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"THE PLUMB LINE"

Rev. C. C. Cox Preaches to the Masons.

OTHER SERMONS SUNDAY

Rev. E. T. Wellford Receives Thirty Persons Into Membership at the First Presbyterian Church. Large Congregations.

Large congregations attended both morning and evening services at the Baptist church Sunday. At the morning service the pastor, Rev. C. C. Cox, preached a special sermon to the members of Bremond Lodge No. 241, A. F. & A. M., who attended in a body. His subject was "A Plumb Line," the text being Amos VII:7-7—"Thus He shewed me; and behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said a plumb line. Then said the Lord, behold I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people, Israel; I will not again pass by them any more."

Mr. Cox, in explaining the use to which the plumb is devoted, said that it was an instrument used as a guide in measuring perpendiculars. The lesson to be drawn from the instrument was that men should walk uprightly toward God and man.

"God made man upright," said Mr. Cox, "hence when he bends himself in a beastly position he gets out of his own sphere, no matter whether it is the position of the body that is changed or the character of the man which is bent into the nature of the beast. In the case of the text Israel had gone far away from the God of its fathers and the prophet Amos here holds up the plumb line to show them to what great extent they had transgressed the law of God. He also tells them as a result of this getting so far out of plumb they are to be carried away into captivity.

"I would have you consider in the first place," said Rev. Mr. Cox, "that the rectitude held up by Masonry is not rectitude from a Christian standpoint. Masonry is not a substitute for the church. The idea that Masonry can be substituted for Christianity is prevalent only among the most ignorant. It is a sin for you to permit Masonic obligations to interfere with your duty to the church. The church must come first. In Masonry we find no teaching about the resurrection.

"Masonry teaches that it is impossible to raise from a dead level to a perfect level except through the line of Christ. Therefore, no atheist can be a Mason, but it is not necessary for a Mason to believe in the divinity of Christ. Masonry is founded on the Bible; is the oldest, perhaps, of all the organizations, and claims King Solomon for its first Most Excellent Grand Master."

Mr. Cox said that if Masonry teaches anything it is uprightness of life. It is taught by the order's many beautiful symbols. He reviewed the principles of the society and showed how it differed from other secret organizations, mentioning the absence of life insurance and weekly and sick benefits, and laid special stress on the ties of brotherly love which bound Masons together and promoted acts of benevolence. He said that they acted on the principle of keeping from the left hand what the right hand did in benevolence, and especially did they endeavor to keep from the outside world the many deeds of charity performed by them.

"If rectitude of life is the [illegible] on the square in Masonry [illegible] teaches us to walk [illegible] God and man, let [illegible] Masons. We [illegible] we fail be[illegible] principle [illegible]

[illegible] for his [illegible] and for this [illegible] should be loved [illegible] be upright [illegible] should be none but [illegible] taken in.

"There are many ways in which we [illegible] upright, but I am only going to [illegible] on one. It is wisdom. The lack of it keeps us from living up to Masonry. It is a shame that so few are to be found in the lodges who are capable of filling the offices.

"From whence does that rectitude, so essential in gaining admittance to that great lodge above, come. There has been but one man who lived a spotless life, a holy life, and it is through that life that we gain it. The destroying angel will not pass over the lintels which are sprinkled with blood, but this time it will be the hearts that have been cleansed with the blood of Jesus Christ.

"The sand of time is rapidly passing through the hour glass. Soon there will be the need of the spade and the shovel. The spirit will soon take its flight. We are builders now. What are we rearing our building on? **Sand? or is it the Rock of Ages?"**

In the evening Mr. Cox preached the second sermon of the series on the life of Christ, started Sunday before last. The subject Sunday night was "Christ in the State." In his introductory remarks Rev. Mr. Cox referred to his sermon on Sabbath Observance, delivered several weeks ago. He said that notwithstanding the fact that adverse criticism had been passed upon it by some members of his church, he had no apology to make for the sermon or anything he said in connection with it. He believed the exigencies of the case called for it, and if Christ saw fit to criticise the rulers of his day he saw no reason why the ministers of His gospel should not do it today.

"WHERE ART THOU?"

