MANCHESTER NEWS.

THE ELECTRIC-LIGHT WIRES BEING PLACED IN POSITION.

Interesting Meeting of the Baptist Sunday-School Association—Personal and Other Items.

The Old Dominion Electric-Light and Power Company yesterday had linemen at work putting up wires on the poles already placed in position on Hull street for that purpose. This work will be completed in a short while, and the system is expected to be in operation in a few weeks.

The company, as has been stated before, has only been granted permission to put up poles and wires for the purpose of furnishing lights to private consumers, but there is a general desire that the Council shall as soon as practicable, award the contract to this or some other company for furnishing electric light for street purposes. The company is very much encouraged that so many of our merchants have signified their determination to take the light.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

A regular meeting of the association composed of the Baptist Sunday schools of Richmond and Manchester was held at the Broad-Street church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon—Dr. Thomas P. Mathews, president; Robert A. Gary, Esq., secretary. This was the first meeting held in Manchester since Dr. Mathews was elected president. The attendance was very large.

The services were opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Butler and singing by the school, under the direction of Mr. A. C. Harding. The reports for the past month from the superintendents of the various schools were very encouraging, showing growth and prosperity and a large number of conversions.

The first speaker introduced was Rev. E. H. Pitt, whose subject was "Christian Kindness." He made a good speech, urging kindness in manner, word, and deed.

Dr. Hatcher was next presented, and told the incident of a pigeon flying into a church after the service had opened, from which he drew the practical lessons that people in attending church worship should get there in time, should go up near the pulpit, bow or kneel during prayers, and give when the collection-basket is handed around. Dr. Hatcher was, as usual, very witty in what he had to say, and very much pleased his audience.

The association was dismissed by Rev. L. R. Thornhill, the next meeting to be held at the West-Main Street church the second Sunday in July. The meeting Sunday afternoon was one of unusual interest. The special feature was the excellent singing with which the exercises were interspersed. Misses Ellie Owens, Bertie Robinson, and Mary Woodfin each sang a solo, and Masters Edward Woodfin, Abner Williamson, Claude Farmer, and Hilden Harrison a quartette; and all acquitted themselves in a creditable manner.

PULPIT DECLARED VACANT.

Rev. W. A. Campbell, of Fredericksburg, the evangelist of this presbytery, preached at the Presbyterian church, this city, Sunday morning and night, and at the former service declared the pulpit of the church vacant, Rev. T. P. Epes having resigned to accept the charge of the church at Woodstock. Mr. Campbell was formerly pastor of this church, and is held in esteem by a large circle of friends. Both morning and night he had congregations to hear him, and they were treated to good sermons. There was no preaching in the church in the morning. Mr. Campbell drove up to Gromite in the afternoon and preached to a large congregation there. Mr. Campbell while in the city is the guest of Mr. H. Fitzgerald.

Some of the deacons in this church was asked yesterday if it had been decided who would be called to succeed Mr. Epes. He replied it had not, nor is it known when a pastor will be called. The church has a small debt, and there is a general disposition not to call any one until the church is entirely free from debt. This congregation, comprising a noble band of Christian workers, has an idea of building at an early day a larger and more attractive house of worship than the one at present occupied by them. It is hoped that when efforts are put forth in this direction they will meet with liberal encouragement.

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH.

The pastor, Rev. William H. Christian, preaches to large congregations Sunday morning and night at the Central Methodist church. The services, as on several Sundays previous, were held in the Sunday-school room. On both occasions Mr. Christian preached with his usual fervor and spirit, and his auditors listened with marked attention.

The repairs have been completed and all arrangements made for the rededication of this church next Sunday. As has been announced before, Bishop Wilson will preach in the forenoon, and a meeting of the Sunday-School Society of Richmond and Manchester will be held in the afternoon. Some gifted divine is expected to preach at night.

OTHER CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. L. R. Thornhill, the pastor, preached a sermon to a large congregation at the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church Sunday morning, after which the right hand of fellowship was extended to eight persons and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. In consequence of the meeting of the Sunday-School Association in the afternoon there were no services at this church at night. The ordinance of baptism will be administered to-morrow night to those who are ready to receive it.

Most of the pulpits of the other churches are filled by the resident pastors, and the attendance at all of them was large.

The revival which has been in progress at the Clopton-Street Baptist chapel for the last two weeks, and in which much interest is being manifested, will be continued this week. The pastor, Rev. Dee Edwards, is being assisted by Rev. Mr. [illegible]

At the Fifth-Street Methodist church last night two persons rose for prayer. Officers and teachers of the Bainbridge-Street Baptist Sunday school have decided to have the annual picnic and excursion to West Point, and it will be held on the 28th instant unless the school otherwise decides next Sunday.

THE MANCHESTER GIRLS.

