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FOUR CAUCUSES HELD

THE MEMBERS OF EACH PARTY IN EACH HOUSE HOLD MEETINGS.

Mr. Cardwell, of Hanover, Nominated for Speaker by the Democrats—List of the New Officers, &c.

The two houses of the General Assembly will meet in regular biennial session at noon to-day, and last night the members of each party in each house met in caucus to nominate officers.

The Democratic senators met in the chamber of that body; the Democratic delegates in the hall of the House, while the Republicans held their conference in the City Circuit Court room, where their senators made nominees for that body, and the delegates made nominees for House offices—two caucuses in one.

To-day the two sets of candidates will be voted for in competition, and it is certain that all of the Democratic candidates will be elected and installed, after which the message from the Governor (which has been prepared) will be read.

Democratic Senators.

It was some time past 9 o'clock when the members of the Senate assembled in their chamber to confer on matters relating to the organization of this branch of the General Assembly. Mr. Lovenstein, of Richmond, called the body to order, and on his motion Mr. Absalom Koiner, of Augusta, was made chairman. Mr. Lovenstein was chosen secretary.

TWENTY-THREE PRESENT.

A call of the roll showed that the following members were in the chamber: Messrs. James L. Arthur, Thomas H. Barnes, Taylor Berry, William E. Bibb, J. W. G. Blackstone, Andrew J. Dalton, W. R. Dudley, Paul C. Edmunds, J. Taylor Ellyson, James L. Gordon, T. W. Harrison, Henry Heaton, John L. Hurt, Charles P. Jones, Absalom Koiner, William Lovenstein, R. Walton Moore, Stephen P. Read, H. J. Smoot, Abram P. Staples, James N. Stubbs, Horace D. Twyman, and Samuel W. Williams—23.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

The Chair declared the first business in order to be the nomination of President *pro tem.*, who, in the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor, by virtue of his office president, shall preside over the deliberations of the body. Hon. John L. Hurt, of Pittsylvania, who has held the position for four years, was renominated by acclamation.

Dr. J. Dudley Pendleton, of Orange, who has been the efficient clerk for many years, was given practical evidence of the confidence placed in him by receiving every vote for renomination.

Mr. Z. T. Weaver, of Giles county, was renominated by acclamation to the position of Sergeant-at-Arms, which he has held since the Democrats came into power in 1883.

DOORKEEPER.

The fight for the position of Doorkeeper was very close, and elicited much interest. The aspirants were Messrs. James T. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, who was elected to the position just a short while before the expiration of the extra session; Paul Martin, of Gloucester; Mr. Dogett, of Botetourt; W. L. Wallace, of Albemarle; W. D. Haynes, of Franklin; R. C. Ould, of Buckingham. The first ballot showed clearly that the contest lay between Messrs. Alexander and Haynes, and after several ballots were taken the latter won by a vote of twelve to eleven.

Mr. Haynes is about thirty-three or thirty-four years of age, and rather sparely built. He is highly spoken of by his supporters.

COMMITTEES.

When the selection of officers had been completed the matter of appointment of committees was taken up, and a lengthy discussion ensued on the question as to whether it was best that they should be appointed by the president or framed by the caucus. At length it was decided to pursue the latter course, and Messrs. Hurt of Pittsylvania, Barnes of Southampton, Ellyson of Richmond, Staples of Patrick, and Jones of Highland were appointed a committee to nominate committees to a future meeting of the conference. This course has been pursued for several years.

CONTESTED CASES.

The matter of contested seats was next broached, and the discussion which ensued was general in its character. The chief question involved was whether in case of a contest the person holding the certificate of election shall be sworn in or the case be referred to the Committee on Credentials. The subject was not brought to a vote, but there appeared to be almost entire unanimity on the former course. Among the speakers on this subject were Messrs. Taylor Berry, Abram P. Staples, and John L. Hurt. The conference at 11:20 adjourned to meet to-night at 8 o'clock.

Democratic Delegates.

