CURRENT COMMENT.

OUR MAN-ABOUT-TOWN OPENS HIS BUDGET.

He Gives Some of the Sayings and Thoughts About Things Politically—A Youthful Poisoner at Work—Council Committees—Removing the Dead.

There are faces on the street that have not been seen here since last fall.

The voters are coming home to vote. They do not remain indifferent when the old mother sounds the cry of alarm. The signal of danger has been sighted, fluttering from the mast-head, and rescuers rush forward to claim her deliverance.

But not in every case.

Business must be attended to, and there are those who have been sent away, and unless recalled in time by their employers their votes will be lost.

"Please call attention to the fact," said a shrewd and far-seeing Democrat yesterday, "that there are a number of drummers on the road (not very many it is true) who will be cut out of their votes unless they are recalled in time to vote. Urge upon their houses to lose no time in doing this, for every vote will tell."

Mr. A. J. Montague, when speaking before the Powhatan Club here, said that it had been agreed among the business houses of Danville that they would all close on election day. He urged that the same thing be done here, in order that every man might have an opportunity of giving one day for the good of the State. The suggestion has found favor with a good many, and business will be partially suspended on next Tuesday.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE.

There are two gentlemen from this city in the employ of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, and their run is from Richmond to Clifton Forge. They will go out of Richmond on duty Monday morning, reach Clifton Forge Monday night, where they generally lay over, but on this occasion they will not.

They will take the train back to Richmond, vote, go back to Clifton Forge, and go on duty again. Said one of them yesterday: "McKinney ought to appreciate my vote, for I will ride nearly 800 miles to vote for him, and lose two nights' sleep. If it were necessary, and it were possible, I would ride thousands."

This is the way to talk. This is the right spirit.

Here is another case of the same sort. A poor fellow was badly injured on the Richmond and Danville road some ten days ago. He was taken to his home in Manchester, and Dr. C. W. P. Brock summoned to attend him. When the doctor entered the room the first thing that his brave patient said was, "Doctor I am afraid I'll lose my vote." The doctor assured him that he should not if he could help it, and yesterday when he called he told the patient that he would be able to go to the polls in a carriage and put in his ballot for Virginia.

ALMOST HERE.

Only three days of work and the election will be over.

If our power can keep wing with our wishes, the author of the snake dance amongst the negro preachers and their flocks, as well as deluded white men, will be trounced from his muzzling place betwix hope and despair and sent to the regions of dark disgrace, where he properly belongs.

His group of grief-stricken mourners will find but small sympathy at his hands if the battle goes against him, and should any of them offer condolence, "the old serpent of the Appomattox," as the TIMES' Lynchburg correspondent styled him, will incontinently extend to them an invitation to visit that country into which the modern system of irrigation has not, so far as heard from, been yet introduced. Yes, Tuesday will put a stop for awhile to the terminology of invective that has been unsparingly used in Virginia for nearly three months.

A YOUNG POISONER.

A queer poison case occurred here a few days ago. The names are withheld by request. A small negro boy, who evidently had been listening to tales from older people, undertook to poison an entire family. His methods were peculiar. He stole a box of stove polish and another of matches and put them in the food of the family. The meal that followed was not much relished, and, being very unpalatable, was partaken of but sparingly. The entire family was made sick, and the services of the family physician were called into use. He pronounced the symptoms those of poison, and an investigation followed. The young offender was suspicioned, and upon being questioned admitted the crime. He gave as a reason that he thought if he killed the family that he would have more time to play, and not be bothered. Owing to his youth and ignorance he was let off with a sound thrashing.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

The last days of a month and the first of the next ensuing one are always the busy ones in Council committee circles. The municipal business of the various departments is settled up monthly, and this is done by reports of the departments to the committees appointed by the Council. These committees in turn, whenever the character of the work makes it imperative, report to the Council such recommendations as they in their wisdom may deem necessary. Some of these committees have very arduous work, notably the Committee on Grounds and Buildings (since the erection of the City Hall commenced); the Committee on Streets, Water, Light, and Finance. The latter committee always has just as much to engage their attention as they can attend to, and beyond question earns all that is paid them for their work, which is simply the great honor of being a member of the Council of the city of Richmond.

There is something weird in considering in a business-like way the disturbing of those that have been laid away where the "cock's shrill clarion, nor the echoing horn," can no more awake them. Yet this has to be done sometimes, and yesterday the committee on St. John's Burying Ground had this duty to perform. The discussion growing out of such a question involved the date of burial of the forefathers of the applicant for removal, and it was drawn out that the first of them were buried in the old cemetery early in the beginning of the present century. They have rested there until it was decided, in obedience to the demands of public improvement, to alter and rebuild the wall to the grounds on Twenty-fourth street. Those who advocated the measure, did not dream that its execution would involve the disturbance of the dead, and the committee decided to have the work done. Then bare skulls were exposed and the sight of the resting places of the dead was calculated to harrow the feelings of all who looked upon it. The committee, therefore, agreed to allow these remains to be removed at the cost of the owner, provided that the work be done to the entire satisfaction of the chairman of the committee.

