Schoolmasters, &c.

In a suit, reported in the Law Journal, in the Circuit Court of Floyd county, brought by a pupil against a schoolmaster for excessive punishment, it was decided by Judge Fulton that a schoolmaster stands in the place of a parent towards his pupil during the hours of school; and that the schoolmaster may inflict reasonable and moderate correction upon his pupil for misconduct, provided there be proper cause, and the instrument and extent of the chastisement be not improper or excessive. The teacher must act in good faith in relation to the *cause*, he must believe that it requires correction; the correction must not go to the length of permanent injury to health, nor must it disfigure the child. It must not be inflicted to gratify revenge or malignity, but to reform the offender.

[COMMUNICATED.

Few things of late have met with my more cordial approbation, than the proposition to recommit the election of certain officers of the Corporation to the City Council. The evil influence of making every office, however trivial, elective by the people, is daily becoming more perceptible, kindling, as it does, a desire for public employment, and unsettling the minds of those who are already earning more by a diligent attention to business, than the salary of whatever post they aspire to can possibly be. The principle of universal suffrage has been carried to its greatest extreme, and it is to be earnestly hoped that this is an evidence of a healthy reaction. It cannot be expected that every citizen should be familiar with the qualifications of the candidates for many of the minor positions, and the result is that they either vote in ignorance, or not at all, rendering it liable that those least fitted for the post may be chosen. The members of the City Council, however, if properly selected, make it their business to enquire into the suitableness of such as are placed in nomination, and apply the Jeffersonian rule—"Is he *honest*, is he *capable*, is he faithful to the Constitution?" Do not forget then, that we will have an opportunity of voting upon this question at the ensuing election. C.

MARRIED.

In Washington, on Monday, 15th instant, by the Rev. C. C. Meador, Mr. JOSEPH E. GARRETT, to Miss ANN E. FOLEY, all of Fauquier county, Va.

DIED.

In Washington, on the 16th instant, at 10 o'clock p. m., MARY, the beloved wife of J. F. Wollard, in the 36th year of her age.

At Mataponi, in the county of Spotsylvania on the 1st day of February, JAMES H. PARKER, in the 26th year of his age.

At "Rockland," Loudoun County, Va., on Saturday, the 13th of February, ELIZA SOUTHGATE, wife of Armistead T. M. Rust, esq., and daughter of Hon. John W. Lawrence, of New York, in the 29th year of her age. In the death of this interesting lady, society has lost one of its brightest ornaments, the church a valued member, her loving husband a most devoted wife, and three small children have been deprived of the tender care of one of the fondest and most affectionate of mothers. She leaves too, a large circle of relations and friends to mourn her sudden and untimely decease. The remains were interred in the Union Cemetery on Monday evening, after a pathetic and impressive discourse at St. James' Church by the Rev. Mr. Caldwell.

At Greenville, in Fauquier County, on the 10th inst., after a few days illness of Influenza, ending in a 3rd paralytic stroke, J. ARTHUR LEE, in the 56th year of his age. Although living a retired and unostentatious life, Mr. Lee was known to and highly appreciated as a man of much worth and of many excellent qualities, by a large circle of warm friends and relations. His heart and his doors were always open to calls of benevolence and hospitality.—The rich and the poor, the high and the low, the old and the young, the neighbor and the stranger, were equally and generously received at his bountiful table. He was mild, but firm in his character, and sensitive in his deportment.—His friendship was for life—constant and faithful—he was liberal and unstinting in his bounties. Mr. Lee was, in his habits and tone of character, a modern specimen, of the old Virginia gentleman, and the place he leaves vacant in his domestic relations, will not be easily filled. He was the youngest son of Capt. Hancock Lee, who was one of the earliest pioneers of the wilds of Kentucky from this State—cotemporary and intimately acquainted with Daniel Boone, who tradition says, on penetrating still farther West in the wilderness, found trees marked with Capt. Lee's name.

☞ NOMINATIONS.—A Convention of the American party and those who intend acting with them at the coming municipal election, was held at American Hall, on Tuesday night, the 16th inst., when the following named gentlemen were duly nominated.

FOR MAYOR—W. D. Massey.
AUDITOR—S. J. McCormick.
ATTORNEY—Judge C. Neale.
SURVEYOR—W. D. Stuart.
SUPERINTENDENT OF GAS—Jacob Roxbury.
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE—Wm. Mankin.
MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK.—William C. Reynolds.
CLERK OF THE MARKET.—Thos. Whittington.
MEASURERS OF LUMBER—Wm. H. McKnight and John Greenwood.
COLLECTORS OF TAXES—John A. Field, N. D., and Wesley Avery, S. D.
ASSESSORS.—Peter G. Henderson and William Davis.
GAUGER—George McCleish.
CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—Wm. W. Rock. feb 19—tE

☞ Without the solicitation of many friends, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police. If it be the pleasure of my friends to elect me, I will faithfully perform the duties of the office.
feb 19—tE NEWMAN CROSS.