This caucus was called to order about 8:30 o'clock—Mr. Echols, of Augusta, presiding and Mr. Figgat, of Botetourt, acting as secretary. Between fifty and sixty members were present.

The first position for which nominations were made was the speakership. For this Mr. R. H. Cardwell, of Hanover, was nominated by Mr. Hay, of Madison; Mr. H. R. Pollard, of King and Queen, by Mr. Figgat, of Botetourt; Mr. L. D. Starke, of Norfolk, by Mr. Herbert, of Portsmouth.

The vote resulted: Cardwell, 32; Pollard, 16; Starke, 5.

CLERK.

For Clerk Colonel John Bell Bigger was nominated by Colonel Buford, of Richmond, and chosen unanimously. There was no opposition. The House never had a better clerk, and never expects to get a better one.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

For Sergeant-at-Arms of the House J. P. Martin, of Craig, and P. C. Cabell, of Amherst, were nominated. When a ballot was taken Martin received all but about five or six votes, and was declared the nominee.

DOORKEEPERS.

For First Doorkeeper A. O. Sullivan, of Montgomery county, was nominated and received all the votes cast, having no opponent.

For Second Doorkeeper there were three candidates—all maimed Confederates—E. T. Kindred, of Appomattox; D. M. Burgess, of Fluvanna; and A. B. Cottrell, of Henrico. Kindred received 28 votes, Burgess 26, and Cottrell 9.

THE NOMINEES—PERSONAL.

Mr. Richard H. Cardwell, of Hanover, was born in Rockingham county, N. C., August 1, 1846, and as a mere youth entered the Confederate army, where he made a good record. Soon after the war he located in Hanover and married a daughter of Mr. Edward C. Howard, who was a long time clerk of the Richmond City Council. He served the people as collector of taxes under the township system, and also as constable, and in 1874 was a candidate for sheriff, but was defeated by about ten votes.

Having qualified himself for the profession of law Mr. Cardwell entered upon that practice in Hanover and Richmond and met with good success, proving himself an industrious, clear-headed, and keen-sighted representative of his clients' interests. Always a man of great good nature and willingness to serve his friends and acquaintances he grew in popularity, and when in the great struggle of 1881 it was desired to put up a man who could carry the county as delegate the public eye was turned towards him. He was nominated by the Democrats against Mr. W. H. Timberlake, and, notwithstanding the latter's firm hold in the county, beat him by 527 votes. Since then Hanover has regularly returned Mr. Cardwell to the House, and in that body he has been a leader and a chairman of important committees.

Mr. Cardwell has occupied the chair very frequently and is a good presiding officer, being quick, firm, courteous, and impartial, and—what is a great point—not super-sensitive to corrections, which now and then every Speaker will find can be successfully made from the floor.

Two or three years ago Mr. Cardwell was elected by the General Assembly judge of Hanover county and had determined to accept; but in the mean time a necessity for an extra session arose and it was thought possible that his vote would be needed, and so he cheerfully declined the judgeship, remained in the House, attended the extra session, and did valuable service.

Mr. Cardwell is about six feet two inches in height and is of heavy build. He is a good, popular speaker, and is a practical thinker and a sound and conservative legislator. He has the capacity, the diligence, and the determination which will enable him to make a good Speaker, and the vote of the House will to-day call him to the chair but lately occupied by Mr. Stuart, who was not reelected to the body.

House-Sergeant-at-Arms Martin is a Confederate soldier, and carries an empty sleeve from a wound received at Gettysburg. He is of medium build, has a reddish beard, and is about forty years of age.

First-Doorkeeper Sullivan is about thirty-eight. He is also a Confederate soldier and lost one leg during the war. He has served the House before in the position for which he is nominated.

Captain Kindred, Second Doorkeeper, did his first service during the war in Texas, where he raised a company and fought his way through Louisiana to Richmond. He appears to be about forty-six years old.

PRESENT.

