RANGE OF THERMOMETER.

The thermometer ranged as follows at The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 56; 12 M., 60; 3 P. M., 64; 6 P. M., 62; 9 P. M., 61; 12 midnight, 60. Average, 60 1-2.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Virginia and North Carolina—Rain Saturday, brisk to high south winds; Sunday, fair, colder.

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GREAT BATTLE ON IN LOWER BRNACH

Filibustering Tactics Used Against Reapportionment.

STRUGGLE INTERESTING

Bill Goes Over Until This Morning's Session.

APPROPRIATIONS WERE MADE

One Hundred Thousand for Remodeling Capitol, and Additional Money All Round. Senate Sustains Mr. Bruce and Passes Charter Bills. Three Sessions in Each Branch.

The Senate and House held three sessions yesterday, and they were full of life and interest.

The decided feature of the entire day was the great filibuster fight in the House against the congressional reapportionment bill, which cropped out all during the day, but which did not reach its climax until the night session. The hall was crowded with members and visitors, present and prospective Congressmen being prominent among them. The upshot of it was a partial surrender on the part of the belligerents at 11:45 P. M, after one of the most spirited and spectacular battles of its kind since the famous fight years ago over the Walton election law in the Senate. The opposition to the bill agreed to fight no further if its friends would agree to an adjournment, which they did, but it is extremely doubtful if the body will be able to muster a quorum to-day.

The fight had been brewing all during the week, and it culminated last night in one of the prettiest contests in the history of the Legislature. The opposition forces were marshalled by Colonel R. E. Lee, Jr., of Fairfax; Hon. Tipton D. Jennings, of Lynchburg, and Hon. C. Conway Baker, of Westmoreland, and they were ably assisted by Messrs. Newhouse, of Culpeper, and Gardner, of Henrico. Hon. S. Gordon Cumming, of Hampton, led the friends of the measure in a most skillful manner, and he was aided by Mr. Southall, of Amelia, and others. Mr. Cumming had at all times enough votes to pass the bill, but the opposition would never let a vote be reached. It took two hours to get the bill up out of its order, numerous roll-calls on all sorts of motions having been resorted to in the interim. If there is a quorum present to-day the bill will likely pass.

The two houses agreed to the conference committee's report on the appropriation bill, and it was a most liberal one. It raised the appropriation from $75,000 to $100,000 for repairs at the Capitol, restored the $7,500 for Mansion repairs and made additions in many other places.

The decided feature of the day in the Senate was the splendid fight of Mr. Bruce in having the Roads Committee discharged from the consideration of the bills incorporating the Gladesville Railroad Company and the South and Western Railroad Company, both of which were passed after a highly interesting fight.

The House devoted its morning session almost exclusively to the disposition of uncontested bills on the calendar and provided for an afternoon and a night session, the former to begin at 4 and the latter at 8 o'clock P. M. One of the most interesting bills passed was that offered by Mr. Baker, of Westmoreland, directing that the portrait of William Pitt, earl of Chatham, now hanging in the hall of the House, be returned to Westmoreland county.

The House adopted the Conference Committees report on the bill allowing railroads to remove the location of their tracks. The chair was vacated at 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock.

The Senate refused to concur in the House amendments to the appropriation bills, and asked for a conference. Both bodies named their conferees, and they reported at the night session. The Senate devoted much of its session to the disposition of uncontested bills.

THE SENATE'S SESSION.

Southwest Virginia Railroad Charters Granted—Other Matters.

The feature of the morning session of the Senate yesterday was the splendid appeal of Senator R. P. Bruce, of Wise county, for the bill amending the charter of the Gladesville road, in Wise county, with a view to allowing it to develop the coal fields of Wise, Buchanan and Dickenson counties.

The morning and afternoon sessions were a battle royal over this bill. Mr. Wickham, leading the opposition, argued earnestly that this territory should be developed by the Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western. In Mr. Bruce he found an adversary not often encountered in the Virginia Senate. The bill finally was passed by a vote of 20 to 8.

A notable feature of the eloquent and forceful argument of Mr. Bruce was that of the twelve members of the Roads Committee, which had adversely reported on the bill, who voted on the bill, six voted for the bill.

The contest was the most sharply drawn of any at this session. It was the Chesapeake and Norfolk and Western against Southwest Virginia, and Southwest Virginia won out by a good majority, thanks to Mr. Bruce.

