STATE LEASES DAVIS HOUSE FOR OFFICES

Takes Over Structure Standing at Corner of Capitol Square for Two Years.

MAY PURCHASE SITE LATER

Offices at Seat of Government Now Quartered Outside of the Capitol Square Costs State $8,612 Per Annum in Rent Alone.

In order to save the State several thousand dollars a year in rents and to promote efficiency much as possible, by grouping numerous offices under one roof, Governor Stuart yesterday placed his signature to a contract which leases for a term of two years, from October 1, the old Davis house, at the corner of Thirteenth and Franklin Streets, to be used as an office building by the various State departments now quartered in rented space. The State has the right to purchase the property during the life of the lease.

For office room in quarters other than the Capitol and Library Buildings, the State is now paying an annual rental of $8,612. The new arrangement will afford a saving of from $4,000 to $5,000 a year. Further than this, the fact that the departments will be quartered under one roof will mean the saving of much time now spent in going to and from offices in widely separated sections of the city.

No consideration has entered into the selection of the old Davis house, said Governor Stuart yesterday. The first-floor space under its lease can be put in shape in which the public business can be transacted, and thus reduce as much as may be the danger in which State business is now placed from fire. The old house is just to the rear of the Capitol Square building, and, should it catch fire, would jeopardize much valuable state property. Heat for the building will be controlled by the government and will be furnished from the central heating plant.

EIGHT DEPARTMENTS ARE NOW IN RENTED QUARTERS

The work in the building will be given over to orders immediately so the State can make necessary repairs before the departments take up quarters there. This will mean only a small outlay of money. Some of the rooms will be in need of calling best and paint.

It is probable that all the departments now in rented quarters will not find room in the leased building. There are eight departments outside the Capitol Square paying rent as follows:

Offices of the Department of Public Instruction, Chamber of Commerce Building, Sixth and Main Streets, $1,400 a year; the office of the Administrator, Virginia Railway and Power Building, Seventh and Franklin Streets, $2,100; chemistry division, Department of Agriculture, Godwin Hall, Third Street, $1,213; State Health Department, on Capitol street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, $800; storage room for the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Mutual Building, $400; State Bank Examiner, Travelers Building, $72; State Veterinarian, Lyric Building, $840; and the office of the Commissioner of Game and Game Fishes, $600.

Besides these, there are many of the state departments in rented quarters in the Capitol and Library Buildings, which must have greater space for the most effective work.

The question of more office space has been before the General Assembly for the past two years. Plans now before the Governor and a capitol commission contemplate the purchase of the Davis House, the site to be used for the erection of a new State structure, which will be joined on to the Library Building. These plans may be consummated at the next legislative session.

AMUSEMENTS

THOUGH NOT A DEBUTANTE, SHE'S STILL "THE ONLY GIRL"

Although there are four of her, she isn't a debutante this season, she is still "The Only Girl," because she is as bright and fresh as fruit, as attractive and as good-humored as pretty as she ever was. That, in a big and large and collective sense, Henry Blossom told her, Harry B. Smith and Victor Herbert put her into a heliotrope dye. Weber bought her a lot of pretty clothes and sent her out on the road to sing, chatter and dance and, incidentally, to attract some of the stares of war into the coffers of the house of Weber. She switched her way into Richmond last season and came back last night to make the job complete.

There are several things about Blossom and Herbert show that may always be counted on. Blossom's lyrics always scan and say something and his dialogue says something, whether it scans or not, and Herbert's music is sometimes lovely, frequently danceable and always interesting. When these two are combined and adapted to forward a real comedy thought by real force methods, the product is worth seeing and hearing. Whether it is an Mlle. Modiste or such a trifle as "The Only Girl."

