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HOW IT CREATED A STIR ON THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE AND FACILITATED SPECULATION.

A Mystery Connected with the Virginia Debt Question and the Late Decision of Judge Bond.

The following is from a recently-arrived number of the London Financial News:

A SUSPICIOUS MOVE IN VIRGINIAS.—The sudden fall in the price in Virginia funded bonds which followed the posting of a mysterious telegram in the Stock Exchange on Friday calls attention to what is little short of a scandal. The telegram was forwarded to the Stock Exchange by the Council of Foreign Bondholders with the explanation: "We received this in cipher from Richmond, but without signature." The text of the telegram was: "Judge Bond has decided everything against us." The point of the incident is that nobody in London seems to have the most remote conception what this "everything" is, or what Judge Bond has had to decide upon. He is the United States Circuit Court judge who has upon several occasions given decisions in favor of those who tender the bonds in payment of Virginia State taxes, and therefore the alleged judgment upon "everything" is wholly a mystery. What is not less unexplained is the fact that the posting of this recent telegram in the Stock Exchange was preceded by heavy speculative sales of the bonds to the amount of some thirty or forty thousand. Who is it who knew so much about the telegram and the bearing of its contents before the puzzle was made public in Capel court.

It is further very queer that the wonderful telegram was not communicated by the Foreign Bondholders' Committee to the press. The council is not always so reticent, and on the present occasion there seems to have been every reason why, if the message was sufficiently important to be communicated to the Stock Exchange, it ought also to have been sent to the press. The irritation to which the circumlocutory practices of the Council of Foreign Bondholders has given rise will be brought to a head by occurrences of this kind. Here is an enthusiastic telegram received without signature, and used by somebody for speculative purposes. How did the contents of the telegram leak out before it was posted in Capel court? Or, to go a step further, why was a piece of information unverified by any signature allowed to come out at all? We are not greatly surprised that large holders of Virginia bonds should discuss the propriety of acting apart from a council which does so little, and that little in such a peculiar way. The explanation of Friday's incident most favorable to the council is that somebody has got possession of the cipher and has used it for his own ends. Whatever excuse may be forthcoming, the bondholders have a right to demand to be protected against such speculative attacks upon their property. If the Council is not able to make a settlement with Virginia it had better step aside and let more active and intelligent spirits take the matter in hand. The Council has been fumbling for years over it in its elephantine way, and nothing comes out of its efforts but speculative coups like that of Friday. The Moorgate-street junta had better stand aside and let more competent persons see what can be done to effect a speedy and lasting settlement.

Mr. W. L. Royall, the counsel of the London committee, said yesterday in answer to a question addressed him by a Dispatch reporter that he did not send the message and knows nothing at all about it.

Now, the question is, Who did send it?

From the howl made it would seem that some people upon the receipt of the cablegram sold their holdings and lost a good deal of money thereby.

The truth, however, is the decision of Judge Bond at Norfolk was altogether unexpected by the bondholders, and it undoubtedly gave them a very considerable set-back.

RICHMOND POSTMASTERSHIP.

What Will President Harrison Do About It and Whom Will He Appoint?

If President Harrison proves to be the justice-loving, law-respecting, civil-service adoring statesman that he professes, he will allow Postmaster W. H. Cullingworth to serve out the term for which he was appointed, and that expires in June, 1890; but numerous Republicans here who think they know the President better than the Democrats do are of the opinion that he will pay no attention to any consideration other than that which demands immediate possession of Federal offices for his supporters and partisans. So there are already many candidates out for the place, and their petitions have been busily circulated and to some extent have been signed by Democrats, to whom it never occurred that their names could or would be used as the basis of argument to abbreviate the term of Mr. Cullingworth.

When the time comes when Harrison's mind is free from the annoyances of Cabinet appointments and when the Virginia contingent begins to move on to Washington to claim the spoils, and the Richmond postmaster ship is taken under consideration, should Harrison pause and wonder if he really ought to remove this earnest and faithful officer, the Mahone people standing at his back will say: "Why, hundreds of Democrats in Richmond have signed petitions for the appointment of a Republican, and that goes to show that nothing else is expected." Perhaps, indeed, they will go so far as to insist that nothing else is wanted by the signers.

See how that thing may be made to work.

Some of the most loyal Democrats in this city have signed these petitions. They never thought of consequences. It only seemed to them that they were expressing their choice of rival Republican candidates. That is all they meant.

Our friends the enemy are smart enough to see the move in its political light and will use the petitions for all that they are worth.

So far as a civil-service *examination* is concerned the postmaster is not amenable to it; nor does the place of first assistant come under that heading, and there are probably half a dozen other positions in the office that do not fall in the civil-service list; but the civil service theory held by Mr. Cleveland was that all unobjectionable officers should continue in place until their terms expired without reference to political affiliations; and in some instances he went so far as to reappoint Republicans for new terms.

