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THE SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE.

An article in the New York Evening Post of last Saturday on "A Year's Progress in Southern Education" is thus introduced:

"Unofficial statesmanship" was the name given by Dr. Felix Adler on Thursday evening to the efforts of the General Education and Southern Education Boards to uplift the South, and he added that unofficial statesmanship in various fields is doing more to advance the nation than all the legislators in the Union. Every one who has looked into the activities of these two boards or who heard their work described at the meeting in Carnegie Hall last evening must be deeply impressed with the truly inestimable value of the patriotic and unselfish work being done in their name. They have been still further defined as organized philanthropy working on business lines and taking advantage of the corporate spirit which is characteristic of the hour in our industrial development.

Proceeding from this to point out what these boards have done in the way of advancing the cause of popular education, our New York contemporary directs special attention to the conferences of school superintendents held and to be held in the several Southern States under the direction of the General Education Board. It says that in the conferences already held there was remarkable enthusiasm and much valuable discussion, particularly on the subjects of taxation, the consolidation of school districts, the transportation of pupils and the beautifying of school houses and grounds. It also points out that the work of the General Education Board, as well as of the Southern Education Board, is being done through Southern men and through the constituted school authorities, and that these men are now the active field agents of the new movement.

We have time and again emphasized this fact, but it cannot be stated too often, for it is a fact of profound importance in connection with the movement. The Southen people would resent any movement from the North of an independent character whose purpose was to build up a different system under Northern teachers and to interfere with our own domestic affairs. These Northern men have the sense to see that the only way of accomplishing desirable results in this direction is by working in co-operation with the Southern people and along the lines of least resistance. Moreover, they have seen that in pursuing this course they will stimulate the Southern people to help themselves, and that is the primary design of the movement. The General Education Board does not propose indefinitely to give money to this school and that. But it believes that by helping in the beginning it will so stimulate interest that by and by the schools will not need outside aid.

A conference of the school superintendents of Virginia will be held in Richmond during the present week, and it bids fair to be of intense interest and of great public benefit. Dr. Wallace Buttrick, the executive officer of the board, will be here, and in his modest but earnest way will give the conference a certain direction, suggesting questions to be answered, and so on. By submitting these questions it is proposed to gather exact information from each and every superintendent as to the situation in his own territory, as also to procure his views as to needs and ways and means. This information will be taken to the headquarters of the General Education Board and catalogued and digested. The board will then be in an intelligent position to render pecuniary aid. Topics of discussion will also be introduced, and a number of distinguished educators from other sections will be here to swap views with the superintendents.

While this conference is called at the suggestion of Dr. Buttrick, it is called with the hearty approval and earnest co-operation of Governor Montague, Superintendent Southall and Secretary Brent, all of whom are agreed that it is a practical momevent in the right direction; that its sole purpose is for the good of the cause, and that good results will be obtained.

WHERE BLAME BELONGS.

We print elsewhere a communication from Mr. Berkeley Minor, of Staunton, in which he takes the ground that The Times is wrong in feeling resentment against the negro for provoking lawlessness in the South. He does not think that our statement of the case is fair to the negro. He thinks that our resentment is misdirected, and that it should be against the Republican party, which put the negro in his present position, rather than against the negro himself. He also calls attention to the fact that the negro behaved well in the trying times of 1861-'65, and that his conduct is worthy of all praise.

We accord to the negro full praise for his conduct during the war, and we have cause to be personally grateful. We also feel not merely resentment, but righteous indignation against the Republican party for putting the ballot into the hands of the negro immediately after he was set free, and we hold that party primarily responsible for the outrages of reconstruction times. We are glad, God knows, that slavery is a thing of the past. Its doom was inevitable, but the manner of its accomplishment was vicious as well as injudicious. If the fanatics at the North had left this question alone the Southern people would in time and in their own way have abolished slavery and brought the change about with little of the evil consequences which followed Lincoln's proclamation and the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment.

But while we hold the Republican party responsible for all this, and while we loath its very name, the bad negro is not guiltless. Our correspondent argues that the troubles which we have had with the negro race is the logical and inevitable result of a condition for which the Republican party is responsible. We agree, but that does not save the bad negro from blame. If the negroes after freedom had continued to be as good in manners and morals as they were under slavery there had been no occasion for lynchings and there had been no occasion for clashes between the races. In short, while we do not hold the negro race responsible for the condition we do hold the bad negroes responsible for the lawlessness which they have provoked.

