THE RICHMOND DISPATCH.

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100 pieces CURTAIN SCREENS, a very handsome material for chamber curtains and good value at 12½c. per yard.

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75 pieces SCOTCH BEIGE SUITINGS, 27 inches wide, in stripes, plaids, and mingled designs. The above is a desirable goods, and, being of a light weight, we consider it very suitable for the present season.

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45 pieces FINE LARGE-CHECK NAINSOOK, satin finish. These goods cannot be distinguished from 25c. goods when made up, and, as they wash perfectly, make most desirable dresses.

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We will open Monday morning 20 pieces 36-inch ALL-WOOL TRICOT SUITINGS, in all the new Tan and Gray mixtures. This lot is the best value in IMPORTED TRICOTS ever offered this season.

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LADIES' THREAD and COTTON HOSE; new styles and colors in PRINTED COTTON HOSE; new designs in STRIPED LISLE COTTON HOSE; new shades of SELF-COLORED THREAD and COTTON HOSE; also, Fast Blacks in LISLE and COTTON, sizes 8 to 9½ inch—all one price at

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LICENSE-TAXES.

OFFICE CITY COLLECTOR, RICHMOND, April 27, 1887.

PARTICULAR NOTICE.

All persons assessed with a CITY LICENSE are hereby notified that unless the same be paid before the 1ST DAY OF MAY they will be reported to the Police Justice.

This office will be open from 9 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M. A. R. WOODSON, City Collector.

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WORK AFTER RECESS.

THE LEGISLATURE HAMMERING AWAY AGAIN.

Action as to License-Taxes—Judge Staples—Debt Committee—Kendall Claim—Police Bill.

On the 6th instant the General Assembly took a recess for three weeks. This was done, in accordance with a joint resolution previously adopted, to await the arrival of the commission from the Council of Foreign Bondholders appointed to confer here with the joint legislative committee with reference to the settlement of the State debt. The twenty-one days expired at 12 o'clock noon yesterday, and at that hour the two houses met in their respective halls in the Capitol building.

In no previous assembling of the chosen representatives of the people of this old Commonwealth was ever more interest felt; for it is considered that upon the laws enacted at the remaining portion of this extra session greatly depends the future of the State as well as the continued ascendancy of the Democratic party.

There were many persons in the galleries, not only politicians and lobbyists, or residents of our capital city, but men from various sections of Virginia, and quite a scattering of visitors from other States.

The Senate.

As the hand upon the dial of the clock on the wall of the Senate chamber neared the appointed hour Lieutenant-Governor Massey ascended to the president's chair, and upon the stroke of 12 let fall his gavel, called the Senate to order, and pronounced it ready for business. There was no prayer. No roll was called, but there were about twenty-three members present.

AMENDMENT AGREED TO.

After the Journal of April 6th, the day on which a recess was taken, had been read, the Senate bill to incorporate the New-River Coal and Iron Company, passed by the House with an amendment, was taken up. The amendment, which was entirely unimportant, was concurred in.

HAMPTON NORMAL SCHOOL

The joint resolution adopted by the House just prior to the recess, and communicated to the Senate by special message, to foster, protect, and encourage the Hampton Normal School, and pronouncing it unwise, &c., to interfere with the charter of the institution, came up on its adoption. This resolution was recommended by the special committee appointed at the last session to investigate the charges preferred by the citizens of the Hampton section that in many ways this institution had violated its charter.

Mr. Stubbs made a lucid explanation of the circumstances under which the resolution was introduced, and highly commended this institution as one of the best of the kind in this or any other State. The subject, after some discussion was passed by and made the special order for Tuesday next at 1 o'clock.

ISSUING OF LICENSES.

Mr. Gordon introduced the following, which, after a brief, informal discussion was, under a suspension of the rules therefor, adopted and at once communicated to the House by him:

Resolved (the House of Delegates concurring), That for the transaction of any business or the pursuit of any occupation or profession, or the enjoyment of any privilege for the transaction, pursuit, or enjoyment of which license is required by law, no license shall be granted for a longer period than from the date of the issuance of such license to the 1st day of June, 1887, but this shall not affect any license already actually granted which is to take effect from the 1st day of May, 1887. In all other respects licenses shall be required under the same penalties and granted as now provided by law, but this shall not be construed as authorizing the granting in counties, corporations, or magisterial districts of licenses which may not now be lawfully granted therein.

