GREAT COLD CASH PROFIT-SHARING CONTEST! IN CASH PRIZES \$3,000 \$3,000

First Prize, \$500; Second Prize, \$250; Other Prizes, \$2,250.

A plain profit-sharing contest, whereby the readers of the Richmond Dispatch, the Weekly Dispatch, and the Richmond News may receive a portion of the money taken in from subscriptions, which would ordinarily be paid to travelling men and for travelling expenses. By offering prizes based on estimates of the Bank Clearings of Richmond at the close of business December 31, 1902, for the year 1902, we propose to divide the handsome sum of \$3,000 in cash among our readers.

CONDITIONS OF THE GREAT CONTEST.

The subscription price will not be changed. The contest will close at 12 o'clock midnight December 27, 1902.

For every 25 cents received by us for subscription one estimate will be allowed by us. The subscription price of the Daily Dispatch, delivered by carrier in Richmond, is 50 cents a month, \$5 a year; out-of-town, by mail, 25 cents a month or \$3 a year. The price of the News is 25 cents a month or \$3 a year. A remittance of 50 cents for either paper will entitle the sender to the paper for the period called for in our rates and two estimates; \$1 four estimates, and so on.

Present subscribers who have paid in advance may, upon further payment, participate in this contest and have their subscriptions extended according to the amount paid. No estimate will be entered upon our books except when accompanied by cash. Estimate and cash must reach us in the SAME ENVELOPE, or be delivered by the SAME PERSON at the

SAME TIME. Upon receipt at our office the estimates will be entered upon books kept for that purpose, and the paper promptly sent to the address given. No change of estimates will be allowed after they are once entered on our books.

No stockholder, officer, or employee of either the Daily Dispatch, Weekly Dispatch, or Richmond News will be permitted to make estimates or in any way share in this contest. CAUTION—Send money by check or post-office or express money order. This is the only safe way. Be sure to enclose in same envelope your estimate in dollars and cents as to what will be the total BANK CLEARINGS OF RICHMOND FOR 1902, AS CERTIFIED BY THE CLEARING-HOUSE JANUARY 1, 1903.

Should there be a tie for any prize, the amount will be divided equally between those so tied. Writ your name and address, and particularly the figures of your estimate, very plainly in order that no error may occur.

LIST OF THE PRIZES.

To the nearest	correct estimate	\$	500	
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To the fourth i	learest correct estimate			
To the fifth nea	rest correct estimate		SURPRISE ADVISOR	00
To the sixth ne	arest correct estimate		25	
To the part 70	nearest correct estimates, \$10	each	500	00
To the next 50	nearest correct estimates \$5	each	500	00
To the next 10	nearest correct estimates, \$5	anch	400	00
To the next 20	nearest correct estimates, \$2	each	300	
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Those Additional Prizes Will Also Be Paid:

For the nearest correct estimate received before September 15, 1902		00
Total, 662 prizes, amounting to\$3	3,000	00

HERE IS THE QUESTION:

"What Will Be the Total Bank Clearings in Dollars and Cents of Richmond, Va., for the Year 1902."

On January 1, 1903, the Richmond Clearing-House will certify the amount. That certificate will decide the question.

The total	bank	clearings	of	Richmond	for	1892	were	 	! !			120,080,177	73
The total	bank	clearings	of	Richmond	for	1893	were	 		: 10 .		114,957,211	89
The total	bank	clearings	of	Richmond	for	1894	were	 	:			113,327,889	23
The total	bank	clearings.	of	Richmond	for	1895	were	 				121,960,869	39
The total	bank	clearings	of	Richmond	for	1896	were					114,378,841	66
The total	bank	clearings	of	Richmond	for	1897	were	 				116,338,731	OI
The total	bank	clearings	of	Richmond	for	1808	were					133,618,376	10
The total	bank	clearings	of	Richmond	for	1899	were					165,901,087	14
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Cut out one of the following blanks, fill in with the length of time you want the paper. and your estimate or estimates, and send by mail to Post-Office Box 373, or bring to the office, Ninth and Main streets, Richmond, Va.

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Address Post-Office Box 373, Richmond, Va.

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CAPTURED GAMBLING PARAPHER-MALIA SHOWS CROOKED DEALINGS.

WILL MAKE NO MORE RAIDS.

Officer Wyatt Stops His Hand-He Will. However, Add to His List of Witnesses-Hot Fight on Septem-

Officer Wyatt has practically ended his

taids on the rooms containing gambling property. He has been relieved of his regular duties for some days past in orter to have the time to devote himself assiduously to the collection of evidence, but he has gone back to his usual line of work for the present, and will stand pat on the evidence that he has already se-Those raids that occur from now on will

likely be of a desultory nature, for nearly all of the paraphernalia has been captured, and what remains is said to have been so securely concealed that it cannot be found with an X-ray apparatus. Offiter Wyatt will endeavor to connect some of the gambling property with the men who will come up for a hearing in September, but his chief prosecution will test upon the testimony of the witnesses who have been summoned.

