THE RICHMOND DISPATCH.

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Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey
AND
Duffy's Formula.

DYSPEPSIA AND INDIGESTION.

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Dear Sirs: I have had dyspepsia for fourteen or fifteen years, and your Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey has cured me entirely. It cures where all others fail. I am thankful to you for it; have recommended it, and my friends are more it.
MRS. EVELINE TARLTON.

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Sirs: I have suffered with Dyspepsia for eight or ten years and have tried patent medicines with results wholly unsatisfactory. I find your Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey a most excellent remedy, and invaluable to those suffering from Dyspepsia.
D. W. MORGAN.

BRENSVILLE, WIS., June 5, 1886.
Dear Sirs: Am happy to say that your Duffy's Formula is of the greatest value as a cure for Dyspepsia. I have been troubled with indigestion for about four years, and after using one bottle of your Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, with the other ingredients named, I feel much better.
J. E. MEANY.

GREENCASTLE, PA.
Gentlemen: I have been taking your Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey and Duffy's Formula for General Debility and indigestion. From its use my appetite has greatly improved, and my general health restored.
W. B. BROWN.

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I have improved rapidly since taking your Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey and Duffy's Formula. I was a great sufferer from indigestion and severe pains in my chest and back, and now they have almost entirely disappeared. My family are also taking both, and are deriving much benefit. I have gained eleven pounds in four weeks. It does not seem possible but it is all owing to Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. There is nothing to equal it.
A. P. DUGANNS,
Photographer.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, U. S. A., PHILADELPHIA DEPOT, SCHUYLKILL ARSENAL.
Gentlemen: I am a firm believer in Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. It has made me a new man from being a chronic sufferer from Dyspepsia.
THOMAS H. MCGINNISS.

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Dear Sirs: I have used Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey and Duffy's Formula for Disordered Stomach, and have found them to be all you claim. I feel so much better after taking a few doses I am not too fast taking anything. I have recommended them to others, who have improved.
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OUR WHISKEY IS SOLD ONLY IN SEALED BOTTLES. NEVER IN BULK. NO FUSEL OIL.

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An immense purchase of TOWELS from a jobber who retires from business:
Extra large and fine DAMASK TOWELS at 25c dozen worth $4.50;
Large fine HUCKABACK TOWELS at $9 per dozen worth $4.50;
Heavy fine HUCKABACK TOWELS at $[illegible] per dozen worth $3;
PURE-LINEN STAMPED SPLASHERS at 17c, for the regular 25c quality;
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TABLE DAMASK at 35c, a yard worth 50c;
TABLE DAMASK at 50c, a yard worth 75c;
TABLE DAMASK at 60c, a yard worth [illegible];
TABLE DAMASK at 65c, a yard worth [illegible];
TABLE DAMASK at 75c, a yard worth $1;
TURKEY-RED DAMASK for table-cloths at 25c a yard worth 37c; at 50c, worth 65c; at 75c worth $1;
100 BARGAINS in NAPKINS of all kinds.
TOWELLING of all kinds very cheap.
LEVY & DAVIS.

GOSSAMERS.

SILVER-GRAY GOSSAMERS, warranted water-proof at 97c;
Also GOSSAMERS at higher prices.
We only sell GOSSAMERS that are guaranteed WATER-PROOF.
LEVY & DAVIS.

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Large additions just made to our stock, our prices are the lowest for handsome goods of the best quality.
We show an immense stock of RUGS, and can give the best bargains ever offered.
See our extra-large SMYRNA RUGS at $[illegible]—never sold before for less than $6.
Smaller sizes in like proportion.
LEVY & DAVIS.

Napier Matting.

For covering the floors of halls, offices, warehouses, and churches we offer a lot of NAPIER MATTING at prices unheard of before.
Heavy NAPIER MATTING, 1¾ yards wide, at 30c. a yard, usually sold at 62½c.;
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Extra-heavy NAPIER MATTING, the best made, ¾ yard wide, at 12c. a yard, regular price 30c.;
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Fail not to examine our large stock of CARPETS, RUGS, DRUGGETS, MATS, WINDOW-SHADES, and CURTAINS.
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IMPORTED FRENCH PATTERN HATS AND BONNETS.
BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS IN FRENCH MATERIALS FOR HAT AND BONNET TRIMMING.
The very latest in
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SPECIAL NOTICE.
In order to do justice and give proper attention to our many friends and patrons, as well as to avoid the usual rush we have heretofore experienced on such occasions, we have concluded to have
NO FORMAL OPENING-DAY,
but shall begin MONDAY, October 11th, to show the most popular and stylish line of
Millinery and Fancy Goods
EVER SHOWN IN RICHMOND.
We have searched the market for everything new and desirable, and feel gratified at our own success, Mr. KAUFMANN having secured the very
Latest Paris Novelties
on his European tour, and we can candidly say that our stock lacks nothing that will suit the taste and desires of our patrons.
Kaufmann & Co.,
413 EAST BROAD STREET.
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CLEANING, DYEING, &c.