The amount to be paid by every applicant for license under this resolution shall be one twelfth of the amount which such applicant would be required to pay but for the passage of this resolution; but this resolution shall not be construed as repealing or amending, except as hereinbefore provided, the revenue laws of this Commonwealth.

COUPON SUITS AND THEIR COSTS.

Mr. Causey introduced a resolution, which was adopted, providing—

"That the Auditor of Public Accounts report what fees have been paid or agreed to be paid to counsel, and the name of the counsel, in any case or cause, separately stated, on behalf of the Commonwealth since the 1st of January, 1883, to April 27, 1887."

He introduced another resolution, which was adopted—

"That the Auditor report by tabular statement the suits brought against tax-payers for recovery of taxes where coupons were tendered, giving name and locality of the person against whom said suit was brought, the amount sued for, amount recovered (if any) in coupons or in money, the cost to the State for law fees and court costs in each case, the status of said suits, whether closed or pending from January 1, 1885, to April 27, 1887."

WHAT DO THEY REPRESENT?

Mr. McDonald (Republican) introduced a preamble and the following resolutions, which lie over day:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That the State Debt Committee on the part of the Legislature of Virginia be and are hereby instructed to ascertain from the said Corporation of Foreign Bondholders or English bondholders or their representatives, the names of each person or persons now owning said State bonds, and the number and denomination of each bond now owned by each of said person or persons constituting said Corporation or Committee of Foreign Bondholders or their legal representatives.

2. *Resolved*, That said Legislative Committee be and are hereby instructed to ascertain by what authority said Corporation of Foreign Bondholders or Committee of English Bondholders determine to *act for or demand* a settlement of Virginia's State bonds which they do not now own.

3. *Resolved*, That said committee of foreign bondholders or their legal representatives shall before being permitted to examine into the records of the Auditor's office or other fiscal office of the State of Virginia, first file with the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia a bond in the sum of $500,000, said bond to be approved by the Governor of Virginia, the Attorney-General, and the Auditor of Public Accounts, or any two of said officers, conditioned as follows: That in the event of a settlement of Virginia's public debt by said committee on the part of this General Assembly and said Corporation of Foreign Bondholders or English bondholders or their legal representatives, which shall be ratified by the vote of the present General Assembly, the said Corporation of Foreign Bondholders or English bondholders shall, through their attorneys at law or otherwise agree to defend the State of Virginia and her financial or fiscal agents against all and every person or persons or corporations in all suits against the State of Virginia or her financial or fiscal agents which may be brought within the *ensuing ten years* from date of bond, by or in the name of any bondholders of Virginia's debt in the courts of this State or in the courts of the United States, which may have for their object the reopening or invalidating the said settlement.

4. *Resolved*, That the said debt committee on the part of the Legislature shall without delay communicate these resolutions to the representatives of said Corporations of Foreign Bondholders or English bondholders.

5. *Resolved*, That said debt committee on the part of the Legislature shall without delay communicate to the General Assembly all information received upon this subject.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Meredith: To refund to Augustus Jacobs certain taxes improperly paid by him.

By Mr. Jones: To amend an act in relation to the appointment of a board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute.

By Mr. Meredith: To incorporate the American Telephone Company.

By Mr. Stubbs: To allow John S. Burhans to erect a wharf on the Rappahannock river at Brandon, Middlesex county.

By Mr. Lovenstein: To incorporate the Virginia and North Carolina Wheel Company.

By Mr. Koiner: To incorporate the Sherwood Female Seminary, at Staunton, Va.

By Mr. Jones: To incorporate the town of McDowell, Highland county.

By Mr. Koiner: To allow the deputy of John M. Carroll, late treasurer of the city of Staunton, further time to levy for taxes and to return lists of insolvents and delinquents.

CONVICTS FOR THREE "C'S" ROAD.

Mr. Lovenstein offered a joint resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Public Institutions and Education, authorizing the Governor to hire 200 convicts to the Charleston, Cincinnati, and Chicago Railroad Company.

