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de 8—ts

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London Dock Cognac Brandy. Otard, Dupey & Co.'s vintage 1840; Stalker's Amoutillado Pale Sherry, very delicate, vintage 1843; Sandeman's London Market Port, warranted genuine, vintage 1840; Isley Scotch Malt Mountain Whiskey, very pure, vintage 1842, Out Jugs' Old Schiedam Gin, pine apple flavor, vintage 1842; Jamaica Rum, prime for Egg-nog, vintage 1842. All of which we call attention of dealers and customers.
de 9—1m

SLATE! SLATE! SLATE!—I am prepared, as the Agent of Owen Jones, to furnish from the mines in Buckingham county, ROOFING SLATE of all sizes and in any quantity. The Slate is of a superior quality, and is cheaper (the cost of painting being considered) than any metalic roofing now in use.

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no 19—1m*

REMOVAL.—Dr PLUME has removed his office to the third house, South of Trinity Church, South side, and about one hundred yards below the Exchange Hotel. Dr. P. continues to treat all syphlitic and gonorrhoeal complaints; and having had much practice in this line, flatters himself that he can give very general satisfaction. A call from those interested is solicited.

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no 15

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CHARLES RICHARDSON,
Importer of Havana Cigars, American Hotel Building, corner Main and 11th sts.
oc 29—ts

EVERY BODY OUGHT TO READ THIS, to find out the secret where to buy the cheapest Dry Goods in this city. The undersigned, intending to make a change in their firm, are, from this day, commencing to sell off their entire stock of Dry Goods and Fancy Articles, without regard to price. Black, Plaid and Striped Silks, at 50 cents and upwards; Merinos, Alpaccas, all wool Delaines, Plaids, a large lot of Shawls and ladies Cloaks of all descriptions; Flannels, Linseys, Hosieries, Gloves, Blankets, a large stock of Embroideries, very cheap, and a great many other articles, all of which will be sold at and below cost. Come ladies from the Eastern and Southern part of this city spend 6¼ cents for an omnibus ride, and make $5 in buying bargains, at

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A LARGE STOCK OF
NEW FALL DRY GOODS
TO BE SOLD WITHIN
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LOW PRICES

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QUICK SALES!

To enumerate the goods and their prices would take too much space; suffice it to say, that he has in store an unusually large stock, embracing everything in the

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GREAT BARGAINS

may be expected.

Goods sold exclusively for CASH. de 2—2w*

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.—Pursuant to an Ordinance passed 11th of January, 1855, I will attend at the Collector's Office, in the City Hall, from 15th to 31st of December, inclusive, to receive the remaining half of Taxes, from such persons as are entitled to a deduction of 10 per cent, by having previously paid the first half in June last, in accordance with said Ordinance.

J. A. HOBSON, C. C. R

N. B. It will be seen from the above, that the Collector is required to attend at the office, from the 15th to 31st of this month, to receive taxes remaining due from June last; before the January term of the Hustings Court, he is required by Ordinance to advertise delinquent real estate to be sold for nonpayment of taxes. Persons who have not done so will see the necessity of calling and paying their taxes, as it will be impossible for the Collector to call on them before he advertises.

J. A. HOBSON, C. C. R.
de 1—d1m

MARBLE WORKS.—MILLER & VINCENT, Dealers in Italian and American Marble, and Manufacturers of MONUMENTS, TOMBS, HEAD PIECES, FONTS, FURNITURE MARBLE, &c., nearly opposite Second Baptist Church, Main st.

We respectfully invite the attention of those in want to our stock on hand, which consists of as large and well finished an assortment as can be found at any establishment in the city.

MONUMENTS of any size or design made to order, at the lowest New York or Philadelphia prices.

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no 25—3m

FENCING.—The exercises in this fine art have already commenced in my Salle d'Armes, No 202, Main street, where I am prepared to receive a further number of pupils.

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P. WILSACHER
oc 11—ts

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THE DAILY-DISPATCH.

Thursday Morning, December 11, 1856.

SERVILE INSURRECTION.—The Memphis News of the 29th ult., has some additional news regarding a servile insurrection in Arkansas. None of the combinations, save that in Kentucky, have been of any magnitude, and have doubtless been put down—the leaders having ere this suffered death for their participation in them. The News says:

A few weeks ago a man named Hancock was arrested in Union county, Arkansas on suspicion of being engaged in trying to incite the slaves to insurrection. He made some confessions, and managed finally to escape, but was re-arrested, taken to El Dorado, tried and shot—not, however, by regular process. He was not found guilty on the trial, but subsequently said he knew all about it, but would not tell. This so exasperated the people, as we learn from the Claiborne (La.) Advocate, that they seized him, and being then convinced of his guilt, shot him in the woods A man by the name of Martin was tried in El Dorado on a similar charge, convicted and hanged. There was to be a general concentration of about three hundred negroes at a given point, led on by Hancock and several others. The town of El Dorado was to be attacked, its inhabitants murdered, and money and provisions obtained by force. The excitement extended down into Louisiana, and several planters examined their negroes, but they discovered nothing to implicate any one

