CITY AFFAIRS.

Meetings This Day.

Orange Lodge, at half-past 7 P. M.
Pioneer Fire Company, at 7 P. M.
Ætna Fire Company, at half-past 7 P. M.
Phœnix Fire Company, at half-past 7 P. M.
Marion Fire Company, at 7 P. M.
United Fire Company, at 3 P. M.

Auction Sales This Day.

William McKay will sell at 10 o'clock, at No. 351 King street, household furniture, &c.

Jeffords & Co. will sell at 11 o'clock, on Vanderhorst's wharf, damaged cotton.

Lowndes & Grimball will sell at 11 o'clock, at the old Postoffice, a fine brick mansion.

THE SOUTHERN HOME.—Mr. Alfred J. Morrison is now in Charleston as the agent of the "Southern Home," a weekly paper, published by General D. H. Hill, at Charlotte, N. C. The "Southern Home" has a large circulation, and merchants who desire to win back the North Carolina trade are not likely to find a better advertising medium.

CATHOLIC FAIR.—The Hibernian Hall will be opened to-night by the Fair given in aid of St. Joseph's Church. Although the committee of arrangements did not secure possession of the hall until 11 o'clock on Saturday night, they had everything in preparation, and at once commenced the necessary decorations. There will be eight tables, and the fair will be in no wise inferior to those that have preceded it.

DR. WINKLER'S LECTURE.—The Cheraw Democrat has the following notice of a lecture delivered by the Rev. Dr. Winkler, before the Cheraw Lyceum: "The subject of the lecture was 'Religion and Astronomy.' It was a chaste production, well delivered, and we were glad to find that the reverend gentleman was not disposed to forget the grand object of his mission to his fellow-men, as a minister of the gospel, but, on the contrary, brought all his acquisitions of learning to subserve the interests of religious truth. The lecture afforded evidence that the lecturer has not only read books to advantage, but has thought much for himself. While his style was chaste and vigorous, the matter of the lecture was interesting and suggestive."

"LADIES' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION."—The report of the receipts and expenditures of this association for the month of January, 1870, consists of the following amounts, viz: To balance, $163 77; to salesroom account, $41 50; to subscriptions, $10 90; to donation, $4; to balance due treasurer, $18 40. Total, $238 57. By cash paid, $238 57. Amount of ordered work during the month, $33 83.

The association takes this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of $245 as the net proceeds of the lectures recently delivered by Rev. Mr. Bogdon; and also desires to return grateful thanks to the editors of the papers, and all who have aided the funds of the association by donations and other assistance.

IMPORTANT TO THE SHIPPING INTEREST.—The select Congressional committee on the decline of American Commerce has completed its report, and will probably present it to the House of Representatives to-day. It enters fully into the causes of the decline of commerce, and makes numerous suggestions for its revival. The committee ascertains that the present system of harbor-masters and pilots enlists heavy expense and frequent delay in discharging cargoes, &c., and they recommend the abolition of both. If the owners of vessels desire to employ pilots, they will be allowed to do so or not, as they see fit. The committee further recommends a drawback upon all materials used for shipbuilding, and the repeal of tonnage duties on American vessels.

THE NEW THURSDAY STEAM LINE.—We take great pleasure in announcing that the furniture and stateroom outfit of the South Carolina and Tennessee have been put aboard, and that, beginning on Thursday, 17th, the travelling public will be accommodated on board these splendid iron steamships. Everything is new and fresh, of the best, and it is intended by the agents to make Thursday an attractive starting day for passengers bound North and East.

Owing to the relative condition of the market here and in New York, a concession has been made to shippers on the principal articles of freight, with the hope that such a course will induce business. The rate on sea island cotton is fixed at ¾c., uplands ⅝c., and on rice $1 25 per tierce.

THE DUELLO IN COLUMBIA—A BLOODLESS ENCOUNTER.—We are informed that parties in Columbia had made arrangements on Saturday morning, to settle their little difficulties by a resort to the duello. Both parties were on the ground, when a disagreement arose between one of the principals and his second, in which the latter was called a liar. This opprobrious epithet proved a new *casus belli*, and the second producing two revolvers, demanded satisfaction then and there. Such a summary mode of settling the dispute was not to the taste of the principal, and he peremptorally declined, and the second immediately refused to take any further part in the proceedings, which caused an indefinite postponement of the whole affair, and a loss to Columbia of a first-class sensation.

