THE RICHMOND DISPATCH.

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COMMON COUNCIL.

THE CITY-ENGINEER'S SALARY INCREASED FROM $3,000 TO $5,000.

Extension of Time Asked for Taking Steam Cars Off the Connection Track—New Member Elected, &c.

The Common Council met last night and was in session until midnight.

Mr. Hunt, who has moved from Monroe to Clay Ward, offered his resignation.

Mr. J. W. White nominated for the vacancy Mr. Robert L. Winston and he was unanimously elected.

Mr. Winston was appointed to the committees on which Mr. Hunt served.

THE EXPOSITION LOAN.

The Finance Committee returned the following resolution resolution referred to it, with the recommendation that it be rejected:

Resolved, That the city of Richmond will, and does hereby, guarantee for the term of ten years to the holder or holders thereof the semi-annual payment of the interest at a rate not to exceed 6 per cent. on certain bonds to be issued by the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Society, the same not to exceed $40,000 in the aggregate and to be secured, both principal and interest, by a deed of trust or mortgage on the real estate of the said society, together with the improvements thereon, situated in the county of Henrico and containing —— acres, more or less, and known as the Exposition-Grounds and buildings, such bonds to be issued within three months after the passage of this ordinance, and the principal of the same to become due and payable not exceeding ten years from date.

The report of the committee was adopted and the resolution rejected.

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The Finance Committee recommended the appropriation of $2,000 to the expense account of the almshouse.

Adopted.

The same committee recommended the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Auditor be, and he is hereby, instructed to place to the credit of "discount and interest" the sum of $2,000.

Adopted.

The same committee recommended the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and are hereby, authorized to negotiate and receive temporary loans from time to time as the demands of the city may require for a sum not to exceed $200,000 at any one time. Such loans to be liquidated out of the taxes for 1890.

Agreed to.

The Finance Committee also recommended the adoption of a resolution instructing the Auditor to pay the salaries of the city employes and officers and the pay-rolls of the several departments until the annual appropriation ordinance is passed.

Adopted.

WANTED—A CLERK.

The same committee recommended the adoption of this resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and are hereby, authorized to employ a clerk at a salary not exceeding $900.

Mr. Burke objected to this. He was in favor of Mr. Burton, the general committee clerk, doing the work at $150 per year, if the Finance Committee have no clerk.

Mr. Pleasants said the clerk of the Finance Committee should be connected with the Auditor's office, as no one else can do the work.

Mr. Anderson explained that Mr. Warren had been clerking for the committee at $75 per year, but has resigned.

The resolution was recommitted.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The Committee on Schools recommended that the Finance Committee include in their annual budget $6,000 for the Mechanics' Institute.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

THE GERMAN PAPERS.

Mr. Bowden, chairman of the Committee on Accounts and Printing, submitted the bids of the two German papers to do city advertising.

The bid of the *Daily German Advertiser* being the lowest (nine and a half cents per inch) the contract was awarded that paper.

THE CREMATORY.

The Committee on Health recommended that a sub-committee from the Committee on Health, together with the President of the Board of Health, be instructed to visit some of the cities of the country and witness the process of destroying garbage by cremation.

Mr. Christian explained that the idea in sending the committee to look into this matter was with a view of adopting the plan of destroying the garbage in Richmond by cremation.

The resolution was amended to make the sub-committee consist of two, and to appropriate a sum not to exceed $300 to defray the expenses of the committee, and adopted.

TAX ON BANKRUPT GOODS.

The Committee on Ordinances presented an ordinance imposing a tax of not less than $25 a day on venders of all goods brought to the city for sale as bankrupt, assignee, trustee, fire stock, or all goods of such a nature.

The ordinance was adopted.

THE FREIGHT WAR.

The following was presented from the Board of Public Interests:

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Board of Public Interests have considered the question of freight charges on lumber between Manchester and Richmond on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad. The company has agreed that they will hereafter charge one cent less on the hundred pounds than they are now charging, and they also agree to refund the excess hereafter charged over one cent per hundred pounds. This arrangement is satisfactory to all parties concerned and your board deem further legislation unnecessary. The board recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution relating to taxing the street-cars that run upon the James-River bridge.

Very respectfully,
T. P. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

THE RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, instructed to ascertain and report to the City Council if the law will permit the cars that run across the James-River bridge to be taxed. Adopted.

CITY ENGINEER'S SALARY.

When the ordinance from the Board of Aldermen making the salary of the City Engineer $5,000 came up Mr. Bowden opposed the increase of $2,000.

Mr. Higgins spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. W. L. White made an able speech in support of the ordinance. He claimed that Colonel Cutshaw is the peer of any man occupying the same position in any city in the South.

Mr. J. W. White could not see why this matter had been sprung so suddenly. He did not see why, if Colonel Cutshaw was so valuable, it was not found out sooner. He had great respect and love for the Colonel, whom he thought a very valuable man to the city, but did not believe in increasing the salary of one man and not that of another.

The ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES—Messrs. Anderson, Bodeker, Brauer, Burke, Isaac W. Carter, Christian, Curtis, Ferriter, Glover, Gunn, Hayes, Higgins, Mitchell, Moore, Mussen, Philips, Pleasants, Steel, Stratton, Royal White, W. L. White, Wingfield, and Campbell—24.

NOES—Messrs. Bowden, Courtney, Grimes, and Winston—4.

OPENING CATHERINE STREET.

The City Attorney in response to a resolution introduced by Mr. Burke as to opening Catherine street reported that he expects to institute condemnation proceedings for this purpose at an early day.

