ROYAL ARCANUM MEETS.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OPENED AT LEE CAMP HALL.

Members of the Various Councils in the State Attend the First Meeting—They Will be in Session Several Days.

The eleventh session of the Grand Council of Royal Arcanum met last night at 8 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall, which was kindly tendered by McCarthy Council.

The session will probably last two or three days, as there is a vast amount of business to be transacted, such as advancing certain officials, and filling vacancies caused by promotion and retirement.

General supreme officers are present to initiate all new officers who may be elected, and from present prospects the election to various offices will be a very warm contest, as the friends of each candidate are working hard for their man.

The following are the officers whose terms expire with this session: Walter F. Irvine, grand regent; Charles W. Harwood, grand vice-regent; H. C. Scott, grand orator; James B. Blanks, past grand regent; William Lovenstein, grand secretary; A. B. Botts, grand treasurer; Rev. S. S. Rahn, grand chaplain; William D. Morris, grand guide; John T. Edwards, grand warden; S. L. Bloomberg, grand sentry.

Grand Secretary William Lovenstein, who paid the first assessment in the order, has by his energy and zealous efforts assisted very materially in building up the order, and in submitting his numerous reports last night, said that he would always make this his one object, to do all in his power for the advancement of the Grand Council Royal Arcanum of Virginia.

The membership the past year shows a net increase of 419 members, the actual number of initiations being 534.

The list of suspensions has increased, while the number of deaths was exactly the same. The total number of members is 3,978.

Mr. Lovenstein's report embodies a great deal that will be of much interest to all members of the order. Among other things, he mentioned his official visits to the various councils of the State, in which in each instance, he was most cordially received, and he feels convinced that nothing more tends to stimulate the officers and members than these annual visitations.

In speaking of the order, Mr. Lovenstein heartily concurs with the grand regent, that a paid deputy be employed in the near future to institute councils throughout the State, and furthermore, he desires to call the attention of the Grand Council to the valuable services rendered by Grand Regent Irvine, in taking up the work left by his worthy predecessor, and carrying the banner aloft, traversing the entire State, speaking words of kind advice and encouragement to weak councils.

The following is a list of those present:

Walter F. Irvine, grand regent; Charles W. Harwood, grand vice-regent; James B. Blanks, past grand regent; William Lovenstein, grand secretary; A. B. Botts, grand treasurer; Rev. S. S. Rahn, grand chaplain; William D. Morriss, grand guide; John T. Edwards, grand warden; S. L. Bloomberg, grand sentry; A. Myers, C. C. Berry, N. B. Ridley, grand trustees; William Lovenstein, James B. Blanks, supreme representatives; J. Taylor Ellyson, W. J. Williams, W. H. Williams, finance committee; J. J. Jamieson, John E. Hankins, J. H. Ingram, committee on laws and appeals.

Past Grand Regents: John J. Wright, Virginia, 26; James L. Beck, Lynchburg, 405; Richard A. Doble, Pocahontas, 493.

Life Members (not officers or committeemen): N. K. White, Union, 51; W. L. Smith, Union, 51; A. M. Richardson, Union, 51.

Representatives: R. T. Davis, A. P. Fowden, Virginia, 26, Richmond; Rowland Hill, Union, 51, Richmond; J. C. Proctor, Portsmouth, 227, Portsmouth; H. Hodges, Norfolk, 228, Norfolk; J. P. Banks, Southside, 298, Petersburg; C. H. Lumsden, Lynchburg, 405, Lynchburg; John M. Griffin, Fredericksburg, 416, Fredericksburg; Marx Gunst, McCarthy, 468, Richmond; Charles Gibbs, Old Dominion, 485, Berkley; W. W. Robertson, Augusta, 490, Staunton; J. C. Carroll, Pocahontas, 493, Norfolk; C. J. Faulkner, Mecklenburg, 511, Boydton; J. O'Brien, Haven, 559, Chincoteague; T. W. Taylor, Wise, 561, Onancock; E. F. Seal, Elba, 606, Richmond; R. W. Arnold, Alexandria, 627, Alexandria; Walter Sydnor, Patrick Henry, 659, Hanover; R. W. Collier, Sycamore, 705, Petersburg; George M. Rogers, Henrico, 733, Richmond; W. D. Rice, Shockoe, 835, Richmond; W. H. Reeve, Campostella, 903, Norfolk; Dunfville, Nansemond, 976, Suffolk; Miles Cary, Loyal, 1031, Pocahontas; L. R. Edwards, Southampton, 1061, Franklin; J. T. Galalee, Emmett Deans, Ocean, 1063, Portsmonth; Charles Y. Bargamin, Belvidere, 1139, Richmond; Wharton, Newport News, 1141, Newport News; George E. Gary, Manchester, 1217, Manchester; C. W. Gleaves, Rahn, 1218, Wytheville; James Mecredy, Roanoke, 1228, Roanoke; G. R. Wood, Wythe, 1248, Hampton; E. W. Wilson, Warrasquoake, 1251, Smithfield; Rev. F. T. McFadden, Holston, 1272, Marion; E. M. Allen, Tidewater, 1302, Norfolk; J. H. Rhodes, Jr., Dan River, 1319, Danville; Patrick W. Savage, Cape Charles, 1337, Cape Charles; G. T. Israel, Blue Ridge, 1424, Shenandoah; R. E. Darden, Newsoms, 1443, Newsoms; J. E. Shipman, Fort Lewis, 1459, Salem; John L. Taylor, River View, 1471, North Danville; Kirkover, Orinoco, 1496, Martinsville.

