THE RICHMOND DISPATCH.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK OF THE

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The large addition to our stock this week makes it MORE COMPLETE than it has been at any time yet.

REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN BUY BOOKS AT HALF OF REGULAR PRICE, and in many instances at less.

This sale will positively end on SATURDAY EVENING, May 2, 1885.

LEVY & DAVIS,
ap 28-3t 1017 and 1019 Main street.

☞ GOODS FOR THE SEASON.

We now show a large assortment of BLACK and COLORED FRINGES;
GOLD and SILVER BRAID in all widths;
METAL JET, CROCHET, PEARL, IVORY, TAILORS', and COMPOSITION BUTTONS;
FANCY GILT, and SILVERED BRAIDS combined with all colors;
BELTS of the latest styles, and a large stock of BAGS;
HAMBURG EDGINGS and INSERTINGS in great variety—no such an assortment can be found elsewhere, and the same may be said of our stock of LACES;
INDIA LAWN at 8½c. a yard worth 12½c., and at 10c. a yard worth 15c.;
CHECKED MUSLIN at 7c. a yard worth 10c., and at 16⅔c. a yard worth 25c.—a big bargain;
STRIPED MUSLIN at 6¼c. a yard worth 10c., at 8½c. a yard worth 12½c.;
LONSDALE CAMBRICS at 8⅓, 10, and 12½c. a yard;
SUPERFINE WHITE CAMBRIC at 15c. a yard worth 25c.;
11-4 WHITE BED BLANKETS at $4.25 a pair, would bring $6 easily in the winter season;
RED-CHECK, FANCY, and WHITE MATTING—choice goods at the lowest prices;
CORSETS in all sizes and styles—no such an assortment can be found elsewhere;
HANDKERCHIEFS for men, women, and children—styles and prices to suit everybody;
WHITE MULL MUSLIN FICHUS at 15c. worth 35c., at 18c. worth 40c., at 25c. worth 50c., at 29c. worth 75c.—none of which can be replaced at these prices;
LINEN LAP-ROBES—large assortment at prices to suit everybody;
LADIES' UNDERWEAR—an immense stock from which you can make your selections. Our prices are the lowest for first-class goods.
LACE CAPS for children, NURSES' CAPS and HOODS for children;
PARASOLS and UMBRELLAS—we show a large assortment, all purchased direct from the manufacturers;
RIBBONS in all widths, colors, and qualities;
GLOVES in great variety; also, a large assortment of HOSE for men, women, and children.
LEVY & DAVIS.
Remember the BIG HOOK SALE and that we sell BABY CARRIAGES very cheap.
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☞ THALHIMER BROTHERS

SHOW VERY ATTRACTIVE BARGAINS

for this week, such as

BLACK SILKS—from 50c. for Gros-Grain up to the best grades. We show some extra good values in Black Silk Rhadamas, Rhadzimirs, Merveilleux, Satin Duchesse, and the prettiest patterns in Black Brocaded Silks, which have just arrived.
Our stock of COLORED SURAH and GROS-GRAIN SILKS is replete with all the new shades of the season, and prices the lowest.
SUMMER SILKS in Fancy Illuminated, Striped, and Checked, the largest variety in the city, from 40c. per yard to the finest made.
DRESS GOODS.—In Dress Goods we are said to excel any house in the city; firstly, for the variety of styles we show; secondly, for our extremely low prices—which tells the tale. We have every desirable style and kind of Dress Goods, from 10c. up to the nicest that are made.
See our new shades in SATIN BERBERS, CREMONA, and OTTOMAN CLOTHS.
WHITE ROBES.—White Dress Goods of every description and at the most popular prices.
Another case of CHECK MUSLINS in remnants, the finest quality, at exactly one half their value.
We show bargains in EGYPTIAN and ORIENTAL LACES, having bought an immense lot at auction.
HAMBURG, SWISS, and NAINSOOK EMBROIDERY in large variety and at extremely low prices.
BEADED FRONTS, lovely designs, at $1, worth twice the money.
New Styles of LADIES' LINEN COLLARS, CUFFS, SILK and KID GLOVES.
Our CHILDREN'S MUSLIN CAPS have sold well during the past week. Our extremely low figures are the cause of this. Another new lot to be added this week.
LADIES' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR of every description and at prices lower than at any other place.
PARASOLS.—PARASOLS.—One thousand styles, and at prices to make you purchase, at

THALHIMER BROTHERS',
ap 26-Su,Tu&Th Fifth and Broad streets.

☞ MITTELDORFER,
527 EAST BROAD.

