

IMPROVEMENTS AT MIZPAH CHURCH

New Organ, New Sunday-School Room and Other Things.

MEN'S MEETING ON SUNDAY

Over One Hundred and Twenty-five Asked for Prayer-Palm Sunday Observed in Catholic and Episcopal Churches.

The services Sunday at Mizpah Presbyterian Church, on Chestnut Hill, were of a particularly interesting character. The Sabbath-school numbered nearly 100, the largest attendance in the history of the school. The congregation at the morning service was also exceptionally large. A pipe organ had just been put in place, and its sweet strains, under the skillful playing of the faithful and efficient organist, Miss Annie Lee Poiriquan, added much to the impressiveness of the occasion. The pastor, Rev. D. K. Walthall, Ph. D., preached an impressive sermon on the manifestation of Christ to his disciples on the way to Emmaus, the third of a series on the Resurrection. He after his resurrection, which have been attracting much attention and are being greatly enjoyed by the people of the community. After the morning service the session decided that the church would endeavor to raise \$250 per annum for foreign missions and thus enable her to support of a missionary. It is doubtful if any church in the State of the size is doing as much for this cause. Plans are also being discussed which it is believed will result in the building of a Sunday-school room and other internal improvements contemplated when finished, coupled with those already completed, will make their building one of the most beautiful suburban churches in Virginia.

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Street Baptist Church, appointed to recommend a pastor to succeed the Rev. E. S. Tuttle, has definitely settled upon the name of the Rev. I. L. Boyles, field editor of the Religious Herald, of this city. The committee will submit its reports next Sunday morning and the church will doubtless extend him a call.

While this, of course, is not positively known, it is understood that Mr. Boyles will accept the call.

Bishop Gibson preached and confirmed Sunday morning at St. John's; Sunday afternoon at St. James', and Sunday night at Holy Trinity. He left for Fredericksburg yesterday, but will return to the city in time for Easter.

The Rev. W. E. Hurt, of Boynton, who for several months has been supplying the pulpit of the Randolph Street Baptist Church of this city, has accepted a call to become the pastor of the Baptist Church at Yorkville, S. C. This call was extended to Mr. Hurt several weeks ago. He will enter upon his new duties on the 1st of April.

At the Baptist Ministers' Conference yesterday Dr. I. M. Mercer read a paper on "Shall Systematic Theology Be Shelved?" The opinion of Dr. Mercer and of each of those who engaged in the lively discussion was in favor of shelving the paper was that systematic theology should not be shelved.

The Rev. Dr. F. K. Winn, agent of East Hanover Presbytery, on his return from his tour of inspection, held a conference for Christian education, held his work Sunday among the churches of Richmond at Grace-Street Church. This fund is called the twentieth century fund for education. Dr. Winn preached a strong sermon on Christian education, leading up to an appeal from generous responses by the people. A large congregation heard him and gratifying results are hoped for.

The choir of the Masonic Home, under the direction of Miss Edna Barbour, will render the special Easter music at the celebration of the Sunday-schools connected with St. John's Church on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This choir is composed of girls and boys and are exceedingly well trained. The music will, accordingly, be of a high class.

At the meeting of the Presbytery Ministerial Association yesterday morning the Rev. J. M. Webb, of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, has resigned the pastorate of the Christian Church at Mason, Ga., to accept a call to the church at Valdosta.

Mr. William Richards has resigned his position with the choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of this city, to accept a similar position with the Epworth Methodist Church, of Norfolk.

A called meeting of East Hanover Presbytery will be held April 24 at 11 o'clock in the Second Presbyterian Church. The Rev. C. M. Chumbley has requested that the Rev. J. M. Webb, of this city, be called to the pulpit of the church at Lancaster, Ky.

TO LAUNCH M'HAWK TO-DAY. Revenue Cutter Takes First Dip at 1:30—Miss Webster, Sponsor.

The Mohawk, United States revenue cutter, No. 8, will be launched at the Trigg Shipyards to-day at 1:30 o'clock. Officially the boat is known as No. 8.

Miss Marie Webster will christen the boat. The young lady is a daughter of Captain Harry Webster, U. S. N. The following will be of the christening party: The sponsor, Captain and Mrs. Webster, Miss Kathleen Anderson, and Miss Elizabeth Whitlock. Here are some of the out-of-town officials who are expected to be present: Captain C. F. Schumacher, chief of the revenue cutter department; Mr. John W. Collins, engineer-in-chief, of Washington; and R. Glover, superintendent of construction of Baltimore. Other United States officials stationed at the yards here who will witness the launching are: Captain George E. McConnell, Chief Engineer D. McComas French, and Lieutenant George C. Carmine, inspector.