☞ FRIENDS AND FELLOW-CITIZENS:—I take this method of informing you, I am still a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police, and most respectfully solicit your suffrages at the ensuing election.
feb 18—eo5t* GEO. W. WALKER.

☞ GEORGE W. BRENT will be supported at the approaching election, as a *competent* person to fill the office of Attorney for the Corporation, by MANY INDEPENDENT VOTERS.
feb 19—tE.

☞ GEORGE DAVIS will be supported for the office of Superintendent of Police, at the approaching election, by
feb 19—eo6t MANY CITIZENS.

☞ We are authorized to announce JOHN EVELETH, as a candidate for Superintendent of Gas. [feb 19—tE] CITIZENS.

BACON.—5 hhds. Shoulder Bacon, in store, and for sale low, for cash, by
feb 4—eo2w T. A. BREWIS & CO.

2,500 LBS. MOUNTAIN BACON, for sale by
feb 2 HILL, BROWN & PARTLOW.

100 BUSHELS OF PRIME CLOVER SEED, just received, and for sale by
feb 2 D. S. GWIN & SON.

WOOL PURCHASED at highest cash prices, by
jan 8 HILL, BROWN & PARTLOW.

POTOMAC HERRING AND SHAD, a few barrels, for sale by
feb 2 D. S. GWIN & SON.

2,000 LBS. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, for sale by
feb 17 KINCHELOE & BRUIN.

LARD.—25 tubs No. 1 Family Lard, for sale by [feb 9] J. N. HARPER & CO.

CLOVER SEED.—Clover Seed, in store, and for sale by [jan 30] DAN'L. F. HOGE.

Virginia Legislature.

In the Senate, on Wednesday, Mr. Coghill, chairman of the committee to investigate the charges made by Mr. Caldwell, Senator from Ohio county, presented the following report, documents and resolution:

The select committee to whom was referred the communication of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth in relation to certain imputations on his official character by Alfred Caldwell, Senator from Wheeling, have had the matter under consideration, and have examined all the witnesses who have appeared before them. The Senator from Wheeling expressly disclaims any purpose to charge upon the Lieutenant-Governor official impropriety, and says that he now has no such charge to make, whatever his language may have been on a former occasion, when he spoke under great personal excitement. The testimony examined by the committee affords no ground for any such charge or imputation. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That our confidence in the personal and official honor and integrity of Wm. L. Jackson, Lieut. Governor of the State, is unabated, and that we have witnessed with pleasure the propriety and impartially that have marked his official career as President of the Senate.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The bill appropriating $800,000 to the Covington & Ohio Railroad, came up as the order of the day. Mr. Deneale offered a ryder authorizing the Board of Public Works, in the year 1860, to borrow $2,000,000, to be appropriated to the road, and every year thereafter to appropriate the same sum until the road is made and equipped; provided, however, the aggregate sum does not exceed $10,000,000.

Mr. Claiborne, of Petersburg, offered an amendment to the ryder, limiting the yearly appropriations to $1,000,000 per year. The amendment of Mr. Claiborne was adopted.

A motion by Mr. Brannon, to strike out the words "and equipped," in the ryder, was lost. The ryder was then defeated—ayes 23, nays 25.

The bill was then passed. Ayes 31, noes 19.

Mr. Douglas, from the Committee on Finance, presented a report. The following, on the Sinking Fund, is embodied therein:

The operations of the Sinking Fund since the Board of Commissioners was organized, in 1853, are shown in detail in document No. 3 (report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.) From that report it appears that of the debt existing on 1st Jan., 1852, the sum of $860,197 has been redeemed, and there has been invested, for the redemption of the debt created since—since the 1st Jan., 1852—the further sum of $235,729 18; making a total of debt redeemed and purchased by the Sinking Fund up to the 1st of Jan., 1856, of $1,095,926 18. In addition to the last named sum, the Commissioners have received, or were entitled to receive, for redemption and investment on the 1st Jan., 1857, the further sum of $342,266 48, which, with the sum of $341,383 60, due the Sinking Fund on the 1st Jan., 1858, will make a total now applicable to redemption and investment of $683,650 08.