PLEASE SETTLE.

Mr. McCormick presented a preamble and resolutions, adopted by the Central Agricultural Club, of Clarke county, urging that the State and bondholders come to an honorable and satisfactory settlement. Referred to the joint debt commission.

JUDGE STAPLES.

Mr. Wickham offered a resolution empowering the Auditor to employ Judge W. R. Staples to appear before the Supreme Court of the United States as an associate of the Attorney-General to defend the State's interest in the appeal from the decision of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, which court decided that the school-tax was not payable in coupons.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

To incorporate the Bermuda-Hundreds Construction Company.

To incorporate the Dinwiddie and Brunswick Lumber and Transportation Company.

To incorporate American Lodge, No. 1789, G. U. O. of Odd-Fellows.

To amend and re-enact sections 1 and 4 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

To authorize the Tennessee and North Carolina Railroad Company in this State to construct its road to any mines in Washington, Smyth, and Grayson counties, and to issue and use its stocks and bonds in payment for rights of way, work, materials, and supplies by contract.

To authorize the trustees of New London Academy to lease said building to county superintendents of schools of Bedford and Campbell counties for school purposes.

To amend an act to incorporate the town of Clifton Forge, in the county of Alleghany.

Defining a lawful fence for Bedford county.

To incorporate the Roanoke Street-Railway Company, and to make valid the acts of said company under a charter heretofore granted to it by the judge of the Hustings Court of that city.

To incorporate the Metropolitan Quick-Transit Company.

To incorporate the Virginia Mining and Improvement Company.

To authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham county to allow certain compensation to the overseer of the poor of the said county.

Adjourned at 1:50 P. M.

House of Delegates.

The House met at noon—Speaker Stuart in the chair. Only about one half the members were present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, of the Second Baptist church. He asked the Divine blessing upon the deliberations of the body and the conference soon to be held with those who have come from across the sea.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Echols, of Augusta: To relieve Bethel Presbyterian church and St. John's German Reform church, in Augusta county, from erroneous taxes assessed against them during the years 1883, 1884, and 1885, and to instruct the Auditor of Public Accounts to refund the amount of said taxes to the treasurers of said churches.

By Mr. Curlett, of Lancaster: Petition of the school trustees of the Stonewall district, Richmond county, asking that they be allowed to use the surplus in the district school fund to build another school-house.

By Mr. Schoolfield, of Pittsylvania (by request): To incorporate the Danville, Wytheville and Southwestern Construction Company.

By Mr. Black, of Montgomery: To incorporate the Radford Land and Improvement Company.

By Mr. Terry, of Charlotte: To amend the act providing for building bridges, opening, working, and keeping in order the roads of Charlotte county.

By same: For the relief of the estate of C. G. Barksdale, deceased.

By same: For fixing the time for holding courts in the Third judicial circuit.

By Mr. Waddill, of Henrico: Amending the law relative to the pay of physicians in certain cases.

INTRODUCED AND PLACED ON THE CALENDER.

By Downing, of Warren: To incorporate the Warrenton and Marshall Road Company.

By Mr. Terry, of Charlotte: To incorporate the Grand Lodge of Pilgrim Travellers of Salem Baptist church, of Red Oak Grove, Charlotte county, Va.

By Mr. Ryan, of Loudoun: To incorporate the Aldie and Leesburg Telephone Company.

REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES.

To authorize D. S. Jones to erect a pier in James river, opposite the Blow estate, in James City county, Va., just above Mulberry island; to incorporate the Virginia and North Carolina Wheel Company.

A STENOGRAPHER FOR THE COMMISSION.

Mr. Waddill offered a resolution authorizing the appointment of a stenographer to the debt commission who shall daily make reports of its proceedings to the House of Delegates and Senate. The resolution was referred to the debt commission after a speech by Mr. Waddill advocating it. He said the proceedings of the conference should be daily made public to the members, and this he wished done especially, as in forming the committee his party had been outlawed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Munford, of Pittsylvania, one day; Mr. Cherry, of Norfolk, five days; Mr. Lawson, of Campbell, one day.

THE GRANTING OF LICENSES.

