BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

More Fire-Alarm Stations—Ninth-Street Improvements—Fire Hydrants—New City Hall—Electric Lights.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last evening at 7 o'clock. Present: Mr. L. L. Bass (president) and the following members: Messrs. Barksdale, Cabell, Chaffin, Crenshaw, Crump, Dickerson, Glasgow, Page, Randolph, Taylor, and Williams.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and signed by the president.

Messrs. Rose and Robinson were reported sick.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

The president announced as the special committee on purchasing a site for the small-pox hospital Messrs. Chaffin, Crenshaw, and Randolph. This committee is to select a site in the western part of the city, or outside of the corporate limits, where a proper hospital for small-pox patients can be quartered.

FIRE-ALARM STATIONS.

The Board agreed to grant the petition of Tanner & Delaney to have a fire-box placed at their engine-works; also to place one at the corner of Monroe and Main streets, to be paid out of construction account.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

The reports from committees were meagre, only two being heard from, and the Board proceeded to consider business from the other branch, without having any report from special committees.

NINTH-STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.

When the question came up to remove the posts and obstructions in front of Dr. Beale's house, on Ninth street, Dr. Cabell, in feeling terms, referred to the highly-respectable character of Dr. Beale, and the fact that the obstruction was really meagre, and asked that the matter, in deference to Dr. Beale's age and his services as a city officer, be left in abeyance.

Both Messrs. Crenshaw and Page asked that the matter in reference to Dr. Beale be laid on the table; and this was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dickenson, similar resolutions with reference to removal of other obstructions on Ninth street were similarly disposed of. Mr. Dickenson claimed that this was legislative justice, and in making the motion did not wish to be understood as opposing the motion of relief in Dr. Beale's case.

FIRST REGIMENT APPROPRIATION.

The resolution appropriating $1,500 to be used by the First Virginia regiment passed, by the Common Council, was unanimously concurred in, as was also the resolution relieving W. B. Powers of a bill against him for delinquent taxes, Mr. Powers having in his possession a receipt given by Mr. Reynault's clerk when Mr. Reynault was City Collector.

Mr. Chaffin asked why Mr. Reynault's sureties were not proceeded against in order to reimburse the city for the loss.

Mr. Glasgow stated that the amount did not exceed $100, and that the City Attorney had given it as his opinion that litigation in the case was unnecessary. Notice was given that a resolution of inquiry into the facts of the case would be offered.

CONCURRED IN.

Resolution to erect a fire-alarm box at the corner of Seventh and Franklin streets; the reference of the Wren claim to a special committee of three from the Common Council and two from the Board of Aldermen; authorizing the Finance Committee to negotiate loans not exceeding $200,000; authorizing the Auditor to pay salaries of the city officers and employees as usual until the appropriations for 1886 be approved by the Mayor; resolution to plant shade-trees on Church-Hill avenue.

RESTORATION OF PAY.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition from the police asking the restoration of their pay to the ten per centum heretofore deducted. The police agreed to allow the amounts paid by the city for the overcoats furnished the police to be deducted from the first year's pay. The petition went to the Finance Committee.

THEATRE-TICKETS, &C.

The Board agreed to pay Mrs. W. T. Powell $36 for Theatre-tickets purchased for the pleasure of the Columbus (Ohio) Council, and Mr. Charles L. Siegel $70 for entertaining them at supper, the whole amounting to $115.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Mr. Crump presented a petition to place electric lights at the corners of Thirteenth and Fifteenth and Franklin streets. Mr. Crump offered a resolution to place the light at the corners of Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth and Franklin streets.

On motion of Mr. Crenshaw, the petition was referred to the Committee on Electric Light.

NEW CITY HALL.

Mr. Crump offered a resolution asking the Committee on Grounds and Buildings to make monthly reports as to the progress and condition of the building of the City Hall, and to give the Council some idea as to what is being done. He wanted information on this subject.

Mr. Crenshaw said that the monthly report showed that they had already spent some seven or eight thousand dollars.

Mr. Williams said the committee had advertised for plans; that Messrs. Waite & Cutter, architects, were busy in finishing up their plans; that at the proper time the committee would make their report, and that then the people could judge whether or not the committee had done its duty. He promised that at a future meeting of the Council he would give a report, and, going further, he said it was very easy to give a monthly report, but that nothing remarkable or anything calculated to throw particular light on the subject had as yet transpired. Mr. Williams expressed the belief that Waite & Cutter were doing everything that they could to obtain their fee as architects.

Mr. Crump's resolution was adopted.