A QUESTION.

At the meeting of the Anthracite Coal Commission yesterday, Mr. Abel I. Culver, comptroller of the Delaware and Hudson Company, was asked if his company raised the price of coal 50 cents after the strike ended, and he replied that it had, and that so far as he knew the price was still maintained. In answer to other questions Mr. Culver said that the company was selling coal at tidewater at $5 a ton for prepared sizes. The company sells it to what he termed middlemen. He had no information as to what prices the middlemen were getting for coal beyond what the newspapers are publishing about fancy prices. The employes of the company are receiving their coal supply at a figure materially under that which the public gets it.

Now if this company is selling coal at tidewater for $5 a ton, why is it that the consumer has to pay $10 and $12 for it? Coal at the mines has been advanced but 50 cents a ton, yet consumers are paying about twice as much as they paid for hard coal last year. How is this?

THE COAL FAMINE.

Reports come from various cities in the West that the scarcity of coal is threatening to close down a number of factories. In some cases factories have been compelled to curtail their operations, and unless the supply of fuel is greater they wil have to suspend.

Richmond should take these reports to heart. There is an enormous demand and a growing demand for fuel, and while we have in this country large deposits of coal, in a season of activity like this it is with difficulty that the miners can get out enough coal and the railroads haul enough coal to supply the need. By and by Europe will be making demands upon us, and it will be harder still for our industries to be supplied.

Richmond with coal at her very doors should be wise enough to make herself independent of the remote coal field. If there is anything like as much coal in this neighborhood as experts believe, Richmond should lose no time in getting control of the mines and developing them. No one thing in sight could do so much to stimulate the manufacturing industry of this city as a plentiful supply of coal at our very doors. President Cabell, of the Chamber of Commerce, has done well to direct attention to this subject, and the investigation which he suggests should by all means be made at once.

The investigation into the conduct of Judge Clarence J. Campbell, of the County Court of Amherst, is about to proceed. The Times has always thought that this inquiry should be made, but much irrelevant matter has been dragged into the bill of specifications, and, in our opinion, it should be expunged before the investigation proceeds. Was Judge Campbell justifiable in horsewhipping the preacher who had made a serious charge against him? That is the issue.

A correspondent requests that we publish the words of the old war-time song, "The Vacant Chair."

Who can supply them? The chorus, as we recall it, runs something like this:

"We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be one vacant chair;
We shall linger to caress him,
While we breathe our evening prayer."

The Rome, Ga., dispensary dispensed $30,000 worth of grog in the month of December. The sales of all bar rooms in that town for the previous December were a little less than $20,000.

The decision of the courts against the grain corner will not stop the business of cornering. All the speculators have to do is to call it by another name.

A few horse meat banquets in this country after the fashion of the one in Berlin might give the beef trust such a whack as it can get in no other way.

The President, Senator Hanna and other prominent Republicans do not want Elder Smoot to come to Washington as a Senator, and they are working on the Utah Legislature to prevent it.

At last woman, who has been looking under the bed a burglar for centuries, has succeeded in finding one. It occurred at Charlottesville Saturday night.

Baron Speck Von Sternberg, who will ere long be the German Ambassador at Washington, has already demonstrated that he is a man of taste. His wife is a sensible, matter of fact American woman.

President Mitchell's plan is for a big soft coal strike to go into effect April 1st. It may not be out of place to hope for an April fool for Mr. Mitchell.

A Republican daily paper in Virginia is again the child of rumor. Lynchburg has been named as a birth place this time.

Now watch for the esteemed Commoner to give credit to whom credit is due in announcing the election of Governor Stone to the Senate from Missouri.

People who have seen Corean beauties, so called, are not at all surprised that the Crown Prince of Korea has fallen in love with a West Virginia girl.

In these days of blizzards Wall Street is keeping reasonably comfortable on the money the suckers have to burn.

The Crown Princess of Saxony is not cutting quite as much figure (in the illustrated papers) as she did some time ago.

Boston is following Chicago's example, and investigating her local coal dealers, and likewise their scales.