Mr. Dabney, of Albemarle, offered a joint resolution prohibiting the granting of licenses for the transaction of any business or the pursuit of any occupation or profession, or the enjoyment of any privilege for which license is required by law, for a longer period than from the date of the issue of such license to the first day of June, 1887, and prescribing the amount to be paid for such licenses.

The object of the resolution, Mr. Dabney said, is to prevent the influx of coupons or their tender for licenses for the year commencing May 1, 1887. The effort now being made to force coupons into the Treasury is producing a feeling of exasperation throughout the State by no means conducive to an amicable settlement of the debt. It is hoped that this resolution will allay that feeling and protect the Treasury pending negotiations for a settlement between the State and her bondholders. Persons who have already had licenses issued to them will not be affected by the provisions of the resolution. But where coupons have been tendered and no license issued to the tenderer his tender will avail nothing, and he must apply for a monthly license under the resolution.

The amount to be paid for licenses under the resolution is one twelfth of the amount now required by law for licenses.

The rules were suspended and the resolution placed on the calendar.

Subsequently a similar resolution from the Senate came to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Fulkerson, of Washington, thought it would cause a great deal of inconvenience to merchants to pay two licenses in one year, and favored sending the resolution to a committee.

Mr. Echols, of Augusta, said the merchants of the State expected the Legislature to pass such a measure either to-day or to-morrow.

The rules were suspended and the resolution put on the calendar.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

In regard to fences in the neighborhood of Newport News.

To amend the charter of the town of West Point with House amendments.

To amend the charter of the Shenandoah-Valley Railroad Company.

To incorporate the James-River Mineral Development Company.

To allow the Board of Directors of the Central Lunatic Asylum to lease the granite quarries on the lands belonging to said asylum.

To empower the Board of Directors of the Central Lunatic Asylum to operate a railroad on lands belonging to said asylum.

A NAVAL MARRIAGE.

Nuptials of Assistant-Engineer Schell and Miss Miller.

St. James church was the scene of a brilliant wedding yesterday afternoon. At 4:30 o'clock, the hour appointed, a great crowd filled the sacred edifice. The ushers, bridesmaids, and groomsmen going before, Miss Gay Warner Miller, the bride, entered, leaning on the arm of her father. At the chancel she was met by the groom, Assistant-Engineer Frank J. Schell, of the United States navy. After the attendants had formed in a crescent around the chancel the couple were made man and wife by Rev. Dr. Peterkin, the pastor of the church.

The bride and her maids were dressed in white silk and carried large bouquets of flowers. The bride's costume was supplemented by a tulle veil, which was becomingly arranged about her hair. The groom and groomsmen, all of whom are naval officers, wore their special full-dress blue uniforms, with swords and epaulettes.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's father, No. 17 south Third street. The bridal pair left on the evening train for the North, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will reside in Annapolis, where the groom is stationed.

The following is a list of the bridesmaids: Miss Helen Esther Baker, of Washington; Miss Georgie Blankenship, of Richmond; Miss Emily Whittle, of Richmond; Miss Garrett, of Louisa county, and Miss Ashley Miller (sister of the bride), of Richmond.

Groomsmen: Ensign R. C. Smith, of Annapolis (best man); Ensign H. S. Knapp, of Annapolis; Assistant-Engineer F. C. Beig, of Washington; Assistant-Engineer M. Bevington, of Washington, and Assistant-Engineer W. S. Smith, of Richmond.

Ushers: Messrs. James H. Anderson, W. Talley, Charles Crenshaw, Sherrard Tabb, William W. Archer, and Alten Miller.

The bride, who is a beautiful young lady, is a daughter of W. G. Miller, Esq., tobacconist. In her marriage Richmond society loses one of its most valued members.

MR. PERKINS AND MISS WARD.

Yesterday morning Mr. William H. Perkins, Jr., and Miss Harriet Ward were married. The ceremony was a quiet one and was performed at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. G. H. Ward, No. 215 east Main street, by Rev. H. M. Jackson, of Grace church.

Mr. Perkins for a number of years has been in the cigar-manufacturing business here. After their bridal tour he and his wife will live in Boston, where Mr. Perkins proposes engaging in business.

CAN CHARGE TOLL.

Judge Minor So Decides About the Brook Turnpike.

