



FROM WASHINGTON. (Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, April 5. Secretary Hay has received a dispatch indicating that Russia will renege on her Manchurian stand. This dispatch was read at the Cabinet meeting today and was received with a good deal of satisfaction by the members. Most of the time at the meeting was consumed in a discussion of the civil service. This was brought about by the call made upon the President yesterday by members of the civil service reform league. The various secretaries gave their experience with the civil service and pointed out what constituted in their opinions the weak features of the service. Secretary Root announced that in his department a system of registration was being put in working order for the betterment of that class of positions which were taken out from the civil service by the President about a year ago.

The reason for the renewed confidence of the State department in the Manchurian affairs was officially made public this afternoon. A communication was today received by the department from the Russian government declaring that her only object in Manchuria was to secure the restoration of order and that she proposed to withdraw her troops as soon as it was possible. Russia declares in unmistakable terms that she has no ulterior designs upon Manchuria and has no intention of obtaining territorial concessions from China either in the provinces or elsewhere in contravention of her previous promises. The Russian communication is so binding in its nature that it is regarded as giving the powers full authority to interfere in Manchuria if Russia should see fit to go beyond the limits she herself has set in the pledges given to the United States today. So satisfactory is it to the United States that opposition of this country to the ratification of the Russo-Chinese agreement on Manchuria will be withdrawn.

The President this morning announced to the members of the Cabinet that Philander C. Knox of Pittsburgh had accepted the position of Attorney General. Mr. Mayflower, with Governor General Allen on board, arrived this morning at Hampton Roads from Porto Rico. Governor Allen will come direct to Washington and is expected here tomorrow. Whether he will resign his position as chief executive of Porto Rico, or return to the island, will not be definitely settled until after he shall have had a talk with the President.

E. E. Simpson & Co., stock brokers here, correspondents of a New York concern, whose doors were closed Wednesday, suspended yesterday, leaving a large number of Washington mourners. One well-known citizen has \$8,000 coming. Liabilities of the firm are estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000. During President McKinley's sojourn in San Francisco, which will last a week, he will be the guest of President Scott of the Union Iron Works. Mr. Scott will come to Washington a few days before the departure of the presidential party and will make the journey to the coast on the special. Mr. Scott has a magnificent country residence in the suburbs of San Francisco which during the President's stay will be the scene of a number of brilliant social functions. A strong but friendly rivalry for the honor of entertaining the President in Los Angeles has sprung up between Gen. Harrison Gray Otis and Mr. Horace Laughlin. Both of these gentlemen are former Ohioans, both have beautiful homes, and both have been the most pressing invitations to the President. He may compare by spending a few hours with each of the hospitable gentlemen. Two of the President's brothers, David H. and James, lived and died in southern California so the visit to the State will be a pilgrimage of love for the Chief Executive. A daughter of David, now Mrs. Morse, is living at San Francisco. James McKinley's daughter Grace, has been a frequent guest at the White House. An uncle of the President, Rev. McKinley, is also a resident of San Francisco.

Any attempt by Col. Russell B. Harrison to have a court of inquiry instituted in the matter of his dismissal from the volunteer service will, it is said at the War department, be fruitless. He was inspector general in Porto Rico until late last fall, when he was dismissed by the Adjutant General's office, "his services being no longer required." This was the only reason assigned, and as the President has the right to annual volunteer commissions at any time, with or without cause, there can, necessarily, be no inquiry made into the dismissal. In semi-official army circles another explanation was made. There it was said that young Harrison, while performing his duties in the Antilles, had been the source of too many newspaper stories; that is, that he had on various occasions talked to reporters too freely of official matters.

Representative Meyer, of Louisiana, called on the President this morning and afterwards saw Secretary Cortelyou about the presidential party's visit to New Orleans. "According to present arrangements," said Mr. Meyer, "the special will reach New Orleans at 4:30 on Wednesday, May 1st. That evening there will be a banquet, and the next day a carriage ride about the city expressed in. He says he did say it would be settled by immigration, as more white people would come South and the negroes be gradually pushed out. The Colonel was a Union man before the commencement of the war between the States, but the influence of early associations is too strong to permit him to think about the amalgamation of the races.