CRUMBS.—James Landrigan, the white man who was stabbed in Market-street, has improved considerably. The two young men who were arrested on suspicion of having stabbed him are still in jail.

Three colored military companies, betrigged with all the pomp and panoply of glorious war minus the weapons, paraded the streets yesterday, and heard a memorial sermon in Cain's church on the Lincoln assassination.

Asphaltum sidewalks are being laid on most of the short streets leading to the wharves. That portion of Broad-street recently treated with cobble stones is also to have a layer of asphalt.

Members of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce can obtain their tickets for the supper this evening by applying to the Treasurer at the Planters' and Mechanics' Bank, between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M., and 3 o'clock, P. M., or at the Hibernian Hall from 3 to 8 o'clock, P. M.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHARLESTON AND SAVANNAH.—We are glad to learn that the direction of the Savannah and Charleston Railroad Company, at a meeting Saturday evening, adopted measures to insure an almost immediate opening of daily intercourse by their road between Savannah and our city.

The immediate cause of the delay to complete their road has been the overflow of the swamps of the Savannah river obstructing the contractors on the trestlework, of which thirty-five hundred feet only is unfinished.

The bridge over the river is complete. If there is no new overflow of the swamps, the work may be finished and the road opened in less than ten days. But the direction, to prevent all further delay, which has already been so unfortune to them and disappointing to the public, have ordered the immediate preparation of a platform and landing place on the South Carolina side of the river, at the bridge seventeen miles by river from Savannah. If, unfortunately, the water shall again rise, they will then immediately put a good steamboat on the river, to run between Savannah and the bridge, to connect with the trains between that point and Charleston, about ninety miles. The passage time on this way, will be about six and one-half hours, and be safe and comfortable.

The direction in their contract for rebuilding, provided for completing the road from Charleston to the river by the first day of October last, intending to adopt this temporary means of transportation while the remainder of the road was in process of construction, which was to have been finished by the first day of January of this year.

The delay and disappointment to the public and to themselves has not been their fault.

We congratulate the public and all interested that there will so soon be a reopening of this necessary line of railroad. There can be no doubt of its necessity, and there is a well founded hope that the enterprise will be most successful and profitable.

VALENTINE'S DAY.

Origin of the Custom—Who Make, Buy, Write and Read Valentines.

The 14th of February, which long custom has dedicated to the service of Cupid, is eagerly anticipated by all sentimental persons, particularly those of the gentler sex. The orgin of the custom is not definitely settled, and is ascribed by some authorities to the erroneous idea that birds took their mates at this season of the year; and by others, to a practice prevalent in ancient Rome at the festival of the Lupercalia, held during the month of February, when, among other ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were taken by blindfolded young men. The pastors of the early churches, finding it impossible to destroy this pagan ceremony, changed its form, and made it a Christian institution.

The custom existed very early in England, and was much practiced in the houses of the gentry. There are frequent references to it in Shakespeare, as, for example, Ophelia's song in Hamlet:

"To-morrow is Saint Valentine's day,
All in the morning betime,
And I, a maid at your window,
To be your Valentine."

The most remarkable valentine mentioned in literature is that prepared by the united exertions of the veracious Sam Weller and his redoubtable father, for the benefit of Mary, the housemaid, and having the exceedingly original signature of

"Your love-sick
PICKWICK."

The primitive idea of a valentine is here depicted with striking reality, and this famous production will doubtless have its thousandth counterpart before the present month is ended.

The season for sending these tokens of affection extends through the entire month of February, though according to some authorities it should be limited to the week preceding and following the fourteenth day. During this period the female bosom may be said to be in a state of continual pulsation. The greatest secrecy is always necessary in preparing these tokens of tenderness. Care must be taken to disguise the handwriting when addressing them, and no suspicions should be aroused in the recipient by incautious inquiries, showing that one possesses any knowledge of, or is implicated in, the undertaking. Of course the fair Araminta or the manly Augustus will always be apprised by some hint from their adored one when a valentine has been sent to them, if indeed the sensitive heart does not of itself detect the sender.

The success of humorous valentines consists in the skill with which individual weaknesses or comicalities are exposed; and if, as is often the case, a little malice has incited the deed, the fun is only heightened to the lookers on, though not to the victim.

