

HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

WITHDRAWS HIS OFFER

Mayor Jones Issues a Statement to Citizens.

WILL ANSWER LEAGUE'S LETTER

Proposition Having Stood For Thirty Days With No Candidate For Mayor Announcing Himself, It is Now Withdrawn For the Present.

Mayor Thornton F. Jones, upon returning from a hunting trip to York county last night, gave the following statement to the Daily Press representative:

Mayor Jones stated that he would send a reply to the letter from the Civic League, published in this paper several days ago, today. He did not discuss the situation one way or another, but his written statement indicates rather plainly the nature of his reply to the league.

Hampton, Va., March 16, 1909.
To the Citizens of Hampton:

Whereas, in the issue of the Daily Press of February 6, 1909 I caused to be printed a statement which opened the field to any and all prospective candidates for the office of mayor of the city of Hampton, and inasmuch as this proposition has been held open for thirty-seven days, and no candidate has announced himself, it might be presumed that no person desires to avail himself of the opportunity to enter the contest for mayor, therefore, the proposition is for the present withdrawn.

(Signed)
"THORNTON F. JONES."

PHOEBUS FIREMEN HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ELECTION

George H. Lancer Chosen Chief—Celebrate Anniversary With Banquet.

The Phoebus fire department held its annual election of officers last night. The officers were chosen as follows:

Chief—George H. Lancer.
Assistant chief—John Ferber.
Foreman—Frank A. Kearney.
Assistant foremen—W. E. Lancer and H. A. Simpkins.
Secretary—G. P. Smith.
Treasurer—Charles H. Warren.
Chief engineer—Harry Long.
Assistant engineers—B. C. Cunningham, Edward J. Dore and A. J. Berry.

Barkers—Thomas Tholl and William Crawford.
House directors—J. T. Boyhan, Thomas Allen and Allen Rowe.
Electricians—Thomas Fenny and John Ferber.

The department decided to attend a body the fair to be given by the Hampton West End Horse Company, during the week of April 5.

Next Tuesday night the department will celebrate the anniversary of its organization by giving a banquet, to which the ladies of the families of the firemen will be invited.

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WONT ALLOW INCREASE

Missouri's Governor Will Fight Proposed Passenger Rate Raise.

WILL EXHAUST STATE'S POWERS

Hadley Declines to Tamely Submit to

Action Taken at Railroad Conference—Will Appeal Both to Congress and Commerce Commission.

(By Associated Press.)

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., March 16.—That he would exhaust all the powers of the State before he would permit the railroads to return to the three cents a mile passenger rate, was the decision of Governor Hadley today. His statement followed the action of a railroad conference in Chicago yesterday in which the decision to restore the old rate was taken.

"I have secured the figures offered by the railroads themselves and will place them in the hands of every congressman, and of both United States senators from Missouri with the request that they secure an investigation of the situation either through Congress or the Interstate Commerce Commission," said the governor.

HAMPTON ELKS WILL HAVE BIG TIME TONIGHT

Newport News Lodge Will Come Down to Assist in Celebrating Twelfth Anniversary.

"There'll be a Big Time Tonight" for the members of Hampton Lodge, No. 366, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks when the lodge will celebrate its twelfth anniversary. The occasion will be observed with an immense social session, to which the Newport News Elks have been asked to be guests. The local horned men, headed by a special band, will meet the Newport News brothers at the old car barns this evening, and then will follow a parade to Elks' hall in Court street. The Hampton Elks will assemble in the hall at 7 o'clock and will meet the visiting brothers at 8:30. It was said last night that the Newport News lodge will bring a band. The program promises something entirely new and the entertainment committee has promised that there will be something doing all the evening.

Mr. David Frankel is chairman of the committee on arrangements, with Messrs. David Frankel, W. J. House, Joseph Dietrich and Edward Darden as committee-men.

The history of Hampton Lodge is too well known to be repeated here. Organized twelve years ago it has since erected a handsome home and has a membership of nearly 300. The personnel of the order here is of the highest type, including many of the most prominent business and professional men.

BIG FOX CHASE IN YORK WILL LAST FOR THREE DAYS

More Than Hundred Lovers of the Sport Started in the Hunt Yesterday Morning.

A three days' fox hunt was started in York county yesterday with about 100 lovers of the sport following the hounds. The chase yesterday was exciting, three foxes being routed, but none of the number was captured. The hounds in the chase are from York, Gloucester and Elizabeth City counties. The chase will be renewed today and will end tomorrow afternoon. Among the local men in the chase were Mayor Thornton F. Jones, Mr. R. I. Mason, Mr. Edwin Curtis, Mr. Sinclair and others.

Found Dead Body of Child.

While coming across the bridge leading to Melrose avenue yesterday morning, Mr. John McCaig, found the body of a dead infant lying on the edge of the water. The facts were reported to Sheriff R. K. Curtis.

MR. JENKINS MAY RESIGN

Report Has it That He Will Give up Normal School Work Here.

OFFICIALS WILL NOT DISCUSS IT

County School Board Was Called to Meet Yesterday Afternoon to Take Up the Question—Position Pays \$200 Per Month.

A report in circulation in school circles last evening was to the effect that Prof. Willis A. Jenkins, who has charge of the normal school department in the West End High school, will probably resign the position within the next day or two. Official confirmation could not be had, but it is known that the county school board was called to meet yesterday afternoon to discuss the matter. It was said that a committee will confer with Mr. Jenkins today and it may be that a satisfactory adjustment of the trouble can be had.

