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NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY. WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14, 1874

THE VIRGINIA SENATOR.

RESULT OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE VISTERDAY.

R. E. WITHERS THE NOMINEE.

SCENES AT THE CAPITOL.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE SENATOR-ELECT, Erc.

The interest manifested in the senatorial nomination was unabated yesterday morning, and long before the hour for the relising of the Conservative conference of the members of the two houses of the General Assembly the lobby at the capitol and the clerk's office of the House of Delegates while leading his regiment in the final charge, were throughd by an eager crowd of inter- in which the enemy was routed. He reested and anxious spectators.

MORNING SESSION.

halloting was commenced, a rule was adopted by the caucus to drop the canadate on each ballot who received the smallest number of votes. clock the caucus met-Senator eral times he attempted to resume his com-

ry in the chair. but it the delay, the business of the

metrence was commenced, and the ballotad was as follow ::

Bellot (or forty-eighth since the concus first assembled) .--- Hunter, 17; Withets, 25; Geode, 19; Barbour, 10; G. C. Walker, 9: Onld, 5 ; Robertson, 5; Monta- until he surrendered to General Wright on stuart, 16; Christian, 5; John W. Montague dropped.

whendth .-- Hunter, 16; Withers, 25; de, 21 : Barbour, 10; Ould, 7; G. C. 7: Robertson, 5; Stuart, 14; Chrissmith, 9. Robertson dropped. eth.-Hunter, 18; Withers, 27; 21; Barbour, 12; G. C. Walker, 11; a: stuart, 13; Christian, 8; Smith, s. ould dropped.

st -Hunter, 16; Withers, 28; Barbour, 13; G. C. Walker, 11; Goode, 22 Christian, 10; Smith, S. Smith Stuatt. dropped.

1.-Hunter, 19; Withers, 28 Goode, 19: Barbour, 15; Walker, 11; Stuart. In; Christian, 13. Walker dropped. Fifty-third .-- Hunter, 21; Withers, 30: Goode, 22; Barbour, 17; Stuart, 29; Christion, 12. Christian dropped.

with,-Huuter, 28; Withers, 30; Goode, 26: Barbour, 19; Stuart, 22. Barbour dropped. Fitthefifth, - Hunter, 32: Withers, 34:

. 31; Stuart, 30. Stuart dropped. At this hour (11:50) the Conference adjourned until 1 P. M.

ATTERNOON SESSION.

RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, 1874. was greeted throughout his address, and the LOCAL MATTERS. enthusiasm which his presence excited. showed conclusively that the choice met a

CONDITION OF THE CAPITOL AND SUPREME warm response in the popular heart, espe-COURT BUILDING .- In a communication to cially among the old soldiers who were gaththe Governor in regard to the State capitol the Superintendent of Public Buildings

says that after the well-remembered calam-This is the second occasion upon which ity in April, 1870, the timbers supporting Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia has been the floors over either house of the General elected to the high office of United States Assembly were renewed in a substantial manner, and are now in good condition. The remaining floors of this story are still senator. Hon. John F. Lewis was the first and Colonel Withers is the second. Colonel Withers will succeed Mr. Lewis, supported by the timber placed there about whose senatorial term expires on the 4th the year 1782, and there is no reason to sunpose they are in better condition than those broken with such fearful result in 1870, ex-**Biographical Sketch of Colonel**

cept that they are subjected to less strain. Since his occupation of his office no crowds Colonel Robert E. Withers, the Virginia centleman who has been thus honored by fof people or passage of heavy weights have been permitted in the vestibule or upon the the representatives of the Old Dominion in balcony around the rotunda; nor does he the General Assembly, was born in Campdeem it safe there should be in the future. bell county, Va., in 1821. He graduated at The condition of the floors on which are the University of Virginia, and became a

the legislative halls he thinks absolutely bad. practitioner of medicine, to which he de-That they are in a state of decay requiring voted himself exclusively for ninetcen years. He resided first in Campbell and then in early attention may be judged from the con-Danville, going to the latter place in 1858, dition in which was found the one under and there remained until the late civil war. the Washington statue, removed last autumn. These, where encased in brick, were so de-Colonel Withers entered the war at its becayed as to crumble at the touch, and only ginning, and in April, 1861, came to this city those parts exposed to air were capable of in command of a battalion. Here he was assustaining any weight at all. As the arching signed by Governor Letcher to the comof the basement rooms are similar to this mand of the Eighteenth Virginia regiment. one it is only safe to conclude that all tim-He participated in the battles of First Mabers under the halls are in a state of decay. nassas, Seven Pines, and Gaines's Mill. In the iast-named he fell dreadfully wounded strength would follow; but everything indicates that they were introduced after the occupation of the building ceived wounds through the right lung, the not for purpose of strength, but to renpelvis, and arm, together with a wound in der fire and, perhaps, burglar-proof those the scalp. So fearful, indeed, was he woundrooms wherein were kept the moneys and ed that his recovery was considered almost hopeless. He, however, so far recovered as attention of the Governor and heads of goto feel that he could return to the field. Sevmand in the active service, but was so much disabled that each trial was found to be in vain. Colonel Withers, indeed, has not yet been entirely restored from the effects of his conclusions. No immediate apprehension need be felt, but no delay beyond the present

fearful wounds. He was before the close of the war assignsession should be permitted for its renewal ed to the prison post at Danville, and held it with iron or wood. The walls and roof of the capitol are, in his opinion, strong and the 22d of April, 1865.