As the manufacture of valentines is purely a matter of business, their literary character is commonly of the most matter-of-fact kind. Commonplace sentiment, weak rhymes, and "machine" poetry are the rule, and real excellence is exceptional. Their great merit consists in perfect harmlessness, which is not a bad feature in its way.

Many persons think the habit of sending valentines is going out of fashion; but this is not the case, as is shown by the amount of capital invested in their manufacture, and the number annually sold. The total consumption in the United States is between ten and fifteen millions, the price of which varies from one cent to twenty-five dollars, though the majority are sold for less than one dollar. The cost rarely exceeds twenty dollars. Not long since a firm in Baltimore manufactured a few to order for one hundred dollars apiece, each one containing a rich diamond ring. Everything of interest that can be made the subject of cheap wit is pressed into the service of the valentine maker. Waterfalls, croquet, base ball, carpet-baggers, Planchette, woman's suffrage and the Grecian bend, have all been made the subject for valentines. The latter in particular has been burlesqued in a great variety of styles, and is evidently a favorite subject for ridicule.

Finally, whether valentines contain what Shakespeare calls "some shallow story of deep love," or "a deep story of a deeper love," they will always be acceptable with the sentimental portion of the world, for "love delights in phrases," and every one is susceptible to the delicate flattery of an amatory epistle.

DEATH OF REV. JAMES STONEY.—The Savannah News of Friday last says: "We are pained to record the death of the Rev. James Stoney, of this city. He was, at the time of his death, the rector of St. Stephen's Chapel. Before the war he was the rector of St. Luke's Church, of St. Luke's Parish, in South Carolina, and there, as here, he was beloved for his many amiable traits and honest, manly and Christian character."

OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT.—The houses of several residents on Rutledge avenue have been frequently marked, or their appearance otherwise injured while freshly painted, and the perpetrators have never been discovered. On Friday night, some miscreant deliberately hacked the fence on Mr. Chisolm's premises, so as to mar its looks, rendering repairs necessary. The police in that section of the city should be instructed to keep a bright lookout, and if these scamps are by chance detected no light punishment should be meeted to them.

AN IMPORTANT INVENTION.—A COTTON SEED HULLER.—Messrs. Brodie & Co. have now on exhibition at their office, Shaw's cotton-seed huller, a machine that was invented for the purpose of shelling the cotton seed after first removing the lint. The husk is one of the best fertilizers for cotton that is known, while the kernel produces an oil that is unsurpassed for lubricating purposes. The refuse cake that is left after extracting the oil is also utilized, and the cotton seed bids fair to become an important commercial export from our Southern ports. Messrs. Brodie & Co. will, in a few days, have one of these machines in active operation at their lumber yard at the west end of Broad street. Samples of work, circulars, and all information can be obtained at their office on North Atlantic wharf.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS AND COMMON PLEAS—HON. R. B. CARPENTER, PRESIDING.—The court met at 9 A. M. The grand jury presented the following true bills:

The State vs. William Stanyarne, William Jenkins and Abram Gibbes—larceny.

The State vs. Ladson Ford—larceny.

The State vs. Isaac Schwartz—larceny.

The State vs. Ben Drayton—larceny.

The State vs. Isaac Schwartz—assault and battery.

The State vs. Joseph Anton—assault and battery.

The State vs. G. M. Martin—assault and battery.

The State vs. W. Y. Lovett—assault with intent to kill, and assault and battery.

The State vs. L. Mann—resisting an officer.

No bills were found in the following:

The State vs. Angele Corvetts—assault and battery.

The State vs. Patrick Callinan—assault and battery.

The State vs. John M. Haley—assault with intent to kill, and assault and battery.

The State vs. Francis Brown—larceny.

The following cases were tried:

The State vs. Morris Alston—larceny. Guilty.

The State vs. George Washington—assault and battery. Struck off.

The State vs. Richard Murphy—assault and battery. Guilty.

The State vs. Maurice Washington—larceny. Struck off.

The State vs. Samuel Mustapha, John Evans, Benjamin Mills and William Dorrill—riot. Samuel Mustapha, John Evans and Benjamin Mills, guilty—and William Dorrill, not guilty. These parties, it will be remembered, were indicted for leading the late disgraceful riot during the visit of the Savannah Base Ball Club to this city.

