamphlet.
Fine Band, good fishing and boating.
Say where you saw this advertisement.
Water and pamphlets at PURCELL, LADD & CO.'S and L. WAGNER'S, Richmond, Va.
my 13-3m W. H. SALE, Proprietor.

MILLBORO' SPRINGS,
OPEN JUNE 1ST,
CLOSE NOVEMBER 1ST.
SULPHUR, ALUM, AND CHALYBIATE SPRINGS.
For circular and general information, address
CARROLL GARNETT,
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BON AIR HOTEL.
The fine HOTEL at Bon Air and EXCURSION GROUNDS are now open for the reception of guests. Every delicacy of the season will be served, and the lessees promise entire satisfaction to parties desiring to spend the heated term at this delightful suburban resort.
Telephonic communication with all parts of the city. All of the fashionable out-door amusements on the grounds. Professor SHEPPERSON'S BRASS AND STRING BAND will enliven the lawn and ball-room.
Parties desiring further information about rooms, &c., will apply to FRANK D. HILL & CO., 1108 Main street. M. S. JAMES & SON,
my 13-1el Proprietors.

THE RAWLEY SPRINGS,
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.,
will be open for the reception of guests JUNE 15TH. Professor W. P. RAE'S Brass and String Band, for the lawn and ball-room, has been engaged for the season of 1883. The table will be good in every respect, supplied from the rich Valley of Virginia. The air pure, bracing, and very dry. Riding, driving, bathing, fishing, billiards, tenpins, lawn-tennis, archery, etc., are among the amusements.
As a remedy in Anæmia, Scrofula, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Liver-Disease, maladies peculiar to females, and in general for all diseases caused by poverty of the blood or debility of the nervous system, the Rawley water is unrivalled.
J. WATKINS LEE,
General Manager.
RATES OF BOARD: $2.50 per day, $15 per week, $40 per month (four weeks), June and September; $50 per month, July and August. Children under ten and colored servants, HALF RATES; white servants, according to accommodations. Apply for book with particulars. my 10-12t

MOUNTAIN-TOP HOTEL,
BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, VIRGINIA,
on Chesapeake and Ohio railway 121 miles from Richmond, Va., will be open JUNE 10, 1883. Telegraph and post-office. Afton depot, Va. For terms, &c., address until June 1st
HENRY L. MASSIE, Proprietor,
my 6-1m Charlottesville, Va.

WARM SULPHUR SPRINGS,
BATH COUNTY, VA.,
ARE NOW OPEN.
The finest warm sulphur bath in the world. Pamphlets to be had of Purcell, Ladd & Co., or of the proprietor. Send postal.
ap 14-3m JOHN L. EUBANK.

BOOK AND JOB WORK NEATLY EXECUTED at the DISPATCH PRINTING HOUSE.

☞ONE OF THOSE FORTUNATE
PURCHASES
for which our house has gained such widespread celebrity this season has just been completed by our New York buyer.

WE SHALL OFFER THE GOODS

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NUMBERING IN ALL 127 PIECES,
containing in part
BLACK and COLORED GROS-GRAIN SILKS,
SATINS,
SATIN RHADAMAS,
SATIN MERVEILLEUX.
SURAHS,
PLAIN and FANCY SUMMER SILKS.

In referring to this special purchase, as to quality and price, we have only to regret that the lot did not contain double quantity.

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They are principally all of this season's importation, containing all the newer styles, shades, and coloring.

PRICE,
ABOUT ONE-HALF GENERAL VALUE.
WE QUOTE:

1 lot BLACK and COLORED SATINS at 37½c.—selling generally at from 75c. to $1.25 a yard;
1 lot SUMMER SILKS at 35c.;
1 lot HEAVY ALL-SILK OTTOMAN at 86c.—general price, $2 a yard;
1 lot BLACK GROS-GRAIN SILK at $1.35—usual value, $2.75;
1 lot BLACK GROS-GRAIN SILK at $1.80—usual price, $3.25;
1 lot of 21 pieces BLACK and COLORED SATIN MERVEILLEUX at 82c.—this lot is composed of almost every conceivable shade, and manufactured by Ant. Guinet & Co. of the purest sewing-silk—the general price is $1.50 to $1.60 a yard;
1 lot CHANGEABLE SUMMER SILKS at 45c.—generally selling at 75 to 85c.;
1 lot ALL-SILK SURAH, in the latest and most desirable shades, at 86c.;
1 lot SATIN RHADAMAS at $1.08—general price, $2.40 to $2.50;
1 lot BLACK and COLORED ALL-SILK BROCADE at 62c.—usual price, $1.25 to $1.50;
1 lot INDIA GROS-GRAIN MOURNING SILK at $1.05—real value, $2.40 a yard;

Besides many other extraordinary and astonishing BARGAINS.
These goods will in part be on exhibit in our
NEW DEPARTMENT,
recently arranged for our job in
RIBBONS.