When the war ended he was too much of a cripple for the country practice of medicine, and seeking some pursuit better adapted to his physical condition, he became editor, first of the Lynchburg News, and afterwards of the Richmond Enquirer. The Colonel showed readiness and facility as a writer, and the floors, wainscoting, and windows or wrote with vigor and force, and we can say that for his honorable, fair, and manly conduct as an editor he was an ornament of the profession.

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cred at the capitol to hear the result.

A Coincidence.

Withers.

In the spring of 1868 he was nominated for the office of Governor, and canvassed the State against the Radical party and the then pending Underwood Constitution. He so aroused public opinion against the Constitution that the military authority (General Canby), fearing its rejection, postponed the vote upon it.

Before the campaign was over the "Liberal movement," as it was then called, was set on foot. It contemplated a union of Liberal Republicans and Democrats, and Colonel Withers being rather ultra, it was thought,

was then nominated upon the fusion ticket, and greater comfort obtained. The Superintendent again asserts that this our day and country there is a constant amand the grand triumph of that tie and the grand triumph of that ticket fol-lowed, which is familiar to all the readers of the Dispatch. For Colonel Withers's torgnanimity at that time it has been ge rerally thought that he should have been honored some repair during the next summer. with some prominent position, and his In the square much could be done in the friends thought it a good opportunity, and drives, and introducing granite flagging, adding to the number of gas-lamps, and increasing the number of seats. The railing around the square should be painted, to preserve it. The condition of the Court of Appeals just pride and self-respect. building, in which is the valuable law-library, is precarious from its great exposure to fire, it having a shingle roof, lower and in close proximity to other buildings. The court-room is too high for its size, and the

HAMPDEN SIBNEY COLLEGE. This body convened in the rooms of the

DALLY DISPATCH

Young Men's Christian Association at 71 advance by our counsels and our labors. o'clock last night, and was called to order by Judge E. H. Fitzhugh, of Richmond, who at a preliminary meeting in the afternoon had been made chairman of a committee to report at night on the organization of the

The committee reported the following nominations of officers, who were unani-mously elected : President, Hon. James V. Brooke, of Fauquier; Secretary, Frederick Johnston, Esg., of Salem, Roanoke.

The report also recommended that all elders, deacons, and ministers of the Presbyterian Church and the professors and trustees of the college be considered members of the body, and that all alumni and

friends of Hampden Sidney present be invited to seats as corresponding members. Hon. J. V. Brooke then took the chair, briefly indicated the objects of the meeting, and then called out Rev. Dr. M. D. Hoge, who had been chosen for the purpose, to make the address of welcome.

Dr. Hoge then came forward and made vithout manuscript, and in his usually happy style, the following address :

Address of Welcome by Dr. Hoge.

Mr. President,---It is made my pleasant office to welcome the alumni and friends of Hampden Sidney to this city. In the name of our Presbyterian people, and of the Were these arches solid or perfect great friends of education, I express the pleasure we feel in seeing you in this convention and in entertaining you in our homes.

Your errand here is one of no ordinary interest. Just now other and important topics engross public attention ; but the excitement they occasion will soon subside. valuable records of the Commonwealth. The The agitation in the current of political life will presently cease, and the stream will veryment departments, and of the venerable move on with a tranquil and, as I trust, a Colonel Munford, who has so long known happy and prosperous flow. But our in the capitol, was called to the condition of terest in the cause of Christian education is the timbers as then exposed, and they con- perennial, for that, as we know, lies at the curred with the Superintendent in these very foundation of all that is healthful and enduring in national prosperity.

It is true we meet to consider the interest of a single institution, but that is the best way to advance the welfare of all the rest. It is with education as with our common Christianity : each denomination concentrates secure. The smoke-flues are all in bad its energies on the cultivation of the part of condition-their original construction was the field committed to its especial care; and defective, being without lining. The effect when each does its peculiar ecclesiastical produced by heat, rain, and coal-gas has been long cracks in the inner wall, permit- | work efficiently, then the whole field is made fertile, and all the reapers in the end rejoice ting smoke and gas to find its way through

together. And this leads me to say that as there is door-frames, into the offices and halls, rentrue and essential unity between all the difdering them at times almost uninhabitable. ferent branches of the great Christian fam-This trouble has been aggravated by the atily, so the principles and aims of the friends tempt to carry smoke over arched ways. No of education are one, and they may say "let permanent remedy can be applied without a considerable expense. The abandonment of there be no strife among us, for we are brethren." We do not meet here in a spirit the use of grates and a reliance on the heating apparatus is the only remedy. The ceiling of rivalry or hestility toward any other school of learning in all this broad Commonin the library is loose and falling, and should wealth. It is not our province to criticise be renewed. The large heater in the library their organization or policy. We are not should be divided into two parts and placed in position nearer either end of the room. As their supervisors. They are amenable to the great public, just as we are, and the success it now stands, a dead weight of between or failure of their systems will be deter-6.000 and 7.000 pounds directly over the

mined by the people, and not by us. Senate chamber, he does not consider it safe to so heavily tax the supports at one point, Indeed, the position which Hampden Sidney occupies is one which secures her from when the annual addition of so many books for that time, - the State being still out of the Union-he yielded to the wishes of many friends and withdrew. Governor Valker the heat would be more evenly distributed, friends and withdrew. Governor Valker the department of the heat would be more evenly distributed, friends and withdrew. Governor Valker the heat comfort obtained. and statues continually adds to the weight it hostility on the part of other institutions.

of this progress. Presbyterians should reember that they were among the pioneer

by the body.