BLACKSBURG WINS.

The passage of the appropriation bill as amended by the House, was announced. The Senate refused to concur in the amendments. Mr. Claytor offered a resolution instructing the conferees when appointed to agree to the House amendment raising the appropriation for the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg from $15,000 to $25,000.

Mr. Wickham replied to Mr. Claytor. He feared that an enlarged appropriation for Blacksburg would endanger assistance needed for girls normal schools.

Mr. Lyle spoke in favor of increasing the appropriation.

Mr. Keezel spoke in opposition to the increased appropriation.

A vote was then taken and Blacksburg won out by a vote of 21 to 8.

The bill which the House on Tuesday passed incorporating the South and

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THEY MET TWICE IN ONE EVENING

"Honest Dick" and "Live Wire" Hear Each Other Speak.

"FACTS, NOT LIES AND WIND."

This, Says the Mayor, is His Record—Hears McCarthy's Opinion of Him—Former's Temperate Address—City Committee Fixes Assessments.

Mayor Taylor and Captain McCarthy met twice last night.

But once before in the campaign have they spoken the same evening at the same hall. That was in Fulton early in the canvass. Captain McCarthy heard Mayor Taylor's address to the Clay Ward Actives. He did not speak on that occasion. Last night, however, they met at Corcoran Hall, and again, an hour later, at Thon's Hall. Both heard each other speak at Corcoran Hall, while the Mayor excused himself when he had concluded and did not hear the remarks of his opponent at Thon's Hall. Both candidates made good speeches and both were conservative in their statements.

President Hicks was in the chair at the meeting of the Marshall Ward Democratic Club, which had a special meeting at Corcoran Hall. The room was almost crowded. The first speaker of the evening was Captain McCarthy. He began almost at once to pay his respects to the Mayor. About that civic dignitary the Captain had this to say: That His Honor wanted nothing more than to get elected; that was his chief object, and he did nothing but go about and shake hands with the people with the hope of shaking a vote out of them.

"HONEST DICK" ENTERS.

While Captain McCarthy was saying this the Mayor came in. He did so quietly and was not observed by many. He sat at the door, just at the entrance.

Captain McCarthy probably did not see "Honest Dick" enter; at any rate he went on as before, and said the Mayor had not the moral courage or ability to protect the city. He had no other end in view but re-election, and wanted the pay and prominence of the position. Speaking of the influence of the street car companies and other large corporations upon the City Council, he said he did not know that any of the Councilmen had received money directly for their votes, but he was confident that hundreds and thousands of dollars had been given by the corporations to intimate friends of Councilmen, and this always had the desired effect. The corporations always got what they wanted.

MAYOR DEVELOPS SNAP.

President Hicks invited the Mayor forward when the Captain had concluded. His Honor walked up the aisle deliberately and slowly like a man who felt he was at home. The applause that had followed Captain McCarthy's speech was renewed as the Mayor advanced. Before speaking, Mayor Taylor poured a glass brimming with James River straight and drained it to the bottom. Then he launched forth. He spoke with more vigor and

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MAD DOG'S HEAD EXAMINED.

Drs. Hoen and Moon Find that Chestnut Hill Dog's Head and Experiment.

Drs. Hoen and Moon, of the University College of Medicine, have just concluded a most interesting experiment by means of which they sought to relieve the fears of the residents of Chestnut Hill and Highland Springs.

They tried to see if the dog which bit the child of Mr. Wirt Quarles, of Chestnut Hill, and a cow owned on Chestnut Hill, as well as several other dogs, was really mad. The young doctors showed a great deal of pluck and enterprise. They went out to the spot where the dog had been killed, cut off his head and brought it back to the college for experiments.

The people of Chestnut Hill were deeply interested. One well known citizen of the suburb called up The Times office and asked if a decision had been reached. It had not been then. But the suspense has not yet been relieved.

Drs. Hoen and Moon stated to a Times writer yesterdaay afternoon that it had been impossible to make the experiments they desired. They found that a bullet had entered the back of the dog's head and so shattered the skull that they were entirely balked in their attempts to reach a conclusion. Yesterday afternoon they also informed the people of Chestnut Hill of that fact.