But Dave Blossom and Herbert prove that themselves are more than they are themselves, they are worthy of the best performance Richmond has had for the latter half of the season. Nothing with the exception of the Lyric Stock Company has been more to-day. Jasper is an unknown, but his talent is undoubtedly. He is a native Richmonder for whom Homer Lind caused a sensation in the Lyric Stock company. His acting genius is of the real variety, and his voice is a delight. Miss Dixie Taylor, a native of Norfolk, is the leading woman. Miss Taylor is a pretty girl, a good actress and a fine singer. Her work in the Broadway theatre has been of artistic character portrayals.

Said to Have Stolen Goods.

Dave was arrested yesterday by Officer W. Webb Symons, on Hanover street, on a charge of having stolen goods in his possession.

"Bringing Up Father" at Bijou.

[illegible]

That Dog Jasper at the Lyric.

[illegible]

Field's Minstrels.

Among the favorites with Mr. Lew Field's minstrel organization, which will appear at the Academy of Music

The Fact That The Cook Turned Her Back While He Was Making Her His Forced Apology Enabled Willie to Retain a Portion of His Self Respect

By F. Fox

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GOVERNOR GRANTS FIVE CONDITIONAL PARDONS

Refuses to Interfere With Jail Sentence of Man Convicted of Operating Automobile While Intoxicated.

Governor Stuart yesterday granted conditional pardons to the following prisoners:

[illegible] Baker, convicted in Fredericksburg of assault and battery, and sentenced to four and one-half months in jail. Pardoned on the recommendation of the Commonwealth's attorney and other court officials.

Tom Chandler, convicted in Rockbridge County in February, 1916, and sentenced to imprisonment for one year. Pardon was recommended by Judge Holt and the Commonwealth's attorney.

Ernest Hodge, convicted of assault in the Mayor's Court, at Houston, on May 1, 1916, and sentenced to six months in jail. Pardoned on the recommendation of Benjamin Watkins Leigh.

Jacob Pettitson, convicted of jail-breaking in a magistrate's court in Chesterfield County on June 28, 1916, and given six months in jail. Pardoned on the recommendation of the trial justice.

Floyd Reynolds, convicted of housebreaking and larceny in the Corporation Court of Norfolk in September, 1916, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Pardoned on the recommendation of the judge and the Commonwealth's attorney.

The following petitions for pardons were refused:

Christian Russell, convicted of petit larceny in a magistrate's court in Nansemond County on May 19, 1916, and sentenced to six months in jail.

C. H. Epperly, convicted of forgery in Montgomery County in July, 1915, and given four years in the penitentiary.

Walter Harris, convicted of interfering with a child in the Juvenile Court of Richmond in August.

Jordan Jones, convicted of forgery in the Hustings Court of Richmond in July, 1915, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Lawton Lewis, Charles Morriele and Boyle Payne, convicted of housebreaking in Montgomery County in May, 1916, and given nine months on the road.

Fred Ford, convicted in the Police Court of Winchester of operating an automobile under the influence of liquor, and sentenced to four months imprisonment.

Ben Stevens, convicted of grand larceny in the Hustings Court of Richmond, and given tare years in the penitentiary.

Henderson Taylor convicted in the Hustings Court of Richmond in May, 1914, of entering a dwelling, and given one year in the penitentiary, with five more added by reason of the second conviction.

Southern Railway Earnings.

Estimated earnings of the Southern Railway Company for the second week of September aggregated $1,426,544, as compared with $1,318,442 for the same week of last year, showing an increase of $110,101, according to figures made public yesterday by Comptroller A. H. Plant.

Ordinance Committee to Meet.

The Council Committee on Ordinances will hold its regular monthly meeting this night at 8 o'clock for the transaction of routine business.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OPENS WITH LARGE ENROLLMENT

Attendance on Opening Day Is 313, and Others Are Expected to Arrive.

DR. MCGUIRE MAKES ADDRESS

Excellent Record of Graduates Is Pointed Out by Fact That No Member of Class of 1916 Failed to Pass State Board Examination.