Ex-Secretary Gage's published statement that "our currency does not go far enough" is true, but now new.

The Crown Princess of Saxony denies the report that she is coming to this country. Good, very good.

Marconi is also a piano player, but this instrument is neither wireless or noiseless.

The Secretary Hay resignation rumor is again threatening to sprout.

Old King Frost is ruling the Northwest with a rod of ice.

With a Comment or Two.

And so the equipment for Georgia colonels has been marked down to $190. The lack of an odd figure is a guarantee that it is not a bargain day concession.—Savannah News.

And they have to April 1st to pay up.

Virginians recall the fact by way of a precedent for the municipal coal movement that during the Civil War, counties and cities of their State bought salt at wholesale and sold it to consumers at cost.—Ohio State Journal.

And it saved the bacon, too.

We are not as optimistic on the subject of "diffused prosperity" as is our neighbor, The Richmond Times.—Farmville Herald.

O, but you are. You just don't think it good politics to admit it.

The bacillus tetani may be floating around in the air, but it is curious that it should choose the powder charge of a toy pistol as the only means of entering the human system.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

It will go in on a rusty nail every time unless taken to the doctor at once.

A Richmond (Va.) judge has ruled that "a man who has been called 'a liar' has a right to strike back, provided he can prove that he is not a liar, but when a man is called by such an epithet and it is shown that he is a liar, the man in the first instance has a right to strike back." But all this is to no purpose; the man who has really lied and knows it, isn't likely to strike back, in the first place.—Atlanta Journal.

The fame of Justice John expands daily.

If all the assertions of the Richmond newspapers may be accepted as true, there is no newspaper in that city quailified to be the organ of the Democratic party. Well, if the Democratic party can't survive without a Richmond organ, the Index-Appeal will have to go over and take the job. The Democratic party must not perish from the face of the earth.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

All right, come over, if you think you can stand Richmond.

An Hour With Virginia Editors.

Referring to the report that Hon. W. P. Barksdale has shied his castor in the gubernatorial arena, the Henry Bulletin says:

The tradition that the governorship is a political shelf on which a man lays himself away to rest forever from public labors and public honors does not seem to frighten anybody. The old stagers and the young colts alike are whinnying for a chance at it.

The weekly papers are still peppering Mr. Wise. The Staunton Spectator says:

"The friends of Mr. John S. Wise have not been able to convince the public that there is any appreciable difference between one of his paroxysms of love for Old Virginia and rabbies."

Along the same line the Nelson County Times says:

"John S. Wise in an open letter refers to broken pledges of Virginians in virtually annulling the amendments to the National Constitution after plighting faith thereto as a means of restoration to the Union after the war. We suppose that Virginia could answer that the covenant was made under duress, and is therefore not morally binding."

The Clifton Forge Review says:

"In appointing negroes to office the President is evidently trying to square accounts with the colored people for the service rendered him by a negro regiment at the battle of San Juan Hill."

In its new year article the South Boston Times makes a splendid showing for its busy town, and then after referring to certain drawbacks, says:

"Let us overcome these impediments to the health, growth and prosperity of our town, and South Boston will in a few years take its place in the front rank of Virginia towns both as to business and as a place of residence."

The Irvington Citizen says:

"We wonder if Governor Montague will have the nerve to veto Jordan's or any other rabid oyster bill that might pass the Legislature? We hope he will not discard the patriotic lens through which he viewed the redistricting bill last session.

Remarks About Richmond.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: Richmond has a dog that has turned fire-fighter. Now let Suffolk get in the game with something really odd.

Farmville Herald: Richmond folks eat 15,000 "old hares" each day, and that may in part account for the fact that Richmond folks have the daily "hustle" on.

Newport News Times-Herald: The Richmond newspaper man discovered a candidate lurking around the Capitol every time the sun goes down.

Culpeper Exponent: Richmond is never satisfied without red hot discussions of some kind. The latest is whether or not the "speedway" should be open on Sundays. This is a specially constructed roadway for driving, on which automobiles, bicycles, tricycles, dump carts, wheel-barrows, and equstrians are not allowed. It is exclusively for gentlemen who have fast trotters, and for those who think they have such.

Newport News Press: The experience of the colored man arrested at Richmond for changing the figures on a greenback exemplifies the difficulties that beset the path of the poor fellow who tries to raise a little money these days.