A letter to the Louisville Courier, dated Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 3, says:

Our little town is up in arms, at the present writing. "The negroes are marching upon us," is heard from every mouth. This morning several messengers arrived from Lafayette, a small town, eighteen miles of Hopkinsville, calling on the citizens of this place to come to their assistance. They were momentarily expecting an attack from about six hundred negroes. About 150 persons left immediately for the "seat of war." They were in command of Capt. James Jackson and Sheriff Gowan. Hopkinsville is strongly guarded. It is rumored we will be attacked to-night. I will write you again to-morrow. Would telegraph, but all communication has been cut off—the telegraph poles being cut down.

Accompanying the above is an extra from the Hopkinsville Press, which says:

The negroes of Eclipse, Clark, and Lagrange, have united, and are marching towards Dover, and were within eighteen miles of that place when last heard from. Their intention is to relieve the negroes at Dover, then march to the Rolling Mill, then to Bell Wood Furnace, then through Lafayette, on to Hopkinsville and the Ohio river.

THE EXPLOSION ON THE STEAMER KENTUCKY—*Further Particulars.*—The Cincinnati Commercial has the following particulars of the explosion of the steam pipe of the new steamer Kentucky, on Saturday night, forty miles below that city:

The steam sped aft to the deck room, scalding seventeen persons—eleven deck hands and firemen and six deck passengers—who were seated around the deck room stove. The night being cold, all the windows and doors were closed, so it was almost impossible for the victims to escape. One or two managed to get through the windows, and in their flight leaped overboard, but were rescued from drowning by the mate, Mr Jordon, who lowered the yawl and went after them. The immense volume of steam put out all the lights in the deck room. Captain Killen and other officers of the boat removed the unfortunate sufferers to the main cabin, where they received the kindest attention. Mattresses were spread on the cabin floor, and flour, cotton, oil, &c., applied to the wounded by Dr. M. H. Burns, who, fortunately, was on board. Three of the wounded died, and eleven others were sent to the hospital on the arrival of the boat here. None of the cabin passengers were injured, as the steam did not find its way into the cabin.

A German lad, whose parents reside in Columbia, above this city, after intense suffering, died yesterday morning. He was going to Maysville to learn a trade.

An aged colored man, name unknown, who took passage for Portsmouth, also died, and one of the deck passengers, name unknown, after the boat arrived here. All were very badly scalded, and it is feared that four or five others will not recover.

The names of the wounded firemen and deck hands are Pat. Ryan, Dennis Ryan, Thos. Dorsy, Michael Mahan, Edw'd Murphy, Hugh Flaraty, and Thomas Murphy, from Maysville; George Waller, from Felicity; John Kerger, Paris Brown, and Thomas Mar, residence unknown; Peter Davis, a deck passenger, and three others, names unknown. The second steward, Samuel Morgan, of Felicity, was scalded in the face and hands. He was heating oil at the deck stove when the accident occurred. George Dugan, badly scalded, went to Higginsport, on the Scioto.

SALE OF SHORTHORNS.—The Lexington Observer has an account of sales of Durham cattle belonging to the estate of the late Benjamin Warfield, of Fayette, Ky. The herd was among the finest in the State, and the sale largely attended.

Fourteen cows brought $3,265—average price $233 21. The highest price paid was $455, by Dr. R. J. Breckinridge, for Lady Fairy, imported in 1850 by the Northern Kentucky Importing Co., and sold by them for $1,100. Ten heifers brought $2,855 50—average $285 50. Highest price paid $605, for Lady Fairy 2d, 18 months old. Seven bulls brought $1 510—average price $209. The highest price was $650, for imported Chilton. He cost in 1853 $3 005.

SLAVE TRADE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE.—In the Senate of South Carolina on Friday last Mr. Mazyck presented the report of the special committee on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to "opening slave trade," asking leave to sit during the recess and report at the next session, which was ordered for consideration the day following

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COOLNESS UNPARALLELED.—A mercantile firm of this city received this week a letter from the captain of one of the brigs they chartered, dated Barbadoes, in which he informs them that as he believes the United States are about going to eternal smash, he sold ship and cargo and pocketed the money, which he didn't think they will ever see again. He concludes with some complimentary allusions to our countrymen, and wishes he had never seen any of them. The vessel is the brig Boston.—*Boston Gazette.*

CLOSE OF NAVIGATION.—The Sciota river, at Columbus, Ohio, was frozen over and boys were skating on the ice last Saturday. A letter from Chicago states that the navigation of the Mississippi above Dubuque has closed for the season—Lake navigation has closed at Chicago, with no signs of a sail on the lake in front of that city. The balance of the corn crop of Illinois is likely to be consumed at home, and advance. The present price in the interior of the States is 20 cents, and little to go forward next season.

