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A Good Letter.

The letter of Attorney-General AYERS which we published yesterday breathes the true spirit of a Virginian, and is well calculated to inspire our people with renewed confidence in their law-officer. One of the most striking remarks is, that commencing litigation with the declaration that they rejoiced in the act providing indemnity for county treasurers because they could have speedy payments of the large judgments for punitive damages which they confidently expected to recover, the bondholders and their agents "close the year with an appeal to the United States Court to enjoin the Board of Indemnity from doing that which they at the outset rejoiced the Board had been authorized to do."

Surely that was a grievous disappointment to the coupon-speculators.

"Money talks," is a very expressive phrase which it may be allowable for us to use in this connection. Mr. AYERS did not mention the fact, but it is a fact, that the present price of coupons is indubitable proof that the State's prosecutors have come off second best up to the present moment. Messrs. JOHN A. HAMBLETON & Co., of Baltimore, testify that coupons sold at one time during the last calender year as high as 52. Our quotations in yesterday's issue were "34 bid, 36 asked." This fact, too, is a speaking tribute to the fidelity of our people to their State, and convincing evidence that they are devoted to her interests; for if all the tax-payers who could have used coupons in paying their taxes had done so last year, the Commonwealth would to-day be in a deplorable condition indeed. Coupons would have gone up, and RIDDLEBERGER'S down. Confusion would reign. And nobody would have been really benefited; for it is certain that if the tax-payers were to pay into the Treasury a million of dollars in coupons annually, the State's annual taxes would have to be increased by that sum. Coupons are worthless trash as soon as they reach the Treasury. The unpatriotic tax-payer may put them off upon the Commonwealth, but she cannot put them off upon her creditors. Her only resort is to levy more taxes.

Nothing has ever caused us to lose confidence in the jury system. We have never failed, when occasion offered, to protest against seeking to bring the jury system into disrepute. Recalling the service which that system has performed for our people during the last twenty years, we cannot but be surprised when any southern man attacks jury-trials. Mr. AYERS compliments the juries in the recent coupon-cases, as follows:

"They [the bondholders] met their 'Appomattox' when they encountered a Virginia jury standing 'like a stone wall,' which refused to give them exemplary or punitive damages, and, indeed, only refunded the taxes paid in obedience to the peremptory instructions of the court."

Mr. AYERS has notified the Supreme Court of the United States that Virginia still claims exemption from suit in the United States courts. The people of Virginia will be glad to hear his. Indeed the people of every State n the Union ought to rejoice over it; for all the States are as deeply interested in the matter as Virginia. It cannot be expected that the present justices will reverse their unrighteous decision in the coupon cases; but remembering how short a time elapsed between the two conflicting decisions in the legal-tender cases, we have no reason to despair. The Virginia bonds will not mature in this century.

We wish to emphasize the following paragraphs:

"There is no power in government that can withstand or overcome a united people, and it remains to be seen whether they will stand together and accomplish the object which can thus be so easily attained."

"The people have in their hands the speedy solution of this whole question. If they will only be true to themselves and spurn every offer of coupons upon any terms, the agitation will cease, and the offer of settlement be accepted and become effective."

Let the people never lose sight of the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States has not decided, as of course it could not decide, that it was anybody's duty to pay taxes in coupons. As to this the court says what it would say in reference to the law which permits you to go into a barroom—that you have the right to go, but the court has no power to compel you to go. You have the right to pay your taxes in coupons; but the court has no power to compel you to do so.

Stand by the old Commonwealth!

New York vs. Washington.

The New York papers are in favor of having the Centennial of the beginning of our national constitutional government celebrated in that city. No other place is large enough, is their opinion. No other place is entitled to it. We are inclined to hold that that celebration ought to be where the Government is. The Federal Constitution operates everywhere in the land; but the visible government—the actual, physical government—is at the capital. The President of the United States and his Cabinet officers; the Congress; the Supreme Court, and thousands of the Federal officials are in Washington. The very name of the city calls for the celebration to be had in Washington. To have it in New York would be for the mountain to go to MAHOMET and not MAHOMET to the mountain. It would be to make the Government go to New York to celebrate its own centennial, instead of making New York and all the other towns go to the Government.

A Threat.