Newport News Press: The $75,000 fire at the guano plant does not necessarily indicate that Richmond is a fertile field for the fire fiend.

Social and Personal

The Richmond german gave a New Year cotillon in the Masonic Temple last evening. It was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bolling, Mr. and Mrs. Levin Joynes, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. Moncure Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. P. Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Eppa Hunton, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Young. The german was led by Colonel Jo. Lane Stern dancing with Miss Helen Dunlop, of Washington, who, with her mother, Mrs. George Dunlop, is at the Jefferson, and will be one of the attendants at the Skipwith-Webster wedding to-morrow. Another very attractive out-of-town guest at the german was Miss Edith Whelan, of Baltimore, the guest of Miss Sophie White, who was accompanied by Mr. Lewis Brander.

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The Vicomte de Fronsac, wha was to have lectured at the Woman's Club last afternoon, was recalled unexpectedly to New York by the illness of his brother, and could not fulfill his engagement as he had expected to do. He left with Miss Morgan, however, a paper written by him on "Three Royalist Manifestations in America," which was admirably read by her and heard with great interest, both on account of the excellent manner of its interpretation and the fine scholarship of its compositor.

The Vicomte made William Berkeley, colonial Governor of Virginia, his first striking exemplar as a royalist in the new world. His next "manifestation" took its illustration from King's Chapel, in Boston, and his third from the "Military Order of American Royalists in Savannah," organized in 1776, to resist the "Minute Men."

It was perfectly evident that the Vicomte, in sentiment, knew nothing save from a royalist standpoint, the standpoint from which his very able and eloquent paper was expressed. Those who had the pleasure of meeting him while he was in Richmond were much impressed with the power of his mentality and his very unusual cultivation.

Virginia Day.

The Woman's Club will keep next Monday, January 19th, the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, as Virginia Day by an "Evening of Song and Short Stories."

Mr. Polk Miller will furnish some of his inimitable selections; Mr. Roswell Page will read a short story of his own composition; Miss Lily Urquhart and Miss Martha Mosley Snead, the soprano of Grace-Street Church, will be the delightful vocalists of the evening. It is hoped that Mr. William C. Noland will take part in the programme also.

Washington's Birthday.

February the 22d falls on Sunday, so the Woman's Club will observe February the 23d in honor of Washington. On that date Mr. Oliver Webster Ellsworth, the great-grandson of Oliver Ellsworth, and the grandson of Noah Webster, the lexicographer, will give a lecture illustrated by stereopticon views of letters, manuscripts and pictures of Washington. The lecture will be given in the hall and will be followed by a reception in the parlors of the Woman's Club building. Mr. Ellsworth has a United States reputation as a lecturer and has gathered much of his data for what he will say on February 23d by travel through the Virginia of Washington, where he has gathered his impressions first hand, and accumulated much that has not hitherto been published.

Among the guests at the Club last evening were Mrs. Edmund Rhett, of Charleton, S. C., who is spending some time at Mrs. Duval's, No. 301 East Franklin Street, and who came in with Miss Mattie Harris; Mrs. Don Halsey, of Lynchburg, invited by Mrs. Norton Savage; Mrs. Dunbar Roy, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Fishburne, of Waynesboro; Miss Mabel H. Allen, of New Bedford, Mass.; Mrs. J. Somerville Knox, of Ravenswood, Va.; Mrs. Stafford G. Whittle and Mrs. William H. Gravely, of Martinsville, Va.

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Debutante Tea.

A very pretty debutante tea was given by Mrs. E. B. Bentley, the grandmother, and Miss Bentley, the aunt, of Miss Lucy Farke Brooke, of Alexandria, Va., and to a number of her young friends here last Saturday afternoon at No. 205 East Franklin Street.

Miss Brooke, who is a debutante of this winter, is spending some time with her relatives in Richmond, and is a very bright and charming young girl.

She stood with her grandmother and aunt to receive and welcome her guests. The parlors and hall of the Bentley home were fragrant with the breath of pink carnations, showing prettily against a fringing of green ferns. Dining room and table decorations were American beauty buds.

Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. William C. Bentley, Mrs. George Bryan, Miss Norma Stewart, Miss Margaret Nolting, Miss Virginia Chamberlayne, Miss Emily Gravatt and Miss Mary Aylett. Others present included Miss Margaret Carrington, Miss Anna Middleton, of New York; Miss Mamie Baughman, Miss Bessie Williamson, Miss Louise Purcell, Miss Lindsay, Miss Berta Cocke, Miss Sophie Meredith, Miss Mattie Baskerville, Miss Kathleen Bruce, Miss Mary Gibson, Miss Marie Lightfoot, Miss Adair Minor, Miss Louise Claiborne, Miss Constance Peterkin, Miss Leake, Miss Peachy Wilson, Miss Zaida English, Miss Roberta Ellerson, Miss Willie Nash, Miss Lou Belle Jones, Miss Rosalie Jones, Miss Nellie Boykin, Miss Louise Price, Miss Ellen Codrington Blair, Miss Cornelia Watkins, Miss Ellen Jones, Miss Estelle de Saussure, Miss Lizzie Townes and Miss Elizabeth Bentley.

The evening was a delight to the hostesses, the young guest of the occasion and to those who gathered to share her pleasure.

D. A. R. Meeting.

The Commonwealth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will have their first annual meeting at Mrs. Warner Moore's next Friday at 11 A. M. Officers will then be elected for the ensuing year, the payment of annual dues will be made and delegates will be appointed to the National Congress of Daughters, to be held in Washington next month. All members are desired to be present, the occasion being one of importance.

The chapter is in a flourishing condition, a charming social feature of its assembling being the informal hour which has succeeded the business sessions and the serving of light refreshments by the regent, Mrs. Moore.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jay Gould, of New York, were the delightful hosts at a dinner Sunday evening, where the guests were Miss Sophie White, Miss Edith Whelan, of Baltimore, and Mr. Northrup. That the dinner was strictly informal and limited in number only made it the more thoroughy charming for those present.

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The quarterly meeting of the Richmond Huguenot Society was held yesterday at the residence of Miss Giullaume. After hearing encouraging reports from the various committees, Dr. Kerr read several most interesting letters from the Rev. Jean Knatz, written from Lamothe-Feneton, a village in the Department of Lot, France, which is the place chosen as the especial field of labor of the Richmond Society. Plans were discussed and a committee appointed to make arrangements for the annual mass meeting to be held during the latter part of February or early in March, when it is hoped that Mr. Knatz may be present.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. Edward H. White, of New York, Mrs. Charles White and Miss Hazard, of Washington, who will attend the Bowe-White wedding at 6 P. M. to-day, are the guests of Mrs. C. O. B. Cowardin.

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Mrs. Edward White and Miss Mary Hartman, of Baltimore, are being entertained by Dr. Joseph White, at No. 201 East Franklin Street.

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Major and Mrs. Louis Hein and Miss Celeste Hein, of Washington, are the guests of Mr. John Walker. Major Hein is the brother of Mrs. Harrie Webster.

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Miss Annie Carter Berkeley and Miss Ethel Lipscomb, of Danville, are visiting Mrs. Andrew J. Montague. The young ladies are pretty buds of this season, Miss Berkeley having been much admired when she was with Mrs. Montague at the Horse Show.

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Miss Lucy Cocke, of the University of Virginia, is visting her aunt, Mrs. Lewis Booker. Miss Cocke wil go to Norfolk from Richmond to visit friends there.

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Mrs. Harry Gillis will entertain Thursday from 5 to 7 P. M., in honor of her sister, Mrs. Furman, of New York.

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Mrs. Charles H. Talbott will give a reception tea Wednesday from 5 to 7 P. M. Mrs. Ellis Talbott will be the guest of honor.

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Miss Elsie Wright, who has been visiting he family f Mr. W. G. Coghill, at Milford, Caroline county, has returned.

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Mr. Turner Battle will sail in a few weeks for Germany, where he will represent the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

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Miss Amelia Wolf, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kaufman, at No. 520 North Fifth Street.

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The Junior Hollywood Memorial Association will meet Thursday at 11 A. M. at No. 508 East Franklin Stree.

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The announcement of the engagement of Miss Ethel Roland, of Reading, Pa., to Mr. Vorhees, of Baltimore, recalls the fact that Miss Roland is said to be the original of the heroine in Gilbert Parker's novel, "The Right of Way."