The Henrico County Court was in session for a short while yesterday, and adjourned over until Friday, at which time applications for liquor-licenses will be heard. It is desired that the applicants shall be on hand promptly.

Judge Minor decided the case involving the right of the Brook Turnpike Company to charge tolls for persons travelling on the pike in its present alleged bad condition. Some time ago an order was entered upon petition of citizens of the county prohibiting the company from collecting tolls, and a commission, composed of Messrs. C. L. Miller, Henry Vogler, and R. L. Harrison, was appointed to examine the turnpike and report its condition to the Court. A careful examination of the entire road was made, and the result was that the fourth, fifth, and sixth sections were condemned as not being in good repair. Mr. George P. Haw, the company's counsel, excepted to the report, and this question was argued *pro* and *con* on Monday last; after which the Court took time to consider. Since then the Judge has made a personal examination of the pike, and he decided that it was in sufficiently good repair to allow the company to continue to charge tolls for persons passing over it.

This turnpike leaves Richmond at the terminus of Brook avenue and runs out into Henrico county six miles. It is divided into six sections, each one mile in length. The condemned sections were those furthest from the city.

NO ICE-DELIVERY ON SUNDAY.

Bread and Milk to be Dispensed, but No Ice.

Under instructions from the Mayor the Chief of Police has issued an order prohibiting ice-wagons from delivering their frozen goods on Sunday, and has notified the proprietors of ice companies that the order will be carried into effect.

This action seems to have been caused by a request from ice dealers, who want their employés and horses to rest on the Sabbath. This will compel our citizens to take a double supply of ice on Saturday if they would enjoy the comforts which it brings.

The Chief of Police was asked about bread- and milk-wagons—if they were to be stopped, too. He replied that these were looked upon as necessities; that it was impossible to make a cow give a double supply of lacteal fluid on Saturday and so obviate the necessity for a Sunday delivery, and as for the bread-wagons, "nobody wants to eat stale bread," he said.

Store to be Remodelled.

The store occupied by Goddard & Moses, and owned by T. C. Williams, Esq., is soon to be remodelled and enlarged to meet the wants of this well-known firm. Meanwhile they will secure other quarters in the same neighborhood.

The Pavilion Theatre.

"Monte Cristo" is the attraction at the Pavilion Theatre this week. Two performances are given daily. Miss Carrie Stanley assumes the *roles* of Edmund Dantes, the Abbé, and the Count of Monte Cristo.

THE TWO DIPLOMATS.

THORNTON AND BRAITHWAITE EXPECTED HERE TO-DAY.

A Letter from Them to the Governor—Preparations of the Legislative Committee.

The legislative debt committee appointed to confer with Messrs. Thornton and Braithwaite were in session for an hour or more yesterday morning at the Allen house. They have used the utmost diligence in preparing the statistical information that will be needed in the coming conference, and are now pretty well equipped. As a matter of fact no time has been lost by the delay in the arrival here of the representatives of the foreign bondholders, as the interval has been utilized in collecting *data*, without which a clear understanding of the debt never could be reached.

There is a feeling among members of the General Assembly that the conference will pave the way to a settlement. The special telegram from New York published in this paper yesterday was all the talk at the Capitol, and was regarded by members as a very clever and readable production, but it is believed to rest upon a very unsubstantial foundation.

There is talk now that while the foreign bondholders will probably decline to accede to the terms of the Riddleberger bill, they would not refuse to take fifty-year bonds for their undiminished principal, say $31,000,000, at 2 per cent. interest. Every proposition broached as likely to receive the assent of the creditors includes a tax-receivable coupon.

What are the views of the committee on this subject of bond and interest the *Dispatch* does not pretend to say—more than this: that nothing will ever induce them to agree to recommend anything that will involve an increase of taxation. Already two or more counties have said to their representatives that they are authorized to vote for any settlement they please, only provided that nothing is done which will impose upon them—the people—a heavier rate of taxation than at present.

LETTER FROM THORNTON AND BRAITHWAITE.

The following was sent to both houses of the General Assembly yesterday:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., April 27, 1887.

To the Legislature:

I have the honor to communicate for your information the following letter.

FITZHUGH LEE.