The members present at the House caucus were Messrs. G. Allensworth, D. W. Anderson, W. A. Anderson, B. W. Arnold, J. C. Baldwin, A. S. Buford, R. H. Cardwell, H. L. Carter, R. Catlett, D. Coleman, R. L. Counts, J. H. Crawford, H. F. Crismond, John A. Curtis, W. D. Dabney, W. P. Dupuy, Edward Echols, S. P. Edmondson, A. D. F. Ewell, J. H. H. Figgat, H. D. Flood, B. B. Gordon, Thomas J. Graves, J. S. Harris, James Hey, R. H. Herbert, Joseph Hobson, Giles C. Huffman, J. W. Kincheloe, W. G. Loving, P. W. Magruder, J. T. McKee, J. W. Morton, S. T. Mustain, J. W. Overby, J. A. Pilcher, H. R. Pollard, E. L. Roberts, J. Roberts, J. F. Ryan, E. W. Saunders, John M. Silver, H. I. Simpson, R. L. Smith, Lyon G. Tyler, R. H. Tyler, L. C. Watkins, Thomas S. West, S. S. Wilkins, and W. S. Williams.

The Republicans.

The Republican members of the two branches held a caucus in the City Circuit-Court room.

There were some forty-five or more present. Mr. Martin, of Norfolk, was made chairman and Mr. McCandlish, of Petersburg, acted as secretary. The conference lasted until about 11 o'clock, and the distinguished gentlemen of the minority party accepted their lot with cheerfulness and seemed to have a jolly good time. Rather than support the Democratic nominees they nominated the following gentlemen as a matter of form, and upon them the empty honor of their votes will be bestowed.

SENATE.

For President *pro tem.*, J. J. McDonald, of Northumberland; Clerk, R. G. Banks, of Norfolk; Sergeant-at-Arms, John M. Ryall, of Richmond city; First Doorkeeper, B. F. Deane, of Rockingham; Second Doorkeeper, T. S. Hamlin, of Petersburg.

HOUSE.

For Speaker, ex-Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of Henrico; Clerk, P. H. McCaull, of Roanoke county; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. W. Southward, of Henrico; First Doorkeeper, Matthew D. Ross, of Patrick county; Second Doorkeeper, George W. Matthews, of Petersburg.

The Ellis-Houston Contested Seat in the Senate.

Unless the action of last night's caucus altered the previous determination, Senator Berry, of Amherst, will to-day, when members come up to be sworn, present the memorial of Mr. Ellis, the Democratic nominee for the Senate in the Roanoke district in the recent election, together with the protest of that gentleman against the swearing in of Mr. Houston, who holds the certificate of election as senator from said district, and move to refer Houston's case to a committee.

Mr. Ellis first prays that time be accorded him in which to make the contest for said position, the ten days fixed by the statute having proved wholly insufficient by reason of the fact that the result of the election was not declared in two of the counties until the 14th of November, which left only four days, and because on the 16th Mr. Houston proposed that neither should accept the certificate of election but have another election, which proposition being accepted on the 17th, Mr. Houston then receded from his proposal, leaving Mr. Ellis only one day in which to institute the contest.

The memorial urges that the Senate is, under the Constitution, the sole judge of the "election, qualification, and returns" of its members, and is not bound in any way by the limitation fixed by the statute.

The grounds of contest are the reception and counting for Mr. Houston of thirty votes cast by negro non-residents, of five cast by convicts, of four cast by infants, and the large number of double ballots (pasters), found in the ballot-boxes—over one hundred in number—all counted for Mr. Houston.

These "pasters" or "stickers" are Democratic ballots with a small slip bearing the name of Mr. Houston pasted over the name of Mr. Ellis.

It is contended by lawyers that under our statute these ballots are illegal, besides being a device to deceive the voter.

The whole vote of the district as counted gave Mr. Houston eleven majority.

The memorial also protests against the admission of Mr. Houston because the abstract of votes *legally returned* shows a majority for Mr. Ellis.

The action of the Senate in the cases of W. H. Turner and of M. P. Rue in 1883–'84, and that of the United States Senate in the recent case of Lucas and Faulkner, will be urged as precedents for referring the whole matter to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and it is insisted that until their report neither gentleman should be accorded a seat.