WIVES FOR THE GERMAN LEGION.—One hundred and five soldiers of the British German Legion have arrived at Hamburg from London. Some of them are discharged from the service, but the greater part have gone over for matrimonial purposes. Some speculative individuals have established regular recruiting offices for females willing to accompany the German legion to the Cape of Good Hope, and settle there. One of them has already engaged more than fifty young women, chiefly amongst the milliners, dressmakers, shop-girls and even those connected with the theatres There are in Hamburg 6,000 more females than men.

WHAT TO SAY AND DO WHEN "POP" GOES THE QUESTION.—As the ladies—unmarried ones especially—are always thankful for advice, they will pardon us for calling their attention to the following directions, which, if they will recollect, may relieve them when placed in what is generally considered an embarrassing position:

1, *Especially recommended to Blondes*: Pause, sigh very soft, then open your eyes with a good deal of wonder, (of course you have been trying to make it out, but can't.) look your lover in the face and say, "What can you mean, dear Alfred?" If the last words are spoken with a little tremble, so much the better.

2. *Very suitable for Brunettes*: Give a start, flash a glance at the questioner, turn aside; and be unable to speak your emotion; one hand pressed high upon your bosom, will express this effectually.

3. *Safe in the hands of anybody, and generally considered a Clincher*: Burst into tears, covering your face with your hands. If you can't cry, drop your head on the inquisitor's shoulder and murmur, "Oh, William!"

4 *For 'merry girls' and nice little girls it is enough to say*: "No!"—pout, shake their heads, and look pretty.—*Philadelphia Nation.*

The human lungs are said to contain seventeen hundred millions of cells. The chap who found out that secret must have had a good time counting—but isn't the statement the greatest "sell" of all!

Hon. Sidney Willard, formerly a professor in Harvard College, died suddenly last Sunday.

THE CENCI.—There are few students of history who have not pondered with a fascination full of pain the horrible episode of Italian crime and cruelty involved in the fate of the lovely Beatrice Cenci. It is doubtful even if the eventful life of Mary, Queen of Scots, has a point of such fearful attraction as is presented in her fate, and it is therefore no matter of surprise that the poets should have seized it and clothed it with a splendor of fiction in which the true incidents have been obscured or lost. This is peculiarly the case with the representation of the facts best known to the general English reader, "The Cenci" of Shelley.—The subject was one peculiarly suited to the perverted moral nature of Shelley, and he made a use of it in strict accordance with the worst features of his own character. An English writer on Rome, Mr. Whiteside, published some years ago what is supposed to be the true story of Beatrice Cenci—a translation from an authentic history of that lovely martyr. Speaking of this account a recent letter from Rome says:

It is almost too harrowing to the feelings to be read; but represents the heroine as innocent of the crime of parricide for which she suffered. It is difficult to conceive of such a human devil as Cenci, her unnatural father is represented to have been; a Borgia could not mate him! But, though driven to madness by his cruelty, and the suspicion of his incestuous passion, Beatrice was neither defiled, nor goaded to murder. Both her moral and physical endurance was nothing short of miraculous; it was the injured exasperated wife, her step mother, who alone incited the assassination of the monster,

Yet the whole family—his wife, two sons and his daughter—were executed together, after having endured horrid tortures to wring from them all a confession of participation in a deed, which one at least of the suffering party was ignorant of, till arrested on suspicion. So great was the excitement of the Roman populace against the condemnation of Beatrice, that on her way to the scaffold three attempts were made by concerted bands of young men to rescue her from the officers' hands. On the eve of the fatal day she sat meditating her doom so intently, that for some time she did not notice a young man who had bribed the jailor to admit him into the cell, for the purpose of making a sketch of her. Her appearance at this moment is thus described: "Beatrice had risen from her miserable pallet; but, unlike the wretched inmate of a dungeon, resembled a being from a brighter sphere. Her large brown eyes were of a liquid softness, her forehead broad and clear, her countenance of angelic purity, mysteriously beautiful. Around her head a fold of white muslin had been carelessly wrapped, from whence in rich luxuriance fell her fair and waving hair.—Profound sorrow and recent bodily anguish imparted an air of touching sensibility to her lovely features" Suddenly turning, she discovered a stranger, seated, with pencil and paper in hand, looking earnestly at her; it was Guido Reni. She demanded who he was and what he did there.—The frank young artist told his name and object, when, after a moment's hesitation, Beatrice replied: "Signor Guido, your great name and my sad story may make my portrait interesting, and the picture will awaken compassion if you write on one of its angles the word *innocent*" Thus was birth given to an inspired picture, which, to contemplate, is itself worth a visit to Rome; which, once seen, haunts the memory as a supernatural mystery—as the beautiful apparition of sublimated suffering.