After stating that in Indiana the Republican House of Representatives had unseated a Democrat, the New York *Tribune* adds that in retaliation the Democrats of the Senate had unseated a Republican, and then threatens that this act of retaliation shall be fatal to the Democrats when the question comes to be considered by the United States Senate. There's the truth unblushingly told. The Republicans have a majority in the United States Senate, and they intend to keep it. The Democrats had a majority of two on joint ballot in the Indiana Legislature, according to the returns, but the Republicans unseated one Democrat, thus causing a tie on joint ballot, and the leading BLAINE organ in the United States not only justifies this wrong, but tells the Republican rascals to go on and elect a United States Senator by the vote of this seated Republican and because the unseated Democrat is absent, and the United States Senate will admit the fraudulent Senator. How long can institutions nominally free stand such strains?

The Nashville *American*, in discussing the southern boom, says:

"The South to-day is independent and asks no favors. While she welcomes all who wish to share her growing and assured prosperity, she feels that she is giving rather than receiving. She needs the help of northern capital, it is true. But she will not have to beg for it—she will command it."

Exactly. It is only a question of time when the South will have all the capital she wants, and that without the asking. Nor is that all. As we have repeatedly said, the influx of northern capital must create a demand for southern energy, brains, and experience.

Maudlin sentimentality makes Miss VAN ZANDT, of Chicago, willing to commit the crime—against society—of marrying the Anarchist SPIES. All over the world are to be found these mischievous sentimentalists. They are heard of wherever there are criminals; and the greater the crime the greater in many cases is the sympathy manifested with the criminal. Not often, however, does it happen that a refined, intelligent, educated woman offers to throw herself away upon such a character as SPIES. But Chicago has notions of its own—many of them.

Extract of a letter from Lunenburg county, Va.:

Editor Dispatch: Please do all in your power to get the tobacco-tax abolished this winter. In consequence of the tax the large manufacturers are enabled to monopolize the business and pay any price they please for leaf tobacco. In this way the tax has nearly ruined this whole section. S.

We have received from Hon. JAMES D. BRADY a copy of his speech in the House of Representatives, prepared to be delivered there, but never heard within its walls. We recently told our readers what sort of document it was.

BRIEF COMMENT.

"Congress uses six hundred towels a day." When we remember who some of the congressmen are that is not a bit too many.

"A writer has it that BISMARCK'S faintest breath would fan the flames of European war." A mistake; BISMARCK watered his brandy.

The *National Republican* says: "Reform costs a good deal." The *Republican's* party ought to know. It has cost that party a good many offices.

"The Czar's brother, the Grand Duke MICHAEL, was recently kicked into the street at Frankfort by a German sausage-maker." And now the Nihilists are mad because the German did not run him through the sausage-machine.

The Boston *Herald*, commenting on the declaration of the *Independent* that what Mr. BLAINE lacks in approaching religious subjects is courage and intelligence, says he does not lack intelligence but honesty. The disposition to compliment the Plumed Knight seems to be catching.

Personal.

At a recent White House reception Mrs. Stanford, wife of the California Senator, wore diamonds whose value was estimated to be a round half-million dollars.

Mrs. Mary Osborn, of Water street, Boston, is the oldest living resident of that city, having passed the one hundredth anniversary of her birth on the 3d of the present month.

The last verses which Lord Byron wrote, and which have never yet appeared in print, will be published in the second number of *Murray's Magazine*, the new London periodical.

Miss Stone, daughter of General Stone, of the United States army, leaves for Europe this week, and will be one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Stacger to Lord Arthur Butler.

One of the prettiest sights to be seen in Washington is Senator Gorman, of Maryland, and his little son walking down the avenue hand in hand. They are almost inseparable in the Senator's leisure hours.

Mrs. John R. Campbell, wife of the proprietor of the Essex House, Windsor, Detroit's Canadian suburb, has disappeared with some $3,000 she had collected, and with her jewelry and clothing, worth $2,000 more.

Prohibitionists Discouraged.

ATLANTA, January 18.—The new City Council has licensed a large number of wine-rooms. The result is that the Prohibitionists are disheartened. As an evidence of their feeling the *Daily Capitol*, which championed prohibition, says:

"As a prohibition paper that has fought for that side because we believed the people of Atlanta had the nerve to carry it out, and if properly carried out it would prove a blessing, we now feel it our duty to pronounce it a dead failure in Atlanta. In fact, whiskey and beer are sold almost as much as ever, only the city gets nothing for it. Liquor-saloons are getting to be more numerous than ever, only the license has been reduced from $500 to $100 a year, and the property-holders will have to pay for the loss."

