

TO PROMOTE CONSTRUCTION Of the Virginia and Carolina Railroad.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS. Report of the Inland Trade Committee That Investigated the Matter Received and Adopted.

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening at 6 o'clock.

Present: Hon. George L. Christian, first vice-president; Mr. S. H. Hawes, second vice-president, and Messrs. John B. Cary, Arthur B. Clarke, H. B. Talaferro, E. D. Taylor, H. A. Tabb, and S. W. Travers, directors.

Excuses were offered for the absence of Colonel Purcell and Mr. Wallerstein, who were detained at home by sickness.

In the absence of the president, Hon. George L. Christian occupied the chair.

The object of the meeting was to consider a report of the committee on inland trade upon the feasibility of the chamber, taking some action to promote the construction of the Virginia and Carolina railroad.

Mr. S. W. Travers, chairman of that committee, which is composed of Messrs. C. B. Barlowe, A. H. Cottrell, C. B. Antrim, J. R. Tucker, Jr., E. G. Leigh, Jr., and H. B. Talaferro, after stating the investigation and consideration, which had been given to the subject, submitted the following report, adopted at a meeting of the committee on the 17th instant.

"Whereas, it is represented to the Inland Trade Committee of the Chamber of Commerce that unless twenty miles of the Virginia and North Carolina railroad are built by June 7, 1901, serious delay may arise resulting in the abandonment of the work for some years;

"Whereas, this committee is of the opinion that the building of this road would prove of the utmost benefit to the trade and commerce of Richmond, giving it a third trunk line to the South;

"Resolved, That this committee recommend to the Chamber that they request our citizens to examine the scheme carefully, and, if feasible, lend it their support and aid.

The importance of the construction of this new line to the South, connecting at Ridge-way, N. C., with Petersburg with the Seaboard Air Line, was fully discussed, and the premises and resolutions, as reported by the committee, were adopted by the board.

There being no other business before the board, upon motion of Mr. Taylor the meeting adjourned.

CARD FROM THE CLERKS. They Want People to Do Their Shopping Before 6 P. M.

Mr. Don Leavy, the secretary of the recently-organized Clerks' Association of Richmond, furnished the TIMES yesterday with the following:

This card is written in response to the many inquiries, why have the clerks found it necessary to organize themselves into an association?

The public is well aware of the many efforts we have made in the past to obtain regular business hours from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

These efforts have been made without an organization, and have only been partly successful.

We are happy to say our friends have in many cases promptly responded to our request to do their shopping between those hours.

We have found it necessary also in order to protect those merchants who continued to close at 6 o'clock, having agreed to do so against others who have not complied with their agreement, and still another class, who have never consented to do so, but who we are in hopes of winning over to our just and reasonable request.

We contend that by this arrangement our employers will be the gainers and that therefore it is as much their business as ours.

They, as well as ourselves, are pretty well worn out by 6 o'clock, consequently, with a short time for relaxation, we will be better able to renew business the following morning than when working from twelve to fifteen hours a day.

Having made this explanation, we once more appeal to the public, and feel it will not be made in vain, to sustain us in this request by doing their shopping between the hours of 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

We promise for ourselves that whenever we shall be waiting upon a customer, when that hour arrives we will show them the same polite attention until their memorandum is filled, if it takes until 8 o'clock or even later to complete it.

Our committee will wait upon the merchants this week with a petition, and we hope it will meet with their approval and signatures.

Following are the officers of the Association: J. W. Carter, president; W. Sherrick, vice-president; J. P. Don Leavy, secretary.

MISS MARLOWE WAS HERE. Created by a Richmond Physician for Throat Trouble.

Miss Julia Marlowe, her mother and maid, accompanied by the veteran manager John T. Ford of Baltimore, were registered at Ford's Hotel, this city, yesterday.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING. It is Being Greatly Improved by the Secretary.

The appearance of the building of the Young Men's Christian Association is steadily improving under the able management of Secretary Candlish.

That gentleman has only held his new position a month, but there is already a vast improvement in everything connected with the Association.

The gymnasium has been thoroughly overhauled, the lockers have been fixed and those whose lockers are no longer members of the gymnasium have been cleaned out and are ready for newcomers.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock a meeting for boys will be held, which will be in charge of Mr. W. W. Smith. At 4 o'clock a meeting for young men will follow, of which the Rev. L. A. Turnbull will be the leader.

Messrs. Leidel and Armstrong will sing a duet, and Mr. Haidson S. Watkins will sing a solo.