ALLEGED MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.—The Cincinnati papers publish long accounts of the abduction from that city of a man named Morris Lindo, a citizen of New Orleans, and for the last eight years a book keeper for Connolly & Fox. The man, it is stated, was vaguely charged with embezzling $9,000 from his employers, and was kidnapped and spirited away into Kentucky by two officers, named Bunker and Anderson. He was then put upon a steamboat under pretence of carrying him to New Orleans, when the manner of his "taking off" is thus given by the Cincinnati Commercial of Monday:

The statement of Bunker is, that during the passage to Aurora, Lindo exhibited signs of lethargic drowsiness, which, as he had found an empty vial upon his person, having had laudanum in it, so alarmed him that during the detention of the boat at Aurora he went for a physician, who, upon examination stated as his opinion that the man was *possuming.* With this impression they again continued the trip, and Bunker lay down in the upper berth, where, however, he was kept awake by the hard breathing of Lindo, which continued until the boat had nearly reached Vevay, when it ceased and was succeeded by a death-like silence. This alarmed the officer, and he arose to discover his unhappy charge at his last gasp, and he expired a few minutes afterward. The body was taken ashore at Vevay, where the captain procured a metalic coffin, in which the remains were enclosed, subject to the order of his relatives. On Saturday the parties interested in this high handed affair, visited the Mayor for information as to their best method of proceeding in the premises. Of the property which they had taken from the police there were about $390, a valuable gold watch, some other articles of insignificant value, and a trunk, which they stated contained property amounting to about $1,000

An examination was to be made into the circumstances of the alleged suicide by the Mayor of Cincinnati, and one of the officers engaged had been put under bonds to appear.

A HUMAN BODY FOUND CUT UP IN A BARREL AT ROUSE'S POINT.—On Monday evening last, we learn that the men employed at the railway station, Rouse's Point, found offensive odor arising from a barrel, which had been left there on the Friday previous by the steamer Boston. The barrel had no owner, nor any mark on it; nor was it known who had left it. It had been taken on board the Boston at Port Kent; accompanying was also a trunk containing old clothes, powder, balls, &c.—Some person unknown accompanied both barrel and trunk to the Point, and then disappeared, leaving, it is said, instructions to send the barrel to Lacolle. In consequence of the odor above alluded to, the barrel was opened, and found to contain the remains of a man cut up in pieces. The deceased, from appearances, was young, healthy and fleshy. He had a cut on the back of the head.—*N. Y Com.*

CLAIMING THE CREDIT.—We take the following from the Belfast (Ireland) Morning News:

"*To our Readers.*—It was stated some months ago, and it is now repeated, that Mr. Buchanan, the new American President, is a native of Omagh, county Tyrone. We shall feel obliged to any of our readers who shall give us reliable particulars on this topic."

The "Belfast News" will find that it is mistaken and that Mr. Buchanan is a "native American."

FLOATING ICE.—The Harrisburg Herald states that the Susquehanna is filled with floating ice, Should the present weather continue for a few days the river will be entirely closed.

DEATH OF A LONDON PUBLISHER.—The London Illustrated Times announces the death of Mr. Daniel Bogue, the well known London publisher, and one of the chief proprietors of that journal. His death was quite sudden.

A RECRUIT FOR WALKER.—We learn from the New Orleans Delta that Captain O'Hara, of the United States army, has tendered his resignation, in order to join Gen. Walker, in Nicaragua, at the first opportunity.

Alvis N. Clifton, publisher of the Osceola (Mo.) Independent, died on the 23d ult.

Negret, the alleged slave dealer, who is in jail at Boston, is quite ill.

They had a sprinkling of snow at Wilmington, N. C., on Sunday.

Kossuth, having concluded his course of lectures on Italy at Manchester, is now delivering them at Liverpool to very large audiences.

Gavazzi has been lecturing in London on Italian Independence.

Mr. Buchanan will, it is said, make his headquarters at the National Hotel, Washington, prior to the inauguration.

A letter dated Madrid, Nov. 15, says General Lersundi will very soon be appointed Captain General of Cuba.

James Herron, recently appointed Civil Engineer of the Pensacola Navy Yard, died at Warrington, Florida, on the morning of the 2d inst.

Rev. Jno. C. Howell, Presbyterian minister, at Kingswood, Preston county, Va., died on the 26th ultimo.

Guy R. C. Allen, a well known citizen of Monongalia county, Va., died suddenly on Thursday last.

Jonathan Tucker, an American, recently committed suicide in London.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN IRELAND.

An extra of the Waterford, Ireland, News, of the 19th ult., contains the particulars of a terrible accident on the Waterford and Kilkenny Railroad:

It appears that a number of men who were employed ballasting the line above the scene of the calamity, were standing in lurrys, with an engine attached, awaiting on the side rail the arrival of the mail train from Dublin, to proceed to their work, but on the approach of the latter, which consisted of the engine and tender, followed by two goods wagons, two passenger carriages, first and second class, and three goods trains bringing up the rear, the engine driver observed that the points were not regulated to let his train on the main line, and seeing a collision inevitable, he shouted with all his might to the men on the stationary train to jump off, which he did himself, and the collision immediately took place.