O. F. Howell, editor of the Royal Arcanum Guide, of Winchester, Mass., Past Supreme Regent A. C. Tripple, Supreme Guides Henry and E. A. Skinner and Supreme Treasurer Goodwin were introduced and received with appropriate honors, after which remarks were made by each.

A most fitting eulogy was paid by the grand regent to the late William T. Allen, after which the meeting adjourned until to-day at 10 A. M.

The members are requested to meet at Murphy's Hotel at 8:30 this morning, where they will be photographed by Foster.

RUN OVER BY A CAR.

A Pullman Car Conductor Seriously Hurt at the Union Depot.

Mr. William H. Miles, a Pullman car conductor, who lives in this city, met with quite a serious accident last evening about 9:30 o'clock at the Union depot.

He attempted to step from the platform of a moving train, and in some way lost his footing and fell, the car wheel passing over his foot and mangling it very badly.

The ambulance was called and carried the injured man to his home, No. 2209 east Broad street, where his foot was amputated. At last accounts he was getting on very nicely.

Tablet for the Masonic Temple.

A handsome tablet for the Masonic Temple is being finished at the Laurel-street marble works of Mr. A. J. Wray. On it are inscribed the names of B. R. Wellford, president, and William B. Isaacs, secretary and treasurer of the Masonic Temple Association; those of A. R. Courtney and William E. Tanner and Joseph V. Bidgood, the building committee, and of the trustees, which includes also the above names and the additional ones of Charles E. Wingo, J. G. Cabell, John F. Mayer, James H. Capers and Allan Talbott. The tablet, which is a beautiful piece of work, will be placed in the hall near the main entrance.

Bell Guilty of Petit Larceny.

Henrico county court was in session yesterday, and the day was taken up in the case of the Commonwealth against W. S. Bell. This was the second day devoted to this case, as Monday only part of the evidence was given in and court adjourned until yesterday morning.

When at 10 o'clock the jury in charge of the sheriff filed in and took their seats Judge Minor rapped the court to order, and the evidence was continued.

After disposing of several witnesses and an hour and a-half adjournment for luncheon, the counsel for and against the defendant divided up the rest of the afternoon, setting forth arguments of mighty legal force.

The case was at last given to the jury, and, after remaining out for half an hour, a verdict was rendered convicting the defendant of petit larceny and imposing a fine of $25.

Court was then adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

THE SOCIAL BAPTISTS.

A Meeting of the Union at the Masonic Temple—A Supper.

Fully one hundred and seventy persons occupied seats at the supper of the Baptist Social Union last evening at the Masonic Temple. The gathering was the largest in the history of the organization.

The company assembled early in the evening and occupied the spacious foyer of the building for an hour's social intercourse. Among the visitors present were Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Augusta; Dr. F. M. Ellis, Baltimore; Dr. W. D. Powell, Mexico; Rev. J. B. Turpin, Charlottesville; Rev. T. R. Underwood, Dr. George T. Bagby, Rev. J. T. Betts, Rev. H. A. Bagby, Judge William R. Barksdale and wife, of Halifax, and the six missionaries who were examined and received by the Foreign Mission Board Monday, as follows: Rev. Joseph Aden, Rev. Marion Gassoway, Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, Rev. Robert E. Neighbour, Rev. Samuel Judson Porter, Rev. Peyton Stephens. Also, Dr. A. B. Woodfin, of Hampton; Rev. George A. Barker, Petersburg; Dr. Thos. Pritchard, Dr. J. William Jones, and most of the Baptist ministers of Richmond. Mr. E. D. Starke, president of the Association, was master of ceremonies, and filled the position of host with ease and grace.