It is not to be expected that the Republican party will do anything of the kind, but it may be doubted if Democrats can very well justify themselves for aiding and abetting the Republicans to crawl from under the Republican platform.

When the time does come for the appointment of a postmaster, the President will have to decide between the Mahone and anti-Mahone factions here, and if he will give patient audience to Mr. John S. Wise on the one hand and some of the little General's advocates on the other he will be tempted to ask, as did Grant of a prominent Republican editor from this State, "In the name of Heaven what sort of a —— party have you got down in Virginia?"

MODEL MEN AND SOLDIERS.

Dr. Hoge's Talk to Lee Camp of Veterans Last Night.

The announcement that Rev. Dr. Hoge would address Lee Camp last night brought the members out in large numbers.

After the regular meeting of the Camp Dr. Hoge was presented by Commander Brander.

The Doctor's remarks were entirely informal. He said he loved the Confederate soldier; there is no task that he would not perform with pleasure if it could be beneficial to him. Whenever he sees a one-legged or one-armed veteran on the streets he always feels a love and sympathy for him.

He then spoke of the great and good men who have left us such worthy examples. There never lived in any age citizens or soldiers who had such examples to imitate as we.

SIDNEY JOHNSTON.

The speaker first paid a glowing and eloquent tribute to the character of Albert Sidney Johnston, and regretted that he did not see the picture of this great commander and Christian soldier along with those of other distinguished generals on the walls of Lee Camp headquarters. Johnston, he said, was one of the distinguished generals whom he had never seen, but he loved him for his bravery and his strong conception of duty. He was a man free from taint, and one whom we all can call pure.

JACKSON.

Referring to Stonewall Jackson Dr. Hoge said he happened to be in London on a special errand at the time of his death. When the news reached that city it caused great sorrow. The sad event was uppermost in the minds of all the people. Wherever you went one name was upon every tongue—the name of Jackson. Editorials from eminent men appeared in the London dailies. Lord Shaftesbury said in speaking of the sad event that Jackson, in many respects, was the most remarkable man America ever produced. Jackson, the Doctor said, is worthy of all the praise bestowed upon him. He was a Christian man. If he thought a thing was right he would go ahead and do it. Carlyle said a man's religion is the chief fact about him. This is a true sentiment, though spoken by a man who was not a professor of religion. Jackson wanted to know if a thing was right in the sight of God before he did it. We venerate this great man for the respect he had for duty. After Jackson entered the army never did he leave his post of duty, not even to visit his loved ones at home. These are great lessons to teach the American youth.

LEE.

Another great teacher to inspire us is General Robert E. Lee. It is not because Lord Wolseley puts him among the five great captains of the world that we venerate him. It is his simplicity of character, his respect for the feelings of his fellow-men, his true Christian character that causes us to love him. One little incident that illustrates the General's simplicity of character was his plainness in dress. Some one said to him, "General, why don't you wear the insignia of your office?" "Oh," replied General Lee, "I have the three stars, the rank of colonel, and that is all I should have been." If there is any one thing that makes a man great it is freedom from vindictiveness. General Lee never spoke a harsh word about his enemies. He referred to them as "those people" or "our friends across the river."

THE OLD SOLDIERS.

In his closing remarks Dr. Hoge said that there seems to be sectional hatred breaking out in some parts of the country—a feeling which we thought was buried twenty-five years ago. The soldiers would have settled this matter long ago if they could have had their way, but the "Knights of the Quill" seem to have a desire to keep open the wounds caused by the late war.

Dr. Hoge was listened to with great interest, and a vote of thanks was tendered him for his interesting talk.

THE MISSING PICTURE.

Comrade Louis J. Bossieux moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to purchase a picture of Albert Sidney Johnston to place upon the wall of the headquarters, and his recommendation was adopted.

The Camp then adjourned.

THE LATE JAMES F. WALLER.

Funeral Yesterday in the County of Stafford.

The remains of Mr. James E. Waller, whose sad death by suicide occurred Wednesday night, were taken to Stafford county for interment yesterday. Governor Lee and Messrs. William Daniel, George V. Moncure, Charles Selden, and John H. Wallace attended from this city. At Fredericksburg Dr. H. H. Johnston and Messrs. Duff Green, Charles Herndon, and Rev. James P. Smith joined the party. By order of Major Myers the train was stopped at Richland station, from which place the body was taken to the residence of Captain Thomas Waller at Bloomingdale, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Smith. The interment took place in the old family burying-ground, about three miles from Bloomingdale. Governor Lee and the others from this city returned at 7:33 o'clock last night.

Nothing has as yet been developed whereby any conclusion may be arrived at as to the motive Mr. Waller had in taking his life, but it now seems tolerably certain that he was seen on the streets about 8 o'clock, and if, as supposed, he spent the evening in writing letters, he then had opportunity of posting them; but the most diligent inquiry so far does not show that any one has received a letter from him written on Wednesday.