The letter referred to reads:

NEW YORK, April 24, 1887.

Sir: We have the honor to inform your Excellency that we, having been appointed the commissioners to confer with the commission appointed by the State of Virginia on the subject of the State debt, have this day arrived at New York, and that we propose to proceed to Richmond on Thursday next, April 28th, when we hope to have the honor of waiting on your Excellency, and shall be prepared then to make arrangements for proceeding with the business of the commission. We have the honor to be, sir, your Excellency's humble servants,

EDWARD THORNTON, S. N. BRAITHWAITE.

His Excellency General Fitzhugh Lee, Governor of the State of Virginia.

Ordered to be printed.

THE Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

Mr. Moody Will Not be Here at the Dedicatory Ceremonies.

Mr. H. M. Clarke, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, has returned from a trip to Chicago, where he saw Rev. D. L. Moody, the noted evangelist, and tried to prevail on him to be present at the dedication of the new Young Men's Christian Association hall, which will take place about May 10th.

Mr. Moody, some time ago, wrote to Rev. Dr. Hoge saying that he was engaged in a work in Chicago the importance of which forbade him coming. To Mr. Clarke Mr. Moody expressed a great desire to be present, but said that under the circumstances he cannot leave, even for a brief visit, the field in which he is laboring.

This announcement will be received with general regret.

Mr. Moody was the originator of the scheme for raising funds for the erection of this building. While here in January, 1885, he gave a dinner at Ford's Hotel, to which about fourteen business-men were invited. Before going to dinner he, in a three-minutes' talk, presented the needs of such a building, and a large amount was subscribed upon the spot, Mr. Moody assuming the responsibility of raising $1,000 himself. Mr. Moody devotes much of his time to association work, to which he is very much attached, and it has always been thought peculiarly fitting that he should be present, if possible, when the new building is dedicated.

THE GRANT MONUMENT FUND.

Action of Phil. Kearny Post, G. A. R., Last Night.

Last night Phil. Kearny Post, G. A. R., held a meeting in their hall, in accordance with the directions of General Fairchild, commander-in-chief, to aid in raising funds for the monument to General U. S. Grant, to be erected by his surviving comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander Peter A. Morton presided over the meeting, Adjutant Charles Spencer acting as secretary and C. W. Burr as treasurer.

The memorial speech was delivered by Comrade Edgar Allan, of Phil. Kearny Post, and short addresses were also delivered by Comrades N. J. Smith, George W. Jones, and others. Several members of the United Veterans, and also several visiting G. A. R. members of the northern posts who were in the city were present at the meeting. The amount contributed will not be made known until all the members have handed in their contributions.

After the meeting it was announced that Phil. H. Sheridan Post, G. A. R., of Salem, Mass., seventy-five strong, will visit this city on Wednesday next, May 4th, and will be entertained by the post here.

The Salute-Firer

A telegram in the *Dispatch* of yesterday stated that the Mr. Wheeler appointed to a position as watchman in the United States Treasury Department was wounded at Richmond while firing a salute in honor of the arrival of the President. That was an error. He was wounded at Fredericksburg under the circumstances stated.

The veteran wounded here is named Montgomery, and the one killed here was C. H. Jones.

About Captain Green's Promotion.

The *Dispatch* of yesterday, after giving the action of the Terminal Board taken at its meeting in New York on Monday, said:

"Nothing was said in General Logan's letter about the election of a general manager of the Danville road proper, but it is presumed that Captain William H. Green, who has been the efficient general superintendent for many years, will be promoted to the position, with headquarters in Richmond."

In conversation with a *Dispatch* reporter yesterday Captain Green said that if such a promotion is contemplated he has received no intimation of the fact. He receives all of his orders from the general manager, and has heard nothing whatever about his being made general manager of the Danville Line, and he therefore has no reason for believing that he will be assigned to that position.

Notwithstanding, the rumor has been quite general, and the paragraph quoted was written upon the authority of one of the officers of the company.

IN THE "CROOKED" BUSINESS.

A Solicitor Gets in Trouble—Other Police-Court Cases.