In view of the conflicting interpretation put upon the constitutional provision establishing the Sinking Fund, and directing its application, which has resulted from the passage of the act of the 15 of March, 1856, and the consequent embarrassment of the Board of Commissioners, your committee recommend the repeal of that act, or such modification and amendment of the law as shall require the Commissioners to apply to the redemption of the debt existing on the 1st day of Jan., 1852, so much and such part of this Sinking Fund as is derived from the 7 per cent. required by the Constitution to be annually set apart to extinguish that debt, and like application of such sums as shall be realized from sales of Bank stocks held by the fund for internal improvement, and that the 1 per cent. required to be set apart upon all debts contracted since the 1st. of Jan., 1852, be applied to the purchase of bonds of the Commonwealth issued since that date, at their market value; and if no such bonds can be bought, that the Commissioners shall then invest in the bonds of some one of the States of the Union, or in bonds of the United States.

The committee cannot approve of the scheme of the commissioners of this fund to aid the Board of Public Works in raising money to prosecute works of internal improvement, because, in the view of your committee, such application tends directly to an augmentation of the public indebtedness instead of a reduction and extinction of the same, which is the primary object of the creation of the Sinking Fund.

The report concludes with the following expression of dissent from Mr. Beale:

"I dissent from the estimates of receipts in this report, and from its recommendations for the restoration of one half of the capitation tax to the treasury of the Commonwealth; nor do I concur in funding more than one-half of the Treasury notes."

In the House of Delegates, Mr. Johnston, from the committee of finance, reported a bill increasing the compensation of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to $1800.

On motion of Mr. Martin, an engrossed bill to annex a part of the county of Patrick to the county of Henry, was taken up, but without coming to any decision the subject was postponed.

The bill to organize the militia and provide for the defence of the Commonwealth, was taken up.

Mr. Word moved to reduce to fine for non-attendance on musters, etc., from 75 to 50 cents. Negatived—ayes 54, noes 71.

Mr. Word further moved to amend the bill by exempting from the payment of fines those whose religious creed or faith was opposed to bearing arms. Rejected.

The bill was then advanced to its engrossment, whereupon Mr. Sweeney offered a ryder, proposing to submit the law to the ratification or rejection of the voters of the Commonwealth. The ryder was rejected—yeas 36, nays 93.

The question recurred on the passage of the bill, and being put, was determined in the affirmative—ayes 86 noes 46.

A remonstrance was presented from Fairfax County, against an additional Commissioner of the Revenue for said County.

ALMANAC.

1858 FEBRUARY.	SUN rises.	SUN sets.	Moon's Phases.		D.	H.	M.
19 Friday	6 35	5 25					
20 Saturday	6 34	5 26	First qr.		20	7	48 E.
21 Sunday	6 32	5 28	Full		27	4	54 E.
22 Monday	6 31	5 29	Last qr.		7	1	0 E.
23 Tuesday	6 30	5 30	New		15	7	2 M.
24 Wednesday	6 29	5 31	HIGH WATER				
25 Thursday	6 28	5 32	FEB'Y 19		10h.	43m	

LATEST DATES.

London.....Jan. 20 | Havre.....Jan. 29
Liverpool.....Jan. 20 | New Orleans.....Feb. 13

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA—FEBRUARY 18.

ARRIVED.

Schr. Massasoit, Grant, Boston, potatoes to M. Eldridge.

MEMORANDA.

Schr. J. H. Huntington, Bolles, from this port, for Boston, with a load of wheat and flour, went ashore on the flats in Powder Hole harbor, Vineyard Sound, 12th inst.

JUST RECEIVED, 200 sacks of Ashton's SALT, and will be receiving on to-morrow another supply of Groceries, which will be sold low [feb 5] Z. ENGLISH & BRO.

The Steamship Convention.

The Bristol Convention, which met last year to inaugurate a steam line between Virginia and Europe, re-assembled at Metropolitan Hall, in Richmond, on Wednesday night. The companies represented were as follows: Norfolk and Petersbug R. R.; South Side R. R.; Va. Central R. R.; Orange and Alexandria R. R.; Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire R. R.; Manassas Gap R. R.; Northeastern and Southwestern R. R.; Va. and Kentucky R. R.; Baltimore and Ohio R. R., and York River R. R. Hon. Francis Mallory, of Norfolk, opened the Convention with some congratulatory remarks on the success of Hon. Wm. B. Preston, in his mission to Europe, in securing almost unhoped for facilities for direct trade. He was followed by Mr. Preston, who was received on his appearance with loud applause. Mr. P. gave a very interesting account of his trip, and in conclusion, paid a high compliment to Hon. John Y. Mason, Minister to France, for his efforts in behalf of the scheme, and to Gov. Wise and President Buchanan, for facilities afforded him.

On motion of E. Fontaine, a resolution of thanks to Mr. Preston, was adopted—and on motion of Mr. F. B. Deane, a resolution of thanks to Gov. Wise, for his aid to Mr. Preston, was also adopted.