It was thought by some that there were no powder-marks on the deceased. There were none on the outside; but after the blood was washed away the interior of the wound was seen to be powder-stained, going to prove that he placed the pistol in close contact with the flesh.

There is no doubt at all that a few days before his death Mr. Waller told a friend that he (the deceased) was suffering dreadfully from his head; that the sensation was peculiar and painful, and he expressed the fear that it would drive him to madness.

Relatives in Stafford cannot imagine what induced Mr. Waller to commit suicide, and it is as great a mystery to them as it is to the general public.

Deceased's father and mother are both dead, and he had neither brother nor sister living.

A COUNTRY HOUSE BURNED.

Mr. William Ellis Jones's Home Destroyed Yesterday.

The dwelling-house of Mr. William Ellis Jones, situated on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, about four miles from Richmond, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning about 2 o'clock.

The members of the family were aroused from their sleep by a suffocating smoke in the rooms and had barely time to escape with their lives.

Mr. Jones lost nearly all of his furniture, as well as the greater portion of his family's clothing. He himself had to borrow a suit of clothes from a friend in order to come to the city yesterday.

It is thought that the fire started underneath the front porch, but it is not known whether it was the work of an incendiary or an accident. A brisk wind was blowing at the time and the house was soon consumed. The loss is estimated at $5,000; insurance, $3,000.

Mr. Jones's family came to Richmond yesterday and secured temporary quarters.

VISITING GEORGIANS.

A Party from Griffin Inspecting Richmond Improvements.

The following citizens of Griffin, Ga., are in the city and stopping at the Exchange Hotel: Hon. John A. Stewart, mayor of Griffin; Aldermen M. T. Morris and C. P. Newton, and D. Gessner, editor of the Daily News.

The party is visiting our city for the purpose of examining our electric-light system and other improvements. They called at the Council Chamber yesterday morning, where they were courteously received by several city officials. They were presented to Superintendent Thompson of the Fire-Alarm Department, and in company with him inspected the headquarters of this department.

Mayor Stewart is a strikingly handsome man, and is said to be one of the youngest mayors in the country. He looks to be about twenty-two years of age. He is a son of Congressman Stewart, of Georgia, and was lately elected mayor over an old and popular citizen of Griffin.

The Up-Town Hotel.

So far from having lost interest in the new hotel project the promoters of it have recently received great encouragement, and one or two ways are open to them to bring their labors to a successful close.

A recent emphatic expression of Mr. Ingalls as to the necessity for an up-town hotel here has made a serious impression upon the business community, and several of the largest subscribers to this fund have expressed their willingness to increase the amount for which they have put down their names. The fact, however, remains that hundreds of well-to-do citizens have not given the enterprise the slightest financial encouragement or work that will materialize in money. With concerted action and subscriptions from all who are able to invest the sum now needed ought to be readily raised. No doubt the promoters will soon have another public meeting and make a great push for the hoped-for success.

The Car Jumped the Track.

A car on No. 25 on the Union Passenger-railway was coming down the heavy grade on Seventh street between Grace and Franklin about 7 o'clock yesterday morning the brakes refused to take hold, and when the curve was reached the car jumped the track and kept almost directly ahead toward Main. Persons who saw it coming down the hill say that it was travelling at a terrific speed. When fully half way to Main street it struck the curbing on the east side and came to a halt.

There were three or four passengers in the car, but none of them were injured.

The breaking of the trolly-rod seems to have been the only damage done.

Death of Mr. Nathan G. Goodman.

Mr. Nathan G. Goodman, a former resident of Richmond, died yesterday afternoon in Savannah, Ga., in the twenty-first year of his age. Deceased was a son of the late A. B. Goodman, of this city, and for the last six years was with his uncles, H. Myers & Brothers, in Savannah.

FOUR SHOTS FIRED.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO KILL AN ELECTRIC-CAR CONDUCTOR.

The Would-Be Assassin, a Negro Dude, Caught and Sent on to the Grand Jury.

The report of four pistol-shots, fired in rapid succession between 7 and 8 o'clock A. M. yesterday, broke the stillness of the morning in the vicinity of the Union Passenger-Railway Company's sheds on Church Hill, and for awhile the most intense excitement prevailed in that neighborhood. The shooting was done by Thomas Hewlett, a bright mulatto, twenty-two years old, and the individual at whom he was sending the leaden missiles was Mr. F. P. Jones, a conductor on the Electric Line, who had, for reasons which he considered good, put Hewlett off his car. Fortunately none of the balls performed the desired mission, and in about four hours after the occurrence the shooter was in the city jail, where he now rests to await the action of the grand jury.

THE AFFRAY.