The working men in the stationary train jumped from the lurry, and a high embankment being at the side they rushed to, all tumbled back again, were caught by the train and cut to atoms—four had their heads cut completely off, and one, who was the only victim that showed any signs of life after the collision, had his arms cut off. Human efforts must fail to accurately describe this appalling picture—brains, blood and entrails of men, pieces of carriages and engines, goods and luggage, are everywhere visible, and all present a scene too terrible for contemplation. The engine driver, who fortunately leaped on to the side of the track where the down train should have passed, escaped almost unhurt The engine of the down train, with tender and goods wagon, were smashed to atoms—the tender, on our viewing it, being standing on the end. The following are the names of the five men who were killed: John Kennedy, Patrick Murphy, John Hudson, James Myers and Martin Doyle.

The man Kennedy lay in a ditch bounding one side of the line, with his skull smashed in, out of which might be seen protruding the unfortunate man's brains; another lay longitudinally on the track, with the wheel of the engine through his back, literally cut in two, and having his head completely severed from his body; while a third man might be seen with both arms off. The remaining two men had also their heads severed from their bodies, and under the wagons adjacent, could be seen, strewed about, fragments of the brains of the men. All those killed, were laborers who had come to Thomastown, and were employed in ballasting the line. The unfortunate man, Hudson, lived for some few minutes after the accident occurred, but expired before the arrival of the clergyman who had been sent for He left a wife and six children to deplore his untimely fate. This was his first day's employment upon the line, and he had been only two hours at work Patrick Murphy also left a wife and three children. The other three men were not married.

The passenger carriages of the down train, which contained about twenty persons, fortunately were not mingled with the ruin, but the sudden collision caused the greatest consternation among the passengers, dashed them about in the greatest confusion, injuring all more or less.

THE ACCIDENT ON THE PITTSBURG AND CLEVELAND RAILROAD—SHOCKING PARTICULARS.—The following are the additional particulars in regard to the dreadful accident on the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Monday:

The 7 o'clock and 20 minutes Cleveland train for Pittsburg ran through the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago train at Alliance, smashing two passenger cars of the latter train.

One of the cars was thrown in the rotunda of the station and another through the public room, which constitutes a part of Sourbeck's Hotel, in which several persoms were sitting. The rotunda and sitting room were torn down, by which eight persons were killed and several wounded

The killed are Jacob Rudy, John McIntyre, Dr. Smith and lady, all of Alliance; William Ritchie and Mr. Jatterholt, of New Garden, Ohio; and N. S. Taylor and John Brooks, of Jersey. Among the wounded are Chas. Coates, engineer, and lady; M A. Roth, of Philadelphia, thigh fractured and otherwise badly hurt; W. C Cleland, conductor of the Cleveland train, slightly; D N. Courtney, slightly; Fielding Cavanaugh and lady; Ann Armour, of Columbus, Indiana, badly; J. Peniter, of Stark county, Ohio, slightly.

An inquest was held on the bodies Tuesday.—Most of the killed and wounded were not on the cars, but were sitting in the public room when the accident happened.

Several witnesses who were examined testified that the Cleveland train ran into the town at a fearful rate of speed—at least 35 miles per hour. The conductor of the Fort Wayne train supposed that it would be checked in time, according to the rules of the road, but it seemed to increase in speed as it came forward, without sounding either whistle or bell

When the collision occurred, it caused a fearful wreck. None of those in the Fort Wayne train were killed, but three were injured. All the wounded are doing well. Mr. Brooks, of New Jersey, was to have been married to a lady in the neighborhood of Alliance, named Ware. The accident caused great excitement, and the engineer and fireman of the Cleveland train fled to the woods to escape the fury of the people.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. George McCrae, conductor on the Washington and Alexandria Railroad, attempted to jump from a car, drawn by horses, that was going up the road, Tuesday morning, with some material for the workmen, when he fell and the cars passed over his leg, breaking it and otherwise injuring him.

NEW BEDFORD —The total valuation of this city, according to the Standard, is $27.027,000; real estate, $9.311,500; personal, $17,715,500. Rate of taxation, $7.60 per $1,000.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE AT BUFFALO.—Five wooden buildings, on Maple street, Buffalo, N. Y., occupied by German families, were burnt Tuesday morning. In the building in which the fire originated the flames spread so quickly that a sick man in the second story was unable to escape and perished. Five children were badly burnt, and one girl was carried to the hospital, where she died. The loss is estimated at $6,000—mostly insured.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

Richmond and Danville Railroad Company.—The ninth annual meeting of this Company was held in this city yesterday, commencing at 12 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by President Witcher, on whose motion Gov. John M. Morehead, of North Carolina, was elected Chairman, and Mr Henry K. Ellyson, of Richmond, Assistant Secretary—Thomas W. Brockenbrough, Esq, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, being the Secretary of the meeting.