RICHMOND STEAM DYEING, SCOURING, AND CARPET-CLEANING-WORKS, 808 north Fifth street, Richmond, Va. Special attention paid to cleaning, dyeing, and repairing GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHES. CARPETS taken up, cleaned, and relaid.
Mrs. A. J. PYLE, Proprietress.
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JOGGING ALONG.

ONLY ONE SESSION OF THE KNIGHTS' CONVENTION YESTERDAY.

The Tenure-of-Office Question Under Discussion—Powderly To Give No More Reports.

The delegates to the Knights of Labor General Assembly, after spending Monday participating in a street-parade and being entertained at the State Fair-Grounds by the local members of the order, assembled at Armory Hall at 9 A. M. yesterday to resume business. Arrangements had been made for the Knights to surrender the hall at 1 P. M., in order that it might be put in readiness for the concert given there last night by the Drum-, Fife-, and Bugle-Corps of the First Massachusetts regiment, which accompanies John A. Andrew Post, Grand Army of the Republic, on their visit here. Therefore no afternoon session could be held, and the morning one was protracted until 1 P. M.—an hour later than the usual time of adjournment for the dinner recess.

MR. POWDERLY DODGES THE REPORTERS.

As members wanted to get their papers out of the way they lingered at the hall for awhile after the adjournment, and were a little tardy reaching their hotels and boarding-houses. At Ford's, where Mr. Powderly boards, and after each session of the Convention meets members of the press to furnish them with that part of the proceedings which he desires to have made public, were waiting a half dozen or more reporters and correspondents. They waited patiently until 2 o'clock, thinking that he was detained at the hall, and kept to this idea until one of the reporters informed his *confrères* that Mr. Powderly was seated in the dining-room as far from the entrance as possible quietly eating away on some beef and raw tomatoes.

It was evident that he had departed from his usual route to and from the hall, and entered the hotel from the rear for the purpose of evading the newspaper-men, he feeling piqued because one of them, he alleged, had intentionally grossly misrepresented him.

As no one had been delegated to give out a report to the press the reporters were at a loss to know to whom they must apply for an outline of the proceedings of the Assembly. While Mr. Powderly was about to commence on his dessert the representative of the United Press wrote the following on a card and gave it to a waiter to take to him:

"When will you meet the representatives of the press to give a report of to-day's proceedings of the Assembly?"

Mr. Powderly received the card and wrote underneath the above the following:

"I don't know when, for our Board meets at once."

CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

The scribes consulted for some time, and finally it was decided that a delegation of them should go around and intercept Mr. Powderly as he came out the dining-room from the side entrance. In a few minutes he came out in company with Mr. Hayes, member of the Executive Board, and started to ascend the stairway leading up towards his room. Representatives of the *Stars* and *Dispatch* were standing near and one of them said: Mr. Powderly, have you anything for the press to-day?

He replied: I have not. The proceedings to-day were altogether of a secret character.

Is your action to-day indicative of the fact that you do not hereafter intend to give out anything for publication?

By this time the correspondents who were waiting at the main entrance came around, and then there was a general conversation. Mr. Powderly said that he would not object to giving out reports to the press if what he said was published. He complained of some of the New York papers misrepresenting him, and insisted that he would not give anything if matter gotten from other sources that was not true was added to what he furnished and then sent off as coming from him. He alluded especially to telegrams sent to the New York *Times* by Mr. Fielders, who is here telegraphing reports to that paper. He did not include the Richmond papers. He said he had no fault to find of them.

Mr. Powderly said he was willing to furnish reports if what he gave out was used over his name or in such a manner as to distinguish it from that gotten from outside sources, a great deal of which is not correct. He did not have anything to say about matter gotten outside being used, but did want it so arranged as to show that he was not responsible for it. He had been much worried by receiving letters about things which appeared in New York papers about things reported as coming from him, of which he had no knowledge whatever. He was willing to furnish reports to the Associated and United Press, as they send the same matter to all papers.

SOMEBODY ELSE TO REPORT.

Mr. Powderly said further, that on Saturday last he had declined to meet members of the press while Mr. Fielders was among them, and delegated some one else to serve in this capacity for him, and that the newspapers had not referred to this matter. He was corrected here, as all of the Richmond papers had made prominent this fact.