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News from the County. A marriage license was issued in the clerk's office of Henrico county yesterday morning to Mr. John H. Alley and Miss Hester Atkinson. The couple are well known people of the county.

The Town Council of Fairmount met last night and elected a town sergeant. The reports of the different committees were heard.

MAY VOTE TO-DAY OR MAY NOT VOTE

Convention First Decides to, and Then Reconsiders.

A DAY OF BREEZY SPEECHES

Mr. Meredith Severe in His Denunciation of the Compromise Plan and in Criticism of Its Supporters—Mr. Goode's Reply.

There was the brightest prospect of a vote yesterday of an early conclusion of the interminable debate on the suffrage question.

A resolution was adopted fixing to-day at 11 o'clock as the time for taking a vote, and putting a stop to debate after that hour. Opponents of the compromise plan consumed only twenty-five minutes being consumed by Messrs. Goode and Glass in defense. Mr. Meredith spoke more than an hour. Mr. Wysor for an hour and a quarter, and Mr. Braxton for an hour, leaving but a few minutes of the day for the afternoon session.

Just at the close of the afternoon session, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the limit was fixed was adopted. Judge Anderson attempted to get a resolution adopted fixing the time at 1 o'clock to-day for taking the vote, but he was overruled by a motion to adjourn, and the whole thing is again wide open, with every indication of a small but determined minority in solid opposition to the compromise plan.

The incidents of the afternoon session were bits of news. Mr. Meredith in denunciation of the compromise plan, his attack on Senator Daniel and members of the Southwest, and the eloquence and somewhat indignant rejoinder of President Goode.

Morning Session. There was no business transacted by the convention in the morning save the opening prayer by the Rev. P. Kerr, of the Presbyterian Church, sixty members being present. The convention met at noon, President Goode presiding, and adjourned in fifteen minutes, when the Democratic suffrage conference was called in session.

General Avers presiding, in the absence of Chairman Kessel.

Judge G. K. Anderson offered a resolution providing that a vote be taken on all amendments to the compromise plan at 11 o'clock to-morrow and any amendments proposed after that time should be voted on without debate. This resolution was opposed by Messrs. Meredith and Wysor, of the Meredith plan force, but it was adopted.

MR. MEREDITH IS BITTER. Mr. Meredith began an argument against the compromise plan and spoke largely on the lines against the understanding principle, which has been reported several times before at former sessions of the conference. He was bitter in his denunciation of the plan. He objected to its being called a compromise plan; that some one's name should be attached to it so that the shame and disgrace of it should be fixed for all time. He claimed that it could not be called a compromise plan, although Mr. Thiem had succeeded in getting what he had been after. He said that it should be called the Daniel plan, for it was born soon after he came back.

Senator Daniel, who is shirking responsibility or claiming credit, I take my responsibility as do all others here, and there is no necessity to go hunting for us.

Mr. Meredith was proceeding to deal in further personalities when Chairman Anderson interrupted him in order not discussing the subject at issue.

SURRENDER NOT COMPROMISE. The speaker then said he was not surprised at men from the mountains surrendering to the East. They were trained to it for generations, and in calling a "surrender" a "compromise" had, as usual, given up their rights, when, by sticking out they would have won. He said they should not even think of making a move to the East. He declared that the Daniel plan was near the integrity of the State, and the blame and shame of it should not be placed on members from the East, but it must be fastened on the members from the mountains.

REPLY OF MR. GOODE. President Goode arose and said he thought the time for speaking had passed, but he could not refrain from saying a few words. He said that he was not in a hurry to fasten reproach upon men who had told here patriotically for nearly ten months to perfect something that would discharge the pledges made, and at the same time bring the relief of the disfranchisement of the colored people.

He then gave the history of the suffrage question since the convention at, and recounted the embarrassments attending it leading up to the events preceding the adoption of the compromise plan. He asserted that it was a wise measure and would give the relief sought. It was not perfect, as nothing human could be perfect, but it was the result of a fair and reasonable compromise between two warring opponents.