CONSOLIDATING THE ALMSHOUSES.

Dr. Cabell offered a preamble and resolution having for its object the consolidation of the colored and white almshouses, to be separate and distinct, but under the same roof. He wanted an annex to the white almshouse that would be heated by the same boiler but be completely distinct. Dr. Cabell claimed that the city would save a great deal of money in a year by this measure. He wanted a committee of two from the Board and three from the Council to be appointed to inquire into the feasibility of the proposed plan.

The matter was referred to the committee on relief for the poor.

Adjourned.

Improvements and Streets.

The electric light will be put in operation Wednesday week. This is said to be "certain."

The reservoir lake is in good condition for skating. Quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen enjoyed the sport there yesterday. Mr. S. D. Dickinson, a college student from Goochland, struck a hole on the ice and broke in, but, besides a thorough wetting, was little damaged.

General James C. Hill, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, has returned to duty after a brief absence on account of sickness.

Mrs. B. D. Tillar and daughter, of Hicksford, Va.; Thomas Stewart, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and J. H. Horner, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are stopping at the St. James Hotel.

Rev. W. E. Needham, who preaches at the First Baptist church to-night, is the youngest brother of the evangelist George C. Needham, whose meetings last winter were so much enjoyed by the people.

R. E. Blankenship, Esq., Colonel John B. Purcell, and Mr. N. V. Randolph were on the floor of the Senate yesterday while the bill to appropriate $10,000 to Lee-Camp Soldiers' Home was under discussion.

The American brig J. W. Parker, 361 tons, John W. Kane master, cleared yesterday for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with 4,700 barrels of flour valued at $22,885, shipped by the Haxall-Crenshaw Company.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth has received the returns of the special election held in Fairfax for member of the House in place of Mr. Chichester, elected judge. Mr. E. M. Lowe (Democrat) received 820 votes, and Mr. J. M. Thorne (Republican) 1,043.

MANCHESTER MATTERS.

Fire Sunday Morning—The Insurance—Mr. Gary's Funeral—Other Items.

A fire occurred here at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, originating in the store of W. C. Wells & Co., Fifteenth and Hull streets, and was caused, it is supposed, by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. Mr. Wells was in his room over the store, and his attention being attracted by the smoke which pervaded his room and a noise below, he took a lamp and went down, and to his astonishment found the store on fire. He gave the alarm, but the wind was blowing fiercely, and the entire building, store and dwelling, together with Mr. McAllister's residence, on the one side, and that of Mrs. Perkins, owned by Mrs. S. J. Gersley, on the opposite side of Fifteenth street, on the other, were in flames before the fire could be checked and soon burned to the ground. Comparatively nothing was saved. The value of the property burned was not less than $6,000. Captain John A. Gee, who owned the house, in a part of which was Mr. Wells's store, had a policy of $1,800 on the building and $300 on the furniture in the Sun Insurance Company. A policy of $800 on stock, taken out some time ago by W. C. Wells & Co., expired on the 6th of January and was not renewed. Mr. McAllister had $1,000 insurance on his house and $300 on his furniture in the Virginia Fire and Marine Company. On Mrs. Gersley's building there was a policy in the Phœnix for $800.

Mr. McAllister yesterday afternoon received from Messrs. Sampson & Adamson a check for $1,200, the amount for which his house and furniture were insured, less $100, which he considered a just allowance for the furniture saved.

The funeral of Mr. Ajax Gary took place from his late residence, Twelfth and Porter streets, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. C. Bledsoe, of the Broad-Street Methodist church, Richmond, officiating. There were a large number of the friends of the family of deceased present to pay their last sad tribute of respect to this worthy gentleman. His remains were interred in Hollywood.

The Turk who was shot by one of his associates last Friday is getting on quite well. It is now thought probable that he will recover.

Rev. Mr. Thornhill has taken in his appointment for the series of meetings which had been announced to begin at the Baptist church last night.

The street-cars between this city and Richmond did not attempt to run at all Sunday, owing to the condition of the track. Two of them, with double teams, were running yesterday, but they travelled under many difficulties.

There was a considerable amount of floating ice in the river yesterday.

Special Meetings.

Special meetings will be held at the Second Baptist church, Sixth and Main streets, every night this week, commencing to-night. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Landrum, D. D., will be assisted by Rev. Dr. Goodwin, pastor of the Danville Baptist church.

Supreme Court of Appeals Yesterday.

Sutton against Marye, Auditor. Argued by L. F. W. Marye for the defendant in error and by Judge John W. Johnston for the plaintiff in error, and submitted.