At the commencement of the Richmond Female Institute last night Miss Mary Marshall, of this city, graduated in the schools of Ancient and English literature, and English; Miss Ella Robinson, in English literature and music; Miss Grace Hall, in English literature and English; Miss Mary Jordan, in chemistry. The following young ladies of this city received certificates in various branches: Miss Mary Mathews, French; Miss Mary Jordan, algebra; Miss Mary Bennett, preparatory Latin, arithmetic, grammar, geography; Miss Ollie Robinson, preparatory Latin; Miss Mary Carr, arithmetic and geography.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Judge William L. Clopton, of the Chesterfield county Court, who has been confined at home for the past two weeks, was for the first time Sunday, and yesterday he went out to Chesterfield court-house to hold court. There are no cases of special interest to be tried at this term of the court.

Mr. Henry A. Maurice, superintendent of schools for this city, has returned from Lexington, where he went to deliver an address before the Alumni Association of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College.

A meeting of the Manchester Dramatic and Glee Club will be held at the residence of Mr. T. E. Owens, on Twelfth street, to-night.

Mrs. A. C. Harding has accepted the position of organist at the Central Methodist church, and will have a singing class in connection with the choir rehearsals.

Mrs. George Andrews, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly Miss Lucy Day, of this city, is here on a visit.

Judge Ingram and bride (*née* Sublett) are expected to return from their bridal tour to-day.

Mr. A. A. Allen, Commissioner of the Revenue, is confined to his room in consequence of sickness. His condition yesterday was critical.

Mr. Wyndham E. Gary, of North Carolina, is visiting in the city.

No cases of interest were tried in the Mayor's Court yesterday morning.

The festival at Owen's Hall for the benefit of Leader Lodge of Good Templars will come to-night.

The latest intelligence from Rev. T. P. Epes is that he still continues to improve.

Installation of Officers.

Deputy Supreme Commander Charles W. Birwood installed the following officers of Old Dominion Lodge, Order Golden Chain, last evening: Past Commander, D. W. Bowles; Commander, T. J. Bowles; Vice Commander, R. S. Dobson; Assistant Commander, Thomas J. Dance; Prelate, F. O. Wells; Guide, A. J. Nelson; Guardian, John T. Ford; Sentinel, George H. Myers. A large number were present, and addresses were made by Brothers Currie and Tyson, of Jefferson Lodge. At the close of the lodge they repaired to Pizzini's parlors and spent some time partaking of the repast furnished by Mr. Burke. This lodge is the youngest but the largest in the State, numbering 123 members. It is quite difficult to become a member of this order, as they are very careful not only in election but in the examination of candidates. The lodges seem aroused, and will endeavor in the next six months to secure representation in the Supreme Lodge. Anchor meets Monday night.

LIQUOR-DEALERS' COMMOTION.

Shall They Pay Their License-Taxes in Coupons?

A meeting of the Liquor-Dealers' Protective Association was held last night—Mr. N. J. Smith, president, and Mr. N. T. Redford, secretary.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. A. W. Rosene:

Whereas the committee of the Council of Foreign Bondholders at the conference recently held in this city refused to accept the very liberal terms proposed to them by Virginia's representatives in settlement of the public debt; and whereas the attorneys and agents of said foreign bondholders are now endeavoring by every possible means to bankrupt the State by flooding the Treasury of the same with coupons; and whereas it is the *bounden duty* of every citizen to protect the interest of his State and so preserve unimpaired her sovereignty, her laws, and her institutions; therefore

Resolved, That we of the beer, wine, and spirit trade of Richmond, both wholesale and retail, ever mindful of the rights and needs of our State, and in response to the patriotic feeling actuating her people, do again declare our determination to pay our *license and other taxes in money only*. And we now call on every member of the trade throughout the State to do likewise. And we beg earnestly those who may have tendered coupons to recall their action, and we earnestly recommend to all other classes of trade and our citizens generally to cooperate with us by the adoption of resolutions similar in sentiment, and thus show to the world our purpose as a people and our devotion to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The resolution caused an excited and protracted discussion, many members opposing it. Finally a vote was taken, which resulted in what seemed to be an adverse opinion. It seemed that the resolution was defeated, but a recorded vote was subsequently taken, and this showed the resolution to be agreed to. Many members, however, left before the recorded vote was called, and many others, who had either paid in coupons or arranged to do so, absented themselves from the meeting altogether.

MONEY-HUNTER WINS.

In a Close Contest He Beats Wiz Medium—Heavy Betting.

The closest and most exciting race of the season was trotted over the Fair-Grounds course yesterday evening. The contest was between Mr. J. C. Smith's bay mare Wiz Medium and Mr. Sam Nelson's bay stallion Money-Hunter. The large crowd present demonstrated the fact that where horses are evenly matched and honestly driven money will be bet as freely on races trotted in moderately fast time as those that are trotted down in the "teens."