Senator Martin and Representative Rhea of Virginia were at the Raleigh Hotel here today. The latter says that satisfactory men are being selected for the constitutional convention in his district. Senator Daniel from that State is also here today. His son will soon be married.

An old and prominent Southern democrat, here today, talking about the alleged capture of General Aguinaldo, said the treatment accorded him by his captors was in marked contrast with that of President Jefferson Davis; but said he was not so strange, for while his capture might have been creditable to an officer of Pinkerton's detectives,

it was any thing else to a commissioned officer in the U. S. army, and is so considered by all the officers with whom I have conversed." A Virginia here today says he sees that General Rosser now puts the blame of Gettysburg upon General Lee, but it was only a few years ago that he attributed it to somebody else. As this was Good Friday there were no stock quotations from the Northern cities. The republican committee of the State of Virginia met last night at the President's residence, among other things, asked him to remove the democratic postmaster at Lynchburg. He received them very kindly and listened to all they had to say, but it is understood at the Postoffice Department that there will be no change in the postoffice of the "hill city." Senator Daniel doesn't want Mr. Moorman removed, and the Senator in person goes to the White House now. When the present non-partisan postmaster at Charlottesville was appointed, a member of the Virginia republican committee called on the President and asked that the appointment be withdrawn and a republican called. Mr. Daniel said that he was confused when the President in turn asked him if he did not have a good office, and continuing, mentioned all the other members of that committee and asked if each of them had not a good office, and then asked him if he didn't think that he, the man who appointed them, oughtn't to be allowed to give one to a man of his own choice.

Senator Cullom of Illinois, called on the President today to further urge the appointment of Mills for collector of internal revenue of the Springfield district. "The appointment will be made the President told me," said Senator Cullom, "so I am not worrying you about the matter." Senator McCumbe of Maryland, today recommended that John W. C. Cable, the present Deputy Naval Officer at the port of Baltimore, be appointed to succeed Naval Officer Norman Scott, who resigned recently. The appointment will probably be made. Mr. Cable will hold office only during Mr. Scott's unexpired term which is about a year and a half.

Having refused to marry the young man whom her parents had chosen for her, Susie Atch, aged 18, left her home in Ballston, Va., and came to Washington where she was arrested today. Her former school was a Mr. Billing of the Postoffice Department, which her father inherited \$75,000. He is now proprietor of the Billing Hotel in that city. The girl was on her way to Pittsburgh where the other fellow lives. He is a poor clerk.

H. W. West, 24 years old, of this city, well known as the man who shot his uncle in the grain business, was arrested today charged with forging the name of Representative Samuel W. Emish, of Michigan, in a note for \$50.

Virginia and the southern States in general are backward in approving rural free delivery.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Prof. Harry F. Willis and Miss Maude F. McKee were eloped from Winchester to Washington yesterday, where they were married.

The mountains surrounding Lexington were covered with a heavy snow, which fell Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon.

The authorities of the Richmond College today attempted to make Wednesday night to burn Science Hall, at that institution.

McClung Madison Sterrett died at his home, about two miles from Lexington, Wednesday morning, after an illness due to pneumonia.

A coroner's jury in Lynchburg yesterday justified the shooting of a negro who, while delirious, had escaped from the smallpox hospital and was running amuck.

In the democratic primary in Henrico county yesterday Mr. Samuel P. Waddill defeated Mr. Jos. Bryan for the State convention. Mr. Waddill was supported by the straight democrats.

A personal encounter between F. B. Johnson, of Ohio, and W. E. Shadbolt, of Jackson Light Infantry, in the gallery of Army Hall, in Norfolk, last night, during a competitive drill, caused a panic among the spectators. One lady faints.

The State Board of Agriculture that met in Lynchburg yesterday elected Prof. S. V. Heigers, of York, Pa., as general manager of the "test farm," the land for which—500 acres—was given by the board of Supervisors of Charlotte county.

Deputy Clerk Wemple, of Prince George county, who has been in custody in Richmond for several days on the charge of attempted assault upon a woman, left for home yesterday. The warrant against him had been dismissed, and Sheriff Arnold wired Deputy Martin to set him free.

Kate Partington, a sister of Sallie Partington, the famous actress in Richmond during the Civil War, is alarmed ill at the home of the latter in Fulton, in that city. Miss Kate Partington has been taking the part of Topsy in Stearns' "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company for some time past.