The child of Mr. Quarles, which was bitten, has been treated by Dr. Blanton, but, of course, the dogs that were bitten have not been, and every resident of the Hill gives every dog he meets the entire road.

FLOOD SITUATION

Somewhat Improved, but Railroad Traffic Still Handicapped.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, MISS., March 28.—The flood situation is somewhat improved to-day so far as the railroads are concerned, but traffic has not yet been resumed from New Orleans, Vicksburg or Meridian. Mail from the North arrived to-day thirty-six hours late, but no mail has come in from the South in two days. Pearl River continues to rise and is now spread out over a wide portion of country in the vicinity of Jackson. The flood from the upper country is being felt here and Pearl River has already backed up to within one hundred feet of the old Capitol.

Scores of families moved to high ground to-day. So far, there has been no loss of life.

The Strike Ended.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 28.—It is announced to-night that the efforts of the Board of Arbitration of the Chamber of Commerce to have as many of the old car men as possible restored to duty and thus end the strike has been successful, and that the men will be taken back as individuals as fast as vacancies are made by incompetents.

TRESTLE WASHED OUT.

Tracks of Mobile Under Water for Distance of Two Miles.

(By Associated Press.)

MOBILE, ALA., March 28.—The rain storm that has caused serious floods in the upper country set in here to-day with steady but not heavy rain and much wind. The outer bar is reported as exceedingly rough. No vessels have attempted its passage since last night, and no vessels have passed through the ship channel since this morning. The coast steamer Alpha, which was the last to arrive, reports a very rough experience on the bar.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad is operating as usual no damage reported; also the Southern. The Mobile and Ohio is tied up at various points. A train will be sent out to-morrow morning from Mobile on the Mobile and Ohio.

MOBILE, ALA., March 28.—Traffic on the Mobile and Ohio Railway in Mississippi has been seriously interfered with by the floods of the last two days. Last night a trestle thirty feet long just south of Shuquelka, Miss., was washed out, and the track is under water from Porterville, Miss., to Iron Bridge, a distance of two miles.

Minor washouts are also reported between Arteria and Tuscaloosa. The passenger train which left Mobile last night was turned back at Enterprise The passenger train that left St. Louis yesterday morning and due at Mobile this morning was turned back from Shuquelka. No train left here to-night.

THE NEWPORT NEWS GALLOWS HAS BEEN DISCARDED AS USELESS

The Mute Witness of Many Murders, but None Were Ever Executed on It---Built Without Reason, Now Demolished as Unavailable.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 28.—City Sergeant E. W. Milstead this morning gave orders to have torn down the scaffold that was erected in the rear of the jail about three years ago. There appears to have been no particular reason for the erection of the gallows. It is true, that men are occasionally sentenced to be hanged here, but they are never hanged. The only execution the city ever had was by another method. In this instance, the man was taken out and tied to a tree and shot to death.

There is good reason to believe that he should not have been executed, but, unfortunately, he was not found guilty by a jury, and there were no "twelve men good and true," to say nothing of court officials, to recommend his pardon, and there was not time to get up a petition.

However, the ghastly, if picturesque, adornment is to be torn away. It was built three years ago, the city sergeant laboring under the weird hallucination that he was going to hang one Richard Williams thereupon. Naturally, this was an egregious and unwarrantable presumption, as Richard began to develop insanity right after he was sentenced. Inasmuch as he never had much sense to begin with, it was a mild and gentle form of insanity; but it was sufficiently pronounced, with the aid of petitions, to save the negro's neck.

It was somewhere along this time that Walter Wood procured a gun and went out and put a bullet into Jack Gloven's head. Naturally, the gallows was permitted to stand. Wood, however, was found guilty only of murder in the second degree, and, some witnesses being conveniently absent at the second trial, was acquitted.

However, the William O'Boyle case cropped up opportunely, and the scaffold was left standing. Here was a case in which a man stamped the life out of a woman, at the same time murdering his unborn babe. One might well imagine that the gallows grinned when the O'Boyle case was tried. O'Boyle was found guilty and sentenced to die, other sesources were by, and, after all other seasources were exhausted, the executive was appealed to and the sentence was commuted.