Barbecue and Brunswick Stew.

The Democrats of Chesterfield will have a barbecue and Brunswick stew at Dry Bridge, on the Richmond and Danville Railroad, Saturday. The railroad company will sell round trip tickets for seventy-five cents, and a large number of persons in this city will go. The speakers will be Hon. George D. Wise, Colonel Tazewell Ellett, Messrs. H. M. Smith, Jr., and Meade Haskins. Train will leave Richmond at 6:20 A. M. and Manchester at 6:25 A. M., returning the same evening.

Shipping.

The schooner C. G. Cramer, from Kennebec, Me., with a cargo of ice for the Richmond Ice Company, entered this port yesterday. She experienced heavy weather on her trip, and during the late gale on the coast lost her sails and top mast.

The Portuguese brigatine Mario sailed yesterday for Pelotas, Brazil.

The schooner William Cobb sailed for Newport News to load coal.

The schooner Elias Moore sailed for Bermuda Hundred to load coal.

Police Court Statistics.

During the past month the Police Justice disposed of 166 criminal cases and tried 670 charges of ordinance violations. On criminal charges 35 persons were sent on to the Hustings for indictment by grand jury, 24 were convicted of misdemeanor, and 16 were sent to jail in default of surety for their good behavior.

Fines collected—City, $857.75; State, $58; costs, $196.55. Total, $1,109.30.

Qualifications.

In the Chancery Court yesterday Mr. Thomas Bolling qualified on the estate as administrator *de bonis non* with the will annexed of Patrick Henry Aylett, deceased.

Mr. Peter Stumpf qualified as administrator for his brother, George Stumpf. The estate is valued at $2,000.

Races at Exposition Park.

There was a good attendance at the Park yesterday, and at 3 o'clock the judges called up the 2:40 class. It was won in one heat by Charlie C., after a close finish with Ruby. The next race was the 2:33 class, which had six starters: Big Jim, Burt Sheiden, Jerome, Signet, Barney W. and Ruby. The first heat was won, after a close finish, by Big Jim. Time 2:35. The second heat was won by Signet after a close finish with Barney W. Time 2:35½. The third heat was a great surprise, as Burt Sheiden had been the last horse in the race, and he went off with the lead and was never headed. He won the heat. Time 2:31¼.

Miss Peck rode a half-mile dash against the riderless horse, Long View, and the race was won by Long View. Time 59 seconds.

Her second race was one-half mile dash to 65-pound skeleton wagon, Miss Peck driving Portland Girl and Duck Murphy against B. Davis driving Walter A. and Schrokem. It was one of the best races ever seen on this park. They ran the whole half-mile nearly head and head, and at the finish it was so close that the judges decided it a dead heat. Time 58 seconds. It was so dark by this time that the judges postponed the finish of the race until this afternoon at 2:30, which will be the last day of the meeting.

There will be a running race, hurdle race, Miss Peck's Roman race, a skeleton wagon race, free for all, a trotting race with four starters, the balloon ascension and parachute jump, also a three mile change running race by Miss Peck, changing horses at the end of each half mile without touching the ground, to beat six minutes.

ON THE WATERS.

A Delightful Entertainment Given on Board the Monitors by Mrs. Felix and Miss Edith Lisle McCurley.

Yesterday a luncheon was given on board the monitors by Mrs. Felix and Miss Edith Lisle McCurley to Miss Fannie Keim, of Philadelphia, and Miss Lillie Gill, of Columbus, O. At 12:30 P. M. the guests left the wharf in the steam-launch of the ironclads, and arrived on board at 1 P. M. As soon as all were safely landed on the Ajax the visitors were shown throughout the vessels, expressing themselves well pleased with the sights seen on an iron-clad.

After viewing the principal points of interest, they repaired to the Wyandotte, where, after an hour's enjoyment in dancing, they were escorted to the cabin to partake of the delicacies served, comprising oysters, wines, salads, cake, and cream.

The jubilant voices of the ladies and gentlemen, combined with their smiling countenances, was a reminder that they were well pleased with the hospitable manner in which they were entertained on board.

The joyous moments soon fleeted by, and dancing was again enjoyed, when the shrill whistle of the steam launch sounded the hour of departure.

The following ladies and gentlemen composed the invited guests: Mrs. Thomas A. Brander, Mrs. Isaac R. McNary, Miss Louisa Brander, Miss Fannie Keim, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Lillie Gill, of Columbus, Ohio; Miss Annie Holcombe, of Staunton, Va.; Miss Dora Wright, Miss Jennie McPhail, Miss Lou Adkins, General C. J. Anderson, Mr. W. Scott Carrington, Mr. Frederick Pleasants, Mr. Edward Hanwenickel, Mr. Richard Pegram, Mr. John Mallory, Mr. Preston Carson, Chief-Engineer Isaac R. McNary, U. S. N.; and Passed Assistant-Surgeon Arthur G. Cabell, U. S. N.