Lamb, Mayor, against Taylor and *als.* Argued by Judge William H. Burroughs for the appellant, and continued until to-day.

Frank A. Massie, Esq., allowed to practice as counsel.

Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

Robert Lindsay and M. J. Walker, fighting in the street. Fined $5 and costs each.

James Taylor (colored), assault. Dismissed.

Ambrose Dudley, drunk. Failed to appear. Attachment issued.

Belle Allen (colored), assaulting and striking Maggie Brondus. Discharged on payment of costs.

Edward Seymour, vagrant. Sent to jail for sixty days.

William Cauthorn, drunk and disorderly in the street. Fined $5 and costs.

Betsey Jeffries (colored), larceny. Dismissed.

William Howard (colored), drunk. Fined $2 and costs.

Gus Mason, drunk. Fined $2 and costs.

Isham Matthews (colored), assaulting and beating Amanda Nelson. Fined $10 and costs.

John Harrison, for abusing and threatening to assault and strike his father, William Harrison, was sent to jail for three months in default of security.

P. H. Morgan, vagrant. Dismissed.

Charles W. Hawkins, drunk on Sunday. Fined $4 and costs.

Joseph Smith, vagrant. Ordered to leave town in twenty-four hours.

Coal-Miners Wanted.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PITTSBURGH, PA., January 11.—The coal-operators of Monongahela Valley complain that they are unable to get out the amount of coal desired, owing to the scarcity of diggers. All the mines are in opperation, but are not running on full time. When the late strike was inaugurated fully 4,000 men left the river, going to Kentucky, Iowa, Indiana, and other western coal-fields. None have returned as yet, but all are expected back before the spring trade begins. At present there is not an idle miner on the river.

Presbyterian Church Burned.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

COVINGTON, KY., January 11.—The Presbyterian church, erected there three years ago at a cost of $125,000, was burned yesterday, together with the organ just completed. The building was insured for $[illegible].

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

THE SUCCESSION QUESTION.

What Will Be Reported—The Silver Question—Bombastes Boutelle—A Narrow Escape.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11.—A member of the Committee on Presidential Succession says that committee will shortly report the Hoar bill with an amendment providing that the members of the Cabinet shall be in the line of succession, as provided by the Hoar bill, but shall hold the office only until a special election can be held.

SILVER.

Mr. Bland says his Committee on Coinage will report a bill for the suspension of silver coinage and leave the House to settle the question. His opinion is based upon the idea that the committee was appointed with that course in view as a matter of policy. Of course he will vote against suspension, and would not be willing for a suspension bill to emanate from the committee if he did not feel perfectly confident that there is a safe majority in the House against it.

BOMBASTES BOUTELLE.

One of the Sunday newspapers of this city contained a statement yesterday that the commandant at the Norfolk navy-yard had removed inscriptions from cannons captured from Confederates, and done other specified things designed to obliterate memories of the war that might be offensive to ex-Confederates. Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, offered a resolution to-day citing the allegations and authorizing a congressional investigation. Mr. Boutelle is one of the rankest of the Southhaters now in Congress, and his object of course is to give prominence to the charges and to cast the net of an investigating committee with the hope of fishing up good campaign material for his part of the Union. The resolution was referred to the Naval Committee.

GOFF'S BAYS.

Representatative Goff, of West Virginia, who was Secretary of the Navy under President Hayes, drives a very handsome team of bays. The other day they nearly cost him his life through the unskillfulness of his driver. The horses dashed down Fifteenth street, overturning push-carts and scattering pedestrians and vehicles on that thoroughfare. While the frightened animals were whirling his carriage down the street, Mr. Goff, with his habitual coolness and presence of mind, prepared himself for the catastrophe by wrapping the carriage-cushions around his head and the upper part of his body, so that when the carriage was overturned he crawled out of the wreck without injury. One of the horses was badly injured.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, January 11, 1886.

Senate.

A number of petitions were presented in the Senate praying for the suspension of silver coinage.

Mr. Harrison reported favorably from the Committee on Territories the original bill to admit Dakota, and to provide for the organization of the Territory of Lincoln.

Mr. Butler reserved the right to submit a minority report, if after perusal and consideration of the majority report, he should conclude to do so.

Mr. Harrison, from the same committee, reported adversely on the resolutions heretofore offered by Messrs. Butler and Vest calling for inquiries as to the organization of a State government in Dakota.

The resolutions were placed on the calendar.

