

UNDERWRITERS' AGENT SAYS HE IS SATISFIED Inspection of Buildings Containing Electric Wiring or Gasoline Tanks Completed.

SOME VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW

Various People Using Gasoline Lighting Outfits Failed to Have Dangerous Liquid Stored in Buried Tanks—Must Heed Notices From City Electrician or Arrests Will Follow.

An inspection of all buildings in the city in which there is electric wiring or gasoline tanks was completed yesterday by Mr. J. T. Robinson, of Atlanta, Ga., representing the Southern Tariff Association, and City Electrician Goodwin.

At the conclusion of the inspection, which occupied several days, Mr. Robinson expressed himself as being well satisfied with the conditions existing here.

City Electrician Goodwin states that most of the electric wiring was found to be in first class shape, and that the principle objectionable conditions found during the inspection were in some of the smaller stores and shops which are equipped with gasoline lighting outfits. In some of these places the law requiring the gasoline tanks to be buried a certain distance from the building had not been complied with. One or two of the cleaning and pressing establishments, too, had not complied with the law regulating the storage of gasoline. In these places considerable quantities of gasoline were stored in vessels kept in the shops.

Mr. Goodwin says that all of these people were notified to comply with the law at once, and that they will be prosecuted unless the notice is heeded promptly.

"H. M. S. PINAFORE" TONIGHT.

German Officers Will Be Guests of Glee Club.

The opera "H. M. S. Pinafore," which is to be sung tonight at the Academy of Music by the Hampton Roads Glee Club as one of the numbers of the Young Men's Christian Association star course, promises to be one of the best amateur productions ever given in this city.

The cast includes about sixty local singers, including the various members of the Glee Club and others, and the entire company has been practicing for some time, the final rehearsal being scheduled for today at the Academy.

One feature of the performance will be the presence in boxes placed at their disposal of the officers of the German cruiser Bremen, which is here for repairs. This courtesy was extended to the officers on account of the fact that a number of years ago when the Glee Club was first formed upon the occasion of their first public performance, the full band of the cruiser assisted them very materially in making the entertainment a success.

The following patronesses of the performance were announced yesterday:

- Mrs. C. Aylett Ashby, Mrs. B. R. Gary, Mrs. D. S. Jones, Mrs. W. R. Aylett, Mrs. W. H. Landon, Mrs. E. M. Braxton, Mrs. E. I. Ford, Mrs. Marys Jones, Mrs. W. B. Livezey, Mrs. W. W. Harwood, Mrs. Clarence Porter Jones, Mrs. G. B. James, Mrs. R. M. Lett, Mrs. DeWitt Crane, Mrs. H. B. Holmes, Mrs. Fred Manville, Mrs. H. E. Parker, Mrs. Elbert Nexsen, Mrs. Wm. Garner, Mrs. J. T. Buxton, Mrs. W. G. Melvin, Mrs. J. R. Swinerton, Mrs. L. P. Stearns, Mrs. J. A. Willett, Mrs. J. Hugh Caffee, Mrs. W. E. Barrett, Mrs. T. N. Marston.

NO AGENT FOR NORFOLK.

Senior Solis is More Determined in His Attitude Than Ever.

Senior Solis, Cuban consul for this port, stated yesterday, in reply to a criticism published in Norfolk complaining that Cuba has no agent on that side of the Roads, that Newport News was chosen as headquarters for the Cuban consulate on account of the volume of business out of this port for Cuba. He says that he is more determined than ever not to have a representative in Norfolk.

In an address before the Chamber of Commerce recently Senior Solis expressed the belief and hope that the trade between the United States and Cuba through this port will develop into large proportions.

Dance at Elks' Home. A delightful dance was given at the Elks' home last night from 9 to 12 o'clock.

"I'd Rather Die, Doctor, than have my feet cut off," said M. L. Bingham of Princeville, Ill., "but you'll die from gangrene (which had eaten away eight toes) if you don't," said all doctors. Instead he used Doan's Arnica Salve till wholly cured. Its cures of Eczema, Fever Sores, Boils, Burns and Piles astound the world. See at All Druggists.

