

GRAVITY WATER FOR LYNCHBURG

Capt. Frank J. Doherty Resigns from the Home Guard.

JAKE WELLS IN THE FIELD

Failure to Purchase Lynchburg Opera House May Cause Him to Build One—Senator Glass Unwell at His Country Home.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LYNCHBURG, Va., April 24.—Captain Frank J. Doherty has resigned his position as commander of the Lynchburg Home Guard. Captain Doherty has been connected with this company for twenty-six years, and the announcement of his resignation has been received with deep regret.

City Engineer Shaner left this morning for the Federal neighborhood of Amherst county for the purpose of carefully inspecting the site that is proposed for Lynchburg's gravity water supply. Mr. Shaner will survey the route that has been suggested for the line and also the water-shed from which the supply of water will be procured.

GRAVITY SYSTEM.

It looks now as if the gravity system will certainly be adopted. The water will have to be brought a distance of twenty-one miles. Mr. Shaner is acquainted with Mr. M. H. Garland, a well known city engineer.

It is stated here by a person who is in a position to know whereof he speaks that Mr. Jake Wells has not abandoned all theatrical enterprises. The refusal of the owners of the present Opera House to sell the property at first put a stumbling block in the way of the proposed scheme, but it is said that Mr. Wells will now see that an architect here looking over the field.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

At a meeting of the Garland-Rodes Camp, Confederate Veterans, held last night resolutions were adopted in memory of General Wade Hampton and Colonel Marshall.

Major C. V. Whitree, who has been very ill for the past three months, was able to get out for the first time today. Mr. Whitree has been quite unwell for several days past. He is now at his country home in Campbell, about three miles from the city.

GREAT CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATION

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of so much importance to our well-being. The failure to secure heretofore the real, sincere and practical co-operation of the South in external educational movements normally entitled to the very fullest support and sympathy of all the people from the North and the South, has been due to the fact that the philanthropy which has directed its energy toward the South has been expended almost exclusively in the behalf of one race, overlooking the greater necessities of the other. As a result of this course, vast armies of poor white boys, who could not help themselves since the Civil War have been working out their own salvation against odds which have required superhuman endurance to surmount.

At this day of trusts and combines let the work of this conference be to improve the opportunity to organize the biggest and most comprehensive trust yet attempted—an educational trust. Let every child will be a stockholder and every human head will be a share of stock. When you do this you will have inaugurated a movement headed which will be significant the combines which corner both the land and the ocean, and which have tribute on every morsel of food which enters the mouths of the hungry. There will be created in such combination a store-house of energy backed by riches greater than Goleonda's and which can be made to unfold to the world in the bosom of the wealthiest undeveloped territory of God's green earth—an energy which will harness our rivers, start to pulsating as never before the heating arteries of our commerce, create the intellectual awakening, inspire new enterprises, transform idleness into industry and touch with the magic wand of knowledge the source from which will spring an overflowing fountain of peace, contentment and prosperity.

Mr. Ogden's speech.

"This conference exists for a holy cause—a holy cause in the highest sense. Its creed is the Divine love and benevolence, and as the universal sunshine, and expressed in the simple, simple dogma that every child in this broad land possesses the natural right to a good English education. The intellectual awakening of the world is in its infancy. Here are Governors of States, officers of great corporations, educators of every degree, clergymen of many communions, editors, authors, bankers, merchants, lawyers, who for the time being have set aside their several cares for the larger interests of our common country. And the crowning grace, influence and power of this assembly appears in the presence of so many good men.

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LOCAL DEAL PART OF LARGER SCHEME

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Those acquainted with the recent history of the Fisher properties in Richmond clearly interpret the fact that Mr. Spencer, for some time financial agent of Mr. Fisher in Richmond, will be on the directors of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, to mean that there will be no change in the relations of Mr. Fisher to the street railway properties of Richmond. While he has not personally appeared in Baltimore as one of the negotiators, those who have occupied these roles have been his representatives in the same sense that the local attorneys for the Passenger and Power Company have represented him in the battles before the City Council.

FISHER REACHES HIS GOAL.

Mr. Fisher's relation to the street railways of Richmond dates from the autumn of 1888, when he first visited the city as the representative of the estate of Maurice B. Flynn, then lately deceased. For thirteen years, despite changes of name and one or more periods during which his hand at the helm was felt, but not seen, he has been the authoritative representative of the owners of all or the larger part of the street railway properties of the city. There are no indications that the recent deal marks the termination of his rule, but rather the enlargement of his sphere of influence. In the creation of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company during the past year he has taken an especial interest. Its control and operation of all the street railways of Richmond and Petersburg has been the goal at which he has been aiming for months.