Mr. Powderly was asked if he could not fix some hour to give out news every day, and not let the men have to keep a watch on him as they had done on that occasion. He said he could not; that he was kept too busy with other matters to make such appointments. He said, finally, that he would designate some one else, who had more time to give out reports, to which the newspaper-men readily agreed.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

"What was done to-day?" was asked.

"Well," said Mr. Powderly, "I have nothing to give out more than what you have heard."

Several said they had heard nothing, and one, after hesitating as to whether or not to tell what he had heard before so many other correspondents, said:

"The only thing I have heard that was done was in relation to changing the Constitution and the tenure of office."

Mr. Powderly said: "Yes; the Committee on Laws submitted a report, and we have only acted upon one section. I cannot even tell you the substance of that section."

The conference here ended, and Mr. Powderly went up stairs. After getting up a few steps he turned and said: "I will try and appoint some one who has time and will furnish you all fair reports."

SHARP WORDS.

It is understood that the session of the Convention yesterday morning was a very heated one and that the discussions were at times very animated. Two of the delegates indulged in some sharp words upon their arrival at the hotel. One charged that the other had been drinking intoxicating liquors and that he would report him. The party accused denied the assertion and challenged proof. The discussion was waxing warmer and warmer, but presently Delegate Willard, of Boston, walked up to the group and made known the fact that members of the press were listening to the quarrel and it ended.

WILL IT END THIS WEEK?

When the General Assembly met it only expected to continue in session two weeks. Of this time there remains now only four days, and practically nothing has been done further than effecting an organization, appointing committees, and referring to them hundreds of resolutions, of which but few will ever see daylight.

There are many important questions which should, and doubtless will, occupy the attention of the Convention, and it is decidedly doubtful whether their consideration can be completed in so short a time. The hall was only engaged for two weeks, and there may be trouble about keeping it longer. Some have suggested that the body will adjourn next Tuesday.

It is understood that an effort will be made to reach the election of officers this week. This usually is about the last thing done, and it is not probable that this Convention will hold together long after they are elected.

District Lodge to Meet To-Night.

To-night the District Lodge of Good Templars will meet at Central Hall. This Lodge embraces representatives from the lodges of the order in this city, Manchester, and the counties of Henrico and Hanover. At this meeting a district lecturer is to be elected, the district-lodge degree conferred, and other important business of the order transacted.

Virginia Field-Sports Association.

On the 21st instant—the second day of the Fair—there will be held in this city a sportsmans' convention, the real object of which will be held to organize a game-protective association. This association, if organized, will undertake a revision of the game laws, which are now in sad confusion, upon intelligent and exhaustive inquiry as to the needs of all parts of the State. It also proposes to adopt the game-warden laws that have operated so beneficially in many of the States. It will further provide for restocking the State with game where it is exhausted, and for field trials and bench shows. One of its best features will be that it will furnish its members facilities for selling their fine stock through the aid of the club and for buying all sorts of sportsmen's outfit at greatly-reduced prices.

The meeting has attracted people from all parts of the State, and promises to be not only interesting, but of great advantage to the cause of game-protection.

There will be represented at the Fair the leading houses of the country who deal in sportsmen's goods, which will be a new and decidedly interesting feature.

FIRE AT DIPPNER'S STABLES.

A Bright Blaze and Considerable Damage Done Last Night.

At 8:20 o'clock last night a great blaze burst from the roof of the buildings at the northeast corner of Marshall and Third streets known as Dippner's stables. Here until her death, quite recently, Mrs. Dippner conducted the livery and undertaking business, and her family lived in the second-story rooms fronting Marshall street, while on the Third-street front portions of the building were rented out to various tenants.

Mrs. Dippner was succeeded in business by her son-in-law, Mr. Joseph W. Billey.

THE FIRE.

The suddenness of the outburst was remarkable. About the time that people in the streets began yelling "Fire!" "Fire!" the family of Mr. Billey realized the fact that their home was about to be destroyed. A young lady of the family said to a *Dispatch* reporter, "We had just put the children to bed, when, upon looking at the window towards the church (St. Mary's), I saw the church and church-yard brilliantly lighted up. I was astounded. At first it was impossible to tell where the fire was, but in a moment we saw that the house was afire, and we all ran down stairs and into the street."

A LADY'S FRIGHT.

Mrs. Billey, who ran across, or was helped across, the street to a neighbor's, was terribly prostrated by fright. But all the people who lived in the building, both on the Marshall-street and Third-street front, got out safely, and the horses, mules, carriages, wagons, and buggies were run out of the livery-stable; furniture was pulled out of the rooms by willing hands, and great piles of coffins were hauled out of the undertaking department and stacked up in the street.