The other officers of the organization are as follows: Professor C. H. Winston, first vice-president; G. B. Sydnor, second vice-president; George F. Ragland, secretary, and George C. Jefferson, treasurer.

Directors: H. R. Pollard, R. W. Powers, William Ellyson, B. F. Johnson, R. L. Harrison and Evan Snead.

The meetings of the Baptist Social Union are in fact what its name implies, and they are always pleasant occasions. Last evening was added the large number of distinguished guests named above, and the scene presented was a very animated and pretty one. Supper was served in the large dining-room of the Temple, where two long tables were spread, and Kesnich's Band discoursed music during the entire evening. The supper, which lasted until nearly 11 o'clock, was followed by speeches from Drs. Burrows, Ellis, Pritchard, Wharton and Powell and Mayor Ellyson. The speeches were highly humorous and otherwise devoted to a discussion of Baptists and their methods.

The hour at which the entertainment closed precludes any further mention of these admirable speeches.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

White against Terrett. Appeal refused to a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county.

Hawthorn against Beckwith. Further argued by R. Turnbull, Esq., for appellant, and Richard B. Davis, Esq., for appellees, and submitted.

Epes against Williams. Argued by E. B. Thomasson, S. S. P. Patteson, and B. T. Crump, Esqr's., for appellant, and Judge W. H. Mann for appellee, and submitted.

The Game of Living Whist.

The pack of cards for the game of living whist are requested to meet at the Mozart Academy of Music this afternoon at 5 o'clock. It is most earnestly desired that all the cards be present, as they will not only be drilled, but also shuffled and dealt. The committee will be present "rain or shine."

The game of living whist will be played on April 7th for the benefit of the Arkansas tent of the Memorial Bazaar.

George D. Wise.

Congressman George D. Wise left yesterday at 11:50 o'clock for Washington, to be present at the meeting of the Virginia delegation. Several politicians from local points were in the city yesterday looking for Mr. Wise, but, not being able to find him in time for an interview, left on the train with him, intending to go as far as Ashland.

Contest for a Silver Prize.

The young ladies belonging to the West-End Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union will contest on Friday evening for the second silver prize. This is an intellectual combat, and the contestants reflect great credit upon woman and the organization to which they belong.

Fatal Result of Injuries.

Sadie Page (colored), who was so badly burned by the blazing of gasoline oil on Twenty second street last Thursday, has since died.

The other colored woman, Maggie Gaines, is not expected to live, and her death is looked for at any time.

Fell Off a Street-Car.

At 10:15 A. M. yesterday the ambulance was called to Twentieth and Main streets to a white man named Shonberger, who had fallen from a street-car and cut his nose quite severely. He was taken to his home, near by, and the necessary surgical aid rendered.

Sudden Death of a Cook.

Last night, at 9 o'clock, Jennie Morris, a colored woman, a cook at Rueger's, who was about thirty-five years of age, was on her way home from work, and stopped at No. 715 west Leigh street, where she died in the porch of congestion of the lungs. The coroner turned her body over to her friends.

Professor Pollard Improving.

The condition of Professor John Pollard, whose illness was mentioned yesterday, was reported favorable. It is thought that he is not extremely sick, but it will be some time before he will be able to attend his classes.

Bridal Bulletin.

The clerk of the hustings court issued a marriage license yesterday to William Strause and Hannah Hutzler.

Jacob Schaefer Injured.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Jacob Schaefer, billiard expert, slipped on the icy pavement to-day and broke a small bone in his right wrist. The surgeons express the belief that the injury will be permanent, and his career as a billiard player is ended.

Several candidates for Federal positions left last night for Washington.

The Best System of Fortification

Is that adopted by people in precarious health who wisely fortify their systems against disease with that acceptable and effectual barrier against its inroads—Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Precautionary measures, when the health is but slightly impaired is, as physicians well know, worth any amount of medication afterward. A premonitory malarial chill, a fit of indigestion, increasing irregularity of the bowels, a warning rheumatic twinge, inactivity of the kidneys, slight at first, bilious sallowness, accompanied with furred tongue—these are appeals to the sense of self-protection which no person of common judgment will disregard. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters preserves those who take it from malaria, dyspepsia, chronic constipation, rheumatism, kidney and bladder trouble and liver complaint. Nervous invalids, persons troubled with the infirmities incident to advanced years, ladies in delicate health and convalescent derive infinite benefit from the Bitters.

