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Auction Sales.

TO-DAY.

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs,
(Successors to J. C. McGuire & Co.,)
Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

LARGE SALE OF EXTRA CHOICE FRENCH, CHINA AND GLASS WARE, COMPRISING BOHEMIAN BLOOMING ROSE, DOMPRISING BOHEMIAN, DAISY, ROSETTE MOSS AND MONTHLY ROSE, PERPETUAL CLIMBING ROSE, MAGNOLIA, ORNAMENTAL SHADES, GRAND AND LEMON VASES, &c., &c.

On FRIDAY AFTERNOON, April 29, 1870, at 3 o'clock, at our store, we will sell a large and extra choice and superior collection of the above goods.

Terms cash. R. JARDIN, Porter.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.

FUTURE DAYS.

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SIXTEEN BUILDING LOTS AND THE WHOLE OF A SQUARE IN THE FIRST WARD AT AUCTION.

On MONDAY AFTERNOON, May 2d, 1870, at 5 o'clock, in this our Auction Rooms, we shall sell the following unimproved property: Lot 1, square 77 (all of square south of Maryland avenue); square 30; lot 9, square 87; lots 4, 5, 7, and 11 in square 91; lots 10, 12, and 13, in square 92; lot 4 in square 72; lots 16 and 17, in square 76; lot 11 in square 104; lots 27 in square 80.

Terms: One third Cash; the balance at six and twelve months, for notes bearing interest. A deposit of $20 will be required on each purchase.

Title to the property indisputable.

Conveyancing and revenue stamps at cost of purchaser. COOPER & LATIMER,
ap27 2&d Auctioneers.

BY WM. L. WALL & CO., Auct'rs,
New Marble Building,
Nos. 930 and 932, E. st. near Pennsylvania avenue.

GUARDIAN'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

The undersigned, guardian of the minor children of William McDermott, deceased, in pursuance of a decree of the Orphans' Court of the District of Columbia, passed on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1870, and which was duly ratified by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1870, will offer at public sale, on THURSDAY, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1870, at the hour of Six o'clock p. m., in front of the premises, sell all the right, title, interest, and estate of the said minors in and to the following described property, situate in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, being the south part of lot No. 10, in Square No. 37, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, being the west end of the south line of north I street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth street, and running back south at an equal width from said north line of said lot, to the rear line of said lot. And at the same time will sell all of the undersigned's undivided right, title, interest and estate in and to the same property, situate in the city and District aforesaid, and known as lot No. 9, in said square No. 37, fronting on said north I street, and improved by two commodious BRICK DWELLING HOUSES, each numbered as the most desirable localities of the city.

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DORSEY & DANNELLY,
ANNE C. MCDERMOTT,
Guardian.
THOMAS DOWLING, Auct'r.
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VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY ON THE HEIGHTS OF GEORGETOWN, FOR SALE AT AUCTION.

On TUESDAY, May 3d, at 5 o'clock p. m., will be offered, at public auction, on the premises, the most valuable property on N. W. corner 2 9th and High streets. The house was built four years ago, and of the best materials. It contains thirteen large rooms, with butler's pantry, gas and water, and all the conveniences particular for a first class residence. Brick partitions throughout the house, making it fire-proof. The property has a front of 50 feet, and a depth of 120 feet. It commands an extensive view of the Potomac river. There is an excellent Stable, Carriage and Cow House on the premises.

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WASHINGTON FACTS AND IMPRESSIONS.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS yesterday were $461,757.14.

SECRETARY BELKNAP will leave here this evening for New York on personal business, and will be absent a few days.

CITIZENS of the Fourth ward remember that to-morrow closes the registration in your ward.

SECRETARY ROBESON intends going to Annapolis to-day to witness the rowing match between the champion oarsmen of the graduating and first class.

THE PRESIDENT and his family, accompanied by General Porter, and Secretary Cox and lady, left here yesterday for West Point to visit his son, who is a cadet there. The President will be absent several days.

GENERAL SHERIDAN telegraphed the War Department yesterday that he should leave Chicago without delay for Black City as the Indian troubles were growing more serious every day.

GEN. SHERMAN returned here last evening, after a brief inspecting tour of the fortifications along the Potomac. He will leave on his Western tour shortly, and will give especial attention to the northwestern frontier.