MATTINGS—We have just opened and have on sale 500 pieces of WHITE, RED-AND-WHITE, and FANCY MATTINGS. They were bought at auction, and we can safely say that our prices are 25 per cent. less than they can be bought anywhere in the city. For 16⅔c. we can give you a Matting that retails everywhere for 25c. Our prices range from 12½c. to 50c. If you want a Matting, call early and examine our stock while you have the choice styles to select from.
SPRING DRESS GOODS in all the latest and most fashionable shades and fabrics, from CASHMERE at 10c. a yard to FINE TRICOTS and FLOWERED SUITINGS, one and a half yards wide, at $1, $1.25, and $1.50 a yard. We have also the most desirable shades in DOUBLE-WIDTH CASHMERES at 16⅔, 20, 25, 28, and 35c. a yard.
SATIN BERBER, one yard wide, at 40c., regular price 75c.;
NOBBY and STYLISH FIGURED WORSTEDS at 15c., regular price 25c.;
PLAIDS and SOLIDS for COMBINATION SUITS at 20c. a yard, real value 37½c.
We have just received a case of FINE FRENCH SATINES that we offer at 16c., regular price 25c. Don't fail to see them; the styles are new and just the thing to please the ladies.
PARASOLS—Our Parasol sale still continues. We have just received our duplicate order. We are therefore able to give you the same advantage in styles and prices as we gave last week. The choice styles went first last week. Remember this, and call early. Prices range from COLORED SATIN at $1.15 to SOLIDS and BROCADES at $5, $6.50, $8, and $10. We also have a full line of CHILDREN'S PARASOLS.
We have constantly on hand a full line of STAPLE ARTICLES at prices to suit the times. We receive goods daily, being able thereby to give the lowest market price on all classes of goods.
WHITE SPREADS from 50c. to $8;
WHITE INDIA LAWN from 8½ to 40c.;
LADIES' GLOVES, in Thread and Silk, from 20c. to $1.

D. & E. MITTELDORFER.
ap 26-Su,Tu&Th 527 east Broad.

☞ MINERAL WATERS.

JUST RECEIVING FRESH FROM THE SPRINGS.

VICHY—the best water for GOUT, RHEUMATISM, and DYSPEPSIA. The thermal Springs of Vichy are owned by the French Government, and the waters are bottled under its supervision.
CLYSMIC—from Waukesha, Wis.; most highly recommended as a positive cure for DIABETES and BRIGHT'S DISEASE.
APOLLINARIS, TAUNUS, AND SELTERS—the celebrated German mineral waters—like both the above, delightful for table use and unequalled for diluting wines and liquors.

For sale by OSCAR CRANZ & CO.
ap 24-Th,Sa&Tu1m

DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS.

NOTICE.

The SOUTHERN RAILWAY SUPPLY COMPANY having purchased the METAL and GRINDSTONE BUSINESS carried on by James Gordon & Co. since April 1st, will continue the same in all its branches at the old stand, Nos. 6 and 8 north Fourteenth street, with Mr. JAMES GORDON as Superintendent. The business will date from April 1, 1885.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SUPPLY CO.

Referring to the above notice, I shall be glad to see the friends and patrons of the late firm of James Gordon & Co. and will use my best efforts to serve them.

JAMES GORDON,
ap 21-eod2w Superintendent.

SPRING CLOTHING

FOR

THE YOUNG FOLKS

AT THE

AMERICAN CLOTHING COMPANY,

916 EAST MAIN STREET (NEXT TO RAMOS & MOSES).

First of all we wish to state that we have almost everything in form, material, and color that may be truly called appropriate and fashionable in the way of CLOTHING for the male sex. The following are but a few specimens of what may be seen in our convenient and popular

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT in rear of store:

CHILDREN'S SUITS, four years to twelve, from $1.35 to $9;
BOYS' SUITS in nice Plaids and Corkscrew goods, twelve to seventeen years of age, from $4 to $16;
Just received, 25 CHILDREN'S SAILOR SUITS, which we guarantee all wool, and which we will sell for $1.50 a suit.

IN SPRING SUITS FOR YOUNG MEN we are showing many ultra and taking patterns and shapes, that the young bloods are actually hankering after. The styles and varieties are here, the exquisite beauty of cut and finish are here, the tasty trimmings and honest workmanship are here, and certainly, as a result and climax of all these, the trade is here. For ocular proofs, why

CALL HERE.

AMERICAN CLOTHING COMPANY,
916 EAST MAIN STREET,
NEXT TO RAMOS & MOSES.
ap 22 BENDHEIM & BROTHER.

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, &c.

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During this week we will offer special bargains. The quality will be found to be reliable, the styles new, and the prices positively attractive.