Social-Personal

Mrs. John Fox May, of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. C. L. Moncre, 117 Twenty-sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newton Boulden, who have been stopping at the Chamberlin, are now the guests of friends in Ghent, Norfolk.

Mr. Frank M. Hall, brother of Mrs. M. D. Fraser, of 114 Thirty-fifth street, has arrived from the Transvaal, South Africa, and is spending a few days with his sister here and at the Chamberlin hotel.

Miss Virgie Bennett has returned to resume her studies at the State Normal School after spending Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bennett, 823 Twenty-seventh street.

Miss Laura Doswell, of Richmond, has returned home after spending the Easter holidays with her sister, Mrs. William Dean, 341 Twenty-sixth street.

Miss Daisy Burke, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Byrd, in North End, and Mrs. Rudd Joyner, in East End, has returned to her home in Richmond.

Misses Alice and Annie Wade, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. E. E. Christie, on Twenty-seventh street.

Miss Lula F. Jones has returned from Denbigh, where she spent Easter with Mrs. L. F. Madison.

Miss Gertrude Davis has returned from Petersburg where she spent Easter with relatives.

Miss Lucy Curtis, a student at the Woman's College, Richmond, has returned to school after spending Easter with her father, Mr. J. M. Curtis, on Thirty-fourth street.

Miss Effie Heath has returned from Portsmouth, where she visited friends.

Mr. H. H. Richardson has returned home after spending several weeks in Norfolk.

Mrs. George Maddera and little daughter, Elizabeth, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Maddera's mother in Petersburg.

GEORGIA PILOT BOAT COMING HERE FOR REPAIRS

Shipyard Gets Contract For Extensive Work on the John H. Estill.

It was announced yesterday that the pilot boat John H. Estill, owned by the Pilot's Association of Savannah, Ga., will arrive at the shipyard during the next few days for extensive repairs and alterations.

The local plant was awarded the contract some time ago for the work which will include the building and installation of a new boiler, repairs to shell plating and alterations to deck houses.

Although no figures for the work are obtainable, it is understood that the work will cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000, and that it will require several weeks time to complete the repairs.

Work on the new boilers was started some time ago at the yard, and as soon as it is ready to be installed in the vessel she will come to the yard.

The Estill was built at the local plant, being one of the first vessels ever turned out here. She was finished in 1894 and was Hull No. 12.

MAKING RAPID PROGRESS ON BULL LINE STEAMER

All Frames and Many Shell Plates Have Been Placed.

The work on the freight steamer which the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company has under construction for the A. H. Bull Steamship Company is progressing rapidly. All of the frames and a large number of the shell plates already have been placed.

The new vessel is the first package and bulk freight steamer ever built at the local yard to be used exclusively in the freight business, and the vessel when completed will be one of the very few steamships under the American flag engaged in the overseas freight carrying business.

OUT OF COMMISSION TODAY.

Caretaking Crew Takes Charge of the Four Army Transports.

The army transports Sumner and McClellan, which are tied up at the shipyard with the Meade and Ingalls, will be placed out of commission today, and Captain Lathrop and a caretaking crew of 26 will take charge of them.

Chief Clerk Weston of the quarter-master's department will remain in charge of the office here after Captain Grant leaves.

Still on the Docket.

The case of Mrs. M. W. Tennant, charged with assaulting J. W. Cooke, is still on the docket of the police court.

Since the case was heard one day last week Justice Brown has announced from day to day that he would give his decision "tomorrow," but "tomorrow" has never come.

STATE OFFICERS GUESTS

Notable Triangular Convention of Peninsula Pythians.

SESSION FOLLOWED BY BANQUET

Grand Chancellor Dickinson's Address Feature of Occasion—Large Attendance From This City and Hampton—State Convention Plans.

Rev. J. Hollowell Dickinson, D. D., State grand chancellor, and State Grand Master of Exchequer B. A. Ruffin, were the guests of honor at a triangular convention of the Knights of Pythias of the Peninsula held last night under the auspices of Washington Lodge of this city.

The feature of the convention was an address by the grand State chancellor Dickinson. Chancellor Commander Davis, of Washington Lodge, presided.