J. B. JOHNSON, M. D., of the St. Louis Medical College; J. S. Moore, M. D., Missouri Medical College; N. S. Davis, M. D., Chicago Medical College, delegates to the Medical College to be held in this city, have arrived in town.

A TELEGRAM was yesterday received at the Navy Department from Havana, stating that the volunteers had rebelled and assumed charge of affairs. The Aspinwall steamer had been detained by the volunteers, and the impression prevailed that they would take charge of the island.

IT MUST BE APPARENT to all who read the proceedings of the German mass meeting last night that whatever else our German citizens may do, there is not a man among them who will support Sayles J. Bowen for Mayor. That seems to be clearly determined.

AID OF THE RICHMOND SUFFERERS.—A subscription has been started in this city in aid of the more destitute by the Richmond calamity. A committee will be appointed to-morrow to receive such sums as may be contributed, and give the money the proper direction.

RACHOFF ITALIAN OPERA.—The Brignoli Opera Company gave a fine illustration and interpretation of the music of Donizetti in their admirable performance of "Lucia Di Lammermoor," at Wall's Opera House last evening to a very good house. To-night "Il Trovatore" will be given.

THE HOUSE Committee on Foreign Affairs yesterday considered and about completed their report upon Paraguay. This subject has been a long time under consideration, and a vast amount of testimony has been taken. Meantime Lopez has been killed and his government overthrown, which deprives the report of that interest which would attach to it had events taken a different course.

A. B. MULLETT, supervising architect of the Treasury Department, has gone to New York for the purpose of examining the work on the new post office building. The Secretary of the Treasury will in a few days advertise proposals for furnishing the iron work for that structure, making one of the largest contracts ever given out by the Treasury Department.

THE ACCOUNTS of the late Collector J. F. Bailey, of the Thirty-second New York district, are being brought up by the clerks in the accounting division of the Internal Revenue Bureau, and the exact deficit will probably be ascertained by the first of next week, when the papers will be placed in the hands of the First Comptroller for suit and prosecution to recover the amount of the bond.

HON. JOHN T. NIXON, who was yesterday nominated for judge of the United States district court for the district of New Jersey, graduated at Princeton College in 1841, and came to the bar in 1845. He is one of the most distinguished lawyers in the State, and has held various offices of honor, trust and profit. He is not unknown to our citizens, for he represented his district in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congress. His appointment was recommended by Secretary Robeson, Senator Cattell, Representatives Moore, Hill and others.

BIDS FOR STATIONERY.—Bids for furnishing stationery for the Treasury Department for the next fiscal year were opened yesterday, and it will be several days before the award can be made. They were as follows: Blanchard & Mohun, John C. Parker, Philp & Solomons, French, Langran & Ogilvie, and N. R. Russell, of this city; P. W. Derham, E. Devoe & Co., Frank H. Smith, Wolf & Graham and the Rubber Clothing Company, New York; E. D. Lockwood, Philadelphia; Greenleaf A. Taylor, Manufacturing Company, Chapin & Gould, Manufacturing Company, E. Morgan, Manufacturing Company, and Carew Manufacturing Company, Springfield, Mass.

THE EXCITEMENT caused in this city by the terrible calamity in Richmond on Wednesday, and the intense anxiety manifested to know all the sad details, impel us to devote unusual space, to the exclusion of other matter, to the telegraphic reports relating thereto, as well as to extracts from the Richmond papers. The circumstances cannot fail to appal the stoutest heart, and to create everywhere a deep feeling of sympathy for the bereaved community.

THE HOWARD INVESTIGATION.—The Howard investigating committee, at its session yesterday, concluded the examination of Mr. R. M. Hall, the real estate agent, who testified that he had sold the lots of the university under instructions from the trustees. He sold one of the lots to General Bullock for ten cents per foot, and one to Mr. Alvord for eight cents per foot. The total sales made by him during the three or four months during which the property was in his hands amounted to about $150,000. Which he turned over to Messrs. Bascom and Whittlesey for the trustees. He was further examined in relation to the Barry farm, but nothing material was developed.

Prof. Ogden, of the Fiske University, at Nashville, was examined in relation to the investment of certain moneys received from the Freedman's Bureau in bonds of the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington.

Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, a member of the committee, questioned him quite closely in relation to this transaction, and the witness fell into the error, from the name being the same, of supposing that he was being examined by the United States Attorney General, and was not aware of his mistake until he had left the committee room.