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Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lawrence gave a birthday fete in honor of their son, Master W. H. Lawrence, in their home, near Lakeside Park. Music, games and a delightful supper rendered the evening's programme complete.

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Miss Newman, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Isaac Cohen.

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Mrs. P. F. Conway, Miss Conway and Mrs. Thompson Brown, of Richmond, are at Jackson's Springs, S. C.

A FATAL MISTAKE

Is Often Made by the Wisest People.

It's a fatal mistake to neglect backache.

Backache is the first symptom of kidney ills.

Serious complications follow.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure them promptly.

Don't delay until too late.

Until it becomes diabetes—Bright's disease.

Read what this gentleman says:

Capt. D. W. Welsh, keeper of the Wood County Infirmary, Parkersburg, W. Va., says: "I had to go around trying to evade pain constantly, aware that a false step, jerk or twist would bring punishment, and I was afraid to handle anything for fear of a reminder in the shape of a twinge of pain. I trade at Dr. J. N. Murdoch's drug store on Third Street, and have something to get in the drug line every time I come in. It was there I learned about Doan's Kidney Pills and I took a supply home with me and used them. My wife used them and my sister, Mrs. A. Amick, of No. 645 Seventh Street, used them. They cured the three of us. I am here in the city every few days and can substantiate the remarks I have made."

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

BANQUET TO-NIGHT

Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery Will Feast at T. P. A. Rooms.

The Richmond Acadamy of Medicine and Surgery will meet to-night at the T. P. A. rooms at the corner of Third and Main Streets. The annual banquet will be held and officers for the ensuing year will be installed. The meeting time is half past 8 o'clock.

HANDSOME AMBULANCE

One Belonging to the Virginia Hospital on Street for First Time Yesterday.

The new ambulance of the Virginia Hospital has arrived, and made its first appearance on the streets yesterday. The ambulance is stationed at Bennett's stables, and Mr. Edgar Taylor, president of the hospital, has written to Chief of Police Howard, stating that the vehicle is at the disposal of the Police Department whenever needed.

AND SO

She Found How the Coffee Habit Could be Easily Left Off.

"My husband had coffee dyspepsia for a number of years," writes a lady from Dundee, N. Y. "Coffee did not agree with him, as it soured on his stomach, and he decided to stop it.

"We felt the need of some warm drink and tried several things, but were soon tired of them. Finally a friend told me of the good Postum Food Coffee had done her family, and I ordered a package from the grocer.

"We have used it for three years with splendid result. It agrees perfectly with his stomach, and dyspepsia has entirely left him. I find in talking to people who have used Postum and not liked it that the reason is that they do not let it boil long enough. When prepared according to directions, it makes a beautiful, clear, golden brown beverage like the highest grade of coffee in color.

"We let the children have Postum every morning and it agrees with them nicely and they thrive on it. I am sure that if everyone using coffee would change to Postum that the percentage of invalids would be far less than it is at present." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

It is easy to change from coffee to Postum and the benefit is sure and quick, for Postum is composed only of the grains intended by Nature for man's subsistence and it goes to work in Nature's way to correct the disorders caused by coffee and rebuild the broken down blood and nerve cells. A ten days' trial of Postum will prove this to the most skeptical.

GRACEFUL TRIBUTE TO JUDGE LAMB

Resolutions Entered Upon Records of Court Where He Presided So Long.

In presenting the preamble and resolutions in memory of Judge James C. Lamb, which were place on record in the Chancery Court of Richmond yesterday, Major Robert Stiles paid an eloquent tribute to the upright judge, who for years presided over that court.

Major Stiles said:

May it Please the Court:

Upon reading this record of nine and forty full and noble years some of us may be tempted to exclaim:

"Thou are not yet fifty years old, * * * * and dost thou teach us?"