The stake was $800, but the outside bets swelled this amount to $2,500 between the principals. In the betting the stallion had the call at about one hundred to eighty.

Hunter drew the pole and won the first heat in 2:30. While the horses were being cooled off the stallion was backed liberally at two to one, and the crowd began to be lively. In the second heat Hunter made a bad break, which lost him the heat. Time, 2:36½. The mare now rallied in the betting, and the excitement commenced. The third heat was won by the stallion in 2:36¾. Then there were odds offered against the mare. The fourth heat was won by the latter in 2:35¼, and amid intense cheering and excitement the mare was again heavily backed, the bets being promptly taken by the admirers of the stallion. The fifth and last heat was the most closely contested and fastest ever trotted over the track, and was won by Hunter in 2:35¼, which gave him the race. The result was greeted by great cheering, and the largest amounts ever wagered at the Fair-Grounds on a race rapidly changed hands.

Money-Hunter is a hand-some bay stallion, five years old, sired by Fleeting Ray, dam by Blue Bull.

Wiz Medium is a bay mare sired by Happy Medium.

As the track here is some ten seconds slower than the track at Hartford, Conn., the race is considered a very creditable one.

It is stated that another match between the horses for one thousand dollars a side will be made up in the next few days.

Death of a Religieuse at Monte Maria.

Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock a large number of sympathizing friends gathered at the Convent of Visitation, Monte Maria, to pay the last tribute of respect to Sister Mary Benedicta, who died on Saturday evening. She was known in the world as Mrs. Keren, and was from New York. She had been a widow six years before she joined the Visitation order in this city four years ago.

This is the first instance in Richmond where a married lady ever joined a religious order. Sister Francisca de Chantal, who has been canonized by the Church, founded the order under the direction of St. Frances de Sales in the seventeenth century, and she was a widow.

This is the eighth death at the Visitation Convent in twenty-one years. Out of seven sisters who have not crossed the threshold of the Convent since the year 1866 only one has died. The surviving sisters enjoy good health. The other seven who have died were ladies who have joined the order recently.

Gifts to the Endowment of Richmond College.

The *Religious Herald* of this week devotes its leading editorial to an argument for the endowment of southern colleges, and adds to it the following postscript:

P. S.—Since writing the above a letter comes to us with a check from Hon. C. T. Sampson: "I enclose check for one thousand dollars to be used for the glory of God in connection with Richmond College." Here is another from Dr. T. N. Wise: "I enclose two hundred dollars for Richmond College. Hope you will have a pleasant time at the coming commencement of the college." He promises to send two hundred dollars more "soon." Another brother writes: "This is the anniversary of my marriage, and I enclose my check for twenty-five dollars to help endow Richmond College. It is little, but every little helps." A letter comes to us from Thomas J. Nottingham, Esq., of Norfolk, Va. At the risk of gaining his ill will we take from it this sentence: "Enclosed you will find my check for two hundred and fifty dollars on my subscription to Richmond College. I am well pleased, for my entire family are now in the church. He proposes to give one thousand dollars to Richmond College to pay the tuition of a young man from year to year, the interest only to be used.

Successful Coupon Cases in the Hustings Court.

After the criminal docket had been disposed of in the Hustings Court yesterday, a number of coupon cases were taken up. About fifty people (mostly liquor-dealers) had paid their taxes under what is known as Coupon-Killer No. 1. This mode of settlement is to pay money into the Treasury and tender coupons at the same time. The treasurer received both, and returned the coupons to the Judge of the Hustings Court, who empanelled a jury to ascertain their genuineness. All the coupons which had been tendered were found to be genuine when the bands from which they were cut were produced in court by the petitioners.

These facts were certified by the Court to the Treasurer, and the money paid will be refunded.

Richmond Normal School.

The closing exercises of this institution (a part of the public-school system) will take place at the First African church to-night. The following is the programme: Address of welcome, Annie E. Gough; essay, "A Good Name," Annie E. Brown; selection, "Ask Mamma," Mary M. Mitchell; selection, "A May Queen," Julia A. D. Johnson; essay, "Behind the Clouds the Sun Still Shines," Maggie E. Childs; selection, "Speech of Sergeant Buzfuzz," George H. Fleming; valedictory, J. Henry Crutchfield; address, Rev. W. E. Hatcher, D. D.; address, Professor E. Webster Davis; presentation of Peabody medals, Governor Lee; conferring of diplomas, Senator J. Taylor Ellyson; benediction, Rev. J. H. Holmes.

Mr. S. T. Beach is the principal of the school.

Fires—Fireman Hurt.

