THE CITY CONTRACTS.

MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ARE DEBARRED.

An Opinion from the City Attorney as to the Rights of Councilmen—Grounds and Buildings Committee.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings held its semi-monthly meeting in room No. 5 of the City Hall last evening. There were present Messrs. Carter (chairman), Blake, Epps, Grimes, Grooms, Mountcastle, Snead, Seay, and King.

A report was received from a subcommittee, consisting of Mr. Mountcastle and Colonel Cutshaw, against the granting of a room in the City Hall to the electoral board. The report was adopted.

Mr. Gunst, on behalf of a subcommittee appointed to look over the recodified ordinances which concern the department, stated that only slight changes be recommended as to the transfer of certain sections from one chapter to another. The ordinances were then read in sections, and the committee decided to recommend their adoption.

The chair called attention to the fact that chapter XI of the ordinances greatly enlarged the powers of the Sergeant-at-Arms, by giving him authority in the City Hall as a sergeant of police, and by giving him full control over the building. The committee decided to recommend that all sections be stricken out which interfered with the powers of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

A QUESTION OF COAL.

The question as to the awarding of the contract for the furnishing of coal to the public buildings came before the committee once more through the following letter from Mr. Charles H. Page:

"I wish to call your attention to the point that there is a law forbidding officers of State, or City Councilmen, or other officials being interested directly or indirectly in any contract with the city. I only wish to raise this point for your decision so that I may get the matter legally settled."

Among the bidders was the Richmond Ice Company, of which Mr. A. D. Landerkin is superintendent, who is also member of the Common Council from Madison ward. It was stated, however, by the clerk that the contract would not have fallen to the Richmond Ice Company, Mr. Charles H. Page being the lowest bidder.

The City Engineer, in order to settle the matter, addressed the following communication to the City Attorney:

Mr. C. V. Meredith, City Attorney:

Dear Sir,—I enclose you a letter from Mr. Page, calling your attention to the law prohibiting councilmen from being interested in contracts with the city. The occasion for this letter is the fact that the Richmond Ice Company, of which Councilman Landerkin is an official, has submitted a bid for furnishing fuel to the city.

There have been questions raised about this law applying to councilmen and others, both as to purchases and contracts, and to know clearly if we are acting within the law I shall be glad if you will give me your opinion about it.

Can we purchase fuel or other supplies from, or have work done by, a councilman or Chamber of Commerce member of James River Improvement Committee, or from firms of which they are partners or officers?

Can we receive bids and contract for supplies or work with councilmen or others connected with the city government directly or with firms of which they are partners or officers?

Can councilmen or others connected with city government subcontract to furnish supplies or do work for the city?

If an employe of a councilman or other person connected with the city government furnish supplies, do work or make a contract with the city?

Your early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly,
W. E. CUTSHAW,
City Engineer.

Mr. C. V. Meredith, City Attorney, in reply sent the following:

Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, City Engineer:

In reply to your inquiries as to the law upon the question of a councilman making a contract with the city, I submit the following extract as a sufficient answer. Section 823 of the Code of 1887, provides:

"It shall not be lawful for any member of the Council or Board of Aldermen, or any other officer or agent, or any commissioner appointed for the opening of streets, or any member of a committee constituted or appointed for the management, regulation or control of corporate property of any city, to be a contractor with the said corporation or its agents, or with such committee, for any work or labor ordered to be done, or goods, wares and merchandise to be purchased, or in any manner, directly or indirectly, to be interested in the profits of any such contract."

It will be seen from the above law that not only a Councilman must not make a contract with the city, but he must not be, directly or indirectly, interested in the profits arising therefrom. Hence, a contract will be illegal if a councilman has an interest in it, or the profits arising therefrom, no matter in whose name it is taken.

THE SPECIFIC ANSWERS.

To answer your questions more specifically, I reply as follows:

To your first two questions, I answer that such contracts would come within the scope of the law above quoted.

To the third, I reply that a bona fide contract does not come within its scope.

To your fourth, I answer that a bona fide contract made with the employe of a councilman, in the profits of which the councilman has no interest, direct or indirect, will be valid. As to "any other person" connected with the city government, making such a contract with the city, I can only answer when the case arises, when I will be able to know from his connection with the city government when he comes within the words, "officer or agent."

C. V. MEREDITH,
City Attorney.

Mr. Page appeared before the committee to make a personal explanation, and after some little discussion, the contract was awarded to Mr. Charles H. Page, to furnish coal to the public buildings for the next year, he being the lowest bidder.

Colonel Cutshaw was given power to have the water in Chimborazo Park analyzed. A report as to the dangerous condition of a part of the floor in the jail was referred to the Committee on Jail.