THE TURF.

Results and Entries for the Racing at the New Jersey Jockey Club.

The following are yesterday's results:

First race, one mile—Taviston first, Wilfred second, Dunboyne third. Time 1:49.

Second race, three-quarters of a mile—Ruperta first, Mamie B. second, Alarm Belle third. Time 1:20.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile—King Idle first, Kasson second, Radiant third. Time 1:19¾.

Fourth race, one and three-sixteenths of a mile—Barrister first, Lavinia Belle second, Dutch Roller third. Time 2:11¼.

Fifth race, five and one-half furlongs—Fordham first, King Crab second, Blue Rock third. Time 1:12.

Sixth race, one mile, selling—Refund first, Glendale second, Ruperto third. Time 1:50.

ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY'S RACING AT NEW JERSEY TRACK.

First race, three-quarters of a mile—Glenmound, 112; Oarsman, 112; Guy Gray, 99; Little Minch, 115; Tipstaff, 107; Cracksman, 107; Meriden, 104; Swift, 109.

Second race, one and one-eighth of a mile—Taragon, 116; Castaway II., 108; Santalene, 105; Tristan, 105; Quesal, 101; Theodosius, 100.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile—Tulla Blackburn, 107; Robespierre, 106; St. James, 106; Express, 105; Regan Colt, Lisimony, Civil Service.

Fourth race, one-quarter of a mile—match race—Barrister, 110; Glendale, 110.

Fifth race, six and one-half furlongs, selling—Harrzburg, 107; Harrisburg, 107; Gunshot, 107; Newburg, 107; Bill Barnes, 107; Pilham, 107; Brussels, 112; Tipstaff, 115; Stephanie, 104; Martin Russell, 117.

Sixth race, one and one-sixteenth—Al. Reed, 102; Joe Heinman, 102; Clay Stockton, 102; Wheeler T., 102; Quesal, 98; Lonely, 105; Stockton, 105; Oregon, 101.

Seventh race, three-fourths of a mile, selling—Auricola, filly, 98; Gunwad, 105; Ocean, 103; Regan, colt, 106; Civil Service, 111.

THE REGISTRATION CASES.

Six Heard Before Judge Minor Yesterday.

Yesterday, in the registration cases on appeal before Judge Minor at Henrico county court-house, the six cases presented were tried by the Court. These were individual appeals, and the appellants were represented by Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., and Mr. James R. Russell.

The Democrats were represented by Messrs. William and Conway R. Sands and Mr. Moncure. Hon. George D. Wise was also present, and took a part in the proceedings.

There were several witnesses in each case, and the time consumed in hearing and disposing of these six *individual* cases amounted to about three hours.

In two cases the court ordered that the names be replaced on the registration books. In the other four cases the court refused to sustain the demand of the negro complainants.

Today the County Court will meet, and there will be a large number of cases all bunched together. The same counsel, it is expected, will be present.

POLICE COURT.

A Short Horse Soon Curried.

Very little business required the attention of Police Justice Crutchfield yesterday.

Crenshaw Currie, ten days ago, while playing with another little boy named Julian Hessberg, accidentally exploded a pistol, the ball entering the head. The wound was a bad one, but not dangerous, and the little fellow has recovered from its effects sufficiently to come to court. Policeman Brennan, the first time the accused was in court, stated that he had examined into the case, and that the shooting was accidental. The accused was then bailed, and the wounded boy being in court yesterday, and all the evidence showing that the shooting was accidental, the case was dismissed.

Major Lomax and Rosa Hobson were charged with a misdemeanor. These cases were continued until to-day.

John Gilman and Henry Mountcastle (both colored) had a row on the street. Gilman was fined $5 and costs and Mountcastle $2.50 and costs.

Roland Byrd (colored) had to pay $1 for throwing rocks on the public streets.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

In the city: To Robert Evans and Adeline Harris (col.), Robert Pratt and Kate Storrs (col.), Charles W. Drake and Carrie V. Warriner, Morris Sharps and Francis Reed (col.), Robert H. Mayo and Lizzie Holmes (col.), Samuel H. Ellis and Rella Merton.

In the county: To Edward Smith and Mary L. Lee.

LOCAL NOTES.

City Sergeant Carter is reported very unwell.

Captain Hilman, of Louisville, Ky., was in the city yesterday.

In the Chancery Court clerk's office last month 345 deeds were recorded.

Governor Lee left yesterday for Alexandria. He will return to-day.

The Union Democratic Club will have a rally at the corner of Twenty-sixth and M streets.

Peter Wilson (colored), from Henry county, was received at the penitentiary yesterday for two years.