THE WILLIAMS INTERESTS.

Will the Williams syndicate have any interest or place in the new company? This is a question asked again and again. From the authorized statements of the gentlemen representing the bank-house of John L. Williams and Sons, it can be stated that the Williams syndicate has no interest in the new company. Mr. J. W. Middendorf, of Baltimore, will be on the directorate of the consolidated company, but he will represent Baltimore financial interests and not the local interests which are associated in the popular mind with the Traction Company. Mr. Sitterling, who is president of the company, last night stated that he did not know that Mr. Nelson Perrin, of Baltimore, was a director of the company. It is believed that his relation to the company will not last longer than the period necessary to perfect the consolidation.

Local representatives of the Passenger and Power Company have been considerably amused at the report that they were kept altogether ignorant of the negotiations which led to the deal. These negotiations were inaugurated by their first to last have been a move to buy out the Traction properties. Mr. Sitterling, as president of the company and through him other representatives of the Passenger and Power Company have been kept in daily touch by wire by Mr. Fisher with the progress of his negotiations through the representatives of the Merchants Trust Company, the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, and the Traction Company, they say, for the purpose of absorbing the Traction properties, and the recent deal was only the orderly working out of a plan to secure control of the lines, and with which those in touch with Mr. Fisher have all along been acquainted.

THE PROBABLE CHANGES.

What changes the consolidation company will make is not stated. It is believed, however, that the changes will, in direct employes but little. While certain lines of cars will be discontinued where the companies are now duplicating services at great expense to themselves and to the public, no advantage to the public, the enlargement and development of the company's property both in Richmond, and especially around Richmond, will be the result. The consolidation of the lines of motormen and conductors as are at this time employed by both the companies.

The company will, without doubt, continue to operate both in Richmond and in Petersburg until the completion of its power house on the Appomattox. In this way there will be very few men in this part of the company's employ who will be their places by reason of the consolidation.

INTEREST AS TO ITS PLANS.

On a very considerable number of points the position of the new company will be awaited with interest. It has been stated in the matter of securing Westhampton Park. It remains to be seen whether it will take up and carry forward the development and beautification of that suburban pleasure park. Mr. Middendorf's interest in the New Reservoir as a suburban pleasure park. Whether it will develop a second pleasure resort at the same time remains to be seen.

The relation of the new company to the much-talked-of employes' club, for which the Traction Company has just completed a new building at the Reservoir, was much discussed among the negotiators and conductors on the cars of the two companies yesterday. Thus for the social club features to which the Traction Company has stood as sponsor, has not been a notable success, as the men have withdrawn from the local organization and the Traction Company has never been relieved of the necessity of having to deal with committees of its employes from the union.

MR. SITTERLING'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Sitterling, president of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, which, through the consolidation, will control all interests in the deal, said yesterday:

"I was asked two months ago if I would accept the presidency of the consolidated companies, and said that I would. Now that the consolidation is practically a fact, I will state that the Board of Directors of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company will remain in power, with possibly a few new members. I expect the actual consolidation will take place in about two months. I will be the executive head of the consolidated companies.

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MEANS MUCH TO PETERSBURG

Water Power of the Appomattox to Be Developed and Used for Power.

PETERSBURG, Va., April 24.—The Petersburg is largely interested in the electric railway consolidation which has just been effected. The charter of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company under the name of the Virginia Internal Improvement Company was obtained from the Legislature of Virginia, February 9, 1901, by Charles Hall Davis, of Petersburg. The capital stock of the company was fixed at \$100,000, but is capable of indefinite increase upon payment of the proper amount.

The Virginia Passenger and Power Company afterwards acquired a controlling interest in the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway Company. Under this consolidation the present offices of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company are to be in Petersburg and the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway Company will be paid in this city.

The almost unlimited water power capable of being developed at the locks just above this city and the bright prospects for the success of the Appomattox diversion plan have had no small part in the success of the consolidation.

When Major J. D. Patton, president of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, was asked yesterday, he said: "I have nothing at all to say about the matter now, because the time to speak has not yet come. As a matter of fact, everything is being kept quiet, so far as possible, but there may be developments in the case soon. If these come the public will learn them."

RIGHT TO CONSOLIDATE.