At the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning the regular quarterly communion service was held. The church was crowded, every available seat being occupied, and in order to accommodate the large congregation many chairs were placed in the aisles. A large crowd also attended the evening services, strikingly emphasizing the necessity of a more spacious edifice. The music was, as usual, excellent. At the evening service Miss Clemence Cooke, the leading soprano, rendered two solos. Thirty persons were received into membership in the morning, making a total of fifty-six additions since the summer communion.

"God's First Recorded Question" was the subject of Mr. Wellford's evening discourse. Taking his text from Genesis, 3:9—"Where Art Thou?"—Mr. Wellford said in part:

"Our first reply will be compassed by the material and physical world, and locate man in relation to the sensible and objective sphere. There are celestial beings whose traits and destiny we only partly comprehend and whose complete character we await another world's light to fathom. Whether there are denizens of the world of space is a question beyond the key of human judgment, but Adam was not a celestial concerning whose character and sphere we await revelations, nor the creation of an unknown and incomprehensible world, but of the earth, earthy and a citizen of this mundane sphere.

"His lot was cast in a favored portion, where the sun rises, where the spring-time of life and the early morning of existence have their horizon; there in the Orient God planted his garden eastward in Eden and there Adam was. The fig leaves intertwined express the vain endeavor to hide from one another, and their retreat to silvan shades was a futile effort to conceal the creature from his creator.

"Again we must reply in the sphere of the natural, human, mental and moral, or character world. He was in exile. Time had been when Adam was the God of the world, knowing no superior than his creator, when he bore the image of God and had dominion over all the creatures. N[illegible] the prince of darkness had usurped and wrested the sceptre from the God-crowned king, and ruled in his stead. Now was he under the power of satan, in bondage to tyrannic influence, the slave of despot and so to continue until Christ should emancipate?

"That power to resist the evil had been displaced, and in its stead swayed an inability either to elect or effect aught that was righteous.

"Our third consideration has reference to his legal status, his supernatural and spiritual relations before Almighty God. We find that the original covenant included a penalty, and he having disregarded the articles of agreement and broken faith, becomes liable for the inevitable and just demands of such course. This guilt carried with it doom, and though nearly a millenium of years awaited him, [illegible] he was and unto dust he must [illegible] an insolvent creature. God [illegible] gaged the man and the world [illegible] the requirements of the covenant [illegible] manded a foreclosure and all [illegible] downments had legally reverted [illegible] original source.

"Now, Adam was the only [illegible] human race that we correctly [illegible] as being upon probation. Since our condition is a state of sin [illegible] until we are re-instated by the [illegible] Christ in our lost manhood, [illegible] not a period of probibility [illegible] sibility. He was thus [illegible] live head of the [illegible] about us ours.

"The last [illegible] of guilt [illegible] or [illegible]

[illegible] the aftermath, Adam [illegible] are God found him just [illegible] ful, accepted the revealed [illegible] of escape and offered sacrifice [illegible] the result of immediate presence with God at death and open acquittal before the world at the grand assize. So, shall we acquit ourselves like men and accept the proffered salvation, we shall awake in Christ-likeness and inherit the welcomed plaudit when he comes to judge the world, 'well done good and faithful servant,' and the answer to this great interrogation, 'where art thou,' shall be in joy unspeakable and full of glory."

CHESTNUT AVENUE CHURCH.

The subject—"God's People, His Witnesses to the World"—selected by the Evangelical alliance for the closing of the week of prayer, was the topic of the morning service at the Chestnut Avenue Methodist church. The text was "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts, 1:18.

"The child of God," said Rev. M. S. Colonna, Jr., the pastor, "is the only one who understands his father. Of all forms of knowledge the [illegible] which pertains to the Deity is the m[illegible] excellent, for that alone was considered worthy of being revealed and that alone is effective in the building of a character. Loyalty to one's own feelings impels the Christian to tell his fellows what he knows of God. The efforts and failures that men, unaided by scripture, have made to find him out, lay us under further obligation to testify for Him and of Him. It is a matter of the first importance that our testimony should be a full one. Our God will be somebody's devil as long as we give a garbled account of Him. Alas! That there are also many caricatures of Christ. Infidelity saps Christianity of its very substance. Immorality warps our testimony; timidity weakens our evidence. Let skepticism stop prating about a God that it has created for itself on the suggestion of the Bible. We are to tell the whole truth about Jesus to the people of the uttermost parts of the earth—to those of China and Japan and Africa. By the spirit of the Gospel, by the examples of the apostles, by the command of our Lord, by the splendid success already achieved, we are committed to the cause of foreign missions.