At a quarter to 2 Sunday an alarm of fire was turned in from Box 52, corner Clay and Gilmore streets. The cause was the partial burning of a frame house, No. 1211 Catherine street, occupied by Mary Matthews (colored) and owned by H. C. Powers. Damage about $100.

At this fire a runner of Steamer No. 6, William Trexler, was kicked by a horse on one leg and badly bruised.

Steam escaping from a pipe in a building on the north side of Cary street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth caused a false alarm to be turned in from Box 31 between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

RALEIGH'S BEER CASE

THE MATTER ARGUED BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

Accident to an Excursion Train—Five Persons Injured—Horrible Death—Current Notes.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., June 13.—The Supreme Court was crowded this afternoon to hear arguments in the *habeas-corpus* case of Richard Giersch, barkeeper at the Yarborough, indicted for violating the local-option law by selling beer and wine. Arguments in Giersch's favor were made by John Devereux and Edward C. Smith, while R. T. Gray, Saxer Whittaker, A. L. Lewis, and R. H. Battle appeared on behalf of the Prohibitionists. The arguments consumed several hours. The justices announced that they would render a decision in the case to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. It is expected that they will remand the matter to the Superior Court, so that the grand jury there may find a bill and the case be heard so that it can come up regularly.

This morning an excursion train left here filled with colored people of Raleigh. The excursion was given by firemen, and the objective point was Warrenton. The latter place is on a small branch railway. The engine of the latter road was unable to pull the entire train, so it was divided into two sections. One section was taken to Warrenton. An engine came up with the second section, and the heavy cars forced the engine down grade and against the first section. Several cars were badly wrecked and five persons injured. All were excursionists. The worst hurt was Grey Washington, head-waiter of the Yarborough House, who was severely hurt in the leg. He was brought back on the regular train to-night. The excursionists will not be able to reach here until to-morrow morning. All the others hurt were only slightly injured. There were five hundred persons on the excursion.

Luther Stroud, a farmer in Orange county, has died from lockjaw under singular circumstances. He had been cutting wheat, and, becoming tired, sat on the fence. He fell backward from the fence in the wheat-cradle, and was pierced entirely through the body by the blade. He died in a few hours.

A CURIOUS CHARTER.

Years ago a clause was inserted in the charter of Newberne requiring a six-eighth vote upon any money appropriation. On no other condition was a voucher valid. The law has recently been disregarded, but Judge Shipp has issued a restraining order, holding the aldermen right down to the law. The application for the injunction will be argued at Tarboro' on the 22d instant.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

A cotton-factory is at once to be constructed at Davidson College.

An extensive mill for the manufacture of cotton-plaids is to be built at Rutherfordton.

The bright little town of Hickory is to have a cotton-factory also. A $30,000 hotel is contracted for at Hickory.

The Hotel Lafayette, at Fayetteville, is nearly completed. It ranks among the handsomest in the State, and replaces the one burned two years ago.

The extensive smoking-tobacco and cigarette-factory at Raleigh will begin operations by the middle of September, it is stated.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

Thirteen towns and cities in this State voted for no license at last week's local-option election, while seven went for license. The Prohibitionist are disposed to be jubilant over their gains, and say they show the march and development of the prohibition idea.

There is a general movement in "wet" towns to advance the price of licenses, and in some small places they have been put at from $250 to $500. That system finds many advocates.

RAILWAY NEWS.

The Palmetto railway from Hamlet, N. C., to Cheraw, S. C., is now completed to a point a mile this side of the latter place. The railway bridge over the Pee Dee river at Cheraw is under course of construction, to be finished by October 1st, Chief-Engineer Moncure says. This Palmetto road is a line in the new North and South line, in which Richmond is specially interested.

GENERAL NEWS.

The people are becoming quite patriotic this year, and it appears that that good old holiday the Fourth of July is to be observed at a number of places.

Governor Scales has received notice that the North Carolina flags in the possession of the Government are to be returned. He will make requisition for them. It is understood that there are over twenty-five such flags. They will be stored in the Capitol in glass cases. Some of these very flags were taken from the Capitol in 1865 by the Federal troops, it is stated.

The Supreme Court, in the Edens case, lays down the principle that an action for slander by a wife against her husband cannot be maintained. The lower court had decided that it could be maintained, but the Supreme Court reverses the decision.

It is claimed that Mrs. Moore, who died a few days since in Rutherford county, was one hundred and five years of age.

All the Stith-Dennan and Dennan-Stith libel suits in Davidson county have been compromised, and notice has been received by the clerk of Wake Superior Court that those in Wake have likewise been settled in that pleasant way.

COFFEE PANIC.