As to the right to consolidate of the companies, there is a prohibitive clause in each of the franchises, but this is nullified by an act of the last Legislature, which abrogated these franchises in so far as the prohibitive clause is concerned. The right to consolidate is still being held by the Legislature in the interest of the Passenger and Power Company and Traction Company. Being a State law, it is a class of the franchise; therefore, there will be no trouble in the operation of the companies as one.

Should there have been any stumbling block in the way of such operation it could easily be removed. The present operation of the two lines under individual franchises and a general character. This is the opinion of lawyers who were asked about the matter yesterday.

REORGANIZATION.

It is believed that a reorganization of working forces, executive and manual, but all talk as to just what these changes will be, save in so far as the statement of Mr. Sitterling that he has been hanging up for some three months many of the principals in the two companies have had an opportunity to consider other affairs, but from statements made yesterday it seems that with the case of the Traction Company's affairs as a separate institution, Mr. Bemiss will sever his connection with the railroad affairs. Major Patton will not be on the new Board of Directors, according to high authority. The office forces it is probable that a large proportion of the men now at work will remain, but there will be inside switches which will change the general complexion of the offices. Clerically there will probably be a reduction of force, occasioned by a reduction of the forces of the companies. The effect on the street car men, conductors and motormen, etc., it was stated yesterday, will remain to be seen. True, the double service will be somewhat purely, but new men will be employed, and these men are cut off. The idea of the company to give a perfect street car service in all departments seems to mean that most of the men will remain in the positions.

WILLIAMS SAYS.

Mr. Lancaster Williams and President Bemiss, of the Traction Company, who conducted the deal in Baltimore, returned yesterday. In regard to the sale Mr. Williams gave this statement to a reporter for The Times: President Bemiss being present at the time:

"The consolidation was effected by Mr. Nelson Perrin and Mr. N. Winston Williams. Mr. Perrin was the head of the consolidated company in Baltimore until he was one of the principal stockholders of the Richmond Traction Company. Knowing the advantages of a general consolidation to the companies and to the public and the competing of the street-railway and lighting on a profitable basis, he undertook to bring the properties, which have been fighting for three years, together.

"No permanent good can be accomplished by the public by the two properties continually fighting, and nature's opportunity would bring consolidation of interests of this kind, cutting down expenses and allowing a greater margin of profit. The natural result of such consolidation means lower prices and better service for electric lighting and power. The syndicate controlling the properties is headed by the Merchants' Trust Company, of New York, and Nelson Perrin, of Baltimore, and will be composed largely of Baltimore and New York capital.

Neither Mr. Williams nor Mr. Bemiss would make any statement as to the sale price of the electric properties. When asked if the developments here might be followed by developments in Norfolk, Mr. Williams smiled, and said: "When he has concluded his statement he turned to Mr. Bemiss and asked if he could think of anything to add to it, and Mr. Bemiss replied in the negative."

Archbishop Corrigan Ill. (By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 24.—His Grace, Archbishop Corrigan, had a slight congestion of the lungs and pneumonia attacked. Dr. Keyes and Deland are in attendance.

POSSIBLE SUIT AGAINST BANK

Manchester School Board Gets Down to Business.

ASK FOR AN APPROPRIATION

To Institute a Suit—Bank Refuses to Compromise at Any Figure. Lengthy Meeting of Board Last Night.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, 7 No. 1102 Hull Street.

Suit will likely be instituted against the Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Manchester for a part of the money that the School Board lost by the former clerk of the board, F. H. Fitzgerald, it having been shown that the bank cashed warrants which were forgeries and made by the former clerk. The meeting last night was of much interest, it being the first since the trouble with the missing clerk that there was no attempt to screen anything. By the opinion of the attorney, Mr. A. W. Patterson, secured by the special committee from the board, it is believed that the bank will be asked at its meeting tonight to appropriate a sum sufficient to prosecute the case.

REPORT IN FITZGERALD CASE.

The special committee, which has labored for the past two months in an attempt to come to some understanding with the directors of the bank or the proper president of the board, Captain O'Brien, as to recovering a part of the money, made the following report: To the School Board of the City of Manchester:

Gentlemen,—The undersigned, your committee, report as to the steps to be taken to recover, as far as possible, any money in the Fitzgerald matter, respectfully state that they find it impossible to make any settlement with the parties, and therefore, basing their opinion on this matter upon the legal opinion of the attorney heretofore reported to you, they think suits should be brought against the parties, as stated by the said attorney, in order to respectively submit.

J. B. RUCKER,
D. L. PULLIAM,
J. B. RUDD, J. B. BAILEY.

COMPROMISE REFUSED.