Proxies.—On motion, a committee of four, consisting of Messrs G A Myers, B W Finney, Wm Martin, and P R Grattan, was appointed to examine and report upon proxies.

Annual Report—Mr Harvie, at the request of President Witcher, read the Annual Report, a synopsis of which we here subjoin:

President WITCHER's report is very brief and clear, and makes a very satisfactory exhibit of the affairs of the road. He congratulates the company upon the completion of their work, by which he says the condition of the company's affairs have been greatly improved, and incalculable benefit conferred upon the country through which the road passes. The value of land has been materially enhanced and the productions of that section of the State wonderfully augmented.

During the last year the floating debt of the company has been reduced from $124,481 to $78,724; and since the close of the fiscal year it has been reduced to about $45,000. The registered bonds unsold at the last annual meeting have been disposed of on the same terms as the former sales, and the bonds of Pittsylvania and Henry have been sold at 80 cents in the dollar. There are $24,980 of delinquent stock, about one-half of which may be realized by a sale of the stock.

The gross receipts of the road the past year, were	$421,762 61
The expenses were	213,593 88
Leaving a nett profit of	$208,168 73

being 49 35-100 per cent. of the gross amount.

The road was opened to Danville only on the 1st of July. To the transportation account has been charged about $80,000—a loss incurred by a collision on the road on the 12th January last, and by the destruction of the depot in this city on the same day. The depot may be rebuilt for $15,000; but the Directors have taken as yet no step on the subject.

The arrangements for the prompt transportation and delivery of freights have been steadily improving, and with the new and well constructed depots, nearly finished, the President hopes the freight business will be greatly facilitated.

There are 63 miles of flat bar rail on the Danville road, which the President thinks should be, at the proper time, replaced by the heavy U rail. He, nevertheless, suggests that this be postponed until after 1860, when the $400,000 falling due in '59–'60 will be provided for. He estimates that by that time this debt will be paid, besides an annual dividend of 3 per cent. to the stockholders This estimate is based upon the supposition that the nett annual profit of the road will be $150,000, which will probably be exceeded.

In conclusion, President Witcher congratulates the Company that not one of the thousands of passengers travelling over their road ever yet lost life or limb upon it, and that while the road annually transports millions of dollars worth of property, and more than $400,000 are yearly collected and disbursed by its agents, but two cases of delinquency have occurred within the last three years: one, amounting to $225, has since been adjusted; the other, to $2,072.52, is yet in arrear, and suit has been brought upon the delinquent's official bond. In both instances, the delinquents were promptly removed from office.

Committee of Nine.—On motion, a committee of nine, consisting of Messrs. George Townes of Pittsylvania, W. L. Booker of Amelia, Jas. M Smith of Henry, Thomas Watkins of Halifax, W. H. Dennis of Charlotte, A. D. Dickinson of Prince Edward, W. M. Tredway of Pittsylvania, W. W. Crump of Richmond and T. W. McCanee of Richmond, was appointed, to whom was referred the annual report of the President and Directors.

Affairs of the Road.—Dr. T. P. Atkinson, from the committee appointed at the last meeting to examine into and report upon the affairs of the company, presented a long and ably written report, which was read, received and laid on the table.

Quorum—Mr. G. A. Myers, from the Committee on Proxies, reported that the committee had proceeded far enough with its labors to ascertain that a quorum was in attendance.

Tolls—Col George Townes offered a resolution, which was adopted—

"That a committee of five be appointed to enquire into the policy adopted by the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company for the regulation of the tolls on their road, and report their opinion whether any modification thereof is necessary"

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen said committee: Messrs George Townes, William Martin, W. T. Sutherland, William F. Butler and Taylor Wotten

Western Extension—Col James M. Smith, of Henry, offered a resolution—

"That the Committee on the President's Report enquire into and report such amendments to the late act of the Legislature of Virginia for the extension of the Richmond and Danville Railroad as will be acceptable and just to the Western Section."

Mr. J. B. Stovall offered the following as an amendment:

"That a select committee of five be appointed to enquire into the expediency of accepting the provisions of the act of the General Assembly authorizing the construction of a Branch Road from some point at or near Danville, to some point at or near Wytheville on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad."

Mr. Smith accepted the amendment, and the question being put on the resolution so amended, it was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as the select committee of five: Messrs. George Hairston, W. M. Treadway, Wm. Martin, H. A. Dillard and J B. Stovall.

The meeting adjourned to meet at Odd Fellows' Hall at 7 o'clock, and to proceed to the election of President and other officers, at 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Gov Moorehead resumed the chair at 7 o'clock, and called the meeting to order.

President's Report.—Col. George Townes, from the Committee on the President's report, stated that they had examined the papers before them, and approved the various recommendations therein, relative to the future conduct and progress of the road.

