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my 29-1m

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je 17-eod10t

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M. W. WALLACE, Agent.
my 31-eod2m

DIVIDENDS.

UNION BANK OF RICHMOND,
June 27, 1879.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT. (or $1.50 per share) out of the earnings of the past six months, payable on and after the 1st July, 1879.
JAMES MILLER, Cashier.
je 28-1w

DIVIDEND—OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.—FIVE PER CENT. DIVIDEND will be paid to the Virginia stockholders out of the earnings for the past six months at the company's office, Rocketts, on and after July 1, 1879.
GEORGE W. ALLEN & CO., Agents.
je 28-3t

OFFICE VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY,
RICHMOND, June 27, 1879.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER CENT. (free of tax), payable on and after July 1st next.
WILLIAM H. McCARTHY, Secretary.
je 28-10t

THE STATE BANK OF VIRGINIA,
RICHMOND, VA., June 26, 1879.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have this day declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT. (free of taxes) out of the earnings of the past six months, payable on and after July 1, 1879.
WILLIAM M. HILL, Cashier.
je 27-6t

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
RICHMOND, VA., June 26, 1879.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have this day declared a DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. free of taxes, payable on and after the 1st day of July, 1879.
S. A. GLOVER, Cashier.
je 27-1dy4

OFFICE VIRGINIA STATE INSURANCE CO.,
RICHMOND, June 26, 1879.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Directors of this company have declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. (free of all taxes) out of the profits of the last six months, payable to the stockholders on and after July 1, 1879.
J. M. TATE, Secretary.
je 27-2w

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

CITIZENS BANK OF RICHMOND,
June 24, 1879.
The directors of this bank have this day declared a DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. (free of all taxes) on the capital stock of the bank out of the net earnings of the past six months, payable on and after the 5TH DAY OF JULY, 1879.
EDWIN B. SNEAD, Cashier.
je 25-3d

RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG RAILROAD CO.,
TREASURER'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, VA., June 23, 1879.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A DIVIDEND of two per cent. on the capital stock of this company will be paid at the office of the company, in the city of Richmond, Va., on and after the 1st July next.
The transfer-books will be closed on the 25th instant until 1st July.
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je 21-eod6t J. W. DENNIS.

Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 28, 1879.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle States and Lower Lake region, stationary and higher temperature, southwest winds, falling barometer, increasing cloudiness, numerous local rains, possibly followed in some localities by cooler northerly winds.

For the South Atlantic States, stationary barometer, southeast winds, warmer, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rains.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and again very warm.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 76; 9 A. M., 84; noon, 93; 3 P. M., 95; 6 P. M., 92; midnight, 81.

Mean temperature, 86 5-6.

LOCAL MATTERS.

DWELLING-HOUSE BURNED.—Shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday morning the dwelling-house of Richard Thompson (colored), No. 400 west Baker street, at the corner of Hickory (or Short Clay) street, was destroyed by fire. An alarm was sent in from Station 45, corner St. James and Duval streets, to which the apparatus in the upper district responded. The scarcity of water, however, operated against the men, and they could do little more than to save the adjoining property. The origin of the fire could not be ascertained. Thompson had not reached home from down-town, but his family were in the dwelling. Some of his furniture was saved. Loss about $600. Insured in the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company for $500.

Thompson is a fruit-vender, whose place was formerly near the post-office, but is now near the City Hall.

When the fire was nearly out the suspicions of the officers were aroused, and Thompson was arrested on the charge of burning his own house. His statements seemed to be conflicting, and hence the arrest. At the Police Court yesterday morning the officers stated that they were not ready to go into the case, so it was postponed.

LAST DAY OF THE WALKERS AT MOZART.—The walk of the pedestriennes has excited the amusement-loving portion of our people, and the hall at 9 o'clock last night was crowded, and the audience during the afternoon was large and a number of ladies were present. The score of the pedestriennes at 11:45 P. M.—the 119th of the walk—Bartelle, 194 miles; Smith, 198 miles; Douglas, 203 miles, and Lee 248 miles.

The walk closes at 10:45 P. M. to-day. Mr. J. P. Mackey volunteered to take exclusive charge of the training of Miss Lee, and deserves much praise for the fine condition his charge seems to be in. Mr. Mackey gave an exhibition at 10 A. M. of the English dog-trot for three miles, which he accomplished in 22 minutes, and a running mile in 5:35.