The above is a brief summary from the memorial which has been prepared by Mr. Munford, who has been retained as counsel for Mr. Ellis.

The Governor, the Supreme Court, and the Public debt.

In reference to the Supreme Court decision Governor Lee said last night that he had from the first great confidence that the court would decide as it did; that the principles of the legislative act in question had received the endorsement of many of the most learned lawyers in the State before its passage, and they with one voice agreed that any interference with it by the Circuit Judge of the Eastern district would be usurpation. Being convinced of that he called an extra session of the Legislature and recommended its adoption. The Federal Judge did interfere, and has disappeared under the weight of an almost unanimous court. The Governor regards the decision as of the greatest interest to the safety of all the States, for it has been well said that upon the safety of the State depends the safety of the Union. Continuing Governor Lee said that this decision practically settles the Virginia debt, for the creditor must now accept what Virginia has the ability to pay without increasing the taxes of her people, and such settlement being within her means there will be no default of interest and her obligations will be faithfully carried out.

The trouble, the Governor said, with previous settlements has been that the annual interest to be paid on them was more than the State could pay and carry on her government and schools. Discontent in the public mind ensued. The alternative of an increase of taxes or a readjustment of her obligations was presented to the people and they preferred the latter.

MR. ROYALL AND THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. William L. Royall, the counsel for the foreign bondholders, has written a letter to Governor Lee saying that in his opinion another conference with the creditors would result in a settlement satisfactory to all parties.

The Governor said last night that it was true he had received such a letter from Mr. Royall, but he declined to give it publicity just now.

Perhaps he will forward it to the two houses for their action.

The Governor's Message.

Governor Lee's message to-day contains many important recommendations. He suggests that appropriations for lunatic asylums, especially the colored ones which are overcrowded, be increased; that industrial and manual training be introduced in public schools; that appropriations be made to secure more room for the offices in the Capitol, and that the Soldiers' Home be kindly remembered in a financial way.

In regard to the public debt the Governor says that in view of the recent decision by the Supreme Court, he doubts not that a settlement can be reached which will be based on the State's ability to pay without an increase of taxation.

HON. THOMAS C. WALSTON.

Death of a Prominent Eastern-Shore Lawyer in This City.

Hon. Thomas C. Walston, of Eastville, Northampton county, died yesterday afternoon at the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. N. Upshur, on Grace street between Second and Third.

The deceased was born in Accomack county forty years ago, and was educated to enter the profession of civil engineer, but the war coming on that purpose was not carried out. After the cessation of hostilities he entered the law school of the University of Virginia and graduated in one year. He soon rose to high position at the bar, and at the time of his illness no lawyer in the Eastern Shore had a greater practice. In 1877 he was elected to the State Senate, where he made the record of a quiet, useful, and able member. He enjoyed great popularity in his section of the country, and was often besought to become a candidate for Congress, and at the next election would almost certainly have been brought out. Six weeks ago, being then on his way to Richmond to attend the Lee monument celebration, he stopped in Norfolk and had an aching tooth drawn. Upon his return to Northampton an abscess formed on the gums, and he was advised to come to Richmond for treatment, as the case looked dangerous. He reached here two weeks ago, and had the very best attention and seemed to be relieved by an operation performed; but he soon sickened, the unmistakable signs of blood-poisoning appearing. He was conscious almost to the last, was ministered to by his wife and devoted friends, and awaited the result with Christian courage. He had no fears as to the future, such was his unshakable faith in the promises of God. His remains will be taken to the Eastern Shore *via* Petersburg and Norfolk this morning, and will be buried on Thursday. He had been a communicant of the Episcopal Church from early manhood, and was past master of the Northampton Lodge of Masons. He leaves a wife and one child. Dr. Upshur will accompany the body to Northampton, and return here Saturday. Deceased's wife is his sister.

Last Week's Mortuary Report.