Referring to Mr. Meredith speaking of the shame of it, Mr. Goode with great vehemence exclaimed: "I will bear the full responsibility for it, and others here will be proud to do it, and I say here and there that there be any shame in it would be because that as a native born son of Virginia I turned a deaf ear to her cry of distress when I was called on for help." (Great and continued applause.) "Shame! Shame! Our shame would be that we had been weighed in the balance and found wanting." (Great applause.)

APPEAL FOR THE PLAN. "There are two many men here who have spilled their blood for Virginia, and that crippled man there (pointing to Senator Daniel) shall not have the same blood attached to him in my presence without my protest." (Great and prolonged applause.)

Mr. Goode then proceeded to show that the compromise plan was endorsed by representative men from every section of the State and said that if Mr. Meredith's plan could have received the impromptu approval of the representatives of the one-half the representatives that the compromise plan had he would not have opposed it. As he called over the names of the different members who supported it there was great applause when the names of Daniel and Wise were mentioned.

He appealed to the conference to come forward like men and vote for the compromise plan. He strongly deprecated and criticized Mr. Meredith's appeal to sectional prejudices and said he had hoped never to hear such as that again in a Virginia body.

He again made an eloquent appeal for all to bury any such feelings, if they existed, and was greeted with great applause and cheering when he concluded.

Mr. W. Mitchell, counsel for William O'Boyle, who is under sentence to hang in Newport News on the 20th of this month for murder, was at the Governor's office yesterday in the interest of his client, for whom commutation is asked. O'Boyle was to have been hanged on February 25th, but Governor Montague at that time granted him a respite for 20 days.

Colonel Catlett has returned from Charlotte City.

George L. Smith, treasurer of York county, was at the Auditor's office yesterday.

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TO CHARLESTON EXPOSITION.

The Southern Railway has a most attractive route to Charleston, S. C., through the Piedmont section. The Gettysburg Special Low rate excursion tickets on sale daily. Double daily limited trains; dining-car service.

VIRGINIA BEACH.

Through trains to the above popular resort may be chartered at low rates from the Norfolk and Western Railway by churches and parties desiring to run excursions to the Atlantic Ocean during the season now approaching. For terms, dates, etc., apply at once to John E. Wagner, city passenger and ticket agent, or C. H. Bosley, district passenger agent.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BALTIMORE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

Baltimore, Md., March 16-April 9, 1902. For the above occasion the Southern Railway announces special rate fare and third, thus making the rate from Richmond to Baltimore and return \$5.00 via the popular York River Line. Premium schedule. Leave Richmond 4:30 P. M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, following Baltimore \$2.00. A. M. following Washington, the queen of all short water trips.

PACIFIC COAST TOURS Via Chesapeake & Ohio Rys.

A chance in a life time to visit that wonderful section and points of interest on route will be offered by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway on certain dates during the month of June to August next. \$5.25 will buy a first-class ticket from any point in Virginia (located on the C. & O. Railway) to San Francisco, Cal., and return, allowing stop-over at any point west of and including the State of Colorado and will also include the round-trip fare to and return another. These tickets will be accepted on all regular passenger trains. Sleeping berths through to destination and full information can be had upon written or personal application to JNO. D. POTTS, District Passenger Agent, No. 80 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.

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RICHMOND PASSENGER AND POWER COMPANY.

The attention of the public is respectfully called to the following report of the superintendent of the light department of this company in reference to the WITHDRAWAL OF ITS ELECTRIC CURRENT FROM BUILDINGS IN WHICH CURRENT OF A VERY MUCH HIGHER VOLTAGE IS USED FOR LIGHTING PURPOSES:

Major James M. Patton, President Richmond Passenger and Power Company, Dear Sir:—I deem it proper to bring to the attention of the Board of Directors the question of the advisability of this company declining to furnish electric current to buildings in which high voltage electric current for light purposes is being used.

My reason for suggesting this action are well known to you, and you will recall that for more than a year past I have repeatedly called your attention to the danger, both to persons and as a fire risk, of high voltage electric current for lighting purposes within buildings. I am aware that the suggested withdrawal will subject this company to considerable loss of revenue, and will entail the severance of business relations from some who for many years have been our patrons, but the time has now arrived, in my opinion, for this company to decline to risk its record for safe electrical distribution by continuing to furnish service to buildings subject, as I believe, to a very great fire risk.

Very respectfully, (Signed) E. W. TRAFFORD, Superintendent Light Department.

And also to the resolution adopted by its Board of Directors: Resolved, That the superintendent of the light department be instructed to cancel all contracts with customers using a high voltage current for lighting purposes within the buildings, but such contracts should be cancelled so as to cause no inconvenience to customers.