Large congregations were present at both services. Rev. A. G. Brown, D. D., the presiding elder, preached a sermon of rare force in the evening on "Consecration."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

At the Thirtieth Street Christian church Rev. W. R. Motley, the pastor, took as his subject "Three Reasons for Glorifying God," announcing as his text I Corinthians 6:19-20. Mr. Motley said in part:

"There is no verse of scripture, the thought of which is more diametrically opposed to the general trend of life with respect to those who are followers [illegible] Jesus Christ and concerning those [illegible] make no such profession than the [illegible]

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THE NEW PUBLIC PIER

Mayor Post Says it Will Be Built Soon.

PLANS NEARLY FINISHED

Steamer Newport News, of the Norfolk & Washington Line, to Touch at This Port Every Day. Other Vessels to Follow.

Last Tuesday the Daily Press stated on what it believed to be reliable authority that the Old Dominion Land Company would probably soon begin the erection of a dock to be used for coastwise traffic. Since that time the officials of the company have had the project under advisement and now Mayor W. A. Post is working on the plans and specifications.

The pier will be built in the near future. It will be located at the foot of Twenty-fifth street.

When seen yesterday regarding the construction of the dock Mayor Post said:

"I am confident that we will have a fine pier of the latest design in a short time and I have great hopes of its becoming a lasting benefit to our merchants.

"The plans are nearly completed and I expect to see the work of construction started in a short time. The pier will be 700 feet in length and 100 feet in width at the outer end. The approach will be 20 feet wide and near the end will taper gradually until it reaches the maximum width.

"The end will be covered by a shed about 95 feet square. Here will be the ticket and freight offices and the waiting room for passengers. The pier will be of wood and constructed on creosoted pilings. There will be berths for three large steamers and along the sides will be landing places for smaller vessels.

"It may be necessary to do some dredging, but very little. The pier will extend out into deep water. The whole structure will be lighted by electricity. There will be 32,000 square feet of surface on the wharf and the outer end alone will be capable of sustaining a load of 8,000,000 pounds.

"It is expected that all of the small steamers coming here will land at this pier. I was in correspondence several weeks ago with the general manager of the Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Company and I have been assured that the steamer Newport News, which, as you know, was built at the shipyard, will touch here every day, leaving one day for Washington and arriving from that place the following day. I, the business justifies, the two boats which operate between Norfolk and Washington will make landings here the same as at Norfolk.

"I think the Baltimore boats, the Old Dominion Line and the Southern, will touch here as a natural consequence, once the Washington steamer takes in Newport News. The Smithfield boat will, of course, land at the new pier and in time, I think, the Suffolk boat will follow suit. "How do I think our merchants and residents will be benefited by the new wharf? Well, I believe that it will be a means of developing business wonderfully. By providing landing places for small boats we will get larger quantities of produce from Suffolk, points up the river and from the opposite shore. The truckers can save a day by landing their produce here and when they come they will spend here the money they now spend in Norfolk. All of our merchants will reap untold benefits from this source.

"In conclusion I will say that this wharf will be of as much benefit to the city as an industry employing 100 men."

SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

Newport News Democratic Club Will Reorganize.

The Newport News Democratic Club will be reorganized for the spring campaign.

Preparations are now making to celebrate the second anniversary of the club at a meeting in Moss' Hall on Monday night, January 24th. The club will be two years old on the 23rd instant, but as that date falls on Sunday the celebration will take place on the following Monday. When seen by a reporter for the Daily Press yesterday Attorney Ellyson S. Robinson, president of the club, said: "It is time that we propose to revive the club and on the night of the celebration an election of officers will be held, but it remains to be seen whether the plan of campaign will then be determined upon. The club has a membership of 500 and we mean business when we go into a fight.