Millinery Opening at Kaufmann's today, corner Fourth and Broad streets.

What folly! To be without BEECHAM'S PILLS.

Attend the Millinery Opening at Kaufmann's, corner Fourth and Broad streets.

STRANGER AT THE DOOR

THE OLD, OLD STORY OF FAITHLESSNESS AND BETRAYAL.

The Quiet Little Town of Newbern Shocked With a Sorrowful Sensation—Mother and Babe Buried.

PULASKI, VA., March 21.—Special.—The quiet town of Newbern, Va., a few miles from here, has been and is now stirred by a real sensation. On the 4th of March, when Mr. Cleveland was being inaugurated at Washington, a man and woman drove up to the hotel at Newbern, kept by Mr. A. F. Parker, and introduced themselves as man and wife. They said they were from Princeton, W. Va. The following morning the man left, having paid the board of the woman for a month, and stated that he would be back in a few days and make arrangements for housekeeping. Not many days thereafter the woman became a mother, and to the astonishment of those who had charge of her in this illness, her trunk had no provision for the little stranger, and was but scarcely furnished with clothing for herself. The little one lived but a short time, and the mother was at once taken with delirium. In the meantime the husband and father, for all that is known, had written but once. Anxious tracers were at once sent out for him, and no reply coming, a postal was addressed to the postmaster at Princeton, making inquiry. This brought to Newbern on last Thursday two men who claimed to be brothers of the sick woman, along with the reputed husband. The brothers went into her room, and what took place at the interview is not known. They soon left, and the husband, so-called, remained and stated that he had deceived the proprietor when he had introduced the woman as his wife, knowing full well that unless he did he would not be allowed shelter, and added that his true wife would be there on the coming Saturday. She did appear upon the scene and acknowledged herself to be his wife, and carried in her arms an infant only a few months old. She, too, went into the sick room of the unknown woman, and said that she was her sister, and had been living with her, and had been brought to this retired spot for secrecy. What took place between the two will never be known.

The unfortunate woman who first appeared on the scene died on Saturday and now rests in the Newbern graveyard.

It was a sad procession, as your correspondent witnessed it this afternoon, when the one who first called himself her husband, with her who he now claims to be his wife, and a little infant, followed the victim of somebody's wrong to the last resting-place near our mountains.

Newbern did all that was possible to smooth her pillow and allay her pain, and many of her best citizens went with her to her last resting-place.

I do not give names, as I would not wound even strangers. The facts may yet come to public notice, and what will be revealed when all is known I do not now conjecture.

TO FORM A LEAGUE.

A Move, it is Alleged, to Crowd Out the Christian Endeavor—Other News.

NORFOLK, VA., March 21.—Special.—The Methodist ministers of Norfolk have appointed a committee to organize a District Epworth League Association. It is said that these leagues will crowd out of the Methodist churches all the societies of Christian Endeavor. It is said that the leagues have a superior claim upon the Methodists, as it is distinctively Methodist. The Christian Endeavor societies are interdenominational.

Very few people are aware of the amount of work being done by the Naval Rendezvous Association. Every State in the country and most of the cities east of the Mississippi have communicated with the Association asking information. These questions indicate an immense throng.

In the corporation court this morning the case of the Commonwealth against Charles H. Todd and Annie Soul, charged with arson, was called. The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

It is reported that Commodore George Brown will be ordered to Mare Island at the end of the month.

Captain W. C. Page, a promient citizen of this city, was struck by a coal train of the Norfolk and Western railroad at the Brambleton-avenue crossing this evening, and his right leg was broken just below the knee. Amputation will not be necessary.

It was rumored here to-day that the police will next Sunday raid the offices of the Virginian and Landmark and arrest all persons found at work. This was denounced this morning by the Virginian, and the police justice was seen, and stated that he believed the morning papers a necessity, and would not allow the raids to be made.

POLITICAL NEWS FROM HALIFAX.

The Result of the County Convention—The State Senatorship.

HOUSTON, VA., March 21.—Special.—The Democratic Convention for the nomination of candidates for the offices of county and circuit court clerks, and for district offices, was held here yesterday.