The regular meeting and social session of Richmond Lodge of Elks has been postponed until after the election.

Stonewall Jackson Camp, Fraternal Legion, will celebrate its third anniversary with a banquet and ball Wednesday night next at Tholl's Hall.

The gross earnings from January 1st to September 30th, nine months, $3,991,037.19, an increase of $395,955.51 over the same period last year.

The students of Richmond College yesterday afternoon were entertained in front of the Broad-street portico by a trained bear, who danced and went through many evolutions.

There will be speaking to-night at Reinhardt's hall, where the anti-Mahone white Republicans club of Clay ward will meet. The speakers will be local. There will be refreshments.

The gross earnings of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company for the month of September amounted to $488,046.68, an increase of $57,151.31 over the corresponding period of last year.

OPERA-HOUSE RALLY.

LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING LAST EVENING.

Synopsis of Speeches Delivered by Mr. Francis T. Lassiter, Colonel Charles T. O'Ferrall, and Senator James L. Gordon of Albemarle.

The Broad-street Opera House contained more people last evening than it ever did before, on the occasion of the grand Democratic rally, given under the auspices of the Powhatan Club. The stage was prettily draped with flags, and the chairman's table was arranged with a scarf of red and white, trimmed with blue stars.

ON THE STAGE.

The chair of the president was a little elevated, and was occupied by President Preston Belvin. Around him sat Mayor Ellyson, Aldermen S. H. Capers and Joseph W. Carter, Councilmen James T. Ferriter, J. Taylor Stratton, and Deane Courtney, Senator William Lovenstein, Congressman George D. Wise, Delegates John A. Curtis and Henry R. Pollard, Judge Samuel B. Witt, Captain F. W. Cunningham, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, Colonel Frank G. Ruffin, Mr. Thomas Byrne, Mr. Walter T. Booth, Colonel Tazewell Ellett, Mr. James C. Lamb, Mr. John Jackson, Major Charles P. Bigger, Mr. Charles E. Wingo, Mr. Joseph L. Levy, Mr. Meade Haskins, Colonel B. O. James, Judge Joseph Christian, Mr. James Lyons, Mr. Levin Joynes, Colonel W. C. Knight, Dr. George R. Steel, Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, Mr. Alex. B. Guigon.

ORDER.

Mr. President Belvin, of the Powhatan Club, called the meeting to order, said he regretted the enforced absence of Governor Lee, who had been expected to preside, and announced as the first speaker of the evening Mr. Francis T. Lassiter, of Petersburg.

MR. LASSITER

came forward—quite a young man he is—and was unable to proceed for at least a minute on account of the applause. He said: "When I came into your city to-day and saw the smoke of your factories, and the general appearance of activity on your streets, I imagined that some great struggle was imminent. The State of Virginia has for years been a great political arena. We have seen statesmen advocating this and that form of government. We have seen Whigs and Democrats fighting on their respective lines, but to-day we see a struggle that has not its equal in any time in the past. The great people who Jefferson placed in charge of our Commonwealth see that personal liberty is placed in the scale on one side and slavery on the other. They see that civilization, with all that that means in the nineteenth century, is on one side and barbaric license on the other. They see that Mahone is attempting to stir up a backward revolution, and if we read history we know that revolutions always go forward.

FEARS NO FOE.

"Our old Commonwealth dreads not the struggle that is to be thrust upon her. She recognizes that the good old doctrine handed down by our fathers must prevail in the Commonwealth of Jefferson and his compeers.

"In order to thoroughly understand the issue before us, it may not be out of place to take a rapid view of the history of the Democratic party in this country. We remember that in the foundation of the Commonwealth the seeds of those doctrines were first sown in Williamsburg; the best of our fathers spread them about, and for over one hundred years they have prevailed through the State, and not a four years' war was sufficient to eradicate them. We remember that the population has increased all over the State; we remember that factories are springing up, and railroads running throughout the State, and we still see that old Democratic party not only encouraging the physical condition of the State, but establishing free institutions, one of which (the public schools) she established four years before the national government required it. We see intellectual progress; we see the asylums cared for as they never were before; we see our old soldiers taken care of; and we can find no flaw or fault in the administration of the government, and yet to-day we are asked to change it. What for? Are we asked to change it for an honest man? Not if the records of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio records are true; not if the printers in the old *Whig* are to be the judges. What are we asked to exchange for? William Mahone; and though I come from the town that shelters him, I cannot throw any light on his character. Even if I attempted it, I am afraid I should have to put a shade on it.

LOOK AROUND.

"When we are asked to change the government of Fitz. Lee for William Mahone, we should look around at the administration here several years ago, when each legislator took his seat with a collar around his neck; when the attempt was made to put learned judges out of office; which took $30,000 out of the Treasury for the Kendall Bank-Note Company; which made several dishonest profits in the building of public institutions; which attempted to redistrict the State.

"That was several years ago, but it gave a foretaste of a hatred which, as the years rolled by, has become more concentrated and deadly.