When Car No. 12 on the Electric Line passed Eighteenth street going east yesterday morning Hewlett stepped aboard, and soon after he got inside the conductor walked in and asked for his fare, whereupon Hewlett ripped out an oath by way of introduction and replied: "You had better wait until I take my seat." The conductor reprimanded Hewlett for swearing in a car where there were ladies, and told him that he must either behave himself or get off the car. A war of words between the two followed and the car was stopped and the negro dude ejected. After abusing the conductor he pulled out a nickel and offered to pay his fare, but Mr. Jones had stopped the car to put him off and would not then receive the fare, as the conduct of Hewlett was considered entirely too disorderly to be put up with.

The ejected passenger did not at all relish his treatment, and being enraged he took passage on the next east-bound car and rode to the sheds, at the corner of Twenty-ninth and Patterson streets. He walked directly into the motor-men's room and inquired for the conductor of car No. 12. Mr. O. B. Tate, the motor-man on Jones' car, recognized Hewlett and advised him to leave before Jones came in, and not to renew the trouble. While these two were talking the conductor came in, and Hewlett turned on him and began to abuse him. Jones admonished him to leave, saying that he did not want any difficulty, but the negro continued to "jaw," and finally he placed his hand on his right hip-pocket and with an oath threatened to shoot Jones. Suiting the action to the word, he drew his pistol and pointing it directly at Jones, pulled the trigger, but the weapon refused to fire and only snapped. If the pistol had fired, the ball most assuredly would have taken effect in the body of the man at whom it was pointed.

BANG! BANG!! BANG!!!

Upon getting on the street the negro fired again. Jones stooped down to pick up a stone, saying to his assailant, "You had better kill me, for I intend to kill you." The negro fired four shots at Jones, all of which went wide of the mark, and before he could fire again several persons came to Mr. Jones's assistance, which caused the negro to turn and run off. He was followed, and finally brought to bay in a house on Thirty-first street, where he had sought refuge. The house was surrounded to prevent his escape, and he was kept there until the arrival of the police officers, who took charge of him and carried him to the station-house.

BEFORE COURT.

A few hours later the prisoner was taken before the Police Court to answer the charge of shooting at F. P. Jones, with intent to kill. A young colored lawyer named Lewis appeared as counsel for the accused. Only three witnesses were examined for the Commonwealth and the gist of their evidence is given above.

But one, a colored man named Brown, was offered for the defence. He was standing on the opposite side of the street when the shooting occurred and his statement made it appear that several of Jones's friends joined with him (Jones) in an assault on the accused and that accused acted solely in self-defence. He knew nothing about the origin of the trouble.

Hewlett was sent on to the grand jury for the felonious shooting and fined $20 for carrying concealed weapons.

PERSONAL.

Hewlett is better looking than the average of his race and was very neatly dressed, wearing a dark suit, fresh-laundered shirt, collar of fashionable cut, white satin cravat, black derby, comfortable dark-colored overcoat and light-colored Gambettas over his fashionably-cut shoes. He lives in Boston, but, together with his sister, is here on a visit to his mother on Thirtieth street. He did contemplate returning to Boston in about two weeks, but he will probably now concinde to remain in Richmond longer.

The accused was not put on the stand, but after court was over he said to a Dispatch reporter that he attended a wedding out in Henrico night before last and was returning home yesterday morning when he boarded the car; that the conductor asked for his fare directly he entered the car and he (Hewlett) remarked: "You had better wait until I sit down"; that he went to the car-sheds with the intention of complaining to the superintendent and that he had no idea of raising a difficulty when he went there. He denied that he made an attack on the conductor. The prisoner admitted that he had been drinking Thursday night.

"Martha" by the Ideals.

Another large audience filled the Academy last night to hear Flotow's melodious and well-worn opera "Martha." It was a smooth and enjoyable production of the old favorite.

Mme. L'Allemand as "Lady Harriet" was perfect. What an artiste she is! Never sang in her singing of any note, whether high or low. Her voice is even, clear, and of delightful quality all through its compass. Her rendition of "Proch's Variations" was superb and carried with it a round of applause. The ease with which L'Allemand walks about the stage singing or trilling all the while is refreshing. She seems to sing as naturally as most persons talk.

Miss Attalie Claire as Nancy was very acceptable and exhibited a contralto of nice quality and training.

Messrs. Clark and Baxter were well up in their parts. Mr. Clark was in exceptionally good voice, and his commanding figure is well suited to the part of Plunkett. Mr. Baxter as Lionel sang with his usual smoothness and nice phrasing, his duet with Mr. Clark in the first act being beautifully rendered. His voice was especially effective in the fourth act.

Messrs. Bainbridge and Maron were all that could be desired, and orchestra and chorus were well drilled and precise.

The sweet old opera was delightfully given and enjoyed by the many who are familiar with its every melody.