It is understood that if Mr. G. F. Arens and the other heirs of Mr. Ginter are not willing to rebuild the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond three prominent Richmond capitalists are willing to assume the work of restoration of the famous hostelry. Mr. Arens' friends will not confirm this story.

A meeting of those interested in the proposed electric railroad from Fredericksburg to Culpeper and thence to Staunton will be held in Fredericksburg on Wednesday evening, when the committee was appointed to look into the matter and report to the gentlemen at a meeting to be called by said committee.

The democratic county convention of Fauquier county met in Warrenton yesterday and unanimously nominated Mr. Eppa Hunton, jr., for the constitutional convention from Fauquier. Mr. Hunton appeared before the convention and made a brief address. He said he was in favor of disfranchising the ignorant colored people of the State, but not of disfranchising any white man.

Robert Clarkson Stribling, a young lawyer, who has been practicing at Newport News for a year or more, was found dead in bed yesterday morning in a room at the Exchange Hotel, which he occupied on Wednesday evening. The coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary, heart failure causing death. The deceased was a son of Col. Robert M. Stribling, of Markham, Fauquier county, and was 35 years old.

John Jasper, the old colored preacher, was buried in Richmond yesterday. The church was filled early, and outside the doors the streets surrounding the church were solidly blocked. The singing was a striking feature, and every one joined in the chorus, the entire colored congregation swinging their bodies as they sang. Nearly all of the colored ministers in that city were present and some few of the white State. A dozen or more of the pastors presented eulogies on the dead man.

The Markets. Georgetown, April 5.—Wheat 69 1/2.

If troubled by a weak digestion, loss of appetite, or constipation, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Every box warranted. For sale by Richard Gibson, druggist.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Heavy snowstorms and rainstorms in West Virginia have caused possibilities of a flood.

It is estimated that the recently organized steel trusts will have to pay a revenue tax of \$700,000.

It is stated that the Russian fleet has left Toulon so as not to interfere in the Franco-Italian demonstrations.

Senator Baily, of Texas, has declared for Carter Harrison for democratic candidate for Vice President in 1904.

Aguinaldo is preparing a manifesto which he will issue to the Filipinos, urging them to submit to American supremacy.

Mrs. Potter Palmer held a reception in Chicago yesterday in honor of the ward politicians who helped to elect her son, Honore, alderman.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee is ill at the home of H. C. Merriam in Denver, Col., having contracted a cold while on a trip around the Georgetown loop in the mountains.

A dispatch from Cleveland, Ohio, says a strong syndicate of Cleveland and Akron capitalists will build a trolley line between Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis.

American troops will not help to garrison forts in China. General Chaffee cabled the department yesterday that the allies proposed to erect a series of fortified posts between Peking to the sea.

The appellate division of the Supreme Court in New York yesterday dissolved the injunction forbidding the Goulds to pay over to the Castellanes the full amount of Anna Gould's income. It was held that courts cannot hold up Anna Gould's money and that creditors must sue in France for debts due by Count Castellane.

In the Superior Court at Raleigh, N. C. yesterday afternoon, Major William H. Martin, ex-clerk of the State Treasury, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for the embezzlement of about \$10,000 of the penitentiary funds. The prisoner is 63 years of age. For years he was deputy chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was twice years chief clerk in the revenue collector's office.

A special from Newkirk, Okla., says that Mrs. Ella Selgin and Mrs. Daughson, living near that city, fought a duel with revolvers at twenty paces yesterday and Mrs. Selgin is now in a hospital dangerously wounded. Two of her opponent's shots lodged in her breast, but she is able to talk and is anxious to recover that she may again fight Mrs. Daughson. The duel grew out of a long-standing feud between the women, jealousy being the cause.

SOUTHERN METHODISTS.

Crowds attended the session of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Roanoke yesterday. Bishop Warren A. Candler appeared on the platform and was introduced by Bishop Fitzgerald.

A touching scene was witnessed when Rev. Dr. Hough, of Berryville, a venerable minister, made a touching statement in which he said he would have to retire from active work after forty-seven years as a minister. He had been attacked by the grip and was weak physically. He asked to be "laid aside until he could go home." Tears were in the Bishop's eyes, and the remarks of the venerable preacher made a deep impression on the conference and all joined in singing "When I can read my little clear."