"Time well spent" means an errand to your druggist for Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

NORTH STATE.

BINGHAM, THE MURDERER, IN AN INSANE ASYLUM.

Trinity-College Trustees—The Farmers and the Agricultural Department—Various Legislative Notes—Personal, &c.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., January 19.—Excitement over the Bingham case ran higher yesterday and last night than at any time since the finding of Bingham's victim as she lay dead in the woods. Some ten days ago you were advised that information was in the possession of some high officers of the law in regard to Bingham's whereabouts. A portion of this, at least, is now given you. It has been learned that Bingham has been ever since a few days after the murder in a private asylum in Southern New York, not far from New York city. W. H. Deaver, the Asheville detective, found this out from detectives North. The presence of Bingham there accounts for the mysterious movements of his two brothers in and near New York. The Bingham family secured the services of, or rather retained, some prominent lawyers here, a few days after the murder. The information given by Deaver, alluded to above, is only confirmatory of the information gathered here a fortnight ago and then partially revealed to your correspondent. One of the most prominent men in the State said to-day that Bingham would unquestionably be produced at the proper time. As all reports in regard to this case are sent you, the one that a man named Justice had information of Bingham's being near Asheville was sent. Bingham owns land near there and also in Swain county.

THE WEATHER, AGAIN.

Another cold wave came along night before last, and yesterday's weather was bitter. Last night the mercury dropped as low as 11 degrees above zero, and Raleigh and most of the State are again in the grip of the ice.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

In a railway case before the Supreme Court that tribunal decided an interesting and important question in regard to freight-rates. The opinion states that freight charges must be in proportion to mileage hauled and quantity of freight. Such a decision is a matter to be considered by both the railway people and the public.

THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

held a meeting yesterday evening, at which Governor Scales presided. He spoke briefly, saying that the meeting was a public one, and, in conjunction with the farmers, the joint meeting was then held, George Z. French, of Wilmington, presiding. Speeches were made by Messrs. French, A. Leazar, of Iredell; Hon. Kemp P. Battle, president of the University; Colonel W. F. Green, of Franklin county; Colonel Julian Allen, of Iredell county; S. O. Wilson, secretary of the State Horticultural Society; Rev. George W. Sanderlin, of Wayne county; Mr. Meiver, of Orange county; and Colonel L. L. Polk, of Winston. It was stated that a great many farmers' clubs were being organized throughout the State. A desire for an agricultural college was expressed. A resolution to devote half the revenues of the Department of Agriculture as premiums to persons for conducting model or experiment farms was voted on and lost. The meeting continued until a very late hour.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to abolish the present law which gives each county the right to a free scholarship at the State University. The plan is, it is understood, to make the law so that each county shall be entitled to three such scholarships. That will greatly increase the usefulness of the University.

RAILWAY NEWS.

The survey of the road from Durham to Lynchburg was some weeks ago completed as far as Roxboro', the surveyors having started from Durham. They have now resumed the survey from Roxboro' to Lynchburg, and will not stop, unless forced to do so by the weather, until the survey is completed. Great interest is felt in the speedy completion of this road.

COMMENCEMENT NOTES.

Even now the colleges are making preparations for next summer's commencements. At the University W. M. Little has been chosen chief marshal, F. M. Parker chief ball-manager, and the following society orators: Philanthropic, O. D. Batchelor, L. D. Howell, H. F. Murphy; dialectic, J. R. Parker, J. L. Crowell, T. A. Hendrix.

THE NO-FENCE LAW.

Prudent people say that the Legislature ought to go very slow in the matter of no-fence laws. There is a sort of drift towards undoing what the last Legislature did in giving counties the benefit of such a wise law. In the counties where the law has been in operation for years not one person in a hundred would vote for or consent to a return to the old plan of having fences.

IMPROVEMENTS AT WILMINGTON.

The report shows that the improvements in deepening the Cape Fear river and in increasing the depth of water on the bar below the city are of an excellent and satisfactory character. The recent railway extension schemes, which have Wilmington and Smithville as a base of operation, attract renewed attention to the importance of such improvements. It is now understood that the outlook for both these places is better than ever before since the days of railway communication.