On motion of Mr. Epps, the request of Mr. S. J. B. Wright, the janitor of the City Hall, for a leave of absence for ten days, was granted, with pay.

A letter was read from Mr. Paynter, secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, stating that that body could no longer attend to the electric clocks or clock batteries in the City Hall until the necessary funds were provided by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings. It would require the sum of $75 per year. A good deal of discussion ensued on the subject, but finally a motion offered by Mr. Mountcastle was adopted referring the matter to a subcommittee of three. The Chair appointed Messrs. Mountcastle, Grimes and Epps members of the committee.

The usual number of bills were ordered to be paid, among them one for $1,000, the purchase-price of the triangular piece of property near the Church of the Sacred Heart, which is to be transformed into a park.

The City Engineer was empowered to purchase a number of supplies and order some repairs in the City Hall.

Mr. Epps stated on behalf of the subcommittee who were to investigate the charges against A. C. Atkinson, the suspended elevator man, that he had learned from three eye-witnesses that the statements made by Mr. Gunst at the last meeting in regard to the young man were true.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the place was declared vacant, and upon motion of Mr. Epps, the committee went into the election of a successor.

There were twenty-nine applicants in all, and nineteen ballots were taken without any result, and it was then decided, on motion of Mr. Seay, by a vote of 6 to 2, that after the next vote, applicants receiving no votes should be dropped. Half a dozen more ballots followed without any better result, when the committee decided, upon Mr. King's motion, that applicants should only be nominated once.

After another dozen ballots had been taken, Mr. Epps moved an adjournment, but the motion was lost, only Messrs. Epps, Grimes, King and Mountcastle voting for it. The next ballot brought the final decision in favor of Mr. Evan Snead, Jr., who received the votes of Messrs. Blake, Gunst, Seay, Carter, and Snead.

The committee then adjourned.

TO CONSIDER HEALTH ORDINANCES.

A subcommittee of the Committee on Health will meet this evening at 6:30 o'clock in Room No. 11 of the City Hall to consider the recodified city ordinances governing the Health Department.

Mrs. Talley's Musicale.

The first of a number of informal musicales, which Mrs. May Talley will give this season, was tendered her friends last evening at her studio, No. 210 north Fifth street.

Quite a number of well-known musicians assembled to inspect the new studio and enjoy social and musical intercourse. They were fortunate in being favored by the presence of Miss Lottie Pace, a niece of Mr. J. B. Pace. Miss Pace resides in Danville, and has charge of the organ in one of the leading churches. She has studied with Mrs. Talley, and paid her the most flattering tribute as a painstaking teacher, by the rendition of Schubert's "Wanderer," transcription by Liszt, and Liszt's "Ave Maria." Miss Pace displayed decided artistic spirit in her conception of these classics, and with years, she is only fifteen years old, will develop technique and breadth of tone that will place her among our finest pianistes.

During the evening, Mrs. Talley, who, by the way, proved a most amiable hostess, sang Kate Vannah's "Good bye, sweet day" and several other selections. Mrs. Talley has a clear, strong mezzo-soprano voice, and exhibits a most pleasing familiarity with pure tone coloring and artistic conception.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

The Henrico Authorities Want to Close the Pavilion at Seven Pines on Sunday.

Magistrate Vincent yesterday morning issued a warrant for the arrest of Ernest Webb, a negro, charging him with cruelty to animals in mutilating the body of a dog.

Leroy Lewis and Daniel Liggan were fined $5 each for playing craps by Justice James T. Lewis at the County Court-house yesterday.

SUNDAY LAW AT SEVEN PINES.

The Henrico authorities are after the Richmond and Seven Pines Railway Company on account of the refreshment pavilion conducted there by the company being open on Sunday, and the railway people are being subjected to no end of trouble. In consequence of the threat of the county police to bring the matter into court, no refreshments were dispensed to visitors to the battle-field last Sunday. As this was one of the attractions of the place, the company has decided to make a protest against the Sunday closing law being so rigidly applied to its pavilion. An initial move has been made towards the desired end in the drawing up of a petition by the company to the County Court, asking a permit to do business on Sundays. It is understood that a counter petition will be put in by other citizens, praying Judge Wickham to ignore the company's petition.

TRAMPS ARRESTED.

Numerous depredations have been made by tramps camped in the neighborhood of the shops of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, and on the complaint of citizens, Constable R. C. Mosby Monday arrested Jacob Miller, Daniel Carr, Daniel Seigheman, and John Smith. They were committed to jail on warrants sworn out before Justice Tyler. The men were required to give security in the sum of $25 for ten days.

TRADE AND LABOR COUNCIL.

A Letter from Senator Hunton—A Mass-Meeting on Labor Day.