Dr. Carson made a touching reference to Dr. Hough, in seconding his retirement to the superannuated list. Bishop Candler also made a touching allusion to Dr. Hough. He was not retiring. It was a blessed thing to have such a man sitting about.

When the Lewisburg district was called the first complaint against a minister was made. Presiding Elder Hutchison said he would have report on Rev. H. O. Heironimus, of Hot Springs, charging him with impudent conduct, insubordination and heresy, and asked that the case be referred to a committee to look into the matter. Bishop Fitzgerald stated that he would announce the committee later.

Miss Mattie Harris, of Virginia College, presented a claim for \$7,642.29 due her father from the Conference when he had charge of the Methodist College at Staunton. The claim was referred to the committee on education.

The communication from the Virginia Anti-Saloon League was read, and referred to the temperance committee. The league requests the Conference to memorialize the constitutional convention to submit the question to the people.

The Board of Visitors of the Valley College, at Winchester, made their report, showing a good condition of affairs.

The missionary meeting was held last night. Bishop Candler made an anniversary address, and addresses were made by Rev. Collins Denny, of Vanderbilt University, and Rev. Dr. Tilley, missionary to Brazil.

M. P. CONFERENCE.

The second day's session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was held in Easton, Md. yesterday.

Thomas B. Lewis, president of the Western Maryland College, made a report of the workings and management of the college and showed the benefit the college was to the church.

The report on the mutual benefit order was adopted.

In the afternoon the resolution offered at the last session of the conference, held in Westminster last year, in reference to the adoption of a time limit of the pastorage of its ministers to five years, was taken up.

After a number of speeches for and against the proposition, the conference took a recess until night, when the exercises were devoted to the interest of education.

FAIRFAX NOTES.

Mr. Jonathan Roberts, who was well known in Fairfax forty years ago, died at his home in Clarkburg, N. J., Saturday, March 29, aged 84 years. He took an active part in the organization of what was popularly known as a committee for the democratic nomination for the convention, and is, therefore, the only one that can be voted for at the district meetings and primary election on Wednesday next.—Fairfax Herald.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News. Paris, April 5.—An interview is published here with President Kruger in which he is represented as saying that independence for the South African Republic would be the only guarantee of peace. "The fight will continue," he added. President Kruger, "as long as the British persist in their attempt to conquer the Republic."

London, April 5.—Lord Salisbury is going to the Riviera tomorrow in search of health.

London, April 5.—A private detective arrived here today on the Oceanic to make arrangements to have J. Pierpont Morgan properly protected on his arrival here.

Paris, April 5.—The bulletin issued by doctors in attendance on M. Waldeck Rousseau, the French premier, announces that his condition is improved today.

Paris, April 5.—The coal heavers at Havre, at the mouth of the Seine opposite Havre, have gone on strike. They boarded British steam vessels and prevented them from being unloaded.

Algiers, April 5.—An anti-Semitic agitator named Pouzet who has been striving to excite the people against the Jews, was hunting on the coast of Oran province when he was surrounded by a number of Moroccans, who disarmed him and shot him dead with his own gun.

Carbolic Acid Thrown on Her. Ashtabula, O., April 5.—Miss Lillian Hawkins, aged 20, who is living at the home of Wm. Bliss and wife here, was called to the door about 9 o'clock last night by a knock. As the girl opened the door, she was momentarily blinded by the glare of a light in the street in front of the house. She raised her hand to shade her eyes and simultaneously a quantity of carbolic acid was thrown into her face. Miss Hawkins screamed and covered her eyes with both hands. Her cry brought Mr. and Mrs. Bliss to the door. By this time the acid had burned her forehead and both arms to the elbows but did not reach her eyes. The act of raising her hands and shading her eyes against the light in the street undoubtedly saved her sight from being destroyed. Miss Hawkins formerly lived at Rock creek, with a family named Thorpe. One night last December a woman dressed in man's clothes entered her room, bound her to a bedpost and administered chloroform. When she revived she found her trunk had been robbed. Recently she came near being poisoned by eating an apple sent by some unknown person.