In DRESS GOODS we show ALL-WOOL BLACK HUNTING at 12½c.; ten styles of FANCY PIN-CHECKS at 12½c.; SATIN BERBERS, thirty-six inches wide, at 50c.; SUMMER CASHMERES in all spring shades, double width, at 25c., and our specialty this week in DRESS GOODS is our FIGURED NUNS' VEILING, worth 25c., at 12½ cents.

In SILKS we have a full line of BLACKS from 50c. up; an elegant COLORED SILK at $1 worth $1.35; BLACK SATIN RHADZIMERE at 95c. and $1.25; SUMMER SILKS at 48c., 50c., 60c., and 65c., and a special lot at 43 cents.

Prices in HOSIERY have reached bedrock. Nothing can beat the following drives: SILK HOSE at $1; real LISLE-THREAD, in unbleached, colored, and black, at 50c.; CHILDREN'S FULL-REGULAR MADE, in colored and black, at 25c., and a full line of LADIES' PIN-STRIPES, in black, navy, green, brown, red, and unbleached, full-regular made and ingrain, at 25 cents.

Our immense sale of JERSEYS is sufficient proof of their quality, style, and cheapness. The greatest bargain in a JERSEY is the lot we are selling at 50 cents.

It is impossible to name every style, shape, and price of our line of PARASOLS, but only ask an inspection of our stock. One of the bargains is our SATIN PARASOL, lined, at $1.75.

In SUMMER MERINO and GAUZE UNDERWEAR for ladies, men, and children, all sizes and prices to begin at 25 cents.

We will have on sale this week several special drives in CORSETS, GLOVES, TOWELS, LACE CURTAINS, &c., &c., &c.

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DRUGS, MEDICINES, &c.

"THE OLD RELIABLE," THE BEST HORSE-POWDER IN USE.—If you wish to see your stock thrive now is the time. They are the best Powders for all the general diseases of horses, mules, or cattle, which can be substantiated by horse-owners in our city. For sale by

L. WAGNER, Druggist,
ap 28-11* Sixth and Broad.

THE PILLOW-INHALER—INHALATION OF MEDICINE FROM THE PILLOW. L. WAGNER, Druggist.
ap 28-21*

THE UNIVERSAL METAL-POLISHING PASTE,

for Cleaning and Polishing Brass and other metals. For railroad, steamboat, and domestic uses. We import this article direct from the manufacturer, and guarantee it to be genuine. Price 15 cents per box.

Liberal discount to the trade.

PURCELL, LADD & CO.,
ap 14 Wholesale Druggists.

TOOTH-BRUSHES—

VERNON, LOONEN, AND OTHERS.

Also, TOOTH-BRUSHES in pairs (inside and outside).
HAIR-BRUSHES, great variety—in price from 25 cents to $10.
NAIL-BRUSHES, CLOTH-BRUSHES, COMBS, SHOE-BRUSHES, &c.

J. BLAIR,
mh 13 corner Broad and Ninth streets.

CONSUMPTION.—I have a positive remedy for the above disease; by its use thousands of cases of the worst kind and of long standing have been cured. Indeed, so strong is my faith in its efficacy that I will send TWO BOTTLES FREE, together with a VALUABLE TREATISE on this disease, to any sufferer. Give express and post-office address. DR. T. A. SLOCUM, 181 Pearl street, New York.
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LADIES.—PENNYROYAL PILLS ("Chichester's English") are worth their weight in gold. Full particulars, 4c. Chichester Chemical Company, 2313 Madison square, Philadelphia.
ap 22-Tu,Th,Sa&SutJe1

PLANTS, BULBS, &c.

PRICE-LIST OF PLANTS AND BULBS.

Your choice for 5c.: Alternantheras, Alyssum, Begonias, Candytuft, Citronalls, Coleus, Cuphea, Fuchsias, Geraniums, Gladiolus, Lobelias, Ivies, Madeira Vine, Pansies, Phlox, Drummondii, Tuberoses, Tradiscantias. (Small Pansies, beautiful colors, 35c. per dozen by mail.)

For 10c.: Bouvardias, Begonias, Callas, Carnations, Centaureas, Citronalls, Cocoloba, Dahlias, Evening-Glory, Feverfew, Fuchsias, Geraniums, (Zonales, scented), Heliotropes, Ivies, Jasmines, Nasturtiums, Pansies (large and beautiful), Primroses (single), Salvias, Torrinnias, and Violets.