Last night's meeting of the Central Trade and Labor Council was largely attended and much business was transacted by the body. Among other subjects discussed was a letter from Senator Hunton, in which he stated his objections to the Government ownership of railways and telegraphs, said letter being in answer to resolutions from the Council asking that he favor and vote for such a bill. The Council seemed to be of the unanimous opinion that none of the reasons advanced by the Senator in opposition to the question of nationalization were valid, and it is more than probable that a reply by open letter will be made by the Council at an early day.

The Council also decided to hold a public mass-meeting on the evening of Labor Day in Old Market Hall, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. At this mass-meeting addresses will be delivered by prominent local trades-unionists on the labor question.

The trouble existing between Mr. Leath and the Richmond Musical Union was discussed, and the Council decided to refrain from patronizing the Theatre and Academy until the differences were settled.

A BICYCLE RUN-OVER.

Mr. D. W. De Sylvestra is Struck by a Horse and Buggy while on His Wheel.

Mr. D. W. De Sylvestra, while riding a bicycle on Fifth street last evening, was run over by a horse and buggy belonging to Dr. George Ben. Johnson and being driven by his colored servant boy.

Mr. De Sylvestra was riding up Fifth street between Grace and Franklin streets, and the buggy was coming in the opposite direction, going to the stable, which is reached through an alley.

The bicyclist reached the mouth of the alley just as the horse turned suddenly into the alley; was knocked down by the horse and run over by the buggy. He was considerably stunned, though not seriously hurt, and his bicycle was injured.

Dr. Johnston took Mr. De Sylvestra to his office, and on examination found that he was not badly hurt.

The negro driving the horse claims that he did not see the bicycle rider.

To Have an Assistant Librarian.

The Committee on Finance held a four hours' session in the office of the City Auditor yesterday evening. It is said that a large amount of important business was transacted, several appropriations for public improvements being recommended to the City Council. However, this is another body of city fathers that sits with closed doors, and only admits persons whom the Committee desires to have before it.

Last night the financiers spent some time considering the resolution appropriating $1,200 a year for the pay of an assistant to the State Librarian. Secretary of the Commonwealth Lawless had appeared before the Committee at a previous meeting, and explained the benefits that the city of Richmond would derive from the institution, and represented the necessity of an assistant to the librarian that the library might be kept open at night, as well as in the daytime. The Committee finally agreed to recommend the adoption of the resolution by the Council. By the resolution, the term of office and the salary of the assistant begin October 1st.

To Improve Shockoe Creek.

The Committee on Shockoe Creek held its regular monthly meeting in room No. 11 of the City Hall last evening. There were present Messrs. Epps (chairman), Bloomberg, Briggs, Griffin, and Vaughan.

Colonel Cutshaw submitted plans for the improvements to be made to Shockoe creek at the outlet on Seventeenth, where it runs under the dock near Warner Moore's mill. It is the intention to substitute the present low arch way by an iron frame under the dock, which is to be thirty feet wide. The City Engineer also stated that he had communicated with the railroad company in order to secure its consent for the work.

On motion of Mr. Briggs it was decided that as soon as Colonel Cutshaw received a satisfactory reply from the railroad authorities, bids be advertised and a day fixed for the awarding of the contract.

City Clerk B. T. August submitted a copy of the recodified city ordinances, and Messrs. Vaughan and Briggs were appointed a subcommittee to look over the ordinances.

After the transaction of some routine business the committee adjourned.

Will There be Fusion?

Mr. G. M. Smithdeal, in referring to the meeting of the Populists and Prohibitionists Conventions in Lynchburg tomorrow, is quoted as saying that the sentiment of the Prohibitionists with which he has talked was for an affiliation, provided that the Populists annexed the Prohibition plank pure and simple. It is generally understood, he says, that terms of agreement will be submitted by the chairman of each convention for the consideration of the other body. He had no intimation as to the character of the paper to be offered by the Populists, but was convinced that his party would demand the espousement by the other body of nothing less than the Prohibition cause as expounded in the platform of the last national convention.

Law and Equity Court.

Judge Minor yesterday granted an injunction in the Law and Equity Court in the case of Julian Bryant, trustee, and others against C. L. Denoon, trustee, and others.

A suit was instituted in the same tribunal yesterday by J. L. Taliaferro against W. O. Burton; action of debt for $2,248.37.

To Succeed Mr. Grooms.

Mr. Edgar H. Fergusson, a former member of the Common Council, is spoken of to fill the vacancy in that body which will be caused by the resignation of Mr. N. B. Grooms, from Jefferson ward, who has just been elected first assistant superintendent of the City Almshouse.

LONG DISTANCE 'PHONES

RICHMOND CAN SOON TALK WITH CHICAGO AND NEW YORK.

Copper Wire will Be Strung to Ashland Within a Few Weeks and Perhaps as Far as Fredericksburg.