Pending the consummation of O'Boyle's deliverance, there was another episode—a mere incident. Billy Begnall sent John McAllister's soul into eternity with a bullet. As a mere formality, Begnall was given a couple of years in the penitentiary, and almost before he got acclimated, he was back in Newport News. It was said through political influence. And, so Mr. Milstead has ordered the scaffold torn down. Strangers who visit the offices of the Mayor, the city engineer and the commissioner of the revenue, will no longer draw the unjustifiable conclusion that Newport News has been compelled to keep a scaffold standing all the time because it was in constant demand.

LOS ANGELES CLUB WANTS THE MATCH

Will Make New Offer, Raising Bid of the Charleston, S. C., Club.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 28.—The Century Athletic Club is still in the contest for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight, and will make a new offer that will raise the bid of the Charleston Club. The prospects for bringing the fight here were considered very slim yesterday, but the offer from South Carolina has spurred the Los Angeles promoters on to a new effort. The forfeit money posted in San Francisco has been left there as a guarantee of good faith, and the purse money is still on deposit at the Citizens Bank of this city.

Thomas McCarry, president of the club, said: "The bid from Charleston does not bother us a bit. We don't believe they can make good, and we have good reason to believe that the offer is not bona fide."

Charleston Counting On It.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 28.—Promoters of the bout between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries propose to have the contest take place at the Exposition Grounds, where a great arena will be built, plans for which have already been made. There is some uncertainty here as to the attitude of the State authorities, and it is reported that Governor McSweeny will not permit the contest to take place.

An effort is being made to smooth out the difficulties.

STREET CAR MEN ASK NINE-HOUR DAY

Matter Acted on Last Night—To Wait on General Manager Dimmock Next Week.

The conductors and motormen of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company want a nine hour day. They will ask their company for it early next week.

That decision was reached last night. The Amalgamated Association, No. 152 of Street Railway Employes, the organization of the men employed by the two street car companies of Richmond and Manchester, met last night at Smith's Hall. President Simmons called the body to order soon after 8 o'clock. It was nearly 11 before adjournment. The men would not talk to amount to anything, but from what could be learned here and there, the meeting was entirely harmonious and action agreed upon unanimously.

Last fall a petition was drawn up and signed by many of the Passenger and Power men asking for shorter days. But the action was not unanimous then and the company convinced the men that the system under which they worked was little harder than shorter hours would be, and that the pay was necessarily more. Many of the men had families, and they could not live on the receipts of a nine hour day. So nothin was done.

Last night, after about two hours' discussion, it was decided to renew this petition, make it unanimous, and appoint a committee of three to wait on General Manager Dimmock, of the Passenger and Power Company, and present it. Three were named on the committee, one from the Main-Street line, one from the Clay-Street line and the other representing the branch lines of Manchester. The names of the members of this committee could not be learned.

The men of the Traction Company now have a nine-hour day and like it very much.

The question of pay was not taken up last night, from what could be learned. The committee will present the petition, learn of the intention of the company and then report back to a special meeting of the association.

The average pay of motormen and conductors of the Passenger and Power Company is approximately 14 1-2 cents an hour.

PERU, IND.—Miss Marie Freeland, aged twenty-seven, prominently connected, committed suicide here last night by drowning. The body was found to-day. The cause of the suicide is not known.

THE SUFFRAGE PLAN IS READY AT LAST

RAILROAD TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED

Rains and Flood Work Havoc in the South.

TELEGRAPH LINES PROSTRATE

Washouts in Every Direction Block Trains and High Waters Have Done Damage to Alarming Extent—All Streams Out of Their Banks.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 28.—The wind and storm which prevailed over southern Mississippi for the past 48 hours had demoralized all railroad traffic and telegraphic communication to-day. The town of Hazelhurst, Miss., has been completely isolated for the past two days. Many streams overflowed their banks and all passage is stopped, with no trains and no mails. Rain is still falling there.

Great damage has been caused by the flood at Newton, Miss., and there is little probability of trains running through for several days. About ten miles east the water is running over the railroad tracks six feet deep, and two miles of track have been swept away. Telegraph lines are prostrated in all localities. No mail has been received over the Star routes since the rains. All the bridges over the country roads in this vicinity have been washed away and the roads cut up so as to be impassable. In some places fences have been swept away. Low lands have been badly washed by the sweeping current.

WASHOUTS NUMEROUS.