"By the way, this reminds me of a correction I wish you would make. The announcement that Mr. Clarence W. Robinson will be a candidate for commonwealth's attorney has confused some of my friends into believing that I am a candidate. They have got the Robinsons mixed. I am not a candidate and do not expect to be one."

It will be remembered that the Newport News Democratic Club figured conspicuously in the spring campaign of 1896, and it is expected that it will play a prominent part in the coming contest.

Heavy Fines Imposed.

Justice Brown yesterday rendered his decision in the case against the six agents of the Chicago Portrait Company, who were arrested on warrants sworn out by Commissioner of the Revenue Magruder B. Jones. A fine of $50 was imposed on each agent, making a total of $300. An appeal was noted and the case will be carried to a higher court, where the validity of the ordinance will be attacked.

Justice Brown disposed of two license cases Saturday afternoon as follows:

C. B. Nelms & Bro., charged with conducting a rental business without a license; required to take out license.

Barrett & West, charged with conducting a rental business without a license; required to take out license.

Justice Ford's Denial.

It has been reported that Justice James E. Ford was the prime mover in the charges that have been prepared by County Officer J. A. Williamson against Justice Henry F. Jones, of Bloodfield.

To a reporter for the Daily Press yesterday afternoon Justice Ford denied that he had in any way been responsible for the action of Officer Williamson.

"I deny it most emphatically and I am backed up in what I say by Mr. Williamson. It is false. I have never had any difficulty with Henry Jones and don't want any. In no way, shape or form have I been the instigator in these charges."

Dr. D. S. Harmon, optician. Eyes examined free. 358 Main street, over 5 and 10 cent store, Norfolk, Va. de 12-tf.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. H. B. Parker is ill with the grip.

Mrs. Mary E. Wills is ill at her home in the East End.

Mrs. O. G. Derring is ill at her home on Twenty-sixth street.

Miss Harkins, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. M. W. Harwood.

Mr. W. C. Harrell, of Suffolk, is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. F. Kinnear.

Miss Minter, of Thirty-fourth street, is visiting friends in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Sue Beckwith and daughter, of this city, are visiting friends in Suffolk.

Mr. Seymour Hubbard has recovered after a protracted spell of typhoid fever.

Miss Kittie Motley has returned home after a visit to her cousin, Miss Emily Casey.

Mrs. W. W. Archibald, who has been indisposed for several days, is convalescing.

Late last night it was reported that the battleship Iowa had been injured in Hampton Roads.

Mrs. E. E. Rowell has returned from Smithfield, where she spent the past week with relatives.

Rev. W. E. Powell addressed the men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday afternoon.

Miss Hattie Sinton, who has been visiting her brother in Richmond, returned home yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Andrew Boyd left yesterday for Richmond to be present at the marriage of her sister on Wednesday.

Miss Josephine Rudiard has returned to her home in Baltimore after a visit to her sister, Mrs. George Ward.

Misses Louise and Annie Nash have returned to Norfolk after a short stay in the city as the guest of freidns.

Miss Carrie Lorene Davis, of this city, sang the solo at the morning service in Trinity Methodist church, Richmond Sunday.

Miss Jennie Tucker, who has been the guest of Miss Peachin Heywood, on Thirtieth street, has returned to her home in Richmond.

Rev. George W. Wray, formerly pastor of the Washington avenue Methodist church, preached a special sermon in Petersburg Sunday night to the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

State Vice Counsellor Davis Bottom, Jr. O. U. A. M., is the guest of Deputy State Councillor Floyd A. Hudgins. Mr. Bototm, assisted by Mr. Hudgins, installed a council last night at Phoebus.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ida Solomon to Mr. Sol. Nachman, of this city, which will take place in Baltimore January 25th, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

ATTACKS DR. W. R. GRANGER.

Rev. W. H. Dixon Excoriates the Colored Physician From the Pulpit.

Rev. W. H. Dixon, pastor of the First Baptist (colored) church, Sunday night attacked Dr. W. R. Granger, the leading colored physician of the city, from the pulpit.

Dr. Granger, it will be remembered, published a communication several days ago in the Daily Press with reference to the allegation that Rev. Dixon had advised a fight on the Rev. G. T. Jones' school. The article was a sensible one, to say the least, and showed the writer to be a highly educated man.

