

COMMITTEE HOLDS UP FRANCHISE FOR RAILWAY

No One Present to Represent Newport News & Yorktown Company When Matter is Considered.

WHO IS BEHIND NEW COMPANY?

Members of Council Committee Say They Want to Know Something Before Granting Any Franchise for Steam and Electric Road to Enter the City.

Because there was no one present to explain the objects of the company, the council committee on highways and sewers last night held up the ordinance granting a franchise to the newly organized Newport News & Yorktown Railway Company to lay tracks along Madison and Warwick avenues within the city limits. The measure was presented in the board of aldermen last month and was referred to the committee for a recommendation.

When the ordinance was first taken under consideration Councilman Harris, of the Third ward, wanted to know who composed the new company and what backing it has. He said that he thought the road might be built within ten years or more by somebody, so it was not necessary for the committee to act on the ordinance at this time.

Wants to Know About Finances.
Mr. Harris went on to say that he did not believe in granting the company a franchise to use the two avenues for 30 years without first finding out who composes the company, what kind of a road it proposes to operate and whether or not it is financially able to complete the road.

Alderman Nelms, of the First ward, objected to that section of the ordinance exempting the road from any taxes for a period of ten years, the company being allowed to pay \$25 annually for that period in lieu of all taxes.

Alderman West said that he thought the road would be a great thing for Newport News if it could be built. He told the members of the council the names of the officers of the company. After some further discussion the committee decided to lay the matter over until the next meeting.

Brick Paving is Completed.
The committee received a lengthy letter from City Engineer Pearce setting forth that the vitrified brick paving has been completed by Contractor J. W. Davis and explaining why he had to make changes in the specifications so as to require only two inches of sand base instead of four inches as originally required. The explanation was the same as Mr. Pearce has given to the council and the committee several times before.

Accompanying the letter were the final estimates of the money due the contractor, which totaled \$8,020. The committee decided to hold up the payment of the final estimate pending the outcome of the investigation into the sand base which is to be conducted by Mayor Jones on October 11.

Before this action was taken, the committee considered the matter of recommending the payment of the monthly estimates that have been due Mr. Davis for some time and which have been held up ever since the sand base matter was first brought to the attention of the council. The estimates aggregate about \$8,000.

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Pay Paving Estimates.
Mr. West said that the city is retaining more than enough money from the contract to cover the difference in the cost of the sand base laid and that required by the specifications and he was in favor of paying the estimates provided it would not commit the city to accepting the paving without being allowed to make a reduction from the final estimate due the contractor.

Railroad Company Paying Up.
The committee received a letter from City Attorney Muesle stating that the Newport News & Old Point Railway & Electric Company had handed him two checks—one for \$651.60 and the other for \$2,500—as the first payment on the paving which the city has had done for the railway company.

Bids for repairing the sidewalks that have been broken in laying the curbing were opened and the committee recommended that the bid of E. H. Temple and Son at \$112 be accepted and the appropriation for the work be made.

The question of laying marl on the unpaved streets was brought to the attention of the committee. Chairman Via said that there are deep beds of marl along the river shore just above the city and that it could be hauled and laid on the streets at small expenses.

It was decided to lay the matter over until a final settlement of the payments for the paving are made so that the amount of balance each ward has from the original paving fund can be determined.

The members attending the meeting were: Chairman Via and Messrs. West, Harris, and Nelms. The almshouse and poor committee and health committee met last night and disposed of routine business.

Social Personal

Mr. A. L. Powell will leave today for New York to meet Mrs. Powell and little daughter, who have been spending several months at Mrs. Powell's old home in Houdan. They will arrive at New York Tuesday.

Mr. W. Lee Powell left yesterday for Boykins, Va., where he was called by a telegram announcing the death of his niece's husband, Dr. C. R. Barham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Watt have returned from a visit of two weeks to their former home in Lancaster, Pa. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Watt's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Gollatz.

Miss Virginia Fleckham left yesterday for Murfreesboro, N. C., where she will spend several weeks with friends.

Miss Lottie Shuler has returned from a visit to Baltimore.

Miss Blanche Goodman, who has been visiting in Pittsylvania county, has returned home.

