

CITY ITEMS.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED BY THE "TIMES" REPORTERS.

Meeting of the City Council—A Beautiful Organ—Death of Dr. Seabrook—The Cold Snap—Funeral Notes—Amusements—The Grand Jury—Manchester Items—A Brilliant German—Fires—&c., &c.

THE COLD SNAP.

Richmond Struck by a Breeze from Greenland's Icy Mountains.

At the expense of not being deemed strictly original, the reporter remarks that yesterday was "a cold day." Sunday night Richmond was struck by a breeze that might have blown from Iceland, or by a blizzard direct from Dakota, which halted in the city en route for Jacksonville.

If it did not break down on the way it will cause considerable consternation among the winter sojourners, who are indulging in midsummer dreams in the Florida orange groves. The thermometer yesterday played between 10 and 20 from 6 A. M. until 3 P. M. After that hour it fell, and at midnight was back at about the standing point.

In Ashland yesterday at 6 o'clock in the morning the mercury stood at 6 degrees, and in the city suburbs at 8. It was the coldest day of the winter, but fortunately there was but little wind.

On the southside of Main and Broad streets, where a remnant of last week's ice and snow lingered, the walking was in some places dangerous. Everybody was muffled up, and last night but few people were out on pleasure bent. The effects of the cold snap was visible in the decreased attendance at the Mozart and at the Theatre and other gatherings. The prospects are for a continuance of cold, fair weather, slightly moderated, to-day.

A Long Term.

The sheriff of Culpeper county yesterday brought William Briggs to the penitentiary to serve a term of eighteen years for murder in the second degree.

The First Anniversary.

The first anniversary of Branch No. 213, Iron Hall, will take place at Tholl's Hall to-day. Installation at 8 o'clock P. M.; banquet, 9 P. M. Committee of arrangement: John S. Rody, E. A. Stumpf, Theo. Heinson, and M. Ryan.

Another Small Assignment.

Joseph Pack, who carries on business at 109 North Seventeenth street, yesterday made an assignment of his stock, &c., to Samuel Proskauer, trustee, for the benefit of his creditors. The only preferred creditor is Kate Pack, for the sum of \$454. Liabilities, \$2,500. Assets not stated.

Country Produce.

The cold spell has caused quite an advance in the price of several articles very necessary for home consumption. Eggs yesterday were held at 40 cents per dozen, and still advancing. Good butter sold at from 30 to 35 cents per pound. Dressed chickens sold at from 80 cents to \$1 per piece, and turkeys were 20 cents per pound.

The Annual Ball.

The annual ball of the Richmond German Club was held last night at the Exchange Hotel. It was one of the most brilliant ever given in Richmond. The toilets of the ladies were exquisite, the music was the best to be had in the city, the supper was one of the finest ever served in Richmond, and the German was a grand and joyous success.

A Minister "Pounded."

Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, pastor of the English Lutheran church, was "pounded" by the members of his congregation last night. The donations consisted of everything useful in the house-keeping line—from necessities to luxuries. The reverend gentleman and his lady expressed their appreciation of the testimonials, not so much for their intrinsic value, as for the spirit which prompted the offerings.

A Former Resident of Richmond Attempts Suicide.

Information has been received in Richmond that Mr. Henry A. Dayton, at one time a commission merchant in this city, had attempted suicide. Mr. Dayton has been in bad health, and was visiting at his brother-in-law's at Madrid Depot, N. Y. Dayton shot himself with a double-barrelled shot-gun. He placed the butt of the gun on the floor and bent over to pull the trigger, and in bending over it is thought the charge did not strike where it was intended. Dayton is about 50 years of age. He has no family except his wife, who is with him. His wounds are not believed to be fatal.

To Subscribers Richmond Telephone Exchange.

Mr. R. L. West has been appointed assistant manager of the Richmond Telephone Exchange, and assumes the duties pertaining to that position with the opening of the new year. As Mr. West has been in the employment of our company for the past six or eight years, part of the time as an operator and inspector of the Richmond Exchange, I can confidently commend him to the confidence and esteem of our subscribers.

