ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

EXECUTION OF MANLEY.

The sentence of the law on conviction of wilful murder was executed in the jail yard of this city at noon to day upon Charles Manley, who killed John Monroe, in July last.

THE CRIME.

The crime of which Manley stood convicted was one of unusual atrocity. It was proven on his trial, which took place in the Corporation Court on the 14th of January last, that on the night of the 5th of July, 1872, John Monroe, an old Scotsman, who travelled about this section of country, in the vocation of mending clocks, was sitting by the side of the spring, in the valley which extends from St. Asaph street to Duke, in the midst of the colored suburb known as "Petersburg." The night was starlit and sultry, and it is supposed that Monroe, after refreshing his thirst at the spring, had sat down to rest and fallen asleep beside it. He wore a plain silver watch and carried a small tin box containing the tools used in his calling. The shanty of a colored man named Payne is situated a short distance from the spring, and from there three men: Manley and Samuel Payne and Lewis Payne came down upon Monroe, who was heard to cry that he had no money, and to beg them not to murder him. He was, however, beaten most terribly, his head bruised, and his abdomen mashed with brickbats, and then, under the supposition that he was dead, thrown into a neighboring ditch, from which he managed to crawl during the night, and on the edge of which he was found in the morning, and carried to his boarding house on West street. He lingered there in great pain, but in full possession of his senses, and able to give an account of the assault upon him, until the evening, about 7 o'clock, when he died.

THE ARREST.

The two Paynes made off during the night, but the father-in law of Manley having had his suspicions aroused, communicated them to Police Lieut. Smith, who came upon Manley, while he was asleep, and found upon him the watch, hat and boots of Monroe, all of which his victim identified before his death.

MANLEY'S SPIRITUAL CONDITION.

After his conviction and sentence Manley continued long defiant, but of late the ministrations of Revs. Henry Marshall and Fields Cook, and other colored ministers, and notably those of the Jail Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, have softened him and brought him under religious influences.

MANLEY'S STATEMENT.

Yesterday a journalist met Manley at his request, in the old debtor's room at the jail. Manley appeared to be in excellent health, but a nervous tremor possessed every portion of his body. At that time he made the following statement of his own relations to the murder:

"I was born at Arcola, Loudoun county, Va., and worked on a farm until the war. During the war I served in Capt. Pollard's company of Col. Hilman's District of Columbia colored regiment. I cannot write but can read a little. Since the war I have been working about, and was married about a year ago in a house about a hundred yards from the spot where Monroe was killed. Since then I've been working about, and was employed until the day of the homicide, upon Capt. McMaster's canal boat, Gen. Elmore. The boat came here the morning on the day after the fourth of July. I was spreeing about all that day with the Paynes' and that night left Mr. Payne's cabin with Lewis and Samuel Payne, and went down by the spring, going to Mr. Gray's, to get whiskey. We came upon two men at the spring lying down; Sam Payne told them to get up, and one got up and ran away. I went ahead a few yards, but heard a noise, and looking back I saw Sam Payne strike at the man with a stick. Lewis Payne cut at him with a razor, but I said "don't cut the man;" run back and knocked Lewis Payne's arm. The razor cut the man's vest pocket off. If you get the vest you can see that the pocket is cut away. The wound in the man's head was given when they struck him with the corner of the tin box, in which he carried his tools. There was but ten cents in the box with the tools. They took the ten cents, but left the box on the side of the hill. Sam Payne gave me the watch to keep until morning. He said he would come and wake me up early, and we'd all go to Georgetown. Then I went up to the Payne's house. What I said about "holding my head up," was a saying we had—"I'll hold up my head if my belly drags the ground," but I left out the last part, because there were women there.

HIS LAST REQUEST.

Just as the gentleman was about to leave the room, Manly asked him to remain, and told him to be witness, that if his (Manley's) wife married again, he wanted Mr. Cline to have his child.

VISITORS.

Last night he was visited by several gentlemen connected with the Young Men's Christian Association.

THE SCAFFOLD.

The scaffold, which was completed yesterday, is made on the model of one used for executions in Tuolumne county, California, when the City Sergeant, Capt. Steuart, was Sheriff there before the late war.

IN THE MORNING.

As early as nine o'clock a few persons gathered in the vicinity of the jail. The crowd slowly grew, and at noon the vicinity was densely populated, most of the crowd outside being colored persons. The enclosure of the jail where the scaffold was erected was filled very shortly after the door was opened. Few house tops afford a view of the jail yard, and even these few were not filled, but some trees that were supposed to give some inkling of the proceedings within the walls, had climbers. There were none on the jail walls.