We will besides offer on
MONDAY
MANY OTHER SPECIAL BARGAINS,
for which we have no space in this advertisement.
COHEN BROTHERS,
my 13-tf corner Fourth and Broad.

Richmond Dispatch.
SUNDAY.....MAY 13, 1883.

☞THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY.

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

Late Weather Report.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, May 13—1 *A. M.*—For the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather, variable winds, mostly northeasterly, stationary or lower temperature, higher pressure.

For the South Atlantic States, fair weather, variable winds, stationary or higher temperature and pressure.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was fair and pleasant.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 54; 9 A. M., 61; noon, 70; 3 P. M., 76; 6 P. M., 71; midnight, 56.

Mean temperature, 66½.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. John Alexander, of Albemarle, a clerk in the State Auditor's office, has resigned. The vacancy has not been filled.

Sergeant Cousins and Policeman T. T. Epps, of the Third police district, yesterday arrested Thomas Grymes, John Johnston, Stephen Grymes, Thomas Winston, Joseph Ferrit, Cæsar White, Andrew Carter, and Frank Wallin (all colored), charged with stealing $8 in money from Richard Hewlett.

As an addition to the singing of the Sunday-School Association at the Pine-Street Baptist church this afternoon Mr. Jardella will perform on the clarinet, and Mr. Manly Ramos upon the piano.

The Cathedral Choir Association had their first rehearsal last Friday night of Rossini's "*Stabat Mater*," which oratorio, together with other choice concert selections, they propose giving early next fall in aid of the fund now being raised for the erection of a new cathedral.

On and after Monday the southern mail *via* Petersburg, heretofore closed at 10:30 A. M., will be closed at 10:30 A. M., and the "fast mail" going north, formerly closed at 4 A. M., will be closed at 5 A. M.

The State Association of the Baptist churches in Virginia will convene in annual session in the Second Baptist church in Richmond on the 30th of the present month.

The usual Easter anniversary of Monumental Sunday school was held this year April 2d, and the weather being very inclement a great many were deprived of the privilege of attending. The superintendent, Mr. Alfriend, has after very earnest solicitations, agreed to repeat the services to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. The offering on this occasion will be devoted to the purchase of an organ for the chapel at the corner of Grace and Madison streets. The choir will sing Wheat's Easter hymn.

Master Edwin Farmer's concert at Mozart Hall to-morrow night promises to be one of the enjoyable musical events of the season. This Master Farmer is a musical prodigy, as all who have heard him abundantly testify.

Mrs. Alice Swain Hunter and Mr. Pierre Bernard will assist the choir of St. Peter's Cathedral to-day (Whit-Sunday) in rendering Haydn's Third Mass. The services begin at half-past 10 o'clock.

The Madison-Ward Democratic Club will meet to-morrow night in the Chancery Court-room for the purpose of transacting important business. A full attendance is requested.

The first excursion of the season to West Point will leave to-morrow morning over the Richmond and York-River railroad, at the foot of Twenty-third street, at 7:30 A. M. The usual enjoyments will be afforded.

The Gas Contract.

ARRIVAL OF BIDDERS IN THE CITY—CHAIRMAN HIGGINS'S REPUTATION.

Repeatedly since the agitation of the gas question attention has been called to the stand made by John M. Higgins, chairman of the Committee on Light, and even those who conscientiously differed with this gentlemen have been ready with compliments at the address he displayed in the fight. Outside of the city it seems that Mr. Higgins has made even more reputation than he has been accredited with here—a fact seen in the numerous letters he has received from cities and companies interested in the gas question. A day or two ago he received a letter from Messrs. McClelland & Yearman, publishers of the *American Trade Journal* in St. Louis, as follows: "We want one hundred copies of your pamphlet. We have taken a decided interest in the gas question, and are pushing it. You will oblige us very much if you will send them at once by express, C. O. D., or send bill, and we will remit at once."