The Ideals are stronger than ever, and the two closing performances will draw crowded houses. At the matinee to-day Miss de Lussan will be seen in the "Daughter of the Regiment," and it will be the last opportunity of hearing her for several seasons to come. Mme. L'Allemand appears to-night in her wonderful creation, the leading *rôle* of Rossini's "Barbiere."

As on Thursday night, curtain calls were frequent last evening.

Manchester City Council.

A regular meeting of the City Council of Manchester was held last night. The following members were present: Messrs. Perdue (president), Bradley, Walsh, Weisiger, A. C. Jones, C. A. Jones, Hart, Hewlett, and Harris.

A communication was received from his Honor Mayor Atkinson recommending the establishment of a place for paupers, asking for better police-station accommodations, and for an office for the Mayor. Referred.

The Committee on Streets submitted a report recommending the appropriation of $250 towards building a bridge over the railroad at Cowardin avenue [the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company has agreed to bear one half of the expense]; the paving of the sidewalks on Hull street from the canal to Fifteenth street, and the taking of steps looking to the opening of Semmes street from Twelfth to the corporate limits. The committee also submitted the engineer's profile of Bainbridge street from Cowardin avenue to the Petersburg railroad, defining the grade. The report was adopted.

A resolution was presented by Mr. Weisiger, from the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings, recommending the appropriation of $500 for refitting the Police station. Adopted.

The idea is to have three cells and two offices in rear of the market—one for the Mayor and the other for the Chief of Police.

Adjourned.

CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Hon. Howard H. Morse, of New York city, Supreme Councillor of the order of Chosen Friends, and W. J. Newton, of Washington, Supreme Treasurer, delivered public addresses last night at Gibbs's Opera-House on the principles, objects, and work of the order. The meeting, which was held under the auspices of Ruth Council, No. 3, was open to the public, and there was quite a large audience present. The musical programme—and a most excellent one it was—was under the management of Mr. A. C. Harding, who was assisted by Captain Frank Cunningham, the Euterpean Quartette, and Mr. Henry Francisco, who sang several humorous selections. The committee of arrangements were Messrs. George Q. Ely, John O'Brien, James A. Lipscomb, W. L. Moody, M. R. Lloyd, George W. Tolby, and A. A. Waugh.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Dr. D. R. Boston, of Fluvanna, who has been visiting friends here, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Thomas McNamee has left for Baltimore, which place she will make her future home.

Mr. James F. Bradley has returned from Baltimore, where he went to attend the Supreme Council of the Order of Financial Union as representative from Department No. 61, of Manchester.

Rev. J. J. Clopton, rector of the Meade-Memorial Episcopal church, will, commencing from next Sunday, preach a series of sermons on "Woman's Influence."

Several bids have been made for carrying the mails to and from the depôts and the Richmond post-office to the Manchester office.

A colored woman named Mary Bell was taken to the station-house Thursday night in a very sick condition and left there. The police officers happened to be out at the time, and the woman was too sick to tell how she got there. Yesterday morning the Council Committee on Poor directed that the patient be turned over to the care of the city physician.

A JOINT DEBATE.

Joust Between the Jefferson and Randolph Literary Societies.

The large hall of the Young Men's Christian Association was crowded last night, when another joint debate between the Jefferson Literary Society and the Randolph Literary Society took place. Twice before members of the two societies had measured arms, or rather tongues, and on both occasions the Jefferson people came out second best. Last night they again attempted to defeat their rivals, and for that purpose had sent forth their very best men. This time they were successful, although the contest was not won without a hard struggle.

The programme opened with an address of welcome by Mr. C. M. Wallace, Jr., president of the Randolph Society. A quartette followed, sung by Messrs. McGilvray, Newman, Smith, and Newman, entitled, "Ole Times Cum Agin No More." Dr. M. L. Dawson, of the Jefferson Society, delivered an oration on "Burying the Hatchet," which was greatly appreciated by an attentive audience. Professor George R. Carter, who has become quite a favorite with society people in this city, recited a few of his comical sketches, and was heartily applauded by all. The debate was on the following question: "*Resolved*, That a man is never justifiable in leaving his post of duty." The affirmative side of the question was ably represented by Messrs. James W. Gordon and Charles R. Robles, of the Jefferson Society, while Messrs. Gleatworth Hall and W. Mac Jones, of the Randolph Society, undertook the difficult task of advocating the negative side.

At the close of the debate the quartette once more stepped to the front and sang "Way Down South." The decision, which was in favor of the affirmative side, was rendered by Messrs. Marshall M. Gilliam, William A. Price, John A. Lancaster, Tazewell Ellett, and M. L. Spotswood.

A Barrel of Flour Cheap.