Mr. Ellis offered a resolution, appointing a committee of five to memoralize the Legislature of Virginia for a charter for a line of steamers from Norfolk to St. Nazaire, in France.

The resolution was adopted.

A resolution by Mr Deane, appointing a committee to memoralize Congress for mail contracts.

The contract made by Mr. Preston with the Orleans Railroad company is as follows: Number of ships not less than four, the tonnage not to be less than the Arago; the number of trips not less than 24 per annum. The capital stock to be $3,000,000. The directors are to be the first year four French and three American, and the next year *vice versa*. The subvention is to be $12,500 per trip. Two ships to be built in Virginia and the other two in France—to bear the flags of the lands in which they are built.

On motion of Jos. R. Anderson, it was resolved that the convention accept the preliminary contract and use its best efforts to perfect it.

On motion the convention adjourned.

Orders have been received at the Charlestown Navy Yard to prepare the razee Macedonian immediately for sea, and, as she has been thoroughly overhauled recently, she can be got ready in a few weeks. The destination of the Macedonian is the Mediterranean.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—Flour steady; Howard street $4.30@$4.37; City $4.37. No sales of Ohio. Wheat steady, without material change. Corn—white advanced; yellow 55@56c. Cloverseed—sales of 1000 bushels at $5.00@$5.12. Whiskey firm—in fair demand—at 22@22½ and 23c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Flour—sales of 9,500 bbls.; State 5c. dearer. $4.15@$4.25; Ohio 10c. dearer, $4.80@$4.90; Southern $4.70@$4.90. Wheat—sales of 10,000 bush.; white 130@140c. Corn—white 67@70c.; yellow 67@68½. Pork advanced $16.9⅞@$17. Beef is firm, at $11@$13. Lard advanced—quoted at 10@10½c.—Whiskey firm, at 23½@24c. Stocks generally opened lower, but dull. Cumberland Coal Co 19. Va 6's 91. Mo. 6's 83½. Sterling Exchange dull.

New York Money Market.

The New York Post says.—"The money market is daily growing easier, and rates are consequently declining. The superabundance which is pressing on call is astonishing, which tends to foster speculation and give a prominency to all classes of stocks, whether of intrinsic value or not. The rates for commercial paper in the open market are 6@7 ⅌ cent. for A No. 1, and 9@12 ⅌ cent. for second class short dates. The banks and private discounters are warm competitors for the supplies of first-class obligations that are offering.

Sterling Exchange opens quietly, with the appearance that a comparatively small business will be done. The rates for best bankers' are 109½@109⅝, with an occasional transaction at 110 ⅌ cent. Very good commercial bills have been passed at 109@109½.

Francs open at 5.20@5.16¼ for commercial bills, and 5.15¾ for bankers.

The stock market was the scene of considerable excitement, and the rise has been important in most descriptions.

VENICE TURPENTINE; Godfrey's Cordial; Vinegar of Squills, Extract of Colchicum; Horse Powder; Donovan's Syrup of Bark; Seidlitz Powders, Pectoral for Coughs; Essence of Jamaica Ginger; best Cologne; Stoughton's Bitters; Indelible Ink; Black Ink; Blue Ink; Horse Embrocation; Rose Water; Eye Water, manufactured, and for sale by
JAMES ENTWISLE, Jr.,
feb 19 Apothecary, No. 94, King-street.

FRESH GARDEN SEED.—A large and general assortment of GARDEN SEED, warranted fresh and genuine, just received, and for sale by J. WILLIAM BOWLING,
feb 19 cor. Fairfax and Prince sts.

NEGRO TAKEN UP.—Was taken up in Fairfax County, on Sunday, 7th February, inst., a NEGRO MAN, who says he is a Runaway, and the property of Mr Jos. Gray, of Maryland. Said negro is about 40 years of age, very stout, and of copper color. Communications addressed to the undersigned, at Alexandria, will receive prompt attention.
feb 15—eo1f EDWARD MONROE.

FOR SALE.—The HOUSE AND LOT in the village of Millwood, Clarke county, Va., formerly the residence of Dr. Robt. H. Little, on reasonable terms. It is one of the most desirable in the place, either for a private residence, or for a public house, there being none in the place. Any one wishing to purchase, by writing to me, at Salem, P. O. Fauquier Co., Va., will be promptly replied to.
R. L. HORNER.
Salem, Fauquier Co., Va., dec 22—eo1f

FOR RENT.—The two-story BRICK HOUSE, on Royal street, between King and Prince streets, lately in the occupancy of F. L. Smith, esq. In this house are several Rooms suitable for Offices, Sleeping Rooms, &c. For terms, apply to HARPER & BALDWIN.
feb 17—eo1f

FOR SALE OR RENT—A THREE-STORY BRICK WAREHOUSE, covered with slate, on the west side of Union street, between Princess and Orcnoko streets, now in the occupancy of Messrs. Knox & Brother.
feb 2—2aw3w A. JAMIESON & CO.