Signs of a Railway Strike. New York, April 5.—Advertisements for experienced men in all grades of railroad work appeared in yesterday's papers. Another evidence of an impending strike was the appearance in town of Arthur, Sargent and Morrissey, chief respectively of the brotherhood of engineers, firemen and switchmen.

The road on which it is believed a strike is threatened is the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The men on this road have several grievances, which they claim are serious. Chief of these is a question of wages. The New Jersey Central recently passed into control of the Philadelphia & Reading. A strike on the Central, it is believed, would eventually spread to the Reading.

Officials of the Jersey Central Railway gave out a statement this afternoon worded in a conciliatory manner and indicating that a committee will meet the men half way.

Tossed Their Creditors. San Francisco, April 5.—Members of the 30th regiment volunteer infantry, which was mustered out Wednesday, celebrated their release by tossing bill collectors in blankets. They then departed for home leaving \$7,000 in unpaid bills. Tradesmen who had supplied the veterans with civilians' outfits sent collectors to the camp when the soldiers were to be paid off by Jacob Weinberg was the first of a dozen collectors to demand payment. A score seized him and in a minute he was flying in the air. His bills and loose change were scattered in all directions. Three times he went up and when he could, he decompended with further attempts at collecting. The others went through the same performance.

Good Friday. New York, April 5.—The secular observance of Good Friday is general here. The stock, cotton, and coffee exchanges have adjourned until Monday. The grain exchanges are also closed. Wall street is almost as quiet as on Sunday. Only the banking houses are open for business. All the city departments are closed, and many of the courts will transact no business till Monday. Church services were held this morning in the Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches.

London, April 5.—Good Friday was never more completely observed. It is a holiday today in the fullest sense. Churches only are open. Shops and even the newspaper offices are closed.

Hatfield, the Desperado, Pardoned. Charleston, W. Va., April 5.—Governor White last night pardoned Elias Hatfield, jr., who was convicted in Mingo county, in December, 1899, of the killing of "Doc" Ellis, and sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary. The pardon was granted on account of the bad health of the prisoner, who is in the last stages of consumption. Elias Hatfield is a member of the McCoy's whose bloody feud with the McCoy's has made the name notorious. Hatfield surrendered to Governor Atkinson in person, after eluding the officers of the law for some time.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of the millinery at 1038 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Richard Gibson, druggist.

Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup for teething babies. Full-size bottle, 10 cents. Cures Wind, Colic, Diarrhoea, Loss of Sleep, Griping Pains, Croup, Whooping Cough, Infantile Cholera, and all the ailments of the digestion and soothes the baby. Sold by Richard Gibson and all druggists.

"Last winter I was confined to my bed with a very bad cold on the lungs. Nothing gave me relief. Finally my wife bought a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure that effected a speedy cure. I cannot speak too highly of this excellent remedy." Mr. T. K. Hueston, Manassas, Pa.

Intolerance Results in Tragedy.

Vienna, April 5.—A horrible tragedy is reported from Graz, Austria, Hungary. A sect known as the Nazarenes, which somewhat resembles the society of Friends, or Quakers, and which has been prominent in Hungary for about forty years past, assembled for divine service in their meeting house. Rival secretaries who hate the Nazarenes, locked the meeting house door, while the latter were at worship, and set fire to the building. A frightful scene ensued, ten of the Nazarenes being burned to death, and 45 of them badly burned in the conflagration.

Serious Fire Threatened. Rochester, N. Y., April 5.—What promises to be a serious fire broke out in this town in Dake's drugstore, the largest in the city, under the Whitcomb corner, of Main street and Clinton avenue. The flames are now pouring out of the ceiling. A general alarm was sounded. There was a small explosion just before the flames were seen. The fire was confined to the basement of the drug store and did no damage to the hotel or block. Loss from water and smoke, \$10,000.

Result of a Family Row. Ravenswood, W. Va., April 5.—At Crow Summit, Everett Wheaton, aged 20, was fatally shot by his father yesterday. Wheaton was abusive and beat his wife frequently. Yesterday he attacked her and the son rose from a sick bed to defend his mother. The son finally got his father out in the yard. There the father attacked him with an axe but was prevented from using it. He then procured a revolver and shot his son in the throat. Wheaton is under arrest.