Exciting Time in the Exchange—Several Heavy Failures.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, June 13.—The opening of the Coffee Exchange this morning was the most excited in its history. In the limited space allowed for the clerks and customers in the exchange, at the junction of Pearl and Beaver streets, there was an excited throng anxious to reach the brokers with orders or receive from them the result of orders already made, while around the ring almost every broker outside of the bear clique had orders. Buying orders to-day generally came from Gruner and Crossman & Co. These firms represented the clique which first started the boom in coffee about eighteen months ago, and caused it to advance from eight to eighteen cents per pound. At the latter figure a number of Rio Janeiro operators called the Brazilian party, who had been bears on the market all the way up to eighteen, changed their position and became bulls, and carried prices above twenty-one cents, which figure it crossed about two weeks ago. They are now said to be loaded heavily—one house being reported to hold 5,000 bags for their account. The Gruner-Crossman party, on the other hand, who who were buyers, to-day are credited with unloading on the Brazilians around the highest figures. The failure of Mackay & Small, prominent coffee brokers, of Water street, was announced this afternoon. Mr. Small, of this firm, was formerly connected with the large coffee firm of Small Brothers & Co., with houses in New York, Baltimore, Chicago, and New Orleans. The next failure was that of B. G. Arnold & Co. The failure of Arnold is supposed to have been caused chiefly by the inability of the Rio houses to remit margins in time. Their liabilities are stated above one million, and a New York bank is said to be heavily involved. The liabilities of Mackay & Small are estimated from $150,000 to $200,000. Gruner, Joseph J. O'Donohue, and other strong houses, bought largely at bottom prices, so as to sustain the market and make the losses as small as possible. December advanced from $15.80 to $16.75. More failures are expected before the time to deposit margins expires. B. G. Arnold was the originator of the Coffee Exchange and its first president. He was formerly of the firm of Arnold, Sturgis & Co., the largest coffee-house in the United States. Another failure is that of Norton, Weyland & Bevan, heavy brokers.

The brokers acting for the bull operators became panic-stricken and rushed to sell without regard to price. The bulls blame the Gruner-Crossman syndicate for the starting decline which culminated in today's panic; but the bear syndicate strained every nerve to check the fall without success. In fact, the syndicate brokers were the only buyers at the opening, which was at 17c. per pound, over a cent below Saturday's close, and, although a rally was caused by bear-supporting orders, rumors of trouble and continued selling caused them to stop buying and join the bulls in unloading the stuff they had taken early. All through the forenoon selling was coupled with the wildest scenes ever witnessed on the Exchange and in all the offices there were knots of brokers gathered discussing the prospects of recovery. In the afternoon there was some hope of a rally, but heavy selling continued, and soon the price fell off in heavy fluctuations until it reached 15 cents per pound. This decline was accompanied by notice of the suspension of the three firms—B. G. Arnold & Co., Norton, Weyl & Bevan, and Mackay & Small. After the announcement of these failures an organized effort was made by prominent houses like O'Donohue, Gruner, and Crossman, to sustain the market, and they succeeded in causing a rally of about 1 cent all around.

The failure of B. G. Arnold & Co. attracted the most attention, as they are the most prominent house in the trade, but it was generally anticipated. The senior member of the firm was caught in 1882 by the collapse of one of the largest deals ever attempted in coffee, and was compelled to suspend for over a million dollars. He started in business again, however, and was successful in all his ventures. On August 1st last he formed a partnership with his son, and since then they have done a strictly commission business. He ascribes his failure to the fact that his customers were so far away that it was impossible to reach them in time to obtain sufficient margin to meet the decline. He could make no statement of his liabilities and said he could not say anything about the chances of resuming. Outsiders claim that the firm has been carrying 500,000 bags of coffee for Rio de Janeiro operators known as the Brazilian party. It is estimated that the liabilities will amount to over $1,000,000.

The extreme decline for the past two weeks is from 21.30 two weeks ago to 15 cents to-day, or over 6¼ cents per pound. There was some talk of trouble in banking circles at the result of the panic, but as the losses only carried 50 per cent. on the market value of coffee it is hard to see how any of them could have been involved.

Mackay & Small, one of the suspended firms, are supposed to have liabilities of $200,000. The liabilities of the other firms are small. Norton, Weyl & Bevan state that their suspension was due to the existing depression in prices, augmented by the failure of other firms in the trade. Mackay & Small say their stoppage is in no wise due to the fact of their being "long" of the market. As commission-men their transactions run both ways, and they may be regarded as being both long and short at the same time, and losing both ways. The inability of their clients to put up the marginal fund quick enough rendered it impossible for them to meet the demands of the market, and in consequence they were compelled to suspend.

The fall in coffee represents a drop of about thirty cents on the dollar. Nothing but vast capital was able to withstand the call created by such a difference with large orders out. It is feared that other houses will go under. The market rallied sharply after the last failure was announced, and closed comparatively strong. The day will always be remembered in coffee circles.