There had been much desire expressed to witness the execution, and the City Sargeant issued tickets allowing a number of persons to come within the jail walls, so that by 11½ o'clock quite a large crowd had assembled within the enclosure. There is no military adult organization in the city and a detachment of the Relief Hook and Ladder Co. and others were summoned as a posse comitatus by the Town Sargeant. R. M. Latham commanded the posse, which were armed with the Austrian bayonet rifles of the St. John's cadets.

At an early hour Manley rose and dressed as ordinary, and during the morning there occurred from time to time the meetings and partings with relatives and friends which give on such occasions almost a foretaste of the agony of death. His wife brought his child, a sprightly babe, and sat by his side while the hours of the morning passed away. His mother was also at his side. He breakfasted heartily, and soon afterwards talked awhile to his wife. His parting with many of his friends was extremely touching, but the tenderness he displayed bidding farewell to keeper Cline's little children, who had been unusually kind to him, was of a nature so totally different from his whole past life, as shown by testimony and common reputation, as to excite much feeling.

About 9 his spiritual advisers were admitted into the narrow corridor in which he sat. His wife holding her child sat along side of him. A hymn book was open in his hand and when the devotional exercises were begun, there were present, Rev. Henry Marshall, Rev. S. W. Madden, and Rev. Fields Cook, colored ministers and Messrs. Beadle, Caton, O'Neal, Atwell, Gover and many others of the Christian Association.

In the corridor—a narrow passage 16 by 4 feet, the meeting took place, its accompaniments being of the simplest character, but it dealt with a solemn reality that impressed its earnestness upon all who were present.

At the end of the corridor was hung a printed placard inscribed, "I believe in God my Father and in Jesus Christ my Saviour and in the Holy Spirit who comforts me and leads me to all truth."

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The ministers opened the exercises with solemn prayer and then hymns interspersed the exortations and the familiar airs and words of "Am I a soldier of the cross" and "Rock of ages cleft for me," &c., were heard.

Each of the ministers in turn made an exhortation, and then prayers were offered. "Take Thou my feet from the mire and the clay" was the burden of them. Sometimes an unusually touching plaint would be invoked by the solemnity of the occasion. The prisoner was alluded to as one about to take up his cross and follow his Lord, and told to rejoice that it was "his fate oh, Father to die in Thy cause." Touching entreaties were offered for his mother, the prisoner being alluded to as "her only son, only gone on before," and anticipations were expressed that he would "strike glad hands on the shores of Eternal Bliss."

Rev. Fields Cook read the psalm "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want" and then exhorted saying. "Jesus has promised to stick closer than a brother, and he will give the rod which will support you through the valley of death which is but the gate of heaven, Jesus has said I will be your support. If your heart is stayed on him like the thief on the cross you will hear the words "come ye blessed of my father."

The hymn "Vain delusive world adieu," was then sung, then spoke Rev. S. W. Madden "yes Jesus Christ that is your hope. If you have the witness of Jesus in your heart, cast your care on Jesus, it will be well." A minister then said brother Manley has requested us to sing the 113 hymn,

"Farewell, Farewell to all below
My Jesus calls and I must go,
I launch my boat upon the sea,
This land is not the land for me."

When this hymn was sung Manley joined in. Mr. Wm. Atwell then exhorted. He said Christ Jesus came to save sinners. What else could we tell him. He has sought him and he tells us that he has found him, and is willing to die. When the law is about to be executed, then sympathy comes naturally for the criminal. He felt proud to say (weeping) that if any men should feel sympathy for our colored brethren, and assist them to rise, it was the Southern men, who had been raised with them, and whose eyes perhaps opened first on a colored nurse. He spoke in praise of Capt. Steuart; a strong man with a heart as tender as a woman's. Mr. Cline and Mr. Ward had both been kind to him, and had afforded the Association every facility.

The hymns, "We shall meet on that beautiful shore," and then "Say brothers will you meet us, on Canan's happy shore," were sung.

Manley's only utterance during the meeting was "I am going to Jesus. My Jesus tells me not to fear."

At 11:53 the accused requested all present to withdraw that he might have an interview with his wife. All left the corridor.

ON THE SCAFFOLD.

At 12:10 the guard fell in line, and Revs. Marshall, Cook, Parker and Madden, all colored, went upon the scaffold with the condemned man. Manley walked with as firm a step as any of the guards.