A Ghastly Discovery. Niagara Falls, Ont., April 5.—Yesterday afternoon Charles Woodcock noticed a boat a mile above the Canadian falls. He secured it and found a dead man inside, with his legs under the seat and his head in about three inches of water. The boat was towed to Chippewa where the body was identified as Elmo Jones, of Buffalo, aged 35. It is supposed that while crossing at some point of the upper river he died suddenly from over-exertion in rowing, and drifted down the Canadian channel.

suicide of a Recluse. New York, April 5.—John Zolinger, an old and eccentric recluse, ended his life today in his squalid watch repairing shop, by shooting himself through the head. He was tried of the means of his own death. He had a bank book showing \$4,000 deposit, and \$800 in cash. One man attempted suicide and a woman killed herself by jumping from a window in the tenement where Zolinger lived recently.

Justice MacLean, in the New York Supreme Court decided that a man who kissed another man's wife might cause the husband to demand an explanation but the act would not warrant the court in granting that husband a divorce.

Richard H. Moulton, who shot at Dingwall and Leffingwell, the theatrical managers in Pabst's Kabakeller, in New York, on March 21, has been adjudged hopelessly insane by seven specialists. The doctors also think that Moulton's living days are numbered. He is still at Bellevue. Moulton was infatuated with May Buckley, the actress. He shot at the two men named, wounding Dingwall, when he saw the actress in their company.

A force police fire is raging on the north of Lincoln Park, Chicago, and the aristocratic residents of the vicinity have appealed to the fire department for aid. The fire has covered an area of three squares and the flames are sweeping in the direction of the residential district.

The dead bodies of two men were found along the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at the tunnel at the foot of Brunswick, Md., yesterday. It is thought they were walking through the tunnel and were caught by a train.

Probably the largest number of immigrants ever landed at New York, by a single vessel, came today on the Steamship Rhein from Bremen. She carried 2,449 stowage passengers and 53 cabin passengers.

FOREIGN NEWS.

President Kruger, in an interview at Utrecht, Holland, said he was willing to leave even the question of Boer independence to arbitration.

The German minister to China says that Russia will not abandon Prince Tuan to punishment because she owes Manchuria to him. The foreign ministers in Peking are considering proposals of financial experts for raising a sufficient sum for payment of the Chinese indemnity. Some of the powers are averse to compelling China to contract a loan for the payment of the indemnity.

"By the end of May," says the Moscow correspondent of the London Daily Graphic, "the Russian army in Manchuria will number 300,000 men. It is understood that the Russian minister of war (Gen. Kourapatkin) reckons upon the possibility of having to dispatch an army corps southward into Korea."

"The Italian minister in Peking telegraphs," says the Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that M. de Giers has threatened that Russia will leave the concert if the powers continue to oppose the Manchurian convention."

THE UNIFORM EXAMINATIONS.—The uniform examinations for teachers in the public schools of the State will be held this year by county and city superintendents as follows:

For white teachers, Tuesday, May 28, and Wednesday, May 29.

For colored teachers, Thursday, May 30, and Friday, May 31.

The examination will embrace orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, physiology and hygiene; and for first and second grade certificates, civil government and the theory and practice of teaching also.

Persons who are to stand these examinations should make themselves thoroughly familiar with the best text books on the various subjects, and books can be selected from the list of books authorized for use in the public schools of the State.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

The State Board of Education will soon have to take up the appointment of superintendent of schools for the various cities and counties for the next four years, or until their successors are appointed under the new State constitution. Applicants are required to file all their papers on or before the 15th day of April, 1901, with the Secretary of the Board of Education.

If had piles so bad I could get no rest had a cure until I tried DeWitt's Kidney & Bladder Pills. After using it once, I forgot I ever had anything like piles." E. C. Boice, Emerson Point, N. Y. Look out for imitations. Be sure you ask for DeWitt's.

How Are Your Kidneys? Dr. Hobb's Spang's Pills cure all kidney ailments. Free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The committee of twenty appointed at the meeting of the business men held at the Opera House Wednesday night met last night in the rooms of the Business Men's League and outlined their plans to elect a new City Council at the coming democratic primary. Mr. Jas. R. Bacon presided and Mr. C. C. Leadbeater was secretary. Mr. Bacon explained the aims and purposes of the committee, which are for street improvements and sewerage of the city. The new organization was made permanent one with the name of the Citizens' Progressive Association.