But Rev. Dixon did not like it and after speaking at length upon his text the preacher took up Dr. Granger's communication in the Daily Press, saying: "I will only read this portion of Dr. Granger's article: 'The race has committed an extravagant folly in attempting to rear a structure in this place, both in advance of the place, the wants of the people, and their ability. An unnecessary burden has been laid upon its children and grandchildren.'" The congregation was anxious to hear all of the article, but Rev. Dixon only read the sentences quoted. He then poured hot shot at the physician. "When Dr. Granger came to Newport News," said the preacher, "I introduced him to my congregation and did all I could for him. I even allowed him to sing in the choir in order that he might advertise himself.

"I learn the doctor has joined the Episcopal church. Now let us pray for the doctor." Rev. Dixon then offered up a prayer for the man whom he had just excoriated.

It is understood that Dr. Granger's friends are displeased with Rev. Dixon's course and this may not be the end of the trouble.

Just From Africa.

Mr. Daniel Shea is the guest of Mr. Charles Y. Barclay, on Twenty-eighth street.

Mr. Shea is a mining engineer and is en route to his home in South Dakota from Johannesburg, Africa, where he has been for the last two years. He arrived in New York Saturday on the Teutonic and came to Newport News to see his friend, having known Mr. Barclay when he resided in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Mr. Shea is an interesting conversationalist. In his travels, he said, he had seen nearly all of the important harbors of the world, but the waterway leading to Newport News was the most magnificent he had ever entered. "And," he continued, "you will be surprised when I tell you that Newport News' fame as a shipping point has spread to South Africa. In marine circles I often heard the Virginia port mentioned." Mr. Shea was living in Johannesburg when Dr. Jameson made his raid on the Boers. Speaking of the Boers Mr. Shea said: "The Boer is undeveloped, but he has in him th making of a nobleman. He is courageous and will resent an infringement on his rights. The [illegible] is just and will not take advantage of anyone. The Transvaal is his and no nation has a moral right to it."

Mr. Shea will leave for his home today. He is interested in gold mining and may probably go to the Klondike fields.

Baptist Mission in the North End.

Sunday afternoon the members of the Baptist church residing in the North End, with the assistance of a few down-town members, organized a Sunday-School on Forty-fourth street, near Lafayette avenue.

Beginning with next Sunday afternoon, religious exercises will follow the Sabbath school. Rev. C. C. Cox will lead these services.

There will be a mid-week service on Thursday nights.

The following officers were eleced:

Superintendent—J. J. Watson.

Assistant Superintendent—R. F. Hopkins.

Secretary—R. E. Stephenson.

Treasurer—D. L. Atkins.

Thirty members were enrolled and the prospects for the growth of the mission are bright.

Apples, Apples, Apples.

We offer for sale this morning 50 barrels of choice apples.

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Deposit your clothes money with us. It will pay you good interest.
WOODWARD & WOMBLE.

HANNA SHY ONE VOTE

Combine Confident of Defeating Him.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN TODAY

Indignantly Enthusiastic Mass Meeting of Republicans. Charges and Counter Charges of Bribery. Sensational Development Expected Today.

(By Telegraph.)

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 10.—Senator Hanna is believed to be short one vote of election. The opposition is not sure of 73 for any one man, as against only 72 for Hanna, but they feel confident, at least, of preventing Hanna's election.

Last night the Democratic steering committee demanded of Mr. Kurtz that he furnish at least eight affidavits tonight from Republican members that they would stand with the sixty-five Democratic members in voting against Hanna. The Democratic steering committee reported tonight that they were satisfied. Representative Gayman, chairman of the House Democratic steering committee, went so far as to say Hanna's defeat tomorrow was assured.

It has been agreed by a conference committee that the balloting in the two Houses will not begin until 2 P. M., tomorrow, and there may be several changes in that time. The real work of the fight on both sides is being done tonight. The workers will not sleep now until after the balloting begins. There is a feeling among many of those opposing Hanna that if he is not defeated on the first ballot, or rather by the separate ballots tomorrow that he will not be defeated at all. These anti-Hanna workers say they had a majority of five against Hanna when they exposed their strength in organizing the Legislature last Monday, and if they come down to a majority of only one against Hanna tomorrow, the coalition may not hold together for another day.