A SUIT FOR LIBEL.

Colonel Fred. Stith is interested in mines, and is quite well known in this State and Virginia. Last week W. Fred. Denman published a card in the Charlotte *Chronicle*, which Colonel Stith says was intended to injure him. The latter came here Monday, and yesterday the grand jury returned several bills of indictment against Denman for criminal libel.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

The trustees of Trinity College were in session here last night and again today, J. W. Alspaugh (chairman) presiding. It was decided not to elect a president of the college at this meeting, but to appoint a special committee of clerical and lay members which should look carefully into the matter of selection of suitable men and report. To this committee was also left the duty of formulating plans for increasing the endowment of the college. Rev. J. L. Heitman was continued as chairman of the faculty pending the selection of a president.

This afternoon the Farmers' Convention, called to meet with the Department of Agriculture, met again in the House of Commons. Yesterday's work was continued, and many speeches were made. Among the speakers was ex-Congressman Kitchen, who expressed a desire for the abolition of every branch of the Agricultural Department save that in charge of the State chemist. Several speeches were very inimical to the Department. Among the speakers were Willis R. Williams, master of the State Grange, and Nat. Atkinson, of Asheville. A committee of seven was raised to confer with the General Assembly in regard to the workings of the Department of Agriculture, and as to what changes should be made in it. On motion, a committee was raised to meet with the Farmers' State Convention to be held here on the 26th instant to confer in regard to the best methods of meeting the wants of farmers. All sorts of matters were discussed. Some gentlemen stated that the condition of the average farmer in the State was deplorable.

HOMESTEAD LAW.

Mr. McDonald, of Cabarrus county, offered a resolution to abolish the homestead law, but it was tabled.

Mr. Arrington offered a resolution asking the Legislature to pass the general savings bank act. This was adopted after some debate by Captain Kitchen and Julian Allen, of Statesville.

Another resolution, also introduced by Arrington, was adopted, requesting the Legislature to pass such laws as will protect the people of North Carolina against the dealing in futures of agricultural products.

The attendance at the meeting was fairly large, but not a great number of farmers were present. It is claimed that the adoption of the resolution requesting the General Assembly to divert the land-scrip fund from the State University to the Agricultural College is an important step, and about this matter there is a great deal of talk.

THE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate to-day W. J. Griffin, a new member from the First senatorial district, was sworn in. He is a Democrat, and was elected last week in the special election to fill a vacancy. He defeated his Republican opponent by 52 votes.

AN IMPORTANT MEASURE.

A very important measure came up in the Senate to-day as a special order. It was the bill to repeal section 1966 of the Code of North Carolina. That section reads as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any railroad corporation operating in this State to charge for the transportation of any freight of any description on its road a greater amount of toll or compensation than shall at the same time be charged by it for the transportation of an equal quantity of the same class of freight transported in the same direction over any portion of the same railroad of equal distance, and any railroad company violating this section shall forfeit and pay the sum of $200 for each and every offence to any person suing for the same. Nothing in this chapter shall be taken in any manner as abridging the right of any railroad company of making special contracts with shippers of large quantities of freight, to be of not less in quantity or bulk than one car-load."

The motion made to refer the bill to the Judiciary Committee, which caused warm debate, was lost and the bill was put upon its second reading and passed. The motion to put it on a third reading was lost, but it will certainly pass.

It was announced that another bill would be presented to take the place of the section of the Code referred to. Senator Elias gave notice that he would introduce a railroad-commission bill which he hoped would meet the approval of both the people and of the railway companies. The bill introduced to-day was made necessary by an important decision of the Supreme Court elsewhere referred to.

LUTHERAN SYNOD.

A bill incorporating the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina passed its final reading.

The session of the House to-day was quite lively. Dr. York introduced a bill to restore the agricultural land scrip to the people, to be used in the establishment of one or more agricultural colleges. This is in the line of the resolution adopted by the Farmers' Convention, and elsewhere referred to.