A young white man named George Riley was before the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of being a suspicious character. The accused, who is apparently not more than twenty-five years old, and not a bad-looking man, appeared without counsel. The evidence against him was conclusive, and he admitted that he was engaged in the "crooked" business and offered to return to all the subscribers the money he had collected from them.

It appears that for the past three weeks or more Riley has been in the city soliciting subscribers to *The Golden Argosy*, published in Portland, Me., and as an inducement he agreed to furnish each subscriber not only with the paper, worth $1 a year, but with eighteen pretty chromos handsomely framed in heavy gilt moulding that retails for fifty cents per foot. The fellow did a thriving business, and told his customers that they would receive their paper and pictures in a week or ten days. Three weeks having elapsed some of the Butchertown patrons became uneasy about their dollar and laid their complaint before Chief-of-Police Poe. An investigation led to Riley's arrest at the St. Charles Hotel, and in his possession was found the stubs of several receipt-books containing the names of persons from whom he has received the money and $12.50 in money. The receipts were on printed forms. Being unable to give the required bond of $200 for twelve months Riley was committed to jail in default.

OTHER CASES.

Fannie Pegram (colored), cursing, abusing, and threatening to assault Rachel Coleman. Dismissed on payment of costs.

Joseph Purdy, Peter Cunningham, John Heter, and Richard Dunn, tramps. Ordered to leave town in twenty-four hours.

Jack Venable (colored), drunk and disorderly on the street. Fined $2.50 and costs.

Martha Washington (colored), drunk and disorderly on the street and breaking the glass in the door of Rocco Grillo. Fined $5 and costs.

Margaret Morris (colored), drunk and disorderly on the street. Fined $2.50 and costs.

Margaret Hatcher, drunk. Fined $2.50 and costs.

Edward Lee (colored), assaulting and beating Bettie Lee. Fined $2.50 and costs.

James Hill (colored), a person of unsound mind. Dismissed.

Charles Flanagan, disorderly on the premises of and breaking and injuring the furniture of Annie Carter. Continued until May 3d.

Thomas Finhorn, drunk and being guilty of improper conduct on the street. Surety required for thirty days in the sum of $100.

Isaac Jacobs, trespassing on the premises of and destroying the property of and cursing and abusing Anna McDonough. Fined $5 and costs and required to give security for twelve months in the sum of $200. Appeal taken.

Jack Sheppard (colored), stealing three gold rings from Frances Bernhardt and being a suspicious character. The evidence not being sufficient to sustain the charge of larceny the case was dismissed.

First Brigade Staff.

General Charles J. Anderson, commander of the First brigade, Virginia volunteers, has made several appointments to fill vacancies, and his staff complete is as follows:

Jo. Lane Stern, lieutenant-colonel and assistant inspector-general of Virginia.

John H. Dinneen, major and assistant inspector First brigade.

H. Melville Jackson, major and chaplain.

Moses D. Hoge, Jr., major and surgeon.

William M. Evans, major and commissary.

Norman V. Randolph, major and ordnance officer.

W. Miles Cary, major and quartermaster.

Henry C. Jones, captain Company B, First regiment, and acting-assistant adjutant-general.

W. Fred. Pleasants and George Bryan, captains and *aides-de-camp*.

The Custom-House Here.

A question having arisen here as to when the custom-house here was built, a letter was written to the proper authorities here, and the following answer obtained:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT, April 26, 1887.

Sir,—In response to your inquiry in your letter of the 19th instant I have to advise you that the Richmond custom-house was erected under legislation at the first session of the Thirty-second Congress, August 31, 1852, Volume 10, Statutes at Large. The site was purchased and payment made therefor in 1854, and operations were commenced on the building in 1855, a further appropriation having been made.

Respectfully yours, M. E. BELL, Supervising Architect.

Talk of an Upset Bid.

It was again rumored on the street yesterday that an upset bid will be made in connection with the sale of the Gallego mills when the report of the commissioners is made. Neither Mr. Todd, the purchaser, nor Mr. Taylor, one of the auctioneers, could give any information about the matter. The commissioners' report recommending that the sale be confirmed will soon be presented. It is stated that none of the holders of the first-mortgage bonds of the company will make any effort to interfere with the confirmation.

Mrs. Arsell's Funeral.