"It wearies me and tires you to go over the record of his crimes. As has been said before, he is like a rotten mackerel, 'the more he shines he stinks, and the more he stinks he shines.'"

A HIDDEN HAND.

"But the great old Democratic party should not have such difficulty in fighting one man, but if we look further we will see that he is upheld by a darker power. William Mahone is an instrument which the Republican party is using to crush the South which it has hated for fifty years; to break the Solid South and to take Virginia out of the lines of her sister States.

"But I do not believe the Democratic party can be defeated, or that it will be. In the words of the Psalmist: 'Why do the heathen rage and imagine vain things?' and the answer is: 'Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them as a potter's vessel.'

GOOD NEWS.

"I came here to-night not so much to make a speech as to tell you the good news from the Fourth district. Those people who have contended against the 3,000 or 4,000 black majorities, now see the light, and when the returns come in on the 5th of November, the Fourth district will have vindicated her right to nominate a Governor."

Mr. Lassiter was loudly applauded as he retired.

THE OLD WAR HORSE.

The next speaker introduced was Hon. Charles T. O'Ferrall. His appearance seemed to be the signal for a general outburst of enthusiasm. Hats and handkerchiefs waved, and the walls rung with the echoes of the applause.

"I stand before you to-night as a Democrat," he began, "from shivering head to trembling toes. I am a Democrat because I love my State and my family, and I expect to die a Democrat. From the days of Jefferson the Democratic party has been in existence; in 1804 the construction of the constitution declared the States to be sovereign and free to control themselves in their State elections. There is not a white man in this house that does not owe his right of suffrage to Democracy; religion owes its freedom to the Democratic party; the abolition of imprisonment for debt is due to the Democratic party.

ISSUES.

"When the war closed we were in rather a bad condition, and the best people were denied the right to vote. The Democratic party finally got the disfranchising clauses stricken out. The next trouble was with readjustment. By that Mahone tried to draw men into the Republican party, and now he is using the tariff for the same purpose.

TARIFF.

"A great many of the speakers on the tariff don't know anything more about it than the Irishman who said he thought it was a big black ox. What is the tariff? It is a tax. Free trade is a impossibility. It can't be. The tariff comes out of the pockets of the people, the people that buy food. What I make with my hands belongs to me, and the Government hasn't the right to take more money from my pocket than is my share of what is necessary to run the Government. A customs officer goes aboard a foreign vessel. He finds aboard, we will say for instance, hats. He asks the man what he can sell the hats for. He replies seventy-five cents. The custom-house officer says you must pay me 37½ cents on each one. The merchant then sells them, and he adds on the 37½ cents and charges $1.12. The wholesale dealer charges proportionately more, and so does the retail merchant, and so you have to pay when you buy about $1.75. That's tariff. If you don't buy foreign goods the Northern manufacturer charges as much, and the only difference is that the extra 37½ cents goes into the pocket of the Yankee manufacturer.

OUR DOCTRINE.

"The Democratic party's doctrine is simply this: No more money than is necessary to run the government. Some $300,000,000 is only necessary, and yet some $450,000,000 is stored up there in Washington, and it might as well be in the bowels of the earth. So far as the tariff is concerned it has nothing to do with the present campaign, but I am not afraid to speak of it and discuss it.

MAHONE'S PLATFORM.

"When the platform came out from Norfolk from this man Mahone, I examined it, and found that it said that the Democratic party was opposed to the Blair educational bill, and this same man, Mahone, put a padlock on his mouth and refused to vote for it, but when an amendment was put upon it intended to kill it, he voted for it. And this man Burrows, who is canvassing the State for Mahone, and complaining that the Democrats are enemies of the bill, is known to be a bitter enemy of the bill. It is really doubtful if the bill will ever pass, however.

"Now I want to

TALK ABOUT MAHONE

and how he disgraced his seat in Congress. He voted for every Land Grant bill to railroads; he voted against the Inter-State Commerce bill; he voted against the Pleuro-Pneumonia bill; he voted for the Dependent Pension bill (more properly called the dependent pension steal); and right on the heels of that, when a bill came up to aid sufferers on the Mississippi river, and he slunk into the cloak-room and did not vote.

WHAT CAUSED DEFEAT.

"It has been said that the tariff question defeated the Democratic party last fall. It did not. It was the deep-dyed hatred of the Northern partisans for the South—the bloody shirt wavers of the North.

THE TWO TICKETS.

"We have two tickets in the field seeking the suffrages of the Virginia people. One has betrayed every trust that has ever been given him, and is now leading the negroes and low white man, and one of his seconds is Slemp, sometimes called Slimp and Slump. Next is Warren S. Lurty, who hails from my town, but for Heaven's sake don't hold the town responsible. He has some of Stonewall Jackson's blood in his veins, and a mule has some horse blood in his veins. On the other ticket is Phil. McKinney, whose name is a synonym for all that's pure and good. Next is J. Hoge Tyler, a worthy son of a good old family of Caroline, and a worthy representative of the farming interests. Next comes Scott, a worthy and brilliant man.