DISTRICT 49 MAKE THEMSELVES useful.

When the fire was first discovered there was a considerable crowd of men standing about Harris's Hall, the headquarters of 49, and most of these, white and black, delegates and citizens, gave hearty help in bringing the property from the burning building. The consequence was that in an incredibly short time the house was almost "gutted"; not all of its contents were saved, but the most valuable portion was. Among other things left a prey to the flames was a small white hearse used at children's funerals.

FIRE BRIGADES.

The engines of the Fire Department responded to the alarm with promptness and attacked the conflagration in good style. They found the fire bursting through the roof and through the windows next to the church. It had evidently originated in the hay-loft or in some part of the stables, where there was a great aggregation of combustible material; but in five minutes it was checked, and in good season entirely subdued—not, however, until the property was very considerably damaged.

ORIGIN.

The origin of the fire could not be learned. It was discovered about the same time by the people upstairs and by a colored driver, who, while unhitching a team in the back alley, saw the glare of the flame from the ceiling above shining on the backs of a horse in the stable. This ceiling was the floor of the story above, in which was stored three carloads of hay and one carload of oats and some coffins. All the feed was consumed.

The damage to the building, as roughly estimated last night, will run up between $1,000 and $1,200. Most of the stock, coffins, carriages, and all of the horses, were gotten out. Some of the furniture, &c., was badly injured.

INSURANCE.

The insurance was in companies represented by Mr. Julius Strauss as follows: On building, Western Assurance, of Toronto, $2,250; German Fire, of Baltimore, $2,250; on furniture, British America Assurance Company, $1,000; on stock of coffins, British America Assurance Company, $500; on forage, grain, &c., British America Assurance Company, $500; on harness, British America Assurance Company, $500. Total, $7,000.

The Broad-Street Track.

A petition was presented in the Board of Aldermen Monday night, signed by merchants on Broad street between Seventh and Ninth, calling attention to the manner in which the extension track to the City Hall lot is being laid—above the level of the street—and claiming that it seriously incommodes them in their business, inasmuch as carriages and delivery-wagons cannot cross the street without going some distance out of the way. The petition further complains that the track is likely to obstruct the street for years, and it asks that those in authority be instructed to place the track within the level of the street. The petition will probably be acted on by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings at its meeting Saturday night.

The Life-Insurance Company of Virginia.

From the notice published yesterday morning concerning the reorganization of this company it appeared that Mr. George Thornton, of New York, was elected president. This was erroneous, and was the result of a clerical error. Mr. Gustavus A. Walker was elected president, Mr. George Thornton vice-president and manager, and Mr. George A. Porter (not Parker) secretary. All of these gentlemen are at present residents of New York city, and are widely and popularly known in the insurance world. They will now take up their residence in Richmond, and are considered a great acquisition to the business community.

Assignment of Mr. Latouche, Tailor.

Mr. John Latouche, tailor, 905 Bank street, yesterday executed a deed of assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Latouche assigns to L. F. Bossieux, trustee, all his stock of goods, cloth, trimmings, fixtures, &c. The first preferred creditor is William Renger, house rent; next expenses of deed, &c.; third, $650 borrowed money, to L. J. Bossieux's estate; fourth, $150, borrowed money, to Chewning & Rose; back wages due employés, and $250 to E. W. Kelley. The fifth class includes creditors from whom merchandise has been bought. Liabilities, about $3,000.

Mortuary Statistics.

There were 36 deaths in the city during the week ending October 9th, of which 19 were white persons and 17 colored persons.

Cause of Death.—Brain-disease, 1; bronchitis, 2; burns and scalds, 1; cardiac dropsy, 1; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 2; consumption, 2; convulsions, 3; croup, 2; croup—diphtheritic, 1; diabetes, 1; diarrhœa—chronic, 1; diphtheria, 1; dysentery, 1; fever—congestive, 1; fever—typhoid, 1; gastro-enteritis, 3; heart-disease, 1; inanition, 3; intemperance, 1; marasmus, 1; old age, 1; paralysis, 2; premature birth, 1; unknown, 2; whooping-cough, 1.

Ages.—One day to thirty, 3; one month to six, 1; six months to twelve, 4; one year to three, 8; three years to five, 2; ten years to twenty, 2; twenty years to thirty, 1; thirty years to forty, 3; forty years to fifty, 1; fifty years to sixty, 6; sixty years to seventy, 3; eighty years to ninety, 1; unknown, 1.

The Prisoner Cluverius.

Mrs. Tunstall and Willie Cluverius were with the prisoner (Cluverius) a good while yesterday evening.

The condemned man continues in good health and fair spirits.