For 15c., 25c., and upward: Bouvardias, Begonias, Callas, Cannus, Carnations, Cissus, Discolor, Cyclamen (25c.), Clematias (25c.), Cobeavine, Dracennas (25c. to $2.50), Echeverias, Euonymus (new climbing, 50c). Ferns (25c. to $2.50), Fuschias (25c. to 50c.), Gloxinias (25c.), Geraniums, Primroses (double white, 25c.), Violets (double white, (25c.)

The above are a portion of our healthy and well-grown plants. Safe arrival guaranteed.

We have also an assortment of Lawn-Vases and choice Window-Pots (Ivy pattern), Hanging-Baskets, and Logs, filled or empty, of the finest manufacture. Tom Thumb Candytuft, 30c. per dozen. Tomato plants (Livingston's Favorite), by mail 25c. per dozen. H. A. CATLIN, Florist, Richmond, Va.; Post-Office, Box, 271; Store, 6 north Ninth street; Phone, 312.
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CARPETS, MATTINGS, &c.

CARPETS AND MATTINGS.—White, Red-Checked, and Fancy Mattings in all grades at the lowest prices. Oil-Cloths, Shades, Holland's Lace Curtains, Cornices and Poles, Rugs, Mats, and Druggets; Paper-Hanging in all grades. Work done in town or country. All orders promptly attended to. A. JENNINGS,
ap 21-2m 1311 Main street, Richmond, Va.

THE HUSTINGS COURT.

TRIAL OF SMITH COMMENCES.

Tedious Examination—A. M. Brownell's Testimony—Auditor Morton Marye on the Stand.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Judge Atkins took his seat on the bench of the Hustings Court. The talesmen summoned to be present were in the room, and after being sworn one at the time took the stand, and finally five jurors were found. Messrs. Joseph Delarue, John P. Quarles, John W. Sarvay, and Julius A. Hobson were stricken off, and the following jurors were sworn: Edward M. Noble, C. A. Hyslope, William S. Preston, Emanuel Currant, Brooking Samuel, Andrew J. Bowers, James F. Gatewood, John P. Adams, David Iseman, Robert P. Boze, John H. Beveridge, and A. M. Gunn.

William R. Smith was already in court, accompanied by his counsel. He looked composed and paid strict attention to all that was occurring. Mr. Samuel B. Witt, Commonwealth's Attorney, was in his seat.

The case against Smith which was being put on trial was that growing out of the transaction of A. M. Brownell, State Weighmaster of Live Stock, with W. R. Smith, head clerk in the Auditor's office. Mr. Brownell held a receipt from W. R. Smith for $245.13, paid in money and vouchers as dues to the State from the cattle-scales. Of this amount $111.56 was paid in vouchers in the shape of receipts paid by Mr. Brownell for repairs to the cattle-scales and for office-fixtures. After Smith was arrested on account of the Valentine and Petersburg bank case the Auditor discovered a discrepancy in the Brownell settlement, to the effect that a pay-in warrant for $111.26, the amount charged for repairs, had been drawn out of the treasury and never credited on the books of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Brownell was the first witness sworn. He took the stand, and, in answer to questions by the Commonwealth's Attorney, said that he was State Weighmaster of Live Stock; that his duties were to weigh all live stock brought to the city and intended for the shambles. He said that when he entered upon the discharge of his duties he found certain repairs needed at the scale-house. The work was done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings. The bill was approved by an employee in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, who directed him to pay the same out of his fees, as the Auditor had so ruled. The bill amounted to $111.56. He paid the bill, and on September 9, 1884, when he made a settlement with the Auditor for the months of May, June, and July, he paid Mr. W. R. Smith $133.57 in cash, and vouchers for the payment of $111.56 to Henry Richards for repairs and —— Tyler for office-fixtures, and received from Smith a receipt for $245.13. On the day Smith was arrested he (Smith) told witness that some irregularities had been found in his (Brownell's) account, but that he need not be uneasy, as it could easily be fixed up.

To questions propounded by Judge Crump the witness said that the reason he paid the bills for repairs, &c., out of his fees instead of out of the general fund in the treasury was because he had been directed to do so by a representative of the Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings.

Mr. Dinneen handed the witness a paper and asked if it was the receipt which he had received of Mr. Smith when he made the settlement.

Mr. Brownell said that it was.

Mr. Dinneen requested the witness to read the paper. Mr. Brownell read:

"COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
"OFFICE AUDITOR OF
"PUBLIC ACCOUNTS,
"RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 9, 1884.

"Received of A. M. Brownell, weighmaster, Richmond, Va., the receipt of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for two hundred and forty-five dollars and thirteen cents on account of fees for May, June, and July, 1884.

"WILLIAM R. SMITH, Clerk."

