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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1902.

A FLIMS Y REASON.

All the reasons advanced in support of the Common Council's refusal to concur in the Minor resolution are flimsy, but the flimsiest among them is the one that investigation would further besmirch the city.

This discussion and these inferences make it obvious that the impression is abroad that the legislative department of our city government has been honey-combed with corruption, and that idea, taken with the effect of the developments in the police investigation, is causing Richmond to be looked upon as a modern Babylon.

The grand jury, owing to lack of specific evidence, and to the law of limitation, could only return one indictment to the court. Nevertheless, their report was an indictment of members of the old Council, names and number not given, returned to the Court of Richmond citizenship.

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POLICE INVESTIGATION.

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CARPET BAGGER IN PHILIPPINES.

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Taft have a vagrancy act passed that would reach the "disolute Americans and foreigners" who have settled among them.

"Many of these men," the cablegram continues, "make their homes with the natives, and the influence of these men is often bad." Governor Taft in turn duly promised, and let us hope that the Philippines' experience with the "delights" of carpet-bagging will be more short-lived than was the South's.

MIDNIGHT CLOSING.

Mr. Jacob: "I have been to some members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen and asked them to pass the ordinance to close the bar-rooms at 12 at night and not allow them to open until 5 o'clock in the morning.

It is not so stated, but we suppose Mr. Jacob spoke for the board. We hope he will appear before the Council Committee and explain his proposition, which is new to most Richmond people, though such a system prevails in many other large cities.

The general average of increase of the cost of production caused by "impairment of the mines and machinery exceeds 50 cents per ton." Therefore it has been determined to add that amount to the price at which coal is sold; this additional price to continue until January 1st.

COAL CHEAPER.

President Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company, in his circular issued Thursday and published yesterday, states that for some time to come, the colliers cannot be worked to produce their average quantity of coal.

The opinion is expressed by General Manager Henderson that the prices for white ash, egg, stove, and chestnut coal, delivered to nonusers in the city of Philadelphia, should not, in any case, exceed \$6.75.

Many of the dealers have already expressed a willingness to comply with the wishes of the Reading Company, and Mr. Henderson "has no doubt that practically all of them will heed the request, and charge only reasonable prices to the public."

The circulars fix the following prices for coal of the various grades: Lump and steamboat, \$3 per ton; broken, \$3.50 to \$4.10 per ton; egg, \$3.75 to \$4.35 per ton; stove, \$3.75 to \$4.35 per ton; chestnut, \$3.75 to \$4.35 per ton; pea, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per ton, and buckwheat, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per ton.

This action upon the part of Mr. Baer's company ought to be followed by all other colliers, and if it is, the inevitable result will be that the people will be able to buy coal much lower than otherwise. And if the dealers fall into line with respect to anthracite coal—as they'll have to do—prices of bituminous will fall correspondingly.

We suggest to the coal companies of Virginia and West Virginia that they would do well to follow the policy adopted by Mr. Baer and that they make public announcement to that effect.

THE PARADE TO-DAY.

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tain class here who are persistent in their predictions that what they call "this spasm of reform" will pass in a few months and that the criminals who have been curbed will assert themselves again.

Let us see that that prediction is not verified. According to our understanding the board was pursuing a line of investigation of its own when it was interrupted, so to speak, by Dr. Hawthorne's startling sermon. Let the board now return to that work and find out who "tipped" the gamblers, if they were tipped, to leave the city, and what officers and men on the force, if any, cannot be confidently relied upon to enforce the law as the people would have it enforced.

In our opinion the people of Richmond are in "dead earnest" in their determination to have the important laws executed much better than they have been in past years, and they will be prompt to recognize and appreciate every step in that direction taken by the board.

In the matter of "disorderly houses" there is a problem which is to be worked out slowly, but immediate relief ought to be given, where possible, to the respectable neighborhoods into which notorious women have intruded. We should also like to see the Police Department active in demanding the revocation of liquor licenses where they are in the hands of unworthy men, or where the bars are kept in disorderly and law-defying neighborhoods.

Current Comment.

Says the Charlottesville Progress: The question is not, "Can we afford to have good law?" but "Can we afford not to have them?"

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The Blue and the Gray.

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Asleep are the ranks of the dead; Under the sod and the dew, Awaiting the judgment day— Under the one blue, Under the other the gray.

These in the robes of glory, Those in the gloom of defeat, All with the battle-blood gory, In the dusk of eternity meet.

Under the sod and the dew, Under the judgment day— Under the laurel the blue, Under the willow the gray.

From the silence of sorrowful hours, Lovingly laden with flowers, The desolate mourners go, Lovingly laden with flowers.

Waiting the judgment day— Under the roses the blue, Under the lilies the gray.

So, with an equal splendor, The morning sun rays fall With a touch of impartially tender On the blossoms blooming for all.

Under the sod and the dew, Waiting the judgment day— Brooded with gold the blue, Mellowed with gold the gray.

So when the summer calletto On forest and field of grain, With an equal murmur falleth, The cooling drip of the rain, Under the sod and the dew, Waiting the judgment day— Wet with the rain the blue, Wet with the rain the gray.

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(Boston Transcript.) Barnes: There goes Stavers. I never saw anybody who stand the hard knocks of life as he can. He's a man of iron.

