

Virginia Legislature.

In the Senate, on Monday, a communication was received from the House of Delegates, as follows: The House of Delegates agree to a resolution of the Senate providing for suitable arrangements for the inauguration of the status of Washington, on the 22d February next, and on their part have appointed Messrs. Hoge, Carter, of Richmond county, Johnston, of Harrison, Walling and Chapman also, that they proceed on organizing the joint committee by the addition of the names of Messrs Anderson and Seacey.

Resolutions were offered refusing to Express Companies license to the business of brokers, and of further regulating and restraining, by tax or otherwise, brokerage within the limits of the Commonwealth upon the circulation of its banks.

By Mr. Warr—That the Representatives of Virginia in Congress be requested, and her Senators instructed to use all honorable means in their power, to procure the admission of Kansas as the United States, "Leocompton Constitution," as the best mode, under existing circumstances, of disposing of that much-vexed question, both as regards the people of Kansas and the present state of the Union, and be instructed to communicate a copy of this resolution to each of our Representatives and Senators.

By Mr. Beale—On appointing a special committee, by the chair, to enquire into the propriety of accepting the offer of Lewis W. Washington, to convey to the State of Virginia the site of the house and birthplace of George Washington, upon the conditions set out in the correspondence with the Governor, and communicated by him to the late General Assembly, and that said committee be authorized to report by bill or otherwise.

By Mr. Beale—On providing for the publication of county expenditure and a list of delinquent tax-payers of each county.

The bill to authorize the sale of estates subject to a limitation contingent upon the death of any person without heirs of the body or children, or offspring, or descendants or other relatives, was taken up.

Mr. Welch opposed the bill. Messrs. Smith of Greenbrier, and Johnson of Bedford, advocated its passage. Mr. Ambler opposed the bill—he did not consider such legislation just or proper; it was indicative of the restless desire among our people for change.

Mr. Thomas did not think the bill objectionable, but he thought it would be better for the bill, his great reason being his desire to produce uniformity in the action of the courts.

For the bill, ayes 19, noes 22. A communication was received from the Executive, enclosing for the consideration of the General Assembly, statements of the condition of the Bank of Southside, Merchants' Bank of Virginia, the Bank of Rockbridge, the Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Phillips, the Farmer's Bank of Fincastle, and the South-Western Bank of Virginia, for the quarter of the year ending 31st of December last.

On motion of Mr. Thomas the communication was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas presented the proceedings of the City Council of Alexandria, remonstrating against the proposed extension of the Winchester and Potomac Railroad to Strasburg.

On motion of Mr. Catlett, the joint order of the day was taken up, for the election of a Major General of the 4th Division, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Gen. J. B. Harvie.

Mr. Catlett nominated Col. W. B. Taliaferro, from the county of Gloucester. Mr. Harvie nominated Gen. Francis M. Boykin, who is now Senior Brigadier General of the Division.

It was then ordered that Mr. Catlett inform the House of Delegates that the Senate was ready to proceed to execute the joint order of the day, and that Col. Taliaferro and Gen. Boykin were in nomination.

A message of similar import was received from the House, and that no additional nominations had been made.

Whole number of votes cast, 174 Necessary to a choice, 88 Col. Taliaferro received 113 Gen. Boykin 51

So Col. Taliaferro, having received the majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

In the House of Delegates, Mr. Martz, from a Special Committee, reported a bill authorizing the Governor to purchase a piece of statutory from the State of Virginia, to be used for the erection and purchase of a piece of statutory, to be made of American marble, and styled "The Young American Republican," the same when completed, to be placed in the capitol of the State.

Mr. Patton of Rockbridge offered the following resolutions, which, after some discussion, were adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the message of the Governor as relates to oysters, be referred to a special committee who shall enquire into and report.

1st. The extent and value of the trade in oysters brought into the waters of Virginia.

2d. In what proportion the profits of this trade is enjoyed by citizens of this State, and the citizens of other States.