Mr. Dinneen: Did you give Mr. Smith the Treasurer's receipt as stated in that paper?

Witness: No, sir. I paid him $113.57 in cash and vouchers for $111.56.

Judge Crump asked witness if there was any law authorizing or directing him to pay the Auditor or his clerk the money due the State.

"None that I know of," said Mr. Brownell.

Colonel Morton Marye, Auditor of Public Accounts, was next sworn and put on the stand. He explained what his duties were. He said that knowing that Mr. Smith had been in the Auditor's office twenty years, that he looked upon him as an adviser. Mr. Smith's duties had been of a diversified and responsible character. He settled with clerks of courts, railroads, notaries, and insurance companies. He said that when his attention was called to the irregularities in Mr. Brownell's accounts he mentioned the matter to Mr. Dinneen, one of Mr. Smith's counsel, and about three hours afterwards Mr. Smith, who was at that time at his desk in the Auditor's office engaged in examining his papers, came to him and made a statement explaining the irregularities. He said that the books showed that Mr. Brownell had paid twice for the month of April, and that he (Smith) had drawn a warrant for the amount which appeared to be due Mr. Brownell, and had gotten the money out of the treasury for the purpose of returning it to Mr. Brownell, and he exhibited some money, saying that it was the amount which he had drawn out of the treasury to return to Mr. Brownell; that he found it in his desk that morning, where it had been ever since he had drawn it.

For two hours Judge Crump examined Colonel Marye, and at times the talk was very lively, but no new facts were elicited.

At 3:30 o'clock Judge Atkins adjourned the court until 10 o'clock this morning, and the jury was placed in charge of the Sergeant.

The Water-Supply.

The character of the improvements undertaken at the Old reservoir—the removal of a half-century's mud and of the unnecessary old partition walls and the renewal of the cement work on the brick lining—forbids the hope that it will be ready for use again in less than two or three months. During all that time, usually the most trying period of the summer, if the present policy prevails the city authorities will allow no water to be used for street-sprinkling or for street-hose. They say that the pipe between the New reservoir and the city is not large enough to justify them in allowing use of water for such purpose.

Well, if the street-sprinklers can't go to work in the daytime they ought to operate at night—between midnight and sunrise say. On the chief streets of some of the largest cities that is the plan pursued anyhow.

Life will be very disagreeable here without the street-sprinklers.

Surely the case is not beyond human ingenuity for relief.

MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Report of the Superintendent—Crowded Condition of the Schools—Chairman Elected.

The regular meeting of the City School Board was held in the High-School building yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

Present, J. T. Ellyson (chairman), Dr. S. P. Moore, Hon. William Lovenstein, Colonel J. B. Cary, W. R. Bowie, William F. Drinkard, R. T. Briggs, William H. Williams, T. Wiley Davis; E. M. Garnett, superintendent; Charles P. Rady, clerk.

The Superintendent submitted his usual monthly report, which gives the following statements: Average roll, 8,243; enrolment for the month, 7,373; average daily attendance, 6,944; average percentage, 96.2-10. The Superintendent says that the work for the past month has been very satisfactory, notwithstanding a number of the teachers and the pupils were absent on account of sickness caused mainly by the overcrowded condition of the schools.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The Superintendent repeated his recommendations for more school-rooms, and urged the Board to make known to the Council the crowded condition of the schools, and urge immediate action to relieve the present pressure and provide for future demands. The whole amount necessary to make these indispensable arrangements will not exceed $20,000, which, with the small amount asked for to build the Bethel school-house in another locality, ought to receive the immediate attention of the Council, so that the people may not have their children turned away for want of room.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent submitted the following comparative statement of appropriations for schools in other cities:

Baltimore, Md.: Population, 332,000; appropriation, $701,000.

Columbus, O.: Population, 51,000; appropriation, $204,000.

Dayton, O.: Population, 38,000; appropriation, $180,000.

Nashville, Tenn.: Population, 43,000; appropriation, $97,000.

Galveston, Tex.: Population, 22,000; appropriation, $66,000.

Atlanta, Ga.: Population, 34,000; appropriation, $51,000.

Richmond, Va.: Population, 63,600; appropriation—City, $55,000; State, $28,000—total, $83,000.

The Committee on Buildings submitted a report showing that $5,000 will be needed to enlarge the accommodations at Springfield and East-End schools, on Church Hill, so as to accommodate new scholars next session, and $2,000 to enlarge the Normal School to be able to take in a single new scholar next session.

The Board adopted a resolution ordering that these facts be communicated to the Council and a request made for an appropriation.