Mr. T. D. Wilkinson will continue his connection with the Exchange as cashier and accountant. C. E. McCLELL, Superintendent and Manager. January 1, 1887.

The Mortuary Report for Last Week.

The whole number of deaths in the city for the week ending January 1st was 37; still births, 4.

The number for the week ending December 25th was the same.

Of the deaths there were 8 white males and 6 white females, 10 colored males and 13 colored females.

There were 25 single, 7 married, 3 widowers, and 5 widows.

Natives of Richmond, 17; of other parts of the United States, 19; Scotland, 1.

In age, 11 were under five years, and 11 over 50 years old; over eighty, 2; and between ninety and one hundred, 1.

The deaths by wards were, Marshall, 8; Jefferson, 5; Madison, 3; Monroe, 2; Clay, 4; Jackson, 8; at City Alms House, 7.

This is a very large death rate at the latter cause.

The causes of death were very varied, nearly all being of different diseases.

There were 4 of consumption, 2 of diphtheria, and 3 of old age.

DR. E. M. SEABROOK.

Death of an Excellent Physician and an Accomplished Gentleman.

Dr. E. M. Seabrook died Sunday morning at the residence of Mr. R. L. Butler, on Church Hill. Dr. Seabrook was a native of South Carolina. He came to Richmond soon after the breaking out of the war between the States. He was first a surgeon in ordinary at the celebrated Chimborazo Hospital, and was afterwards one of its best known division surgeons. He was skilful, kind and considerate, and no man connected with that great hospital had a nearer place in the affections of the patients, who were at different times under his treatment.

After the war he yielded to the solicitation of many friends and established himself in this city. He soon secured a large practice—especially in the eastern part of the city. He was faithful, energetic, and charitable. He was a master of his profession, and had with it all the gentleness of a woman. His death will be deeply lamented.

Although devotedly attached to the State of his birth, at his request his remains were interred at Hollywood among the Southern soldiers. The funeral from Old St. John's Episcopal church yesterday at 3 o'clock P. M. was largely attended, and the services were very impressive and affecting.

A BEAN NEW ORGAN.

The Beautiful Instrument That Grace-street Baptist Church is Soon to Have.

The new organ for the Grace-street Baptist church will be placed in position during the present month. In the construction of this instrument efforts have been made to combine the different qualities which tend towards perfection in all the details. It is an interesting fact to know that the general plan of the organ, which was drawn after several consultations between the builders and Mr. N. B. Clapp, of the city, who at the request of the committee had the matter in charge, was also adopted, and a counterpart of the Richmond organ ordered for the American chapel at Dresden, Germany.

Two hundred years ago the first organ introduced into a church in this country was brought from England, where it had resounded to the masterly touch of Handel, and placed in King's chapel, Boston. Now, after a lapse of two centuries, the resources of a famous American factory are brought to bear to send abroad an organ which shall display to Europeans the excellence now attained here in the production of church instruments. The two organs are from the factory of Messrs. Hook & Hastings, Boston, who also built the beautiful organ in the Lee-Memorial church at Lexington, Va., the one in Plymouth church, and the great instrument in the Cincinnati Music Hall. They will be exhibited in Boston, and then immediately forwarded to their destination.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

The Last Sad Tribute of Respect Paid to Well-Known Residents.

The funeral of Mr. William S. Donnan, from the First Presbyterian church, was attended by many who had known and loved the deceased during his blameless life.

Rev. Mr. Kerr preached a sermon in which his long, honorable and useful career was spoken of in justly eulogistic terms. Among those in attendance were the members of Mr. Donnan's Sabbath-school class, by whom he was greatly beloved. The remains were interred at Hollywood. The pall-bearers were from the oldest and best-known members of the church of which the deceased was the oldest living elder.

The last tribute of respect was paid to the memory of Mrs. Mary A. Hobson Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist church. Rev. Dr. George Cooper conducted the services. Interment was made at Hollywood. The pall-bearers embraced leading citizens, who had known and loved the deceased during her long Christian life.