A FULL REHEARSAL of the Choral Society will take place at Lincoln Hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

THE STRICKEN CITY

Further Particulars of the Richmond Calamity.

THE CONDITION OF THE INJURED

THE HOUR OF GRIEF AND GLOOM

Funeral Marches to the Grave

Touching Accounts of the Survivors

The Last Solemn Messages of the Dying.

Richmond, Like Rachel, Weeping for Her Children.

Meeting Yesterday in Capitol Square

Impressive Addresses of Governor Walker and Others.

The Full Details of the Sad Affair.

RICHMOND, April 28.—To-day, all the houses of business have been closed, having crape on the doors and the inscription: "Closed on account of the calamity at the Capitol." The streets have been filled all day with funeral corteges. In the funeral procession of the dead policemen both sets of police join. All the late political feeling seem to have been forgotten. The bells of the city have tolled all day, and the streets wear the appearance of Sunday. A crowd of about seven thousand people is now assembled in the park, hearing addresses of condolence from Governor Walker, Judge Orth, Judge Crump, ex Governor Wise, and others, delivered from the southern portico of the Capitol.

Thomas S. Baldwin, one of the injured, died to-day. He was from Newark, New Jersey, and owned a large clothing house here. That is the only death which has occured since yesterday.

Both houses of the Legislature held an informal meeting this morning and agreed to unite with the citizens in any general funeral procession that may be determined upon.

The body of the colored Senator Bland was sent home this morning, the hearse being followed by white and colored members of the Senate to the depot.

Ex-Gov. Wells is better to-day.

SECOND DISPATCH.

RICHMOND, April 28.—Business is almost entirely suspended. In the city to-day bells are tolling, and the day is being observed as one of general mourning. The citizens are nearly all attending the funerals of friends who were victims. So great is the demand for hacks and hearses that it is almost impossible to obtain them.

In several instances funerals will take place from the same church, one just after the other; the funerals of Mr. Thomas H. Quarles and Captain Fishegra Wollolk are now taking place together from Sycamore church. The church is crowded, and the remains are escorted by the Howitzers, the Grand Division Sons of Temperance and other organizations. The funeral of N. P. Howard, esq., is also taking place from St. James church, which is crowded. The funeral of Policeman Cox has just taken place, and the remains are escorted by the members of the police force. At 4 o'clock, the funerals of Patrick Henry Aylett, Powhatan Roberts, Samuel A. Eaton, R. H. Maury, jr., and young John Turner will take place.

This morning at 11 o'clock Thos. C. Baldwin, the clothing merchant, died from his injuries, after great suffering. Mr. W. C. Dunbar, agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, is better, and there are hopes of his recovery. Ex-Gov. Wells is better, but his condition is still considered critical. The point of one of his broken ribs has entered his left lung, which causes much spitting of blood.

One of the most remarkable escapes of yesterday was that of D. R. White, member of the Legislature from Elizabeth city. He fell through the floor with the rest and did not receive a scratch. He did not leave the spot, but despite the suffocating dust remained and worked vigorously to get out the wounded and dead.

From conversations with many of those who were in the court room at the time of the accident I am convinced that the accident was caused, as is reported in this morning's *Dispatch*, and illustrated by the diagram. Major Kelley of Fredericksburg was conversing with Mr. Aylett when the crash commenced and says he was killed by a beam from the gallery. The larger number of deaths occured among those persons who were standing under the gallery. Dr. Brock was just in reach of it, sitting at his table writing, when the same beam that killed Mr. Aylett struck him. When he was brought out from the ruins he was breathing, but expired in a few moments. The scenes on the capitol square were such as cannot be described. In several instances wives came upon the bodies of their husbands.

One of them was so shocked that it is scarcely hoped that she can live through the day, and another is insane with but little hope of recovery. A member of the Legislature describes his fall as follows: "I heard a low rumbling sound, and fell myself sinking rapidly. I was facing the gallery, and saw it falling towards me. Fortunately it did not reach me. I saw the men scrambling over each other in the gallery, and heard what seemed to be one unearthly yell of agony, which seemed sent up from one mouth. Then came the crash, and I sank into darkness."

I found myself under a mass of rubbish with a dead body over me, a wounded man under me, and another at my side. The poor fellow under me said, "Oh, me! but if I could only fear God always as I do now! How wicked I have been all my days! Oh! God forgive me! Spare me, and I will be a true follower of Jesus." The man at my side exclaimed, "Oh death where is thy sting! Oh grave where is thy victory!" I heard a number of cries all about me. Some were speaking about their wives, others of their children, while others were begging for six. I believe many of the men died from suffocation, for, although but little hurt myself I should have died from suffocation if I had not been removed when I was.