FOR RENT.—The DWELLING HOUSE and premises recently occupied by the late David Herzog, will be let to a good tenant. Application may be made to Mrs. DEITZ, adjoining the premises. feb 11—eo1f

COAL! COAL!!—RED AND WHITE ASH, ANTHRACITE and fine CUMBERLAND COAL, for Blacksmiths' use, for sale by
SAMUEL A. MASTERS,
jan 21—tf No. 41, North Union-street.

FOR RENT.—The STORE No. 53 north side of King street, next to the corner of Fairfax street. Possession given immediately.
aug 3—eo1f J. WEST.

NO 1 POTOMAC HERRINGS, for sale by [feb 3] ROBINSON & PAYNE.

WOOL purchased by
je 26 DANIEL F. HOGE.

Congress.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Green, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill providing for the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution.

Messrs. Collamer and Wade made a report dissenting from that offered by Mr. Green.

Mr. Douglas also made a different and adverse report on the same subject.

All the reports, were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green gave notice that he should call up the subject at an early day.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the Army bill, and the 4th section was stricken out—yeas 24, nay 23.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Campbell made a personal explanation respecting a matter which arose in the course of the proceedings relative to the contested election case in which his seat is involved through the protest of Mr. Vallandigham.

Mr. Stephens also made some explanatory remarks relative to the same matter.

Mr. Davis, of Md., as a question of privilege, made a personal explanation. He sent to the clerk certain extracts, to be read from a newspaper containing the speech of Mr. Bowie, on the question of the contested election between himself and Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Bowie had therein used language of a denunciatory character.

Mr. Davis inquired of him if the language contained in the extracts read was intended to apply to him (Mr. D.) personally?

Mr. Bowie answered that he had meant the remarks to apply to the party in Baltimore of which Mr Davis is a member; and they were only applicable to him so far as he sanctions the lawlessness of that party. He disavowed any personal antipathy towards Mr. Davis, and regretted that his language had been such as to wound the feelings of any gentleman in the House.

Mr. Davis said he accepted the explanation of his coleague as being entirely satisfactory.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and took up the Indian Appropriation bill.

Mr. Shorter, of Ala., addressed the House on Kansas affairs.

TWO BEAUTIFUL AND SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITIONS,
AT LIBERTY HALL,
On FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1858.
MERCHANTS & PAYNE
Respectfully announce that they will exhibit their great
OXY-HYDROGEN MICROSCOPE.
Introducing a large and varied collection of Natural Objects, Insects and Dissections, Experiments in Natural Science, &c., &c.,
Commencing at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.
IN THE EVENING they will exhibit their CHEMICAL DISSOLVING DIORAMAS
Of the Cities, Ruins, Plains, Lakes, Mountains, Structures, &c., &c., of Syria and Palestine;
Scenes of the American Revolution;
Destruction of Pompeii, &c., &c.,
All illuminated with Two DRUMMOND LIGHTS,
Commencing at 7½ o'clock
☞ Admission to either Exhibition 25 cents. Children 15 cents feb 19—2t*

NOTICE.—The Copartnership heretofore existing under the firm name of HARPER & BOUSH, was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 1st day of February, 1858. J. Newton Harper is alone authorized to use the name of the late firm in the settlement of the business.
J. NEWTON HARPER,
NATH. BOUSH.
Alexandria Va., Feb. 6th, 1858.—eo1m

HAVING purchased the entire interest of Nathaniel Boush, in the late firm of Harper & Boush, I will continue the *SHIP CHANDLERY, GROCERY, and COUNTRY PRODUCE BUSINESS*, at the old Stand, No 2, foot of King street, under the name and style of J. NEWTON HARPER & CO. I return my thanks for the patronage extended to the late firm, and hope by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same.
feb 6 J. NEWTON HARPER.

FRESH ARRIVAL—
10 hhds New Orleans Sugars
5 " " prime Sugars
5 bbls. New Orleans Molasses
10 " Crushed Sugar
30 boxes Adamantine Candles
10 bbls. Vinegar. This day landing from Schooner Fairfax, and for sale by
GRAY, MILLER & CO.,
feb 11 corner of King and Water sts.