The long distance telephone is a long step in the right direction, and they are taking the place of the telegraph to a considerable degree between the large cities in the East and Northwest, there being several lines in use between Chicago and New York in constant requisition, although the charge is at the rate of $9 for five minutes' conversation.

Richmond has not had the benefit of this modern convenience, but there is hope for it in the future.

Alexandria is the southernmost station on the long distance circuit, and a line built from here to Alexandria would put Richmond in communication with New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and other cities by 'phone.

Captain C. E. McCluer, the superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, has been trying for some time to get Richmond on the long distance circuit, but has not been able to induce the company to build the line, on account of the seeming poor prospects for profit on the investment.

The long distance 'phones require large size copper wire, which is very expensive.

A BEGINNING.

Captain McCluer has received the consent of the company, however, to build a telephone line from Richmond to Ashland, and this will be the entering wedge for the line to Alexandria. As soon as the Ashland line is on a paying basis Captain McCluer hopes to extend it to Fredericksburg, and the further extension of the line will be a natural consequence.

The copper wire for the Ashland line is expected here in a few weeks, and the work of construction will commence as soon as it arrives. This line will be superior to any in use in this vicinity, and should prove a great convenience to Ashland.

In addition to this line a metallic circuit will be laid in a short time to Bon Air with iron wire. The distance in that case is so short as not to require copper wire.

The service between Petersburg and Richmond has been greatly improved by placing long distance telephones at the central office, through which conversations between the two cities can be heard with clearness and satisfaction.

For the better accommodation of the public the office of Mr. Symonds, the cashier, has been moved from the third story of the central station to the street level on Ninth street, and the new instruments have been placed in his office.

A number of newspaper representatives will meet at Mr. Symond's office, by invitation of Mr. R. B. Rood, manager of the Richmond Exchange, and enjoy a chat with the knights of the quill in Petersburg this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

Mr. W. W. Lowery is on a visit to Fredericksburg.

Miss Lillie Wells, of Church Hill, is in Hampton for several days.

Miss Alice Ryan, of this city, is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Sarah White, of Fredericksburg, is on a visit to friends in this city.

Mr. A. D. Whitlock has returned from Asbury Park after a two weeks' trip.

There are at the present time over a score of Richmond people in Europe.

Miss Rosa Shafer is the guest of Misses Florence and Grace King, of Fredericksburg.

Miss Annie Earp and Mollie Scott are visiting Miss Mollie McCracken, of Fredericksburg.

Mr. F. J. Flippen, of this city, who has been on a visit to North Carolina for ten days, has returned.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, of Thirtieth and M streets, Church Hill, left for a visit to the mountains last Saturday.

Misses Bettie and Blule Cole, of Fredericksburg, are in the city for several days with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Frank M. Booth and her little daughter Laura are visiting Mrs. Booth's brother, Mr. D. A. Marks, in Roanoke.

Miss Gracie C. Gregory, daughter of Mr. W. F. Gregory, of the Norfolk Landmark, is in this city for a few weeks visiting friends.

Little Rosalie, infant daughter of James and Edna L. White, who has hovered between life and death for several days, is still living, though critically ill.

Miss Jessie Kerse, of west Marshall street, who has been visiting in the mountains for several weeks, has returned to the city very much improved in health.

Mr. Archer Mitchell and wife were out driving Saturday on the Cary-Street road and were thrown from the buggy and painfully hurt. The horse became frightened at a belt line train and dashed off.

Mr. E. E. Davis, assistant superintendent of the Water Department, has returned from Covington, where he attended the Goodman trial. He also paid a short visit to friends in Fluvanna county.

Mrs. Fred. Sitterding, who has been visiting friends in Pennsylvania for some time, has returned home. She was accompanied by Mrs. Annie Ackerman and her little son Leo, who will be her guests.

Mrs. Harry Moore and her son Thomas L., of 513 west Marshall street, left the city Saturday to visit her brother, Mr. John Palmore, in Louisa county. They will be absent about a week or ten days.

A genuine Commonwealer is locked up at the First police station. Ned Casey was royally drunk when Policeman Burnett rung up the patrol wagon yesterday morning, else Ned would never have committed himself.

The base-ball fever has proven contagious. The colored "Four Hundred" have a club composed of good players known as the Eclipse. Next Friday this club will cross bats with the "Phalanx" club, of Charlottesville.

Mr. J. Y. Gilmore and daughter, Miss Mamie, of New Orleans, are visiting Dr. W. H. Scott, 102 east Franklin street. Mr. Gilmore is editor of the Louisiana Sugar Bowl and Farm Journal, and is en route home from the Editorial Association, lately held at Asbury Park, N. J.