Mr. Higgins had no copies, and so informed the *Trade Journal*. They have ordered the copies from the publishers of Mr. Higgins's minority report.

The Laclede Gaslight Company, of St. Louis, writing under recent date, says to Mr. Higgins: "It is with much satisfaction and pleasure that we see how you have defeated the designs of those who are opposed to the rights of your people. We are giving such people a big fight here, and hope to be equally successful."

A number of gentlemen interested in gas matters arrived in the city yesterday, in order to look at the surroundings and be ready with their bids on Tuesday next, when the $25,000 contract for remodelling the gas-works will be awarded.

The meeting will take place in the Council chamber at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The City Ambulance.

Yesterday evening Mr. G. E. Paynter, Superintendent of Police Alarm and Fire Telegraph, tested the efficacy of the wires in calling out the city ambulance. It was the first time a call had been sent over the telegraph wires, and the test was a fair one. The call was turned in from Box 13, in front of the *Dispatch* office. First the No. 82 was turned in to apprise the Fire Department that the call was not intended for them; then 121 was sent over the wires, this being the ambulance signal. In six minutes and forty-two seconds from the time this alarm was turned in the city ambulance, driven by Mr. Johnson, and containing Dr. Mercer and Mr. Thompson, appeared on the spot. Quite a crowd was attracted by the appearance of the ambulance, but was disappointed when it found no one sick or injured.

In connection with turning in fire-alarms it might not be amiss to say that in doing so it is only necessary to open the box and pull down the lever once. To pull it down oftener disarranges the signal.

HEBREW DECORATION-DAY.—The ladies of the Hebrew Memorial Association, ever loving and true, will on Thursday decorate with flowers the graves of the Confederate soldiers buried in their cemetery. Contributions of flowers will be gladly received, and the Hollywood and Oakwood Associations are especially invited to unite with them in the performance of the duties of the day.

BASE-BALL.—The Our-Boys' Club, of Baltimore, will arrive here to-morrow morning and play the Richmonds a series of four games, commencing to-morrow afternoon, at Base-Ball Park. These games will no doubt be interesting, as the Our-Boys' Club played the Richmonds some close games last season.

TOPICS OF THE TIME.

THE CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL BOARD AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT US.

Tobacco Trade—Water-Works—Soldiers' Monument—Aldermanic Resignation—Bill Conners's Case—Personal, &c., &c.

There is great interest manifested in the fate of the public schools, and a general disposition is manifested to blame somebody because the trustees for twelve years neglected to take the oath of office. One statesman puts the responsibility on the newspapers. His theory is that if the reporters were not sent to the Council chamber to report the debates the councilmen would attend to their business better. Journalists rather think that without the presence of the reporters they wouldn't attend to it at all. But in this matter the neglect was chiefly with the trustees, and our trustees have been no more remiss than those of nearly all the cities in the Commonwealth; no more remiss than the State Board of Instruction, which should have kept an eye upon them, but utterly failed to do so until the hunt for place commenced. For one entire scholastic year the control will be in new hands. It is true that certain Readjusters now set up the claim that the members for the shortest term will not go out until March, 1884, or one year from their appointment; but the order of appointment says they go out (three of them) August 1, 1883.

Mayor Carrington still claims to be president of the Board *ex-officio*. His authority is in a city ordinance. The city public-school system antedated the State's; the State incorporated ours into theirs. It took us in as we stood, it is said, and hence the Mayor remained president of the Board, and has all along been recognized as such. Messrs. Paul, Forrester, Favier, Hudnall, Reddy, Fisher, Powers, Childrey, and Hill will probably refuse to recognize him.

The City Council now has a question of profound importance thrust upon them.

What ought they to do about the school appropriation?

The public schools are supported by the State and city jointly. The city appropriates more than three times as much as the State; but for this year the Council made no appropriation; it set apart in a special contingent fund money to the amount usually voted to schools. Its purpose was—no matter what Board was in—to supervise the expenditures on city account. It still means to do as well for the schools in the future as in the past; but it desires to scrutinize the bills. Their resolution to this end the Mayor vetoed. The Common Council passed it over his veto, and the Board of Aldermen will take some action upon it to-morrow evening.