Yea, verily, the profoundest lessons that men can learn;

That right is the foundation and touchstone of all things;

That duty is glory and honor and eternal life;

That God is the source and inspiration of right and duty;

That to be truly man one must feel within him the sweep and stretch of two worlds and "the power of an endless life";

That character is the best thing that can be gotten in our earthly life, and the only thing that can be carried out of it;

That loyful subjection to rightful authority, the influence of cultured Christian mother and self-help are elements of prime importance in the development of character;

That a man with these principles and this training will find opportunities for loving and beneficent service in whatever position he may be placed, but the profession of the lawyer and the position of the judge stand closest in with right and the moral character of a community, and enable an individual human life, if faithful and devoted, to signify as much as any one life can in uplift to humanity;

That at the close of an earthly life inspired and regulated by these principles, a man will leave more to his family and his community that is worth leaving and take more with himself that is worth taking than the envied accumulator of untold millions who has not lived this higher life.

If your honors please, it is now more than a generation since I began the practice of law in this city, and I can truthfully say that in all these years there has not lived or died a member of our bar whose life has illustrated the lofty principles mentioned above more perfectly than that of James Christian Lamb.

In the name of the bar of this city, I ask that the preamble and resolutions be entered upon the records of the court.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK

Damage Amounts to Million Dollars Many Out of Works.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Fire early today completely destroyed the three-story building at Allen and East Houston Streets, which was occupied by Fayerweather and Ladew, manufacturers of leather belting. The loss will exceed half a million dollars. The firm had 1,000 employes who will temporarily be out of employment.

Large quantities of oil and grease were stored in the building and these made the fire fiercely hot and caused two explosions. One of them nearly caught a squad of firemen with sheets of flame, anl as a result of the other a water-tower of the fire department was destroyed. The occupants of all nearby buildings, including several thickly populated tenement houses were driven out. A portion of one of the walls fell on the Second-Avenue elevated railway structure and crushed a girder. A fire battalion of fifteen men working on the railway just got out of the way in time to save their lives. The origin of the fire has not been ascertained.

While the loss on the building was estimated at about $300,000 George Hull, one of the managers of the belting firm, said that stock valued at over $500,000 had been destroyed. The firm carried $621,000 insurance. Edward Ladew said that their employes who had been temporarily thrown out of work, would be sent to the firm's factories at Fall River, Mass., Newark, N. J., and Charlotte, N. C.

WILL ERECT A CASINO

Jake Wells Gone to Atlanta to Make Arrangements for One There.

Jake Wells is in Atlanta completing arrangements for the erection of a Casino there, and a little Coney like the one at Reservoir Park.

Mr. Wells is accompanied on his trip by W. H. Labb, of Philadelphia, one of the best known summer park contractors, a man who originated a great number of money getting devices, relatives of the switchback and Aquarama family.

Mr. Wells has about perfected arrangements for a series of musical extravanganza productions for next season, with a well known star at the head, and he is also at work on the formation of a dramatic stock organization to play melo-drama shows over his circuit of parks.

NEGRO DROPPED DEAD

Died While Blacksmith Was Shoeing One of His Team of Mules.

Peter Clayton (colored) fell dead this morning early on Cary Street, between Ninth and Tenth. The negro carried a mule to a blacksmith shop and was standing near when he was seen to reel and fall. The ambulance, Dr. Proctor in charge, was summoned and responded promptly, but life was extinct when it arrived. Coroner Taylor viewed the body and pronounced death due to congestion of the lungs. The negro lived at No. 1506 West Leigh Street.

VISITOR FROM ENGLAND

Great Nephew of Jane Austen, the Novelist, here.

Richard A. Austen Leigh, Esq., of England, is in the city the guest of Colonel Gordon McCabe. Mr. Leigh is the great nephew of the celebrated Jane Austen, reckoned the greatest woman novelist in English literature.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Haskins Hobson, special commissioner, to Sarah E. Fleming and Virginia Wyant, 23 feet on south side Leigh Street, between Seventh and Eighth Street, $3,060.

Thomas R. Price, trustee, and others to Gilbert K. Pollock, 26.95 feet on north side Capitol Street, 95.95 feet west of Twelfth Street, running back to Broad Street, $4,500.

Henrico: Minnie D. and A. T. Miller, to Mary and Katie Essig, 30 feet on Floyd Street, southeast corner Cedar Street, $1,050.

Governor Back.

Governor Montague has returned from New York, and was busy with routine matters in his office yesterday.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Jefferson Club will be held at 8:30 o'clock this evening. Officers for the year will be elected.

The Problem of A Tired Mother!