A barrel of flour was stolen from in front of Mr. Gregory's grocery store, on Cary street near the corner of Ninth, yesterday afternoon in a very clever manner. Mr. Gregory and all of his employés were back in the store and some one quietly walked up, turned down a barrel of Dunlop's Patent family flour, rolled it down the sidewalk for about a half square, and there, it is presumed, placed it in a dray and carried it off. There were several barrels in front of the store and it was some time before this one was missed. The police were notified and the case will be worked up, and it is more than probable that the guilty party will be captured. It is hardly possible that the flour can have been hauled away without some one in the neighborhood knowing of it.

Another merchant lost fifteen dozen eggs yesterday afternoon, and such robberies are becoming very frequent.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

Phœnix Insurance Company of New York against First National Bank of Harrisonburg. Argued by Captain Bumgardner for appellant and George F. Sipe, Esq., for appellee and submitted.

Joslyn, Trustee, against State Bank of Hartford. Submitted.

Richmond and Danville Railroad Company against Picklesimer. Argued by Judge W. R. Staples for plaintiff in error and Judge W. H. Mann for defendant in error and continued until Monday.

Brown, &c., against Bucker and *als*. Appeal allowed and *supersedeas* awarded to decree pronounced by the Circuit Court of Louisa county on the 21st day of September, 1888.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: A. R. Courtney, special commissioner, to William A. Walker, 20½ feet on Locust street, $1,920; J. D. Carneal to P. H. Robinson, 14 feet on Hill street between St. John and St. Paul, $500.

Manchester: Legatees of J. F. Bradley, deceased, to James F. Bradley, their interest in 3 feet of land on Hull between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, $84; Gilmer Cole and wife to James F. Bradley, 62 feet on Thirteenth near McDonough street, $620.

Henrico: C. D. Larus and wife to L. Z. Morris, 132 feet on Marshall near Thirty-fourth street, $1,000; Meade Haskins, special commissioner, to A. L. Leftwich, Squares 10 and 11, containing 1 58-100 and 9-100 acres, in plan of Tart's division, $4,70.

A Policeman's Funeral.

The funeral of Policeman John F. Boschen took place from the German Lutheran church, corner Eighth and Marshall streets, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. C. J. Oehlschlaeger and Rev. W. H. Atwill. The floral offerings were very handsome. The police attended in a body from the Third district, and a detachment of five officers from the First and Second districts were also present. Captain Charles H. Epps was in command of the police.

Hustings Court.

The Hustings Court—Judge Ingram, of Manchester, presiding—was yesterday engaged in the trial of J. H. Williams, charged with illegal voting at the election last November. The charge is that Williams was convicted of a petit larceny in 1880 and confined in the city jail one day, and that his political disabilities had never been removed by the Governor. The jury failing to agree upon a verdict were discharged, and the case continued until the next term of the court.

The Terminal Charter.

Attorney-General Avery will hear further argument to-day on the petition asking him to institute *quo-warranto* proceedings in the Circuit Court for the forfeiture of the charter of the Richmond and West Point Terminal Company.

Mr. Ayers has been on a visit to his home, in Scott county, for several days, but is expected to return this morning.

Had Cramp.

The city ambulance was called to No. 1550 east Cary street at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, where Dr. Hope, the physician in charge, found a colored woman suffering from cramps. The doctor rendered the necessary medical attention and left the woman in charge of friends.

Sunday-school Teachers' Meeting.

The Sunday-school teachers' meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association to-day at 4:30 P. M. will be conducted by Professor Charles H. Winston. All Sunday-school workers are invited.

City Circuit Court.

In this court yesterday three small suits were instituted and several orders were entered, but none of them in cases of any public interest.

The Veterans' Museum.

War relics and books are much needed for the museum and library of the Soldiers' Home. Both museum and library are under the careful supervision of Mr. F. Miaskoski, an inmate of the home, and articles placed there will be well taken care of.

A bridle and saddle used by General Robert E. Lee in the war have been presented to the home museum by General W. Custis Lee, president of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

Y. M. C. A. Annual Meeting.

On next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city will be held at the building corner of Sixth and Main streets. After short reports from the general secretary and treasurer a new Board of Directors will be chosen for the coming year.

Governor Lee will then introduce Hon. A. H. Colquitt, United States senator from Georgia, who will make an address.

Captain Frank Cunningham will sing several solos. The public are invited to be present.

Evangelistic Meeting for Men.

To-morrow at 4 P. M. Rev. H. M. Wharton will hold an evangelistic meeting for men in the large hall of the Young Men's Christian Association building. Mr. R. S. M. Valentine will have charge of the singing, and Haddon S. Watkins, the well-known tenor, will sing several solos.

Mr. Wharton is a powerful speaker, deeply attached to young men, and never fails to draw them to him in large numbers at these special services.

Powhatan Club.

The meeting of the Powhatan Club was held last night. A large number of new members were elected, and after the transaction of some routine business the club adjourned.