Messrs. Harriman and Mackey gave a three-mile contest walk, each making the three miles in 25 minutes 10½ seconds, and created great excitement in their striving to retain the lead, which was won and lost twenty times in the walk.

Mr. L. H. Otto walked three miles at 10 P. M. in 27 minutes and 51 seconds, and a Mr. M. Voss walked three miles in 25 minutes and 41 seconds.

Mr. Voss accepted Mr. Otto's challenge to walk this evening at 10:30 five or more miles, and judging by their walk of last night we may expect a close race, as it is evident that Mr. Otto has more endurance than Mr. Voss.

The gallery has been reserved for the ladies visiting in the evening, as some are anxious to see Mr. Harriman previous to his trip to San Francisco, Cal.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.—Hon. John J. Knox, Comptroller of the Treasury, was in the city yesterday. He will go from here to the Virginia Springs.

The sub-committee of the City Committee are "authorized" (not required, or even requested) to report a substitute for the Henrico plan for nominating senators. They may either report the Henrico plan, or another.

Senator Wood, of Scott county, was in the city yesterday, and called upon the Governor to see about hiring convicts for some southwestern railroad.

The residents about Mozart Hall are complaining of the pedestrianism nuisance, which continues late into the hours of the night and disturbs peaceful slumbers.

Rev. Robert Ryland, D. D., of Kentucky, formerly president of Richmond College, is in the city—the guest of Josiah Ryland, Esq. His many friends will be glad to know that he looks as well as he did twenty years ago, though slightly changed by the marks of advancing age.

The annual report of the City Board of Health (published in our issue of March 17th) was received in pamphlet form from Dr. Cabell yesterday. What he says about the filthiness of alley-ways should receive the attention of the City Council.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—At the regular meeting of Excelsior Encampment, N. 22, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected: W. F. Chandler, chief patriarch; William Meyer, high priest; Robert Sim, senior warden; W. M. Woodward, junior warden; John C. Teller, scribe; F. T. Isbell, treasurer.

At a meeting of Union Council, No. 51, of the Royal Arcanum, at Springfield Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: S. Wesley Farrar, regent; H. F. W. Southern, vice-regent; Joseph E. Folkes, orator; James B. Elam, secretary; John E. Parrish, collector; John F. Shinberger, treasurer; W. B. Riddick, guide; James Fox, chaplain; J. M. Godsey, warden; W. H. Atkinson, sentry; A. M. Richardson, past regent. Past-Regent William L. Smith has been commissioned deputy supreme regent for this Council. The above-named officers will be installed at the next stated meeting of the Council on the second Thursday in July at 8 o'clock P. M.

At a regular meeting of Richmond Lodge, No. 219, Knights of Honor, held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Past Dictator, R. T. Davis; Dictator, W. G. Puller; Vice-Dictator, W. J. McDowell; Reporter, William H. Bailie, Financial Reporter, Thomas Jackson; Treasurer, John W. Quay; Chaplain, L. A. Whiting; Guide, M. C. Robertson; Guardian, M. Mayo; Sentinel, D. B. Collins. This Lodge has two hundred active members and $2,000 in its treasury, and is rapidly progressing.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY.—*Justice J. J. Crutchfield presiding.*—Richard Thompson (colored) was up to answer the charge of setting fire to his dwelling-house at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The case was continued. Bail fixed at $500.

Charles Phillips was fined $2 for assaulting Charles A. Cole with a rock.

Lewis Pope was fined $2 for being drunk.

James Bentley (colored) was fined $1 for striking Robert Winston with a rock.

John Williams and James Fisk (both colored), charged with having in their possession nine bags of bones supposed to be stolen. Officers Michaels and O'Conner arrested these men on Twentieth street yesterday morning just before daylight, and not having had time to get the Commonwealth's witnesses, the case was continued till next Tuesday.

A PARTING COMPLIMENT.

How the Mozart Association Received the Resignation of Their President.

GENERAL BRADLEY T. JOHNSON VACATES THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE RICHMOND MOZART ASSOCIATION—INTERESTING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNERS LAST NIGHT—A BANQUET—ADDRESSES BY VICE-PRESIDENT LUBBOCK, MR. S. SPRIGG CAMPBELL, AND GENERAL JOHNSON.