Mr. Morgan offered a resolution relating to the trustees provided for by the Utah bill to manage the property and affairs of the Mormon Church organization. The preamble to the resolution recites that the union of the Church and State in the joint administration of the temporal and spiritual affairs of any Church or religious sect is dangerous to the freedom of religious worship and violates the principles of the Constitution of the United States. The resolution sets forth, among other things, that in the opinion of the Senate it is not within the power of Congress to appoint officers of the United States to participate with the officers of any Church or religious sect in the management of the affairs of such Church or sect, and that it is in violation of the Constitution for the President to appoint any such officer under any law.

At Mr. Morgan's request the resolution was allowed to lie over.

Mr. Pugh called up the Beck silver resolution and addressed the Senate on it.

Mr. Vance gave notice that at the close of the morning's business to-morrow he would ask the Senate to continue the consideration of Mr. Beck's resolution.

Mr. Coke, of Texas, gave notice that on Wednesday next he would ask permission of the Senate to submit some remarks on the same subject.

The judicial salary bill having been placed *pro forma* before the Senate, Mr. Edmunds's motion was not agreed to. So the Senate, at 3:45 P. M., went into executive session.

When the nomination of Mr. Eaton came up, Senator Logan made a point that he (Eaton) was a "Mugwump," and that the spirit of the civil-service law required that one of the commissioners should be a Republican. Senators Evarts, Hoar, and one or two others vouched for his Republicanism. There are said to have been fourteen votes cast against him, one half of which number were those of Republicans.

At 5:20 P. M. the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Clerk transmitting papers in various contested-election cases, and the papers were referred to the Committee on Elections.

Notwithstanding the large number of bills introduced during the last call of States, the call to-day brought forward 650 additional propositions, which increases to nearly 4,000 the number of measures now awaiting action by House committees.

The Speaker then called on the committees for reports, but with the exception of the Judiciary Committee, which reported two or three private bills, there was no response to the call.

The House then, at 3:55, adjourned.

Presidential Nominations.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, January 11.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: J. Gideon Harris, of Alabama, to be Register of the Land Office, Montgomery, Alabama; A. A. Lewis, postmaster at Gallatin, Tennessee; James E. Toliver, at Lebanon, Tennessee, and James F. Blair at Brunswick, Georgia.

The Sub-Treasurership at New York.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, January 11.—The nomination of Jordan as Treasurer of the United States has been reported favorably on by the Committee on Finance, and an effort is being made to secure action on the part of the Senate, [illegible] any possible complication which might arise from the present situation in the Sub-Treasury at New York. It is expected that Jordan will be confirmed to-day or to-morrow, and that the nomination of Assistant Treasurer at New York will be made early this week.

THE FRIGID WAVE.

The Coldest Weather in Georgia in Fifty Years.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

AUGUSTA, GA., January 11.—This section is experiencing the coldest weather in fifty years. This morning at 7 o'clock the signal-office reported the mercury at 3° above zero. The mean temperature for three days is the lowest on record at the signal-office here. The river is filled with fields of floating ice, and a gorge forming at the bridge will probably cause the river to freeze over to-night. The Signal-office reports colder weather at Augusta this morning than at Philadelphia or New York. The canal is frozen over, and the Augusta factory shut down on account of ice clogging the water-wheels. This is the coldest weather on either side of the Savannah river in the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

SIX DEGREES BELOW IN STAUNTON.

STAUNTON, VA., January 11.—The thermometer registered six degrees below zero this morning, zero at 6 this evening and falling. There are immense snow-drifts in the mountains, rendering the roads impassable.

THE TEMPERATURE IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, January 11.—The signal-office reports that the minimum temperature recorded here was 5.6 degrees above zero, and that point was reached early this morning. At 9 o'clock this evening the thermometer registered 11 degrees above zero. In the county outside of Washington the snow is piled in drifts, and the roads are almost impassable.

INTENSE COLD AT WINCHESTER.

WINCHESTER, VA., January 11.—The first train from Baltimore and the East since Friday arrived here this afternoon. The passengers were greeted with cheers by a large number of citizens as the train drew up to the depôt. The weather is intensely cold to-night, and snow in the county roads badly drifted. The star mail route has been temporarily abandoned.