The City Sargeant read the sentence of the court condemning the prisoner to be hung by the neck until he be dead on the 28th day of March.

Rev. Henry Marshall then standing on the scaffold said: Friends, what seek ye; if ye seek death, here it is. The jury of the Corporation Court has said we have a law, and by that law Manley must die. Behold the man! Thank God that he has professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He saw in the papers some days ago that the reporter found Manley with a book—the Bible. It is good to read the Bible, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, as they are they that testify of Christ. He continued for some minutes.

Rev. S. W. Madden offered prayer, asking that the doomed man be strengthened, and was almost overcome with the tears that checked his utterance. He prayed God to "bow the gentle heavens down" to the prisoner.

During all this time the accused, who seemed to increase in firmness as he approached death, displayed scarce a sign of emotion.

The hymn,

"Why do we start and fear to die"—
"Jesus can make a dying bed as soft as downy pillows are."

was sung.

The ministers now left the scaffold, the City Sargeant and Messrs. Cline and Ward alone remaining upon it. Manley asked to kiss his child, but his mother had left with it for home.

Manley with his hands pinioned then came to the west side of the scaffold. He was dressed in a black suit. He appeared to be but little agitated and spoke as follows:

MANLEY'S WORDS ON THE SCAFFOLD.

After some words in a low voice, which were understood to be a wish to see his child again, he said that he wanted to say a few words to his friends—here his voice became clearer. He continued: "Whiskey, I will say, has been the death of me, but Christ has power to save me after death. I hope to meet you all in heaven, which I've got a hope of. I hope it will not be long before I will be there. I am not afraid to die. I blame nobody but —— whiskey. You all see what whiskey has brought me to. Take my advice on the scaffold and leave it alone. The Christian Association have been as kind as brothers to me; if it was not for them to-night would have seen me make my bed in hell. I thank God that I've got to die in his mercy. Mr. Cline and his family have been more than brothers to me. All farewell I am going home to Jesus."

THE EXECUTION.

He stood upright on the drop without a sign of emotion, and while City Sergeant Steuart placed the noose around his neck, said "don't bury me until to-morrow." The cap was drawn over his face, and at 12:38, the sentence of the law was executed. He upon whom it fell died instantly. At 1:02 Dr. T. I. Adam, assisted by Dr. T. S. West made the necessary examination, and shortly after, the remains of Manley were placed in a plain pine coffin that had been set beside the scaffold before the execution.

THE END.

In a short time the large gate of the jail yard was opened and the crowd, some 700 in number, passed out and separated. The lesson which the law designs had been taught.

1873 SPRING 1873

NEW GOODS.

I beg to announce to the ladies of Alexandria that I am now opening a very large and attractive stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,

and would call their special attention to my stock of BLACK GOODS, in Bombazines Henrietta Cloths, Cashmeres, Parisiennes, Tamise, Bigantines, Tamantines, Grenadines, Hernanies, Crape Grenadines, Jenipines, Celiona and Baden Cloths, Alpacas, Mohair and 3-4 and 6-4 Muslins.

And in FANCY DRESS GOODS all the novelties in style and color of fabric to be found in the Northern cities.

mh 27 H. B. HOOMES.

OLD COUNTRY HAMS, for sale by
mh 26 R. M. LAWSON.

LOCAL NEWS.

REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY RECORDS.—The following bill in relation to the records of Alexandria county, has passed both Houses of the General Assembly and is now in the hands of the Governor for his approval.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Judge of the County Court for Alexandria county shall cause the papers, records, books and land books, now in the custody of the Clerk of said Court and the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, and now in the court house and Clerk's office thereof, to be removed to the market building erected by the City Council of Alexandria in said city—the land books to be lodged in the fire-proof record room in said building; the records of causes and other books and papers aforesaid to be lodged in that room, or some other room to be designated by the said City Council; the Clerks of the Corporation Court and the Circuit Court for the city of Alexandria to have the custody of the land books up to the time of the organization of the said Corporation Court.

Be it further enacted, That the Circuit and County Courts for said county be held and the Clerks' offices thereof be kept in such rooms in said building which the City Council of Alexandria may set apart for that purpose; provided, that the said City Council assent to this act, and pass an ordinance to carry out its provisions.

Be it further enacted, That the Judge of the County Court aforesaid shall have authority to contract with the said City Council for a reasonable compensation for the use of the rooms aforesaid, should this act be carried into force.