While the opposition still insists on Kurtz as the candidate against Hanna, yet they say that Bushnell, Kurtz, or any other one would be dropped as soon as it is demonstrated that he cannot secure all of the votes of either the anti-Hanna Republicans or the Democratic members. One of the names most prominently mentioned today was that of Representative John P. Jones, who represents Stark county, the home of President McKinley. Mr. Jones is a Republican and prominent in the miners' union. He is for free silver and is advocated as the labor candidate against the capitalists.

While the mass convention of the Republicans this afternoon was the largest and most indignantly enthusiastic assemblage ever known in this State, the doubtful Republican members of the Legislature did not see it, or feel it. They were closely and liberally entertained by the opposition at the Great Southern Hotel during the afternoon, and they are there tonight. Representatives Grant, Griffin, Sumner and others are having the undivided and constant attention of the other side. There are at times lively scenes when Hanna workers invade the rooms of the opposition at the Great Southern Hotel, and also when the hustlers from the opposition camp come to the Neil House after some of the doubtful members or their friends. There is tonight doubt also about the final vote of some of those on whom both sides have been depending.

With the result depending upon one vote either way, there are several who want to be on the winning side, and may at any time change according to their belief as to which side has the necessary 73 votes, or for some other cause. Owing to the apparent closeness of the vote there are still numerous rumors of bribery for another vote either way.

The Hanna men claim to have stenographic notes of an offer of $5,000 by two prominent members of the opposition. The opposition in turn claim S. H. Hoffenbeck, a member of the Republican state executive committee, went to Cincinnati last Saturday with $10,000. It is charged that Representative Otis was offered and accepted $10,000. It is claimed that he made friendly overtures to Hanna workers to entrap them into an offer for the purpose of exposing the same, and that he will do so on the floor of the House tomorrow.

It is said that Representative Otis will pile $10,000 on his desk tomorrow and make a sensational speech when his name is called on the senatorial ballot. The Hanna men make a general denial of the Otis charges, and say that they anticipate other dramatic performances tomorrow before the balloting begins.

Outside the opposing senatorial quarters the city is filled tonight with excursionists yelling themselves hoarse for Hanna. The crowds and the excitement surpass any of the usual convention scenes.

BUSHNELL INAUGURATED.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 10.—Governor Bushnell was inaugurated for his second term today. Although the city was crowded with adherents of both Bushnell and Hanna, there was no collision between the opposing forces.

The inaugural address of Governor Bushnell was short and contained no reference to the contest of the senatorship.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 10.—The mass Republican convention at the Auditorium in this city this afternoon was the largest assemblange ever known in the history of the city. The capacity of the Auditorium is 5,000. Many thousands were unable to gain admittance. The meeting lasted from 3 until 6 P. M., with unbroken enthusiasm and intense indignation throughout the proceedings. There was repeated hissing when the names of Governor Bushnell, Mr. Kurtz and others were mentioned. The terms "traitors," "Judas" and the like were frequently used.

Resolutions describing the action of the "bolters" and their efforts to "thwart the expressed will of the people," were unanimously adopted. Republicans generally, and Governor Bushnell in particular, are appealed to to aid in defeating the aims of the "combine." The resolutions conclude as follows:

"Resolved, first, that we condemn, without reserve or qualification, this most unholy conspiracy, and protest in the name of the people of the State of Ohio against its further progress and further success.

"Resolved, further, that we call upon every Republican members of the General Assembly to be present in his seat on next Tuesday and by act and vote to carry into execution the fulfillments of the obligations assumed by him when elected as such member, and,

"Resolved, finally, that we will welcome most cordially to full co-operation with us the Republican members of said General Assembly, however they may have voted or acted thus far in relation to the subject matter of this declaration."

Congressman Burton, of Cleveland, presented a mammoth petition, with over a thousand signatures, from the home of Senator Hanna, in favor of his election.

Senator Hanna did not attend the convention nor the inaugural exercises earlier in the day.

The Senator expresses the fullest confidence in the final outcome of the pending contest.

COAL KING SIGHTED.