There was a full delegation present, and the meeting was a most harmonious one.

The candidates for the various district offices were named by the delegates from the districts, and confirmed by the convention without question. Mr. E. H. Vaughan, who has already efficiently served the county in that capacity for more than three terms, was renominated for the office of county court clerk by acclamation, and Mr. James Medley, Jr., who was in 1890 appointed as deputy for Mr. T. R. Jordan, resigned, was also nominated by acclamation. The nomination of the latter was made by one of the opposing candidates and seconded by another.

After the convention adjourned Mr. Vaughan invited the delegates in the convention to dinner.

Interviews with the representative citizens of the county bring out the fact that the most prominent and available candidates for the office of State Senator is Mr. Wood Bouldin, Jr.

He is one of the most prominent lawyers of the Halifax bar, and, owning two very large farms in the county, is largely interested in the farming interests of the county and State. He is a man of eminent ability, and his nomination will not only be a source of gratitude, but a matter of credit to the citizens of his native county.

LIQUOR LICENSE TAX DOUBLED.

North Danville Becomes a Dry Town—Annexation Committees.

DANVILLE, VA., March 21.—Special.—The city council of North Danville have decided to double the license tax on liquor dealers, placing bar-room licenses at one thousand dollars, and wholesale and reatil at fifteen hundred. This will, in all probability, close up the only saloon in that town.

Oscar Enright, son of Dr. J. C. Enright, while skating on roller skates, fell and broke his arm.

Committees on annexation have been appointed by both Danville and North Danville councils, and a live issue is anticipated.

County Politics—Fatal Accident.

ROANOKE, VA., March 21.—Special.—Charles D. Deint, of the Salem Times-Register, has gone to Washington to urge his appointment as postmaster at that place. He is loaded down with indorsements, including one from Mrs. Cleveland's favorite pastor.

The county Democratic executive committee has decided to make a party fight for the county offices to be filled this spring, and a convention has been called for April 17th, to make nominations.

John Poindexter, a colored freight brakeman of the Norfolk and Western, fell from a freight car at Ironville last night, and was run over and killed.

The Daily Iron Belt made its appearance here this morning. This makes four dailies for Roanoke.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Mrs. Maria Rives Buried.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 21.—Special.—Mrs. Maria Farley Rives was buried in the University cemetery this afternoon, after funeral services at the Episcopal church.

The new officers of the Washington Literary Society, of the University of Virginia, are: A. P. Gilmour, president; and R. S. B. Smith, vice-president.

Professor Noah K. Davis has begun a series of lectures on the life of Christ.

Professor John B. Minor is threatened with pneumonia. He has been unable to meet his class for some time.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

Rev. Mr. Carmichael is quite indisposed with a cold.

Mr. V. G. Carlton left yesterday on a business trip.

Mr. E. W. Hubard, of Rockingham, was in the city yesterday.

Major James D. Patton has been confined to his house for several days with a cold.

Governor McKinney yesterday signed the application of Mr. Cullingworth for the postmastership.

Mr. S. H. Marks, of Petersburg, was in Richmond in attendance at the funeral of Mr. Robert E. Skinner.

In the chancery court yesterday Mr. Charles W. King qualified as executor of the will of Mrs. Mary V. King.

Mr. W. W. Robertson, superintendent of public schools in Staunton, Va., called on Governor McKinney yesterday.

Rev. Dr. E. N. Calisch, rabbi of the Beth Ahaba synagogue, left last night for Harrisburg, Pa., to officiate at a funeral.

Mr. Harris M. Price, sheriff of Goochland county, and State Senator Parrish, of the same county, visited the Capitol yesterday.

The Democratic committee of Henrico county will meet Saturday, March 25th, at 12 o'clock M., in the commissioners room in the county court-house.

The revival services at Laurel-street, Broad-street, Park-Place and Trinity Methodist churches are still in progress, and a large degree of success attends each one.

Mr. A. C. Rockecharlie, whose leg was so badly crushed at Elba station several days ago that it had to be amputated, is getting along very well at the Retreat for the Sick.

Mrs. M. H. Talley, mother of Policeman Charles H. Talley, has been called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Williams, who is very ill at her home, in Norfolk.