Mr. M. L. Willis will play the accompaniment on the piano, while Mr. C. E. Young will preside over the organ. Mr. L. Madree will be the violinist.

At 5 o'clock Mr. Candlish will take charge of the Bible class, at the close of which its members will retire to an upper room, where tea will be had.

Last evening another joint debate was held in the large hall of the building between the Philologist Society of Richmond College and the Randolph Literary Society of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The audience was a large one and almost filled the hall.

After an address of welcome by Mr. G. R. London, president of the Randolph Society, the question for debate was announced as follows: "Resolved, That the hope of reward is a greater incentive to action than the fear of punishment."

The affirmative side of the question was advocated by Messrs. E. E. Dudley and Frank Williams, Jr., of the Philologist Society, while the negative was represented by Messrs. James W. Gordon and C. H. Ermer, of the Randolph Society.

The negative brought out some very good arguments, but the question was decided in favor of the negative.

The judges were Major Benjamin H. Nash, Colonel John H. Cary, Messrs. William Elyson, George Wayne Anderson and J. Taylor Stratton.

RICHMOND'S FIRST REPORTER. An Interesting Chat With Manager John T. Ford.

The genial theatrical manager, John T. Ford, was in one of his happiest moods yesterday afternoon as he sat in the lobby at Ford's.

"To newspaper men," he said, "I am always accessible, especially to Richmond men, for, in fact, I was, I believe, the first newspaper reporter in Richmond, and nearly forty-seven years ago made my first daily returns to the Whip."

"I was then keeping a book-store opposite the Theatre, and between the newspapers and the Theatre my affections have always been equally divided."

In answer to a question he replied: "Yes, I have now been longer in the active management than any other man in this country."

"I left this city in 1850 with my first troupe, and have been in the harness ever since. The year, however, in Maryland, never mind, but at any rate I came to Richmond very young, and we were married here when I was twenty years of age."

"Under my management many prominent actors and actresses were first introduced here—I mean Booth, Joe Jefferson, Charles Cushman, Edwin Forrest, Mary Anderson, and others of less renown being in the list."

"Just twenty-six years ago to-night," said Mr. Ford, "I learned, while in this city, of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in my theatre at Washington."

"I left for Baltimore at once by the James-River boat, and upon my arrival was arrested and incarcerated in the old Capitol prison at Washington, where I was detained for forty days."

Mr. Ford was asked as to the probability of the permanent removal of Booth.

"In my opinion," he said, "Booth will probably never get away, although, of course, he may, to a limited extent."

He has worked hard for forty years, has achieved all the fame possible in his profession, has accumulated an ample fortune, and I can see nothing to draw him again from the rest he has justly earned."

"Who will be his successor is hard to say. I can say, however, that his nephew, Mr. Preston Clarke, I consider is as good an actor as was Edwin Booth when I brought him here in 1856, he then being of the same age as Mr. Clarke is now."

CARNIVAL CLOSED. A Very Successful Affair in Every Respect.

The Carnival de la Mer is a thing of the past.

At 6 o'clock last evening the doors were closed after a very successful season of ten days. All the ladies who were at the affair have marked very hard, and it is only to be hoped that their indelible efforts will be crowned with the expected financial success.

The ladies hope to make between \$5,000 and \$6,000, but it is not about a week, before the ladies can positively tell the status of their finances.

Yesterday afternoon an extra matinee was given to deserving children, and the audience was a very large one. Mrs. A. E. Dickson, of New York, Mrs. R. L. Norris and Mrs. C. C. Walker gave recitations, while Miss Mary Preston Moore entertained the audience with some very fine singing.

IN THE WHIRL OF SOCIETY. What Has Been Going On During the Past Week.

CHILDREN'S PARTY AT COL. TANNER'S. Dr. White's Entertainment Last Evening—Other Affairs of Interest and Pleasure.

Only one German last week, and the week just beginning can boast of only one.

The Carnival, the hub around which Richmond's elite have revolved the past two weeks, is at an end, and now there is nothing to while away the long and weary hours between dusk and midnight.

We never realize the joys and pleasures which old winter, with her crisp and chilling breath, holds in store until they are past, and the languid days of spring have come and made the intricate figures of the German or the step of the graceful waltz too laborious.

It is true there's the latest novel and the evening tete-a-tete, but can this take the place of the winter's whirl? There is one consolation, however, in the dream of the happy days to be spent at the seaside and in the mountains.

At his residence, corner of Second and Franklin streets, last evening, Dr. Joseph A. White entertained a number of his friends.

The occasion was the celebration of his birthday. Every one present seemed to have an enjoyable time.