A bill was introduced to repeal the law allowing home merchants a rebate on the drummer's license-tax equal to the amount of the State's purchase-tax they pay.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The House had another heated debate over the Ewarts resolution protesting against the repeal of the civil-service law. Mr. Holt offered a resolution as a substitute, which, after a long discussion, was adopted by a vote of 54 to 52. The resolution thus adopted reads as follows:

Whereas both the Democratic and Republican parties in their national platforms, Presidents Hayes, Garfield, and Arthur in their several messages to Congress, and President Cleveland in his letter of acceptance and in numerous other official documents, have all recognized the imperative need of reform in the civil service of the United States Government: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the efforts of his Excellency Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, to elevate and purify the public service of the United States Government, meets with the hearty approbation of this General Assembly.

The adoption of this resolution is regarded as another victory of the Democrats over the Republicans, who sought to pass Ewarts's resolution, which virtually attacked Senator Vance for his antagonism to civil service.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The special order—Mr. Overman's bill to allow the people to vote on the question of an increase of the Supreme Court to five members—came up, and caused a heated debate. Many speeches were made, and finally, to the great surprise of every one, the bill was defeated by a vote of 59 to 43, though the Judiciary Committee had made a favorable report.

A resolution was adopted raising a committee to thoroughly inquire into the Department of Agriculture and see what retrenchment can be made therein.

Minister Thomas J. Jarvis and wife arrived here to-night and are at the Yarboro' House. All the State officers and a great number of members of the Legislature at once called on Minister Jarvis and paid their respects.

WYTHEVILLE.

Fire—Cutting Scrape—Trying to Have a Sale Set Aside.

[Special telegram th the Dispatch.]

WYTHEVILLE, VA, January 19.—To-day the house of Floyd Robinson, a respectable colored citizen, was burned to the ground. The fire got out from a defective flue, and, owing to a strong wind, burned so fiercely as to soon demolish the building. Most of his furniture, however, was saved. The building was in a thickly-settled neighborhood, but the flames were gotten under control before they could communicate to the adjoining buildings.

Night before last two negro men named Fred. Shenault and Charles Irvine got into a row in a tenement house on Franklin street, when Irvine drew his knife and inflicted several severe gashes on Shenault. Irvine has been arrested and committed to jail.

Mrs. McTeer, the estimable wife of ex-County-Judge James P. McTeer, died at the home of her brother, Mr. S. D. Porter, on Cripple creek, Sunday night.

The Peirs heirs, through their counsel, ex-Attorney-General F. S. Blair, have instituted suit to set aside a former sale of the now celebrated Foster-Falls property, and to cause the money arising from the recent sale to be paid over to them. It will be remembered that that property, which is at the present terminus of the Cripple-Creek extension of the Norfolk and Western railroad, sold a few weeks since for $150,000. At the sale in controversy, which took place about five years ago, it brought between $35,000 and $40,000.

Page—Morris.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ASHLAND, VA., January 19.—Mr. Rosewell Page, a young lawyer of Danville, and a brother of Thomas Nelson Page, was married this evening at 5:30 to Miss Susie D. Morris, the charming young daughter of E. W. Morris, of Hanover. The marriage took place at the residence of the bride's father, and was very quiet.

THE GREAT EXPRESS BREAK.

Fred. Wittrock alias Jim Cummings, Leader of the Robbers Who Took $53,000 from an Express-Car.

On the 26th of October last the whole country was startled by the news of a great robbery which had been committed the night before on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, when $53,000 were taken from an express-car near a place called Pacific Junction. During the ensuing two months the best available detective services were put in operation for the arrest of the men who had made such a splendid haul, and the day before Christmas day representatives of the Pinkerton agency succeeded in arresting, at Chicago, Fred Wittrock *alias* Jim Cummings, who had been the leading spirit and chief actor in robbing the car. His statement that he overpowered the express-messenger, and exculpating that person from a suspicion that he was in league with the robbers, is generally believed, and the messenger will in all probability be found innocent of the charge under which he has been indicted. The above picture of Wittrock is from the first photograph of him procurable, which was taken in jail at St. Louis only a few days ago. At the time of his arrest Wittrock was doing business as the proprietor of a coal-yard and feed store in Chicago, where he and his wife and her brother and sister, the occupants of apartments in the neighborhood of his place of business, were greatly respected. The arrest of Wittrock, his wife, and several men, including his brother, has resulted in the recovery of about $14,000. Mrs. Wittrock, who is not now under arrest, but is under close surveillance, gave up $450 from her pocket to Mr. Robert Pinkerton and a constable who was with him, and subsequently about $1,900 were taken from a skirt she had been wearing. A diamond ring she handed to a female friend was identified as having been taken from the safe of the express-car. Considerable money besides has been secured as the result of the arrests already made in Chicago and elsewhere.