Be it further enacted, That in the event the City Council of Alexandria should decline to pass an ordinance for the purposes aforesaid, it shall nevertheless be the duty of the Judge of the County Court for Alexandria county to cause the land books of said county up to the organization of the said Corporation Court to be removed and kept as provided by the first section of this act.

This act shall be in force from its passage.

THE MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION.—In the State Senate, yesterday, a report was presented signed by Messrs. H. W. Thomas and Allan Pierson, of the joint select committee appointed to investigate certain charges against the Mount Vernon Association, which sets forth that the committee were of the opinion that it would be indispensably necessary in order to a minute and satisfactory examination of the charges, and of the condition of the association, to visit Mount Vernon. Owing, however, to the lateness of the period at which the committee was appointed and other pressing and important business before the Legislature, they found it impossible to discharge the duties satisfactorily, but inasmuch as the act incorporating the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association passed March 17, 1850, requires the Governor of Virginia to appoint and commission visitors, whose duty it shall be to visit that place and examine and faithfully report all the proceedings of said association, and the manner in which they comply or fail to comply with that act and other laws of the land, they respectfully recommend, "in view of the hallowed associations connected with that place, and of the deep interest that Virginia feels in the protection and preservation of the tomb of Washington and of the powers reserved by the State over Mount Vernon, that the Governor shall immediately examine the power confided to him, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter."

VIRGINIA TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—A meeting of the Directors of the Virginia Telegraph Company, now operating in conjunction with the Western Union Company, was held at the City Hotel, in this city, yesterday, present: Messrs. Robt. Beverly, R. M. Lawson, M. D. Corse, D. L. Smoot, and W. H. May. Mr. Beverly was in the chair and Mr. Lawson acted as secretary. The reports of the officers were presented, read and adopted. They show a healthy condition of affairs and a great improvement in the receipts of the company for the past year, especially since its connection with the Western Union. The resignation of Geo. C. Wedderburn as Treasurer of the company was received and accepted, and a resolution of thanks tendered for the faithful performance of his duties. W. D. Corse was unanimously elected Treasury of the company. It is proposed by the company to build a line from Harrisonburg to Rawley Springs, in time for the accommodation of guests this summer.

POISONING.—Two white women, Mary Connor and Annie Murphy, residing on Royal street, near the tunnel, made a hair-breadth escape from death by poisoning yesterday. Annie, in making up the bread, in the morning, found a white powder in the corner of the cupboard, which, supposing to be yeast powder, she put in the bread. After the two had eaten breakfast, one of them happened to mention the bottle out of which the powder was obtained, when the other exclaimed (at least such is the statement of the woman,) "Why that is rat-bane." Mr. Wm. Wood, who keeps store, was called in and advised them to take an emetic, and send for the doctor. One of the women went to Warfield & Hall's drug store, where she took a dose of ipecac, and the other to Dr. Powell, who gave the proper remedies. One of the women has recovered, but the other still lies quite sick.

DEATH OF AN OLD SOLDIER.—Died at Fort Washington, Prince George's Co. Md., on the 22nd instant, Ordnance Sergeant Cameron, U. S. Army, after a long and faithful service to his country, from disease of the heart, in the 84th year of his age. The Marlboro' Gazette says: "The gallant old veteran entered the army sixty-six years ago, remaining on active duty up to the time of his death, thus rendering him in all probability one of the oldest soldiers in the world upon the active list. Refusing all offers to be retired from the army with advanced rank, he remaided bravely at his post, until the last reveille summoned him before the bar of his Maker. His dying request was that he might be buried with the honors of war, which last wish it need hardly be added was duly accorded."

IMMIGRANTS.—Yesterday morning and this morning several immigrants from Pennsylvania, on their way to the new settlement at Thoroughfare, on the line of the O., A. & M. R. R., passed through this city. To-morrow morning it is understood eight more settlers will pass through for the same destination. The lands of the Railroad Company, sold at cheap rates, are attracting immigrants from various States, and the agent, Maj. R. F. Mason, is in receipt, daily, of numerous communications making enquiry in relation to the purchase of land, and expressing a desire to come to Virginia to settle.

HISTORICAL RECORDS.—Mr. Thos. Moore, of Fairfax Court-house, has presented to the State Library five documents, signed respectively by Lords Botetourt and Dunmore, Gov. Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. These old documents are well preserved, and the autographs are clear and distinct. They will be framed and covered with glass, and then hung in the Library for inspection by visitors. Copies of these documents have appeared in the Gazette.