One of his near friends stated yesterday that quite a number of people had promised to sign the petition for Executive clemency.

Fell Off a Scaffold.

At 3 P. M. yesterday two men, J. T. Pegram and J. N. Traylor, while on the scaffolding of a new building on west Leigh street above Kinney at work fell to the ground below—eighteen feet. Traylor was bruised and hurt. Pegram was only slightly bruised.

THE PRESIDENT.

HE IS CERTAINLY COMING TO THE RICHMOND FAIR.

Quite Probable That Mrs. Cleveland Will Accompany Him—Programme as Far as Fixed, &c.

Dr. M. Q. Holt, of Surry, a member of the committee who waited on President Cleveland to invite him to visit Richmond as the guest of the State Agricultural Society, was in the city yesterday and he said to a *Dispatch*-man: "You can state positively that we have the assurance that the President will be here. He declared that he could leave Washington only for one day, and we promised to bring him here in the morning and take him back at night. He said to us that he was capable of almost any amount of physical endurance, and that in arranging the programme we need not spare him in that way. He remarked, I remember, that he could be ready to start at sunrise if necessary. Major Myers responded that that would be unnecessary; that if the train could leave Washington at 7 o'clock it would reach here in good time. So it has been agreed that the President shall leave at 7; reach here at 11:30."

Will Mrs. Cleveland come?

I am not sure about that. Probably she will, for I observed that when the committee spoke of how gratified the people of Richmond and of Virginia would be to see her, the President looked much pleased.

Will the President make a speech here?

He told Colonel Beverley not to announce him for a speech; but he was answered that he would be expected to say something, and I have no doubt that he will.

Will there be a reception in the city after the speaking and lunch—which I hear is proposed—at the Fair Grounds?

Yes.

Where will it be?

At the Governor's house.

At what hour will the President leave Richmond for Washington?

About 7 o'clock P. M. He said that he didn't care how late at night it was when he got back to Washington.

This information is confirmed by the Washington *Star*; also by a letter received here yesterday from a prominent official in Washington, who says: "I went to see the President yesterday with reference to the Richmond trip. He said that he could only spend one day in Richmond."

Commissioner-of-Agriculture Colman and Mr. W. W. Corcoran have also accepted invitations to visit Richmond on the occasion of the President's coming.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says: The President has declined the invitation to visit Alabama next month. He was prompted to this action by the fact that his time during the latter part of November will be occupied with preparing his annual message to Congress. The President will visit the Virginia State Fair at Richmond next month, but will go no further South this winter.

THE PROTRACTED DROUGHT.

Much Rain Earlier, but None During the Past Month.

This has been a remarkably dry fall—in fact, the driest since 1881, the year of the Yorktown Centennial, when the water-supply here gave out, and the City Council, in obedience to the demands of public opinion, bought the Worthington steam-pump and had it put up in a hurry. The river is very low—not so low, however, as in the fall of 1881 or summer of 1884—but there is no lack of water for the city for all purposes, and it is not only plentiful but clear and of the best quality.

There has been no rain now since Sunday afternoon, September 12th, when it fell in copious showers, and in a few hours reached 2.20 inches. There were also light rains on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of September, which made the entire rainfall for the month 3.67 inches—about on an average with what it was in the same month for the six years preceding.

While Richmond has not suffered from the drought in the way of having her water supply shacked, she has in other respects. The streets have been full of dust all the time, rendering travelling, both walking and driving, very disagreeable; the foliage has been recovered with a thick coat of dust that it has been and is now difficult to see its color; the leaves have fallen and the grass in the parks and private yards—except where well watered—and other vegetation have faded and died earlier than they are wont to do; and the clouds of dust have been so frequent and heavy as to keep parlors and other front rooms of residences in a soiled condition, unless they are kept tightly closed and the inmates deferred the delightful privilege of enjoying the fresh currents of air passing through. Rain is much needed for the comfort of the city people, and more for the benefit of the countrymen, who have in many instances yet to make preparations for seeding their crops. Then there are the millers, who cannot grind without water-power. This class would doubtless have suffered more inconvenience than they have but for the fact that during the earlier part of the year there was so much rain that the water-courses had a "full" supply to begin the dry season with.

The rainfall this year has been already 15 inches, while the average for the fifteen years previous had been only 36.54. The rainfall in July alone was 10.64 inches, or about as much as during the same month for any three years during the six preceding. It will be seen from the above that there has already fallen this year 11.46 inches more than the average; yet the past will not suffice for the future, and now more is sadly needed. It has been aptly remarked "that the weather is too fair to be trusted too far. It is probably laying up a black eye for the near future." Except for the discomfort created by the dust in consequence of the drought, the weather this fall has been all that could be desired.