The object of the new Board from the beginning will be to secure the paying places for themselves, and to make it appear that any interference with their purpose is the outgrowth of Bourbonistic opposition to the public free-school system.

The Council must be wide awake.

Their measures should be well considered in committee, put on paper by competent hands, and ably expounded when placed upon their passage.

OLD MAN INEWIT SPEAKS AGAIN.

The Finance Committee have agreed to recommend an additional appropriation of $15,000 in bonds to pay off the last of the expenses on account of the construction of the new pump-works.

Old man Inewit has been around town talking about this thing a great deal. He said yesterday, "I knew it. I knew that we would have bill after bill to pay above the $300,000 appropriation. I said at first that they just ought to run the pipes up the river till they got the necessary head, and so do without either pumps or reservoir."

The old man, as he pulled out his handkerchief and wiped the sweat of honest indignation from his expansive brow, further said, "That big steam-pump would have served us for thirty years. It was a —— shame to throw away the money to build the new works."

In deference to such an old and well-known citizen as Inewit, we will explain:

1. That to get sufficient head the pipes would have to be run up the river sixty-six miles.

2. That the big steam-pump was never seriously thought of by the Council (or anybody else, with probably the exception of Mr. James L. Davis,) until the new pump-works were supposed to be nearly completed, (September, 1881,) when, with water-famine staring us in the face, the Mayor and "the sensational press" worked the authorities up to the necessity of buying it.

A LOSS.

Mr. Lewis D. Crenshaw expects to tender his resignation to-morrow evening as a member (from Madison Ward) of the Board of Aldermen in consequence of removing to Monroe Ward, at the southeast corner of Main and Adams. The Board in losing him loses a valuable member. He was ever conservative; as far removed from old-fogyism as from waste and haste. May his successor be as good a man.

GAS AND ICE.

Tuesday the contract for the addition to the gas-making apparatus of the city works will be awarded. There will be several bidders.

The public look at this affair in the expectation of gas at $1.50 per thousand. They will regard it as something worse than a hollow mockery if they fail to get that reduction.

Cheap gas and cheap fuel in the winter, and cheap ice (and acompaniments) in the summer, is a platform upon which all the people can unite without regard to previous opinion of the School Board.

THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

The Board of Managers of the Ladies' Hollywood Memorial Association will meet at 1 o'clock to-morrow at 206 east Main street. It is to be hoped that they will then have the report of Colonel Cutshaw as to what had best be done to make the vines crawl a little faster up the pyramid. Whether it is to be by putting good soil at the roots of the vines, or by cementing the crevices, or by putting a little fountain on the top of the monument to keep the stones moist, the plan should be promptly adopted and promulgated; for there has got to be a desperate scramble to secure the needed money.

Colonel Cutshaw is inclined to think that what is most needed by the vines is moisture, and that a pipe of water run to the top of the pyramid will supply the want. A big main from the reservoir runs down the avenue by the monument to the city. So the piping would not be difficult.

Somebody has started the story that the monument is going to fall. It would certainly look more picturesque as a ruin than it does now; but the day thereof is seemingly remote—in fact, too distant in the perspective to contemplate with pleasure.

UNION DEPÔT.

The appointment by the Chamber of Commerce of a committee to confer with the railroads relative to a union depôt does not mean that a depôt is expected this year any more than the talk about the Lee monument indicates that the corner-stone will be laid in 1883. In both cases we have to give ourselves and the world notice that if somebody doesn't look out we will make a move.

The Chamber has made a popular step. The present passenger accommodations here are too bad.

We must beg the railroads to do better. They have complained enough about the lack of an up-town hotel. Now, if they will give us the depôt the hotel will come right along.

Come right along!

TOBACCO TRADE.

The tobacco trade continues brisk. The revenue receipts here for May will probably amount to $275,000. But the trade is suffering for stamps of the denomination of 2 cents and 4 cents. They are needed for smoking-tobacco, and though Collector Russell has telegraphed for them time after time they are not yet at hand; but will probably be now very soon. The trouble was in Mr. Raum going out of office. At the very time when the Commissioner's thoughts should have been all intent upon providing stamps in sufficient quantities and of all denominations, he was engaged in preparations to retire from office to engage in a private and more lucrative undertaking.

Nevertheless the tobacco business here is very good; better than it has ever been before—our rural contemporaries will be glad to know.