On motion, the report was unanimously adopted.

Investigation—The special order of the evening, the "report of the Committee of Investigation," was taken up, and Mr. Stovall addressed the meeting in opposition to the report. Before concluding his remarks, the hour of 8 o'clock arrived, that being the time appointed for proceeding to the election of President and Directors

On motion of Dr T. P. Atkinson, the election was postponed, when Dr. A defended the action of the committee briefly.

Col. Townes and V. Witcher, Esq., also replied to Mr. Stovall, in short and pertinent speeches.

Without taking any definite action on the report, the meeting resolved to proceed to the

Election of Officers.—Dr. T. P. Atkinson nominated LEWIS E HARVIE. Esq, of Amelia, for the office of President, Mr. Witcher having declined a re election because of age and ill health

His nomination was warmly seconded by Messrs. Wm. M. Treadway, Samuel S. Bryant and Gen W. S B Cabell

There being no opposition, the vote was taken *viva voce*, and Mr. LEWIS E. HARVIE was unanimously elected.

Dr. David A Claiborne offered the following resolution, which he hoped to see adopted before proceeding to the election of Directors:

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby adopted, as a standing regulation in the appointment of Directors by the stockholders, that one shall be selected who resides on the Western and one from the Eastern section of the road.

The resolution was opposed by Col. Wiley and T. T. Giles, Esq, and withdrawn by Dr. Claiborne

Mr. William Martin, of Henry, nominated WM T. SUTHERLIN, Esq, of Danville, and urged his claims with much force.

Mr. Tredway seconded the nomination of Mr Sutherlin.

Mr. James A. Scott nominated Mr. R. O. HASKINS, a former Director.

Mr. Vincent Witcher nominated JAMES BROWN, Jr., Esq, and paid a high compliment to his services and those of Mr. Haskins.

Dr. Atkinson seconded the nominations of Messrs. Brown and Haskins, knowing them to be faithful and competent officers. He knew Mr Sutherlin to be a capable gentleman, and regretted that circumstances were such as to prevent him from giving him his support, but he could not vote against either of the present Directors even for his own brother.

Mr. John M. Gregory also supported the claims of Messrs Haskins and Brown, because they had proved faithful to their trusts.

There being no other nominations, the Secretary proceeded to call the roll for the election of two Directors by the Stockholders, which resulted as follows:

For Richard O. Haskins	2285
For James Brown, Jr.	2307
For William T Sutherlin	1088

Messrs. Haskins and Brown having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared to be duly elected.

Thanks.—Dr. T. P. Atkinson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

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Resolved, That the thanks of the stockholders of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company are due, and are hereby unanimously tendered to VINCENT WITCHER, Esq., its late President, for the great ability and fidelity with which he has discharged his official duties, both as a Director and as President, during his whole term of service.

Mr. Witcher was called on and responded in appropriate terms, returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him by the Stockholders.

President HARVIE was next called out and returned his thanks for the confidence bestowed in him. He also paid a high compliment to Mr. Witcher. In conclusion, he pledged his best efforts in behalf of the company, and promised to spare no efforts of which he was capable, to advance its interests.

On motion the meeting adjourned to re-assemble this morning at 10 o'clock.

Serious Accident.—Yesterday morning, a white man, who called himself a sailor, applied to the Captain of the bark "Ziagarella," lying in the dock, at 19th street, for employment. The Captain being in want of hands, told the applicant he needed two or three sailors, and would hire him at once, if he proved himself a competent hand.—With this, the stranger started up the mast, but had not gone far, before he fell to the deck, injuring himself seriously. He was then taken to the medical college, and placed under the hands of the faculty, who will do all in their power to save his life and restore him to health.

The Naiad Queen, or Nymphs of the Rhine, has been witnessed every night this week by large and fashionable audiences, and won unbounded praise, not only because of the rich and varied spectacle presented to the eye, but because of the admirable manner in which it has been produced. Apart from the fine acting, the superb scenes of the interior of Sir Rupert's Castle—Picturesque Moonlight of the Rhine—The abode of Demons—The bath of Beauty—Cavern of Riches—Old Gothic Hall—Chamber of Confidential Conversation—Crystal abode beneath the Rhine—Grand Staircase—and Submarine Caves of the Lurlie Berg, would of themselves make up an entertainment, that could not fail to prove attractive to every lover of the art. No notice that we have room to make, could do justice to this rare and beautiful piece, and we therefore say to our readers, go and see it.

Sharpley's Enterpean and Terpsichorean Troupe will give their first concert at Metropolitan Hall to night, and have offered for the occasion an interesting programme to those who admire negro melody, the bones, the banjo and rare dancing.—This troupe is said to be composed of excellent performers, and as the entertainment is to conclude with the terpsichorean extravaganza of "Old Bob Ridley," there can be very little doubt that they will have a good house.