UNPRECEDENTED WEATHER IN FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., January 11.—This is the third day of the cold wave, the effects of which have been felt throughout Florida so far as heard from. The temperature began falling Friday night and Saturday morning reached 32 degrees as recorded at the signal-office, and 29 by thermometers in exposed places. Saturday night was colder still, and the thermometer recorded 21 degrees at the signal-office and 15 in exposed places. Last night was also very cold, and the thermometer this morning fell to 22 at the signal-office and 18 where exposed. High winds have been blowing almost constantly during the three days which greatly aggravated the effect of the cold. But little news has been received from the interior. The temperature fell to 15 degrees at Fernandina Sunday; 20 at St. Augustine; and is reported to have fallen to 10 as far south as Tampa, on the Gulf coast. The damage done is less than would be expected from such a freeze. Oranges remaining on the trees are frozen, and the lemon-trees in Northern Florida are probably killed to the surface of the ground; but beyond losing their leaves, it is not believed that the orange-trees are injured even in the northern part of the State. Cold weather in December prevented the sap rising; consequently the damage is less than it would have been. There are no signs yet of the weather moderating.

IN MARYLAND AND CHESAPEAKE BAY.

BALTIMORE, January 11.—Passengers who were snow-bound on the Western Maryland railroad yesterday were brought back to this city to-day and relate a thrilling experience. There was considerable suffering from cold, as a heavy wind prevailed. The fires burned freely, but adjacent farmhouses were drawn upon for food, and the long hours were passed as comfortably as possible. The blockade was the worst ever experienced in the vicinity, and men who were sent from here to shovel away the snow suffered greatly from intense cold. Trains are now running on time. Reports from down the bay all show that the cold is the bitterest that has been known for years. Heavy ice has formed in all the tributaries, and all bay steamers have been withdrawn. Great suffering is reported among the men engaged in oyster-dredging, and it is feared that many lives have been lost though no serious disasters are known to have occurred. Cattle-trains arriving from the West are bringing many frozen beasts, but the high prices obtained at the drove-yards to-day compensated for the losses by death. In one consignment of sheep over a dozen frozen carcasses were found, and hogs are said to have suffered more severely. The lowest point the thermometer has reached in this city was 6° above zero, which was recorded at 7 o'clock this morning.

STILL PRETTY LOW DOWN.

CHICAGO, January 11.—Reports from the West and Northwest indicate that there is as yet no abatement of the cold snap. The mercury stood at 15 to 24 degrees below zero throughout Illinois yesterday and last night. Several cases of fatal freezing are reported at Elgin, Ill. Irwin Underhill, on his way home from a party, lost his way and was found frozen stiff yesterday. His horse was stalled in a snow-bank some distance from him.

At Dundee Ervin Baker was found frozen in his farm-yard. At Burlington, Ia., John Lang left a barber-shop late Saturday night for home and was found dead Sunday morning not a quarter of a mile from where he started. A dispatch from Denver says that two men were frozen to death near the western Kansas line, and it is feared that the loss of life in the mountains is considerable.

SIXTEEN BELOW AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, January 11.—The mercury dropped to 16 degrees below zero during the night, and at 8 o'clock this morning registered 7 degrees below, with very little wind stirring. The signal service at the same hour reported the temperature at Fargo to be 14 degrees below; at St. Paul 20 and Des Moines 12 degrees below. Railways continue to encounter great difficulty in moving their trains. Eastern and southern trains due here twenty-four hours ago have not yet arrived.

COLDEST EVER KNOWN.

MOBILE, January 11.—The coldest weather ever known here has prevailed since last Friday night. Nearly all day yesterday the mercury stood 25 degrees above zero, and this morning it registered 12 above.

SEVEN BELOW ZERO.

CHATTANOOGA, January 11.—The minimum temperature at the signal-office this morning was seven degrees below zero. It registered nine degrees below in the lower portion of the city. Dispatches to the Times from various points throughout East Tennessee, North Georgia, and North Carolina say last night was the coldest ever known. Stock is suffering greatly.

ONE OF THE HARDEST FREEZES KNOWN.

CHARLESTON, S. C., January 11.—This is one of the hardest freezes ever known in South Carolina. The mercury in the upper part of the State marks from zero to 8 below. This morning Alfred Logan, a colored man, of Abbeville, went to get wood, and, returning to his home, fell dead from the effects of the cold. Yesterday Roberts Stevens (colored), aged nineteen, was found frozen to death near his house. Ponds in the city are frozen over; also rivers and creeks from here to Beaufort. Steamers arriving to-day cut their way through the ice an inch thick. The cabbage-crop of the Sea islands is killed.

ICE-GORGE IN THE SUSQUEHANNA.

PORT DEPOSIT, MD., January 11.—An ice-gorge of formidable appearance has formed in the Susquehanna river here, and the lower part of the town is flooded. If the cold continues serious results are looked for.

DR. ARMSTRONG'S CASE.