An embankment of the Illinois Central road, one mile north of Oxford, Miss., was washed away to-day, leaving seventy feet of the iron rails and cross-ties suspended in the air. Another washout occurred a mile south of the town. It will be several days before it is possible for trains to reach Oxford from either North or South. Leaf River, at Hattiesburg, Miss., rose several feet during last night, and no trains have passed over the Northeastern, Southern and Gulf or the Ship Island roads to-day on account of the water. The Northeastern is washed out between this point and Meridian.

A dispatch from Laurel reports that three miles of the Northeastern track is inundated north of Enterprise. At Enterprise the Chickasaw River is on a rampage and the valley is covered with water. The river at 6 o'clock to-night is as high as during the flood of two years ago, and is rising at the rate of four inches an hour. Much damage has been done to property, and the loss to farmers will be heavy. Over eight inches of rain has fallen at Vicksburg in the last forty-eight hours. The Alabama and Vicksburg and Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroads are practically tied up.

The river reading to-day was 40.2, or 4.8 below the danger line. No damage has so

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Conference Adopts Clause by Large Majority.

GREAT JOY OVER RESULT

Members Cheer and Applaud When Victory is Won.

SOON BE DISPOSED OF NOW

Will Be Taken Up in the Convention Monday and Not Thought Much Further Time Will Be Spent in Discussion—The Text of the Plan.

The suffrage clause for the new Constitution of Virginia is complete at last, and will be reported to the convention on Monday at noon. Its immediate consideration and early adoption are confidently expected.

There was great rejoicing in the suffrage conference yesterday when, after three hours spent in perfecting the plan, it was adopted by the vote of 47 to 17. There was applause, broken by cries of "good," when Senator Glass announced that the suffrage clause was about complete; there was evident enthusiasm when the roll call began, and when it was announced that the plan had been approved by a vote of nearly three to one, there was a wild demonstration.

This practically closed the work of the conference. Messrs. Daniel and Glass were deputized to see that the plan was put in proper shape and printed, ready for consideration in the convention, and the secretary was directed to notify the absent members, Democrats and Republicans, to be present on Monday, when the subject will be taken up. Then the coference adjourned sine die.

END OF LONG FIGHT.

The adoption by the conference of the suffrage plan brings to a close one of the most prolonged, stubborn and interesting fights in the history of Virginia.

The Democratic members of the convention commenced to hold executive conferences on a plan for suffrage qualification in October. From that time until March 10th these conferences were held nearly every night, and the various plans discussed, new ones being from time to time introduced.

On March 10th regular sessions of the convention were suspended, and for three weeks in almost continuous session of six hours daily the question has been debated, considered and studied. Finally on yesterday at one o'clock the last section of the seventeen of the suffrage article of the new Constitution was agreed to and a complete plan adopted by a vote of 47 ayes to 16 noes.

Before the suffrage conferences began the standing committee of the convention, with Senator Daniel at its head, had considered the question in committee from June 15th to September 23d. A majority of the committee reported a plan embracing as its principal feature a permanent understanding clause. The minority submitted a plan which had no permanent, but a temporary understanding clause.

Mr. Glass introduced in the conference a plan in many respects similar to the minority report, but embracing features of both. This plan the minority accepted and substituted for its own. Afterwards there was a compromise plan agreed upon by the permanent and understanding forces, in which were embraced details of the Stuart plan fixing a cumulative poll tax feature for registration of voters after the expiration of the temporary understanding clause. That part of the compromise plan which extended the understanding clause to 1909, with power to the Legislature to submit to the people the question of voting as to whether it should be permanent or not, was defeated in the conference.

The suffrage plan agreed upon yesterday, and published in full elsewhere, has for its principal feature the temporary understanding clause, recommended by the minority of the Suffrage Committee. The features of the permanent part of the plan are a poll tax prerequisite for voting and an educational qualification. Exemptions from the understanding clause are made to soldiers and their sons and extended to them in the requirement for reading and writing in the permanent plan.

GO BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

This plan will be taken up in the convention on Monday, and will be adopted after probably two or three days' discussion. Amendments will be offered to it by influential members from the "black belt," and they will endeavor to strike out the temporary understanding clause and insert a grandfather property exemption. The Republican members will oppose it, but it seems that so large a majority is now determined to agree upon something that there will be no difficulty except some delay in adopting the article as it left the conference yesterday and appears in The Times this morning.