The funeral of William D. Wendenburg took place yesterday evening from the First Presbyterian church. The deceased was a son of Mr. Robert Wendenburg, one of our best known citizens. Young Wendenburg died Sunday morning. He was only 27 years of age, and was popular with all of his associates.

The funeral of Mr. Charles R. Hagan will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from St. Peter's Cathedral. Mr. Hagan was president of the Cigarmakers' Union, and died New Year's day at the residence of his uncle, Mr. Richard Lee, on North Seventeenth street. He was a fine workman and a good citizen and his death is deeply regretted.

AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Cora Van Tassel in "The Danites."

There will be no matinee to-day. Tonight Miss Cora Van Tassel with a first-class company will open an engagement. The opening play will be the great western romance "The Danites." This will be repeated at Wednesday's matinee. Tomorrow night "M'lass, the Child of the Sierras." These plays are full of interest, the scenery is fine, the music will be of the best order, and a week of good acting may be expected.

"Alone in London."

Miss Cora Tanner, supported by Col-Sinns' Park-street Theatre Company of Brooklyn, opened at the Theatre last night in Robert Buchanan's emotional drama, "Alone in London." The play is realistic and full of good points. Miss Tanner is an excellent emotional actress, and last night was ably supported by Messrs. Sar, Craig, Grover, and others, and by Misses Holloway, LeClaire, Dwyer, and others. The scenery was fine, all the cast were well up in their roles; and "Alone in London" is one of the best plays of the season. It should be played to full houses every night.

The Mozart Musicals.

Last night was the 555th musicale. The extreme cold weather prevented a full attendance. Mrs. W. W. Crawford, of Richmond, executed two soprano solos in a very pleasant manner, and was encored in her first number. The Mozart audiences do not go wild over the Richmond singers, but that is the case the world over. "Its English you know." The instrumental selections were, as usual, well selected, and rendered in excellent style. The audience, like the weather, was rather a cold and unsympathetic one, but on the whole the musicale was not without its ray of brightness.

No Household

ought to be without a bottle of that best of family remedies, Dr. David's Cough Syrup.

The public... yesterday.

Hon. George... to leave for Washington...

Two small suits were... in the City Circuit Court...

Mr. Winfield Scott... on an extended visit to New York.

J. F. Fudge, treasurer of Alleghany county, was at the Capitol yesterday.

Mr. Benjamin P. Owen, Jr., and bride left Old Point Saturday for the North.

Friendship Lodge, I. O. F., will have a celebration at Odd Fellow's Hall tonight.

The sidewalk on the southside of Alhemarle street between Pine and Belvidere was cindered yesterday.

Elba Council, Royal Arcanum, will have a concert and supper at Pizzini's uptown store January 11th.

Master Henry Roberts, who has been spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Charles E. Roper, has returned to Norfolk.

The Boston Ideals present exactly the same repertory in Washington this week that they did at the Richmond Theatre last week.

Shockoe Council, Royal Arcanum, will install its officers Friday night, and will afterwards have a family reunion.

Walter Jenkins, the small white boy who shot himself through the hand on New Year's day, is improving, although he will not be able to use his hand for several days.

Captain Thomas W. McCrary, of the Danville and New River railroad, and wife have been spending the holidays with Mr. Thomas W. Tignor, Mrs. McCrary's father.

The pond at the new reservoir presented a lively appearance yesterday, being full of skaters. The usual number of falls were sustained, but at last reports no serious damage had been done.

Mr. J. A. Elder, the artist, will leave in a few days for Beauvoir, Miss., where he goes to paint the portrait of his Excellency Jefferson Davis, ex-president of the Confederate States. Mr. Davis has consented to sit for him.

Richmond and Danville Railroad.

An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company was called yesterday at 12 o'clock M. Without transacting any business, the meeting was further adjourned over until next Monday.

Fires Yesterday.