BILL CONNERS.

Bill Conners is a sort of public functionary now, you know. His case will receive the attention of the grand jury to-morrow. Bill said to a gentleman who yesterday by chance saw him in jail: "That lady (Miss Stratton) was very sure that she saw me in her room." "Yes, she was very positive," was the reply. "But I wasn't there at all," Bill said. On this point Bill seems very certain; but the trouble will be for him to convince others. Miss Stratton described him over and over to many persons. It is not likely that she made a *verbatim* repetition every time; but having (when overtaken by him on the steps) seen him face to face, she now, after leisurely views of him, identifies him absolutely.

She has no doubts at all. This is a case where Sam Weller's advice to Mr. Pickwick—to prove an *alibi*—would be applicable. That Bill was out of Richmond on the night in question he cannot show. It will be proved that he was here. That he was not in Mr. Pemberton's house that night let him demonstrate if he can after the Commonwealth has her evidence in.

In the presence of a policeman some days ago Bill said, "If they send me up, I'll drag somebody 'long with me."

The wrapper in which Mr. Minor's papers were returned to him has been put in the hands of an officer. It was mailed from Norfolk, and bears the business stamp of a Norfolk party.

IMPROVEMENTS.

In the way of improvements here the most notable is the paving with granite of the roadway of Main street between First and Fifth and between Fourteenth and Eighteenth. Broad street is likewise to be paved between Seventh and Ninth.

The paving of Main street between First and Fifth destroys all hope of the removal of the knoll at the intersection of Main and Fifth.

The erection of the iron-work of the new James-River bridge of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company will be commenced in June.

The remodelling of the passenger depôt here of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company is nearly finished. There is no lavish expenditure of money upon it, but it will be a clean and convenient structure when finished. This company long ago expressed their willingness to go into a proper union-depôt scheme.

The Street Railway Company's extension to Hollywood is much desired by the public, but seems held in abeyance for the present.

The Richmond and Alleghany Railway Company are talking about erecting a grain-elevator on the basin.

Architects of this city are at work on plans for the new Mozart Hall. It is getting to be near time for the beginning of like work on behalf of the new City Hall. The Board of Aldermen will give this matter a clincher to-morrow.

Real-Estate Transactions.

As an evidence of the business prosperity of Richmond, the many transfers of real estate speaks well.

Messrs. J. Thompson Brown & Co., real estate agents, have made the following sales within the past thirty days: House and lot on First street, $535; dwelling and 92 feet of land on north Seventh street, $7,500; thirty feet of ground on west Franklin street, $4,500; frame house and lot on Venable street, $1,000; house and 22 feet of ground on First street, $600; frame dwelling on First street, $595; three-story brick store on Sixth street, $3,500; house and lot on west Main street, $1,800; house and lot on Jackson street, $850; house and lot on Fifth street, $1,200; dwelling and grounds on Fourth and Clay streets, $7,025; house and lot on Belvidere street, $2,000; house and lot 621 north Fourth street, $1,500; frame house 726 north Fourth street, $1,500; 77½ feet of ground on west Main street, $6,200; lot on St. James street, $240; house and lot on Maple street, $205; house and lot on Church street, $375; 30 feet of ground on Sixth street, $195; lot on Marshall near First street, $1,200; 60 feet of ground on west Main street, $600; house and lot on Preston street, $600; house on St. Stephen street, $1,000; lot on Canal street, $3,000; lot on St. James street, $180; two houses on Franklin street, $3,750; 13 lots on Pine and Laurel streets, $3,900; lot on Cherry street, $475; 24 feet of ground on Floyd street, $780. Total, $66,805.

Messrs. R. B. Chaffin & Co., real estate agents, have sold for W. W. Cosby, special commissioner, the two handsome James-river estates in Goochland county known as Middle and Lower Bord, containing 2,087 acres, to Mr. W. W. Hazzard, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Do Not Fail to Go.

One of the most enjoyable occasions that will be in the course of occurrence for some time will be the excursion to Maiden's Adventure given to-morrow morning by the Walker Light Guard. The company is a gallant one, and it never does anything by halves; and in proposing this trip they had an eye not only to the great fact of making money, but also the equally great consideration of offering to patrons a return for all that was received.