In the convention to-day Mr. O'Flaherty will call up his resolution to change the rules so that when a motion to rescind a measure has been carried the convention can then take up the matter de novo. Members are so tired it is not expected that much will be done to-day, if the resolution gives promise of long debate, it is very probable its consideration will be passed by until after the suffrage matter is finally settled.

When that is done, the general idea now is to take a recess for sixty days without pay, and allow the Pension Committee to complete its work. After the recess the questions of rescinding, proclaiming or submission will be taken up and disposed of, and the selection of and the names of the legislators who at the first election under the understanding clause will be settled.

There is a quantity of work yet to be done.

Conference in Final Session Perfects Suffrage Plan.

The session of the convention yesterday was opened with prayer by Rev. R. K. Walthall. There were seventy-[illegible] members present.

Mr. Walker, for the Committee on Accounts and Expenditures, reported favorably on a bill of $350 for Frank K. [illegible]

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EASTER SALES VERY LARGE, ESPECIALLY IN FLOWERS

Easter's approach this year has been marked by what all the merchants of the city expect to be a record breaking business. In the dry goods stores yesterday was the usual crowd of shoppers, while the florists of the city are working night and day. The floral gifts this year, particularly, have already broken records, and now an Easter lily can only be had at one or two places in the city. There are only a few left, and one of the big florists has sold out completely.

The lilies are not used much in this city for the decoration of churches or residences, but are mostly gifts. One of the florists had 1,200 plants to start with, and now he has none; another had about the same number, and has a few left. In violets, too, the sale this year has been enormous. One of the florists has sold sixty thousand violets alone. Thus far, these two flowers have proven the most popular, and thus they are almost exhausted in the market here, with no prospect of getting more.

In speaking of the sale this year, a Broad Street florist said yesterday:

"This year will break all records. It is simply that the demand is greater than ever before. There have been more flowers than usual this year, and the prices have remained about the same."

To-day will end the Easter rush on the milliners and the dry goods stores, and to-morrow Richmond will blossom out in all the glory of a spring raiment, if the weather man is kind. The merchants generally say that they believe the trade this year will surpass that of any other year, but they cannot tell until Easter is past and gone.

TWO CHARGES FOR PRICE TO ANSWER

Chain of Circumstances Place a Well-Known Young Man in Embarrassing Situation.

Facing a charge of felony in the Police Court yesterday, Mr. Matthew Price was suddenly brought face to face with another, and while he was in court Captain Tomlinson, of the Detective Bureau, made a charge of being a suspicious character against him, and he will come before the court next Thursday to see what he knows of the assault and robbery of Mr. Edward L. Ford, a proof-reader for The Times, which happened some time ago. The charge on which he was up yesterday was the alleged theft of $9.85 from Mr. E. L. Betts, an old friend of his in Lunenburg county.

Mr. Price is a young man of some twenty-two or three years old. He comes of a respected family of Lunenburg and only came to Richmond about last Christmas. He now holds a responsible position with the Southern Manufacturing Company. His getting into trouble seems to be the result of a chain of circumstantial evidence and there seems little doubt that he will be discharged on both counts. He is well dressed, well educated and the trouble apparently caused him more surprise than any one else.

It seems that a few days ago Mr. Betts came to this city and he and Mr. Price went out to Forest Hill Park. They were drinking and there was some joking about a pocket-book. While jesting, it is believed Mr. Price took a small pocket-book out of Mr. Betts' pocket and threw it away. A long search was made for it when the owner stated that it contained $9.85. When this case had been half finished in the Police Court yesterday it was found that it was out of the jurisdiction of Justice Crutchfield and it was allowed to go over so that Mr. Price may go before the Chesterfield authorities.

During the progress of the trial Captain Tomlinson remembered that he had received a small pair of tweezers and the gold bar of a watch chain belonging to Mr. Ford from Mr. Price just after the assault and robbery of Mr. Ford, and under these circumstances he decided to have the young man held as a suspicious character. Legal action was taken in this matter. Mr. Price says the tweezers and the gold bar were given to him by a negro in the presence of witnesses and then he turned them over to the detective.

UNANIMOUS FOR RHEA.

Election Committee Will Report In His Favor.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—It was learned to-night from reliable sources that Elections Committee, No. 3 will on Tuesday next hand in a unanimous report in favor of Judge Rhea, in the contested election case of the heirs of James A. Walker vs. William F. Rhea, for the Ninth Virginia District.