After the convention the lodgemen and their guests repaired to the Pocomantas hotel, where a delightful banquet was given in honor of the occasion. Gathered about the tables were many members of Washington and Warwick lodges, of this city, and Keoughan lodge, of Hampton.

Chancellor Commander Davis was toastmaster, and impromptu toasts were responded to by Messrs. John Weymouth, V. P. Holt and J. Archie Vaughan of Hampton, Messrs. N. E. Coffey, William McCallum and Dr. R. Lee Robinson, of this city, and Dr. Dickinson.

The next triangular convention will be entertained by Warwick lodge.

Arrangements are now being made by the Peninsula lodgemen for entertaining the State Grand Lodge, which meets in annual session in this city on May 26.

MOST FAMOUS ASHEVILLE HOSTELRY BURNED

All of the Guests Escaped Although Flames Broke Out at 2:30 a. m.

(By Associated Press.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 14.—Of the once beautiful structure, Kenilworth Inn, that in its day has housed some of the country's greatest celebrities, nothing remains but a pile of charred and smoking ruins. Despite the fact that the alarm was sounded at 2:30 this morning, when all the guests were asleep, only one person was injured, former State Senator Joseph M. Gazzam, of Pennsylvania, owner of the hotel, who jumped from a third story window in an effort to escape and sustained internal injuries, the outcome of which is doubtful at this hour.

At 9 o'clock tonight it was reported from Biltmore Hospital that Senator Gazzam had been unconscious since noon, and that his spine was injured. Hopes for his recovery are entertained, however.

Senator Gazzam's action in going back to his room after being called six times and his refusal to get up when first called in ample time to escape, has caused much speculation among his friends, and it is thought that he might have become unnerved by the first alarm of fire. After hesitating at the window of his room, whence the smoke poured in heavy volume, Mr. Gazzam jumped from the window to the roof of the porte cochere, rolling therefrom to the ground. A heavy rug was held for him by the firemen standing on the porte cochere, but the aged senator missed it in his fall.

All the out of town guests who escaped have been comfortably housed in other hotels.

The origin of the fire, while still a matter of doubt, is thought to have been in embers from the big kitchen range.

The insurance is placed at \$72,500. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000. It is doubtful if Kenilworth Inn will be rebuilt.

SIGMA SIGMA CLUB. Enjoyable Smoker Given by Young Men Last Night.

An enjoyable smoker was given by the Sigma Sigma Club at the club rooms in the First National bank building last night. The guests included Messrs. Frank Curtis, Donald Bryan, George Sheetz, George Massenburgh, M. W. Gayle, Jr., C. F. James and James E. Abbe, Jr.

The members of the club attending were Messrs. George F. Turner president; Irl Hudson, vice-president; Harry Reyner, secretary; J. R. Vann, J. R. Hudson, J. M. Derr, E. M. Lash, John N. Rogers and W. T. Barlow.

Heavy Rainfall.

There was an especially heavy fall of rain here about noon yesterday, and all throughout the afternoon and evening the water continued to come down almost incessantly.

Business Cannot Be Curbed

By local application, as they cannot reach the distant portion of the ear. There is no remedy to cure deafness and that is by constitutional removal. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous membrane of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed it has a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and when the inflammation can be taken out and this is restored to its normal condition, hearing will be restored forever. No cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We do all drug stores. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

CHARACTER BUILDING EDUCATION IS BEST

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self with the proper training of its children. It has found that public taxation alone is not equal to the task of enlightening the masses, to which end \$300,000,000 are spent annually by this country on public education.

Teach People to Think. Dr. Mitchell urged the importance of schools teaching the people to think, holding that failure along this line is more frequent than moral delinquency. There must be trained teachers, ample mechanical and laboratory equipment and personalities aflame with love for childhood and truth, he said.

No wonder the American spirit in education is optimistic, self-reliant, buoyant with hope since it is energizing such moral forces in the child and the community as love of peace, respect for law, sympathy for the weak, faith in truth, tolerance in opinion and reverence for humanity, concluded the speaker.

Stressing the importance of thorough instruction in every line of school work, and the powers that be in the promotion of secondary education the conference today made public a statement outlining future policy.