Georgie Brown, Eliza Harris, and Alice Priddy are the names of the three colored damsels who live in the locality known as Fish Alley. They have their rooms in "Bon-Ton Row." Yesterday morning they had a grand triangular fight. All hands bore marks of the combat—torn clothing, scratched faces, and blood-bespattered clothing. Justice Crutchfield will hear their tale of woe to-day.

Committees Appointed.

Messrs. A. D. Landerkin and S. H. Cottrell, of the Common Council, and C. W. Hardwicke, of the Board of Aldermen, have been appointed proxies to represent the city of Richmond at the meeting of the Virginia State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, to serve until July 1, 1896.

Messrs. Joseph Wallerstein, H. L. Carter, and A. D. Landerkin, of the Common Council, and Messrs. E. D. Starke and James T. Vaughan, of the Board of Aldermen, have been appointed members of the special committee, who are to confer with the authorities of the Norfolk and Western railroad in regard to extending their road to the city of Richmond.

The Groom Was Not There.

Alfred Smith and Maggie Starke were to have been married in Henrico county yesterday. Their colored friends assembled, and all was in readiness for the ceremony save that the groom was missing. He did not appear, and the bride went on a wild search for him. Thinking he might have gotten into the clutches of the law, she visited the jail and made a tour of the corridor, looking for her would-be spouse; but though the jailor paraded before her every colored person, she found him not.

Hustings Court.

The September term of the Hustings Court begins on the 20th of next month. The only important cases left over are those of Samuel Bachrach, charged with receiving stolen goods, and Thomas N. McNamee and William T. Gaul, charged with the murder of Robert Lee Atwell, on the night of December 29, 1893.

The Revival of Pinafore.

The arrangements for the production of "Pinafore" under the auspices of the Richmond Mozart Association in October are progressing favorably, but, owing to the absence from the city of a large number of Richmond's best amateur vocalists, the caste has not been made up, except as to those already mentioned—Eugene H. Clowes, "The Captain;" Captain Frank Cunningham "Ralph," and Miss Ida Robinson, "Josephine." "Buttercup" will probably be taken by Mrs. Knowles or Mrs. Durrett.

The revival of this most popular of all of Gilbert and Sullivan's beautiful comic operas is creating quite an interest, and the best amateurs of Richmond are offering their services.

Fitzgerald for Congress.

BOSTON, Aug. 21.—Michael D. Fitzgerald, commander of the New England industrial army, that travelled from Boston to Washington, was nominated for Congress in the Nineteenth district last night by the Socialist Labor party. This is the district now represented by Congressman M. J. McEttrick. Patrick F. O'Neill was nominated by the same party in Congressman J. H. O'Neill's district, the Ninth.

Sport McAllister Improving.

Robert Gaylor's company in "Sport McAllister," gave a more finished performance last evening.

The length of the play was materially shortened, and the "living pictures" were executed with more artistic effect. The small audience present was well pleased and unreleating in their applause. The engagement closed with the fall of the curtain on the last act.

NEWCASTLE'S TOWN BELL.

It Has Tolled for Davis and Lee, and Rang Out on Joyful Occasions, but is Silenced.

NEWCASTLE, VA., Aug. 21.—Special.—Mr. Argabright, lately from Cuba, is visiting this place, and has been so generous with his splendid voice as to sing for the public at an entertainment gotten up by the ladies for the purpose of paying for the new bell in the Methodist church. The town has been possessed only of one bell until two years ago, when the ladies bought a bell and had it erected over their Presbyterian church.

The old court-house bell, given to the county in 1858 or 1859 by a certain patriotic man for whom the county was named, is a sweet-toned, full and loud voiced, which hath called the people to fires, to court, to trials for murder and trials for truth; to weddings and funerals; to Sabbath schools at all the different churches; to prayer-meetings, to political harangues, and to Democratic victories—for Craig is Democratic if she is anything.

It has tolled for Jeff. Davis and for Robert E. Lee, for Garfield and for Grant. Its music hath been sent out on the clear air into the mountain fastnesses and lovely vales for miles calling the people to the village.

It has rung for elections as well as for religious joy, but a month or more ago the court decided to silence it for all public expression.

The handsome hotel built here during the boom by the boomers, ostensibly to attract visitors, but really to sell corner lots, has lately been purchased for only six thousand ($6,000) dollars by a Cincinnati syndicate of physicians, whose purpose is to open a sanitarium for the treatment of special diseases. This was known as the Humphrey's Hotel, and is one of the handsomest frame buildings in the State. It has never been opened at all, and is situated on a beautiful knoll overlooking about ten miles of the Craig Valley. It has mineral water piped to it from the mountains.

BURTON MURDER CASE.

Mr. Mason to Assist the Prosecution—Spotsylvania Notes.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Aug. 21.—Special.—A grand tournament and ball were held at St. Julius and Chestnut Valley, in Caroline county, this week. Mr. Henry Dickinson was the successful knight.