Miss Laura Thompson, of Richmond, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. P. R. Roberts and children are visiting relatives in King William county.

Miss Helen McMillin left yesterday for her former home in Ohio, where she will visit friends.

Miss Janie Palmer, who has been visiting relatives in North Carolina, has returned home. She was accompanied by Miss Harriet Oliver, of Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Gertrude Weaver left yesterday for Lynchburg, where she will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith, of Covington, are visiting Mrs. Smith's mother, mother, Mrs. R. L. McPherson, on Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Mary C. Wilson, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Doyle, 110 Thirty-fifth street, has returned to her home in Pittsburg.

Mr. George Turner is ill at the St. Francis hospital.

Mrs. A. B. Meyers with her daughters, Mrs. J. Eisenman and Miss Bessie Meyers, will leave this week for Charlottesville to spend several weeks.

Mrs. L. H. Wilson returned yesterday from Wilmington, Del., where she visited relatives.

Mrs. G. W. Maddera and little daughter, who were called to Petersburg last week by the illness of Mrs. Maddera's mother, have returned home.

Twenty Years For Assault.
(By Associated Press.)
LAURENS, S. C., Oct. 1.—George Davis and John Vance, colored, were convicted today of criminal assault on a white woman near Gray Court, this county. Judge Shipp sentenced them to 20 years in the state prison.

INSPECT LOCAL MILITIA

Col. Stern Pays Annual Visit to Huntington Rifles Tonight.

COL. NOTTINGHAM AND STAFF HERE

All of the Regimental Officers Will be Present at Inspection—Expect to Have Fifty Men in Line—New Targets Arrive.

Col. Jo Lane Stern, State inspection officer of the Virginia Volunteers, will make his annual inspection of the Huntington Rifles, Company C, Fourth Virginia Regiment, National Guard, tonight in the company armory in the Darling building. Col. Nottingham, commanding the Fourth Regiment, and the entire regimental staff will be present at the inspection. They will come here with Col. Stern this afternoon from Norfolk.

Captain Wilkins, commanding the Huntington Rifles, has issued orders to the effect that every member of the company who absents himself from the inspection without having secured an excuse from the commanding officer will be ordered before a regimental court-martial.

The Huntington Rifles has 59 men on roll and the officers expect to have 50 men out tonight. The company equipment has been put into the box of shape for the visit of the inspecting officer and the men expect to go through the inspection with flying colors.

Three new Aken revolving targets for small arm practice have been received by the company and are to be installed on the rifle range, the site for which is to be selected. The officers of the company believe that a site on the Boulevard near Pulliam's farm is the best place for the range. Col. Charles A. Dempsey, U. S. A., retired, inspector of small arms practice, will come here to select the site in the near future.

There were three promotions in the company this week. Privates Breeden, Stephenson and H. M. Moss be promoted to corporals. They were required to stand examinations and were marked as follows: Moss, 92; Stephenson, 89; Breeden, 86.

NEW SECRETARY OF LOCAL Y.M.C.A. TAKES UP WORK

Edward M. Hall and Mrs. Hall Arrive Here From Fairmount, W. Va.

Mr. Edward M. Hall, the new secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association, and Mrs. Hall arrived here yesterday from Fairmount, W. Va., and Mr. Hall immediately took charge of the association, relieving Assistant Secretary Eugene L. King, who has been in charge since Mr. U. S. Duncan left here a month ago.

Mr. Hall was supposed to come here on September 10, but he was ill at the time and was unable to leave his home in Fairmount. He has been engaged in association work several years and has just completed a course at the Springfield, Mass., training school for Y. M. C. A. secretaries.

The gymnasium classes began work at the association this week and are larger this year than ever before. The practice for basketball will begin about November 1.

NEGRO SHOT IN QUARREL OVER FIVE-CENT PIECE

Dispute Arises Over Ownership of Stakes in Crap Game in Rocketts.

As the result of a quarrel over the possession of a five-cent piece, the stakes in a game of "craps" Elijah Williams, a negro, was shot through the left arm by John Barber, also colored, about 11 o'clock yesterday morning in Rocketts. Barber escaped after the shooting and has not been captured.