The State vs. Eliza Burnet—bigamy. Not guilty.

The State vs. T. J. Mackey—assault with intent to kill, and carrying concealed weapons. This was the great morphine scrape of the ex-alderman, who was represented by Colonel R. W. Seymour, and who also made a speech in his own defence. A sealed verdict was left by the jury at a late hour Saturday evening.

To-day the court will be occupied in calling the city issue docket.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY COBIA.

Mr. Henry Cobia, an esteemed and respected citizen of Charleston, died yesterday morning, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. More than a week ago he was believed to be at the point of death, but he rallied when all hope seemed past, and for some time it was confidently believed that he would recover. Violent hemorrhages took place on Friday and Saturday, and this was more than his debilitated system could endure. Without trespassing upon the sanctity of the death-bed, or the privacy of domestic sorrow, it may be said that the upright man who has passed away was sensible to the end, and awaited his last moment with calm fortitude and touching resignation.

Mr. Cobia was universally respected. A man of sterling character, of unswerving rectitude, and of good business skill, he worked his way onward and upward, gaining new friends at every step, and binding to himself more firmly every year the regard and good feeling of the community. If he had an enemy, no one knew it. Unostentatious and unpretending in manner and deportment, he excited no envy and no distrust. Influence and position came to him as the legitimate fruits of a long life well spent; and at the time of his death his means had allowed him to enlarge still further the extended circle of his usefulness. They who worshipped with him know that he was indeed a pillar of the faith, and nowhere, outside of his home, will his loss be more keenly felt than in the church where he prayed to his Maker during the struggles of his youth, the progress of his middle life, and the assured fortunes of his mature years. In private life and public life he was honored and trusted. He, indeed, was an honest man. And the place which he leaves vacant it will surely be hard to fill.

Mr. Cobia was born in Charleston on May 14th, 1805. He was put to work at an early age, and in 1835 made a voyage to Gibraltar, as supercargo of one of the vessels of Mr. W. A. Caldwell, the father of Messrs. R. and A. P. Caldwell, of this city. Upon his return to Charleston, Mr. Cobia formed a copartnership with the late Colonel J. C. Blum, and the firm of Blum & Cobia soon became well and favorably known. They carried on their business as wholesale grocers for about twenty years. Colonel Blum, who had amassed a large fortune, then withdrew, and Mr. Cobia carried on the business under the name of H. Cobia & Co., his business partners at the time of his death being Mr. Charles H. West and Mr. Alexander Calder.

Mr. Cobia was for nearly forty years a member of the vestry of St. John's Lutheran Church. He was elected a vestryman in 1832, and so remained, with but a short intermission, until 1869, when he was elected president of the vestry.

The public positions held by Mr. Cobia were many and important. For more than twenty years, he was a director of the Carolina Insurance Company. He was president of the Charleston Building and Loan Association, and of the Mutual Benefit and Loan Association. He was an alderman of Charleston under the administrations of Mayors Schnierle and Macbeth. He was elected a commissioner of the Orphanhouse in 1863. He was a director of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company, and a trustee of the Marine School. Upon the death of the late Donald McKay, Mr. Cobia was unanimously elected president of the People's National Bank of Charleston, and last year he was elected president of the Charleston Board of Trade. These influential and responsible offices, among others, were held by Mr. Cobia at the time of his death.

Upon the announcement of Mr. Cobia's death, members of the Board of Trade, assisted by other gentlemen, hastened to testify their deep sense of the public loss, by placing the ensignia of mourning on the new building of the Board, on Meeting street, near Wentworth. The balcony fronting the street is draped in black, with the inscription in white letters, "We mourn our President." Black and white festoons, fastened with mourning rosettes, were also hung around the windows, and the doorway was likewise neatly festooned with black. The lady boarders of the Charleston Hotel lent valued assistance in the preparation of the rosettes and other mourning material.

The funeral services of Mr. Cobia will take place at 3 o'clock, this afternoon, in St. John's Lutheran Church.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—This society will celebrate its forty-seventh anniversary today, at the Hibernian Hall. The election for officers will be held in the afternoon, between 3 and 5 o'clock, and the supper will be served at 8 in the evening.