Wittrock is of a most estimable family residing at Leavenworth, Kan. His mother is a widow. She went to Leavenworth some years ago from Buffalo, N. Y., and with her three children, Fred. and two daughters, has resided there ever since. While attending school Fred. acted as carrier on a newspaper. After some years he became book-keeper for a firm who were prison contractors and did a large stone and marble business. He filled the position acceptably, but becoming involved in a quarrel with a man Wittrock drew a revolver and fired one shot at his antagonist, which luckily did no harm. This was the principal cause of his resigning and seeking employment elsewhere, and he became attached to a Government surveying party[1] that was at work on the Lower Mississippi and the jetties near New Orleans. During this time he was somewhat addicted to gambling, and won quite a sum of money before leaving the South.

After severing his connection with the surveying party he went to Chicago in May, 1885, where he engaged in the coal and wood business, the money for the same, about $1,800, being furnished by mortgaging some of his mother's property in Leavenworth. During his stay in Chicago he is reported to have prospered well and frequently sent his mother and sisters kindly remembrances. He visited them last spring and spent several days in Leavenworth, but evinced no disposition to have aught but a pleasant time with his family, and returned to Chicago about the 1st of June, since which time he has corresponded regularly with them. His eldest sister is a teacher in the high school at Leavenworth, and is a highly-respected and accomplished person. The other sister is a book-keeper in a newspaper-office at Leavenworth, and is a popular young woman, handsome and accomplished.

Wittrock is several inches more than six feet tall. His complexion and hair are dark. He is a very courageous young fellow—his age is only twenty-five—marked out for leadership in such enterprises as that from the consequences of which he is now suffering.

EXPLOSION IN A BAGGAGE-CAR.

Excitement on an Express Train—Baggage-Master Injured.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PITTSBURGH, PENN., January 19.—The baggage-car attached to the New York limited express, which arrived in this city at 10:30 o'clock last night, was almost blown to pieces by dynamite or some other terrible explosive a few miles east of Altoona, Penn. Baggage-Master Harry Mingus, who was in the car at the time, was pretty badly hurt. A trunk was put on the train at Duncanton, near Harrisburg, and was checked through to Pittsburgh. Mingus was arranging the trunks in the car. He picked up a small, ordinary trunk, and threw it on top of some other baggage. An explosion followed, which lifted the top off the car as though it was made of paper, and scattered the fragments in all directions. The shock was terrible and startled the engineer and train-men. It also attracted the attention of the passengers, and when it was found that the baggage-car had been almost blown to pieces the greatest excitement prevailed. The train was stopped and the baggage transferred to another car. Mingus was quite seriously injured, but will recover. A brakeman who was in the car at the time escaped by being thrown between the stacks of trunks.

Frank Hurd recently made a ten-strike in the shape of a $25,000 legal fee from Millionaire Mackay, and the rumor that he intended to start a Free-Trade paper is being revived.

The Rapidity of Progress Toward Health.

even when a good remedy for disease is selected, depends in some measure upon the manner in which it is taken. Irregular, interrupted doses can afford no fair test of the efficacy of any medicine, however salutary. Taken in proper doses at prescribed intervals a reliable curative will effect the object of its use. Among remedies which (systematically and persistently used) accomplish thorough and lasting cures, and prevents the recurrence of periodic disease, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters ranks specially high. In cases of dyspepsia, debility, rheumatism, fever and ague, liver complaint, inactivity of the kidneys and bladder, constipation, and other organic maladies, it is a tried remedy, to which the medical brotherhood have lent their professional sanction, and which as a tonic, alterative, and household specific for disorders of the stomach, liver, and bowels has an unbounded popularity. ja 20-Th(w)S&Tu

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MARRIAGES.

RUFFIN—HARRISON.—Married, January 18, 1887, by Rev. S. S. HEPBRON, at Immanuel church, Hanover county, Va., EDMUND RUFFIN, of Upper Marlbourne, and Miss LELIA B. HARRISON, of Williamsburg, Va. Nocards.

DEATHS.

EUBANK.—Died, at the "Retreat for the Sick," January 19th, WILLIAM L. EUBANK; aged forty-two years.