The Ecclesiastical Court to Assemble Wednesday.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ATLANTA, GA., January 11.—The ecclesiastical court by which Rev. Dr. J. G. Armstrong will be tried will assemble in the chapel of St. Philip's church on Wednesday morning, January 13th, at 10 o'clock. The court will be composed of the following clergymen of the Episcopal Church: Rev. C. W. Hunter, of Columbus; Rev. Mr. Lucas, Rev. H. J. Rene, of Cave Spring; Rev. C. H. Strong, of Savannah, and Rev. T. P. Pond, of Albany.

The court will organize by the election of a president and secretary from among their number. They will then agree upon the rules of the evidence by which their deliberations will be governed. It is the province of the court to determine whether the trial shall be private or public. If it shall be decided to hold private sessions no one will be admitted to the trial except the counsel, the officers of the church, and the standing committee of the Diocese.

Mr. Walter G. Charlton, of Savannah, will represent the prosecution as counsel for the Diocese of Georgia; Messrs. Hoke Smith, of Atlanta, and John M. Davidson, of Augusta, will appear as counsel for Dr. Armstrong. As the testimony is very voluminous, it is thought that the trial will last about a week—perhaps ten days.

Inauguration of Governor Foraker.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

COLUMBUS, O., January 11.—The inauguration of Governor-elect Foraker took place to-day. The severe weather of yesterday and last night diminished the looked-for attendance of military and political organizations. The special train bearing the Governor's party from Cincinnati was over an hour late, which delayed the whole programme. There were about 2,500 military and members of clubs who participated in the procession, and they made a brilliant display. The Governor's party were met at the depôt and escorted to the State-House, where the inaugural exercises proper occurred in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Governor Hoadly, in delivering the commission to his successor, gave expression to his own personal good will, and congratulated Governor Foraker.

Ocean Steamer Foundered.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

FIRE ISLAND, N. Y., January 11.—The steamer Hyalton Castle, Captain Colvin, from New York January 9th for Rouen, France, foundered fifteen miles south of Fire-Island Light at 10 o'clock this morning. One boat, in charge of the first mate, with a crew of nine men, effected a landing in safety at a point five miles east of the telegraph-office here. The second, with a crew of ten men under command of the captain left the steamer at the same time as did the boat which made the shore. When last seen all but three of the oars had been broken. As a moderate northwest wind was blowing at the time of the disaster, they may reach shore about ten miles to the eastward of this place unless picked up by a passing vessel.

Washington Notes.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, January 11.—The Senate to-day, in executive session, confirmed the following nominations: Benjamin V. Jonas, of Louisiana, collector of customs of the district of New Orleans. Alfred P. Edgerton, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; William L. Trenholm, of Charleston, S. C.; and Dorman B. Eaton, of New York, civil-service commissioners.

Nearly five hundred nominations were reported from committees, chiefly of postmasters. The nominations sent in by the President last Wednesday and to-day were referred to committees.

The President has withdrawn the nomination of William H. McArdle, of Mississippi, to be Consul at San Juan Del Norte, he having declined the appointment.

A Clergyman's Suicide.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ST. LOUIS, January 11.—Quite a sensation was produced when late last night the coroner announced that Rev. H. D. Jardine, the Episcopal minister who was some weeks ago convicted before an ecclesiastical court at Kansas City, had committed suicide here yesterday. It appears that Jardine since his arrival here some days ago to consult with his attorney regarding his case, had been lodging in the vestry-room of Trinity Episcopal church, of which Father Betts is rector.

Professor Langston Gains His Suit.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, January 11.—In the Court of Claims to-day judgment was rendered in favor of John M. Langston in his suit against the Government to recover the difference between his salary as Minister to Haytí, as fixed by law, and the amount paid him under appropriations by Congress. The amount claimed in this case was $7,667, and judgment was given for the full amount.

Failure of Leather-Dealers.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

BOSTON, January 11.—It is announced that the firm of A. M. Bigelow & Co., wholesale leather-dealers, have failed for $200,000, dragging with it the firm of J. A. & G. F. Roberts. The latter's liabilities are unknown; but it is believed they will not be heavy. The two firms endorsed each other's paper to a considerable extent, and the exact standing of each is not known. G. F. Roberts carried on the business.

Burned at Sea.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW ORLEANS, January 11.—The steamer Alicia A. Washburn, Captain W. A. Johnson, from Mobile for New York, with 500 bales of cotton, was burned at sea on the 7th instant in latitude 29 degrees 43 minutes, longitude 84 degrees 21 minutes. Her crew of eleven, including the captain, were picked up in a small open boat by the steamer Hutchinson four hours after leaving the burning vessel, and were brought to this city.