The game is alleged to have been going on in Goldson's boot black place at Jefferson avenue and Twenty-third street, where the men were employed. Following the roll of the "bones" Williams picked up the nickel and Barber objected, claiming that it was his property. The argument grew heated and it culminated when Barber drew a revolver and fired at Williams, the ball striking the negro in the arm. While painful, the wound is not serious. It was dressed by a physician.

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AT THE ACADEMY

When Charley Grapewine, appears here at the Academy of Music Monday night he will have a new play which is said to be the funniest vehicle he has had in his entire theatrical career.

Mr. Grapewine has appeared in "The Awakening of Mr. Pipp" for the last six years and it is said that the box office receipts show that he played to larger business during the sixth year than he did during the first four.

This season Mr. Grapewine has a comedy called "Above the Limit," which was written by himself and George Totten Smith. The play is in three acts and abounds in funny situations, and the principal role is said to give the star an opportunity to display his versatility to advantage.

The advance sale of seats is now open at the box office.

David Warfield in "The Music Master"
Though the fact that David Warfield will not be seen in "The Music Master" at the local Academy of Music is keenly regretted by theater-goers here the announcement that this popular actor is to give three performances at the Norfolk Academy has created considerable interest on this side of Hampton Roads. Mr. Warfield's characterization of the old music master about whom the story of his successful play centers is regarded as one of the most remarkable pieces of acting even seen upon the stage. Even the star's success in "The Auctioneer" was nothing compared with what he is doing in "The Music Master."

For the convenience of the theater-goers in this city it has been arranged to have tickets for "The Music Master" sold through Manager Booker, of the local Academy. The tickets may be bought at the Academy box office, or ordered by phone from the Norfolk Academy. The play will be presented next Monday and Tuesday nights and Tuesday afternoon.

PROMINENT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER TO SPEAK HERE

Mr. Hugh Cork, Assistant International Secretary, Comes to the City Next Month.

Mr. C. W. Baines, general secretary of the Virginia State Sunday School Association, announced yesterday that Mr. Hugh Cork, assistant to Mr. Marion Lawrence, the general secretary of the International Sunday School Association, will be in the city on next Monday, October 4, and will address a mass meeting of the Sunday school superintendents, pastors, teachers and others interested in the work of the Sunday school at the First Presbyterian church at 8 p. m. In the afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be a conference of pastors, superintendents and teachers, led by Mr. Cork. This conference will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Mr. Cork will address his remarks in the evening particularly to organized adult Bible class work, which just at this time is attracting so much attention in Sunday school circles. By the influence of the organized Bible class, men and women are being brought into the Sunday schools by hundreds and thousands. There are a number of such classes in this vicinity; for instance, Mr. George Schmelz's class at the Memorial Baptist church, Hampton, has a membership of over five hundred; Judge Barham, the teacher of the Men's Class at Trinity Methodist church has more than one hundred in his class; the pastor, Rev. J. T. Riddick, of the Second Baptist church, has a class of men numbering about 100 members; Rev. George W. Wray, at his church in Hampton, has a class of about 100 men; the First Baptist and the First and Second Presbyterian churches of this city, have large classes of men.

Members of the Sunday schools of this city, Hampton, Phoebus and adjacent places are invited to attend these meetings and hear Mr. Cork. The Adult Bible Class Federation of this city, composed of all the adult classes of the various churches will attend this meeting in a body, and each class is expected to call the attention of its members to the meeting at the Sunday morning session and thus muster a large number to attend the meeting at the Presbyterian church Monday evening.

The meeting will be open to the public.

Soldiers Guarding Prisoner.
(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, MISS., Oct. 1.—Anti-lynch feeling that an attempt would be made to lynch Henry and Reese Betts, negroes, charged with the killing of J. W. Smith, a prominent planter, because of the acquittal today of another negro charged with arson, the county jail here was placed under guard of the local military company tonight on request of the sheriff.

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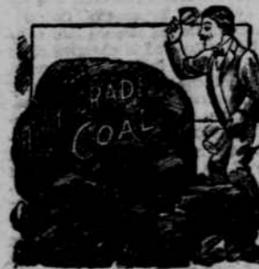
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