50 BBLS. OLD BOURBON WHISKEY
25 bbls. Superior Old do
25 " Gibson's do do
5 " Apple Brandy
15 " Sweet Wine
10 " French Brandy
5 ¼ casks French Brandy, for sale by
feb 11 KINCHELOE & BRUIN

A CARD.—W. J. HIGDON, offers himself a candidate for the renewal of the confidence of his fellow citizens, and for the present can be found at W. E. ATWELL'S, 124, King-st. All orders in HOUSE, SIGN, and ORNAMENTAL PAINTING, promptly attended to. Orders from the country particularly requested.
feb 16—tf

NOTICE.—The undersigned, as Agent for Nicholas Brengle, will continue to carry on the CONFECTIONERY BUSINESS, at the old stand, No 129, King street, and solicits a share of the public patronage.
CHRISTIAN BRENGLE,
feb 8—d2w Agent for Nicholas Brengle.

POTATOES.—Just received per Schr. Massasoit, 1,000 bushels prime MAINE MERCER POTATOES, (a very superior article for seed,) for sale by M. ELDRIDGE,
feb 18 Union Wharf.

NOTICE.—ALBERT W. GRAY, esq., has this day withdrawn from our firm, by mutual consent. The style of the firm will be continued as heretofore.
feb 1—tf GRAY, MILLER & CO.

OATS.—2,000 bush. Choice Accomac Oats, received per Schr. Plan, for sale low from the vessel.
feb 11 J. N. HARPER & CO.

JOHN MURPHY, *ATTORNEY AT LAW*, will practice in the Courts of Westmoreland, Richmond, and Northumberland Counties. Post Office, Rice's Store, Westmoreland County, Va. dec 5—tf

JAMES SMITH & SONS' NEEDLES—The genuine article, constantly on hand, in all numbers, from 1 to 12, and for sale at
feb 18 C. C. BERRY'S, No 72 King-st.

SUGAR.—Crushed, Refined, and Brown Sugars at reduced prices, just received in store, and for sale by JOHN A. FINON,
feb 10 Family Grocer.

APPLES! APPLES!!—30 bbls. prime Apples in store, and for sale in lots to suit purchasers.
A. L. GIBSON,
feb 15—eo3t No 264 King-st.

HAY.—88 bales of Timothy HAY, in store, and for sale in lots to suit, by
GRAY, MILLER & CO.,
feb 6 corner of King and Water sts.

TEAS.—Sup. G. P., Imperial, and Black Teas, for sale by
feb 9 J. N. HARPER & CO.

ADAMANTINE CANDLES, just received and for sale by
feb 5 C. F. SUTTLE & CO.

LOCAL ITEMS.

FIRE.—A fire broke out on Wednesday night, about 9 o'clock, in a pile of shingles, in the Lumber Yard of Messrs. Waters, Zimmerman & Co., on the East side of Union street, near its intersection with Cameron, and before the flames were extinguished a large quantity of the shingles was destroyed or charred. The loss was not great, and is fully covered by insurance. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

FOR RICHMOND.—The Mount Vernon Guards have made preparations for their intended visit to Richmond, on the 22nd, to participate in the ceremonies of the inauguration of the Statue of Washington, and will muster about thirty-five rank and file. The Riflemen and the Guards will leave here on Saturday night, and both companies intend parading on that afternoon, previous to their departure.

PARADE.—The Alexandria Riflemen, under command of Captain Arthur Herbert, paraded yesterday afternoon, making a very handsome appearance, and going through the various manœuvres in a true soldierly manner.

ICE.—The ice dealers and other persons who have ice houses, are busily engaged in getting a supply from Hunting Creek and the Canal. The ice is from four to six inches thick, and is very clear.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—CRIMINAL COURT.—The trial of Benjamin Ogle for the murder of John Webb—a little unoffending boy who was shot dead in a moment of rage—has attracted a large number of spectators, many of them coming from Georgetown, where the crime was committed. The defence is, insanity on the part of the prisoner.

COL. WOLCOTT, the refractory witness committed by order of the House of Representatives, occupies the officer's room next the entrance of the jail, until a cell above stairs shall be fitted up for him. He is visited by members of Congress and other friends.

MORTALITY.—The number of deaths in this city during the month of January, so far as reported, was ninety-seven. Of these, six were over eighty years of age, and twenty-nine were five years and under. There were fifteen fatal cases of consumption, four of small-pox, and one of gunshot wound.

THE POST OFFICE of the House of Representatives has been removed to the rooms fitted up for it by the officers. A part of the furniture which has been ordered for the Clerk's offices, has been received, and is plain, substantial, and useful.

THE REAPER QUESTION.—The long argument in the case of McCormick vs. Manney, in which the patent rights of these celebrated reaping machines are involved, was concluded yesterday in the Supreme Court by Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson, of New York.