Funeral services at Oakwood cemetery TODAY, January 20th, at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to be present.

FERGUSSON—Died, January 18th, at 9:15 P. M., at her parents' residence, on Carrington street, OLIVE FLEMING, youngest daughter of Benjamin H. and Nannie W. Fergusson; aged six years six months and one day.

Heaven containeth now our treasure;
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our darling OLLIE sleeps.

Funeral services at Shockoe-Hill cemetery, THURSDAY, January 20th, at 3 o'clock P. M.

SCHAAF.—Died, at the residence of her husband, on Oakwood avenue, Mrs. MARTHA A. SCHAAF, the beloved wife of William Schaaf, in her fifty-eighth year.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

Mother, thou art gone to rest,
Thy dells on earth are o'er;
We will meet thee there above,
To suffer here no more.

Jesus gave and took you,
And left us here alone;
Our hearts will be sad and broken
Until thou whisper come.

Her funeral will take place at her late residence on THURSDAY the 20th instant at 3 o'clock P. M. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

Natchez (Miss.) papers and Philadelphia Times please copy.

MEETINGS.

A STATED CONVOCATION of LA FAYETTE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 43, will be held at St. Albans Hall THIS (Thursday) EVENING, January 20th, at 7 o'clock. All Royal-Arch Masons in good standing are invited to attend.

By order of the M. E. H. Priest.

ja 20-1t* S. B. JACOBS, Secretary.

I.O.O.F.—NOTICE—The members of ROANE LODGE, No. 139, I. O. O. F., will meet promptly on THIS (Thursday) NIGHT, January 20th, at 7:30 o'clock. Immediately upon adjournment a free discussion will be had as to the merits of the oyster—on the half shell, fried, stewed, and escalloped. Every member of the Lodge is invited to participate in the discussion.

By order of the Lodge.

BENJAMIN THOMAS, Noble Grand.

T. WILEY DAVIS, Secretary. ja 20-1t*

THE MEMBERS OF THE McGILL CATHOLIC UNION are requested to meet at the Union rooms THIS (Thursday) EVENING, January 20th, at 8 o'clock promptly, to attend their second public entertainment in Cathedral Hall. All the members are urged to be present.

By order Colonel JOHN MURRY, President.

ANDREW J. CAVANAUGH, Secretary.

ja 20-1t

GOLDEN CHAIN.—OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 19, O. G. C., will meet at Odd-Fellows' Hall THIS EVENING at 7½ o'clock. Candidates for initiation will please be on hand promptly.

By order of Commander P. P. MURRAY.

ja 20-1t* C. M. BOSHER, Secretary.

THE MEMBERS OF VIRGINIA COUNCIL, No. 26, ROYAL ARCANUM, are requested to attend a regular meeting of their Council at Central Hall THIS EVENING at 7:30 o'clock. Members of sister councils are fraternally invited to attend.

By order of the Regent.

WILLIAM LOVENSTEIN, Secretary.

ja 20-1t

LECTURE.

LECTURE: "HORSEBACK IN JUDEA," by Rev. S. C. CLOPTON, at LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, FRIDAY, January 21, 1887, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the benefit of the Boys' Missionary Society. Admission, 15 cents. ja 19-3t

AMUSEMENTS.

RICHMOND THEATRE. TWENTY-THIRD SEASON. ROBSON AND CRANE, aided by a competent dramatic company under the direction of Mr. JOSEPH BROOKS, THURSDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 20TH, will appear in their world-famed creation of THE TWO DROMIOS in the COMEDY OF ERRORS. FRIDAY NIGHT, January 21st, and SATURDAY MATINEE, Goldsmith's delightful comedy SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER. Mr. Robson as "Tony Lumpkin" and Mr. Crane as "Hardcastle."

SATURDAY NIGHT, January 22d, Shakspeare's MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR. Mr. Crane as "Sir John Falstaff" and Mr. Robson as "Master Abraham Slender."

PRICES: Orchestra and Orchestra Circle—Reserved, $1.25; admission, $1. Dress Circle—Reserved, $1; admission, 75c. Family Circle, 50c. Gallery, 25c. Boxes, $8 and $10.

NEXT ATTRACTION, ANNIE PIXLEY.