BURGLAR IN A BED-ROOM.

Mr. Joseph Hall's Residence Entered and $285 Stolen.

Mr. Joseph Hall, proprietor of the Richmond Iron-Works, who lives at 404 west Grace street, was suddenly awakened about 3 o'clock yesterday morning by a noise. He listened and heard the noise again, and then stealthy footsteps. He got out of bed and examined the room, but without finding any one. Going into the hall, he was entering the bath-room, when he found a man behind the door. "What are you doing here, sir? How did you get here?" he exclaimed. The man said he was sleepy and wanted to rest, and pretended to be drunk.

While the two were parleying the stranger edged his way past Mr. Hall toward the door. Mrs. Hall, who could hear the conversation, became frightened and screamed to her brother, Mr. John Chamblin, who rooms up-stairs, to come down. As the man edged off Mr. Hall laid his hand on him. As he did so the fellow shot past him, and, going down the steps, ran out of the front door and locked it on the outside. Mr. Hall pursued, but it was some time before he could get out, and then the burglar-man had gone. Mr. Chamblin raised the window and fired three pistol-shots to give the alarm. Policeman Robins was two squares off, and heard the shots, and at once went to Mr. Hall's house, and with the help of two brother-officers, who afterwards came up, searched all that neighborhood for the burglar.

When Mr. Hall returned to his bedroom he found his pants lying on the floor. Examining the pocket, he found his pocket-book, which contained $285.

The robber is described as rather stout, with red complexion, and no moustache or whiskers.

Upon examining the premises an inch-and-a-quarter mortise and chisel and a three-quarter augur were found. Marks were also found on the basement windows, where an ineffectual effort had been made to effect an entrance through them.

Yesterday, in the same neighborhood, a man answering the above description was found on a porch by the landlady. She asked him what he wanted, and he told her he was hungry. She gave him a meal, and he departed.

UNITED STATES COURT.

Suit Against Treasurer Miller, of Rappahannock—Boycott Case.

The United States Court—Judge Bond presiding—was engaged yesterday hearing the case of A. M. Willis against Miller, treasurer of Rappahannock county, and others. Attorney-General Ayers and Hon. John Randolph Tucker appeared as counsel for Miller.

Mr. W. L. Royall and Mr. George Bryan represented Mr. Willis.

This is a suit to recover $10,000 damages for a levy by the treasurer of Rappahannock county after the tender of coupons. The treasurer, acting upon instructions from the Auditor, levied on ten head of cattle, four horses, one wagon, eighty-one sheep, and other property to satisfy a tax-bill of about $136. The treasurer sold sufficient property to pay the same and returned the balance of the property. It is alleged that Mrs. Willis was so disturbed about the levy that she packed up and removed a great part of her personal property to a place of safety. These articles were of great value, and consisted of articles inherited from Napoleon Bonaparte through her son, who married in the Murat family, Napoleon's marshal.

The main question involved is similar to that raised in the Ford and Dulaney cases. The evidence was concluded yesterday, and argument will begin this morning.

The case of Tracy R. Wyles vs. The Proprietors and Publishers of the *Labor Herald* and the Boycott Committee of Richmond Typographical Union, No. 90, will probably be called to-day, and the time fixed for its trial when both Judges Bond and Hughes can be present to hear it.

SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

Arrangements for the Meeting Here in November.

A joint meeting of the pastors, elders, and deacons of the Presbyterian churches of Richmond was held last night in the lecture-room of the First church to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Synod of Virginia. This body numbers some 230, and meets on the 9th of November in the First church.

Rev. Dr. Drew was called to the chair and Mr. J. D. K. Sleight appointed secretary. Prayer was offered by the chairman, and the following resolution, as offered by Judge Wellford, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of two representatives from each Presbyterian church in Richmond and Manchester, to whom shall be confided the duty of providing accommodations for the members of the Synod during its approaching session, and receiving and locating them upon their arrival in the city, with power to appoint sub-committees.

The following were appointed to compose this committee—viz.: First church, W. S. Dennis, Jr., and A. H. Christian, Jr.; Second church, Colonel C. R. Barksdale and Mr. Howard Sawyer; Third church, Messrs. C. D. Larus and J. W. Sinton; Fourth church, Messrs. R. H. Gilliam and Jacob Bates; Grace-Street church, Messrs. W. L. Hill and John Lancaster; Manchester, Messrs. H. Fitzgerald and J. C. Goolsby. Howard Sawyer, Esq., was appointed chairman of the committee.

The pastors are requested to announce the action of this meeting next Sabbath morning, and to request the members of their respective congregations to report to the committee as to their willingness and ability to entertain delegates as early as possible.