CONVENTION OF THE FRIENDS OF | him to the position which he graces; and | ready to shed His benignant beams upon the thus we are intertwined in many happy ways youth gathered there. There had been with the college whose fortunes we seek to scarcely a session without a revival. He related two touching incidents of recent con-

Gentlemen of the Convention, I wish you versions at the college of young men from could have gathered here during the beautihis section, and of the deep feeling with ful autumn weather, which has extended which the mother of one of these exclaimed so far into winter as to make us when she got the news : " If I had a hunalmost forget that there was to bee a dred sons I would send them all to Hampseason of gloom and storm. But you den Sidney."

may console yourselves with the thought The matter was further discussed in the same general spirit by Rev. M. L. Lacy, of Lewisburg; Frederick Johnston, Esq. of that, no matter where your homes may be, the weather is now a little worse there than it is in Richmond ; and I trust in the hospi-Salem (whose grandfather, Peter Johnston, table families where you are guests you will had donated the land on which the college find blazing fires and warm hearts and an stands); Rev. Dr. Read; Judge Ould; J. B. Old Virginia welcome, which will compen-Ficklin, Esq., of Buckingham; and John sate you for whatever is cheerless to night Howison, Esq., of Fredericksburg. At 10¹/₂ o'clock the Convention adjourned in the aspect of nature.

place.

Delegates Present.

The names of delegates were then called for, and the following reported :

Hon. James V. Brooke, Warrenton; Fred. Johnston, Salem; J. Harman Brown, Baltimore; J. C. Whitwell, Washington, D. C. James D. Armstrong, Romney, W. Va.; A. R. Blakey, Charlottesville; Hon. E. H. Fitzhugh, Richmond; Colonel A. W. C. Nowlin, Hillsville, Carroli county; J. D. Ghizelin, Norfolk; Colonel W. F. C. Gregory, Petersburg; Alexander Donnan, Petersburg; John Howison, Fredericksburg; Hon. Robert Ould, Richmond; Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D.,

their respective boards of directors, as fol-Richmond; Rev. J. P. Smith, Frederickslows: burg; Rev. C. H. Read, D. D., Richmond; FIRST NATIONAL BANK. Major Robert Stiles, Richmond; B. C. Gray, Messrs. Isaac Davenport, Jr., William Richmond; R. T. Brooke, Richmond; Wm. Hatcher, John Purcell, Frauklin Stearns P. Mayo, Richmond ; Jas. Miller, Richmond Carlton, M. L. Straus, R. L. Brown, W J. D. K. Sleight, Richmond; R. V. Somer-ville, Richmond; F. B. Watkins, Richmond; C. R. Barksdale, Richmond; S. H. Hawes, Yarbrough, T. W. Doswell, and A. Y. Stokes. The board will meet at noon to-day to

Richmond; J. M: Allan, Richmond; J. R. F. Burroughs, Richmond; George Gibson, take the usual oath and elect a president. PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK. Richmond; Charles D. Hill, Richmond ; Messrs, John B. Davis, John A. Belvin, George L. Crow, Norfolk; A. B. Venable, Charles E. Whitlock, N. M. Wilson, John Petersburg ; Rev. M. L. Lacy, Lewisburg L Childrey, S. M. Rosenbaum, George S. T. N. Lupton, Winchester; Rev. P. B. Price. Palmer, J. B. Pace, E. D. Christian. Rockbridge; Hon. T. S. Flournoy, Dan-A meeting of the board was subsequently

ville: Hon. A. D. Dickinson, Prince Edheld, at which Mr. John B. Davis was unani ward : Henry Hoke, Prince Edward ; D. M. mously reflected president for the ensuing Watkins, Farmville; James T. Spencer, Farmville; Francis H. Scott, Farmville; Thomas J. Sarden, Appomattox county; Rev. H. H. Hawes, Farmville; Dr. A. G. year. Messrs. E. O. Nolting, T. W. McCance, G Grinnan, Orange county; H. L. Holladay, F. Watson, H. K. Ellyson, W. K. Watts, Orange county; James B. Ficklin, Bucking-ham county; Colonel D. Kemper, Hampden James W. Allison, James T. Gray, William H. Palmer, T. William Pemberton, Claiborne Watkins, O. H. Chalkley, and John Sidney ; Rev. Dr. J. M. P. Atkinson, J. D. Eggleston, Prince Edward; A. R. Blakey, Charlottesville; Rev. S. W. Finley, Rom-F. Allen.

The board met in the afternoon and organized by the reëlection of Mr. E. O. Noltney; James D. Armstrong, Romney. ing president. The Endowment Fund.