Telephone 467. ja 20-1t

MOZART ACADEMY OF MUSIC. FIVE NIGHTS AND FOUR MATINEES, commencing TUESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 18TH. Engagement of MME. NEUVILLE, the most powerful emotional actress now on the stage, and her son, AUGUSTIN NEUVILLE, the inimitable boy comedian, in Mme. Neuville's most successful melo-drama in four acts, entitled THE BOY TRAMP, OR THE MANIAC MOTHER, replete with startling situations, intense climaxes, roars of laughter, and fine scenic effects. Don't fail to see the Great Pier 49, North River, the Maniac Cell, the Vision. FRIDAY, THE CHILD-STEALER. ja 18

JAPANESE VILLAGE, AT SKATING-RINK, Commencing JANUARY 18TH, illustrating customs and manners of the Japanese Empire, containing A MOTHER AND BABY BRIDE AND GROOM; A host of SKILLED ARTISANS, constantly at work manufacturing all kinds of Japanese Goods; forming as a whole the Most Novel, Wonderful, Amusing and Instructive entertainment ever seen in America.

Hours of Exhibition, 10 to 12 A. M., 1 to 5, and 7 to 10 P. M. Admission, 25c.; Children, 10c. ja 15-2w

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FINE VIRGINIA, FERRIS, AND Kingan's Hams; Ferris's Extra Beef Tongues and Chipped Beef; Extra large No. 1 and No 2 Mackerel; Superior Quality of Creamery and Virginia Butter; also, North Carolina Roe Herrings, at

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Cargo of ship Blanche, 9,000 SACKS, landing at West Point, Va.;

Cargo of steamship Mascotte, 7,000 SACKS, landing at Norfolk, Va.

Imported direct from Liverpool. For sale by

ja 13-10t DAVENPORT & MORRIS.

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TWO STORES—TAKE YOUR CHOICE.—For sixty days I will allow a DISCOUNT OF 20 PER CENT. ON ALL GOODS to enable me to dispose of my large stock of FANCY GOODS. Do not let this opportunity pass without availing yourself of it, as some goods will be sold for LESS THAN COST.

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This is an opportunity seldom offered. The business is not only well and thoroughly established, but is good and profitable, as can be shown to any responsible parties desiring to purchase, and none but responsible parties will be treated with. Address LOCK BOX 215,

ja 19-5t* Staunton, Va.

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WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a large supply of SEINE THREAD of our own direct importation. We are prepared to supply dealers and fishermen at the lowest possible prices. Also, on hand Seine Twines, Lines, Yawling Ropes, Corks, Corkwood, and Netting for Gill Nets and Haul Seines. Orders solicited and satisfaction guaranteed. I. LICHTENSTEIN'S SONS, Sole Importers of the Celebrated Lion Brand Seine Thread, corner Seventeenth and Franklin streets. de 22

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AS WE NEVER MISREPRESENT, our advertisements are looked for with eagerness, as they usually contain what proves interesting to our customers and a saving to their pockets. We have a treat in store for you this week. We have just returned from the northern markets, where we secured many desirable goods at sacrifice prices.

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SPECIAL SALE OF REMNANTS.

1,000 yards superb quality LACE PLAID and STRIPED NAINSOOK at 9c. a yard, would be cheap at 20c.;

1,000 yards extra-heavy, yard-wide BROWN COTTON at 6¼c.—you can't duplicate it for this year;

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In LADIES' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR we have many pieces more or less soiled, which we will sell much under the usual prices, and to which we would call your attention.

OUR GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

of CLOAKS and all WINTER GOODS swings into its third week with increased sales. Those who have bought have told the good news of the low prices prevailing to your friends. They have come, seen, and bought, and then told to others, who in turn have joined the great throng of buyers.

You are not always wise if you buy what you don't need or may not soon want, but there is little chance that you will soon see again the time when there would be greater excuse for doing so than is now offered by the great Reduction Sale of CLOAKS, BLANKETS, FLANNELS, and MERINO UNDERWEAR now going on at

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(Ja 18-8t,Tu&Th)

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BARGAINS FOR THE WEEK---SOMETHING MARVELLOUS.

Desiring to convert our stock into money as much as possible during this month, we will offer some extra inducements to purchasers of DRY GOODS. We have an immense stock of all kinds of goods that is better assorted than you can find elsewhere, and we want our prices to be the very lowest.

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