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Heavy Embellishments.

The favorite simile, "like thunder from a clear sky," is altogether too weak to express the surprise with which our citizens have heard of the report that John W. Seymour, Secretary and Treasurer of the Hartford Savings and Loan Association, (office 130 State Street,) has appropriated to his own use, i. e., stolen, the stocks and collateral of various kinds in the hands of the company to the amount of about \$100,000, and has fled. He was last seen on Friday evening, January 29. The annual meeting of the association was held on Tuesday last, and though we are not aware that there were any suspicions of Mr. Seymour's integrity, a committee was appointed to make a thorough examination of the stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc., held by the association as security for its loans. An examination of the books commenced on Saturday previous, (January 23), but Mr. Seymour had in some way absconded, and the directors told Mr. Seymour that he wished to have an hour's conversation with him on Saturday, (the 30th), and they agreed to meet at 9 A. M., on that day. This was at 6 P. M. Mr. Seymour told a friend that he had used about \$100,000 belonging to the Association; that he was going away, and that his friend would never see him again. Which was the case, for one, no one has seen him since he possibly left here on Friday evening, and reached Portland in time to take the North American, which was to leave that place on Saturday for Liverpool. An incomplete examination discloses the loss of between \$60,000 and \$70,000, but we hear that the total will probably exceed the figures named by Mr. Seymour. Mr. Seymour is a native of Hartford, a lawyer by profession, and formerly law partner of Thos. C. Perkins, esq. Unbounded confidence has been placed in his integrity and ability. He quit the practice of law about six years ago, to take charge of this association. A year or two since he was elected President of the Mercantile Bank. That institution has, however, we are reliably assured, lost nothing whatever by Mr. Seymour, and care should be taken that his rascality should not damage its credit. The secret of these transactions is probably the same as that of many other similar frauds, which have been perpetrated during the last few years in the mad race for money, and which the financial crisis has brought to light. Mr. Seymour or has been a speculator in fancy stocks, and to a much greater extent than most of his friends were aware. Among his speculations were the Bristol Copper Mine, (of which he was treasurer), a silver mine in Mexico, a stone quarry in Chicago, a furnace or rolling mill in Prudal, Va. It is probable that he has been a long time engaged in the speculation, and will appear in a few days in New York, and in the "Liberator," as the "Face of 'THE TOOLEDS'." Feb 5-11 [Sent.]

Large Stock of Seasonable Goods.

DRY GOODS, such as heavy Osnaburghs, willed Durks, striped, Osnaburghs, Blue Domestic, D'Entons, 3-4, 7-8, and 4-4 Brown Cottons, Bleached Cottons, in great variety; 9-4 and 10-4 Bleached Sheetings, Damask Table Cloths, Table Linens, Crash, Huck Toweling, Napkins, heavy Irish Linens, white and colored Brilliant, super Fine, and York Towels, Linens, plain Cambric, French Writing Paper, Case Cottons and Linens, De Bages, super Black Silks, with many other seasonable GOODS that have just been bought at a reduction on former prices, and will be sold by, Feb 5 [Sent] TAYLOR & HUTCHISON.

NEW BOOKS.—The Reason Why, a careful collection of many hundreds of reasons for things which, though generally believed, are imperfectly understood—a book of condensed scientific knowledge, for the million, by the author of "Inquire Within," one volume, 12mo. cloth, \$1. [Sent.]

Hole and Seek, a Novel, by Wilkie Collins, author of "The Dead Secret," &c. Six vols. paper, 50 cts.

The Regulators of Arkansas, a thrilling tale of Border Adventure, price 25 cts. Just published, and for sale by Feb 5 [Sent] JAMES ENTWISLE & SON, No. 95, King street.

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Virginia Legislature.

In the Senate, on Wednesday, bills were passed, to refund certain taxes erroneously assessed against Chas. J. Faulkner, and paid into the Treasury. Making it a felony for a life tenant of a slave to remove him out of the State or to sell or transfer any greater interest in such slave than a life estate, without the consent of those in reversion or remainder, with intent to defraud and deprive such reversioner or remainderman of his interest in such slave. The resolution of Mr. Beale, fixing the 6th inst. as the day for the election of Auditor, Second Auditor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Register of the Land Office, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and Storekeeper of the same, was laid on the table. The "Flour Inspection bill" was taken up and made the order of the day for Friday. On motion of Mr. Rives it was resolved, that the Committee of Finance be instructed to bring in a bill increasing the salary of the Auditor of Public Accounts to such an amount as they shall recommend. The bill appropriating \$2000 to the inauguration committee on the 22d was amended so as to increase the amount to \$5000 and passed.