POLICE WORK.—The Superintendent of Police had his force employed yesterday arranging the public lamps at Fishtown.

The chain-gang is employed in cleaning the alleys north of King street of ashes, &c. The dirt collected is deposited on north Pitt street extended.

PASSION SUNDAY.—Sunday next will be Passion Sunday, and is the beginning of the solemn days which precede "Holy Week." In the Catholic churches, before Vespers, the crosses, pictures and images in the churches, will be draped in purple, typical of sorrow. Gloom will pervade the sanctuary, and the Gloria Patri and other doxologies will be omitted from many of the offices. Appropriate services will also be held in the Episcopal churches during next week.

WALL'S OPERA HOUSE.—Miss Rose Hersee appeared last night, for the first time during the engagement of the English Opera Company, as Arline, in The Bohemian Girl. To-night, Mrs. Seguin's benefit, Il Trovatore will be sung. Manager Ford announces for next week two nights and a matinee of Italian Opera, with Lucca and Kellogg as prima donnas.

THE CANAL.—The Cumberland News of yesterday says: "Two boats cleared at the Collector's office yesterday, for Georgetown. Both were empty, but will return with cargoes of salt. One or two boats were loaded with coal by private parties yesterday, but were not dispatched.

NAT BOUSH.—A dispatch from Warrenton states that Nat Boush, who was shot at Bethel Academy, is lying in a very critical condition, but strong hopes are expressed of his recovery, though it is feared he may lose the sight of one of his eyes.

THE UNDERWOOD-MCVEIGH CASE.—In the Court of Appeals, sitting in Richmond, on Thursday, Mr. James Alfred Jones concluded the argument in the case of Underwood vs. McVeigh, involving Mr. McV.'s property in this city, and it was submitted.

THE FISH TRADE.—There were few fish up last night and this morning. Sales of shad at $20 per hundred, and herring at $21 per thousand. Bunch fish at slightly lower rates than at the opening of the week.

SMALLPOX.—We understand that another case of smallpox has occurred in Little Zion bottom, and that it is of a malignant character. No flag is displayed and the neighbors are complaining.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS.—This morning three colored men were brought up for disorderly conduct and fined. The night report of the police shows some disorder and three arrests.

RETAINED LETTERS.—The following letters are held in the postoffice here for want of postage stamps: H. Haupb, Greensville, S. C.; G. W. Lindsay, Greensboro, Virginia.

RETURNED.—The Mayor, W. N. Berkley, esq., has returned to this city, and occupied his post at the Mayor's office this morning.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The regular monthly meeting of the City School Board will be held to-night at the office in the market building.

COAL.—It is expected that the coal trade on the canal will be resumed on Monday.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Messrs. Broadus, Bradley, B. F. Price, W. B. Price, E. L. Tolson, Fisher, and Rev. Mr. Ryland, were on last Sunday, appointed delegates and alternates from the Baptist Church in this city, to the Sunday School Convention at Warrenton.

Messrs. Hooe & Johnston are repairing, enlarging, and improving their fine wharf at the foot of Prince street.

There were comparatively but few fish in market this morning. Mr. Sherwood had at his stand some fine shad.

Large shipments of eggs continue to be made to the North from this place.

The weather, to-day, has been fine, and favorable to fishing operations

A heavy frost last night.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Stocks quiet and firm. Gold steady at 16¼. Money firm at 1.32 to 1.16 per cent. Flour steady. Wheat firm. Corn firm.

BALTIMORE, March 28.—Virginia sixes, coupons, old, 45; Virginias, consolidated. 55⅞; do. new 47; West Virginias 14 bid to-day. Cotton quiet and steady; low middlings 18⅛a18½. Flour quiet and steady; prices unchanged. Wheat quiet, but firm; prices unchanged. Corn firm; white Southern active at 63a65; yellow Southern steady at 60; mixed Western 60. Oats quiet; Southern 46a48; Western mixed 46a47; do. white 49. Rye quiet and steady at 80a92. Hay unchanged. Provisions firm.

☞There will be a called meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Co. this evening, at 7½ o'clock. By order of the President:
mh 28 1t M. McLEAN, Secretary.

CASSIMERES! CASSIMERES!
AT
D. F. WITMER CO'S.

Jush opened our SECOND SPRING SUPPLY, which we have carefully selected from some of the largest and best stocks in the market. We have all the latest styles for SUITS, PANTS, &c., many of them in foreign goods, as cheap as they have been in domestic.