The "Little Virginias" defeated the "Little Richmonds" in a game of base-ball on Tenth-street flats yesterday afternoon by a score of 46 to 16. 'Twas a fair game this time.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah W. Edmond, wife of Horace P. Edmond and daughter of the late Rev. George Woodbridge, will take place from Monumental church this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. J. Massie Smith, who has always been a staunch Democrat, seems to be the leading man for the county clerkship of Albemarle county. He is a brother of Professor Francis H. Smith, of the University of Virginia.

Mr. Ed. L. C. Scott, of the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts, has withdrawn from the contest for the postmastership in Ashland. He is out to-day in a card stating this fact, and thanking his friends for their support.

Miss King, of Raleigh, N. C., and Miss Southerland, of Wilmington, N. C., who have been visiting the Misses Taylor, at "Fonticello," have returned home, much to the regret of a host of friends which they made during their short stay.

There will be a meeting of the chairmen of the Memorial Bazaar to-day at 11 o'clock A. M. at the Young Men's Christian Association; also a general meeting at the same place at 12 M. A meeting of the "Solid South" committee will be held at 4 P. M., at No. 200 south Fourth street.

Mr. J. S. Sanford, the representative of Messrs. Barnabee, Karl & McDonald's Robin Hood Opera Company, is in town, arranging for the appearance of that famous company at the Mozart next week. Mr. Sanford's reports of the business done by his organization on their recent trip through the South show the great success of this charming opera.

A piano recital was to have been given at the Richmond Female Institute last evening by the pupils of Miss Petescolas' school, but for several reasons the entertainment was postponed until to-morrow evening, when it will take place at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association. There will be a large audience present, for the programme is unusually attractive.

C. F. and Y. V. Stockholders Meet.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., March 21.—Special.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company was held here to-day for the purpose of formally accepting the amendments to the charter of the company enacted by the last General Assembly authorizing the directors, at their discretion, to extend the company's line and consolidate or merge with any other company or companies in this or any other State. In case of any extension provision is made for a new mortgage to secure bonds at 5 per cent., with which to retire the present bonds issued. It is understood to be the purpose of the company to push to completion their Cripple Creek extension across the Virginia line into the coal fields of that State and Kentucky.

Mr. Caldwell Goes to Winston.

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 21.—Special.—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, formerly of this place, who recently accepted the call of the First Presbyterian church at Winston, has moved there to take charge. His mother and sisters, who have been living here, will go there to-day. Greensboro dislikes to part with this family, who have many friends here.

All Bound Over to Court.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., March 21.—Special. Messrs. Inge, Keatts, Jones and Keatts, who recently took part in the fracas at William Young's saloon, in which billiard balls, cues, fists and a knife figured, were all before the mayor to-day, and the evidence was taken, and the parties were bound over to court.

A Jail Burned.

WINSTON, N. C., March 21.—Special.—The jail at Webster, N. C., was burned last night. Two prisoners in being transferred to other quarters made their escape. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Suffrages Granted Women.

ST. PAUL, March 21.—By a vote of 31 to 19 the Senate to-day passed the Senate bill extending full suffrage at all elections in Minnesota to women.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION.

An Immense Flouring Mill Burned Entailing a Loss of One Million Dollars.

LITCHFIELD, ILL., March 21.—At 3:30 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the big Keeler flouring mill, in this place, and despite the efforts of the employes, quickly spread throughout the building. In less than twenty minutes the flames were beyond control. While the employes and firemen were fighting the flames a terrific explosion, caused by flour dust, occurred, and the immense structure was blown to fragments.

John Cowie, head millwright, living at Waterloo, was instantly killed, and several employes were seriously injured. The explosion wrecked nearly every business house in the village. Many persons were badly hurt by flying bricks and falling timbers. The damage to the mill alone will reach $1,000,000, and other property is damaged over $150,000. The shock was felt in the adjoining villages of Clyde, Butler, Gillespie and Hillsboro. In many of these places the concussion was so great that plate-glass windows were broken.

When the fire started the citizens were awakened by the ringing of the fire bells, and before many of them could dress they were stunned by the shock of the explosion, and the next moment found the walls of their homes falling upon them. It is not known how the fire originated.

Lee Roberts Pardoned.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The President to-day granted a pardon to Lee Roberts, convicted of cruelty to seamen and sentenced January 30th last to three months' imprisonment in the jail at Baltimore. Roberts is nearly blind.

The Strike Declared Off.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 21.—The Big Four switchmen strike came to an end this morning by the switchmen declaring off unconditionally.

OBITUARY.