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK. Judge Robert Ould moved that this Con-Messrs. Thomas Branch, T. R. Scott vention approve of the purpose of the trus-Charles L. Todd, A. Y. Stokes, Richard Irby tees to raise \$260,000 for the endowment of Hampden Sidney College. He said that in

B. J. Johnson, Archer Anderson, A. S. Bu ford, W. J. Leake, Z. W. Pickrell, W. J. this age of the power of the almighty dollar this endowment is absolutely necessary ; and Johnson. whether we raise the amount at once or not, The above-named directors will meet a

he thought we should make our plans to acthe Merchants Bank at 12 M. to-day to qualify complish this object at the earliest possible and elect a president. day. He would therefore move this general The statements of the National Bank of Virginia, First National Bank, and the resolution and bespeak its cordial support Planters National Bank, which appeared in Hon. Thomas Stanhope Flournov corthe Dispatch of vesterday, show that each of dially seconded the motion of Judge Ould. He rejoiced at the progress of eduthese institutions is in a flourishing coudition, and that notwithstanding the panic and stringency of the money market they have cation throughout the State, and at the prosperity of other colleges-naming especially each paid a dividend of ten per cent. to their Randolph Macon and Richmond Collegestockholders, besides adding largely to their

and he wanted that we should keep abreast | surplus fund. OLD DOMINION INSURANCE COMPANY .- The

MORTUARY REPORT .-- The following is the mortuary report for the week ending Saturday, January 10, 1874, compiled from sextons' returns received at the office of the Board of Health :

THE DISPATCH

TERMS OF ADVERTISING:

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to meet again to-day at 10 A. M. in the same

In spite of the weather, a large congrega-

tion was present. The speeches were able

and earnest, the spirit of the meeting ad-

mirable, and the purpose of the Convention

Elections in the National Banks.

the general meeting of the stockholders in

all national banks, the several banks in this

city held their annual meetings and elected

NATIONAL BANK OF VIRGINIA.

Yesterday being the day fixed by law for

to accomplish their object very manifest.

Whole number of deaths in the city, 40. In addition, 7 still-born were reported-4 white, 3 colored. Sex: Males, 23; females, 17. Color: White males, 13; white females, 7; colored males, 10; colored females, 10. Age: One day to thirty, 4; one month to six, 3; six months to twelve, 2; one year to three, 8; three years to five, 1; five years to ten, 1; ten years to twenty, 2; twenty years to thirty, 3; thirty years to forty, 4; forty years to fifty, 4; fifty years to forty, 4; forty years to seventy, 3; seventy years to eighty, 2; un-known, 1. Condition: Single, 25; married. S; widowers, 1; widows, 6. Nativity: United States, 35; Germany, 3; Nova Scotia, 2. Lo-cality: Marshall Ward, 5; Jefferson Ward, 10; Madison Ward, 8; Mouroe Ward, 7; Clay Ward, 4; Jackson Ward, 6. By whom certified : Regular practitioners, 29 :: Coroner, 2: Board of Health, 9. Cause of death : Anæmia, 1; burns, 1; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1; consumption (3 whites and 2 colored), 5; convulsions, 3; croup, 2; de-bility, 2; diarrhœa (chronic), 1; diphtheria, 1; dropsy, 1; drowning (accidental), 2; dysentery (acute), 1; fever (remittent), 1; fever (typhoid), 1; hemorrhage from lungs, 1; infantile lockjaw, 1; meningitis, 2; old sge, 1; paralysis, 1 ; pneumonia, 7 ; premature birth-2; teething, 1; unknown, 1.

COMPARATIVE STEEKLY MORTALITY.

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Total deaths	0	10 2	18	25	13 2	10	20	20

owned by Major Thomas W. Doswell, was disposed of by raffle at the Ballard House last night. The animal was valued at \$1,000. and was won by Mr. Watts, of Roanoke.

UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN THE RICHMOND POST-OFFICE JANUARY 13, 1874 .---Chaffin, Staples & Shafer, Real Estate Brokers ; Dunlop & McCance, Richmond, Va. ; Mrs. William L. Smith, Waynesboro', Au-

THE SNOW. - Snow commenced falling yesterday afternoon about half-past 1 o'clock but it did not lie upon the ground, and by dark a cold, driving rain set in.

Assembly HALL .- The interior of Assembly Hall is being remodelled and rearranged.

CHESTERFIELD COURT .-- The County Court has been in session for the past two days-Judge Wm. I. Clopton presiding. The grand jury, through Wm. E. Spears, foreman,

True bills against Peyton Spurlock, R. E. Rudd, J. R. Molair, Dandridge Stokes, and G. W. Browder, for felonies, and against Cyrus McTyre and E. H. Foote for misdemeanors; not true bills against Joseph Cros-tick for felouy, and Cornelius Goode, Isaiah Johnson, George Bartley, and Emmet Powell, for misdemeanors.

RAFFLE .- The blooded horse "Orion,"

gusta county, Va.

in anticipation of the coming of Janauschek.

MANCHESTER IFEMS.

found the following presentments :

Peyton Spurlock, R. E. Rudd, and Dandridge Stokes were committed for further trial before the next term of the Circuit

bargain, sale, &c., admitted to record during

A large amount of civil business has been

ADJUDGED A LUNATIC .- A commission com

sisting of Justices Chiles, Campbell, and

tion of Jacob White (colored), residing at

has declared him non compos mentis. He

was delivered to his friends under bond un-

THE NEW CHARTER.-The joint committee

of the trustees and citizens have completed

the work of preparing the town charter, and

one thousand copies have been ordered to

be printed. The charter has yet to be rati-

fied either by the citizens' committee or the

til such time as he can be received into the

the past month.

transacted.

by the proceedings of the General Assembly, the two Houses were in ssion but a short time, and at 12:30 the cineus met achin, instead of 1 P. M., as was at first agreed. The first ballot had at the alternoon session was the-

Interspecta, which resulted as follows: Hunter, 43; Withers, 43; Goode, 39. Goode dropped.