A TEAM.—The steamer William Jenkins, which arrived at Baltimore, on Tuesday, from Boston, brought five yoke of working-oxen from Maine, purchased at a cost of some $12,000, to be used in hoeing stone for the Treasury extension.—*Wash Union.*

☞ AGE AND DEBILITY.—As old age comes creeping on, it brings many attendant infirmities. Loss of appetite and weakness impair the health, and want of activity makes the mind discontented and unhappy. In cases where old age adds its influence, it is almost impossible to add vigor and health, and although many remedies have been tried, all have failed, until HERHAVE'S HOLLAND BITTERS were known and used. In every case where they have been employed they have invariably given strength and restored the appetite. They have become a great agent for this alone, and are used by many people who are suffering from loss of appetite and general debility. In cases of long standing chronic disease, they act as a charm, invigorating the system, thus giving nature another opportunity to repair physical injuries.

CAUTION!—Be careful to ask for BOERHAVE'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; WM. A. HART, J. R. PIERPOINT, and by Druggists generally, throughout the United States. feb 15—eo1w

STONE'S INDIAN HAIR RESTORATIVE.—A lady writes, "Stone's Indian Hair Restorative is the best preparation known for preserving, restoring, and beautifying the Hair, removing Dandruff, &c." A lady writes this morning, "send another bottle, that it is the neatest preparation for cleansing the Hair she has ever used." From one of the first gentlemen in the State.

"R. E. Stone, esq.—Enclosed please find a $9 bill, Corporation Alexandria, for which you will send me three bottles your Hair Restorative, and one bottle of your Pectoral Syrup, for Coughs. I have had it recommended to me as a No 1 article. The Hair Restorative has given me a good suit of Hair, and I want a friend to try it. When I come to town I will give you my certificate."

A large supply of the above, for sale at No 122, King street feb 17

THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of T. M. McCORMICK & BRO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. T. M. McCormick will attend to settling up the business of the firm. All persons indebted, are requested to call and settle their accounts.
T. M. McCORMICK,
feb 15—2w L. M. McCORMICK.

NOTICE.—The undersigned, having purchased the interest of T. M. McCormick in the late firm of T. M. McCormick & Bro., will continue the *GROCERY AND COMMISSION BUSINESS*, at the old stand, Theatre Building
feb 15 L. M. McCORMICK.

STEAM SAW MILL.—The undersigned would respectfully announce to the public that their Steam Saw-Mill is now in operation, about four miles West of Culpeper Court House, and that they are now prepared to furnish lumber of every description at the shortest notice and upon reasonable terms, comprising all the usual kinds suitable for building purposes.

They have on hand about four thousand feet of various kinds—some well seasoned.
JEFFRIES & GAINES.
Culpeper Co., feb 1—eo6m

$50 REWARD.—Ranaway from the farm of the subscriber, near Centreville, Fairfax County, Va., on the night of 5th instant, negro woman HARRIET, about 35 years of age, black, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, and tolerably likely. She was purchased by me of Messrs. Dickinson & Hill, in Richmond, and formerly came from King George County. I will give the above reward if returned to me, or secured so that I can get her. A. S. GRIGSBY.
Fairfax County, Va., nov 28—eo1f

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED—50 bushels prime Clover and Timothy SEED for sale for cash only, by
feb 4—eo2w T. A. BREWIS & CO.

WOOD.—Pine and Oak Wood, for sale by
feb 9 J. N. HARPER & CO.

POST-SCRIPT.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

Destructive Fires.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The houses No. 56 and 58 Maiden Lane, were destroyed by fire last night. No. 56 was occupied by Windle & Co., house furnishers, and Charles Ahrenfeld's china store. Windle's loss is $100,000 fully insured; Ahrenfeld's loss is $120,000,—insured for $100,000. No. 58 was occupied by Fleet's clothing store, of which the stock was nearly saved.

No. 23 Liberty street was also destroyed. It was occupied by Edward Hen, importer of fancy goods. Loss $40,000, fully insured.

Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—James A Gates, Gunner of the Portsmouth, died Dec. 13th, at Hong Kong. Mr. Gates was a resident of Washington.

NOTICE.—The Stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA, MOUNT VERNON & ACCOTINK TURNPIKE COMPANY, are requested to meet *on the 11th of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.*, at the Marshall House, in Alexandria, Va., to consider an alteration in the route of said Turnpike, as adopted at a late meeting of the Board of Directors. As it has since then been ascertained by actual survey, that the Clifton Hill route is not only a feasible route, but is nearly one mile nearer from Alexandria to Mount Vernon, and can be made much cheaper, and at one quarter less elevation of grade than is allowed by the charter, and drawing to it more travel, and consequently will be more profitable to the Stockholders than the route adopted by the Board of Directors.
AARON LEGGETT,
DILWORTH BUCKMAN,
HENRY TRUEAX,
feb 6—eo1d CHALKLEY GILLINGHAM.