The following shows the actual mortality in the city for the week ending December 3, 1887:

Causes of Death: Asthma, 2; apoplexy, 1; congestion of lungs, 2; consumption, 4; convulsions, 3; debility, 1; dropsy, 2; fever, malarial, 1; gangrene, 1; heart-disease, 1; marasmus, 1; old age, 1; paralysis, 1; pneumonia, 4; tuberculosis, 1; unknown, 2; valvular disease of heart, 2. Whole number of deaths in the city, exclusive of still-births, 30.

Still-Births: Colored male, 1.

Rate: Rate of mortality of whole population was 15.60 per cent. per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of white population was 12.09 per cent. per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of colored population was 20.09 per cent. per 1,000 per annum.

Sex and Color: White—Males, 5; females, 8—total, 13. Colored—Males, 8; females, 9—total, 17.

Age: One to thirty days, 2; one to six months, 1; six to twelve months, 3; one to three years, 1; three to five years, 1; five to ten years, 2; twenty to thirty years, 1; thirty to forty years, 3; forty to fifty years, 5; fifty to sixty years, 6; sixty to seventy years, 4; eighty to ninety years, 1.

Condition: Single, 13; married, 9. Widowers, 3; widows, 5.

Nativity: Richmond, 7; other parts of the United States, 18; Germany, 2; Ireland, 3.

Locality: Marshall Ward—White, 4; colored, 1—total, 5. Jefferson Ward—White, 2; colored, 2—total, 4. Madison Ward—White, 1. Monroe Ward—White, 4; colored, 1—total, 5. Clay Ward—White, 2; colored, 2—total, 4. Jackson Ward—Colored, 7. Almshouse—Colored, 4.

Comparative Weekly Mortality: Total deaths for the week ending December 4, 1886—White, 18; colored, 14. Still-born: colored, 3. For the week ending December 3, 1887—White, 13; colored, 17. Still-born: Colored, 1

Temperature: Mean temperature for week ending December 4, 1886, 39°.54. Mean temperature for week ending December 3, 1887, 43°.00.

Amount of rainfall for week ending December 4, 1886, 0.43 inches. Amount of rainfall for week ending December 3, 1887, 0.22 inches.

Christmas Dinner for the Poor at Old-Market Hall.

The ladies who have been in the habit of giving a dinner to the poor at Old-Market Hall during Christmas week are again making arrangements for its repetition during the coming holidays.

A meeting of those interested in the subject will be held at the Friends' meeting-house, Clay street above First, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at which the managers invite every one interested in the success of this praiseworthy undertaking to be present.

The young ladies who have agreed to assist in it are specially requested to be present.

EXPOSITION SCHEME.

VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS FROM INTELLIGENT AND INFLUENTIAL QUARTERS.

Proposition to Erect a Building in Memorial of the United States Supreme Court's Decision.

In many of the letters received in the last day or two touching the subject of an exposition are suggestions. From one of the foremost thinking farmers and breeders of the State comes the novel idea of having a half-mile race-course, to be lighted with electric lights around the entire circle, and night races to be held. "This," says the writer, "would be a novelty yet unheard of. We of Virginia have already been too far behind. Let us strive to not only be abreast of the times, but something in the lead."

A BIG FIGURE.

One of the best known and most successful manufacturers in the city insists that we should erect a building to cost not less than $200,000. Said he: "We should put up something better than the ordinary exposition structure. Something striking in design and appointment and permanent, to be used for occasions requiring a commodious building at other times than during an exposition. Richmond will be all around those Fair-Grounds in ten years, mark what I tell you." This gentleman further suggests a construction company to raise the necessary funds under the plan in use to-day, in the construction, &c., of railroads. An idea worthy of consideration.

WHERE IS THE OPPOSITION?

Mr. Starke said yesterday: "I should like to hear from some one who does not favor the exposition scheme, if there is such a one, so that I may know both sides. I want to get down to the real hard pan of the matter, and make no erroneous calculations or take a single false step. So far I hear but one side. Is there another?

"Yesterday the president of one of our largest and representative banks volunteered the influence of his bank in the matter, and requested that I should call on him when I am ready. I did not push the subject nor ask him what he meant, and simply name it to show the business sentiment now so evidently assuming positive shape.