"Gentlemen," says the spokesman, "something must be done to add interest to the game. I regret to acknowledge that in recent years, despite our efforts to wound, maim, and kill, the sport has become duller and less interesting."

Here a shaggy-haired man arose in the rear of the hall and begged for a hearing. "Gentlemen," he said, "I represent the Russo-American Society of Anarchy, and am also an enthusiastic football player. It occurs to me that if the ball were filled with dynamite, instead of with air, it would."

The title of his remarks was simply drowned in a furious explosion of mad applause.

Call Loans.

(New York Press.) The velvet ring of "no loans," and the avowed green financier is mystified. A successful western promoter of more than ordinary intelligence said to me the other day: "I don't know how anybody in Wall Street can expect to make money while the banks are charging 35 per cent. a day for call loans."

It is a fact that the inexperienced speculator grows in the belief that the loan rate by the banks will rise and that time loan is this—a time loan is a legal contract; a call loan may be, and often is, an illegal accommodation.

Here is a horrid illustration of a call loan: Let a man's fortune be represented in a barrel of 31. An earthquake loosens the bottom, and the barrel falls. The oil begins to disappear. Near by sits an old coiner with a handful of gold sound money. In despair at the sight of his fortune melting rapidly away, the owner cries: "My God, Quidam! Land me one of those burrs!" Quicker than a flash he takes up the barrel, and the oil begins to disappear. Near by sits an old coiner with a handful of gold sound money. In despair at the sight of his fortune melting rapidly away, the owner cries: "My God, Quidam! Land me one of those burrs!"

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MELVILLE'S REPORT

Of Unusual Length But of

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Interest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 21.—Of unusual length, out of more than ordinary interest, is the annual report to the Secretary of the Navy, of Engineer-in-Chief George Melville. He says, with the greatest frankness, that the personnel act has proven to be a failure as it is administered, and he declares that one-half of the officers of the navy have yet to be convinced of the benefits of amalgamation.

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COST OF OIL GREATER.

Treating of the commercial aspects of the question, the report makes the following important statements: "It may be regarded as a certainty that, except where unusual conditions prevail, the cost of oil for marine purposes will be greater than that of coal. The cost may be less for vessels departing from the Gulf and California seaports, but the rule will hold elsewhere. While the question of cost should be of secondary importance in naval matters, it must be taken into consideration. It is the expense of transport that will always prevent the oil from being a cheap fuel. While it may be put on the tank steamer very cheaply at ports like Point Sabine, its commercial value will be determined by the cost of delivery at commercial and maritime centres."

TROOPS LEAVE COALFIELDS.

General Orders Issued by Governor Stone to General Miller.

HARRISBURG, PA., October 21.—General orders for the withdrawal of the troops in the anthracite coal regions were issued by Governor Stone to Major-General Miller to-day. The orders do not state the time and manner of withdrawing the troops, but it is expected by the state authorities to bring all of them home within the possible expiration of two or three regiments, before election day. This will avoid the necessity of appointing a commission to the National Guard to take the votes of the soldiers in the field, and the preparation of a special form of ballot.

Another most indispensable product of volcanic action is gypsum, better known as plaster of Paris. Sculptors, cast-makers, and surgeons alike would be lost without this substance. Builders, too, make great use of stones which owe their hardness to having been brought up molten from the depths of the earth by volcanoes. The "tuff" of which Naples is built is an old lava of Vesuvius. Basalt is another volcanic stone.

VALUABLE VOLCANIC PRODUCTS.

All those beautiful veined or semi-transparent stones known as chalcidony, porphyry, and jasper have been formed by heat and thrown up into our reach by volcanoes. The heat of the lava turned into jasper simply by the heat of a lava stream which has passed over it. Felspar and Hornblende are other well-known and valuable volcanic products.

The domestic use of pumice stone is too well known to need description. Pumice is also employed in many of the arts and crafts, for instance, by painters to remove old paint from timber.

A final decree was entered in the Law and Equity Court yesterday in the case of Annie L. Thompson vs. her husband, G. Ellett Thompson, ordering the defendant to pay to the complainant the sum of \$10 per month for alimony, and \$30 for attorneys fee.

Brief Court News.

The case of M. McDonough vs. the Richmond Traction Company for \$500 damages was tried yesterday in the Law and Equity Court.

It is alleged that a trolley car of the defendant demolished an undertaking wagon belonging to the plaintiff, in which a casket was being hauled.

The jury in the case of John W. Gordon vs. the Richmond Passenger and Power Company rendered a verdict yesterday morning against the company for \$7,500. The amount sued for was \$10,000.

Judgments were rendered in the city courts yesterday as follows: C. T. Dickerson vs. M. Frost, for \$28.91; B. T. King vs. R. S. Valentine, for \$450; Samuel Allen vs. M. L. Phaup and Co., for \$60; W. J. Wade vs. W. E. Hope, for \$24.54; W. J. Blunt's executrix vs. Mrs. M. A. Brooks, for \$30.50; J. D. Whitlock vs. the Richmond Sand Co., for \$22.50.

The many friends of Rev. Thomas Semmer, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, will be glad to learn that his health is much improved. He is still in Albemarle county.

A RESIDENCE BURNED.

FINE HOUSE OF W. H. GWALTNEY, IN SURRY COUNTY, DESTROYED.

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