Mr. L. N. Still, the well-known ticket broker of 1007 east Main street, died yesterday morning at 2 o'clock at his residence, No. 208 north Twentieth street.

Mr. Still had been in bad health for several weeks, but was thought to be improving until a few days ago.

He was universally a favorite, as his disposition was a happy and congenial one, which made him many true friends.

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The death of Mr. William J. Cussen occurred yesterday at his residence on Fifth street, Fulton.

He had been sick for a few days, and his death was a great shock to his many friends, especially so to the young lady to whom he was to have married very shortly had he lived.

Mr. Cussen was for many years manager of the Millhiser Manufacturing Company, who by his loss lose a most faithful employe, and one truly worthy of the confidence that was placed in him.

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Mr. George W. Tisdale died on Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock at his residence, 512 Mosby street. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and the friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend. The interment will be in Hollywood.

DEATHS.

ATKINS.—Died, Sunday, the 19th instant, at 3:30 o'clock, at 20 south Laurel street, after a brief illness, THOMAS E. ATKINS, son of Mrs. William Kelley and the late M. H. Atkins, in the twenty-sixth year of his age.

CUSSEN.—Died, at the residence of Mrs. P. M. Smith, No. 17 north Fifth street, Tuesday, March 21, 1893, WILLIAM J. CUSSEN.

His funeral will take place from the Centenary Methodist church THIS AFTERNOON at 5 o'clock.

Friends invited to attend. Interment at Hollywood.

HALL.—Died, March 15, 1893, R. J. HALL, in his eighty-third year.

STILL.—Died, March 21, 1893, at 1:30 A. M., at his residence, No. 208 north Twentieth street, after a short illness, LEROY N. STILL, aged thirty-two years.

TISDALE.—Died, on Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock at his residence, No. 512 Mosby street, Mr. GEORGE W. TISDALE.

The funeral will take place from his late residence THIS AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock. Interment at Hollywood. Friends of the family are invited.

Funeral Notice.

The funeral of Mrs. SARAH W. EDMOND, wife of Horace P. Edmond, and daughter of the late Rev. George Woodbridge, will take place from Monumental church at 4 P. M., TO-DAY (Wednesday). Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

AUCTION SALES.

WEDNESDAY, March 22d, at 5 P. M., sale of frame house, 308 north Madison street.

THURSDAY, March 23d, at 5 o'clock P. M., public sale of butchering establishment adjoining corporate limits.

THURSDAY, March 23d, at 5:30 P. M., sale of eight brick dwellings on Thirty-second between Broad and Grace streets.

FRIDAY, March 24th, at 5:30 P. M., sale of building lot, Twenty-sixth between P and Venable streets.

MONDAY, March 27th, at 5:30 P. M., auction sale of detached brick dwelling, 822 west Marshall.

TUESDAY, April 11th, at 5 P. M., sale of two frame dwellings, corner Coults and First streets. F. H. Fluemacher, auctioneer.

Mr. J. H. Knight, of Kramerbuckport, Mich., after suffering years with INDIGESTION in its worst form, was completely cured by one bottle of ALLEN'S SARSAPARILLA. He gained 20 pounds in weight. Sold everywhere.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF HENRICO COUNTY: A report has been circulated that I have withdrawn from the contest for COUNTY COURT CLERK. Such is not the fact. I am and shall remain a candidate until the Democrats on the 30th of March, at the primary, decide who is to be their nominee against the Republican candidate. I have never voted any ticket except the STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET; have at all times contributed of my means and worked solely for our party success, and I ask the earnest support of every Democrat who desires to see elected one in full sympathy with the principles of our party. WILLIAM H. SANDS.

March 21, 1893. mh22-5t

INSURANCE STATEMENT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1892, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, organized under the laws of the State of New York, made to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in pursuance of the laws of Virginia.

President—JAMES A. MACDONALD.
Vice-President—EDWARD F. BENDALL.
Secretary—GEORGE W. BURCHELL.
Principal Office—49 CEDAR STREET, NEW YORK.
General Agent in Virginia—D. N. WALKER.
Residence—RICHMOND.
Organized or Incorporated—SEPTEMBER 11, 1891.
Commenced Business—SEPTEMBER 11, 1891.
J. H. MORTON MORRIS, Manager Central and Southern Departments, Louisville, Ky.