Mr. Jaynes tells the following touching incident concerning Dr. Brock: "I was sitting behind Dr. Brock and fell under him, I lay with my mouth to his cheek and could feel him growing cold. He asked my name and I told him who I was. He said, "I am dying; tell my poor wife how much I loved her and thought of her in my last moments."

Telegrams of sympathy, offering help for the afflicted are coming in from all parts of the country. A citizen of New York has given authority to a gentleman here to draw on him for a thousand dollars for the relief of the sufferers. A telegram announces the death from sorrow of Mrs. Brown, the wife of one of the victims.

An experienced architect, who has reviewed the plan of the Capitol building, says that the girdle which gave way was composed of two pieces of timber bolted together, making when combined, an area of 12 by 20 inches. It was formerly supported by columns, which were subsequently removed to improve the appearance of the Hall of the House of Delegates. In the centre of the girdle was a mortise, which reduced the available strength to 9½ by 20 inches. The fatal error was in making interior changes without examining the girdles with reference to their capacity to endure the new stress placed upon them.

[THIRD DISPATCH.]

RICHMOND, April 28.—There have been about twenty-five additional funerals this evening, the majority of which took place in pairs. Hearses could not be obtained for all of them, and furniture wagons, appropriately draped, had to be substituted.

While the funeral of Patrick Henry Aylett was going on, five processions passed the church.

The funerals of John M. Turner, a little page in the House of Delegates, and Powhatan Roberts, a prominent lawyer here, took place from the Monumental church at the same hour. The General Assembly attended the funeral of young Turner in a body. The pages of the House acted as pall-bearers, and the scene was very affecting, and there were none present who were not in tears. Young Turner was a bright handsome boy, about thirteen years old, and universally loved. The funeral of Patrick Henry Aylett took place from St. Paul's church. The church was not much crowded, the people seeming to have acquired a liking for open-air funerals. The streets about the church were crowded with citizens, and there were numbers of ladies in the windows and portices adjacent.

Major Calvert, late State treasurer, makes the following statement:

"I was in the clerk's office, just under the gallery, looking through a window in the court-room. Standing by my side was Manry, Roberts and Baldwin. I was nearer the door leading out. A friend of mine started to come in. He remarked, 'I will not stay here; it is much safer outside than it is inside.' He stepped out of the door, and had hardly disappeared when the crash came. I tried to get to the door. I had almost made my escape, when I was borne down into the darkness below. I hardly remember anything but the confused din of voices and falling timber. I found myself entirely covered. My left side seemed nearly crushed, but my right arm was free. With this I removed the rubbish from about my head, and was thus enabled to breathe a little. I was released in about three quarters of an hour. My left leg was badly broken and my left side bruised."

In pursuance of the announcement a mass meeting of the citizens was held in the square this noon. About four thousand persons were present, and the steps and seats of the Capitol. On the portico were gathered the General Assembly and many prominent citizens.

Gov. Walker presided and addressed the meeting as follows:

Fellow-citizens, you are gathered upon an occasion more sad, distressing and mournful than you or I ever witnessed before. A great public calamity has befallen us. "In the midst of life we are in death." Death, sudden and terrible, has come amongst us, and in the height and glory of our festivities. It is eminently meet and proper that we should meet together this day and humbly recognize in this appropriate manner the terrible visitation of a mysterious providence.

I pray God, my fellow-citizens, that during the remainder of my life and your life ourselves may never again rest upon a scene so appalling and heartrending as that we witnessed here yesterday, when, where all was life and happy, over fifty of our fellow citizens, in a moment, without warning or preparation, were suddenly plunged into eternity. It was indeed, my fellow-citizens, one of those awful sights which rends the heart, which no tongue can describe, and which has to be witnessed to be appreciated. On a solemn occasion like this it is fitting that we should appeal to the throne of grace for aid and succor in this our time of misfortune.

Rev. Dr. Hoge then offered prayer.