We are prepared by our facilities for manufacturing clothing to make up Suits, Pants or Vests at very low figures and in the very best styles, guaranteeing to give satisfaction. Call and examine our stock. mh 28

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT POLICE,
Alexandria, March 28, 1872.

Separate proposals will be received at the Auditor's office until the 15th of April next—

1st. For grading the sidewalks on Fairfax street, from Queen to Oronoco street.

2d. For furnishing all materials and putting down pavements of good paving brick, properly bedded in sand, and with proper wood curbs, on the sidewalks on Fairfax street, from Queen to Oronoko street. G. W. CLIFFORD,
mh 28-td Supt. of Police.

JUST RECEIVED.
A new line of
CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS AND MATTING, BLACK ALPACAS, BOMBAZINE, AUSTRALIAN CRAPES, TAMISE CLOTH, CASHMERE, &c.

Also a beautiful assortment of BLACK SILKS. We invite our friends to call and see these goods. We know they are as cheap as any in the market.
mh 28 D. F. WITMER CO.

FRESH SUPPLIES OF GARDEN SEEDS. Flat Dutch, Drumhead and Drumhead Savoy Cabbage, Cucumber, Kale and Radish Seeds, early and late varieties of Peas and Beans, just received and for sale in quantities to suit purchasers at lowest market rates.
mh 28 JANNEY & CO.

SHIRTS! SHIRTS! SHIRTS!
Cut by measure by an experienced Cutter.
Material the best in our store.
Furnishing work in your own city.
Fit guaranteed. Give us a trial.
mh 28 D. F. WITMER CO.

NOTICE—Parties indebted to WITMER & SLAYMAKER will please call and settle at once. They have large payments to make, and longer indulgence cannot be granted. [28-3t

OLEINE SOAP, made from the purest and best materials. By it you will use less soap. For sale at 147 King street.
mh 20 W. F. BROOKES & BRO.

CROSS & BLACKWELL'S CHOW CHOW and Gherkins, Worcester, Halford's and Heslop's Sauces, for sale by
mh 27 J. C. MILBURN.

4 CAKES OF SOAP, in every respect equal to Babbitt's, for 25c at the
CHINESE TEA COMPANY'S,
mh 27 No. 11 north Royal street.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

County Judge.

RICHMOND, March. 28.—James Sangster, esq., delegate in the Legislature from Fairfax, having received the nomination in caucus yesterday evening, was to-day elected County Judge of the counties of Fairfax and Alexandria receiving all the votes cast—ninety-six.

A Murderer's Strategy.

LOUISVILLE, March 28.—Thomas Smith the murderer of Thomas Braden in May, 1871, who is to be hanged here to-day, held interviews in the jail yesterday with reporters of papers here.

Some time ago Smith rubbed croton oil on his face and person, producing blisters which resembled smallpox eruptions, and complained of pains in his back and head. The jail physician, Dr. Pope, and another physician, pronounced it a case of smallpox, and Smith was removed to the eruptive hospital, from which he escaped a few hours after his arrival and was recaptured.

Yesterday Smith wrote a statement, which appears in the city papers this morning, that he paid Dr. Pope $75 for furnishing him the croton oil and sending him to the pest house. He said that he knew that he had to die to-day and would not die with a lie on his lips; that his statement was true and he would reassert it on the scaffold to-day. It is said Pope has affidavits of other prisoners stating that Smith told them a different story.

Credit Mobilier Stock.

NEW YORK, March 28.—At an interview yesterday Oakes Ames said he intended to keep the Credit Mobilier bonds formerly given to Congressman Kelly until it is decided who they belong to, Ames also states that the books of the company will not be given to the United States Attorney General, but he will be allowed access to them. The company is ready to meet the suit of the government against it.

Ministrial Trouble.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A special from Baltimore says there is much trouble in the Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church growing out of the opposition of the congregation to the appointment of Dr. Dashiell as clergyman of that church. There is some talk of baring the parsonage against him and the Doctor seems intent upon assuming duty.

Captain Jack.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A dispatch from Van Bremer's Ranche states that Peace Commissioners Thomas and Dyer have arrived, and an interview with Captain Jack will be sought in a day or two. The old Chief Schonin and four other subordinate Chiefs also came to the camp at the request of Camby to assist in the peace negotiations.

A Lunatic Arrested.