Colonel John K. Connally, of North Carolina, is the guest of his mother-in-law, Mrs. James Thomas.

Miss Nannie O. Gordon is in the city, visiting her uncle, Mr. James Pleasant at 106 east Franklin street.

Miss Marie James, of Staten Island, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Julia Morton at 612 west Franklin street.

Bellevue Hall, which has been the social arena during this season, closed its doors last night with a grand evening, when it was the scene of a brilliant subscription given by the members of the Tuesday and Friday clubs.

The warm, depressing weather did not deter the dancers from participating in the waltz.

The German was led by Mr. John Boissau, Miss Norvell Otley, of Lynchburg, who has been visiting Miss Louise Brander, returned home yesterday.

The Messes Montague, of Baltimore, are the guests of the music, about seventy-five, at Second and Franklin streets.

Miss Kent, of Wytheville, who has been visiting the Messes Henning, of south Third street, has returned home.

Mr. Palmer Tennant, of Roanoke, is in the city.

Mr. McKinney, of Washington, is visiting his father, the Governor.

Miss Bennie Johnson, of Church Hill, left yesterday by the York River line for Alexandria, to spend a month.

Richmond has seldom, if ever, seen a more beautiful juvenile party than one given by Mr. Charles W. Tanner and his wife Friday evening to their little daughter Ruth, a niece of nine years, at the residence of the little one's grandfather, Colonel William E. Tanner, on Third street.

The invitations read "from 7:30 o'clock" at which hour the young guests began to gather. The spacious parlors were soon filled with as dainty a collection of little misses and embryo men as it falls to one's lot ever to see together.

The dresses, about seventy-five, were as they flitted about in the many dance so delicious status of music as the talented musician, Laube, Hasler, Wagner, Voelker and Schremp furnished, one could have imagined himself in fairyland.

Little Miss Ruth was assisted in receiving by her mother, Lyle Jefferson, Jessie Jones, George Wilson, Cary Nettlet, May Lynch and in little Cora Younger. These young misses performed their duty with the skill of veterans, and contributed largely to the enjoyment of their little companions.

The dresses of course you old folks will say, how were the children dressed? but you can't expect us to describe the lovely toilet, made more beautiful by the exquisite little bodies in them, nor that is asking too much; we will say, however, that more elegant display of diminutive toilets we never saw before.

Among the guests present were Misses Elsie Stokes, Nannie and Phyllis Langhorne, Virginia Allen, Addie and Emma Bowe, Bessie Elyson, Lettie Lambert, Emma Long, May and Emma Carpenter, Maud Steel, Louise Barber, Battie and Josephine Tyler, Wilson and Edna Sheldon, Maud Leake, Alice and Lizzie Blair, Jennie Mosby, Kate and Myra Jones, Lillie Urquhart, Manie and Edna Jennings, Louise Mallory, Jessie Wilson, Mary Sutherland, Alice Hotchkiss, Susie Davis, Mary Watt, Courtney, Evelyn, Condy and Leola Bridges, Helena Le Froy, Langhorne Cosby, Jessie, Manie and Nellie Delaney, Madge and Grace Landrum, Maggie Shields, Bessie Bisher, Emma Boss, Irene Bradford, Helen Tanner, Lucie Whittle, Fannie Sims, George and Florence Wilson, Bessie Garrett, Lizzie Gibson, Maudie Sparks, Elsie Parkinson, Walter and Allen Stokes, George and Irving Blair, Robert Whitehurst, Harry Ecker, Robert Lambert, Charles Todd, Leah Fuller, Johnnie Lemg, Sammie Tyler, Walter, Edwin and Albert Tanner, David Lynch, Robert Kyle, Armstrong Crump, Mill Urquhart, Willie Bridges, Douglas Leake.

At 10:30 o'clock, to an inspiring march the little folks formed in two's and were conducted to the basement, where Mr. E. P. Burke had prepared a table whose cloth surrounded pyramids, and fruit and flower combinations made a sight of rare delight, and those rooms, well, the architect must have had some such affair as this in view when he planned.

Old Mother Goose invites her friends and the public generally to come to Young Men's Christian Association Hall next Friday afternoon, April 20th, where they will meet some of her many children. She will have them in costumes suited to their names, and they will dance her dances and sing her melodies. She will also show you the daintiest dish ever set before a king, a blackbird pie, which is something entirely new in this city, and will be done by four and twenty little tots, who have been carefully trained. The old lady always takes deep interest in any work in which children are engaged, and this time she lends a helping hand to the Children's Chapter of All Saints' Church Guild.