HECTOR PURYEAR BAILED. Hector Puryear, who was arrested Monday, appeared in the Police Court yesterday in company with his counsel, gambling cases will come up. The request was granted, and Mr. Duryear left court after giving bond for \$400 for his appearance.

During the time between now and the trial of the cases, Officer Wyatt will add more names to his list of witnesses, for it is anticipated that many of those who have been summoned will not be able for give convicting evidence, and the prosecution wants something more than stray out of the general threshing. The great difficulty in the evidence will be the stumbling-block that the witnesses will encounter when it comes to swearing as to the time that they played the game, and they will have to associate that time with the houses and the men who are

charged. No cases can be made in instances where the playing occurred over twelve months ago, and it will be necessary to establish the connection of the men charged with the places in which the gambling is said to have occurred. But all these difficulties, it is thought, can be met and overcome, if reports are true as to what some of the witnesses have

HOT FIGHT AGAINST CONVICTION. That there will be a hot fight on the part of the alleged gamblers to resist conviction is generally conceded, for conviction carries with it imprisonment, and this is the penalty that the men who have been charged with conducting the gambling game wish to avoid. If it were merely a matter of paying a fine, the possibility of being convicted would not present such a disagreeable front, but when a stay in jail goes along with the fine, an acquittal is a consummation very devoutly to be wished by the alleged

Not the least important piece of gossip in connection with some of the parapher-nalia recently seized is that a portion of it shows that the game in some instances has not been on the square. An examina-tion of much of the apparatus by competent experts, however, has not revealed anything of a crooked native in the para-phernalia. The good judges of what is fair and unfair say that crooked work in gambling is more apt to be traced to the man than the machine, and that an asked for a continuance of his case until September 11th, at which time all the profitable fields for plunder elsewhere than in Richmond.

MANY MEN PROMOTED

RECENT EXODUS FROM SEVENTI-ETH REGIT ADVANCES SEVERAL.

WHOLE BAND IS DISCHARGED.

Sample of New Hat to Be Worn is on Exhibition-Officers' School Becomes a Popular Institution-Or-

ganization Flourishes. Captain C. Gray Bossieux, of the Seventieth Regiment, VirginiaVolunteers, has been kept busy during the last few days

issuing discharges to members of the va-

rious companies throughout the State. About fifty discharges have been granted this month, and the places of the men have been filled by others who are anxious to become active in military service. There has been a large number of promo-

The following is a copy of a recent order issued by order of Colonel Ander-

Richmond, Va., August 22, 1902. Orders No. 44. The following named enlisted men of

this regiment are hereby discharged upon the application of company commanders. their terms of enlistment having expired: Private Frank Von Nosdall, Company

Sergeant Alfred N. Jennings, Company Musician Robert E. Eddins, Company F. Private Robert C. Bauer, Company F.

Private Emmett J. Barker, Company F.

Private John H. Ebert, Company T.

Private Joseph M. King, Company D. Private Clarence O. Pennybacker, Com-

Private Charles C. Duke, Company F. Private Marvin W. Gill, Company F. Private James C. Napier, Company F. Private Henry J. Paptistella, Company

Private Henry T. Taylor, Company F. Private Frank Whitlock, Company F. Private George C. Waller, Company F II. The following named enlisted men having made application in writing for their discharges from the military service of the State, approved by their company commanders, the same are hereby Private Thomas H. Daniel, Company

D, of Charlottesville (removed from dis-Private R. H. Marmichael, Company L of Fredericksburg. Business prevents at

Private Edwards Winkers, Company A, of Richmond. Removed from district.

III. The following named enlisted men are hereby discharged from military service of the State upon application of the company commanders for the reason that they have joined the United States army: Private Edward L. Gee, Company C. First Sergeant George L. Wirtenbaker,

Company D. Appointed second lieuten-ant in the United States army. By order of Colonel George Wayne An-C. G. BOSSIEUX, Captain and Adjutant.

Others who are discharged are:
Privates William D. Gentry, Leon G.
Rogerson, Eugene H. Wilson, and Sergeant-Major Thomas J. Nugent.
LIST OF PROMOTIONS. The following promotions have been

Sergeant Joseph Conway, Company A, to be first sergeant.
Private William J. Montgomery, Company A, to be corporal. Private George A. Bongee, Company A, to be corporal. Sergeant Harvey L. Bew, Company H,

to be first sergeant.

Corporal Cary, A. Throckmorton, Company H. to be sergeant. Private John D. Pitts, Company H, to be corporal.

Corporal Dorsey T. Davis, Company E. to be first sergeant, vice Venable.