Rev. Mr. Chichester, of Charleston, S. C., being present, was invited to make a statement regarding the condition of the Presbyterian churches in that stricken city.

All the church buildings there are in a wrecked condition, and help is greatly needed. The Richmond churches are urged to do all in their power to aid the struggling brethren there.

Rev. R. P. Kerr moved that a collection be taken up in each church on the third sunday in November. Carried.

Adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Rev. C. E. Chichester.

THE ARMORY CONCERT.

Movements of the Veterans—They Say Farewell To-Day.

A concert was given at the Regimental Armory last night by the First Massachusetts Regiment Fife-, Drum-, and Bugle-Corps—thirty pieces—for the benefit jointly of Phil Kearney Post memorial fund and the Confederate Soldiers' Home. A fine audience was present, and the concert was a most decided success. The programme embraced selections by the corps, specialties on the banjo, piccolo, xylophone, flute, and cornet by members of the corps; solo, vocal solos by Messrs. A. Barry, J. W. Batchelder, and Captain Frank W. Cunningham.

The playing of the corps exhibited careful study and training and was heartily enjoyed. The specialists rendered their several numbers with fine effect, and each received deserved applause. Mr. A. Barry accompanied himself on the banjo in two solos, which were finely rendered. Mr. J. W. Batchelder, another vocalist, also came in for a share of the honors, while Captain Frank Cunningham never sang better. Many features of the programme were new to our people, and all the more enjoyed on that account.

The visiting veterans spent yesterday sight-seeing. Some went to Petersburg and returned in the afternoon. This morning they visit Soldiers' Home. At 3 P. M. to-day they leave for Old Point. From there they go to Washington, and then to Baltimore, where a reception will be given them. Saturday they return home.

Governor Lee, with several ladies, was present at the concert. As he entered the hall he was loudly cheered.

BIG DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

Rally and Ratification at the Theatre on Thursday Night, 15th.

The City Democratic Committee have made arrangements for a big rally and grand ratification meeting at the Theatre on to-morrow night, and they are able to announce that the following gentlemen have accepted invitations to address the people of Richmond on that occasion:

Hon. John W. Daniel,
Hon. John Randolph Tucker, and
Hon. George D. Wise.

City Committee Last Night.

This committee met last night and were called to order by Superintendent C. E. Wingo. Mr. J. Taylor Stratton was elected a member from Madison Ward in place of Mr. J. H. Middendorf, who resigned on account of business out of town. A telegram was read from Hon. J. W. Daniel that he would certainly speak in the Richmond Theatre Thursday night.

Letters were read from Colonel W. R. Aylett and Hon. R. H. Cardwell, in which they assured the Democracy that they were earnestly at work and would also speak in this city. Mr. Cardwell will speak Friday night in Clay Ward. Colonel Aylett will speak in this city at a later day.

Democratic Meeting in Fulton.

The Democrats of Fulton met at Boltz's Hall last night in large numbers, and were addressed by Hon. J. R. Pike, of Boston, and others.

Hustings Court, Yesterday.

Edward Meredith, charged with selling liquor to minors, was fined $25.

In the case of Richard Johnston (colored), who was found guilty of housebreaking on the 24th of September last, and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, the prisoner moved for a new trial. The motion was continued until yesterday, when it was overruled.

Claiborne James, charged with resisting the police, was acquitted.

W. W. Deane, for the same offence, was fined $25 and sent to jail for six months.

Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday—Justice P. C. Richardson presiding:

Robert Talley and David Taylor (both colored), drunk. Fined each $2 and costs.

Emma Wood (colored), assaulting and beating Louisa Davis on the street. Fined $5 and costs.

Frank Craven and W. J. Faudree, drunk. Fined each $2 and costs.

Mary Jane Strange and Matthew Owens (both colored), disorderly on the street. Fined each $2.50 and costs.

Anna Bailey (colored), drunk. Fined $2 and costs.

Allen Palmer (colored), a suspicious character and carrying concealed weapons—a knife. Fined $20 and costs.

James Twyman (colored), a suspicious character. Security required for twelve months in the sum of $100.

W. J. Johnson, drunk. Fined $5 and costs.

W. E. Melton, disorderly and using profane language in the street. Fined $5 and costs.

W. F. Freeman, drunk. Failed to appear. Attachment issued.

William H. Smith, assaulting and abusing H. A. Catlin in the street. Fined $5 and costs.

Marriage Last Night.