President Belvin desires it to be known that the club-rooms are open to members and their friends from 11 o'clock A. M. until 12 o'clock P. M. The rooms are supplied with all the leading papers and magazines, as well as writing materials.

The Case Not Made Out.

A. Giroliami, keeper of a bar-room at the corner of Fifteenth and Franklin streets, was before the Police Court yesterday morning charged with selling liquor to Lizzie Shields, a minor, without the consent of her parents.

The evidence did not fully sustain the charge, so the case was dismissed, but Justice Crutchfield admonished the proprietor of the place to be more careful hereafter in the conduct of his business.

Sunday-School Institute on Sunday Instead of Monday.

A local item in yesterday's columns stated that the Sunday-School Institute would begin on Monday. Our informant made a mistake. It begins to-morrow at Grace Protestant Episcopal church at 4 P. M.

Personals and Briefs.

Hon. George D. Wise is in the city.

Mr. William H. Pleasants has just returned from a business trip to Eastern North Carolina.

Miss Annie Rose, sister of ex-Alderman Edward S. Rose, left yesterday on a visit to Elizabeth, N. J.

Mr. E. D. Wilburn, of "Sherwood" farm, is improving slowly. He has been threatened with pneumonia.

The Marshall-Street Social Club will give one of their weekly sociables at No. 312 north Twelfth street next Tuesday night.

Mr. Thomas W. Gentry, master mechanic of the Richmond and Danville railroad-shops, returned from Atlanta yesterday morning.

Madam Biro de Marion, the great German prima donna, accompanied by her manager, is in the city, stopping at the Hotel Dodson.

Hon. John A. Curtis has returned from Washington, where he attended the convention of the American Shippers and Industrial League.

Mr. Henry Böhmer, long a prominent tobacconist and resident of this city, is expected here on a visit to his sons and friends this week.

Rev. J. T. Whitley, chaplain of Randolph-Macon College, will assist in the revival services at Union-Station next week. Mr. Whitley is a fine speaker and a man of ability.

General James C. Hill, State Railroad Commissioner of Virginia, will attend the State Convention of railroad commissioners to be held at the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, March 5th at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rev. Dr. Lambeth will begin revival services at Broad-Street Methodist church to-morrow. The distinguished song evangelist, Warren W. Bently, of New York, will be present and assist at the night service and every night next week.

The Committee on the Improvement of James river, composed equally of members of the Council and the Chamber of Commerce, have decided to give at an early day a dinner to Commander McCurley and the other officers of the monitor fleet.

Rev. Dr. Hoge yesterday officiated at the funeral of Mr. Sherod Selbe, a veteran of the Soldiers' Home, who died suddenly while visiting a daughter in this city. Deceased was born and reared in Prince Edward, of which county Dr. Hoge also is a native.

Rev. R. D. Haymore, of Bristol, Tenn., reached the city yesterday morning and preached his first sermon last night at Leigh-Street Baptist church. The meetings at this church are growing in interest nightly, and there have already been several conversions.

A Cotton-Mill Burned.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WORCESTER, MASS., February 8.—The Riverdale cotton-mill at North Bridge was burned this morning. The fire was discovered at 6 o'clock. The mill was owned and operated by the Paul Whiton Manufacturing Company. The fire was first discovered in the west end of the second story. Sprinklers were started, after which the watchman gave the alarm. As soon as help arrived the force-pumps at each end of the mill were started. In a short time the entire upper floor was on fire. The flames for a time were kept on that floor. As soon as Superintendent Martin arrived he took charge. For the time the advance of the fire appeared to be checked, but at 9:30 o'clock it took a fresh start at the west end, and was making a slow advance upon the first floor, and the firemen were obliged to retreat. At the present writing it is feared the remainder of the mill will have to go. The fire is not yet under control. It is now stated the loss will amount to $10,000.

The fire in the Riverdale mill at North Bridge was under control at 1 P. M. The lower part of the mill was saved. It contained 210 looms and cards, which are damaged by water. The adjoining buildings are not seriously damaged. The loss is now placed at $50,000.

Almost Buried Alive.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

BALTIMORE, February 8.—The News's Onancock (Va.) special says: J. T. Fletcher, of Jenkins's Bridge, was almost buried alive Sunday. The funeral services had been held, the coffin interred and the grave nearly bricked, when some one heard a groan issue from the coffin. The coffin was at once disinterred and Fletcher examined. His blood was found to be circulating and his heart beating. He was at once carried to his home and put in bed. He rapidly improved, but never regained consciousness. On Tuesday the 5th instant he died and was again buried. It is not known what was his disease.

White Caps in Accomack.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

BALTIMORE, February 8.—The News' special says: "Several white persons have been whipped by White Caps on Chincoteague island, but their names are not yet known. Charles D. Duncan, proprietor of the Franklin City Hotel, Franklin City, Va., has received a threatening notice. Duncan has prepared himself, and will kill the first man who interferes with him. A few days since notices signed White Caps were posted at post-offices in Franklin City, Va., and on Chincoteague island."