A VIRGINIAN.

"I told you that I am a Democrat. I am also a Virginian. A Virginian always loves his home wherever he may be. When he thinks of the glories of his native land and its people, every Virginian will stand by his duty next Tuesday. I expect to hear flashed over the wires that Richmond will give four thousand strong for the Democratic ticket.

"I have been in the canvass nine weeks now, and I can assure you Democratic fires are blazing brightly everywhere, and on election day Mahonism will be buried so deep that the horn of resurrection will never reach it."

SENATOR GORDON.

Mr. J. L. Gordon, the able young senator from Albemarle, was next introduced. He said he could not but congratulate the people of Richmond upon the grand outpouring of Democrats to-night. "The political sky is now stormy. The President in whom we could trust has been displaced by a man whose chief occupation is the decapitation of fourth-class postmasters and the advancement in emoluments of his friends and relatives. As to the tariff we are only concerned in this way; that it is draining the life blood from the South; that it is causing all sorts of trust companies that control all the necessities of life, to be formed. One man last summer cornered pork, and held it until he raised it $4 a barrel, and so pocketed millions of dollars. Such men as these bought the presidency for Harrison; these are the men who daily widen the yawning chasm between capital and labor, and these are the men who are backing and endorsing Mahone.

WHAT WE WILL DO.

"What are we going to do about it? We are going to bury Mahone so deep that he will either find himself in hell or China. Though other States may lose their moorings or be debauched, we in Old Virginia will stand by the principles that money cannot buy. We are going to win this fight, and on the 6th of next November many a Virginian will turn in his cot before he goes to sleep, and will murmur a prayer for the success of Old Virginia.

"What have we to contend with in this fight? There is an administration at Washington, there are 99-100 of the negroes of the Commonwealth, and the capitalists and monopolists, and there is William Mahone—these are against us, but we have right on our side, and we shall win.

WHAT MAHONE SAYS.

"Mahone says the white men of Virginia must divide, but the negroes stand firm. I have no hard feelings against the negro. I have no regrets about the fall of slavery; but I deeply regret that the renegades of Mahone go through the State and try to convince them that the Democrats are their enemies. The people of the black belt know what negro domination means, and they pray to you to deliver them.

"The fight to-day is whether the Commonwealth shall remain in the hands of the race that bought it, or whether it shall fall into the hands of an ignorant and servile race.

"I arraign this man Mahone because he has not been true to the soldiers of the South. I do not allude to the man's record as a soldier. I don't know whether he was brave or a coward, but I wish that his public career had ended at Appomattox."

BRILLIANT SPEECHES.

All the speeches were brilliant and carefully prepared, and their effect on the audience was plainly apparent in the frequent applause that interrupted the speakers.

The meeting was a great success, and will be productive of much good.

The Old Dominion band furnished the music.

A SHAKESPEREAN ADONIS.

Superintendent Hooper Hunts and Kills a Wild Boar.

"Even as the sun with purple colored face
Had ta'en his last leave of weeping morn,
Rose chevaled Adonis hied him to the chase."

For some months past a wild boar has been depredating in Hollywood Cemetery and thereabouts. He was very fierce, and the efforts made to kill him had until yesterday been unsuccessful. On Wednesday he was seen by Messrs. J. H. Gardner and A. P. McGee, two of the city workmen, at the Clarke Spring property, and McGee fired at the animal, but he escaped.

Yesterday a hunting party, consisting of Mr. Hooper, superintendent of Hollywood Cemetery, Mr. W. N. Smith and Mr. J. H. Gardner was organized, and a determined hunt began. The brute was finally apprehended in the Clarke Spring lot, and Mr. Hooper, taking aim, fired two loads of buck-shot, and brought his game to the ground.

The boar was white, his tusks were three inches long, and he weighed 200 pounds. It is supposed that he strayed from up the river. It was found that the shots fired by McGee the day before had taken effect, and the balls were imbedded in the thick hide.

Mr. Hooper came out of the battle alive and unscathed. No siren-voiced Venus beguiled him from his sport, and the captured swine no doubt graced his table in barbecued style, and not as Shakespeare said:

"On his bow back he hath a battle set
Of bristly pikes that ever thread his foes.
His eyes like glow-worm shown when he doth fret;
His snout digs sepulchres where'er he goes."

An 11:30 O'clock Marriage.

After the performance of the "Beggar Student" by the MacCollin Opera Company at the Theatre last evening Mr. Samuel E. Ellis, business manager of the troupe, and Miss Rella Merton, a member of the chorus, and an understudy for several leading *roles*, were married at the residence of Rev. Dr. S. S. Lambeth, 909 east Clay street. The ceremony occurred at 11:30 o'clock, and was attended by most of the members of the troupe. When the knot had been securely tied and the young couple duly congratulated, the entire party went to Antoni's restaurant, where an elegant supper had been prepared for them by the groom. Festivities continued until a late hour.