Mr. Oscar Chewning, one of the most prominent and successful merchants of Spotsylvania, died at his home in that county last week.

Mr. John E. Mason has been engaged to assist the Commonwealth in Stafford county in the case of Fielding Burton, charged with murder.

Mrs. H. Lauchhimer, mother of Mrs. Joseph Hoble, of this city, is dead; aged sixty years.

A connection has been made at Orange between the C. and O. and R., F. and P. railroad, and coal is now brought here without breaking bulk.

The Old Dominion Club, of Alexandria, and Captain Joe Word's team, of this city, will play a match game of base-ball here on Thursday.

William J. Pittman, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, of this city, will take part in the grand Pythian parade in Washington.

Mr. Thomas L. Hardy, a printer, formerly of this city, died in Indianapolis yesterday.

The Mount View Hunt Club gave a grand tournament and ball at King George Court-house this week.

At a recent clay pigeon shoot of the Rod and Gun Club, of this city, Mr. Henry Ulman won, breaking two out of every three pigeons shot at.

POLITICS ON THE PENINSULA.

Mr. Tyler Has All the Counties Except Warwick—Sons of Veterans.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Aug. 21.—Special.—There was a large outpouring of Democrats at Yorktown on Saturday last, the occasion of the county meeting to elect delegates to the Virginia Beach congressional convention. Hon. D. Gardiner Tyler scored a victory, and secured the five delegates. This gives him the Peninsula, with the exception of Warwick.

A large camp of Sons of Veterans was organized last night at Cameron Hall. The organization was perfected as follows: James T. Christian, commander; Archer Brooks, first lieutenant-commander; Ewell Druegar, second lieutenant-commander; Hugh Jones, adjutant; John Lively, second master; E. M. Lee, officer of the day; John Hicks, chaplain; Thomas Newman, Jr., treasurer; I. D. Moncure, Jr., surgeon; Ro. L. Badkins, color bearer; C. B. Bowry, sergeant-major; W. P. Jones and John Warburton, color guards; Charles W. Burke, vidette; W. O. Topham, S. Blexton and Walter Burke, executive committee. This camp will hold their first meeting on the 26th instant at 8 o'clock P. M., in Cameron Hall, and select a name for the organization.

GENERAL WALKER'S CANVASS.

He Speaks at Marion, but Does Not Divide Time with Democrats.

MARION, VA., Aug. 21.—Special.—The opening of the August term of the Circuit Court, together with the announcement that there would be political speaking, brought the usual crowd to town to-day. General Walker, the Republican nominee for Congress, spoke to a court-house full of people, there being many Democrats in the assembly. The terms asked by the Democrats for a division of time were rejected, hence there was no joint discussion. General Walker spoke for two hours, exposing, as he conceived them, the misdeeds of the Democratic party, and President Cleveland in particular. Many who heard him say that his speech was similar to one made here some years ago against the Republican readjusters, only that it was in reverse order. The enthusiasm created by the speech was not voluminous, and if the Democrats at the re-called convention at Bristol on the 29th instant make no mistake in naming a standard bearer, victory will perch on the banner of Democracy in November next.

STEVENSON AND HILL.

The Vice-President and the Senator in Albemarle—Mr. Troy's Resignation.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Aug. 21.—Special.—Vice-President Stevenson and Senator Hill, accompanied by Colonel McEwan, of Washington, arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and were driven to Monticello. They are the guests of the Hon. Jefferson M. Levy, who has just returned from Europe.

T. O. Troy, assistant superintendent of the Virginia Midland and Washington and Ohio divisions of the Southern railway, has tendered his resignation, to take effect September 1st. He was requested to reconsider his determination.

George Clements has been lodged in jail in this city, charged with killing Benjamin F. Sprouse ten days ago. The homicide occurred in a remote section of Albemarle, and the facts in the case cannot be learned to-night.

New Catholic Church Dedicated.

COVINGTON, VA., Aug. 21.—Special.—The new Catholic church at this place was dedicated on Sunday last. Bishop Van de Vyver, of Richmond, preached the dedicatory sermon, after which he confirmed a class of seven. The Bishop's discourse was particularly eloquent and instructive. The new edifice is one of the handsomest in the city, and starts off with a flattering membership. The pastor is Father Kelly, formerly of Sacred Heart church, Richmond, Va.

NEWS OF MANCHESTER.

MRS. ANNIE BEATTIE DIED AT THE RETREAT FOR THE SICK.

The Two Colored Girls who were Drowned were Buried Yesterday—Other News from Over the Bridge.

MANCHESTER BUREAU RICHMOND TIMES,
1121 HULL STREET, BEATTIE BLOCK.