RICHMOND PASSENGER AND POWER COMPANY.

Castoria advertisement for infants and children, featuring 'Oro Drops' and 'Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of Infants and Children'.

IMPERIAL HAS APPOINTED AGENTS

Will Have Rehandling Establishments Here and Elsewhere. Ruling of Imporcance.

So far as can be learned on the outside, it seems practically certain that the representatives of the Imperial Tobacco Company in this city, have appointed agents at several markets, and are making arrangements to appoint others.

This is the first step in the plan of the Imperial to enter the American markets as an active competitor of the American Tobacco Company. The next step will be in the matter of locating rehandling establishments at various points. It is understood that at least one such plant will be established here, and it is reported in this connection, that the factory lately acquired by Mr. Welford C. Reed, who is now one of the representatives of the Imperial, will be used for the purpose. At Wilson, N. C., one and probably more of these plants will be located; other cities will come in for a share.

A long-standing contention between the tobacco man and the Internal Revenue Department has been settled by a decision rendered yesterday by Mr. Asa Rogers, collector for this district.

The trouble arose over the exportation of sweetened tobacco stems. These stems are exported in considerable number to several countries in Europe and particularly to Germany. Up to this time the exporters have been forced to give bond and to have the stems inspected in the same manner as manufactured. The tobacco folk objected to this, and have at last succeeded in getting Mr. Rogers to reverse the order and to write a letter setting forth his decision. In a letter to Mr. E. K. Victor, of this city, Mr. Rogers writes:

"In reply to your letters of 20th and 21st instant, relative to the bonding of stems exported in their natural condition, you are advised that you are not required to export stems in their natural condition under bond, and stems taken from tobacco after it has been sweetened are regarded as in their natural condition for the purpose of exportation."

Among the out-of-town tobacco men in this city yesterday were the following: Mr. William King, president of the Tobacco Board of Trade of Lynchburg; Mr. B. B. Vaughan, of Petersburg; Mr. L. E. Cooper, of Wilson, N. C.; and Mr. R. L. Wilcox, of Danville.

POOL TOURNAMENT.

Commonwealth and Westmoreland Clubs to Play for Championship.

A championship pool tournament will be played between teams from the Westmoreland and Commonwealth Clubs on Wednesday and Thursday nights. On the former night the game will be played at the Commonwealth Club, on Thursday at the Westmoreland. The teams, so far as made up:

Westmoreland—Roger Pryor, Mr. Brooks, Perry Boshier, Davenport W. P. Commonweath—Henry Williams, E. P. Graves, A. Page, Allan Talbott, Clayton Le Febvre.

STEGER SUIT TO-DAY.

Case to Be Heard in Lower and Equity Court. Other Court Items.

In the Law and Equity Court to-day the suit of Robert W. Steger against the Passenger and Power Company for \$10,000 will be heard. Mr. Steger sues for injuries sustained on October 22, 1901, by being run into by a car on Broad Street. He was badly hurt about the head and face.

The suit of Belvin against Donnan, set for hearing in the Law and Equity Court yesterday, was postponed to next term on account of death in the family on one of the counsel.

Suit for divorce was instituted in the Law and Equity Court yesterday through Mr. R. W. Frey, by Lillie Dillard, against James Dillard.

August Kregel qualified as executor of J. L. Ingersoll in the Chancery Court. The estate is valued at \$9,600.

George W. Epps qualified as administrator, D. B. M. C. T. A., of John Landry, Sr.

Mechanics liens have been filed in the Chancery Court as follows: Richmond Woodworking Company vs. The Jefferson Hotel and Bar Brum, for \$5,675.78; the Powhatan Clay Manufacturing Company vs. the Jefferson Hotel and Bar Brum for \$178.50; the Powhatan Clay Manufacturing Com-

pany vs. George Arents and Frank Brumbaugh for \$50,000.55; the Richmond Woodworking Company vs. George Arents and Frank Brumbaugh for \$2,187.67.

In the City Circuit Court judgment was rendered in the action of John N. and Lucius W. Usher vs. F. E. Conrad for \$102.

DAY IN THE POLICE COURT.

Extraordinary Long Locket Before Justice Crucifix Yesterday.

Police Court records, in the matter of length of docket for a year past, were broken yesterday. The cases in the court were before Justice Crucifix, but he speeded through them, and the session was finished by a few minutes to 2 o'clock, incidentally, the city jail was materially strengthened by the collections yesterday.