Last evening the Board of Governors of the Mozart Association held a meeting at Snelling's Café for the purpose of receiving the resignation of General Bradley T. Johnson as president of their Association. The following were the members of the Board present: General B. T. Johnson, H. W. Lubbock, William A. Jenkins, Ira W. Blunt, E. R. Archer, W. E. Tanner, C. L. Siegel, John T. Allen, O. J. Schoolcraft, A. D. Williams, S. Sprigg Campbell, W. Leigh Burton, F. W. Scott, Samuel Sinton, and John D. Redford. Major Fred. Scott was called to the chair, and Mr. Samuel Sinton, treasurer, acting secretary in the absence of Mr. W. U. Bass, who is confined at his home with a serious illness, read the following

RESIGNATION OF GENERAL JOHNSON:

212 WEST FRANKLIN STREET,
June 18, 1879.

Hy. W. Lubbock, Esq, Vice-President, and the Board of Governors of the Mozart:

Gentlemen,—I respectfully resign to you the honorable office of president, with which you have complimented me since the formation of the Association.

In thus severing my connection with the ladies and gentlemen who compose it I beg to express my regret at the necessity which requires me to do so, and the great pleasure the connection has always afforded me.

The brilliant success which has attended the past career of the Association has been largely due to you, sir, and the gentlemen with you on the Board of Governors, who, as amateurs and as lovers of music, have given so much time, talent, and labor toward developing its capabilities. And the large and brilliant membership which now support your efforts testify the public appreciation of your work. I hope for a further enlargement of your influence in cultivating a higher musical taste, until, in times to come, the Mozart of Richmond will be one of the centres of culture of the whole country.

To yourselves personally and to my fellow-members I wish every good fortune.

I remain your obedient servant,
BRADLEY T. JOHNSON.

A RELUCTANT ACCEPTANCE.

Mr. Lubbock, the vice-president, addressing the Board, said:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Board,—We are on this occasion reluctantly forced to accept the resignation of General Bradley T. Johnson as president of the Mozart Association, and I think I can say with truthfulness that the unanimous feeling of the Board is that of sincere regret that such a step is necessary; and, Mr. President, if it is not a calamity, it is indeed a misfortune that we would be too happy to avert. By his withdrawal the Association loses an able and impartial presiding officer, a superior parliamentarian and counsellor, and a polite, genial, and highly-cultivated gentleman. And, sir, by his removal from our midst the city of Richmond loses a faithful, energetic, and valuable representative, Virginia a true and thoroughly-informed statesman, society a hospitable, refined, and accomplished member.

But, Mr. President, there is another loss which will be more keenly felt by the departure of General Johnson and his good lady. I refer, sir, to the unfortunate and penniless persons who have been saved from hunger, starvation, and possibly degradation. Yes, sir, there are many, very many, worthy and impecunious families in this city that have retired at night not knowing where the next mouthful of food would be obtained, and had the gloom and despondency of a dark and cloudy morning dispelled by the cheerful smiles, encouraging words, and liberal contributions of that most noble and charitable woman, Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson. Unassuming and modest in her efforts to relieve the poor, she did not stop to inquire what their religious belief was, or with what church they were connected, but aided alike all, as their necessities required and her means permitted. That ever welcome face and helping hand will be to them forever lost, but not forgotten. They will join us in prayers and good wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of General Johnson and his good lady; and while Virginia will mourn the loss of her adopted children, Maryland and the Monumental City will welcome them back, and recognize in General Johnson a liberal and public-spirited citizen, who by words, acts, and deeds has reflected honor and credit upon his native State. I hope, Mr. President, that it will be your pleasure to appoint a committee from the Board to draft resolutions expressive of our admiration and esteem for General Johnson, and of our regrets that he finds it necessary to sever his connection with us; said resolutions to be embodied in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy of the same be made on parchment, signed by the Board of Governors, and presented to General Johnson as a testimonial of our appreciation of his many good qualities of head and heart.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The Chair appointed as this committee Messrs. S. Sprigg Campbell, W. A. Jenkins, Samuel Sinton, W. E. Tanner, and E. R. Archer. These gentlemen withdrew, and upon their return Mr. Campbell, the chairman, read the following resolutions, beautifully written on parchment:

THE COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. President, your committee having heard with sincere and unfeigned regret of the resignation of General Bradley T. Johnson as president of the Mozart Association, feel that this relation must not be severed without an expression upon our part of the high appreciation in which we hold him personally and officially, and of the keen sense of loss we experience in his departure; therefore be it

Resolved, 1, That in the resignation of General Johnson this Association loses an able and impartial officer, in whose counsels we were accustomed to find wisdom, in whose administration to find discretion, and in whose affable and courteous demeanor pleasure.