The bride will still remain with the company, and this evening she appears in the cast.

The Beggar Student.

Last night the MacCollin Opera Company presented Millocker's beautiful opera, "The Beggar Student." This charming work—full of brilliant lyric gems and semi-recitations that are almost classic in their intervals—never fails to please a Southern audience. The MacCollin Company gave it in its entirety, something rarely done, and bring out with much effect its humorous features. The cast last night included MacCollin, Smith, Apple, Miller, Misses Sweeney, Hall, Roach and Smith. The performance is uneven—while some parts of the music are slurred, some are sung excellently. The finale of the second was finely done.

To-night Varney's charming operetta, the "Musketeers," will be given.

Housebreaking.

A successful attempt was made to break into the house of Mr. John P. Quarles, 519 north Ninth street, Wednesday night, and the rascals broke open the front door, but Mr. Quarles came down with a shot gun and they ran. Mr. Quarles is registrar of the second precinct of Madison ward, and he thinks the housebreakers were trying to capture his registration books.

COLONEL BEIRNE

STIRS UP THE DEMOCRACY OF MANCHESTER.

Eloquent Speech in Which "The Old Serpent of the Appomattox" is Thoroughly Exposed—Earnest Appeal for the Democratic Ticket—Other Manchester News.

Colonel Richard F. Beirne stirred up the people of Manchester last night.

It had been contemplated to hold the meeting in the open air, but the dampness of the weather and Colonel Beirne's desire that he preferred to speak within doors caused the Democratic Committee to abandon the platform on the vacant lot opposite the Beattie block and engage Leader Hall.

The hall was very well filled, indeed, when Colonel Beirne, accompanied by Chairman John Utz and other members of the committee and leading Democrats of the city, ascended the platform.

The Old Dominion Band was on hand and discoursed martial music. There was also some red fire.

THE SPEAKING.

About half-past eight o'clock Chairman Utz, in a few appropriate words, introduced Colonel Richard F. Bierne.

Colonel Beirne opened by saying that there is no pleasure or satisfaction greater to him than to address a Democratic audience, and he had a very peculiar pleasure in addressing the people of Manchester. He was satisfied that the Democrats of Manchester would do all in their power to elect McKinney, Tyler, and Scott. From the many portions of the State he had visited, and the information there learned, he was satisfied that the State of Virginia would elect McKinney by not less than 20,000 majority.

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.

He compared the policy of the Democratic Federal administration and the present Republican administration in the recognition of Southern genius, the one recognizing that there are brainy men in Virginia and the south, and Harrison acting as though he supposed there were no competent men to be found except in the North.

He held Tanner's pension policy whereby he intended to spend $200,000,000 per year, a statement made by Tanner and never contradicted nor denied.

The Republicans claimed that they were in favor of the repeal of the Internal Revenue laws. They will not repeal them because they cannot pay out the funds to the pensioners and corruptionists without this income of $125,000,000.

THE TOBACCO TAX.

The Republicans have refused to pass a bill to repeal the tobacco tax. The Republican party you have and can see now that it has no friendship for the South. A little investigation will show that the Democratic party is the only one that has done anything for the South, and is her only friend.

Why should Mahone be the leader of this Republican party, a party that will do everything in its power to ignore the State and her people? Simply because he is like the man who stuck close to a boy who had gone down into a mud pond and dug worms; the boy had the bait. He will stick close to a mud puddle or anybody who has the bait. He has been untrue to everything and every man. He is true only to himself. He made a record in the war, but all of it has been blotted out by his dismissal of one-legged and one-armed Confederate soldiers from the capitol, and his refusal to vote in the United States Senate for the removal of the political disabilities of a man by the name of Tebbs, who had entered the Confederate army at the age of fifteen years.

MAHONE'S WAR ON CONFEDERATES.

William Mahone, who had obtained all his military glory by the brave men who followed the banner of freedom, did not cease to war against them. Not even the women were omitted. The wife of the leader of that grand division, which made that charge up the heights at Gettysburg, held a government position. A lenchman of Mahone wanted that place, and Mrs. George E. Pickett was turned out by Mahone's orders.

THE ATLANTIC, MISSISSIPPI AND OHIO RAILROAD.

He explained Mahone's tyranny while boss of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad; of his paying the men in script instead of money, and the dismissal of a man whose wife had died had asked for his money instead of depreciated script. He has been harsh and tyrannical. He has been a traitor to every trust confided to him. He has been to nothing but his own selfish aims.

THE LITTLE VILLAIN'S POLITICAL CAREER.