Robert Lee, drunk and disorderly, fined \$5. Robert Thornton was fined \$10 for cursing Mr. T. H. Davis on a street car. Annie Courtney and Hattie Allen were fined \$2.50 each for fighting. Kate Turner, drunk and disorderly, \$3. Morris Watkins cursed and abused his mother, but was discharged. Maria Myers, using profane language, \$5. Henrietta Spencer, cursing a policeman, \$5. Frank Clarke, a vagrant, was dismissed. Thomas Reed cursed in Brook Avenue so that it could be heard four blocks away, and was fined \$2.50. Carl Lupton, drunk and disorderly, sentenced to thirty days in jail for carrying a pistol, and then fined \$10 for riding too fast on a horse. Julia Reed knocked down the front door of Mary Winston's home with bricks because her husband was drunk, \$5 for being discharged.

Lucinda Parker and Josephine Scott were fined \$5 for fighting in the street, and Lucinda was fined \$7.50 for being drunk. Ferdinand Wright, a small boy, fired a bullet from a toy pistol and was fined \$10. Walter Erwin cut a small girl's dress open in play, and was discharged. Carl Lupton, drunk and disorderly, John Riddle, a white man, and threatened to kill him. He was placed under bonds of \$100 for ninety days.

In the case of Samuel Overly it was held that a man has a right to carry any kind of weapon in his hand. He had a bludgeon, and was discharged. Joseph Slaughter, Edward Jennings and A. G. Gallagher were discharged.

Maud Christian got sixty days for stealing \$18 from Mrs. H. Nash. Nelson Henry got thirty days for stealing three bowtie. George D. Lewis, a white harborer, was discharged. Robert Anderson used profane language, and had to pay \$2.50 for it.

MR. PATTERSON IS MISSING.

Young Church Hill Man Who Has Not Been Heard From for Weeks.

Another disappearance, that of an only son, and the only support of an aged and infirm mother, has been reported to the police from Church Hill. This last man to disappear was Mr. D. L. Patterson, of No. 125 North Twenty-seventh Street. He went away on Tuesday, March 4th, and since that time no trace of him has been found by either the anxious mother or the police. No cause is known for this sudden disappearance.

Patterson had been employed on Mayo's Bridge, working for J. F. Crawford. On March 4th he asked his mother, an aged woman, to prepare his lunch for him, and wrapped it in a piece of paper and left the house, saying he would be back at the usual time. He did not report for duty that day and inquiries among his intimates has failed to show any trace of him.

There has been, so far as known, nothing in the even tenor of Patterson's life which would account for his disappearance. He is only twenty-six years old, unmarried and has been very successful in his work. His mother is greatly worried about him and fears that he must have met with some accident. She was entirely dependent upon his efforts and since his disappearance has been in kindred straits, relieved only by the kindness of neighbors.

Go to Live With Their Son. Mr. and Mrs. James J. Williams, of Norfolk, who have been stopping with their brother-in-law, John W. Goode, No. 287 East Marshall Street, will leave to-day for Jennings, La., their future home, where their son, the Rev. C. N. Williams, is now located.

Eczema, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum, Tetter and Acne

Belong to that class of inflammatory and disfiguring skin eruptions that cause more genuine bodily discomfort and worry than all other known diseases. The impurities or sediments which collect in the system because of poor digestion, inactive kidneys and other organs of elimination are taken up by the blood, saturating the system with acid poisons and fluids that ooze out through the glands and pores of the skin, producing an indescribable itching and burning, and the yellow, watery discharge forms into crusts and sores or little brown and white scabs that drop off, leaving the skin tender and raw. The effect of the poison may cause the skin to crack and bleed, or give it a scaly, fishy appearance; again the eruptions may consist of innumerable blackheads and pimples or hard, red bumps upon the face. Purification of the blood is the only remedy for these vicious skin diseases. Washes and powders can only hide for a time the glaring blemishes. S. S. S. eradicates all poisonous accumulations, antidotes the Uric and other acids, and restores the blood to its wonted purity, and stimulates and revitalizes the sluggish organs, and the impurities pass off through the natural channels and relieve the skin. S. S. S. is the only guaranteed purely vegetable blood purifier. It contains no Arsenic, Potash or other harmful mineral. Write us about your case and our physicians will advise without charge. We have a handsomely illustrated book on skin diseases, which will be sent free to all who wish it.

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