2. That in his removal from our midst we lose a public-spirited citizen, whose interest in our municipal institutions was equalled by his generous and effective endeavors for their success, and whose departure will be keenly felt in every sphere and department of our social and civic life.

3. That while official relationships may be severed we beg to assure him that those which are personal shall endure, and that we shall ever have a cordial welcome in store for him when he shall come again among us.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be made on parchment, signed by the Board of Governors, and presented to General Bradley T. Johnson, as a testimonial of our esteem and admiration of his many sterling qualities of head and heart, and that the said resolutions be also spread upon the minutes of this Association.

After reading these resolutions

MR. CAMPBELL SAID:

In performing the duty assigned me by you I cannot help but recall that the acceptance of this resignation severs forever our close connection with this man, and consigns him to the gentle keeping of memory. Were he to us only the president of this musical association, these resolutions might be unsuitable. Sir, we speak of him as we have known him—soldier, citizen, comrade, and friend. Wherever his services were needed there he was found, utilizing an intellect preeminent for its versatility and capacity. Endowed with a patience that allowed prolonged study and close attention to minutiæ, he took equally, whether shaping the policy of our State or of this Association, the greatest and smallest of his duties receiving equal attention.

As a comrade, we have known him kind and unselfish, scattering his genial warmth as a flower its perfume. This much the world has known of the man. As a friend I have known him.—Never has the call of friendship been unanswered. Head, hands, and purse were equally subject to demand. Bold, brave, yet gentle, he stood loyally to serve those who held his troth. Possessed of such chivalrous and lofty traits, he stands as a man should, loved by the many as he is hated by a few.

In this separation I feel that my loss is irreparable, and from out the past comes a kindred scene which alone can equal the pangs of this. With a broken heart years ago, as a boy, I saw brave, weather-stained men bow weary heads as the banner of their dying country was being furled—saw them, with tearful eye and sobbing voice, separate. Ties that were born and nurtured to maturity amidst such trials as prove men were loosened only to exist in the deep and holy chambers of memory. That terrible scene passed, I was my hope to know the like no more; yet, sir, after all these years, awakened by this scene of separation, comes again to-night the ghost of that storm and wrings the heart of the man as it did the boy's. To his new home and his new duties we bid him Godspeed.

GENERAL JOHNSON'S RESPONSE.

General Johnson, replying in a brief but graceful little speech, said he would be more than a man and less than human were his heart not touched by the generous and delicate sentiments expressed by these gentlemen. Remembering the past, his life during the war, and all his career, no recollection would be dearer than his life here in Richmond, and most especially the last three weeks, he said, had bound him with ties ten thousand times more strong to our people, and he should go from Richmond more a Virginian than ever, and that henceforth, no matter what his walk in life might be, these friends would be dearer than ever.

The meeting adjourned, and the ex-president was then ushered to a sumptuous banquet, which was served in a most handsome style by Mr. Snelling and his corps of assistants.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF ST. PETER'S MALE SCHOOL AND ACADEMY—INTERESTING PROGRAMME—DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS, &c.

The closing exercises of the last of the Catholic schools—St. Peter's Male School and Academy—took place last night in Cathedral Hall, in the school-building on Marshall street near Ninth. With the exception of the space occupied by the pupils—about 250 in number—the large hall was filled to overflowing with a deeply-interested audience. Occupying prominent seats upon the stage were Right Rev. Bishop Keane, Rev. Fathers Janssens, Hanley, Benno, Hegele, Habets, and others.