The scenes on the floor of the exchange were the most remarkable that have ever been witnessed there, and the confusion was so great that an outsider would hardly realize that the sales of the day were twice as large as on any previous day in the history of the exchange. Yet such was the fact, for 412,000 bags were sold. 225,000 bags being sold after the second call.

In commenting on the day's flurry and the prices obtained one broker said that the market broke through its own weight, as Arnold & Co. kept buying and buying till they dare not unload for fear of knocking a hole in prices. "Now that the firm has suspended," continued the speaker, "the firms from whom Arnold & Co. bought will have to take their coffee back at the average prices of to-day, and the prices are better than could have been obtained by the firm had they unloaded their holdings on the market."

July coffee before Arnold's failure was announced was quoted at $15.25, after the announcement at $15, and at the close of the Exchange at $16.10. Other months were affected in like manner with two exceptions. The closing future prices were higher than the prices before the failure. June coffee was naturally the most heavily affected, dropping 270 points and only rallying 145 points at the closing.

Saw-Mill Burned—Primary Election

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., June 13.—To-day the extensive saw mill and other works of Messrs. Reeves, Outlaw & Co., on the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal, at North Landing, were burned. The mills were very valuable, and a very large quantity of sawed lumber was stored on the grounds. The entire property, except the drying-house, was consumed. No estimates could be made of the loss or the amount of insurance.

The primary election in Portsmouth today resulted in the selection of William A. Fiske for postmaster. Mr. Fiske was formerly in the Legislature from Portsmouth.

Railroad Negotiations Closed.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

CHARLESTON, W. VA., June 13.—Negotiations which have been pending for two years between the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Kanawha and Ohio railways regarding a transfer across the Kanawha river at this place were closed to-day. It is the intention to have the transfer in operation by the 1st of September. The time between Toledo, Cleveland, and other western cities and the East will thereby be shortened some hours.

An Investigation Ordered.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHICAGO, June 13.—A local paper says: President Atkinson, of the International Typographical Union, has appointed a committee of three from Chicago Typographical Union, No. 16, to look into the books of ex-Secretary-Treasurer Paxson, who, it is alleged, has not kept the accounts properly, though he persists in the declaration that everything will be found all right.

Barclay Peake Convicted.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

MT. HOLLY, N. J., June 13.—Barclay Peake was this afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree. He is accused of murdering his cousin, Katie Anderson. He shot her February 8th, and she lingered several weeks with a bullet in her brain. An appeal will be taken. Peake is only twenty-one years old.

White-Lead Factory Burned.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, June 13.—Turnbill's white-lead factory, in New Town, back of Brooklyn, was burned to-night. Loss, $75,000.

Last Night's Telegraphic Flashes.

A Chicago telegram states that the Socialists are making preparations to enter politics in national issues.

Five men were killed yesterday by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge at Inman mines, near Chattanooga.

Since Sunday two new cases of yellow-fever have been admitted to the Key West hospital and one discharged.

Peter Butler (colored) was found hanging to a tree near Jamestown, Ohio, yesterday morning. His crime was assault, and Judge Lynch had taken him in hand.

A majority of the cotton-spinners of the Lancaster and Yorkshire districts have approved the proposal to go on short time. A number of mills have closed.

There was serious rioting at Athlone, Ireland, yesterday between soldiers and civilians. The soldiers wrecked a number of houses and many citizens were injured with stones.

The trial of the members of the Alsatian Patriotic League on the charge of high treason for supporting attempts to separate Alsace-Lorraine from Germany was begun at Leipsic yesterday.

The Earl of Aberdeen, who was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland under Gladstone's administration, was given a notable reception in San Francisco yesterday. There were many notable persons present.

The Corinthian yacht-race at New York yesterday was no test at all. The Atlantic was anchored at one time for lack of wind, and after the yachts finally sailed over the course the larger boats were becalmed in the lower bay.

The resumption of work at the Frick coke ovens, now controlled by Carnegie, Phipps & Co., gives employment to about 3,000 men, and will probably result in a general resumption throughout the Connellsville region in a few days.

Bridget and Her Husband James.

James O'Connor and his wife Bridget, two not unfamiliar faces in that tribunal, were before the Police Court yesterday morning charged with being drunk. They were fined $2 and costs each, and in default were sent to jail.

James was sent to the penitentiary some months ago to serve a term for obtaining money under false pretenses from an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton. The Governor pardoned him last week, he was given his liberty on Thursday, and next morning he and his wife were before the court on the same charge that faced them yesterday. Not having the money to pay their fines they were released upon the agreement entered into with the Justice that they would leave town at once. O'Connor said he only wanted an hour in which to leave. It appears that the attractive powers of the sparkling glass were more than they could resist, and they again fell victims to its charms—a fall which they had both experienced too often before.