The contest was now between Mr. Hunter and Colorel Withers, and the friends of each candidate awaited with nervous anxiety the panouncement of the vote which should decide the senatorship.

The Result.

At 1:35 P. M. cheer after cheer was heard paceeding from the House, and a moment - it was announced that Colonel Robert Withers had received the nomination. e vote stood as follows: Withers, 69;

Hunter, 54. And when the vote was ansensed a prominent member of the Legisature and a very warm supporter of Mr. Huster moved to make the nomination unanimous ; which was done with a hearty good-will. The crowd in the lobbies received the

nomination of Colonel Withers with Vociferons Applause and Cheers.

Colonel Withers himself was in the Senate hamber, where he had been presiding over the morning session, and from which he had seen unable to make his way to his quarters because of the crowd which blockaded the way. His friends rushed into the Senate chamber and gave him the warmest congratulations. He received them very quietly, but with evident pleasure, saying : "I thank 1 appreciate as 1 cannot express the kind efforts and cordial good-will of 'my friends.

Presently some gentlemen who had voted against him came up and said: "Well, Colonel, we made the best fight against you we could, but you are fairly nominated. and we congratulate you on the result." Colonel Withers replied : "I thank you. I have no animosities against any who honestly opposed me. It has been a gallant but a fair fight."

Major J. W. Daniel, of Lynchburg, rose on his crutches and proposed Three Cheers for Our New Senator,

which were given with a hearty good-will.

Remarks of Colonel Withers. Colonel Withers now attempted to leave the capitol, but the crowd gathered around him and literally forced him into the hall of the House of Delegates, and were so clamorous for a speech that he at last took the stand and said that he uttered the simple struth and no trite common-place when he assured them that his " heart was too full for utterance."

He had upon this occasion no thought but one of profound gratitude for the high honor conferred upon him in deeming him worthy to represent this proud old Commonwealth in the highest council of the nation. He would make no pledges for his course as her representative. When he forhis mouth.

It had been said that he was an extremist-that he was always looking back and front of the earthworks and cowered down mourning over the "Lost Cause." He would close under the edge of the works. These say in reply that he did dearly love Old Virginia--her glorious history and her grand tra-ditions and usages-but he trusted that he they fell in front of the Confederate works fully appreciated "the situation," and that he would be found ready to support any country.

He deemed it proper to say that he in currency from the person of Richard Confederate lines. Thus, stripping Butler's Irby, W. C. Knight, and Robert H. Whit-B. SPENCE & FON. taking honored the distinguished citizen (Mr. Hun- rhetoric of its fiction and substituting facts, This venerable college has peculiar claims able her to get into the car of progress. He lock. Jones. ENGLISH HALF-HOSE, only four dollars pe ter) who had been his competitor on the last we find that his three thousand colored upon our regard. Wherever her sons have honored his Baptist brethren for their noble dozen, for sale by E. B. SPENCE & FON. MESSENGER APPOINTED .- Mr. A. R. Jone ballot, and fully appreciated the fact that he gone they have made men better-and woeffort in raising \$300,000 for Richmond Col-RUSH BUBGESS CASE-AGAIN .-- Under date troops were defeated by two companies of has been appointed messenger in the Audihad high claims on Virginia for most distin-Virginia infantry and one of Louisiana artil- of January 13th, 1874, W. A. Gavett, United men happier. In the field of agriculture, lege, and all others who are pushing forward FURS VEBY CHEAP at P. WEISIGER & CO.'s. and during the war. He did not neeognize hundred and fifty men; and Butler was not cial clerk of Supervisor Perry, have certified in the race, but he called upon Presbyterians not to lag behind. They must and would tor's office vice W. P. Buel, resigned. commerce, art, manufacture, they have been HATS OF ALL THE LATE STYLES for sale at P. successful laborers. Whether they practice favoritism for himself; but he regarded it as in the field before, during, or after the fight. to Hon. J. W. Douglass, United States Com-a simple expression of the fast the regarded it as WEISIGER & Co.'s, 1201 Main street ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION .- The anniver resolve to do this thing, and he thought that the healing art or plead at the bar, or sit on the bench, they reflect honor on their Alma the only question was as to how it could be ary celebration of the Ciceronian Literary P. WEISIGER & Co., TSO1 Main street, are selling done, and that, he thought, had best be re-Society of Roanoke College will be held on a simple expression of the fact that the time their country. They ought to be handed have thoroughly investigated the charges great bargains in furs. Mater. Her clergymen speak for themselves has come when Virginia has determined to bestow some of her honors upon the men who hundred " at Balaklava. We are not sur-bared their honors upon the men who ferred to a committee to mature plans. and, as you see, some of them speak a long Monday evening, February 23d. President, bared their breasts to the storm and served her as best they could in the tented field in were men "after his own heart" in the third collection district, by Colonel O. T. Beard, and find all of said charges false to the venerable college by peculiar ties. The data were men "after his own heart" and he presumed Benjamin Haden, Virginia; Orator, David M. Cloyd, Virginia. Debaters; William McK. Murell, Virginia, Thomas C. Herndon, Ken-J. Harman Brown, of Baltimore, was pre-AUCTION SALES THES DAT. soon the Lat of And the product of th Many of its influential families are connected or \$400,000 if necessary, and he P. CRENSHAW will sell at 10% A. M. furni-COUK & LAUGHTON, 10 A. M. bo Acquirren.--In the Hustings Court yester-day Solomon Carter was tried for abducting Rebuce. Orange and acquitted. Biture, COOK & LAUGHTON, 10 A. M., SP Ja had truer friends." an, corner of se tors, wines, and gro The applause with which Colonel Withers stated, may mean something. and the tides. Yet its main fact, as above