Mr. J. Taylor Ellyson was unanimously elected chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Board will make the regular annual visit to all the schools in a few weeks.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Ordinance for Union Depot Passed by Common Council Concurred In.

A called meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held yesterday evening at 7 o'clock. Present: Mr. L. L. Bass (president) and the following members: Messrs. Adams, Stokes, Cabell, Chaffin, Crenshaw, Crump, Dickerson, Glasgow, Gunn, Page, Powers, Rose, Taylor, and Williams.

The Clerk read a communication from Major E. D. T. Myers asking the president on behalf of the railroads to call a meeting of the Board to consider the ordinance passed by the Common Council relative to the building of a railroad depot on Byrd street between Seventh and Eighth streets.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the Clerk read the ordinance reported by the Street Committee, and heretofore published, recommending the closing of Eighth street and prescribing the conditions for the erection of the proposed union depot.

On motion of Mr. Cabell the ordinance was read by sections.

The Clerk called the roll, and the ordinance as passed by the Common Council was concurred in by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Adams, Cabell, Chaffin, Crenshaw, Crump, Dickerson, Glasgow, Gunn, Page, Powers, Rose, Stokes, Williams, and Bass—14.

NOES.—Mr. Taylor—1.

Adjourned.

Kindergarten at the High School.

Miss Jennie Merrell, of the Normal College of the city of New York, delivered a very interesting address on this subject yesterday evening at 4:30 P. M. before the teachers of the public schools and a number of visitors. She was introduced by the Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, at whose invitation she visits our city. She began by giving some general idea of Froebel's system, with pleasant incidents of the life and character of the author. A class of little children was introduced, by whose aid a number of the kindergarten games were illustrated, such as the ringing of bells, the falling of snow, the building of nests, the chirping of birds, &c.; &c. Miss Merrell next introduced the "gifts," the ball, the cube, &c., showed the large amount of interest, instruction, and training that might be secured from each; and how the mind of the child may be developed by means exceedingly simple, but based on sound philosophical principles. In a number of points knowledge of the kindergarten may be made to contribute largely to the skill and success of our primary teachers.

At the close a resolution of thanks to Miss Merrell for her very entertaining and instructive lecture was unanimously passed.

There were present the members of the City School Board; Hon. R. R. Farr, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Rev. Drs. Peterkin, Edwards, Thomas, and Corey; Professors Harris, Winston, Powell, Beach, and others.

Lillian's Grave.

The grave of Lillian Madison at Oakwood was visited by hundreds of persons Sunday afternoon, and beautiful flowers covered the mound beneath which rest the remains of the unfortunate girl. Early in the day some one laid upon the grave the following lines, written by a female hand:

"One little flower,
Dropped upon my grave,
Is all I ask in memory
Of a life he would not save."

SUNDAY CHURCH NOTES.

Large Congregations Out—Rev. Mr. Kerr in His Pulpit Again.

The First Presbyterian church welcomed back its pastor, Rev. R. P. Kerr, on Sunday morning, after an absence of some months through long continual illness. Apparently in the full vigor of restored health, he preached with all his wonted fervor and power to a very large audience, basing his sermon upon John iv., 38: "Other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors." He dwelt with tender feeling upon the abounding labors of his five predecessor as pastors of this church—viz., Drs. Rice, Armstrong, Plumer, Moore, and Preston—for "their works do follow them." The present generation must labor not for themselves alone, but for generations yet to follow, and strive to build wisely and well. After the benediction a meeting of the congregation was called to listen to the final report of the building committee, which report was accepted with hearty thanks to the members of that committee for their faithfulness and diligence. The committee also stated that a debt of some $650 had been incurred for several necessary improvements and changes, and asked that the money be raised at once. The request met with a ready response, and in a few moments the amount required to relieve the church of all indebtedness was raised. And so the old First enters upon a new era, with a new and commodious building, without debt, and in possession of their restored pastor, toward whom the love of his people grows warmer and deeper every day.

At 8 P. M. another large congregation gathered and listened to an impressive and practical sermon by Rev. W. S. P. Bryan (a grandson of the late Dr. Plumer) from Matthew vii., 29: "For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." His style of preaching is earnest and attractive, and his labors in his own field in West Virginia have been greatly blessed.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN.

The pulpit at the Second Presbyterian church was occupied in the morning by the Rev. Mr. Bryan, and in the afternoon Dr. Hoge preached from the text "The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance." Before Dr. Hoge's sermon Rev. Mr. Kerr, of the First Presbyterian church, who was also in the pulpit, arose and said that he had requested permission from Dr. Hoge to make a statement. He then in feeling and eloquent terms thanked Dr. Hoge and the members of the Second church for their kindness to himself and to his congregation, dwelling particularly upon the fact that, although there must among such a large number of people be some sensitive natures, there had not, while the two congregations had been worshipping together, been a single unpleasant incident.