THE OATES OPERATIC AND BURLESQUE TROUPE.—This splendid company, which during its stay in Savannah drew every night the most brilliant and crowded audiences ever seen in that city, arrived last evening, and will open to-night at the Academy of Music, in the grand spectacular burlesque entitled "The Field of the Cloth of Gold." The Savannah papers have been most enthusiastic in their commendations of the troupe. Our namesake, the News, of that city, says: "It is certainly one of the best organized companies that has ever visited our city, combining in a remarkable degree all the elements of success in their peculiar line of performances, feminine beauty and grace, musical talent and rare excellence, graceful dancing, irresistible humor, pantomime, burlesque and good acting. Under its excellent management the entire resources of the company are brought into harmonious combination for the attainment of the best general effect. Whatever they attempt is thoroughly and satisfactorily accomplished, thus giving the most perfect satisfaction to their audiences, with whom they nightly grow in favor." We advise our readers to secure their seats early in the day.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE ACADEMY.—During the past few years, South Carolina has had several Gesslers, but not one Tell. The lofty cap has been bowed to until our people have a crick in their back, and the "Mountain nymph, sweet Liberty," if not dead, is in a comatose condition. This may be the reason why the patriotic sentiments of Sheridan Knowles' heroic drama did not arouse, of their own strength, any sustained enthusiasm at the Academy on Saturday night. The play of "William Tell" is, to tell the truth, somewhat dull and dreary, and it went off well only because of the excellent acting of the principal members of the cast. Mr. Warner, (William Tell,) whose action in the opening scenes, notably with Melchthal, (Mr. Parker,) was rather violent than deeply passionate, rose with the development of the well-known plot, and in the last act showed a delicacy of pathos as fresh as it was pleasing. Miss Eldridge (Albert) played with her accustomed taste and skill, and it was regretted that the fair *beneficiare* had so limited a scope for the display of her dramatic powers. Mr. Fannin was a good Gessler, and that careful and meritorious actor, Mr. Parker, made the most of the small part of Melchthal. Altogether, the drama went off successfully. Mr. Warner was called before the curtain at the close of the first act, and the same compliment was paid to Miss Eldridge and Mr. Warner at the end of the piece.

"Ten Nights in a Barroom," which closed the performance, is a highly sensational domestic drama, whose theme is drunkenness, and whose moral is that a perseverance in the practice of dram-drinking will lead to the poorhouse or gallows, but that it is never too late for the sot to mend his evil ways.

The play is rich in broils, in stabbing, in bruising and in killing, but it gave Mr. Fannin (Joe Morgan,) an opportunity of showing an intense dramatic power of which he had not been thought capable. The raving of the drunkard in his delirium, the palsied hand, the quivering frame, the frenzied eye, the changing moods of recklessness and repentance—all made up a harrowing picture, faithful in the minutest detail, and painful because of its realism. It was a grand piece of acting, and the death-like stillness, only broken by a suppressed sob, told the startling effect produced upon the audience. Miss Eldridge (Fanny Morgan) gave Mr. Fannin an excellent support, and Miss Teresa Lyle (Mary Morgan) played with highly commendable pathos and skill. This young lady speaks very distinctly, and did full justice to the most important part with which she has yet been entrusted. Miss LaFond played the "New England Girl" with becoming dash and life, and Mr. Ryan was as full as ever of fun and rollicking humor. When the curtain fell Mr. Fannin was called out and loudly applauded.

THE CHEAPEST YET.—The NEWS Job Office is now printing bill-heads in the best style and on fine paper, at $2 50 per thousand. Merchants, think of it?

VALUABLE CARGOES FOR EUROPE AND OTHER POINTS.—Messrs. Willis & Chisolm cleared on Saturday last the ship Bombay, for Liverpool, with 185 bags sea island, 2610 bales upland cotton and 2151 sacks cotton seed. Messrs. Street Bros. & Co., the bark Wetterhorn with 172 bags sea island, 2180 bales upland cotton, 314 barrels rosin, 208 sacks cotton seed and 2 tierces beeswax. Mr. W. P. Hall, the Spanish bark Pepina, for Barcelona, with 533 bales upland cotton and 269 barrels rosin. Messrs. Street Bros. & Co. are also placing the first cargo ever shipped from here for Australia. The ship David Brown, now loading at Bennett's Mills wharves, is freighting with steam-sawed lumber, intended for Adelaide, South Australia, a venture which we hope the enterprising owners may find profitable.