Contract for Granite.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings met last night and awarded the contract for granite for the City-Hall work to the Westham Granite Company.

COMMENCEMENTS.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON AT WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Address Before the Young Men's Christian Association—The Boat Race—The Week's Attractions.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, VA., June 13.—The commencement exercises of Washington and Lee University began yesterday morning with a baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. William V. Tudor, of Norfolk. His text was from Revelations, first chapter, fourth verse—"The Seven Spirits Which Are Before His Throne." The sermon was an able one and was listened to with the most profound attention. At night, in the University chapel, Rev. D. K. McFarland, of Staunton, addressed the Young Men's Christian Association in a discourse of great power. To-day at 6 P. M. the annual regatta between the university boat clubs took place on North river a mile below the town, and was witnessed by a very large crowd. The race was close and exciting and was won by the Harry Lee Club. The presentation of the prize goblet to the successful crew was made to-night in the chapel after the celebration of the literary societies. The town is rapidly filling up with visitors, and the weather is all that could be desired. The address of Mr. Page before the alumni Tuesday and the address by Dr. Talmage Wednesday before the literary societies will be the main attraction of this year's commencement programme.

Martha Washington College.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ABINGDON, VA., June 13.—The annual commencement season of Martha Washington College is at hand. The programme for the occasion was inaugurated on yesterday with a baccalaureate sermon, preached at Main-Street Methodist Episcopal church, South, by the Rev. Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, editor of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*. His discourse was based upon the text, "Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit," and was able and practical.

The singing for this occasion was afforded by a choir from the Abingdon Musical Association led by Professor Parsons, musical director of the college, and was unusually fine, impressive, and appropriate.

The joint Board of Visitors and Trustees met this morning at 9 o'clock and received a report from President Hearon, which showed an increase of patronage of over 30 per cent. over last year and the neat balance in the treasury of over $1,500. Colonel W. A. Stuart and Mr. George E. Penn were elected trustees in place of Hons. John A. Campbell and William B. Aston, deceased.

At 11 A. M. in the college chapel a large and intelligent audience assembled to witness the contest of the young ladies of the Enterpean Literary Society for the society's elocution medal.

The committee to determine the contest will concur to-morrow. At 4 P. M. a reception in the art department was held, and the exhibition of paintings, drawings, portraits, sketches, &c., was uniformly declared of a very superior character. The richest treat as yet was afforded by Professor Parsons. The selections were from the most noted musical masters, and while scientific and æsthetical were so enlivened by exquisite rendition as to awaken popular enjoyment and universal praise.

Hampden-Sidney College.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, VA., June 13.—The baccalaureate sermon delivered yesterday morning to the graduating class by the president, Dr. McIlwaine, was the beginning of the end of the one-hundred-and-eleventh session of Hampden-Sidney College. Many strangers from this and other States are here, and the congregation was large and distinguished. The sermon was a masterly discourse. In largeness and breadth of view, accompanied by profoundity of thought, it was a sermon altogether worthy of the Chair of Philosophy, which is linked with the presidency of the college.

WYTHEVILLE.

An Interesting Case—Supreme Court of Appeals—Shooting Scrape.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WYTHEVILLE, VA., June 13.—To-day in the County Court a very interesting contested-election case was argued on demurrer and submitted. The facts disclosed are these: It is alleged that William B. Foster, the Democratic incumbent, in a former election, to avoid splitting the Democratic vote, agreed with one James A. Rider that if the latter would withdraw from the contest the former would, if elected, give a certain per cent. of the proceeds of the clerk's office to him; that upon his election he kept his promise, thereby farming the circuit clerk's office; that this was contrary to the statute and *ipse facto* vacated the office, and rendered both parties ineligible to that office forever. The case was brought before the County Court by way of petition of fifteen voters, as provided in contested elections, at the instigation and in favor of W. G. Repine, the defeated candidate of the Republican party at the last election, it being claimed by his counsel that if the present incumbent and successful candidate were declared ineligible the office would devolve on the one who obtained the next highest number of votes. The petition was demurred and the question of law turned on a clause in the Constitution, which, after enumerating a number of causes for ineligibility to office, declares that all other persons were qualified to hold office unless forbidden by the Constitution. The case was ably argued on both sides and submitted to the Court. Either party will have the right of appeal to the Circuit Court, but no further.

The Supreme Court of Appeals convened here Thursday. The following cases have been disposed of so far:

Friday, 10th, George Bond *vs.* Commonwealth of Virginia; two cases. From Bedford county. Parterson and Bruce for appellant. Case continued.

Lord and Packham *vs.* Reynolds. Petition for rehearing decree deferred to Richmond term.