GRACE-STREET PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Read, the pastor, offered a most eloquent and fervent prayer, thanking God for His mercies, especially for enabling the church to pay off its entire debt, that henceforth they could worship beneath a roof not "thatched with obligations."

Rev. Dr. Drew, the associate pastor, preached forcibly from the text "The Lord is my rock." Psalms xviii., 2.

A large increase in the congregations of this church is noticeable, and now that their church debt is entirely paid, all their efforts can be devoted to Christian and benevolent enterprises.

SERMON TO ODD-FELLOWS.

The sixty-sixth anniversary of Odd-Fellowship in America was celebrated Sunday under the auspices of Aurora Lodge and by services at Centenary church. The attendance of the brotherhood was large, and the sermon delivered by Rev. A. C. Bledsoe, from the 8th verse of the 3d Epistle of John, was an eloquent and vigorous presentation of religious truth and statement of the objects of the order. The singing, including solos by Mr. Morton and Captain Frank Cunningham, was excellent. Mr. Ramos presided at the organ. The church was crowded and the interest great throughout.

MARKET-HALL MEETINGS.

The interest in the Sunday-night meetings at the Old-Market Hall has increased steadily since their inauguration, and Sunday night the attendance was larger than on any previous occasion. Dr. Hoge and the gentlemen who have taken charge of the work desire to thank our liberal-minded citizens who have, by their subscriptions, enabled the committee to purchase about one hundred benches and two hundred chairs, which gives the hall a seating capacity of from nine hundred to one thousand, and they hope and believe that good results will follow their efforts in this locality. There is still need for eighty to one hundred dollars to supply more seats and pay the current expenses of the meeting, and it is hoped there are others of our citizens who will aid in this good work. Those desiring to do so may hand their subscription to Mr. A. Y. Stokes, at the office of Potts, Stokes & Co., who will see that all funds are expended to the best advantage.

The Drowned Boy.

Coroner Taylor on Sunday held an inquest upon the body of Marmaduke Longest, *alias* Tate, whose body was found in the river on Saturday. The evidence went to show that deceased and some other boys had been on Belle Isle; that they had picked up some scrap-iron, and some of the employes followed them, at a walk, calling upon the boys to come back with the iron; that the boys fled towards Richmond over the rocks and by way of the city dam, dropping the iron on the brink of the water; that deceased got on a rock, but fell off, and so met his death.

The verdict was that the death of the boy was by drowning, and that no blame attached to any other person.

Temperance.

At the regular weekly temperance meeting to be held in Old-Market Hall to-night there will be addresses by Mr. Dickie, general secretary of the Railroad Branch Young Men's Christian Association and others; music, vocal and instrumental; recitations, &c., &c. These meetings seem to supply a want long felt in that portion of the city, and are generally well attended. They are held under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union.

A Kansas-City Felony.

Charles Severance, *alias* H. Clifton, a young man twenty-seven years of age, was before the Police Court yesterday morning, having been arrested Saturday by Officers Whitlock and Washington, charged with feloniously stealing one thousand dollars from Ammons, Gacking & Co., of Kansas City, Mo. Severance was an employee of the Armour Packing Company of Kansas City, and was recognized Saturday by James Morrow, who is connected with the same company, and who accidentally met Severance Saturday morning while the latter was at work at Hechler Brothers, in this city. Morrow was on his way to Baltimore, and while in Richmond stopped at Hechler Brothers' on business connected with the house he represents.

Officers are now on their way to Richmond with the necessary papers to carry Severance back, and his case was continued until Thursday to await their arrival.

Death of a Veteran Sea-Captain.

A telegram was received here yesterday announcing the death, in Brooklyn, of the venerable Captain H. Couch, father of Captain G. W. Couch, the popular commander of the steamship Roanoke, of the Old Dominion Line. Deceased was eighty-nine years of age. Between forty and fifty years ago he was master of sailing-vessels plying between this port and New York, and was part owner of the line of which the Currie Brothers were the agents in this city. There still remain some of our old merchants who remember Captain Couch as an officer of sterling qualities and reliable in everything. He has gone to his final rest after a long life of usefulness, leaving a record of which his descendants may justly be proud.

Briefs and Personals.

The fifty-first anniversary of the Grace-Street Baptist Sunday school will be celebrated this evening at 8 o'clock—S. S. Carter, chairman of committee; B. B. Vanburen, A. D. Jenkins, Fleming Wingfield, Mrs. B. A. Clemments, Mrs. T. J. Todd, Miss Bettie Hoge.