The Sheriffalty.—In the Court of Hustings, on yesterday, Messrs. Thomas B. Carter, John W. Wright, Isaac W. Walker and Nath. C. McGee qualified as deputies under the new Sheriff, Mr. P. P. Winston, whose term of office commences on the 1st day of January, 1857. Under the law, as it stood before the last session of the General Assembly, the term of Mr. Thomas W. Doswell, the present Sheriff, would have expired on the 1st day of July last; but the Legislature found it expedient, during the last winter, to enact that the terms of the Sheriffs then in office, should not expire until the end of the current year, and that the terms of the Sheriffs elected in May, 1856, should commence the 1st of January, 1857.

On the 1st day of January next, Mr. Doswell will have severed his connection with the Sheriffalty of this city—a connection which has existed for a considerable length of time, with great credit to him as an officer, and with entire satisfaction to the community which he has served. We therefore take pleasure in saying to him, for ourselves and his constituency, upon the close of his official career, "well done thou good and faithful servant." While the Commonwealth has been made to suffer, in late years, to the extent of thousands, by defaulting collectors, she has never known an hour's delay in the receipt of her dues from the Sheriff of Richmond. Prompt in all his official acts, yet kind and obliging in the discharge of his duties, the public have suffered no hindrance or unnecessary delays at his hands—but whatever he has been required to perform, he has done with a delicacy, yet firmness, which has won for him the good will of all who have transactions with him.

As Sheriff of Henrico, under the old Constitution, and of Richmond, under the new, Mr. Doswell has served our citizens most faithful for ten years past, and now that he is about retiring to private life, it is but just that he should receive the commendation of that public for whom he has labored so zealously and efficiently.

Larceny.—The jury in the Husting's Court yesterday, in the trial of William A. Smith, for petty larceny, found him guilty. A motion for a new trial has been submitted and will be argued to-day

Stoning a House.--John Cullingham made his appearance before the Mayor yesterday morning to answer the charge of throwing at and breaking the window of John R. Blankenship, corner of 20th and Main streets. The missile used was thrown at a negro, but accidentally struck the window. Soon after the stone was thrown, the man that threw it went to Michael O'Donnell's door, called for Mike and was admitted. A number of gentlemen who saw the occurrence, immediately surrounded the house and kept watch, until Mr. Blankenship procurred a warrant, and procurred the services of the police, who were compelled to force O'Donnell's door to get at the prisoner. After hearing the evidence, the case was continued for other witnesses, and the accused held to bail to answer.

Loving.—Jim Pittmann, a free fellow, charged with assaulting Frances Anderson, came before the Mayor yesterday, and after undergoing a trial, was acquitted of the offence, the evidence proving that the female was the greater belligerant of the two.

Smoking.—Albert, slave to M. Mangum, was arraigned before the Mayor, yesterday, and ordered to be flogged, for being in the street the night before without a pass, smoking a cigar, and running from the Watchmen, when hailed by them. Negroes are not allowed to smoke in public places, and should be flogged when caught at it.

A Protracted Religious Meeting is in progress at the 3d Presbyterian Church, Church Hill. Rev. J. N. Sprague, of New Jersey, a popular and impressive speaker, preaches every night. The meetings are solemn and interesting.

Going at Large.—John, slave to Mrs. Martha M. Pearce, has been arrested and committed to prison to answer the charge of going at large.

Stealing a Coat.—Ambrose, slave to Hiram Oliver, was convicted before the Mayor, yesterday, of stealing a coat from another negro, and ordered thirty lashes.

Bad Race.—A free negress, called Charlotte, from Petersburg, received a flogging, yesterday morning, for being here with improper papers and running from the police.

Stealing a Watch.—James Ward, a white man, made his appearance before the Mayor, yesterday, to answer the charge of stealing a silver watch and chain from William Riley. Case continued until Friday next, and the accused remanded to prison until that time.

Runaway.—Garland, slave to George Turner, was arrested as a runaway, last Tuesday night, and delivered to his owner on yesterday morning.

Correction.—In a notice of police perquisites, we intended to say that the account of officer Tyler was $90.10 The error made in the amount was entirely accidental.

A CARD.—EDWARD D. EACHO, GENERAL AGENT AND COLLECTOR, would most respectfully inform his friends, and the public generally, that he will continue in the same line of business the ensuing year, viz: such as HIRING OUT NEGROES, RENTING OUT HOUSES and FARMS, SELLING REAL ESTATE, COLLECTING BONDS, NOTES and OPEN ACCOUNTS and attending to all other business pertaining to a General Agent. His long experience, extensive acquaintance, and promptness in adjusting claims, will make it to the interest of those who have business requiring the aid of an agent, to place it in his hands for management.

He would avail himself of this opportunity to return his thanks to his friends and the public generally, for the very liberal patronage heretofore bestowed on him, and respectfully solicits a continuance of the same. Office on Pearl street, near Exchange Hotel. de6—dt1Jan.

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