Mrs. Margaret A. Beattie, wife of Mr. David D. Beattie, sister of Mr. Henry C. and R. B. W. Beattie, and mother of Mr. William R. Beattie, died yesterday afternoon at the Retreat for the Sick, in Richmond, where she had been taken a few days ago for treatment.

For several weeks before being taken to Richmond she had been ill with typhoid malarial fever, and just when her fever had left her it was thought that she was on a fair way to recovery. Other complications arose, and she was taken to Richmond for surgical treatment.

Ill-health had wasted her strength, and a day or two ago her condition became very alarming.

Mrs. Beattie was a kind-hearted, generous, and benevolent lady. She had been a resident of this city for many years, and during her long residence here she made many friends and acquaintances.

The funeral arrangements will be announced hereafter.

TWO GIRLS DROWNED.

The Sunday-school of the First African Baptist church, of this city, gave a picnic Monday to Mt. Pleasant, on the Chesapeake and Ohio road. A sad accident occurred in the drowning of Maude and Lelia Fortune, daughters of McKenzie Fortune, a worthy and estimable colored citizen of Manchester, who for many years has been employed at the Richmond and Danville shops, in this city.

Richard Smith, Willie Fortune, and the two Fortune girls went out in one of the boats on the lake at Mt. Pleasant. The boat upset and all four of the occupants were thrown out in the water. The two girls were drowned, and when their bodies were found they were clasped together in each other's arms. The bodies were brought to Manchester that night. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon. They were put side by side in one coffin. Rosa was thirteen and Lelia ten years old.

BRIEF ITEMS.

Mr. J. W. Toney is building a handsome frame dwelling at the corner of Thirteenth and Perry streets.

Mr. King, who resides in Chesterfield near Petersburg, has shipped his very fine crop of grapes to New York parties, and has realized handsomely on them.

Arthur B. Dammas, of Chesterfield, shot a few days ago a golden brown owl that measured fifty-three inches from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other, and judging from the length of his talons he was very old.

Mrs. C. F. Conley, president of Max Nathan Division, No. 185, Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has been appointed by the Grand Lodge grand organizer and inspector for the State of Virginia. Mrs. Conley has been very active in this work, and her appointment is a most excellent one.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Stockton-Street Baptist church held a lawn party on Clopton's Hill, corner of Eleventh and McDonough streets, Monday night for the benefit of the church. It will be continued for an indefinite period. The merry-go-rounds will be on the grounds for the pleasure of all who may wish to patronize them. Admission free to the grounds. All welcome.

A YOUNG THIEF.

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock a colored boy, who was respectably dressed, stopped at the house of Mr. Sidney Overby, No. 19 Nineteenth street, and asked for a drink of water. After getting the water he started out of the gate. Afterwards he returned to the house, and took a coat and vest which were lying on a trunk at the window.

A young boy who was at the house at the time saw the thief and started in pursuit, chasing him to the battery on the turnpike. When this was reached the thief drew a pistol on the young lad and threatened to shoot him.

The thief made his escape with his booty into the woods. He had in his hand an umbrella and a pair of shoes over his shoulder. The police will look after him.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

The City Central Committee met Monday night. Mr. Ernest H. Wells presided. The resignation of Mr. A. W. Fahr from the Third ward, was accepted, and Mr. E. P. Weisiger was elected to fill the vacancy. After the transaction of some routine business the committe adjourned, to meet at the call of the chairman.

THE MAYOR'S COURT.

The following business was transacted in the Mayor's Court yesterday:

Fannie Miller (colored), charged with being drunk and disorderly on the street; fined $2.50.

Dennis Harris (colored), charged with being drunk and disorderly; fined $2.50 and costs. Harris was also charged with resisting the Chief of Police in the discharge of his duty. The Chief was compelled to give him a crack over his head before he could be conquered. On this charge he was discharged.

Mr. R. J. Gilliam, of Powhatan county, was in the city yesterday.

Master Willie O. Topham, of Williamsburg, is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. Thomas Neisler, chairman of the People's party of Manchester, has called a meeting of his party at 7:30 P. M., August 23d, at the corner of Ninth and Hull streets, to elect delegates to the congressional convention to be held at Henrico court-house, August 28th.

Joseph Kelley and Charles Clarke, the two white men who were arrested Monday afternoon with a team in their possession that didn't belong to them, and who were held for the Richmond authorities, were liberated in the afternoon.

IT WAS THE HOODLUMS.

These Offered the Indignities to the Visitors at Norfolk Monday.

NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 21.—Special.—The best people of Norfolk were delegated to see the Richmond rocters yesterday, and if they were the objects of indignities they can feel assured that the good people of this city are deeply mortified. The park is located in Huntersville, outside of the city limits and beyond police jurisdiction, consequently it is rather hard to keep the hoodlums under control.