Colonel Beirne gave a *resume* of Mahone's political career; how he posed as a Democrat in the Hancock-Garfield election, put up a separate ticket not to carry the State for Hancock, but to deceive his Democratic following so that he could get that bait called Federal patronage, and did get it from Arthur. The speaker gave a full account of what Mahone intended to have done when he had a Legislature at his bidding, to establish a new system of government that would have invaded the personal rights of every one, but for the action of four patriots in the Senate who voted with the Democrats. The speaker ran rapidly over the Brown-Allen-Brother-in-Law-Hamilton steal, the Flanagan contract, the contracts for printing the Riddleberger bonds, and the loss to the State by by the failure of the Petersburg Savings Bank, which was used as a medium from which to use State money for speculation by Republican officials from the Governor down.

DEMOCRATIC EFFORTS IN THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

Colonel Beirne was vigorous in telling what the Democrats had done for the cause of education, both in common schools among white and colored people and in the higher normal schools for both races. Also, of the insane asylums, the appropriation to the old wounded and needy Confederate soldiers at the Soldiers' Home, which the Democrats alone supported in the Legislature.

The speaker paid a high tribute to

GOVERNOR FITZHUGH LEE,

which took the large audience, and nearly every sentence was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

"Are we," the eloquent speaker asked, "to turn over the government of this noble Commonwealth from the hands of the grand cavalry leader into the hands of the 'Wizard of Petersburg?' No, never."

Colonel Beirne spoke with feeling when he thanked the people of Manchester for supporting him in the convention, and told them they could do nothing that would be more pleasant to him than to work as hard for Phil. McKinney as they would have done for him.

He referred to Hoge Tyler, Taylor Scott, the Legislative nominees, Davis and Hobson, and closed with a grand peroration, which was applauded to the echo.

After Colonel Beirne had taken his seat Mr. Davis, one of the two nominees for the House of Delegates from the district was called on, and made a neat little speech.

Chairman Utz then declared the meeting adjourned.

OTHER NEWS.

To-day about seven miles north of Petersburg at Wesley Chapel the Democrats will have a grand barbecue. Among the speakers expected are Mr. J. Ran Tucker, Jr., R. L. Montague, Samuel M. Page and J. M. Mullen.

The Republicans will have another barbecue at the the same time at Cottrell's, two miles nearer Petersburg, when Major Joseph Walker and his negro associate and candidate will each speak.

The case against several small boys for stealing railroad iron from the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad was dismissed in the Mayor's Court yesterday.

ASSIGNMENT.

A deed of assignment from George W. Stroud to J. M. Gregory, trustee, was entered to record in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court yesterday.

Mr. Stroud has been conducting a grocery and general merchandise business at No. 1843 Hull street, and the deed conveys to the trustee all the stock of goods of said Stroud, together with all wares, merchandise, books, bills, accounts, scales, show-cases, lumber, cord-wood, one grocery wagon and harness, one horse, one lumber wagon and harness, licenses, etc., etc.

The trustee is directed to take charge of the property, and, after sufficient advertisement, proceed to sell and convert the same into cash. The liabilities are about $1,200, and the debts due parties named as preferred creditors amount to $100.50. The assets are estimated at between $700 and $800.

NOTES.

No decision has been made yet by the congregation of Clopton-Street Baptist Church with reference to calling a successor to Rev. Decatur Edwards.

Applications from Northern parties have been received in Manchester for maps of the water front.

The majority in Manchester for McKinney, Davis, and Hobson, it is expected, will reach four hundred.

The Democrats in Chesterfield are enthusiastic, and will give a large majority.

Property Transfers.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were recorded yesterday:

IN THE CITY CHANCERY COURT:

J. Cabell Brockenbrough and wife to Miss Mary Haxall, 40 feet on north side Floyd avenue, between Harvie and Plum, improved, $6,400; Tazewell Ellett, special commissioner, to Andrew Green, 79 feet on west side Eighth, adjoining City Spring lot, $1,800; Anne T. Haxall's executors to Dr. George Ross, 26 feet on east side First, between Main and Franklin, improved, also 8 feet in rear, improved, $1,600; W. W. Henry, special commissioner, to John R. Temple, 26 feet on China, near Laurel, $351; William R. Lee and wife to Andrew J. Wray, 42½ feet on north side Cary, near Cherry, improved, $4,900; Evelyn Pope and husband to Isadore I. Strause, 25 feet on north side Grace, between Sixth and Seventh, improved, $9,000; John R. Temple and wife to Andrew J. Hundley and wife, 26 feet on south side China, near Laurel, $468; E. C. Tinsley and wife to Margaret Gogan, 39 feet on west side Twenty-eighth, near N, improved, $2,110.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT-HOUSE.

A. H. Christian, Jr., to James Caskie, an undivided one-fourth interest in lots Nos. 297, 298, 299, and 300, in plan of Sidney, $1,750.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

Four in Session Yesterday.

The Committee on Water now hold their monthly meetings in the Council Chamber, the office of the city water-works