The exercises began at 8 o'clock, the programme embracing music, declamations, recitations, &c., all of which were exceedingly well rendered in the following order: Chorus, "Old Folks at Home," by singing class; valedictory, by Daniel Reardon; recitation, "Mary Magdalen," by J. Mackey; recitation, "Fall of Stuart," by Eddie Pizzini; song (solo and chorus), "Come When You Will," by singing class; recitation, "An Hour at the Old Play-Ground," by D. Kenedick; salutatory for the little boys, by R. Golden; recitation, "The Magic Word," by J. Reardon; violin solo, by Alexander Edelblut; chorus, by singing class.

At intervals during the above programme the names of pupils who had won distinctions during the past year were read out, and the various premiums presented to them by the Bishop, as follows:

Premiums in the Academy: Gold Medal for General Scholarship to John Ryan. Badge of Excellence for close competition for the gold medal to Daniel Coleman. Premium for conduct, J. Mackey; for attendance, C. Taylor. First premium in History, Geography, Composition, Arithmetic, and Bible History, D. Coleman; in Book-keeping, Algebra, and Latin, J. Kenedick; in Elocution and Reading, D. Reardon. Second premium in History and English Composition, A. Antoni; in Bible History and Writing, J. Higgins; in Spelling, C. Taylor. First premium in Writing and Arithmetic (second division), J. Cain. First premium in Catechism, Geography, Grammar, and Spelling, J. Mackey; in Map-drawing, E. O'Rourke.

Premiums in Second Class: Gold Medal to R. Woodson. Premium for good conduct to J. Barrett; honorable mention, W. O'Neil. Premiums for attendance, W. Finegan and W. Fuqua; honorable mention, W. Demaine and T. Muldowny. First Premium in Grammar, Profane History, Arithmetic, and Spelling, F. Campodonico; in Geography, H. McKinley; in Christian Doctrine, J. Barrett; in Reading, W. Fuqua; in Penmanship, R. Lohmeyer; in Bible History, A. Antiotti; in Arithmetic (second division), W. O'Neil. Second premium in Christian Doctrine, F. Meyer; in Reading, P. Ryan; in English Grammar, S. Doherty; in Profane History, W. Demaine; in Bible History, J. Morrison; honorable mention in First Division—Arithmetic, J. West.

Premiums in Third Class: Silver Medal for General Scholarship, R. Kelley. Premium for conduct, J. Fogarty; for attendance—W. Duffy, M. O'Rourke, W. Burke; honorable mention—F. McNeil, J. Tresnon. First premiums in Christian Doctrine, F. McNeil; in Reading, S. Kenedick; in Penmanship, J. Antoni; in Grammar, J. Finegan; in Geography, E. Tyrrell; in First Division—Arithmetic, J. Rankin; in Second Division—Arithmetic, J. Tresnon; in History, James O'Keeffe. First premium in Spelling, C. Berry: Second Premium in Geography, Willie Pizzini; in Penmanship, J. Hill. Premiums for General Improvement—T. Disney, L. Francisco, W. Burke.

Premiums in Fourth Class—First Division: Tuckerman Fuqua, Silver Medal. Michael Taylor, first premium in Catechism, Spelling, Geography, Reading, and second premium in Arithmetic; James Phillips, first premium in Spelling, Geography, History, Writing, Reading, and second premium in Arithmetic; Louis Heindi, first premium in Catechism, Spelling, Geography, and second premium in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic; John Lynch, first premium in Catechism, Geography, Arithmetic, and second premium in Spelling; William Sodini, first premium in Catechism, second premium in Reading; George Guversaier, first premium in Spelling, and second premium in Catechism and Geography; Louis Contine, second premium in Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic; James McIntyre, first premium in writing; John Shaughnessy, first premium in writing.

Second Division: James Lannon, badge and first premium in Catechism, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, and Reading; Christie Giffoni, badge and first premium in Catechism, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, and Reading; Joseph Elkins, first premium in Catechism, Spelling, Geography, and second premium in Reading and Arithmetic; William Clarke, first premium in Catechism, Spelling, Writing, and second premium in Geography, Reading, and Arithmetic; Joseph Reardon, first premium in Catechism, Geography, and second premium in Spelling and Reading; Juan F. Pizzini, first premium in Geography, and second premium in Catechism and Spelling; Alexander Edelblut, first premium in Writing, and second premium in Spelling; John O'Kuffe, first premium in Arithmetic.