MEMORIAL BUILDING.

"The idea of making a lake on the four and a half acres of ground across the railroad, where is a large, very bold spring, and a nice, clear-flowing branch, grows upon me," added Mr. Starke. "I find by having two or three tunnels or arches under the road-bed that it can be made easy of access, and these arches can be put in at very small cost, since the road is elevated above the level of the ground on both sides sufficiently to accommodate such arches."

Why not let us erect a memorial building now, as a testimonial of Virginia's recognition of the decision of the Supreme Court of the land for its protection and vindication of our State's rights, in a grand exposition building, erected for the promotion of Virginia's best interest, in which every true son, merchant, artisan, farmer, all have a part, and whose hearts are made glad to-day? Shall we not do it?

VERDICT FOR THE CITY.

No Damages in the Page Suit—Other Cases.

The trial of the case of Lucinda Page, administratrix of Cyrus Page, deceased, against the city of Richmond for $10,000 damages ended as concluded yesterday. The evidence was concluded early Monday afternoon, and almost the entire time from then until night was consumed in the argument by counsel of instructions. The Judge took the instructions offered and when the court met yesterday he instructed the jury, who after a short retirement returned a verdict for the defendant.

This case was fully explained in the *Dispatch* of yesterday.

ORDERED TO SELL.

In the case of S. J. Dudley, &c., *vs.* E. E. Hoover, Judge Wellford entered an order directing the Sheriff to sell the property attached—a bicycle.

A similar order was entered in the cases of Vashon & Sons, Christian, White & Co., Charles P. Winston & Co., W. H. Brauer, J. H. Signaigo, and Oscar Cranz & Co. *vs.* E. Fournion, whose property in the restaurant lately occupied by him has been seized by the Sheriff.

OTHER MATTERS.

The following cases were dismissed: W. H. Bright & Brother *vs.* W. H. Groves; Bowie & West *vs.* same; Bowie & West *vs.* J. D. Groves.

Edell Brothers instituted suit against Mrs. Mary E. Feeney for $300. This is an action on open account.

The "Private Soldier" Monument.

Interest in the move to establish on Libby Hill a monument to the memory of the private soldier of the Confederate army increases daily, and the outlook is promising indeed. The charter committee will report at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Confederate Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association to be held to-morrow night at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Arrangements will then be perfected for the mass-meeting to be held at Corcoran Hall the next night.

Governor Lee has accepted an invitation to be present at this meeting, and in his note he expresses himself in full sympathy with the undertaking. It is proposed to have other mass-meetings later.

The action of the Council Monday night in referring to the Finance Committee the resolution in regard to the monument to be erected on Libby Hill to the Confederate soldier did not mean that that body looked with disfavor on the matter. The reference was made only that the matter might come up properly under the rules. The $5,000 asked for is, as Captain Carlton McCarthy, secretary of the Monument Association, said before the Council, only to build a suitable and enduring foundation for the superstructure.

A $100,000 Mortgage to Secure Bonds.

A mortgage was yesterday executed by the Electric-Light and Power Company of this city (Henry Steers, of New York, president) to the American Loan and Trust Company of New York (R. N. Hazard, president) to secure $100,000 of $1,000 6 per cent. first-mortgage bonds, which were authorized to be issued at a meeting of the company on the 20th of October. The mortgage embraces all the Electric-Light Company's right, title, and interest of every kind and nature in and to the light and power plant and appurtenances in this city and so much as may now be built or which may hereafter be constructed, together with all land franchises, &c., heretofore acquired or which may be acquired under the present charter.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. G. T. (Colored.)

This body met here yesterday and reports were received. Twelve new lodges were organized during the year. The two Grand Lodges of Virginia were united into the Grand Junior Lodge of Virginia.

The body was visited by Sister Jessie Forsythe, R. W. G. V. T.; Colonel J. R. Miller, G. C. T. of Virginia; Rev. J. R. Tillery, State lecturer; Brother George W. Hawxhurst, G. S.; Brother E. M. Redford, editor of *Our Field*.