LONDON, March 28.—An insane American appeared at the lodge gate of Windsor Castle yesterday and demanded to see the Queen, alleging that Her Majesty was his mother. He was arrested by the guards and upon being threatened with incarceration in a mad house promised to return to the United States.

Postal Cars.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Mr. Bangs, of the postoffice department, states that he has been assured by one of the railways that that road will not withdraw their postal cars, and as this will break the railway combination, their attempt to force the government into paying their charges will doubtless fall through.

Vessel Sunk.

FORT MONROE, VA., March 28, via: NORFOLK, VA., March 28.—The pilot boat Slicer reports that the scooner Fannie Kirkbride sunk on the evening of the 26th inst. about five miles below Smith's Point. The crew were rescued by the Proteus, bound out, and are now on board the Slicer.

The Back Pay.

CINCINNATI, Mar. 28.—Hon. W. P. Sprague, member of Congress from the Fifteenth District, announces that he does not propose to appropriate to private use his increased pay for the Forty-second Congress, but will cause it to be returned to the Treasury or devote it to the relief of the tax payers of his district.

The Strike Movement.

NEW YORK, March 28.—At a conference of masters and journeymen carpenters, last evening, the latter refused to accede to the proposition of the former to work by the hour. The Brooklyn employing plasterers have voted to resist the threatened strike.

Woman Suffrage.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The chairman of the judiciary committee of the Assembly will report, as instructed by a resolution of the House, the proposition to amend the constitution so as to grant suffrage to women holding property to the amount of $250.

Steeple Chase.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A London special dispatch says that the grand national steeple chase, near Liverpool, yesterday, was won by Captain Machell's Disturbance. The favorite horse, Footman, fell at one of the jumps and broke his neck.

Funeral Oration.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Charles Francis Adams's oration on Seward has been set down for April 18th at 11 o'clock a. m. in the same church where Seward's oration on Adams was delivered.

Tobacco Seizures, &c.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 28.—The Marshall has seized considerable tobacco and broken up several illicit liquor places in the counties bordering on Virginia.

Got Off.

LONDON, March 28.—The steamship Great Western, which was ashore at Blackmore, got off and returned to Bristoe. The extent of her injuries, if any, has not been ascertained.

The Charter of New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.—The consideration of the New York charter has been postponed in the Senate until next Tuesday.

Rowing Match.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Biglin and Ellis Ward have arranged a rowing match at Springfield in June.

Weather Report.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, March 28, 11 a. m.

Probabilities.—The storm centre in Iowa move during the rest of Friday, northeastward over Lake Michigan. Increasing southerly winds, threatening weather and possibly light rain extend by Friday night over the Lower Lakes and the Western portion of the Middle States and continue in South Atlantic and Gulf States. North and east winds with rain or snow prevail over Lake Superior and Upper Michigan. Winds generally increase to brisk and possibly high over Lake Erie and the Upper Lakes. Northwest winds and rising barometer and clearing weather extend by Friday evening eastward to the Upper Mississippi Valley. Southerly winds with rain prevail in the Western Gulf States. Falling barometer, rising temperature and hazy weather extend over the Middle Atlantic and Eastern States, with increasing southeasterly winds. A storm centre develop by Saturday off the Middle Atlantic coast.

AUCTION SALES.

By Green & Wise,
[Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.]

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED OF TRUST from Richard Riggles and wife, dated the first day of April, 1869, and duly recorded in the land records of Fairfax county, and by direction of the party secured thereby, I will offer for sale, at public auction, in front of the Mansion House, in the city of Alexandria, on SATURDAY, the 12th day of April, 1873, at twelve o'clock m., the TRACT OF LAND, on which said Riggles resides, containing about 150 acres, with all the improvements thereon, and located two miles south of Fairfax Station.

Terms: One-third cash, and the residue in six and twelve months, with six per ct. interest. Conveyancing at the expense of purchaser.
CORNELIUS JACOBS.
mh 26—2awts Trustee.

By Green & Wise,
[Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.]

COMMISSIONERS' SALE.—By virtue of a decree of the County Court for Alexandria county, Virginia, rendered at its March term, 1873, in the suit of Eliza M. Mosher vs. Parker H. Sweet et als., the subscribers, commissioners appointed by the said decree, will expose for sale, by public auction, in front of the Mansion House Hotel, in the city of Alexandria, Va., on SATURDAY, the 12th day of April, 1873, at 12 o'clock m., the following property, to wit: A TRACT OF LAND, containing about 41 acres, lying in the county of Alexandria, with the BUILDINGS and appurtenances thereto belonging, and adjoining the lands of W. D. Nutt and others.