I. CAPITAL.

Amount of capital stock subscribed	$ 500,000 00
Amount of capital stock actually paid up in cash	500,000 00

II. ASSETS.

ACCOUNT OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF THIS STATE AND OF OTHER STATES, AND ALSO OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ALL OTHER BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

	Total Par Value.	Total Market Value.	
United States 1907, 4 per cent. Bonds	$ 420,000 00	$ 475,050 00	
District of Columbia 3.65 per cent. Bonds	270,000 00	305,466 77	
New York City Consolidated Dock 3 per cent. Bonds	100,000 00	101,000 00	
New York City Additional Water Stock 3 per cent. Bonds	100,000 00	100,500 00	
£10,000 New Zealand 4 per cent. Stock	49,000 00	49,000 00	
£5,000 Quebec 5 per cent. Loan of 1884	24,300 00	24,300 00	
£6,000 Manitoba 5 per cent. Debentures	29,400 00	29,400 00	
Halifax, N. S., 5 per cent. Stock	60,000 00	66,000 00	
150 Shares New York & Harlem R. R. Co.'s Stock	7,500 00	19,076 00	
295 Shares United New Jersey R. R. & Canal Co.'s Stock	29,500 00	65,769 35	
317 Shares N. Y., Lack. & Western R. R. Co.'s Stock	31,700 00	56,125 01	
950 Shares Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburgh R. R. Co.'s Stock	95,000 00	106,135 00	
360 Shares Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago R. R. Co.'s Stock	36,000 00	55,613 30	
1,400 Shares Morris & Essex R. R. Co.'s Stock	70,000 00	102,650 10	
250 Shares Rensselaer & Saratoga R. R. Co.'s Stock	25,000 00	42,457 50	
Farmers Loan & Trust Co.'s Stock	10,000 00	71,400 00	
United states, 1907, 4 per cent. Bonds	90,000 00	101,925 00	
N. Y., Lack. & Western 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	100,000 00	122,551 68	
N. Y., Lack. & Western 2d Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	100,000 00	106,636 54	
Chicago & So. Western 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. R. R. Bonds	10,000 00	10,554 88	
North Wisconsin 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	30,000 00	34,822 50	
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. R. R. Bonds	25,000 00	29,586 69	
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy (Iowa Div. Sinking Fund) 4 per cent. R. R. Bonds	15,000 00	13,750 00	
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	5,000 00	5,892 54	
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific 1st Mortgage 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	30,000 00	29,500 00	
Fremont, Elkhorn & Mo. 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	10,000 00	11,925 46	
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul (Dubuque Division) 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	10,000 00	10,984 43	
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul (Chic. & Pac. W. Div.) 1st Mortgage 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	18,000 00	18,757 50	
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul (Wis. & Minn. Div.) 1st Mortgage 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	33,000 00	33,119 00	
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul (Hastings & Dakota Div.) 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. R. R. Bonds	15,000 00	17,415 00	
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul (Chic. & Mo. Div.) 1st Mortgage 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	30,000 00	28,900 00	
Chicago & Northwestern Sinking Fund 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	50,000 00	52,263 13	
Baltimore & Ohio, Loan 1885, 3 per cent. R. R. Bonds	10,000 00	10,369 85	
Pennsylvania Co.'s General Mortgage 4½ per cent. R. R. Bonds	50,000 00	50,982 90	
Morris & Essex 1st Consolidated Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds	110,000 00	147,569 17	
Michigan Central 1st Mortgage 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	20,000 00	21,911 39	
Michigan Central 1st Consolidated Mortgage 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	23,000 00	24,182 90	
Central R. R. of New Jersey General Mortgage 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	50,000 00	55,863 23	
Lake Shore & Michigan Southern 2d Mortgage 7 per cent. R. R. Bonds	40,000 00	47,142 30	
Canada Southern 1st Mortgage 5 per cent. R. R. Bonds	25,000 00	26,096 95	
Chicago, St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha Consolidated Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	25,000 00	28,964 94	
Albany & Susquehanna 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	25,000 00	29,728 35	
Detroit & Bay City 1st Mortgage 8 per cent. R. R. Bonds	20,000 00	24,534 28	
Northern Pacific 1st Land Grant 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	45,000 00	50,901 62	
Louisville & Nashville 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. R. R. Bonds	15,000 00	16,274 21	
Evansville & Indianapolis 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	25,000 00	25,742 62	
Ohio & Miss. Equipment Trust 6 per cent. R. R. Bonds	6,000 00	5,615 00	
Consolidated Gas Co. of New