The Greenbrier Spoke the Barge 150 Miles Southwest of New York.

Captain Trinick, master of the C. & O. steamship Greenbrier, which arrived in port yesterday morning from London, reports having sighted Sunday morning the barge Coal King about 150 miles southeast of New York. The Coal King is a regular trader at this harbor and it will be remembered that while en route from Boston to Newport News in tow of a tug boat the hawser broke during a storm Sunday night, January 2, and the vessel went adrift. Several tugs were sent out from New York to search for the barge, but they failed to find her, and it was feared the boat had gone down with her crew of five men on board.

The Coal King was not flying a flag of distress when Captain Trinick spoke her and the men declined any assistance, probably fearing a claim of salvage. They said that they had enough rations to run them for a month, but requested Captain Trinick to report the vessel as soon as he arrived in port so that a tug would be sent to their assistance.

The Coal King's position was S.E. by E. one-half E. true 150 miles from New York; latitude 39 degrees, 21 minutes, north; longitude 71 degrees, 15 minutes, west.

The wind was northerly and the barge was under sail, heading northeast, but was making little or no headway.

It is thought that the Coal King took this course, hoping to get in the track of vessels that she might be reported.

The tug Luckenbach, by which the barge was being towed when she slipped her line, December 31, has been searching for the missing craft in the vicinity of the Bermudas.

CORPORATION COURT.

Two Cases Disposed of by This Tribunal Yesterday.

Judge T. J. Barham convened the January term of the Corporation Court yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

The court was occupied in the forenoon arranging the criminal docket for the term.

In the case of the State vs. Thomas Hoggerty, indicted for complicity in the larceny of a gold watch, Commonwealth's Attorney J. K. M. Newton asked the court to enter a nolle prosequi, which was done.

The case of Emma Foster and "Indian Bill," both colored, who are indicted for larceny, were set for Friday morning and the prisoners were released on their own recognizance. This is the theft which occurred in W. B. Baker's saloon in Bloodfield some time since, when a man named Pierce lost a gold watch. "Bom Billy" and "Bum" Johnson were implicated in the robbery. "Bom Billy" was tried at a former term, convicted and given two years in the penitentiary, but the court set the verdict aside and granted him a new trial. "Bum" Johnson escaped from the city jail.

At the afternoon session a negro named Maria Dyson, indicted for stabbing a negro named Eli Smith, was tried. The jury found her guilty and gave her six months in jail, besides imposing a fine of $5 on her.

Friend Fritz.

The theatre-goers of Newport News can justly feel gratified at the efforts of the new management of the opera house to secure high class of attractions. The Manola-Mason Company, in their famous play "Friend Fritz," which will occupy the boards tonight, is one of the best attractions on the road. The play is founded on a beautiful love story, and is interspersed with music and dancing. Everything is so thoroughly pleasing that one comes away, metaphaically speaking, with a "clean taste in the mouth." The piece has twenty-one musical numbers, and as both of the Masons are singing in fine form, local amusement lovers can rest assured that there is a rare treat in store for them.

Macharay Employs Counsel.

Karl Macharay, the man who received two bullets in his body at the hands of Ernest Suender Christmas night, yesterday retained Attorney Julius T. Saunders to assist the commonwealth in prosecuting his assailant when the case comes to trial.

Macharay has turned over to his counsel the bloody shirt with the bullet holes therein, his overcoat, which received a third bullet that escaped his person, cutting two holes in the coat at a point where it reaches the abdomen, and the flattened bullets and other evidence. Attorney Saunders says the account of the origin of the trouble, as furnished by his client, which he at present declines to make public, is entirely at variance with the reports published. He says there are other causes at the bottom of the affair, which, when brought before the public, will place the case in a different light altogether and cause a sensation.

Where is Frank Reeder?

A letter was received in this city yesterday from Mrs. Tressie Reeder, of Kansas City, Mo., inquiring as to the abouts of her son, Frank Reeder, who whereabouts of her son, Frank Reeder, who left his home in 195. When last heard from young Reeder was living in this city.

Mr. J. W. Redford Died Suddenly.