HERRING'S PATENT CHAMPION FIRE-PROOF SAFES—WITH HALL'S PATENT POWDER-PROOF LOCKS, the same that were awarded separate medals at the World's Fair, London 1851, and the World's Fair, New York, 1853, and are the only American Safes that were awarded medals at the London World's Fair.

These AFES form the most perfect security against Fire and Burglars of any Safe ever offered to the public, and can only be had of the subscribers and their agents; who have on hand, and make to order, all kinds of Boiler and Chilled Iron Bank Chests and Vaults, Vault Doors and Money Boxes, or Chests for Brokers, Jewelers, and Private Families, for Plate, Diamonds, and other valuables. And are also Patentees (by purchase) and manufacturers of JONES' PATENT PERMUTATION BANK LOCK.
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Nos. 135, 137, and 139 Water street, and No. 251 Broadway, cor. Murray street, N. Y.
AGENTS.—B. W. Knowles, Richmond, Va.; Rowland & Bro., Norfolk, Va.; J. H. Thompson & Co., Lynchburg, Va.; Bell, Prentiss & Co., Savannah, Ga.; O. Mozange & Co., Mobile, Ala.; T. T. Twitty, New Orleans, La. feb 9—eo6w

MEADOW FARM FOR SALE.—I offer at Private Sale, my FARM lying in the County of Prince William, adjoining the land of Judge Tyler, and immediately on the Turnpike Road leading from Alexandria to Warrenton, and two and a half miles from Gainesville, a Depot on the Manassas Gap Railroad, thirty-five miles distant from Alexandria; which place can be reached in two hours on the Cars.

This Estate contains NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE AND A HALF ACRES, —about four hundred of which are in Wood and timber. The balance is cleared, and divided into nine Fields, all of them well watered by lasting Springs. Broad Run—a large and never failing mountain stream—passes through the Estate from West to East, bordering on which is a beautiful Meadow of one hundred acres, now well taken in Timothy and blue grass, and not only valuable as a Meadow, but highly useful for grazing purposes. The uplands are rolling and susceptibe of any degree of improvement.

The improvements are a large and commodious DWELLING, with seven spacious rooms, four above and three below stairs, and the necessary out-houses. Surrounding the yard is a large and flourishing Orchard of Apples, Pears, Peaches, Cherries, Apricots, &c., of the finest varieties, and many of them in full bearing. Country Stores are numerous and convenient. The neighborhood is unsurpassed by any in the State for health, and affords the best Society. Those wishing to purchase a fine country residence, will do well to call and examine this Estate.

For further information, address Judge Z. Collins Lee, Baltimore, Md.; or the subscriber,
DR. JAS. W. F. MACRAE.
Buckland, Pr. Wm. Co., Va., ap 14—eo1f

FOR RENT, AND POSSESSION GIVEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH.—The large STORE AND WAREROOMS, at the S. W. corner of King and Royal sts., for some years past occupied as a Wholesale and Retail Hardware Store, by John T. Creighton & Co. The premises are extensive and convenient, and the stand for business—Dry Goods or Hardware, especially—is perhaps not equalled by any other in the city.

ALSO, I desire to Rent, from the 1st day of April, the DWELLING on Franklin street, known as the "VILLAGE," at present occupied by Thomas M. Monroe. On the premises, which comprise a whole square, well enclosed, are a Coach House and Stables, Ice and Bath Houses, and a large productive Garden and excellent water. For terms, apply to
feb 6—2awtf WM. GREGORY.

WINES, LIQUORS, &c.—By virtue of a deed of trust executed by George W. Harrison, on the 9th instant, I offer for sale an extensive assortment of WINES, LIQUORS, SEGARS, and GROCERIES; a heavy stock of FISHERMEN'S ROPE, POWDER and SHOT, &c., &c. The aforesaid stock will be offered for a short time at private sale, at reduced prices, after which, the whole will be closed out at auction. The books, accounts, notes, &c., due said Harrison, being embraced in said deed, all persons indebted to him are requested to make prompt settlement, with the undersigned.
D. FUNSTEN, Trustee.
Mr. JOHN T. YOUNG, is authorized to receipt for any monies paid.
jan 27—eo1m D. FUNSTEN, Trustee.

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RIPLEY'S FEMALE SEMINARY.—Mr. and Mrs. O. E. RIPLEY (Principals) will open a first class Boarding and Day School, for Young Ladies, the fourth Monday of February, 22