The funeral services of Mrs. Caroline S. Arsell took place yesterday afternoon at the Second Baptist church, of which for years she was a member. Rev. Dr. Landrum preached the sermon, and dwelt at length upon the virtues of the venerable lady whose life had been so blameless and pure.

The following gentlemen were pall-bearers: Messrs. J. B. Winston, J. B. Wood, Thomas J. Starke, Richard Adam, David A. Cardwell, A. Bargamin, William H. Clemmitt, H. K. Ellyson, and John T. Sizer.

Mrs. Keiley's Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Keiley, the mother of Hon. A. M. Keiley, will take place this morning at 9 o'clock from the Cathedral, where requiem mass will be sung. The remains then will be taken to Petersburg for interment.

T. DE WITT TALMAGE

HIS ADDRESS BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BIBLE SOCIETY TO-NIGHT.

The Meeting to Take Place at Dr. Hoge's Church—Programme of Exercises.

The seventy-fourth annual meeting of the Virginia Bible Society, of which Rev. Dr. Minnigerode is president, will be held to-night at Dr. Hoge's church. The exercises will consist of hymns and prayers, reading of the Scripture, presentation of the annual report, address by the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, collection, and doxology. A choir consisting of selected voices from a number of the city church choirs has been formed for the occasion, and the music will be one of the features of the occasion. Nearly all the Protestant ministers of the city will be present.

The hymns to be sung are:

(Hymn 156.)

THE EXCELLENCY OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

Let everlasting glories crown
Thy head, my Saviour and my Lord;
Thy hands have brought salvation down,
And writ the blessings in Thy Word.

(Hymn 150.)

THE BIBLE PRECIOUS.

How precious is the Book divine,
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to Heaven.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All the people will join in the singing.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

The church proper will seat between twelve and thirteen hundred persons, and two or three hundred more can find accommodations in the lecture-room, which opens into the church, and where, it is thought, a speaker can be heard. Good arrangements have been made for seating the congregation; but it is not believed that room can possibly be found for all who wish to be present. The church-doors will be opened at 7 o'clock, and services will begin at 8 o'clock.

DR. TALMAGE.

Dr. Talmage was born fifty-three years ago at Bound Brook, N. J. He read law for some time, resembling in this respect one or two other prominent Brooklyn pastors. After abandoning the purpose of pursuing the legal profession Dr. Talmage graduated at the University of the City of New York, and then pursued his studies for the ministry at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. He preached for some time in Belleville, N. J., and Syracuse, N. Y., and subsequently carried on his ministry at Philadelphia for seven years with almost unparalleled success. He gathered round him the largest audiences in that city. During the last year of his pastorate there the church could not accommodate one fourth of the multitudes who besieged the doors. The pew-holders were admitted through a side door in the basement to avoid the great rush of strangers at the entrance. About the same time (February, 1869) the Calvary church, of Chicago, and the Central church, of Brooklyn, called him; his people in Philadelphia offered every financial and social inducement to him to remain where he was. The peculiar condition of the Brooklyn Central church seemed to him to demand a sacrifice on his part, and he tore himself from the attached circle that had gathered round him in the beautiful city in which he had obtained celebrity, from the vast and attached congregation to whom he had so long preached the Word of Life, to become the pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, on Schermerhorn street between Nevins and Powers streets, in Brooklyn, where he was installed on March 22, 1869. A brief experience proved the total inadequacy of the edifice to the audiences attracted by Dr. Talmage's preaching. The first tabernacle was built, and the old church was used for a Sunday school and eventually sold to the school commissioners. The burning of that tabernacle in December, 1872, as the people were on their way to the church is one of the recorded calamities by fire that have happened in that city. To the church which so lately had recovered from bankruptcy in finances and in numbers, it seemed a crushing blow, but Dr. Talmage was not a man to be defeated by accidents, however calamitous, from the call of duty. The glory of the second house was greater than that of the first, and as a larger tabernacle will yet have to be erected if the overflow that is turned away every Sunday is ever to be housed, so did the present tabernacle, which was opened on Washington's birthday, 1874, accommodate many hundreds for whom its predecessor had had no room.

THE SPEAKER.

Dr. Talmage lectured in this city some years ago, and many of our people went to hear him. Others of