Right Rev. Bishop Keane was in Norfolk Sunday. He administered the sacrament of confirmation to a large number of candidates at St. Mary's church at 6 A. M., and preached at the 11 o'clock services. In the afternoon he officiated at the consecration of the Catholic cemetery.

Hon. George D. Wise is in the city. For some weeks past he has been hard at work in Washington attending to the interests of his constituents. He has been able to arouse the authorities to the importance of pushing forward the enlargement on the post-office here, and believes that there will be no unnecessary delay in perfecting the plans and setting the men to work.

The Henrico County Court has adjourned for the term.

Messrs. Herman Wallerstein and Samuel Binswanger will be among the passengers on the steamship City of Rome, to sail May 6th from New York for Liverpool. From England they will visit various portions of France, Switzerland, and their former homes in Germany, returning in the fall.

So far as excavating for foundations is concerned work has been commenced on the new Mozart Hall and on the Kinney Stemmery. Old Mozart building has not been taken down, but the excavation is going on in the vacant lot adjoining.

The Old reservoir grounds will be closed to the public while the work of cleaning the mud out is going on. Hundreds of people went there Sunday only to be turned from the gates.

The British brigantine Lottie E, 167 tons, E. R. Wyman master, cleared yesterday for San Jose do Norte, Brazil, for orders with 2,000 barrels flour, valued at $10,947, shipped by the Gallego Mills Manufacturing Company.

Runaway.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a horse driven by Mr. Snyder took fright on Sixth street between Franklin and Main. The horse was hitched to a village-cart, and Mr. Snyder had a gentleman friend in the vehicle with him. The frightened animal dashed down Sixth street, and at the intersection of Main it ran the cart against the curbstone, threw the two gentlemen out, and broke one of the wheels. It continued its course down Sixth street until it came to Cary; there it turned to the left, and went down to Seventh; crossed the basin and started down the Basin bank. Here it came in contact with another horse and buggy, which started off. Both animals were soon stopped. Nobody was hurt. The only damage was to Mr. Snyder's cart, which was pretty badly broken.

Manchester Hatters.

A colored man named William Timberlake was before Mayor Taylor yesterday morning, charged with breaking into and entering in the night-time the dwelling-house of Mr. Charles Wright. He was sent on to the Hustings Court. Commonwealth's-Attorney Page will ask the Judge as soon as he returns from Alexandria to have a special grand jury summoned to try this case. It was said after Timberlake's examination yesterday morning that he was so drunk when found in the house that he could not tell how he got there or what he went there for.

There was a very large congregation present at the Central Methodist church Sunday night to hear Mr. Christian's sermon to the young people. The sermon was both interesting and instructive.

Rev. Mr. Thornhill preached two very able sermons at the Bainbridge Baptist church Sunday. The one at night was on "The Life of Peter," and was heard by a very large congregation. After the sermon seven persons were received into the membership of the church—six by letter and one upon profession of conversion.

Chief-of-Police Lipscomb has put his foot down on boys playing base-ball Sunday afternoon at the Spring-Hill battery and other grounds inside the corporate limits.

Judge French has written from Alexandria that he will not return before Thursday. The Judge's leaving in the midst of a busy term of his court to hold court somewhere else has created considerable dissatisfaction.

A regular meeting of the City School Board will be held at the Mayor's Court-room at 8 o'clock to-night.

A meeting of the City Democratic Committee was to have been held last night, but no quorum was present. The meeting was called to arrange for ward meetings to recommend a councilman from each ward to be elected at the May election.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

Rudd's administrator against Richmond and Danville Railroad Company. Argued by Captain F. S. Blair for plaintiff in error and Judge H. H. Marshall for defendant in error, and continued until to-day.

The court will adjourn on the 7th of May, and arguments will not be heard after Friday next.

Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning:

Andrew Binford (colored) was fined $20 for carrying concealed weapons; $5 for assault and battery, and was required to give bond for his future good behavior.

Peter Garibaldi was fined $20 for carrying concealed weapons.

Ann Riddick (colored), disorderly on the street. Fined $5 and cost.

H. H. Hopkins, charged with threatening the life of Virginia Hopkins. The case was continued until to-day.

Samuel Lipscomb (colored) was fined $10 and cost for assault and battery.

Julia A. Fry (colored), charged with stealing $5 from John Gilbert. The case was continued till May 2d.

Richard Cordin, disorderly and resisting the police. Fined $20 and cost.

Ravages of Rheumatism Repaired.