The capital city people should remember that Norfolk's hoodlums are the toughest in the world, and are not respectors of God or man when beyond the reach of the police. It is believed that Richmond has cause to be proud of her boys, and it is hoped that, notwithstanding the late unpleasantness referred to in The Times, which was not known to one hundred persons in this city, that the six hundred will come again and bring with them the excellent band, the accomplished newspaper men, and last, but not by any means least, the beautiful ladies.

The Democratic Committee has decided to hold mass-meetings next Tuesday night in each ward to elect delegates to the congressional convention. Mr. Maynard says he will be in at the death, and thinks his chances are as good as either Mr. Day, Dr. Bryant or Mr. Tyler.

WRECK ON NEW RIVER ROAD.

East Bound Passenger Train on the N. & W. Delayed.

PETERSBURG, VA., Aug. 21.—Special.—The east-bound passenger train on the Norfolk and Western railroad, due here about 6 o'clock A. M., did not arrive today until 10:30 this morning. The delay was caused by a wreck on the New River division of the road.

A day or two ago, while a freight train on the Norfolk and Western railroad was passing a point between here and Crewe, some unknown person threw a large rock through the window glass of the cab of the locomotive, which narrowly escaped striking the engineer.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. J. J. Lawrence, of Blackstone, and Miss Belle Scott Shands, of Prince George, at Rosewood church, in that county, on September 5th next.

Major Mann Page passed through here this morning en route to Lynchburg to attend the State Alliance convention, which convened there to-day.

Mrs. Margaret Belle, of New York, and her two daughters, Misses Jane and Frances, and Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter, of Richmond, are the guests of Mr. W. H. Baxter, on Sycamore street.

Postmaster H. R. Smith and Mrs. Smith went up on the Norfolk and Western railroad this morning to spend some days near Lynchburg.

Mrs. Jane Stevenson and Miss Sarah Ellen Vaughan, of this city, are at the Rockbridge Bath Springs.

Miss Lena H. Davis, of Macon, N. C., is on a visit to Mrs. M. W. Wood, on Halifax street.

Miss Mary Paul Roper has gone to Leesburg, Va., on a visit.

Mr. James Hauvahan left this morning for the Hot Springs, in Bath county.

The Burton farm, on Hickory road, in Chesterfield county, has been sold to Mr. J. Wilke, of Iowa. The farm contains 190 1-2 acres, and the price paid for it was $2,200.

Mr. J. McJames, the new pitcher for the Petersburg Club, arrived here to-day from the South. He will leave at once for Newport News, where the club is now playing.

THE DEMOCRATIC TAX LEVY.

The Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie county held a meeting to-day and fixed the county tax at seventy cents on the one hundred dollars. The taxable values of the county are $1,550,000. The salary of the judge of the County Court was increased from $350 to $450 per annum.

It is claimed by the friends of Mr. W. P. McRae that he has a stronger endorsement by the Petersburg bar for the Hustings Court judgeship than his competitors. Several of Mr. McRae's warm supporters have written strong personal letters to the Governor asking his appointment. Among his supporters are Messrs. Alexander Hamilton, R. B. Davis, and State Senator W. B. Mellwaine.

David Jones, a negro who claims to be a minister, was arrested here to-night on the charge of attempting to commit a criminal assault on a little colored girl named Anna Eastwood, aged twelve years. The girl came here from Norfolk, and was stopping with Jones' family.

Another Set Back for Camden.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., Aug. 21.—At the election here to-day for the two candidates to the Legislature, Senator Camden's interests suffered another defeat, both candidates being pledged to oppose his re-election.

OBITUARY.

MRS. ROSA HOWARD KRUG.

Mrs. Rosa Howard Krug died at 2:20 P. M. yesterday, at the residence of her husband, No. 730 west Broad street, in the thirtieth year of her age.

Of Interest to Mothers.

The success of Mrs. Annie M. Beam, of McKeesport, Pa., in the treatment of diarrhoea in her children will undoubtedly be of interest to many mothers. She says: "I spent several weeks in Johnstown, Pa., after the great flood, on account of my husband being employed there. We had several children with us, two of whom took the diarrhoea very badly. I got some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy from Rev. Mr. Chapman. It cured both of them. I knew of several other cases where it was equally successful. I think it cannot be excelled and cheerfully recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Owens & Minor Drug Company, P. M. Slaughter, E. P. Reeves & Co., and W. G. Forstmann, druggists.

Tariff Bill Passed.

Let it be hoped now, inasmuch as the tariff bill has passed both Houses of Congress, that the business of the country in all of its branches will gradually recover its usual prosperity.

Now is the time to invest the idle and unproductive money that has been laid away in the old bank books, etc., during the past twelve months.

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