The spot selected is a famous resort for pic-nics and excursions, and this could not be if there was any lack of adaptability in the surroundings. Besides, Whitsuntide in the country is always acknowledged as a holiday, and this will cause a full attendance. The train will leave the Richmond and Alleghany depôt at 8:15 in the morning, and will come back to Richmond by tea-time. The opportunities for pleasure will consist of boating and dancing, rifle-shooting and fishing, and a general relief from dull care.

The prizes in the shooting-match are the finest that have been offered for a long time, and the contest is free to all who go on the trip. Every preparation for comfort has been arranged. Do not fail to be on hand by 8:15 Monday morning.

MR. GEORGE H. PEYTON INSANE.—Yesterday at 12 o'clock a commission of lunacy assembled at the city jail to inquire into the mental condition of Mr. George H. Peyton, who shot Barney Branch, a fishmonger in the First market, last Monday morning. Since Mr. Peyton has been confined in jail he has become much worse, and at times had to be confined in a straight-jacket.

The commission after hearing the testimony of Dr. Moncure and other witnesses, decided unanimously that Mr. Peyton was insane.

THE ITALIAN TOBACCO CONTRACT.—The types of Virginia leaf-tobacco required by the Italian Government this year have been received by Mr. John A. Pizzini, vice-consul of Italy, and they can be seen at the *Dispatch* office. The quantity to be furnished is 2,000,000 kilograms, or 4,520,000 pounds, in two types, or samples—viz., 300,000 kilograms, type A; 1,700,000 kilograms, type B. The bids will be opened in Rome on the 15th of June next, at 11 A. M., and the contracts awarded.

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THE PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE THIRD-STREET ENGINE.

A Few Pertinent Questions—A Large Area to be Left Unprotected—Something for Property-Owners and Insurance-Men to Consider.

[For the Dispatch.]

Do the people of Monroe and Jackson Wards realize the fact that the Common Council has passed a resolution to remove the efficient fire-engine and company located for so many years on Third street near Broad from their present central and commanding position to some point in Clay Ward near Monroe and Cary streets?

Do the people of this city realize the fact that such removal will leave one solid square mile of territory, in the heart of the city, most closely built up and densely populated, without adequate protection from the dangers of fire?

Do the insurance companies, who carry risks of millions of dollars in this territory, realize how much increase of hazard will accrue by this proposed change? Who is asking for this change, and why? Is it done in the interest of the whole community, or is it done to make popularity for members of the Council from Clay Ward? Are Monroe and Jackson Wards to be the only wards in the city within whose limits no engine or hose-company is to be stationed? This proposed change, if carried out, will leave Marshall, Jefferson, and Madison Wards, with one steamer each, and Clay Ward with two. Monroe and Jackson Wards with none.

This Third-street steamer is now located on the ridge or backbone of the city, on the longest and most used of all the streets running north and south. It is within four squares of the best portion of Jackson Ward. It is within from three to five minutes' distance of the handsomest and largest of our public edifices—the almshouse; and should a fire occur at that point can reach it long before any other steamer. In most cities the rule is to mass as far as possible the power of the fire department in the centre, with lines of easy access to the circumference. This is the sensible plan of economizing force, because all points can more quickly be reached from the centre than from any given point on the circumference. But our experimenters are about to reverse the rule. Is not this a wilful and deliberate trifling with the best interests of the city? In the southwestern portion of the city the buildings are detached, with wide intervals between. Indeed, there are no squares closely built. Hence a large conflagration is almost impossible in that section. How different is the case in that heavy tax-paying district bounded north by the corporation line, east by Ninth street, south by the river, and west by First street, including nearly all of the business portion of our great retail avenue of Broad street. A fire breaking out there, where every available foot of ground is covered with buildings filled with costly merchandise, might result in fearful loss to this and the next generation, while our experimenters are bringing up their forces from the suburban districts.

Is the Council willing to encounter such a risk? If such a disaster should occur by reason of the removal of this steamer from its present central position an indignant people will accept of no excuses from those who are responsible. Some years ago an attempt was made to put this steamer in a measure out of service, and had nearly succeeded. It was only defeated by the vigilance of our worthy present Mayor, who interposed with his veto, and by the sober second thought of the Board of Aldermen, who sustained that veto. Does the present Fire Committee think that because Monroe Ward has had no representation on that committee for the past six years that therefore she is not entitled to have any fire engine within her borders? What say the people, and what are the representatives of Monroe and Jackson Wards in the Council doing to prevent this removal? What response will the Mayor and Aldermen make to these considerations of the

PUBLIC WELFARE.