A committee on resolutions was appointed, headed by Judge W. W. Crump, and the following resolutions were reported:

With bleeding hearts we come meeting, with an overwhelming sense of our bereavement, we have assembled to ratify our sorrow for the dead, to offer our tenderest and deepest sympathies to the living and to mingle our tears with those whose households are of which the angel of death has so suddenly passed. With heads bowed in reverential awe before the Great Dispenser of events, we contemplate with staggering amazement the appalling terrible catastrophe which has burned into eternity our friends, and our fellow citizens. This fearful disaster which has brought consternation and mourning to us all, without distinction, has in the most sorrowful terms to the fullest, touched that chord of sympathy among us which makes "all mankind kin."

Nor has this dread calamity been confined alone to the mourning city, but it has cast its sombre shade throughout and beyond the limits of Virginia. In the capital of our State, within the honored precincts of that hall where justice sits supreme among us, in a time of profound tranquility and safety, when nature is renewing her life under the glowing warmth of a vernal sun; when in unison with the spring time, heart and hope rose highest; without warning or an instant death, the mighty mass, in the twinkling of an eye, crushed to death some of our most valued citizens, conspicuous alike in public and private life, and occupying every position of usefulness among us. Though accustomed by years of painful experience to the sight of sensational death, these were the inevitable hazards of war to those who stood upon the perilous edge of battle, and though nature would have suffering, for days of anguish would flow, yet there was not wanting to our grief the keen pang which has pierced our hearts in this unexpected and stunning shock which has bowed our souls in woe under its dread dispensation.

More than two generations have passed away since our people have been called to mourn a catastrophe so portentious. It is fit that we should follow the example of our fathers, and humble ourselves before God in humiliation and in prayer, and ask for His mercy and His grace to support us in our heavy affliction.

Be it therefore resolved, That we mourn with profound grief the sudden and terrible one and our city has suffered in the death of her citizens, that we offer with saddened hearts and tearful eyes our profoundest sympathies to the bereaved and to the suffering, and fervently pray that the days of affliction are so may their strength be.

2. That Wednesday next, the 3d of May, be set apart as a day of humiliation, prayer and religious service, on which day the people of this city are requested to meet at their respective places of public worship at such hours as may be designated by the clergy, who are respectfully invited to co-operate in the purposes of this resolution.

The Judge followed in a few remarks, so full of eloquent sympathy, so fervent in their appeal to all of the citizens of the city to repair to their respective churches at the time designated and upon bended knees to implore the great Jehovah to extend His succor to the afflicted and bereaved, that many of those present, old and young, were unable to repress their sobs and tears flowed freely from many eyes.

Judge Crump spoke forcibly of the horrors of the scene of yesterday, the dead and dying, the horrid pit where old and young were mingled, some crushed out of the semblance of humanity. He contrasted the beauty of the day, the grief of our people, and said Richmond was like Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted because they are not.

Mr. A. M. Bitly briefly addressed the meeting, alluding in most affecting terms to the loss of Hill, Jno. M. Turner, one of the pages of the House.

Hon. Henry A. Wise, drew a vivid picture of the horrors of yesterday, and in alluding to the fearful spirit which had overtaken sufferers and workers on the occasion, asked why such a spirit should not continue to animate us!

The meeting then adjourned with a benediction offered by Dr. Hoge.

The streets are as still as on a Sabbath. Active measure are on foot for the relief of the destitute families, and contributions are offered from all quarters.

[FOURTH DISPATCH.]

This afternoon has been one of funerals. In some of the churches three or four bodies were before the altar at the same time. Many of the ministers denounced the carelessness of modern architecture, which placed in jeopardy the lives of citizens. In nearly every principal street of the city funeral processions were going out to the cemeteries. All business was suspended. The *Dispatch*, *State Journal* and other newspaper offices were draped in mourning. The flags on the Capitol, custom house and all public buildings, and on all the vessels in the harbor, were at half-mast. The railroad trains coming into the city were covered with emblems of mourning, and many of the trucks and carts through the streets were also so covered. At all the funerals the old organizations to which the deceased were attached turned out. At one of them the State Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, now in session here, followed the corpses to the cemetery.

Governor Walker to-night received a telegram announcing that the Illinois Constitutional Convention had to-day adopted resolutions expressive of regret at the calamity in Virginia, and adjourned out of respect to the sufferers; a suitable reply was sent by the Governor, thanking Illinois on behalf of the State of Virginia. A dispatch to the *Enquirer* says that Fredericksburg has closed her business houses; the town bells were tolled all day, and the merchants are arranging means to raise funds for the sufferers here.

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