IN THE ARMORY. Enlistments of the Week—General Orders From the Colonel.

The following enlistments have been admitted to the regiment ending last week, April 18th: W. B. Tucker, L. B. Samuel, Company C; John J. Holtz, Company E; James F. Fox and J. L. Woodridge, Company F.

Colonel Jones has issued the following order to his troops:

1. This regiment will assemble for inspection April 23, 1891, at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

2. Companies will be paraded fully equipped. Fatigue coats and caps will be neatly packed in blankets and bags.

Pitot Mine Explosion. ASPEN, COL., April 18.—A frightful accident, in which three men were instantly killed and two others seriously injured, occurred at the Cameron shaft of the Argonaut silver mine, near this city, to-day. About 11:30 this morning, while engaged in putting of a round of giant powder, a premature explosion occurred, killing Foreman Ed. Reed, Thomas Kennedy and Jack Mahoney, miners, and seriously injuring Edward Gilling and one other miner. All the men are married and have families.

Confessed Judgment. PITTSBURG, Pa., April 18.—Chambers, Coale & Co., wholesale dealers in this city, have confessed judgment to the Rawson and The Lumber Company, of Michigan City, Ind. The liabilities are to \$50,000 and assets about \$40,000. The failure was due to the inability of the firm to make collections from customers. The failure also embarrasses the firm of Hart Brothers' Company, of this city, who were also largely interested in the Chambers, Coale & Co. and endorsees of their paper.

Steamer Collision. NEW YORK, April 18.—The steamer Connecticut, while on her way from Stoughton to New York early this morning, was run into by a big schooner, whose jib raked the steamer's side, tearing up the wood-work and throwing the passengers out of their berths. A few people were injured, but the steamer arrived here safely with her passengers safe, but some of them were bruised a little. The damage to the steamer was about \$5,000.

Miss Susan Dickerson Ill. WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 18.—Miss Susan Dickerson, sister of Anna Dickerson, is dangerously ill at the Eagle Hotel, Pittston. It is said, by the constant strain and worry over the recent trouble with her sister. Her physicians say she is suffering from a severe attack of grip.

Wheat Market Excited. CHICAGO, ILL., April 18.—Wheat was excited and advanced 4 1/2 cents, but closed with a net gain of only 1 1/2 cents. The shorts, big and little, were thoroughly frightened, and in addition the market received strength from the Beerboom message saying cargoes on passage were excited and higher. Receipts, seventy-six cars.

Heavy Thunder Storm. ORANGE, MASS., April 18.—A heavy thunder shower and hail storm occurred in this place early this evening. Several houses and barns were struck by lightning and two horses were killed. A land-slide occurred on the Newburg railroad near here, but a gang of laborers soon cleared the tracks.

Fugitive Captured. BALTIMORE, Md., April 18.—William Blaney, the murderer, who escaped from the city jail last evening, was captured at the house of his aunt, Mrs. Frank Whyte, on Saracen street, in southwest Baltimore at 10:30 this morning.

Killed Her Child. FORT WAYNE, IND., April 18.—At 6 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Murphy, wife of Dr. George Murphy, of Leo, this county, while temporarily insane, shot and killed her five-year-old daughter as she lay asleep in her crib.

The Bath Iron and Timber Company, of Bath county, promises to be one of the greatest successes of the kind ever inaugurated. The promoters of the company are among the most noted and honored capitalists of the United States. The company is represented in Richmond by that energetic and enterprising real estate agent, Mr. F. Boykin Jacobs, in whose hands investors can safely trust their interests.

HELP YOURSELF TO GET RID OF that Cough or Cold, or any Asthmatic or Throat Trouble by using Dr. D. Jayne's Expecto-rant.

MILLINERY, FANCY GOODS &c.

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR KAUF-MANN & CO. THEY ARE TOO BUSY SELLING MILLINERY TO WRITE UP THEIR ADVERTISEMENT.

5,000 YARDS PRIDE OF THE WEST BLEACHED COTTON

At 8 1/2c. a Yard.

DRESS GOODS.

If you are looking for any special shade of tan or gray Dress Goods, or any other shade, you can find it here. With our very large assortment you cannot help but be suited. All the newest styles in trimmings—narrow, medium and wide.

BABY-CARRIAGES. Do You want a Baby-Carriage? Just look over our line—\$2.00. Three Dollars and ninety cents for a good carriage—strong, rigid body, nicely plated iron work, splendid harness. The Carriages at \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, \$55.50, \$56.00, \$56.50, \$57.00, \$57.50, \$58.00, \$58.50, \$59.00, \$59.50, 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