Stacy *vs.* Collins & Co. Writ of error from Roanoke county. Harnsborough & Harnsborough for appellant; Strouse for appellee. Case argued and submitted.

Nell *vs.* Wooding and wife. Appeal from Roanoke. Scott & Berkeley for appellants and Staples & Logan for appellees. Case argued and submitted.

Monday, 13th: Roanoke National Bank *vs.* Farmers National Bank of Salem. Appeal from Roanoke. Penn & Cocke for appellants; Staples & Logan and Strouse for appellees. Argued and submitted.

This evening, at the Wytheville depot, a man named Hawkins, who had been asleep in one of the "dives," awoke to find his money gone. He accused one Crock Staley of taking it, and in the altercation Hawkins drew his pistol, a British bulldog, and shot Staley. The ball struck the skull just above the eye and glanced up the forehead, making an ugly flesh wound but not proving fatal. Hawkins ran, but was caught and lodged in jail.

Alexandria Notes.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 13.—The midnight local from here yesterday morning, when just beyond Four-Mile run, ran over and killed a colored man named Phillips Pratt, of this place. It is generally supposed that Pratt missed the down train, and on his way home lay down between the tracks, and while in a stupor from liquor put his head on the rail for a pillow.

A boat-load of young colored men and women capsized in Hunting creek yesterday afternoon. No serious consequences.

The residence of Walter Dailey, in the "Village," was entered by thieves last night. They made off with considerable plunder.

Last night a horse attached to a buggy containing an intoxicated man dashed up north Pitt street and ran into a pile of lumber near the jail. The horse was hurt, the buggy smashed up, and the man got his head badly cut and shoulder sprained.

A gentleman named Harris, while driving in Fairfax near Falls church yesterday, was thrown out and had his arm broken and face bruised.

Mr. P. B. Peyton, of this place, has been promoted to master of transportation on the Midland division of the Danville system vice Mr. Dabney, who goes on the Chesapeake and Ohio, under Colonel Dunn, at Richmond. Mr. Cabell is also promoted, and it is said Gillis Cox will come back from the Richmond office.

Mrs. William P. Ramey died suddenly at her home, near Keysville, in Rappahannock, yesterday.

Mr. William Carr, son of Dr. Carr, of Fauquier, died Saturday evening; aged twenty-five. He was formerly of Albemarle, and had been sick some time.

The Sharp Trial.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, June 13.—When the Court of Oyer and Terminer resumed its session this morning Sharp was already in his seat, and appeared not the least disturbed by the story of "Billy" Maloney's coming. He volunteered the statement that the story was "made out of whole cloth"—his favorite expression. Mr. Nicoll denied that he was the author of the rumor. The counsel on both sides had a hard time with the reporters over the Maloney matter. There are now two vacant seats in the jury-box. The defence has exhausted all its peremptory challenges.

When Judge Barrett adjourned the court to-day one of the vacant seats in the jury-box for the Sharp trial had been filled, but there was still one juror lacking. The complaints about jurors which Judge Barrett has had occasion to make in the Court of Oyer and Terminer regarding their efficiency have also been the subject of much comment in the other courts, particularly in the various branches of the Supreme Court. It has been generally noticed that a majority of the citizens summoned for jurors have been far below the average in intelligence and ability, and Judge Beach took occasion to refer to this openly in court to-day. He was unable to understand or give any reason for it, but nevertheless such was the fact, and he thought that it was a great injustice to litigants and should be stopped immediately. As far as he was concerned he was determined he would not try an important case before the men summoned for attendance in his court. One more important fact is that there are more liquor-dealers summoned than previously. It has also been stated that there is a ring which uses its influence to prevent certain individuals serving as jurors.

Base-Ball Yesterday.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

At Baltimore:

Baltimores	2 0 1 0 0 2 1 0 1 — 7
Clevelands	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0

Base-hits: Baltimores, 12; Clevelands, 5. Errors: Baltimores, 1; Clevelands, 2.

At Philadelphia:

Athletics	3 3 1 0 0 5 2 0 2 — 16
St. Louis	0 0 3 2 0 3 0 0 0 — 8

Base-hits: Athletics, 20; St. Louis, 12. Errors: Athletics, 8; St. Louis, 9.

At Pittsburgh:

Pittsburghs	0 1 0 1 1 0 0 2 0 — 5
Detroits	0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 — 3

Base-hits: Pittsburghs, 10; Detroits, 12. Errors: Pittsburghs, 3; Detroits, 1. Batteries: McCormick and Miller; Weidman and Briody.

At Chicago:

Chicagos	1 3 1 0 0 0 3 1 x — 9
Indianapolis	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 2 0 — 4

Base-hits: Chicagos, 14; Ind