Hotel Arrivals—February 12 and 13.

CHARLESTON HOTEL.

R. G. Gaillard, South Carolina; C. W. Walker, New York; M. J. Farris, Somerset, Ky.; H. Chapman, Atlanta, Ga.; A. J. Morrisson, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. M. Reene, Miss F. J. Reene, Mr. A. H. Reene, New York; J. C. Gillett, Augusta, Ga.; J. T. Ford, Baltimore, Md.; S. C. C. Chambers, Florida; P. Bain, Mrs. P. Bain, Miss Bain, S. S. Morrison, New York; G. Phipps, Farmington, Ct.; W. B. Buckingham, South Carolina; E. H. Murray, Philadelphia; C. W. Billings, Troy, N. Y.; J. D. Dunlap, Camden, S. C.; A. P. Miller, H. H. Obear, Winnsboro', S. C.; L. P. Miller, T. E. Gregg, Columbia, S. C.; W. B. Johnston, Macon, Ga.; G. P. Balman, H. Hirsch, Philadelphia; J. F. Lewis, New York; M. V. B. Clough, Baltimore; Charles B. Carlesee, Northampton; E. S. Trechie, Philadelphia; G. Conkling, J. Baker, New York; Col. M. Moses, Maj. M. B. Moses, Sumter; Col. J. P. Reed, Anderson; E. K. Sergant, Jr., Brooklyn; Oliver Prescott, W. D. Able, New Bedford; W. D. Weegand, Mrs. W. D. Weegand and two children, Baltimore; J. P. Taliaferro, Miss Hardy, Florida; James M. Hoge, Virginia.

PAVILION HOTEL.

C. B. Jenkens, John's Island; B. F. Alford, Southern Express Company; W. Withington, A. S. Hinton; Florence; A. P. Smith, South Carolina; Mrs. Sarah L. Clark, Chas. E. Clark, Portland; W. J. Munroe, Providence; Dr. E. H. Rockwood and wife, Wayne County, N. Y.; F. H. Clayton, Baltimore; C. Rush, Indianapolis; P. L. Jordan, Lexington, Miss.; B. Rambo, Edgefield; W. A. Sanborn, New Hampshire; J. C. Kenny, Albany; Thomas R. Payne, Steamer Charleston; O. F. Connor, Port Royal Railroad; J. J. Crawford, Columbia, E. H. Brooks, Augusta; A. Loryea, Branchville; Jno. T. June, Manning; J. P. Gamble, Santee; W. R. Hayden and wife, H. T. Allen and wife, W. P. Sheldon and wife, A. M. Hernandez and wife, M. O. Reardon, J. W. Thorpe, H. H. Pratt, J. W. Chatterson, J. H. Jones, Tracy W. Titus, J. W. Kenny, Geo. F. Walhour, Mrs. Oates' Burlesque and Opera Troupe, Savannah.

MILLS HOUSE.

H. Brown, Mobile; J. F. Pierce, C. G. Hotchkins, New York; L. C. Fetcher, Washington; B. F. Tuthill, J. E. Bulow, New York; S. Clapp, Augusta; J. Chadwick, Wadmalaw; W. B. Phillips, Baltimore; S. Myers, Chicago; G. A. Brock, Providence; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Appleton, Mrs. Smith, Alonzo Child, New York; W. S. Edwards, U. S. A.; G. Sparkman, Pennsylvania; W. W. Brice, New York; S. B. Thompson, Beaufort; C. S. Monteith, C. H. Dunks, North Carolina; W. C. Little and lady, Albany; R. L. Belknap and wife, New York; L. Newhall and wife, Lynn; A. W. Sexton, Jr., New York; P. W. Connell, Fort Mill; F. Harland, W. L. Taylor, H. A. Dawson, Mr. and Master Dawson, Lewis T. Wolff, New York; John F. Vaux, D. Morgan, Washington; F. M. DeMoncado, City; A. Arnau, T. W. Lenard, New York; Chas. A. Rogers, Boston; F. J. Kemball, H. P. Darlington, Philadelphia; C. B. Nulen, H. B. Morris and mother, New York; A. C. Westervelt, Newark; Henry S. Whetmon, Arthur Barnwell, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Oates, Savannah; Wm. Resor, Jr., and wife, Cincinnati; O. D. Seymour, Hartford, Conn.