PETERSBURG AND VICINITY.

A LADY BURNED TO DEATH.

Remarkable Fatality to One Neighborhood—Forty-five Coupon Cases—Interest in the River Improvement.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, Jan. 11, 1886.

Another fatal burning accident occurred in this city yesterday. Miss Maggie Sermons, aged nineteen years, daughter of Mr. George Sermons, residing at the corner of South and Washington streets, was the victim. The young lady was attending some cooking for dinner when her apron caught fire from the stove. Losing her presence of mind, she ran from the house out into the yard and her clothes were soon fanned into flames, and her whole body became enveloped in fire. Her screams attracted attention and quickly brought her assistance, but she was so badly burned that death resulted in a short time. It may be remarked in this connection that the death of this young lady is the sixth or seventh that has occurred from similar accidents in the same neighborhood within comparatively a few months. The two sisters—the Misses Clay—perished from accidental burning last spring; subsequently Mrs. Cooke and two children, in the near vicinity, were burned to death; an old man was fatally burned, and now occurs this distressing accident. Mr. Sermons is a worthy and respectable citizen, and was formerly and for some years an efficient member of the police corps.

The temperature early this morning is reported from various localities to have been from 6 to 10 degrees above zero—unusually cold for this section. During the past two or three days ice has formed to the thickness of three inches, and unless there is a sudden warm change the ice-houses throughout this section will be filled this week. The lakes at Westchester Park, the ponds around the city, and the river-meadows on the Chesterfield side furnish excellent skating, and to-day hundreds of ladies and gentlemen and children are enjoying themselves in that healthful exercise.

There are forty-five coupon suits on the docket of the Hustings Court for trial next week—some of which will undoubtedly be disposed of. The amount involved is considerable. Mr. R. L. Maury, of Richmond, is the plaintiffs' counsel in three of these cases, and Mr. W. H. Sands, of Richmond, is counsel in the other forty-two cases.

A good deal of interest is being manifested in the improvement of our river and harbor, and by a number the old scheme has been revived, as the best system of improvement, of damming the river above Pocahontas bridge, and turning the course of the stream through the Roslin meadows in Chesterfield county. This plan would empty the volume of water from above into the main channel of the river some distance below the city, and fill our harbor with back-water free of all deposit. A survey of this route was made a year or two ago by United States engineers, but it was found to be so expensive that all hope of a sufficient appropriation from Congress was practically abandoned, at least for the present.

Some feeling has been caused among those interested in the Normal and Collegiate Institute, near this city, by the deposition of one of the professors—J. B. Stover—of the attempted dismissal of him from the college premises by writ of unlawful detainer, and the appointment in his stead of another professor. Counsel have been engaged to prosecute and defend the case. Stover claims that, as his dismissal was not made by a majority of the board, he is still an instructor and entitled to rooms on the premises. The matter of the unlawful detainer was brought up in Court of Chesterfield county to-day, but what action was taken has not yet been learned. It is understood that Governor Lee has requested that action in the matter be postponed until the new Board of Education can have time to make investigation into the circumstances of Stover's removal.

The receipts of cotton at this port last week were 153 bales—making a total of 12,382 bales since September 1, 1885, as against 558 bales for the corresponding period of last year. The receipts by wagons show a large increase over the previous year. The stock on hand at present is 2,191 bales, as compared with that of the first of last year.

A letter was received to-day from Philadelphia, stating that there is no improvement in the condition of the health of the venerable Dr. Booth. He is gradually declining and suffers great debility. He was seventy-six years old to-day. He has many relatives and friends in this section of the State.

NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.

Died from Natural Causes—Badly Frozen—Found Dead—The Navy-Yard, &c.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, January 11, 1886.

Coroner Newtown held an inquest yesterday morning on the body of Mrs. Sarah Swank, who was found with her skull crushed and dying at a late hour Saturday night on the stairway outside of her rooms at No. 12 Cumberland street. At the time the husband of Mrs. Swank and her son by a former marriage, Homer W. Abdell, were arrested at the house by the police and held for examination. The jury decided, after the body had been examined by several physicians, that the woman died from apoplexy and her skull was crushed by a fall.

This morning was not only the coldest of the season, but the coldest, many said, for several years. The harbor was nearly frozen over, and steamers had to break their way through the ice after passing above Fort Norfolk. The freeze caused the propeller of the British ship Innexible to burst while the vessel was lying in the dry-dock at the navy-yard, and a new propeller will have to be put on. The boys are having great sport to-day skating on the frozen creeks adjacent to the cities. The steamers are yet running irregularly.