With an enrollment of 313 yesterday, and others expected to bring the whole number up to more than 150, the Medical College of Virginia opened formally at noon yesterday when the dean, Dr. Stuart McGuire, made the principal address at the exercises in the old Medical College building, on Marshall Street. Short speeches were made also by L. Z. Morris, chairman of the executive committee of the board of visitors; Dr. E. L. Gray, chairman of the school of medicine; Dr. J. A. C. Hoggan, chairman of the school of dentistry; Albert Bolenbaugh, chairman of the school of pharmacy; J. B. McCauley, secretary-treasurer of the college; Philip B. Trigg, secretary of the college Young Men's Christian Association, and Rev. W. Russell Bowie, D. D., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Secretary McCauley said last night that the college authorities were very much pleased at the prospects for the coming year, both in respect to the number of students, and to the spirit manifested.

CLASSES WILL BE LARGER THAN LAST YEAR

The freshman class in dentistry will be larger than last year, in medicine larger, and in pharmacy about the same. On account of the raising of the standards for admission in the medical department, the number of the freshmen last year was comparatively small, but it is increased this year. The number of seniors in the medical department will be about 100.

In the medical department between thirty and thirty-five freshmen are expected, of whom twenty-five have already registered. In dentistry, about sixty are expected, and forty-one have already registered. Enrollment in the medical department will close September 27, and in the other departments on September 30.

The excellent record made by graduates of the Medical College of Virginia in the past is signified by the fact that not a single member of the class of 1916 failed to pass the State Board examinations. Secretary McCauley said last night that the eleven men who passed the State medical examination last year with highest honors were all graduates of the Medical College of Virginia.

Hopes Women Will Adopt This Habit As Well As Men

Glass of hot water each morning helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Hazy—bright, alert—vigorous and vivacious—a good clear skin, a natural rosy complexion—the freedom from illness are assured only by clean, healthy blood. If only every woman and likewise every man could realize the wonders of the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place.

Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions instead of the multitudes of "nerve wrecks," run-down, brain-fagged and pessimistic we should see vigorous, optimistic throngs of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

All health bath is had by drinking each morning before breakfast a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds, and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood, while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.—Adv.

A Prominent Virginia Man Writes Very Strong Letter

And tells an interesting story about his troubles—Is seventy years old.

On January 13, 1916, Mr. Edgar Jones, a prominent citizen of Forkland, Nottoway Co., Va., wrote Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga., as follows:

"I was taken sick a week or two ago with a severe cold, with shortness of breath and swelling in bowels, with much gas. I have a nearly incessant cough, much mucous from my liver and stomach, the phlegm is yellow and white, cough is worse at night. I am 70 years old, have always been temperate in all things, do not use tobacco or liquor. Have always been very sensitive to the change of weather. About 3 months ago I would have a bitter taste in my mouth at night. I bought a bottle of S. S. S. a few days ago, and since taking it I haven't that bitter taste quite so bad."

On June 7, 1916, Mr. Jones wrote again as follows: "I beg to say I am entirely well. I felt better after taking S. S. S. a day and continued to improve without any setback."

Again, on June 14th, Mr. Jones wrote: "I am proud of my health and will be pleased for suffering humanity to know of your valuable medicine. Health is our greatest wealth, and without it money is of no pleasure, because we cannot enjoy it."

Mr. Jones was suffering with a bad case of Catarrh, just as many other people are, and has told the story of how S. S. S. cured him, in plain, but eloquent words that every one can understand. Will this not convince you that it is worth your while to give it a trial?

We are approaching the season now when the weather changes are sudden and colds and catarrh become epidemic. Fortify your body against these and other dangers by taking S. S. S. It will purify and strengthen your blood, so it can throw off the cold and catarrh germs. Do this before the germs get you in their grip.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Remember, S. S. S. has many imitators, but it takes the genuine S. S. S. to do the work. S. S. S. is guaranteed purely vegetable and has been the National Blood Tonic for 50 years. Look out for the man who tries to persuade you to try something "just as good."

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