This followed a series of meetings held Monday, Tuesday and today in connection with the conference of education for the South. They were called by Dr. Walter Butterick, secretary of the general education board, and Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation, both of New York.

E. C. Sage, of New York, of the general education board and Abraham Flexner and John G. Bowman, New York, of the Carnegie Foundation were present.

Separate Schools From Politics.

The resolution seek to impress the importance of full school organization with officers free from political influence and well paid, the encouragement of high school attainments before entry to college, frankness on the part of the college with regard to work and standards, elevation of and adherence to standards, and generous provision for the training of teachers.

The Southern universities are to ask for a fund to provide teachers in the high schools.

At a meeting of president this afternoon a committee was appointed headed by Chancellor David Barrow, of Georgia, to confer with the trustees of the Peabody Fund to urge the financing of the proposition.

PEOPLE BRAVE STORM TO ATTEND INSTITUTE

Lectures By Messrs. Watts and Moore—Diplomas From Southern Baptist Convention.

Despite the stormy weather yesterday afternoon and last night the sessions of the Sunday School Institute which were held at the First Baptist church were very well attended.

Both Rev. Mr. Watts and Rev. Mr. Moore delivered lectures at the afternoon service yesterday, the former taking as his subject "The Adult Department of the Sunday School," and the latter talking on "Preparing the Sunday School Lesson." Both lectures were very interesting and instructive and well received by those present.

At night Rev. Mr. Moore used as his subject "Christ on the Cross," and Rev. Mr. Watts' subject was "The Executive Branch of the Sunday School."

The program for the sessions of the institute today is as follows: Afternoon at 3:30—Rev. Mr. Watts, "Sunday School Adjuncts." Rev. Mr. Moore, "Teaching Sunday School Lessons."

Night at 8:30—Rev. Mr. Watts, "Organization, Classification and Grading of Sunday School Classes." Rev. Mr. Moore, "The Bible by Heart."

At tomorrow night's lecture, diplomas will be awarded from the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist convention to all those who have attended the complete course of twenty lectures delivered at the various sessions of the institute.

VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES

To head the bill for the last three days of this week the management of the Bell theater has secured the Proctor Sisters, a singing and dancing team said to have made a big hit in Norfolk and Richmond. Both of the girls are said to be pretty, as well as clever dancers and sweet singers. The bill will also include Harry Batchelor, a comedy musician, said to have a capital act.

A new picture program including some of the latest by Pathe and Selig will be offered today.

Considering the very unfavorable weather, the attendance at the Bell was fairly good last night when Ed and May Woodward and Karl Admont the troubadour, closed their engagements.

As usual the music incidental to the pictures will be a feature during the last three days of the week.

Up Before the Bar.

N. H. Brown, an attorney, of Pittsfield, Vt., writes: "We have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for years and find them such a good family medicine we wouldn't be without them." For Chills, Constipation, Biliousness or Sick Headache they work wonders. 25c. All Druggists.

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NOTICE April 9, '09. From this date until further notice, I earnestly desire to shoe the horses and mules of every one in this city—at the following prices: 4 Plain Shoes, 65c. 4 Heel and Toe Shoes, 75c. I guarantee both workmanship and material. J. HUGH CAFFEE

There Are Facts in Today's Paper That Are Worth Money To You! Fact that will have much to do with your purse, with your plans, with your comfort. Facts that will afford you the "answer" to a good many questions that disturb you—especially purse-questions. Your day's work is unfinished until you have looked up these facts—and you will find some of them in the store-ads, and some of them in the want ads.

TWO WOMEN COMMIT SUICIDE ABOARD SHIP. No Explanation of Double Tragedy On Cunard Liner Bound For Liverpool. (By Associated Press.) LIVERPOOL, ENG., April 14.—During the voyage of the Cunard liner Lucania, which sailed from New York on April 7, two young women who had occupied a second class cabin together, committed suicide by shooting. They were Margaret Clarke, 29 years old, supposed to have been a resident of Brooklyn, and Annie Miller, 22 years old, whose residence is unknown. The motive for the double suicide has not been ascertained, and as the bodies were buried at sea there will be no inquest. Miss Clarke shot her self on the second day, out while in her cabin. Her companion four days later took her own life.

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