An alarm from Station 5, Third-street engine-house, was turned in at 10:53 yesterday morning. A little child in the third story of No. 122 East Broad street, occupied by Mrs. West, was playing with some matches and set the bedding afire. A stream was put upon the fire from the Hayes' truck, and the flames were subdued in a few moments. Damage about \$75—chiefly to the furniture.

About 1 P. M. smoke was seen issuing from No. 139, Lumpkin's Alley. Messrs. Haag and Ellett, of Truck No. 2, went to the scene of the fire and extinguished the flames. No alarm was turned in. The bed, bedding, and some of the furniture in one of the rooms were consumed or damaged by fire. Loss about \$15.

A second alarm was turned in from Box 5 at 11:08 last night. It was rather a strange coincidence, but this fire was at No. 120 East Broad street—next door to where the fire was in the morning. The store was occupied by W. J. Henning, dealer in cigars and tobacco. The fire was under the floor when discovered. It is not exactly known how the fire caught, but it is supposed to have ignited from an oil lamp that was left burning when the store was closed and which probably exploded. Mr. Henning was unable to estimate his loss last night, but as he is insured for \$1,000 he will lose little or nothing. The building, which was only slightly damaged, is owned by W. H. Zimmermann and is insured for \$1,000.

The Suit Versus the National Ideal Company.

About midnight Saturday Sheriff Winston attached some of the baggage belonging to members of the National Ideal Opera company to satisfy an attachment sworn out by some of the members who claimed back salary due. The trunks were examined, and those containing nothing but private property were released. But little was found, and that remains in custody of the sheriff. The proceedings prevented the company from leaving, as they had expected, early Sunday morning. They, however, got off yesterday. Mr. Mack Charles remained to look after the matter, and he expected to leave last night. Miss Bessie Grey, and her company, made many friends in Richmond, who will always be glad to hear of their good fortune.

Manchester Matters.

A Juvenile Temple was organized in Manchester Saturday evening by Mrs. L. C. Parr, district superintendent of Juvenile Temples, assisted by G. W. Hawhurst, grand secretary. The following are the officers of the new Temple: George Fitzgerald, chief templar; Daisy Gibbs, vice-templar; Kello Gill, secretary; Mrs. M. W. Lee, financial secretary; Ada Fitzgerald, treasurer; Edgar Walthall, chaplain; Harry Fitzgerald, marshal; Robert Lee, guard; Percy Gibbs, sentinel; Grace Fitzgerald, right supporter; Annie Fitzgerald, left supporter; Maggie Blunt, assistant secretary; Emma Walthall, deputy marshal; Kello Gill, organist. Captain W. C. Dutton, State lecturer for the Good Templars, was present and made some excellent remarks. The Temple starts with a good membership, and will rapidly increase. It will meet every Saturday at 3 P. M.

Rev. J. Powell Garland, presiding elder, preached Sunday morning at the Central Methodist church, and at night at West-End church.

Mr. William Fryer and daughter, of Bergen Point, N. Y., have been on a visit to Mrs. Alexander Baxter. Mr. Fryer married Miss Sarah Baxter, one of Manchester's most interesting and popular daughters, soon after the war, and has himself hosts of friends in the city.

Postmaster Henry A. Jordan is reported to be somewhat improved.

The meeting at the railroad reading-room Sunday evening was conducted by Mr. W. W. Dickie. It was largely attended and full of interest.

Pure mixed candies are selling at 10 cents per pound at the 5 and 10 cent store, No. 115 East Broad street.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Business Transacted by the Board of Health.

The Common Council held a meeting at 7 o'clock last night. Nine of the thirty members were present.

Reports of various committees received and adopted.

The recommendations of the Board on Fire Department that three men be employed to relieve the men as was referred to the Finance Committee as was also the amended ordinance increasing the salary of the Chief Engineer from \$900 to \$1,800 per annum, resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment of Hook-and-Ladder Company No. 3 was also referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings stating that had resolved not to employ any mechanics on the City Hall caused discussion.

On motion of Mr. Farrar, the report was laid on the table.

The amended ordinance from the Board of Aldermen, increasing the police force by the addition of fourteen men was rejected.