The following officers were elected: John R. Zimmerman, president; James Bayne, secretary and treasurer; J. M. Hill, vice president from the First ward; S. B. Fisher, vice president from the Second ward; E. E. Downham, vice president from the Third ward, and C. C. Leadbeater, vice president from the Fourth ward. An executive committee consisting of three members from each ward was chosen as follows: First ward, Robert Atchison, S. E. Lindsey; Second ward, Dr. T. M. Jones, Henry Strauss, Geo. H. Harlow; Third ward, Henry F. Robertson, G. Wm. Ramsey, A. D. Brockett; Fourth ward, Charles King, W. B. Smoot and George R. Hill.

The committee of twenty decided to meet Saturday night in the Opera House at 8 o'clock and select a committee which will hold a secret meeting and nominate the names of candidates for the election who are in sympathy with the movement. The names will then be brought into the mass meeting and submitted for ratification, as will the names of the officers chosen last night.

The following committee was appointed to wait upon the city democratic committee and ask them to postpone the primary until the latter part of April: James R. Catoe, George D. Hopkins, Frank S. Harper, Louis Brill, Peter Atchison, and John R. Zimmerman. It was decided to request the city democratic committee to make void all ballots for City Council that did not contain four names. This would prevent the casting of ballots known as "plumpers," that is, tickets on which every name is scratched but one.

At the suggestion of Mr. Frank S. Harper the committee decided to close their respective places of business for half a day on election day so as to get out and work for their candidates.

During the evening there was a lengthy discussion among different members concerning their views on the subject.

Mr. A. H. Thomson was opposed to going into the democratic primary. Mr. Isaac Eichberg thought otherwise. In the estimation of Mr. Peter Atchison the town was being run by politicians.

It was suggested by Mr. Chas. King that the committee designate Mr. Wm. F. Carns to interview the present members of the City Council and get their opinions on street improvements, etc., and that the committee pay Mr. Carns for his work.

Mr. F. S. Harper did not agree with Mr. King on that score. In his opinion the state of the Councilmen were not always reliable. They, he said, would make promises for the time being, and possibly after election break them. Relative to staying out of the primary and going into the general election Mr. Harper was of the opinion that the people would say there were axes to grind. Upon motion of Mr. Harper it was decided to go into the primary.

Mr. George Hopkins moved the adoption of the circular letter recently issued by the business men. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Worth Haultch was opposed to the paper on account of its reference to the asking of cheaper rates from the Alexandria Water Company. He said he did not favor a tacking any private corporations. His remarks brought forth considerable discussion, in which many members indulged. The majority of those present were of the opinion that the circular letter did not attack any corporations. Mr. Haultch said that in the water company would reduce rates as soon as it could see its way clear to do so.

Mr. Hopkins was inclined to think that compulsory taping of sewers would be unjust to the poorer people.

At the suggestion of Mr. M. B. Harlow it was decided to try and enroll all citizens who are interested in the movement into the association.

The question whether the association would look into the election of officers for the other municipal offices was then brought up.

Mr. M. B. Harlow suggested that the committee might wait upon Mayor Simpson and get his views on the association's plans. Mr. E. E. Downham thought it useless, as the mayor didn't seem to take any interest, whatever in the meeting. Mr. Isaac Eichberg thought the mayor would not commit himself. At this juncture it was decided to adjourn.

In conversation with several of the gentlemen whose names are mentioned on the committees these gentlemen stated this morning that they knew nothing about the matter and had nothing to do with the movement.

This morning one of the committees appointed at last night's meeting waited on the several candidates for office in reference to a postponement of the democratic primary. Each of the candidates said he was willing if the others were and upon these statements the committee waited upon the chairman and secretary of the democratic committee and asked that the primary be postponed till the 29th or 30th inst.

The officers of the democratic committee then decided to call a meeting in the Aldermen's chamber at 8 o'clock tonight to consider the request for a postponement of the primary.

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CANDIDATES.

CITY AUDITOR.—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the position of AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, subject to the democratic primary election TUESDAY, April 16, at 6 o'clock, and support of my fellow citizens.

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