The following officers were elected: D. N. Vassar, of Richmond, G. C. T.; W. S. Wilson, of Norfolk, G. C.; Mrs. Delia Parker, of Norfolk, G. V. T.; D. H. Bourbon, of Williamsburg, G. S.; Sister Florinda Taylor, of Charlottesville, G. A. S.; John Carey, of Williamsburg, G. T.; Sister Lucy Wooden, of Norfolk, G. S. J. T.; Rev. E. W. Williams, of Norfolk, G. C.; Rev. A. J. Brown, of the Theological Seminary, G. W. M.; Addie W. Poindexter, of Louisa, Va., G. D. M.; Sarah Woodson, of Richmond, G. W. S.; Timothy Bowe, of Norfolk, G. W. O. G.; Brother S. Tucker, of Williamsburg, P. G. C. T.; Brother F. R. Custis, of Norfolk, G. M.

Suitable resolutions were adopted in respect to the memory of John B. Finch, R. W. G. C. T.

Adjourned to meet at Norfolk, Va., Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1888.

"The Three Black Cloaks" at the Theatre To-Night.

This comic opera will be produced for the first time by amateurs at the Richmond Theatre to-night and to-morrow night for the benefit of the Retreat for the Sick, and, judging from recent rehearsals, the performances will prove highly entertaining.

The music (by Bucalossi) is bright and sparkling and the libretto more sprightly than the average of comic opera. No pains have been spared to put the opera on in first-class style. Gay and beautiful costumes from New York, stage jewels, appropriate settings, and requisite properties have all been provided, and, under the direction of Professor Intropodi, first-class amateur work will be witnessed.

Very striking *ensembles* occur during the opera. In the first act is a chorus with tambourines, in the second act a lantern chorus, and in the third a Spanish Fandango.

The above-mentioned features should draw fine houses; but, as the Retreat for the Sick is the worthy beneficiary, it may be confidently said that our citizens will give their hearty support.

The cast has already been published.

Supreme Court of Appeals, Yesterday.

Marshall against Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank. Passed.

Morrow against Sheetz. Put on privileged docket.

Sutherland's administrator against Sydnor. Submitted.

Bain & Brothers, trustees, against White, trustee. Dismissed.

Yancey's administrator against Field. Passed.

Hurst against Dulaney, Porter against Young, Murrell against Diggs, Roberts against Whitehead *et als.* Sent to foot of docket.

Hustings Court, Yesterday.

Andrew Peterson, charged with horse-stealing, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. A charge against him for stealing a buggy was *nolle prosequied*.

James Twyman (colored), breaking into the storehouse of W. H. Cox and stealing four cans of lard and one gold ring, was fined $5 and given twelve months in jail.

William Jackson *alias* Montgomery Jackson, charged with breaking into the dwelling-house of William and James Mathews and stealing sundry articles, was sent to jail for twelve months and fined $5.

Police Court Cases.

A colored man named William Rufus was before the Police Court yesterday morning charged with feloniously cutting Alonzo Thomas. The wounded man not being present, the case—which was fully reported in yesterday's paper—was continued until Saturday.

The continued case of Esau Boyd (colored), charged with breaking and entering in the night-time the storehouse of William Daffron, was called. The case was dismissed, the evidence not sustaining the charge.

Spott F. Pace was fined $10 for assaulting and striking Amos F. McCormick with an iron weight. The former is a baggage-master on the Richmond and Danville railroad, and the latter is a porter at the depot.

Henrico Grand Jury.

The following special grand jury has been drawn for the December term of the Henrico County Court, which begins on Monday next: John C. Maynard, H. D. Smith, J. S. Mitchell, Daniel D. Jordan, Robert C. Friend, Daniel Gardner, A. J. Ford, Joseph G. Beattie, and R. J. A. Smith.

There are but two cases for this jury to consider—the one of the tramp who was sent on to the grand jury for breaking into the house of Mr. Satterwhite after having been kindly sheltered and fed by that gentleman, and that of Jefferson Johnson, who took an appeal from the decision of Squire Ruggs in sentencing him to six months in jail for larceny.