nominated him as Lieutenant-Governor iu August last .. General Kemper was nominated over him by the Conservative Convention, and all parties combined to bestow upon him the second place, which he accepted under a sense of duty, in spite of his

In every relation in life Colonel Withers has proved his loyalty, valor, truth, and virtue; and as Senator from this C6mmonwealth will honor the office he has been placed in.

The Election.

The nomination of Colonel Withers by the Conservative members of the Legislature vesterday of course amounts to an election. though at noon to-day the two Houses will meet (with the usual formalities) in joint assembly and cast their votes for the nominee of the party.

A Soldier Tells how Ben. Butler and

his Colored Troops Fought. [From the Portsmouth Enterprise, 11th.]

In the House of Representatives, Wednesday, Ben. Butler became eloquent in defence and E. G. Leigh, secretary. of the colored troops and the civil-rights bill. The telegraphic report of his speech says:

"He described with great pathos a charge made by three thousand colored troops under his command on a rebel fortification on the James river, and said that when he rode among the dead after the fight and saw their bronze faces turned up to the morning sun he swore an oath ever to defend the rights and interests of that race which had given its blood for him and for the country, and God helping him, he would keep that oath The prejudices which he had had against the

negro up to that time all departed then." How touching ! how pathetic! and what a pity it is not true! We remember the assault to which he refers, for there was but one such as-ault made. It was in the

summer of 1864, upon an earthwork named Fort Gilmer, and we write knowingly, for we saw it. The fortification was at the Exchange Hotel this evening at 71 ties which make up the beauty, worth, and manned by a company of artillery from Louisiana and two companies of Virginia

infantry reserves, and upon these three companies Butler's thousand colored troops made their charge. There was plainly visible from the Confederate works a line of white troops behind the negroes, and the supposition was that they were placed there to keep the negroes from running away. Neither did the colored troops fight very nobly. As soon as the Confederate shots began to tell among presented, read, and appro them they scattered like sheep. Hundreds prostrated themselves on the

ground as if they would burrow in, afraid either to advance or retreat, while all over the field they could be seen in the absurdity got the honor and interests of Virginia he of their fright dodging behind corn-stalks cunning and his tongue cleave to the roof of vain hope that they would shelter them from the fire of the Confederates. About a

hundred and fifty reached the trench in were captured after the rest had retreated.

he had he would have been seen from the drey, Robert B. Lyne, George Lee, Richard

floor is strong and safe, but precaution must be used in properly distributing the burden and among colleges to swell out into the it necessarily bears. The furnace, boilers, and pipes are in fair condition, but will need the right of any institution to do this if i

voice sounds as within a bell. The sewerage is defective, and attention has been called to it by the Board of Health of the city.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY .- At the meeting of the Executive Board of the State Agricultural Society held at the Exchange Hotel last night there were present : Colonel . S. Meem, S. S. Bradford, S. W. Ficklin, M. Bannister, James Newman, J. D. H. Ross,

The Committee on Fair-Grounds verbally reported that the Fair-Grounds had been leased for one year to Thomas L. Crouch for the sum of \$1,695,50.

Colonel W. C. Knight, Dr. P. Moore, and Major A. H. Drewry were appointed a committee to prepare a premium-list and rules and regulations for the next Fair, and Presbyterian population, "In Hampden Sidwere instructed to report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

Messrs: Banister, Drewry, and Burke were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the treasurer and secretary to the 1st January, 1874. A communication of the president of the

Society suggesting certain amendments and addenda to the constitution was read and its propositions discussed. The amendments approved by the board

will be submitted to a meeting of the life

o'clock. LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA .- The second annual meeting of the trustees of the Virginia Department of the Life Association of America was held yesterday evening at 5 o'clock at No. 1015 Main street-John G. Spotts, Esq., in the chair and Colonel John

The report of the Board of Trustees was presented, read, and approved. It shows an increase in the amount of premiums-receipts for the year of over fifty per centum, and one hundred and thirty-five per centum on the amount of loans over the previous year. These loans are secured by trust deed on real estate within the aggregate of four hoped that his right hand might forget its standing from the previous year's crop, in the times the amount. The report also shows that every dollar of interest due has been collected, and that no deaths have occurred within the past two years.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