The Workingmen and the News.

CHARLESTON, February 9.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS.

DEAR SIR—At a regular monthly meeting of the White Workingmen's Union No. 1, held at their hall, (Picket Guardhouse,) the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Union be tendered to the Editor of THE DAILY NEWS for his kind assistance towards us in publishing our meetings, &c., gratuitously.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the above.

Respectfully,
W. F. DUNLAP, Secretary.

Rev. A. T. Porter's Home and School.

CHARLESTON, February 12.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS.

Please correct for me an error. The amount granted me by the trustees of Mr. Caleb Dorsey, of Maryland, in November last, was $3000. I was thus enabled to meet the second instalment due, with one year's interest, upon the property purchased by me for my work, and, with the balance and such amounts as I have been able to collect here, been carrying on the enterprise, with some 250 scholars and 80 inmates of the Home. It costs between $1300 and $1400 per month. It will be thus seen that even this munificent donation does not go very far, and we trust it may stimulate some other kind hearts to aid in sustaining us until we are able to take care of ourselves.

Respectfully,
A. T. PORTER.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the lot on Rutledge street, advertised by Messrs. Leitch & Bruns for the 15th instant, has been postponed to the 1st Tuesday in March.

LADIES, have you seen that nice note paper at the Hasel street Bazaar, price 25 cents for two quires?

"MY COTTON WAS FAR IN ADVANCE OF ANY cotton where the Peruvian guano was used, and while the Peruvian guano, in the heat of the summer, burnt the cotton, Mapes' Superphosphate kept the cotton growing fresh and healthy. Tendency of Mapes' Fertilizer to warm, enrich and sweeten sour low lands."

ST. HELENA ISLAND, S. C., September 27, 1869.

Messrs. Kinsman & Howell:

GENTLEMEN—Having received your communication of September 7th, asking for an explanation in regard to the condition of my crops where Mapes' Superphosphate of Lime was used, I can cheerfully say that your superphosphate of lime increased my crops at least one-third, especially in my low lands. It gave my cotton a healthier color and it grew beyond all the cotton I had the first of the season, and I am satisfied it put my crops at least two weeks in advance of crops that were planted without the phosphate of lime. I think it has a tendency to warm, enrich and sweeten the land, especially where it has soured from want of thorough draining, and especially on these low lands that have never been thoroughly sub-soiled. My cotton was far in advance of any cotton about me where the Peruvian guano was used, and while the Peruvian Guano, in the heat of the summer, burnt the cotton, Mapes' Superphosphate of Lime kept the cotton growing fresh and healthy. I did not use it on any but my cot on land; I don't know what effect it would have with corn, but I believe it would be the best manure we can have on these low lands.

With kind regards, I am, very truly, yours,
(Signed) E. DEGOLYER.

BUY your new novels at the Hasel street Bazaar.

BUSINESS ENVELOPES.—THE NEWS Job Office is now prepared to furnish good envelopes, with business cards printed thereon, at $4 per thousand. Send your orders. Every merchant and business man should have his card printed on his envelopes.

A NEW STYLE of fine initial note paper and envelopes, 40 cents a box, at the Hasel street Bazaar.

Business Cards.

ADAMS, DAMON & CO., 16 BROAD ST., Dealers in Stoves, Ranges, Grates, &c. Agents for the Automatic Washing Machine and Wringer.

AIMAR, G. W.—CHOICE DRUGS, CHEMICALS, Surgical Instruments, Perfumeries and Toilet Articles, 469 King, cor. Vanderhorst st.

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All that LOT OF LAND, with the large and elegant BRICK MANSION thereon, situated on the west side of Meeting street, in the city of Charleston, measuring and containing in front on Meeting street one hundred and thirty (130) feet, and in depth two hundred and twenty-three (223) feet six inches, more or less, butting and bounding to the north on the Scotch Church yard, to the east on Meeting street, to the south on Price's Alley, and to the west on lands formerly of C. B. Northrop and Mrs. Jones, conveyed to Hon. R. F. W. Allston, by Paul Trapier and wife, William Dehon and Theodore Dehon, in August, 1857.

Terms—One-fourth cash; balance in one, two and three years, secured by bond of the purchaser, with interest payable annually and mortgage of the property. The building to be insured and the policy assigned. Purchaser to pay for necessary papers and revenue stamps.

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