A man named Nelson Brown was found badly frozen on the streets late Saturday night, and is yet in a critical condition.

The body of Sam. Wright (colored) was picked up by the police on King street, Portsmouth, frozen as stiff as a plank, early this morning. It is supposed he died during the night from heart-disease.

Communication with Cape Henry has been restored.

The United States steamer Powhatan, it is said, has been ordered here from Key West for repairs. If so the repairs will be very extensive, and the job will be hailed with delight by our mechanics, as work is rapidly diminishing at the yard, there being only one steamer to work on—the Alliance.

The war vessels leaving here all have orders to cruise in the West Indies and along the Spanish main until spring, and then rendezous at Key West for the naval drill at Tampa bay early in April.

It is reported that the ice on Currituck sound is two inches thick. The Old Dominion steamship Roanoke, which arrived from Richmond, reports some ice above Hog Island, but not enough to obstruct navigation where vessels are prepared with snow-plows. All vessels reaching the city to-day are covered with ice, and in many of them their exposed decks are thickly sheeted.

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Marine Disaster.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., January 11.—The schooner S. F. Kirwin, Captain Mattineau, hence for Baltimore with lumber, was sunk in a gale off Sewell's Point on Saturday night. The Captain, mate, and crew were in the rigging during Saturday night, and were rescued Sunday morning and brought here—all severely frost bitten.

The schooner Amelia Hearn, from James river to Baltimore with lumber, is also sunk near Sewell's Point. The crew were saved.

Found Dead in His Shop.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., January 11.—William Weaver, a colored barber, was found dead in his shop this afternoon, and as he had not been seen since Saturday night, it is believed that he froze to death.

Germany Seizes Samoa.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, January 11.—Intelligence has been received here that Germany has seized the island of Samoa, in the Pacific ocean. The king and his chiefs were insulted and finally fled. A force of men was landed at Apia from the German war-ship Albatross. The German Consul then hauled down the Samoan flag and ran up the German colors in its stead. The Samoans threaten to make war on the Germans. The American and British Consuls protested against the action of the Germans.

Schooner Sunk and Lives Lost.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

BALTIMORE, January 11.—The schooner Crissie Wright, Captain Clark, which sailed from Baltimore for Savannah, Ga., on December 29th last, was lost at sea off Beaufort, N. C., on Sunday. Only one man of a crew of eight was saved. The captain's body was recovered. Her cargo consisted of 576 tons of bulk guano, shipped by the Chesapeake Guano Company.

Fire in Brenham, Texas.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

GALVESTON, TEX., January 11.—A special to the *News* from Brenham, Texas, says: Newbower & Brother's large dry-goods establishment was burned last night. The loss on the building, which was owned by ex-Congressman D. C. Giddings, is $5,000; insured. Newbower & Brothers' loss on their stock is estimated at $75,000; insurance $30,000.

Allen G. Thurman Nominated.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

COLUMBUS, O., January 11.—The Democratic members of the Legislature held an open caucus to-night and nominated Allen G. Thurman for the United States Senate. Thurman received 38 votes in the caucus; Governor Hoadly, 33, and 1 scattering. The nomination of Thurman was afterwards made unanimous by a rising vote.

Railroad Matters.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PHILADELPHIA, January 11.—The shareholders of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company held their annual meeting here to-day. The meeting was remarkable for the restoration of ex-President Franklin B. Gowen, who two years ago retired from the management. The Gowen ticket was the only one voted for.

Fire in Alabama.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

MOBILE, ALA., January 11.—The office of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Marion, Ala., was burned with all its contents yesterday.

LATE WEATHER REPORT.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, January 12—1 *A. M.*—*For the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather, stationary followed by slowly rising temperature, winds generally from northwest to southwest, higher barometer, followed on the western portion by falling barometer.*

For the South Atlantic States, fair weather, nearly stationary followed by slowly rising temperature, northwest to southwest winds, becoming variable.

For Richmond and vicinity, fair weather, stationary temperature this morning, followed by slightly warmer weather.

The Weather in Richmond Yesterday was clear and cold.

Range of Thermometer Yesterday.

6 A. M.	9
9 A. M.	12
Noon	2
3 P. M.	2
6 P. M.	2
Midnight	15
Mean temperature	18

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, JAN. 12, 1886.

Sun rises	7:35	HIGH TIDE	
Sun sets	5:11	Morning	9:44
Moon sets	11:50	Evening	9:40

PORT OF RICHMOND, JANUARY 11, 1886.

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