Mr. D. L. Pulliam, who is a member of the committee, was asked to give the proceedings of the committee, what they had done and what opposition they had met with. He said that after many conferences the directors of the bank had refused to compromise the case at any figure. Captain O'Brien had also been visited, he said, and had refused to pay the board any amount. Mr. J. B. Bailey had gone to Mr. A. L. Adams, of the bank, and asked for a compromise, and had been offered the sum of \$500. The bank was willing to give to the board the cost of attorney's fee in a suit, but no more. Going back after the directors had met, any compromise had been refused, and Mr. Bailey was shown a letter from the attorneys for the bank, claiming that the bank was not liable.

A communication was read by Mr. Pulliam from Mr. A. W. Patterson, in which he stated that he was acting under terms indicated. Mr. J. B. Rudd, a member of this special committee, said the committee had been greatly hampered and placed in an embarrassing position by not having money to go ahead with. The special committee, however, has been successful in having no legal right to do so, and if the case was taken on a contingency the court would have to decide. He advised a committee going before the council and asking for an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of instituting suit against the bank.

STATUTE OF LIMITATION.

Mr. Rudd said the statute of limitation might be pleaded in the event that a case was made against the bank, and he was asked if he would take the case once and in a business manner. Mr. Rucker said he did not think the bank would plead such an act, for if it did it was as well close its doors.

OF INTEREST IN NORFOLK.

Williams Interests Control Valuable Properties There.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, Va., April 24.—Considerable interest is felt here in the reported sale of the Williams syndicate street railway properties in Richmond, and the declaration of interest in the street railways. This is interesting here because the Williams syndicate has, perhaps, one million dollars invested in such properties as the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway, the Norfolk and New York News and the line from Newport News to Norfolk via Sewell's point, many of the bids for the street railways in Norfolk county within three years about five million dollars.

DANVILLE FOR PROCLAIMING.

Address by Mr. Withers and Nearly Unanimous Vote.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
DANVILLE, Va., April 24.—Danville Democrat to-night to proclaim the Constitution.

The meeting was held in accordance with a call issued by the Business Men's Association. After hearing a speech by Eugene Withers, explanatory of the new Constitution, they almost unanimously adopted a resolution in favor of the proclamation of that instrument.

WILLIAMSBURG PRIMARY.

Vote Was Large, but Election Passed Off Quietly.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WILLIAMSBURG, Va., April 24.—The Democratic primary passed off quietly here to-day. The number of votes polled was large.

The following are the nominees: Mayor, John L. Mercer; Sergeant, R. C. Lawson; Commissioner of the Revenue, T. D. Saunders; Council, H. D. Cole, leading the ticket with 111 votes; A. J. Barnes, L. W. Lane, S. H. Harris, E. W. Warburton and S. S. Byrd.

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MARRIAGES LAST NIGHT.

A pretty marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's last night, when Miss Fannie C. Browning became the wife of Charles L. Bartlett. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home, 1418 Bainbridge Street, by Rev. H. H. Moore. A reception was given to the happy young couple after the ceremony. Both bride and groom are well known in the city, and have many friends who wish them well. They will reside in Swansboro.

AT THE HOME OF THE BRIDE'S PARENTS.

Last night Miss Kate Binn and Mr. Willie Bowen were quietly married. The Rev. Father Waters officiating. Owing to the death recently of a brother of the bride, the affair was very quiet none but the most intimate friends of the couple being present. Swansboro will be their future home.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF BALDWIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Baldwin Street Baptist Church will give a concert at Leader Hall to-night, assisted by Miss Jennie Jeannins, of Richmond. A good programme has been arranged for the occasion, and an enjoyable evening is promised to those who attend.

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO-NIGHT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The congregation of Meade-Memorial Church, on Wednesday night, pined their pastor, the Rev. Benj. Dennis.

WANTED IN VIRGINIA.

Negro Arrested in Orange, N. J., Held for Virginia Authorities.

(By Associated Press.)
ORANGE, Va., Negro, was arrested here to-day and committed to await extradition papers from Virginia. The Virginia authorities want Governor or shooting two white men, and that he broke jail eighteen months ago. Sheriff C. E. Blythe from the county where the crime is alleged to have been committed is now in Trenton for the papers.

Big Sale of Spot Cotton.

(By Associated Press.)
SAVANNAH, Ga., April 24.—The largest individual sale of spot cotton ever made in this market occurred to-day when E. Casson, of Milan, bought 2,018 bales spot from John Plannery & Company. The total spot sales for the day were 2,354.

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