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Amending the Code relative to staying executions before a Justice of the Peace. Amending the Code so as to restrict the issue of warrants for small claims on internal improvement companies. The above mentioned reports were severally read and agreed to. The bill-wing reports from the same committee were laid upon the table. Of supplying attorneys for the commonwealth and justices of the peace with Matthews' Digest. Of authorizing the county court of Prince William to levy a tax on the sheriff of the county. Of amending the law in regard to the application of free negroes to remain in the Commonwealth, and application for licenses to retail wines, liquors, &c.

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On motion of Mr. Kemper, the bill to provide for the better organization of the militia was made the order of the day for Friday, 12th inst. The substituting order of the day, being the bill for the relief of the Commonwealth from the free negro population, was next proceeded with. Mr. Jones, of Appomattox, addressed the House at length in support of the bill reported from the committee. The discussion of the measure was further continued by Messrs. Dickinson of Prince Edward, Powell of Loudoun, Ball and Preston. Before the conclusion of Mr. Preston's remarks, the House adjourned.

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INTERESTING RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—A very interesting service was held on Wednesday night, in St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. James Lloyd Breck, who has been for sixteen years a well known and zealous pioneer in the Missionary work of the Episcopal Church, among different tribes of American Indians. We were glad to hear from one, who had passed so many years among them, and an account of their susceptibility of civilization, and of the rapid improvement which this down-trodden race have made, when the opportunity has been afforded them. Of the truth of this, we had not only the evidence of the statements of the Missionary, but a beautiful illustration in a little Chippeway Indian girl, (Clara Mokonank, "little knife,") only five years of age, who accompanied him. She had been in the Mission School at Kesabagh but two and a half years; and, at the request of Mr. B., repeated several prayers in her native tongue, and portions of the Church Liturgy—as the Lord's Prayer, Creed, Benedictio, &c.—which has been translated into the Chippeway language. She also repeated the Blessing, in English, which is used by the children of the School in connection before each meal; and during the "Gloria Patri," and a portion of Bishop Keen's Evening Hymn, which the children of the Mission School are accustomed always to sing when they say their prayers at night, before retiring to rest. When we see so much accomplished by comparatively little effort, we may well be encouraged to do more for these people; and, instead of condemning them to hopeless barbarism, make greater exertions to Christianize them—the only true method of civilizing mankind—that thus they may obtain the best blessings themselves, and become a blessing to others.

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THE STRASBURG EXTENSION.—There is, I am sorry to see, an attempt on the part of some, to get up in a portion of the valley, and in the Legislature of the State, a hostility to the city of Alexandria, because she has seen fit, openly to oppose the extension of the Winchester and Potomac Railroad to Strasburg, thereby guarding her own interests, and protecting those of the State. The effect of this Strasburg Extension, as has been demonstrated over and over again, would be to deprive this city of the trade of a region of country for many years, and for which, this is the natural market; and which trade came to Alexandria until greater facilities were offered to, and inducements held out by a city within the limits of the Commonwealth. The State has invested a large sum of money in the construction of the Manassas Gap Railroad. Several of the counties through which it passes and through which it is destined to pass, have subscribed to the work; the citizens, along the entire route have liberally aided the enterprise, and the city of Alexandria, looking to the benefits to accrue to her from a direct railway connection with the fertile valley of our State, imposed upon her people additional burdens of taxation, in order to facilitate the progress of this State work. Now I ask, are the claims of Alexandria, and the counties through which this improvement passes, the Manassas Gap Railroad and the interest of the State to be overlooked, and an objection made by a road under Baltimore influence, which will ensure solely to the benefit of that city, and render useless one of the leading lines of railroad in a Virginia city, and cause a prodigious loss to the State of millions of money. I appeal to the wisdom of the Legislature, to prevent this evil, and disregard the appeals that are being made to prejudice them against Alexandria and her interests. The proposed extension would only benefit a very small portion of country, while it would injure directly, a large section, and be indirectly prejudicial to the whole State.

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I coincide in opinion with C. S. H., in his remarks about the Long Bridge—but the value of the Bridge to the neighboring country, especially to the farmers of Alexandria and Fairfax counties, in giving them the Washington market, is much beyond any benefit it is to the town of Alexandria. Hence the importance of preventing it from being turned from a Bridge for the use of the public, to a Railroad bridge, for the benefit of a Railroad corporation. The Country people will never consent to have the Long Bridge destroyed for their use, by rebuilding it for a Railroad. The matter is not simply a Alexandrian town affair. J. K.

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