Terms of Sale: Sufficient money in cash to pay the costs and expenses of sale and to pay the debt of $500 due from the said Parker H. Sweet to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank of Alexandria, Va.; the residue of the purchase money to be paid in three equal instalments of 6, 12 and 18 months, with interest; the bonds of the purchaser, with approved security, to be taken, and the title to be retained until the whole purchase money shall be paid. Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.
W. ARTHUR TAYLOR,
H. O. CLAUGHTON,
mh 10-eots Comm'rs. of Sale.

By Green & Wise,
[Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.]

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, Virginia, passed at the November term, 1872, in the suit of R. D. and G. H. Catts against John E. Catts and others, the undersigned, Commissioners therein named, will proceed, on SATURDAY, the fifth day of April, 1873, at twelve o'clock m., to sell, at public sale, before the hotel property of Rozier D. Catts, in the village of West End, in the said county of Fairfax, the following real estate, of which Samuel Catts, deceased, died seized, to wit: A TRACT OF LAND, near Cloud's Mill, containing about thirty-nine acres; a LOT OF GROUND, near the Theological Seminary, containing —— acres, both of which said lots are in the said county of Fairfax; and another LOT OF GROUND, near the Alms House, in Alexandria county, containing —— acres. An accurate survey and plat, showing the metes and bounds of said lots of land, will be exhibited at the sale.

Terms of Sale: Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid in hand, and the residue in equal instalments, at six, twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, secured by the bonds of the purchasers, bearing interest, with good personal security, and a deed of trust upon the property to secure the deferred payments. Conveyancing and stamps at the cost of the purchasers, and the property liable to be resold upon the same terms by the said commissioners upon the non-payment of the said purchase money, or any portion thereof.
FRANCIS L. SMITH,
C. W. WATTLES,
CHAS. E. STUART,
mh 1-eots Commissioners of Sale.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF A VERY DESIRABLE PRIVATE RESIDENCE AT FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, rendered at its November term, 1869, in the suit of Jackson vs. Moss, &c., the undersigned, commissioner therein named, will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door of Fairfax county, on MONDAY, the 21st day of April, 1873, that being Court day, a very desirable HOUSE and LOT, situated in the village of Fairfax, Court House. The house is a large and commodious frame building, in good repair, and the lot contains two acres of highly improved land.

Terms of Sale: One tenth of the purchase money in hand, and the residue in three equal instalments, payable in six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale; the title to be retained until the whole of the purchase money is paid.
O. W. HUNTT, Comm'r. of Sale.
Fairfax county, mh 17-wts

TRUSTEE'S SALE—By authority a deed of trust executed to me by R. N. Hall, dated February 24th, 1873, and duly recorded in the county of Prince William, and by direction of the parties secured by said trust, I will sell to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of April, 1873, about 12 o'clock m., on the farm of Dr. Jesse Ewell, in Prince William co., the following property, to wit: An undivided one-half of a PORTABLE STEAM ENGINE and BOILER, SAW and GRIST MILL, with the Saws, Tables, Sheds, Tools and other appertenances to said mill, now located on the farm of Dr. Ewell, in Prince William county, five miles south of Aldie—(the other half of said property belongs to E. A. Tyler.) This is a first-class Mill, in good order, and doing a good business.

Terms of Sale: So much in cash as will pay—1st, the expenses of the trust, say $75; 2d, $500, with interest from January 1st, 1873; 3d, $200, with interest from January 1st, 1873; the residue on a credit of 12 months, secured by bond, with approved security, bearing interest from day of sale. The sale will take place at the Mill, and possession given as soon as the terms are complied with. B. P. NOLAND, Trustee.
Prince William county, mh 17-wts

SPRING, 1873.

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NOTICE—A meeting of the stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA, MT. VERNON and ACCOTINK TURNPIKE CO. will be held on seventh day, (SATURDAY) the 5th of April, 1873, at 12 o'clock noon, at the office of George Johnson, old Library Building, in Alexandria. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance is expected to come before them.
mh 22-eotd C. GILLINGHAM, Prest.

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NOTICE—I will pay off claims against the late N. CARROL MASON. Persons having such claims will please send me statements, properly authenticated, at once.
J. WM. FOSTER,
Adm'r. w w. a. of N. C. Mason,
mh 25-10t Leesburg, Virginia.

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