Private Samuel E. Blanton, Company

Private T. D. Gilliam, Company I. to be corporal.

Private G. G. Robertson, Company I, to be corporal. Private J. A. Armistead, Company I, to

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First Sergeant V. D. Venable, Company I, is reduced from first sergeant, and is appointed company quartermaster-sergeant at his own request. MUSICIANS DISCHARGED.

The following enlisted men of the regi-

ment are also discharged from service upon their own application: Battalion Sergeant Percy H. Richard-

Musicians William T. Gressett, John Kessnick, William L. Putnam, Antonio Rocchocciolli, Mosses Stein, all out of bounds of command.

A great many of the members of the regiment, who served out their terms of enlistment, have reinlisted. Almost all of these in Company F became members of the regiment again immediately after their discharge. BATTALION DRILL.

Companies C and F made a fine showing at the battalion drill at the Seventieth Regiment Armory at Seventh and Marshall streets last night. Colonel Angrada. son, Captain George B. Shackelford, and Captain C. Gray Bossieux were present nd complimented the men upon their improvement in handling their guns and marching. Colonel Anderson is devoting much of his time to the work of training the members of the companies here. His school for the officers has proved most popular thing ever established by a commanding officer of a Virginia regi-

Lieutenant Ernest M. Hardy, who has been on an extended trip to Canada, has returned to this city and was at the battalion drill last night. He is much improved in health.

Colonel Anderson last night received the style of new hat, which is to be worn by the officers.
The members of the Richmond compan-

es are showing great interest in military provement among them within the last week. They were much benefitted by

The little silk cord decoration and the tassel, the ruche, the sack coat-this last under immensely improved condi-tions—are well established revivals from fashions of the sixtles

DEMAND FOR LABOR

POSITIONS ARE NUMEROUS, BUT WORKMEN ARE FEW.

WANTS A THOUSAND NEGROES.

Southern Railway Alone Makes This Appeal-Contractors Are Hampered and Wages Go Higher Than Ever

That there is a great demand for la-borers throughout the State and country is evidenced by the fact that several rep-resentatives of coal mines and railroads have been here during the last few days to get large numbers of men to go West

Labor-Agents Smith and R. W. Elsom have received hundreds of letters asking for able-bodied men. One man in Missouri wants 150 men to do construction work on a railroad. Coal operators in Virginia and West Virginia have sent here to get men to work in the mines. The Chesapeake and Ohio railway recently carried a large number to the New River regions to operate in the mines The Southern railway carried several hundred negroes from Charlotte, N. C., to work in the mines in West Vir-

CLASS OF MEN NEEDED. Messrs. Phillips, Allen and Allport, who racking the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, have carried a large number of negroes from this city The Southern railway is advertising for

1,000 negroes to do excavation work in double-tracking its line between Washngton and Atlanta Brickleyers, carpenters, stonecutters, and painters are also in great demand. Negroes who know how to make bricks can demand good salaries. The brick-yards here have been idle part of the time because of the inability of the proprietors.

to get men to work in them. One of the proprietors of two large brick-yards in the eastern part of the city said last night: "My men were going to quit me. but I told them I could not do without them. I said 'Tell me what you want and I will give it to you.' I had to give every man an increase in salary.

HAMPERED WORK IN BUILDINGS.
The inability of contractors to secure carpenters, bricklayers, and painters has nampered the work on many of the new buildings now in the course of construction in the city. Never before in the his-tory of the city has there been such a demand for these sort of men.

The proprietors of the brick-yards in Powhatan and Charlotte counties report that they are unable to get the number of men needed to manufacture brick.

CIUDAD BOLIVAR BOMBARDED.

Many Persons Killed or Wounded-

Six Hundred Shells Fired. CARACAS, VENEZUELA, August 26-Ciudad Bollvar, capital of the State of Bolivar, has been bombarded by Vene-

zuelan warships, and many persons were killed or wounded. The place has a large British population, and the British subjects have requested that a warship of

jects have requested that a warship of Great Britain be sent for their protection. It is alleged that atrocities have been committed at Cludad Bolivar by both the government troops and the revolutionists.

Ciudad Bolivar is still in the power of the revolutionists. The town was first upon day and night by the gunboats Bolivar and Restaurador, which attempted to land forces to reoccupy the place. About 600 shells were fired into the city. When the ammunition of the Restaurador was exhausted she left for La Gualra to obtain additional supplies, after which the bombardment will be resumed.

There are no foreign warships in the Orinoon river to protect the interests of the Powers, and the British Government is being blamed in certain quarters for abandoning the three thousand subjects of Great Britain who reside in the district of Culdac Bolivar.

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WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURA-

WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURA-COA, August 26.—The Dutch Government has notified Venezuela that it refuses to recognize the blockade of Venezuelan ports, as being non-effective.