3d. Whether additional legislation should be had with the view of protecting and fostering the oyster trade of Virginia, and securing a monopoly thereof to citizens of this State.

4th. Whether a revenue should be realized by the State from oysters by laying a tax on the persons engaged in catching them, and by renting out the planting grounds, or in any other mode.

5th. Said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, and shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Duckwall, of Morgan, offered the following resolution, which on his motion was laid upon the table for the present, and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Virginia, That the Representatives of this State in Congress be requested, and her Senators required, that they use all honorable means to procure the admission of Kansas as one of the United States under her Leocompton Constitution, as the best mode, under existing circumstances, of disposing of that much-vexed question, both as regards the people of Kansas and the present States of the Union; and that the Executive of this Commonwealth be instructed to communicate a copy of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives.

Mr. McCue, of Augusta, offered the following resolutions, which, on motion of Mr. Harvie, were laid upon the table:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the question whether President Buchanan and his Cabinet are competent to manage the affairs of this Government.

Resolved, further, That in the event said committee should bring in an adverse report, then, and in that case, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, to decide whether the President shall be required to return Walker and his forces to Nicaragua, with full indemnity for the losses they have sustained; and, further, whether, in the late election, upon the adoption of the Constitution prepared by the Convention, a fraud was committed by the voters of Kansas as would justify a disruption of the Democratic party.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, it was Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the building of another lunatic asylum in the Northwestern part of the State, be referred to the committee to

LOCAL ITEMS.

Bank of the Old Dominion.—At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of the Old Dominion, held yesterday, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

- Wm. N. McVeigh, William Howe, Wm. G. Conover, Daniel F. Hove, Lewis McKenzie, J. H. Wheat, Geo. H. Smoot, John H. Brent, Benjamin H. Lambert, Also, for the Direction of the Pearlburg Branch, A. G. Pendleton, J. D. Johnston, Joseph A. Peck, Guy D. French, Jas. W. English, Hugh Woodruff, James Adair.

LITERARY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting was held at the Alexandria Library Rooms, Lyceum Hall, on Monday evening, with a view to the organization of a Literary Association, and an organization having been effected by the appointment of Wm. E. Bacer as Chairman, and Wm. F. Carne, Secretary, Messrs. F. W. Miner, and J. T. Gordon were appointed a committee to prepare a constitution.

The number in attendance being small, in consequence of the imperfect notice which had been given, further proceedings were postponed until this evening at 7 o'clock, at which time all gentlemen, old or young, desiring to unite in a society of the kind are invited to attend.

Few places as large as Alexandria, are without something of the sort, and the absence of one here, is by no means creditable to the intelligence and public spirit of our young men.

Losses by Fire.—During the year 1857, the following losses by fire were sustained in the different wards of this city:—First Ward \$1,000, Second Ward \$15,800; Third Ward \$14,000, and Fourth Ward \$800; making a total of \$32,000.

DUCKS AND DUCKERS.—For years past the geese and ducks have been growing scarce upon the Potomac and the creeks and rivers near the District. The offerings of our gunners in the markets have been very small during several seasons. Several of our professional gunners, in order to continue supplies to their customers, have been as far as Currituck county, N. C., where water-fowl is plentiful, but they were not allowed to follow their business, because as we are informed they are not residents of the county. It is necessary for them to be actual residents before they can enjoy the privilege of shooting in that State. If it be true that duckers are not allowed to operate out of their own county, the business will be followed by very few on the Potomac in a short time.—Wash. Star.

INCENDIARY ATTEMPT.—An attempt was made on Monday night, to burn a Carpenter's shop at the upper end of Prince street.—Fortunately, the flames were discovered before they had made much progress, and the fire extinguished. The police and citizens generally should be on the alert, and if possible, bring to justice those who are endangering property and life in our midst.

CORRECTION.—The lowest of the Thermometer for the years 1856 and 1857, should have been marked with the minus sign, to show that the Mercury was below zero.