The resignation of W. E. Pearce as member of the body, from Monroe ward was received and accepted. His successor will be elected at the next meeting.

THE SALVATION SERVICES.

Are They to be Broken Up?

The attempt to break up the meeting of the Salvation Army was a disgraceful affair. These people have a right to conduct these meetings. They are violating no law and should be protected. If men and boys are allowed to go there and insult the speakers and break up these meetings they will become so emboldened that next they will go to Laurel-street church, Pine-street church, and St. Andrews' church and try to drive the ministers out of their pulpits.

Certainly a city which has such penalties for poor tramps and inebriates has also some punishment for those who wantonly disturb religious meetings. It matters not what kind they are—Gentile, Jew, Catholic, Mohammedan, Free Thinkers, Salvation, or any other. All have the right of protection as long as they themselves violate no law.

Police Court.

John Dupont, vagrancy. Security for ten days in the sum of \$100 required.

John Rose, vagrancy. Jailed for sixty days.

William Ryan, vagrancy. Security for ten days required in the sum of \$100.

Paul Bender and Frank Grafton, creating a disturbance at the Salvation Army services. Bender discharged. Grafton required to give security in the sum of \$200 for his good behavior for twelve months.

Major Sheppard (colored), stealing \$7 from Fannie Dabney. Sent to jail for sixty days.

Elizabeth Booker (colored), striking Annie Wyatt with a brick. Fined \$10 and sent to jail for sixty days.

John Bradley (colored), having in his possession one lot of tobacco, supposed to be stolen. Continued until this morning.

Edloe Chappel (colored), striking and wounding William Walker. Continued until next Friday.

Marta Burke, a person of unsound mind, was sent to jail and a commission of lunacy ordered.

John La Roche, C. P. Davis, Levi Syle and William Griffin, disorderly and creating a disturbance at the Salvation Army services. Continued until next Thursday.

Christina Giles (colored), striking and beating Hannah Smith. Surety in the sum of \$100 required for twelve months.

A Reported Strike.

The following is taken from the Washington Star of yesterday: The firemen on the passenger trains on the Atlantic Coast Line system struck Saturday for higher wages. They are now paid \$30 a month. The railroad officials refused to accede to the demand. The places of the strikers were filled by new men and the running of trains has not been interrupted. No trouble has occurred and none is expected. The Atlantic Line system embraces all the connecting roads from Richmond to Charleston, S. C.

It was too late last night to verify or deny this statement, and it is published for what it is worth.

Commissioner Colman has written a letter to Governor Oglesby, of Illinois, protesting against an alleged violation of the Illinois Live Stock Commission of the rules prepared by the Commissioner of Agriculture for the suppression of pleuropneumonia.

Mr. A. M. Scriba refused to resign the office of bank examiner at New York as requested, and was therefore removed yesterday by Secretary Manning. Mr. Valentine P. Snyder, who was appointed to succeed Mr. Scriba, has gone to New York, and it is presumed, assumed the duties of the position. It is said that the office is worth from eight to ten thousand dollars a year.

The Jewish Orphan Asylum.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—The Board of Control of the Fifth District of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith held a conference in this city yesterday and decided to erect a \$50,000 orphan asylum, and selected Atlanta for the location. The following States compose this district: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and the District of Columbia.

A Sled Full of People Struck by a Train.

CHICAGO, January 3.—Saturday evening the fast express bound East struck a sled containing twenty young people, who were crossing the track of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad, two miles east of Fort Wayne, Ind., en route to a country residence for the purpose of attending a dance. Miss Lizzie Lepper and Miss Tina Lepper, aged 17, were instantly killed; Miss Lottie Eix had her right leg broken; Miss Lizzie Kanning had several ribs broken; Miss Lena Haight had an arm broken; Miss Emma Schuler, leg broken; Miss Gusta Heyne, back badly injured; Miss Lizzie Weibek and Miss Belle Weibek were badly bruised. The party being driven by Byron Westro, saw the train approaching, but did not heed them, and jumped out, but the sled was in doing this until