Premiums for Conduct: James Phillips and Louis Heindi. Premiums for Attendance: T. Fuqua, Michael Taylor, John Lynch, William Sodini, Joseph Elkins, William Clarke, Joseph Equi.

Premiums in Fifth Class: Silver Medal for Scholarship, Paul Heindi. First Division—Premiums in Reading: First, J. Kirk; second, R. Kerrigan; third, J. Clark; fourth, W. Doherty. In Spelling: First, C. Mackey; second, D. Brophy; third, R. Ryan. In Arithmetic: First, Jerry Fogarty; second, F. Foster. In Catechism: First, T. Brown; second, W. Forenstall. Second Division—Premium in Reading, F. Morrissey. In Spelling: First premium, W. Harman; second, Fritz Frank. In Catechism: First premium, A. Antiotti; second, E. Drew. In Arithmetic: Premium, Henry Rose.

First Readers: First premium, J. Tresnon; second, T. Brophy; third, W. Antiotti; fourth, H. Drew; fifth, E. McEneany; sixth, R. Tyrrell; seventh, J. Ryan; eighth, E. Mahoney.

Little Boys' Class—L. Edelburt, first premium; W. Kinney, second premium.

Attendance: J. Clarke, J. Kirk, and T. Brophy. Good Conduct: W. Antiotti.

Just before the conclusion of the distribution, Hon. A. M. Keiley went upon the stage, and in a graceful and complimentary speech presented Rev. Father Janssens with an elegant gold-headed cane, the gift of many of his admiring friends. The gift was received by Father Janssens in a few happy remarks.

Bishop Keane made a most judicious and well timed address to the boys, and concluding with an endorsement of the cane presentation to Father Janssens, which (the cane), he said, instead of being simply headed with gold, should have been covered with diamonds. After the final chorus the boys were marched out of the hall, and the audience then dismissed.

THE CANAL ROAD.

Important Meeting of the James River and Kanawha Company.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT—DEED OF CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY READY TO BE DELIVERED TO THE RAILROAD—MR. PARSONS ASKS THAT HIS COMPANY BE GRANTED FURTHER TIME—DISCUSSION AS TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE TERMS OF THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY—TWO CONFLICTING VIEWS—ADJOURNMENT WITHOUT ACTION ~~AT MIDNIGHT~~ UNTIL TUESDAY.

A meeting of the stockholders of the James River and Kanawha Company was called for 5 o'clock yesterday evening to give the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company notice of their readiness to deliver up the property in accordance with the terms of the act of Assembly of February 27, 1879. At the appointed hour a considerable number of stockholders were present, but all the Richmond proxies being absent there was no quorum to commence business. Messengers were sent out for the Richmond proxies. But in vain. It was said that the gentlemen were attending the funeral of Mrs. Stern, daughter of Councilman Strauss.

At 6:15 the meeting was called to order by the Chairman (Mr. McCance) and adjourned until 9 P. M.

At the night session (T. W. McCance, Esq., in the chair) Messrs. Henry G. Cannon and John M. Higgins, two of the Richmond proxies, were present, and a quorum of the stock represented.

CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY—THE CONTRACT.

Major Johnston, the president, submitted the draft of a notice to the Richmond and Alleghany railroad and of a deed of conveyance in pursuance of the act of Assembly, the 120 days having expired.

The President reported that, "despite cumulative disasters and difficulties, the canal has been restored and is in fair navigable condition from Richmond to Lynchburg, North River, and Lexington. Such progress has been and is being made on the heavy and difficult repairs between North River and Buchanan as to justify the confident expectation that the canal will be fully restored and in operation to Buchanan as well as to Lexington within sixty days." Owing to the uncertain future of the canal the revenues are falling off. No new boats are being built, and few old ones are receiving necessary repairs. The President thought some steps should be taken to encourage the building of new boats, which are pressingly needed to meet the demands of transportation. The act of Assembly provides for the compensation of owners of boats on the canal in the event of a railroad being built, but does not include boats that may be built but not actually put in use before the substitution. Boat-owners are afraid that the substitution of the railroad for the canal may be suddenly made and the loss thrown upon them.

THE TEN-DAYS' NOTICE.