ANOTHER INSTANCE OF THE EFFICACY OF BERHARVE'S HOLLAND BITTERS.—N. M. Poincexter, at Union office, September 16th, 1854, says—"Some weeks since being seriously affected with pain and uneasiness at the stomach, loss of appetite, and at times strong symptoms of dyspepsia, I was induced to try your HOLLAND BITTERS, and I feel it but an act of justice to the article, as well as for the good of those who may be effected with like derangement of the stomach, to state, that the use of one single bottle of this medicine proved of incalculable benefit, having freed the stomach from all sense of depression, and removed every symptom of dyspepsia. I would also, remark, that two other members of my family, who were afflicted in a similar manner with myself, were entirely relieved by the use of a single bottle each.

CAUTION.—Be careful to ask for BERHARVE'S HOLLAND BITTERS. Sold at \$1 per bottle or 6 bottles for \$5, by the sole proprietors, BENJAMIN PAGE, JR., & CO., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Sold in Alexandria, by PEEL & STEVENS, Wholesale Agents; WY A. HART, J. R. PERPOINT, and by Druggists generally, throughout the United States. Jan 11—6015b

FINE BEEF.—The subscribers would respectfully inform the public, that they have just received the first installment of a lot of very fine CATTLE, purchased of Mr. Caleb Rogers of Fauquier County, Va., which will be slaughtered, and offered for sale at their respective stalls, in all this month, (January) commencing on Saturday, 13th inst., and continue every day until the entire lot is disposed of. We respectfully solicit the patronage of the public. JOHN P. OBER, FARMER, Jan 8—6015b H. EMERSON & SON.

THE BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION, & ALEXANDRIA, Va. Jan. 1, 1858. A dividend of 3 per cent. out of the earnings of the past six months, payable to the Stockholders on or after the 15th inst.—This is in addition to the Bonus to the State and State Tax, and one and one-fourth per cent. placed to Surplus Fund Account. JAMES MCKENZIE, Cashier. Jan 4—6015b

DIVIDEND.—The President and Directors of the Farmers Bank of Virginia, have declared a dividend of four and one-quarter per cent. out of the profits of the last six months, payable to the Stockholders on or after the 15th inst. This is in addition to the Bonus to the State and State Tax, and one and one-fourth per cent. placed to Surplus Fund Account. JAMES MCKENZIE, Cashier. Jan 4—6015b

NOTICE.—MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF ALEXANDRIA.—An election for fifteen Directors to serve in this Institution, for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, on Friday, the 15th of January, 1858, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M., and 1 P. M. By order of the Board, dec 31—24W E. C. W. WATLIES, Secy.

TO THE PUBLIC.—Although rather summarily disposed of, the Ombuds work in connection with the Geo. Page, my friends and the public at large will find my COACHES at the wharf, at the Washington Depot, and on the Avenue, as usual, and I respectfully ask for their countenance and support. [Jan 11—60] HUGH LATHAM

ORANGE AND ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD BONDS, for sale at lowest market rates. COXSE BROTHERS, dec 30—11

ALEXANDRIA CITY SIX PER CENT. STOCK Registered and Coupon, for sale by COXSE BROTHERS. dec 30—11

Wool, purchased by J. R. IDGLEY, HAMPTON & CO. dec 30—11

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SALE OF LOTS RETURNED DELINQUENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES.

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NEW BOOKS.—Miller's Obstetrics.—The Principles and Practice of Obstetrics, including the Treatment of Chronic Inflammation of the Uterus, considered as the great cause of Abortion, by Henry Miller, M.D., with illustrations on wood, paper \$3.75.

Haven's Mental Philosophy.—Mental Philosophy, including the Intellect, Sensibilities, and Will, by Joseph P. Haven, Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy in Amherst College. Price \$1.50. Just published, and for sale by ROBERT BELL.

NOTICE.—We respectfully notify all persons having open accounts on our books, that their bills have been indiscriminately made out for issue up to this date, and are ready for delivery. Those preferring not to have them sent in will find their accounts ready at our desk. In view of the troubles still existing in the country in relation to monetary affairs, we beg that all will speedily comply with the wish we indicate by this notice.