The School-Board Decision.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

From previous reports of the decision of the Court of Appeals on the rule for a *mandamus* awarded against the School Board of Richmond it appears that *all* of the old trustees had failed to qualify by not taking the requisite oaths of office, and that consequently their places were for that technical reason declared vacant.

As a matter of fact this was not true in reference to at least three of the members of the old Board.

At the first regular meeting of the two branches of the City Council, held on the 5th day of July, 1882, an official communication having been received notifying that body that the terms of office of three of the trustees had by law expired, an election to fill existing vacancies was accordingly held, resulting in the choice of William H. Williams, Dr. Robert G. Cabell, and the undersigned to represent the First, Second, and Third school districts respectively. Having been duly informed of our election, we proceeded immediately within ten days thereafter to qualify ourselves by taking the prescribed oaths of office, and by carefully performing every detail required under the strictest letter of the law.

The Court of Appeals, however, has in our case enunciated the somewhat novel doctrine that we were responsible for the omissions of our predecessors, and that because they had not properly qualified there was really no vacancy which the Council could fill, and hence our election was void, as beyond the scope of municipal authority. In other words, because Colonel W. O. Knight, who was my predecessor on the Board, had failed three years before to take an oath of office, therefore he never had an office, and I could not be elected to fill what was really not a vacancy in the eyes of this court.

I have called attention to this matter simply for the purpose of placing my colleagues and myself in a correct position before the people of Richmond.

Very respectfully, W. R. BOWIE.

Sunday's Thoughts.

It is mostly on this day that *parents* look at their children dress, and think of their need for a Sunday or every-day suit; and the question arises, "Of whom shall we buy Johnnie's suit?" *As we have three times the stock of any clothing-store in Virginia*, and as we make children's suits a special study, we ask you to visit us, and be convinced of our claim as the leading clothiers of this State.

A. SAKS & Co.,
the Strictly One-Price Establishment,
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corner Thirteenth and Main streets, is ahead of all competition in prices and styles.

A Card.

Thanking our friends for their liberal patronage, and appreciating their need and that of the public generally, on and after Monday next, the 14th of May, 1883, our drug- and prescription-store will be kept open all night. Medicines delivered to any part of the city at all hours. Telephone No., 256. Kindly soliciting your further favors, we remain, respectfully yours,

THORNBURY & RAMOS, Druggists,
corner Main and Eighth streets.

Genuine Brunswick Stew

at Delarue's to-morrow and every day during the season.

Excellent Euker's Upward and Onward March.

We are happy to congratulate the people of Richmond on the many improvements that have taken place within the last year or two in our city. And we are pleased to notice that the comfort and entertainment of the inner man has not been neglected. Among the places which furnish the latter, we can justly say that the best and most popular is Euker's Garden, and we congratulate Mr. Louis Euker for offering to the public such a splendid place of resort. Under his efficient management, and with the assistance of Mr. Hoffman's artistic skill, the garden has become a perfect gem of beauty and comfort. To really appreciate it one must see for himself, as a description will fail to do it justice. The garden is tastefully laid out. Around the walls are handsome evergreens, the spaces between which are filled with attractive plants and flowers. Maple and other trees have been planted throughout the garden, and will in time make a lovely shade. Around the garden are very large and handsome vases, containing rare plants. In the centre is a lovely fountain of variegated stones, tastefully and artistically arranged; around the base are small spruce trees, between which are flower-pots containing century- and other rare plants; gold-fish sport in the waters of the basin, and we noticed several water-lilies peeping forth; above all are gas-jets, and, when lighted, the effect upon the spray of the fountain is beautiful. In the back part of the garden, facing the entrance, is a new and handsome music-stand, from which, four times a week, the most popular music will be discoursed by select musicians under the leadership of that competent and well-known gentleman Mr. Jardella. The upper porch has also undergone improvements; new tables and chairs have been put in, and the location overlooking the garden seems to be one of the most desirable features of the place. To the credit of Mr. Euker, and for the benefit of the public, we must say that no expense has been spared in making everything comfortable and agreeable; with this end in view the many waiters will be under the watchful care of Mr. Caudle, the well-known and gentlem