It was also currently reported that Mr. Jenkins has not been at the school for the past week, one report having it that he is ill in his home in Newport News. School officials did not care to discuss the matter for publication or even to admit that Mr. Jenkins contemplated resigning. The position, which was established by the last legislature, is a good one, paying the sum of \$200 per month. Mr. Jenkins took charge of the department on the first day of last January, but the actual work began on the first of February. The money for conducting the department is supplied by the State and Mr. Jenkins was chosen by the State board of education.

FEDERAL COURT DECIDES INTERESTING QUESTION

RICHMOND, VA., March 16.—An opinion received from Judge Boyd, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, this morning settles at least for a time the great question as to whether a person may be confined in a penitentiary at hard labor for the non-payment of a fine. Judge Boyd's opinion, in which the other judges concur, is to the effect that if the prisoner has been found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary and a fine, if he does not pay the fine he may be confined in the penitentiary to serve out time for the fine.

The case from which the question arose is that of Frank S. Richardson, who was convicted of land frauds in the United States District Court of West Virginia against Charles Haddock, warden of the West Virginia penitentiary. The maximum penalty on two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000 was imposed and this sentence was affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

After serving the two-year sentence Richardson brought suit against Charles Haddock, warden of the West Virginia penitentiary, charging him with unlawfully holding him in that prison. The contention brought by Richardson was that the non-payment of a fine is a misdemeanor and should not be punished by imprisonment at hard labor in the penitentiary. After hearing the facts in the case Judge Albert G. Deyton, judge of the District Court agreed with the plaintiff and released Richardson on a writ of habeas corpus.

Haddock then brought the case to the appellate court, where all the facts were rehearsed at length and the case submitted for judgment. The judge, of that court decided that as Richardson had served his term of imprisonment in the penitentiary at hard labor he should also serve time for the fine, which was imposed for the same crime, in the same institution. Haddock was then instructed that if the government desired to prosecute the case further he might arrest Richardson and hold him for another trial.

The statute in the case has provided that when a person is sentenced to a term of imprisonment and a fine and has served the term of imprisonment he may, if he is unable to pay the fine, make affidavit that he cannot pay the fine, and after thirty days extra imprisonment he will be released. Richardson has refused to make such affidavit, although he has served more than thirty days over his term of imprisonment.

Action for \$3,500 Damages.

In the Circuit Court yesterday the case of Mann Tyler and Sole, of Norfolk, against Enrique Moller, an action for \$3,500 damages on two cases, was taken up. The case is contested on the ground of a breach of contract over a copyrighted picture of the American navy fleets. The case will be continued today and will likely go to the jury this afternoon.

Mrs. Dietrick's Will.

In the Circuit Court yesterday the will of the late Mrs. Margaret C. Dietrick was admitted to probate, but owing to the fact that the surviving sister is living in Canada no qualification was made upon the estate. The entire property is left to Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Neff, of Town of a Welland, Canada.

BRANCH POSTAL STATION FOR THE WEST END PEOPLE

Postmaster Libbey Succeeded in Getting the Office Established in Williams' Drug Store.

Postmaster Harry Libbey has succeeded in making a number of improvements in the service since taking charge of the office here, was yesterday authorized to open a branch postal station in the West End for the convenience of that rapidly growing section. The office will be established in Mr. Oscar Williams' drug store, and Mr. Williams will be placed in charge of the branch.

The branch will afford the West Enders the opportunity to purchase stamps, money orders and register letters without the necessity of coming to the main office as is now the case. It practically means that the West End section will have all the conveniences of the main business section, in which the post-office is now located.

Mr. Libbey has been the means of extending the free delivery districts, adding a branch station at the Hampton Normal School and establishing a most up-to-date office for the post-office during the fourteen or fifteen months he has been postmaster.

Taft's MESSAGE BRIEF

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The Republicans took out into loud and prolonged applause. The message was referred to the committee on ways and means.

The message received careful attention on the part of senators, many of whom laughed when the president's suggestion that no legislation except in relation to the tariff be considered at this session was read.

Senator Gallinger presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of New Hampshire declaring that the inheritance tax should not be made a subject of national legislation, but should be left to the States.

A resolution by Senator Hale providing for an adjournment today until Friday was adopted and at 1:28 the Senate adjourned.

Immediately after leaving the Senate Secretary Latta, who had conveyed the message to the Senate, proceeded to the House, where the message was read.

GOVERNMENT FINANCES IN GOOD CONDITION

Assistant Treasurer Denies Pessimistic Reports and Gives Figures to Substantiate Position.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Declaring the treasury outlook is better than it has been before in months, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Coolidge today authorized a statement giving figures to show a marked improvement so far as government receipts are concerned.

The statement in part follows: "There is no foundation for the widely circulated report that the payment of over fifty million dollars of claims against the government now due, has been postponed by the treasury for want of ready cash.

"On the contrary, the department is abreast of demands upon it in honoring requisitions, and no necessary payments are postponed for future action.

"Outlook Has Improved." "So far from the treasury being in a desperate way, the outlook is better today than it has been before in months.

The revenues for the fifteen days of March have been \$26,430,756 as against \$20,785,256 for the corresponding period of a year ago, an improvement of over 27 per cent, while the excess of expenditures over the receipts for the same period have been \$1,508,241 as against \$4,227,461, an improvement of over 65 per cent.

The revenues for the first fifteen days of March were greater than for any corresponding period in the past five years.

The excess of expenditures over receipts for the fiscal year to date is \$7,871,222, which is slightly in excess of the estimate of Secretary Cortelyou at the beginning of the last session of Congress.

The new administration comes into office with the general fund of the treasury in as good a condition as it was at the beginning of the administration which has just come to an end.

Logan Hard and Fast. (By Associated Press.) HONOLULU, March 16.—The United States army transport Logan remains hard and fast on the reef inside this harbor, where she struck while attempting to enter her slip last Saturday evening.

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