P. C. Warwick, president; E. L. Hobson vice-president; John B. Cary, secretary Professor J. S. D. Cullen, medical examiner had arrived at the age of discretion, that he and in full range, and Butler did not ride Thomas Branch, treasurer ; Page & Maury, fully appreciated "the situation," and that among them after the fight, nor during attorneys. Directors : E. L. Hobson, John among them after the fight, nor during attorneys. Directors : E. L. Hobson, John the fight either. Neither did he go near G. Spotts, Andrew L. Ellett, Robert H. measure that would be for the promotion of enough to them to see "their bronze faces Maury, Robert E. Blankenship, Peter C. her prosperity and of that of the whole turned upward to the morning sun," for if Warwick, Thomas Branch, John K. Chil

bition among academies to become colleges. dimensions of universities. I do not deny

pleases. But Hampden Sidney is content to be simply a college--a connecting link beway of brick-paving the walks, graveling the tween the primary school and the university ambitious only to do honest, thorough, scho larly work, and to deserve all the patronage she receives. Though the curriculum is retained, it is not the curriculum of the olden time; but one which is conformed to the

advanced and advancing educational standards of the day. As each passing year registers a higher grade of scholarship, there is less and less danger that Hampden Sidney will be the institution upon which the traditional story is fathered, that the Professor of Mathematics in assigning the first lesson to the State, and the world.

his class in geometry told the boys that they might commit twenty pages in Euclid, tak-ing care to state that it was only the texts that were to be memorized, and not the de-

monstrations, unless they were doubtful about their truth, and adding, that for his own part, his mind was fully made up!

But while we attach due importance to the maintenance of a high standard of scho-W. C. Knight, president; A. H. Drewry, larship, we are equally intent on preserving W. A. Burke, J. D. Rogers, Robert Beverley, the right religious influence in our college. larship, we are equally intent on preserving We profess to be a Presbyterian college. We distinctly and unequivocally avow it and if possible we mean to perpetuate that

characteristic; not in any sense sectarian so far as the inculcation of our peculiar ecclesiastical tenets is concerned, but in the sense that Hampden Sidney is Presbyterian in its times, and he wanted the plans well ma-

origin, in its traditions, in the influences which surround it. We wish to be able to say to our whole

ney you have a college which is Presbyterian in every sense in which a college ought to be denominational, without being exclusive, or narrow, or designed to exert improper control over the religious liberty of the students gathered there."

We hold that a true system of culture attempts to give both to the intellectual and the moral powers their completest possible development; to draw forth and invigorate all that constitutes force in man, whether of understanding, will, conscience, or affection : members of the Society that will assemble the symmetrical education of all the facul-

happiness of life. There is a celestial as well as a terrestrial side of our humanity. Like the great image which the king saw in his dream, man, by his sensual nature, may indeed touch the

rise higher the materials become richer and finer, until the whole structure is surmounted by a head of gold. Religion is the crown of man's highest and noblest powers, and no system of education can be complete which does not aim at the development of the faculties which God meant to be regnant in humanity. It about the best means of adding to the ca-

meet in this hall. We commence our work according to our Presbyterian modes of action. We have not

well. We did not anticipate a large attendance-that will come when the proper time for it comes. Now we meet to take the incipient steps, and to prepare for the time when I hope to see thousands of our people gathered in this city to complete the work we inaugurate to-night ; and when the hundredth anniversary, now near, actually does

come, I trust our centenary will be a joyful celebration of our accomplished under-

of education in Virginia-that they were, in fact, the real founders of all of the earlier colleges of Virginia, save William and Mary.

It would not do, then, for us to fall behind in this race, or for Hampden Sidney to lag behind her sister colleges in Virginia in their noble work. If Presbyterians allow their college to fall they may expect the Church to suffer in consequence, and he hoped that this Convention would not only pass this resolution, but that they would also mature plans of action by which to secure this mo-

derate amount (for he considered it moderate in proportion to the ability of the Synods). and place this venerable institution on a tirm, stable, and growing foundation, that it might be in the future even more than it had been in the past-a blessing to the Church,

Major Robert Stiles called out the President of the college, Rev. Dr. Atkinson, to state in a few words the exact plans of the trustees.

Dr. Atkinson said that the plan was, in a word, simply to add \$200,000 to the present endowment.

In response to a question from Rev. Mr. Findley, of Romney, he said that the endowment of the college at present is about county. \$85,000.

Hon. James D. Armstrong, of Romney, wanted more information as to the ways and mitted. means of accomplishing this object. He did not want a mere resolution, which would by Judge Ould for the plaintiff in error, and amount to nothing. The amount proposed continued till to-day. was a very large one to be raised in these

tured and wisely executed. He would be glad to hear more of how it is to be done. Rev. Dr. Atkinson was glad that Mr.

Aimstrong had raised the question. He wanted the fullest and freest discussion of this most important scheme. There were really two distinct questions involved: 1. Ought the endowment to be increased to the amount indicated ? - 2. If so, how can it be accomplished? The resolution of

Judge Ould only declared it expedient to raise the amount. Upon this point he thought there could be no doubt. In this new age there are new requirements, American education is more thorough now than ever before-more in accordance with European models-and while a few years ago \$50,000 would have been considered a large addition to an endowment it was a

small sum now. He drew a vivid contrast between a col-

lege thoroughly equipped in its buildings, library, apparatus, and the number of its professors, and one not so weil equipped, earth with feet of kindred clay, but as you and insisted that the latter must suffer at the hands of her generous rival. He said that the present condition of Hampden Sidney is not what it ought to be. It has very excellent buildings, but the grounds need improving; it has a very fair apparatus, but it needs large additions ; and while the library

has been well selected, they greatly need is to consider topics like these, and to confer more books. It did not become him to praise the faculty, yet he would say that he pacity of our college for usefulness, that you would not exchange his four colleagues for any others to be found ; but these men are

very inadequately paid. They wanted more professors. They were determined to keep called together our people at large, but their it a college, but they wanted to have as good representatives, to lay our plans wisely and a college course as could be found in the country. They wanted a professorship of English and one of Modern Languages. Modern Languages are now very admirably taught, but they wanted an independent chair. In a word, they wanted seven chairs adequately endowed, instead of five inadequately endowed.