Habeas Corpus Case—Short Discharged.

W. P. Short, who was released on bail on a writ of *habeas corpus* by Judge Atkins, was discharged from custody yesterday, the Judge sustaining the application. This decision, it is claimed, was in accordance with the decision in the case of Clark *vs.* Tyler in the Supreme Court, in which it was held that coupons were receivable for taxes and fines.

Short was fined $20 in the Police Court for carrying concealed weapons. He tendered coupons to pay the fine, which being refused he was sent to jail. Hence this application for release by *habeas corpus* writ.

St. John's German Fair.

The vote for the buffalo robe closed last night, as follows: For the most popular German citizen—Henry Metzger, 105; Louis Euker, 4; Fred. Sitterding, 6; John A. Kratz, 56; William Roeger, 7. For the most popular young lady—Miss Minnie Siegel, 42; Miss Dora Emmenhauser, 9; Miss Henninghauser, 11; Miss Hennie Goetze, 1; Miss Olga Hassel, 4. For the most popular young miss—Agnes Wenzel, 101; Lula Talman, 243. Voting to close Saturday night at 10 o'clock.

"The Growth of the Bald Spot."

The Lecture Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association have secured for Thursday night next Mr. Henry Firth Wood, of New York, with his new creation, "The Growth of the Bald Spot." This "new creation" of Mr. Wood's is an illustrated humorous oil talk, which he desires to produce before all the bald heads of America. The press notices are most complimentary, and there is no doubt but that Mr. Wood will prove a laughing success to his Richmond audience.

City Democratic Committee.

At its first meeting after the recent election the City Democratic Committee decided to hold meetings during the winter on the first Tuesday night in each month. In accordance with this rule the committee met last night in the Circuit-Court room, and not having any business of importance to consider adjourned to give the room to the Republicans, who had been granted its use for the purpose of holding a caucus.

Howitzers' Festival.

At a meeting of the Richmond Howitzers last night it was determined to hold a festival next spring. It will last two weeks. The exact character of it will be determined later.

THE SHORTER LOCALS.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND SORTS.

Short Observations on a Number of Interesting and Valuable Town Topics.

Yesterday was a lovely day.

The last cold-wave prediction was a great failure.

Mr. W. S. Copeland, of the Danville *Register*, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Fred. S. Myers has returned from an extended visit to California and the Pacific slope.

The City Treasurer yesterday paid $118,000 State taxes into the Treasury of the Commonwealth.

The annual meeting of the Old Grays' Association will be held at the room of the Richmond Grays to-morrow night.

Congressman George D. Wise is in the city. He will return to Washington this morning on the early train.

President Ainslie, of the Chamber of Commerce, has appointed Major P. A. Wellford to represent that body at Washington in a matter soon to come up about James river improvement.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher left last night for Washington to take part in the deliberations of the Evangelical Alliance. In his absence Rev. R. H. Pitt will preach for his people.

The final vote in the city delegation on judge of the Hustings Court was:

For Mr. Witt—Messrs. Lovenstein, Carter, Curtis, and Tyler—4.

For Mr. Crump—Messrs. Ellyson and Buford—2.

At the sale of the Pretlow property by Mr. Bowe yesterday the corner was bought by P. H. Mayo & Brother for $12,050, and the piece of ground in rear of the Electric Company's Railway plant by that company for $2,500.

At 4½ o'clock yesterday afternoon the city ambulance was called on Cary street between Foushee and Adams to an elderly man who had fallen on the street. The doctor started to carry the unfortunate man to the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, but he soon revived and walked the remainder of the way. It is said that he had vertigo.

A dispatch was received last night from Danville by Mr. Charles E. Belvin notifying him of the death yesterday evening of his sister-in-law, Miss Annie Pace, daughter of Mr. Jormon Pace, of that place. The latter, who is quite aged, is critically ill. The deceased lady is a cousin of Mr. James B. Pace, of