Mr. James H. Redford, aged about 50 years, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at his room over Mr. C. R. Blassingham's saloon on Washington avenue. Mr. Redford was a butcher by trade and was employed by the Newport News Supply Company. He was at his work during the forenoon, but was taken suddenly ill and died a few hours later. Mr. Redford is survived by his widow and two children.

Launching of the Battleships.

The day the Kentucky and Kearsarge are launched Powell Bros. & King will sell 800 lots at auction at Merrimac, on car line, and on Hampton Roads water front. Maps and full information can be had by calling at their office. Ja 4-tf.

Mr. J. H. Noonan, manager Warwick Wood and Coal Company, returned last evening from a trip to several counties, where he succeeded in purchasing a large quantity of wood. Ja 9-tf.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

NEWS OF RICHM[illegible]

Proceedings of the General Assembly.

THE NEWPORT NEWS BILLS

Measures Providing for Charter Amendments to be Laid Before the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns Today.

(Special to the Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 10.—The committee on counties, cities and towns will on tomorrow meet and Mr. Powell will appear before it and have a day set for the hearing of the amendments to the charter of Newport News. Mr. Powell told me today that the [illegible] on railways and internal navigation will hear all the applicants for franchises on Friday next. Among the franchises that will be asked for will probably be that for another electric railway between Newport News and Hampton.

Mr. Wenborne, of Buena Vista, introduced five bills in the House today looking to the reduction of expenses. The bills provide severally for the payment of salaries of judges and commonwealth's attorneys by the State; in prosecution, the costs by the prosecutor or plaintiff; reducing fees of jailers receiving prisoners to five cents, and when the number is fifty or over they shall be allowed fifteen cents per d[illegible] for their keeping.

The Senate has passed the bill allowing R. O. Clarke to erect a wharf [illegible] Elizabeth City county.

The Senate passed Mr. Parks' bill requiring the testing of all bonds, notes, etc., for taxation; failure to do so will deter recovery at law on the force of the instruments.

The Murphy bill to re-establish the whipping post will not pass the General Assembly, notwithstanding it has been favorably reported in the House. Some of those who voted to report the measure are said to have [illegible] order that the subject [illegible] discussed on [illegible]

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The House comm[illegible] and prisons held a le[illegible] room No. 1, on the upp[illegible] capital this morning with [illegible] of Hanover, in the chair. [illegible] mittee decided to recommend [illegible] a bill introduced by Mr. Gwyn, of [illegible] which provides that the board of [illegible] tors of the various State asylums shall consist of nine members, each one to serve three years. The members are to have their actual traveling expenses paid, but no other compensation.

Dr. Winston then submitted a bill which provides for [illegible] in amend[illegible] to the act passed [illegible] sion of the Leg[illegible] commitment of m[illegible] sociation of Virgi[illegible]

Section 1, of [illegible] that no perso[illegible] received into [illegible] the prison asso[illegible] such person shall have [illegible] of twenty-one years. The am[illegible] of Dr. Winston's bill provides [illegible] person shall be detained in the [illegible] tion unless convicted of a misdem[illegible] or felony, if a demand for his re[illegible] is made by parents or guardian.

Another provision of the existing law states the proper traveling and other expenses of the officer or guard bringing the boy to the institution and the boy shall be paid by the State. [illegible] amendment offered by Dr. W[illegible] provides that only the actual e[illegible] of one officer and the boy to be [illegible] mitted shall be paid by the S[illegible] only in case the boy has be[illegible] ted of a misdemeanor or fe[illegible]

In support of his amen[illegible] Winston stated that under [illegible] law a magistrate who [illegible] against a man could pick [illegible] boy on the public [illegible] charge of disord[illegible] induce him to the Laun[illegible] If he then adjudged his c[illegible] was no appeal possible, and [illegible] would have to remain in the [illegible] until he is discharged by [illegible] directors.

A motion was made to re[illegible] bly, but the motion was [illegible] bill was passed by until [illegible] mittee have visited the [illegible] which will be tomorrow.

The committee decided [illegible] special meeting on [illegible] morning at 10 o'clock, [illegible] Mr. Charle[illegible]

[illegible] be considered. [illegible] ote, was appointed [illegible] vite Mr. Bland to be [illegible] gession and explain [illegible] the bill.

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