> Colonel Gregory, of Petersburg, said that Hampden Sidney had talent equal to any on the continent, and her alumni were the peers of any; but she wanted more money to en-

annual meeting of the stockholders of the J. R. Molair was bailed in the sum of Old Dominion Insurance Company was held \$3,000 for his appearance, with A. G. Babat their office last evening at 6 o'clock, when cock, H. W. Hey, and Robert Beattie as sethe following directors were reëlected for curities. the ensuing year : Benjamin H. Nash, H. K. George W. Browder was bailed in the sum Ellyson, Andrew L. Ellett, Thomas Potts, of \$1,200, with Isaac Kabn as surety. John W. Wright, John H. Guy, T. William The clerk reported sixty-three deeds of

Pemberton, M. T. Clarke, William B. Isaacs, I. S. Tower, J. W. Archer, R. W. Powers, Alexander Walker, William G. Paine, Thomas Branch, A. S. Buford, C. R. Skinker, E. B. Addison, and O. H. Chalkley.

This company is one of the most prosperous and best managed institutions in the city. It has a capital stock of \$200,000, and Jones has inquired into the mental condipassed to their surplus over \$60,000, and its Hull street and the Petersburg railroad, and business has increased 100 per cent. over its

business of the preceding year. SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS, YESTERDAY, The following business was transacted in

this court: Judge E. S. Pilts qualified as an attorney in this court.

Burkholder, &c., vs. Ludhun and als. Appeal allowed from a decree pronounced by he Circuit Court of Lynchburg. Redd vs. Jones, &c. Appeal allowed from a decree of the Circuit Court of Nottoway

SPECIAL COURT OF APPEALS, TUESDAY .-- In

this court the following business was trans-

Tutwiler's administrator vs. Leake and als.

Further argued by Mr. William B. Lettell

Taylor vs. Hutcheson. Remanded

ington Railroad Company. Passed by.

docket of Supreme Court.

and Lynchburg, &c.

receiver.

acted :

till to-day.

THE TOWN CEMETERY .--- Messrs. Chiles Campbell, and Gary, of the trustees, have Stewart vs. James River and Kanawha examined several eligible sites for a town Canal Company. Fully argued and subcemetery, but have not as yet decided upon any location. A report will doubtless be Town of Danville vs. Pace. Partly argued

people in mass-meeting.

Central Lunatic Asylum.

made at the next meeting of the Board. POLICE COURT .--- Justice Chiles has had a number of disorderlies before him this week. and fines amounting to \$16 have been collected

NEW ROAD .-- Messrs. Andrews, Ordway & Green having petitioned the County and Colonel John H. Guy, and continued Court for a new road from their quarries the property-owners on the proposed route have been summoned to appear at next court to show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted,

Towle, &c., vs. Alexandria and Washing-SUNDAY-SOBOOL CELEBRATION .--- The infant class of the Baptist Sabbath school will be entertained on Thursday evening by Super-CHANCERY COURT OF RICHMOND, TUES-Intendent Chiles and others of the officers DAY .- The following cases were disposed of :

Patton's administrator vs. Fry, &c. Order and teachers of the school. modifying the decree of November 29, 1873, TEMPERANCE NOTICE .- Martin A. Harris and John B. Graham, who represented Grant Section, No. 5. colored Cadets of so as to require advertisement in Richmond McAlpine vs. Cullen, &c. Final decree Temperance, in the Grand Section at Pe-

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approving and confirming the receiver's actersburg, have returned. The post session. counts, and showing payment in full of p'aintiff's demand, and revoking power of will be held in Norfolk. PARTRIDGE COCHINS -- We saw on yesterday :

to

Kent, Paine & Co. vs. Downey, &c. Define trio of Partridge Cochins, which had been shipped to a gentleman of this city. These were cree settling up the record of a suit the papers of which were destroyed. the handsomest birds that we have ever seen. They Hallowell, guardian, &c., vs. Hallowell,

were well marked, and in splendid coadition ; in, &c. Decree referring cause to a commisfact, they were perfect beauties, and excited much sioner for inquiry and report. admiration. They came from the well-known Harrison vs. Caskie, &c. Decree in conyards of Mr. W. H. CHURCHMAN, Claymont, Del., formity with opinion of court heretofore rendered, recommitting the cause to a commissioner for further account, inquiry, and first-class, and contains many varieties. If you report.

CIRCUIT COURT .- This court was in session yesterday, but transacted no business of pubcigar, news, and variety slore, No. 1402 Main street. No wonder ; he is almost giving them away. lic interest

PARDONS REFUSED .- The Governor bas refused to pardon Stephen Thayer, convicted in the Corporation Court of Norfolk of grand larceny and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, and Thomas Duffy, convicted in the Hustings Court of Richmond of assault with intent to kill and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

SENT ON TO THE GRAND JURY .- JUSTICE White, yesterday, sent on to the grand jury Fanny Taylor, charged with stealing \$50