The report is not drawn up yet, but the members of the committee are agreed upon the matter.

This unanimous report, when it goes in, will dispose of the case entirely and the House will merely make formal adoption of the committee's report.

RICHMOND MAN ESCAPED DEATH ALMOST MIRACULOUSLY

Miraculous was the escape from death of Mr. Edwin H. Tanner, insurance agent of No. 1013 East Main Street, this city, yesterday evening when he fell from a train running at a speed of fifty miles an hour between this city and Petersburg, and rolled down an embankment twenty-five feet high. Beyond a few scratches Mr. Tanner was unhurt, and will be at his office as usual this morning.

Mr. Tanner was standing on the rear platform of the Atlantic Coast Line train due in this city at 8:45 o'clock. When a short distance from Petersburg the train, which was then running at the rate of fifty miles an hour, struck a sharp curve and the lurch threw Mr. Tanner off. He rolled down the embankment, which, at that spot, is about twenty-five feet high, and got up unhurt, save a few scratches. But for the embankment he would undoubtedly have been killed or very seriously injured. Mr. Tanner walked back to Petersburg, where he spent the night. He will come over on a morning train and will be at his office to-day.

THE FOUTZ CASE AGAIN.

The Royal Orchard Farm to Be Converted Into a Great Resort.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 28.—The rumor that State Commander S. S. Foutz, recently expelled from the local tent of the Order of the Knights of the Maccabees for alleged immoral conduct at a hotel in Basic City, was to be granted a new hearing was strenuously denied to-day by members of that lodge. One of the by-laws of the order forbids a second hearing being given an expelled member. The fact is that Foutz has appealed to the Supreme Tent, and the committee, consisting of John S. Patton, Colonel Henry M. Lewis and William H. Greaver, was not appointed to hear evidence in a new trial, but to collect all the evidence brought out at the trial recently held and to produce simple facts to show the expelled member's standing in this city to the Supreme Tent for its consideration when the appeal comes before it.

Mr. Foutz is preparing an answer to charges brought against him, which will be given to the State press in a few days.

Mr. W. D. Carlisle, proprietor of the Royal Orchard tract, near Afton, has concluded negotiations with a trust company in Chicago to float $50,000 of bonds on the Royal Orchard property for development purposes. Work is to commence within ninety days, and this beautiful mountain place is to be converted into a public resort. A fine hotel will be built from material on the place after the order of the Sierra Madre Villa Hotel of California, besides thirty cottages.

The magnificent spring water of this place, which an analysis has shown to be almost exactly similar to the famous Appollinaris water in Rhenish Prussia, will be placed upon the market, and the wonderfully rich copper prospects on the place will be explored. Besides, the great Albemarle pippin orchard of 3,600 trees, now just in their prime, and the superior cider and vinegar products, constitute additional sources of annual profitable revenue.

Dr. Dickie Sentenced.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., March 28.—Five years in the penitentiary was the sentence passed on Dr. W. W. Dickie, the venerable physician who has been on trial at Princeton charged with causing the death of Julia Asberry, in this city, last October by malpractice.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM TO BE CONFIDENT

James R. Jones and Former Governor Clarke Each Says He Will Be Elected Senator.

(By Associated Press.)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 28.—The most eventful campaign in Arkansas Democratic annals since 1874 closed to-night, and to-morrow each of the seventy-five counties will hold a primary election to determine its choice for United States Senator and State and county officers. Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and former Governor James P. Clarke, Democratic national committeeman for Arkansas, are candidates for the United State Senate, and each has made a thorough canvass.

At the respective headquarters in this city to-night each side, with apparent confidence, claims victory to-morrow. The direct vote in the primary elections will govern Democratic members of the Legislature, at which Senator Jones' successor will be chosen next January.

Besides the spirited contest for United States Senator, the gubernatorial nomination is a sharp bone of contention, with Governor Jefferson Davis contending for a second term against E. W. Rector, a son of the famous war Governor of Arkansas. In each of the seven Congressional districts the voters will select a nominee for Congress.

Sons of Richmond College Dine.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 28.—Prof. W. A. Harris, of the faculty of Richmond College, was the guest of honor at the banquet of the Norfolk Chapter of the Richmond College Alumni Society here to-night. The event was a notable one.