Mr. John L. Jones and Miss Laura L. Hechler were united in marriage last night by the Rev. R. R. Howison at the Third Presbyterian church. Messrs. L. E. Conti, M. Carter, and Harry G. Hechler acted as groomsmen, while Misses Ida V. Dunn, Janette M. Hechler, and Lizzie F. Snellenberg were the bridesmaids. After receiving the congratulations of their friends the happy pair repaired to their home.

THE RACE QUESTION, AGAIN.

An Alleged Colored Delegate Tries to Get Into the Concert.

Last evening about 8:45 o'clock, while the concert was in progress at the Regimental Armory, a colored man, accompanied by two young colored women, ascended the steps, and stopping at the table where admission-tickets were sold by Major W. M. Evans, of the Concert Committee, said: "Is the concert over?"

Major Evans replied that it was not.

"I would like to get some tickets, then."

"It is utterly useless to sell you any tickets," said the Major calmly, "you can't get in; the doorkeepers won't pass you."

"I am a Knight of Labor and an invited guest," the man urged.

The ticket-seller was still obdurate, so the man and his dusky companions turned away and passed out.

A reporter of the *Dispatch* then hunted up General Edgar Allan, chairman of the committee of arrangements, to find out if that gentleman could explain what the man meant by saying he was an invited guest.

General Allan said that he had sent a ticket to the concert to Mr. Powderly in the morning, enclosing a copy of the programme, with a note which stated the object to which the proceeds of the entertainment would be devoted, and expressed the belief that many representatives in the Assembly would heartily sympathize with these objects, and requested him to say a kindly word on behalf of the cause, and to state that Captain R. T. Stoope, a member of Phil Kearney Post, would be at the outer door at the close of the Assembly with tickets for sale.

The belief was generally current that the negro who applied was Ferrell, the "49" delegate. When our reporter asked a description of the man, however, an *attaché* of the Armory said he was tall and of a ginger-bread color. This description did not fit Ferrell, but he was called upon at Harris's Hall and asked if he had been to the Armory to the concert. He answered that he had not.

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. Thomas L. Page, of Goshen, has left for home.

The Venable-Street church will hold a church-sociable to-night in their house of worship.

Milton Via (colored), of Richmond, will be discharged from the penitentiary next Saturday. He was sent in 1882 for grand larceny.

David Krance, of Franklin county, was delivered at the penitentiary yesterday, there to be confined for two years for forgery.

Mr. J. J. Carper, clerk of the County Court of Franklin, and Mr. W. H. Dillard, treasurer of Sussex county, were in the city yesterday.

After the concert at the Armory last night, a lunch was tendered the First Massachusetts Band by the First Regiment Drum-Corps.

The watering-carts have suspended operations on many streets, notwithstanding that their services are more needed now than at any time in twelve months.

Mr. James Turner, who was hurt Monday evening by jumping from a street-car which was in rapid motion—being thrown to the street—was getting on well yesterday.

Henry Crawley, a convict at the penitentiary from Danville, who was to have been released October 28th, is to be tried in the Circuit Court on a charge of attempting to escape.

A fire-alarm was caused at 6:52 P. M. yesterday by the explosion of a kerosene-oil lamp in a house occupied by colored people on Franklin street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets. No damage.

The British schooner Iolanthe, 353 tons, W. J. Card, master, cleared for Santos yesterday with 4,328 barrels of flour valued at $24,228, and 600 kegs of lard (2,600 pounds) valued at $185.65; total, $24,413.65. Flour shipped by the Haxall-Crenshaw Company, Messrs. Dunlop & McCance, and Baltimore Mills.

The *Dispatch* gratefully acknowledges a serenade last night from the First Massachusetts Regiment Band, the producers of the most stirring martial music ever heard in Richmond. At the office of this paper they played "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot?" and "Yankee Doodle," gliding beautifully from the former into the latter. They also serenaded Governor Fitz Lee at the Executive Mansion, in the Capitol square.

In the Board of Aldermen night before last the scheme of warning the people against coming freshets, first proposed by Mr. R. A. Dunlop in the Chamber of Commerce, was reported from the Committee on James-River Improvement, and 500 copies ordered to be printed. The idea is that the city authorities shall keep themselves posted as to the condition of the river west of Richmond, and give citizens notice of the approach and probable magnitude of approaching freshets.

THE EIGHTH-STREET BRIDGE.

Reply to Mr. J. H. Middendorf.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

There appeared in your Sunday's issue a card from Mr. J. H. Middendorf in regard to the "Eighth-Street bridge," which does me very great injustice.

He says there was "a petition to the *City Council*, remonstrating against this great injury to their property and business, and put the same into the hands of Mr. Campbell, former chairman of the Street Committee, where it lay and was never brought to the attention of the Council, as I have been told by many of its members, until long after the ordinance was passed." Now, the *facts* are