One of the marvels of our time is the way in which the average mother carries all the burdens of social, benevolent, church and family life.

It's no wonder that nerve troubles attack the mother—how can she help being nervous, especially while the little ones are so troublesome?

No woman can endure the strain of her house work and two or three little ones unless her digestive powers are unusully good. She can't manufacture force enough to stand the strain.

We can suggest one thing that will surely help her, and it isn't a drug poison either. It is Vinol, made by a new process from that wonderful remedy, cod liver oil; it's a true tonic.

Vinol is pleasant to taste, "goes right to the spot," nourishes and helps the food to nourish, is splendid for nursing mothers and all tired out home helpers. I have found it safe and good for ailing children. With Vinlax to correct the constipation, it has put whole families in this place on the road to health. Used in time it saves nervous break-down. Your money back if you don't find this true.

TRAGLE DRUG CO.,
DRUGGISTS.

LADIES INDIGNANT AT DERELICTION

Child-Labor Bills Not Considered, Committee Members Not Attending.

The child labor bills were not considered last night. The Senate Committee on General Laws did not get a quorum and a number of persons, among whom were a dozen or more ladies, were much disappointed. It was estimated that as many as fifty altogether came to hear the discussion.

The fact that the committee did not get a majority present was probably due to a misunderstanding. The notice was given out that the body would meet at 7:30 o'clock, but the impression went out that 8 o'clock was the hour set. But before that time scarcely any one had come save Senator Barksdale, Senator Lyle and a few others.

Senator Barksdale called his few faithful ones together for a consultation, and the motion was made that the meeting be postponed until Thursday, the 22d. This was carried.

Senator Tyler, who alone was needed to make up a quorum, reached the city at 7:30 and hurried from the depot to the Capitol, but was too late. The ladies were terribly disappointed and very indignant. One said she was told that persons had come from distant parts of the state to attend this meeting at a cost of as much as $20. She said the ladies hurried down to the Capitol from their supper tables to give the Cabell bill their moral support at great personal discomfort and inconvenience to themselves.

She was told by Chairman Barksdale that he had been able to get a quorum of his committee but once this season.

Among those who came early were Commissioner of Labor Doherty and Judge Horseley, of Lynchburg, as well as several factory operators of Danville.

A Friendly Criticism.

Editor of The Times:

Sir,—In your editorial of yesterday under the heading, "Cause of Lynching," you say:

"But for the life of us, we cannot help feeling resentment against the negro for provoking such horrors in the South. It was the negro who brought forth the Ku Klux Klan; it was the negro, led by mean white men, who caused our internal troubles in the days of reconstruction, etc."

Is this fair, or just to the negro? Deep resentment is naturally stirred up by such things; but is not your resentment misdirected?

The horrible lynchings and burnings, and the dreadful crime which leads to them, are clearly due to the unnatural relation into which the two races have been forced in the South.

Consider how the negro behaved in the South in the trying times of 1861-'65. Was not his conduct worthy of all praise? Under such normal conditions there was opportunity for the development of all that was best in him. In his present environment the worst in him is brought out. We should feel resentment rather towards that party which brought about the state of things now prevailing in the South. Of all th wrongs done to the southern people by the Republican party, this was the worst, for the loss of life and property which we suffered at their hands, great as it was, was a small thing compared with the demoralization and degradation brought about by the relation into which that party forced the two races. But little blame attaches to either race for the condition of things now existing in the South. I believe that the verdict of history will be that our present evils are inevitable under the existing conditions. To use a homely illustration: When two cats are tied by the tails and hung over a pole, do you blame them for fighting, or the bad boy who placed them so?

We may palliate, but we cannot get at the root of the troubles under which we suffer until the Republican party, the sectional party, sees the error of its ways, or loses the power which it has exercised so tyrannically for many years.

There is small hope of its reform. So let all true men who prefer the Federal Union as it was made by Washington and the other great men of 1776, to the nation as established by Lincoln and his party in '61-'65, work and pray for its final downfall.

BERKELEY MINOR.

Staunton, Va., January 10th.

Operation Did Not Avail.

John Manders died yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock at the Retreat for the Sick of strangulated hernia. He was operated on Sunday night by Dr. Matthews, but this failed to save his life. He was sixty-five years old and lived on North Twenty-eighth Street.