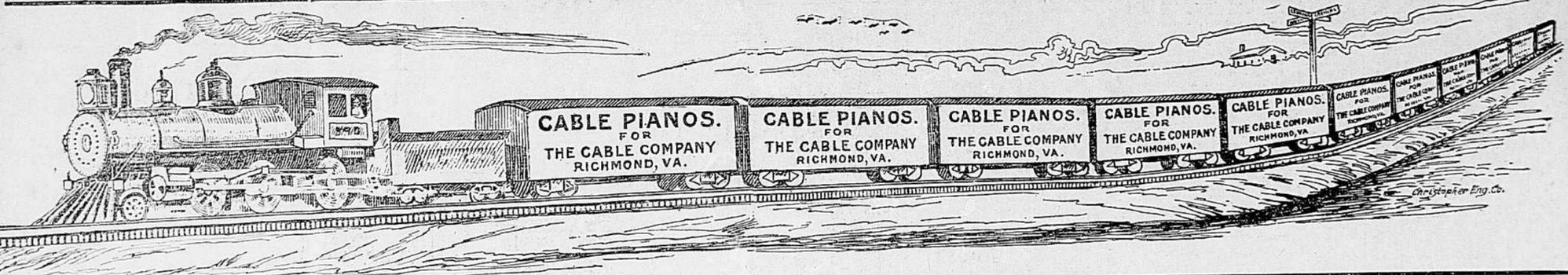


# INCREASED DEMAND FOR OUR PIANOS AND ORGANS

## FIFTY-FOUR CARLOADS SOLD IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.

## MORE THAN THE COMBINED SALES OF ALL COMPETITORS.



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The quality of our instruments has kept pace with the times, moreover, and testimonials from every quarter of our large territory amply substantiate our declaration. Again, not only has the trade enhanced in popularity, but has become almost as much a necessity as that of the breadstuff. "Our homes are not complete without music."

The business as we conduct it has successfully driven out the small retailer and established the manufacturer right in the midst of his patrons. There is every advantage possible in dealing with the maker, as our advertisements have repeatedly demonstrated, and scores of our best people corroborated, both by pen and word of mouth.

Catalogues mailed free to any address. Correspondence earnestly solicited.

# THE CABLE COMPANY

J. G. CORLEY, Manager.

213 East Broad Street.

### MANY COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEET

#### Street Committee After the Passenger and Power Company.

#### THEY MUST FACILITATE MATTERS

#### To Ask for Gas Connections Between Upper and Lower Gas Works.

#### Printing Committee Has Money Left Over.

A number of Council Committees met last night for the purpose of closing up the business of the year. Quorums were not easy to get, and several of the committees, in consequence, sat a long time. The Street Committee was to have met at 8 o'clock, but it was after 9 when a quorum appeared, embracing Messrs. Pollock (sub-chairman), Gibson, Barton, Whittier, Peters, Lawler and Waddy. The business before the committee was to consider bids for supplies for the year, the pay-roll and several important resolutions.

Mr. Pollock offered a resolution directing the Passenger and Power Company to rehabilitate the Seventeenth-Street extension, to begin within fifteen days and to be completed within sixty days from date of commencement. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Whittier offered a similar resolution in reference to the River View extension, which was also adopted.

Mr. Gibson made a similar motion in reference to the crossover at Beach and Main Streets, which also prevailed.

The City Engineer was instructed, on motion of Mr. Peters, to take steps towards compelling the Passenger and Power Company to facilitate the progress of the work now going on, and to report at the next meeting.

Pay-roll and bills were approved, and the City Engineer was instructed to award contracts to the lowest bidders, and the committee adjourned.

**ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.** The Committee on Accounts and Printing met at 6:30 o'clock. Present: Messrs. Lawler (chairman), Bloomberg, Adams and West.

Mr. West, during the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, objected to its appearing that he was present when the award for newspaper advertising was made. He also desired it to appear that the work was not present when the penalty checks or bonds of successful bidders were fixed. These corrections were made in the minutes of the last meeting.

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The bill which the Bijou management has provided for the collection of its patrons for the opening week of the new season is one of the best ever shown at that popular amusement resort. From the moment the curtain rises on it is rained down on the musical hostlers, two Miss Herbert's songs are quite the while. They go through their various acts without being upset thereby, and act with the coolness of the intelligent canine and almost human in their intelligence.

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#### Youngster Wins the Meyer's Store Prize.

#### A REAL LIVE DONKEY.

#### The Precocious Lad Wrote a Letter to Old Santa Claus and Found Favor in His Sight.

The lucky winner of the donkey offered by Julius Meyer's Sons for the best letter to Santa Claus has been won by John Sullivan, six and a half years old, of No. 611 South Belvidere Street, and the little animal now has a comfortable stall in the rear of his house.

The offer made by the Meyer Store attracted universal attention, and probably not less than 10,000 letters were received. They came from children in every

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**THE WINNING LETTER.** The winning letter was printed by the little boy, and he worked faithfully over it at odd times for nearly a week. It reads as follows:

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### INTERESTING REPORT.

#### Norfolk and Western to Go Into Green Boro.

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