Arrested—Charged with Murder.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 8.—A young man named Golden was arrested in Barnwell to-day as one Ed. Goodloe, charged with murder in Texas. Golden has been in Barnwell county over a year and married there.

Pensions.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, February 8.—The House at its evening session passed thirty-eight private pension bills, and at 10 o'clock adjourned.

Do you have dyspeptic troubles? Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has relieved thousands and will cure you. Sold by druggists.

NORFOLK'S NEWS.

THE NEGROES WANT A SHOWING AT HARRISON'S INAUGURATION.

The Home Bank Cases—The Atlantic and Danville Railroad—Personal and Other Notes.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, February 8, 1889.

The Fourth Ward colored Republicans (the darky stronghold) have organized a Harrison and Morton club, in opposition to the whites, to visit Washington on the 4th of March and take part in the inaugural demonstration. They have written to General Beaver and been assigned a place in the line of parade, and are preparing to leave Norfolk 150 strong, with uniforms, banners, brass band, &c. They claim to be the political power in Norfolk, and are disposed to resent the efforts of the white brethren to gobble up everything. Colored delegations will also go from Portsmouth and Norfolk county, and there will be an interesting race in Washington between the white and colored Republicans for the inside track.

Cashier H. C. Percy, of the defunct Home Bank, against whom a bench warrant was issued yesterday for perjury in making a false report of the condition of the bank, is believed to be either in Washington or Boston. It is not known whether he will give himself up or not, there being a difference of opinion in regard to the matter. Commonwealth's-Attorney Wilcox is preparing the papers for his arrest if he is still in Washington. The president of the bank, Judge G. S. Oldfield, and the directors each gave $20,000 bail and their trials will take place in May.

The Washington steamers report considerable ice in the Potomac and along the Chesapeake bay shore.

The Atlantic and Danville railroad has purchased ten acres of land on Wythe street, on the suburbs of Portsmouth for $9,000, for the location of the machine-shops, roundhouses, etc., and will commence the first of the month to erect the buildings. Trains will commence running into Portsmouth to the Gosport cotton-docks on Monday. The only two hotels in Portsmouth have been leased by Commodore Bateman, the managing director of the Atlantic and Danville, and one, the Ocean House, is undergoing transformation to run in New York style as a first-class hostelry, and the other, the American House, is in the hands of workmen and being fitted up for the offices of the railroad company and the offices of the Seaboard Compress and Storage Company, operating the cotton-docks in Gosport.

It looks as if the early vegetables in the truck-fields will be injured and put back by the continued frosts.

The grand jury has indicted the agents here of the Louisiana Lottery, and are after other similar operators with a sharp stick.

The wrecking-tug Nettie has gone to North river to raise the sunken steam-barge Remington. The wreckers were engaged yesterday on the sunken schooner C. R. Oliver in the "Hole," at Old Point. No bodies have been recovered.

During the month of January nearly 57,000 tons of coal were shipped from Lambert's Point, delivered to sixty-six vessels, of which sixteen were British steamships.

The entire crew of the schooner Alfred Brabrook and part of the crew of the schooner Navarino, at Lambert's Point, deserted yesterday.

Rev. R. J. McIlwyde, D. D., of Lexington, Va., is here attending a mission.

There was more freezing last night, and the incoming steamers had their bows and wheel-houses covered with thick ice. Though windy the weather is bright and sunny and outdoor work is agreeable. Old workmen in the navy-yard say the mildness of this winter is identical with the winter of 1842, when no snow fell throughout the entire year and not a day was lost by the outdoor workmen during the winter.

Denver L. Barnes, the forger brought on from Wilmington, has been indicted and will be tried at this term of the Corporation Court.

Early yesterday morning the residence of R. B. Eure, in Franklin, on the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad, was fired by an incendiary and destroyed. The building was partly insured. G.

BODY RECOVERED

After Having Been Two Months in the Water—Land Sale.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 8.—The body of M. J. Blankenship, the miller who was washed over the dam at Scott's Mills on December 7th, was found by a negro man on the bank of the river about two and a half miles below the city late yesterday afternoon. The negro came up to the office of Mr. Scott this morning and informed him of the finding of a body which was supposed to be that of Blankenship, and several employés of the mill were sent down to identify it. When the body was found a piece of rope was coiled around one hand, and before it was removed the impression got abroad that his limbs were tied, which was not the case. The body was stiff frozen and remarkably well preserved considering that it had been in the water for nearly two months. There were some bruises about it, but none to indicate that he had met with foul play, and there is no doubt about his having been accidentally drowned while puling his boat across the river. His coat had been washed off, but his other clothing and his sh