Mr. Barclay offered a series of resolutions covering this matter and other points, which were under consideration, when Mr. Parsons (who had just arrived in the city from Lynchburg) came into the meeting and addressed it by invitation, stating what has been done towards effecting a settlement with the bondholders. Though they have not been altogether successful, the gentlemen represented by Mr. Parsons had abated no jot or tittle of interest in the work, and yet hoped that in the course of a few days terms might be made with the creditors. What Mr. Parsons asked was that the canal company, without prejudice to any right, should delay for a reasonable time the notice provided for in the 6th section of the act. Within ten days after that notice the railroad company must deposit the $500,000 security, and provide for the payment of the floating debt.

THE SECTION IN QUESTION.

Section 5 of the act of Assembly of February 27, 1879, is as follows:

After a final and absolute contract of sale shall have been concluded between the James River and Kanawha Company and the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company, and within ten days after the James River and Kanawha Company shall have, in writing, notified the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company of its readiness to convey all its property and franchises in pursuance of such contract, the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company shall make the cash payment and deposit hereinbefore required on tender of such conveyance; and if such cash payment and deposit shall not then be made, the contract of purchase shall be and become absolutely null and void; but the said contract must be made within one hundred and twenty days after the passage of this act.

DISCUSSION.

Considerable discussion followed as to the right of the canal company to defer this notice. Mr. Barclay thought they had no discretion in the premises. Mr. Parsons construed the act differently. Major Johnston's impressions from the debates in the General Assembly was that the entire time was absolutely limited to 120 days and 10 days. Colonel H. Coalter Cabell spoke of the laborious efforts of Mr. Parsons to secure a settlement, and took the position that the canal company could defer the ten-days' notice. Mr. Parsons said that within two hours past he felt a confidence that the negotiations with the creditors would be successful that he had not felt for four weeks. Major James H. Dooley said that upon examination of section 5 he was of opinion that it did not require the canal company to give the notice immediately upon the expiration of the 120 days; they could defer it for a reasonable period, not for an indefinite one.

Mr. Cannon, after referring to the untiring energy of Mr. Parsons, as displayed in the effort to procure a settlement, expressed his conviction that they should now find out if the railroad company is a reality and able to carry out its contract; if so, he would be willing to defer the notice for a limited time. Mr. Nowlan, of Lynchburg, desired to learn something of the company—its aims and abilities—before granting the delay. He insisted that the stockholders were entitled to full information now, and should demand it without taking further action. Major Johnston said that the railroad company had thoroughly investigated the canal company; but that the canal company literally knew nothing of the railroad company. They ought to know with whom they are dealing, and have evidences of ability and good faith.

A PROPOSITION.

Mr. Nowlan moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company, to report to an adjourned meeting of the stockholders at 11 o'clock to-day.

Mr. Parsons said that it was to be an investigation of the railroad company he would like to have time to confer with his Board of Directors; he was the only officer of the company in Richmond.

Mr. Nowlan expressed his surprise that the railroad company had not prepared itself to give all the information desired.

Mr. Parsons said that the company is fully organized and able to carry out all of its contracts. The principal office, however, is in New York, and it would be a matter of some embarrassment to him to furnish all the information that would be needed between this hour (11½ P. M) and 9 A. M.

Mr. Barclay could see no good to be accomplished by the committee. He would much prefer adjourning over to Monday or Tuesday or until such time as Mr. Parsons could have his Board of Directors here.

Mr. Nowlan withdrew his motion.

On motion of Mr. Cannon, the meeting adjourned until Tuesday at 6 P. M.

In the mean time a committee of the stockholders will confer with the railroad company, and be prepared to lay before the adjourned meeting all the information they can obtain as to its organization and capacity to carry out its contract.

It seemed the opinion of the majority that they *could* defer the notice, and thus grant the railroad time in addition to their ten days.

SUICIDE AT THE PINEL HOSPITAL.—Kitty Gheo, a white woman, aged about sixty years, city patient at the Pinel Hospital, committed suicide at that institution yesterday morning about 4 o'clock. The unfortunate woman had made four attempts previously on her life, one of which was by jumping into a well. She was kept in a straight-jacket, but succeeded in getting out of it in some way, tied up the bed-clothes, and hung herself.

At the inquest yesterday these facts were brought out and a verdict rendered in accordance therewith. The authorities, of course, are in no way blamable for the suicide.

GRAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL MASS-MEETING.—A mass-meeting of