WASHINGTON, Jan 13—6015b CLAGETT & DODSON.

INSURED OIL.—A full supply just received; also, Marcell's Pure White Lead; Snow White Zinc; Patent Dryers; Litharge; Spanish Brown; Venetian Red; Black Paint; Putty; Coach Varnish; Japaned Oil; Boiled Lined Oil; Spirits Turpentine; English Paints for Tubes; Artist's Brushes; and Sand Paper, for sale by JOHN LEA BEATER & SON, Stable old stand, Nos. 7 & 8, south Fairfax-st. 1st floor 12

THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON OFFERING TO ALEXANDRIA.—Persons desirous of procuring the SEWING MACHINES of the undersigned, will please apply to Messrs. WATTS, STEPHENS & CO., who have been appointed this day, as our only agents in the District and Alexandria. [Jan 11—1m] J. M. SINGER & CO.

WE have this day been appointed sole agents for J. M. SINGER & CO'S SEWING MACHINE, for Washington and Alexandria. We have used them for several years, and find them to be the best in use.—Also, FAMILY SEWING MACHINES, of improved plan, WATTS, STEPHENS & CO. No. 322, Penn'a. ave, between 9th and 10th sts. Washington, Jan 11—1m

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to George N. Blacklock, on the 15th day of June, 1857, are requested to call and settle the same on or before the first day of February, as after that date, I shall proceed, without exception, against all who remain indebted to the trust. Jan 11—1w R. J. SMITH, Trustee.

50,000 FRUIT TREES FOR SALE AT THE GREEN WOOD NURSERY, situated on the Alexandria and Leesburg Turnpike, near Falls Church, Fairfax County, Va. All orders for Alexandria, Washington, and Georgetown, will be delivered.—Printed catalogues sent to all who desire them. All communications addressed to T. B. MUNSON, Falls' Church, Nov 13—6015b Fairfax County, Va.

JUST OPENED—NEW GOODS.—Mousines, Cashmeres, Plaids, Fanny Prints, Gingham, DeBarres, Plaid Linseys, Full Cloth Cloths, Flannels, Blankets, a few of those best Geniemen's Shawls on hand. Call early, as bargains can be had. BARKLEY & SHARPLETT, dec 25

PRENCH AND ENGLISH ENGRAVINGS.—I have this day received from New York, a large and splendid assortment of French and English ENGRAVINGS, which I will sell low for cash. Call and examine them at my store, No. 158, King street, Alex. J. P. CLARKE, Jan 12

LIQUORS.—10 casks superior Madeira and Sherry Wine 5 casks fine old Port Wine 2 pipes pure Hennessy Brandy, 1840 1 pipe pure Holland Gin, for sale low for cash, by T. A. BREWIS & CO. Nov 21—6015m

CHEESE.—30 boxes E. D. Pine Apple and Eastern Cheese, for sale by Jan 11—6015 T. A. BREWIS & CO.

FEATHERS.—1000 lbs. Live Geese Feathers, (part prime), for sale by WHEAT & BRO. dec 25

FOR RENT.—The STORE No. 53, north side of King street, next to the corner of Fairfax street. Possession given immediately. Also, the STORE and DWELLING, No. 6, west side of Fairfax street north, next door to the corner of King street. Possession given 1st September. J. WEST, aug 3—6015

FOR SALE.—A STORE AND DWELLING FOR RENT.—The three-story Brick HOUSE, on King street, south side, near Fairfax street is for rent. It lies between John H. Brent's and Wm. N. Brown's, and is an excellent position for any business. R. JOHNSTON, sep 16—6015

VARIETIES RECEIVED AT RICHARDS'—Crimoline Cord; French Steel Spring Hoops; Brass Hoops; Velvet Buttons; Cloak Tassels; Dress Preservers; Skirt Brads; Reed Hoops, &c. dec 15

FOR RENT.—A new and