BELVIDERE TRACK.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, which under lease has control of and uses the connection track between Broad street and the Byrd-Street station, asked a suspension for twelve months of an ordinance passed June 29, 1888, prohibiting the use of steam on the track after April, 1890.

Major E. T. D. Myers, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road, explained that the company is embarrassed because of litigation going on in the courts as to the Belt Line.

Mr. Philips moved that the matter be laid on the table. He said it was a mere trick of the Connection Company to having the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road come to the Council and ask the extension. Mr. Philips made a strong speech in regard to the nuisance which he termed the running of cars on this track, and warned the Council that they would be caught in a trick if they granted this extension to the Fredericksburg Company. He would vote for the extension if the Connection Company should come and in the proper way ask for it, and if the proper restrictions are imposed. In concluding Mr. Philips said this matter has become even greater than a nuisance—it's a curse to the West End.

After much discussion the matter was referred to the City Attorney for his opinion.

RELIEF FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. Stratton offered the following:

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the Finance Committee be requested to include in the annual budget for 1890 to the credit of the Fire Department pay-roll account in addition to the regular appropriation the sum of $5,128.52, to pay the salaries of eight station-men (who shall be taken from the regular force), in order to relieve the station-men who are now on duty during the whole year without any relief whatever.

Lost.

THE NEW STREET RAILWAY.

Mr. Stratton presented the following communication:

To the Common Council of the City of Richmond:

Gentlemen,—Owing to the difficulty in getting the proper material in time for constructing and equipping our railroad we find it impracticable to have cars on the road in the time specified. We, therefore, ask that our time be extended until July 15th next. Respectfully,

JOHN C. ROBERTSON,
General Manager of the Southside Land and Improvement Company.

Referred to the Street Committee.

PAY THE EXPENSES.

Mr. Pleasants introduced two joint resolutions to pay $87.90, being the amount of expenses incurred in holding the Jefferson Davis memorial meeting at Mozart Hall, and $74.50, being the amount of expenses incurred by Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Mayor, in attending the funeral of Mr. Davis as the city's representative. Adopted.

CARS ON BROAD STREET.

Mr. Burke presented the following:

Be it ordained by the Common Council (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That on and after April 1, 1890, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company shall not load or unload or keep standing any car or cars or locomotives on Broad street; that for each and every violation of this ordinance the said Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars. All ordinances and resolutions conflicting with the above shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

This ordinance shall be in force on and from April 1, 1890.

Referred.

WANT A GAS-HOLDER.

Mr. Burke presented a resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee, providing that $100,000 be issued in bonds for a gas-holder for the western suburbs of the city.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock.

ORATOR RICHMOND DEAD.

Buffalo Bill's Famous Talker Died Suddenly in Barcelona.

The friends of Frank Richmond in this city are surprised to learn of his death in Barcelona, Spain, last Thursday. Frank Richmond, although for years connected with the stage, is best known through his connection with Buffalo Bill's Wild-West Show. During his engagement with that organization he made a reputation and acquaintance in Europe and America which he could never have achieved in the dramatic profession.

Richmond was about forty-five years of age. He is said to have been one of the best Simon Legrees in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," that ever trod the boards. Soon after Buffalo Bill organized his Wild-West Show he obtained a position with it through the influence of Major John M. Burke, known as Arizona Joe, a lifelong friend.

Richmond was a man of magnificent physique and a most powerful voice. It was this latter qualification which secured him his position with Buffalo Bill. He was a son of the late Dr. Twitchell, of Brooklyn, and unmarried. He had many friends among his profession, both in this country and in Europe, and on his visit to this city with Buffalo Bill proved himself an agreeable and entertaining fellow. He it was who stood in the judges' stand on the race-course and explained the show as it went on.

State Board of Agriculture.

This board will meet at the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, No. 1307 Main street, at 8 o'clock to-night.

Personals and Briefs.

Colonel L. Q. Washington is in the city.

Captain John S. Potter, of Yorktown, is in the city.

The cold-wave flag was hoisted at 11 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Royall.

Policeman Fore, of the Third district, lost his pistol on Sunday—a 38-calibre, No. 6361.

Miss Lula Meade left yesterday morning for Pennsylvania, where she will attend school.

Mr. Anthony Griffith, an ex-member of the Council, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Rev. Dr. L. P. Bell, of this city, preached at the First Baptist church in Lynchburg on Sunday.

Mrs. G. Baurmann, of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Quarles, on west Grace street.

Mr. Mily Williams has succeeded Mr. Thomas Cox as stamp-clerk at the Richmond post-office.

Miss Mary Friend Willson left last night for Oakvale, Mercer county, W. Va., where she goes to teach school.

Mr. George A. Hill, of the local staff of the *Times*, who has been quite sick for several days, is out again.

At the meeting of the Academy of Medicine to-night Dr. Isaiah White will exhibit an interesting pathological specimen.

Mr. Carl Buchrmond, who is in Germany perfecting his studies in architecture, writes extending New-Year's greeting to his friends in Richmond.

Mrs. Charles Kolbe, of Baltimore, and nephew James Hayes, have returned home after a visit to her mother, Mrs. E. C. Welsh, of Nicholson street.

On Sunday Coroner Taylor viewed the body of Malinda Nicholas (colored), aged sixty-five, a nurse employed at No. 1219 east Broad street, who died of heart-disease.

Mr. Gustave Mortimer, late manager for Louis James and wife, who died in the State of New York a few days ago, was a resident of Richmond for some time before the outbreak of the civil war.

The Washington *Post* says: Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of General Robert E. Lee, who has been in Paris this winter with Mrs. George Blanchard at the Hotel Vendome, has gone to Cairo, Egypt.

Rev. Frank Stringfellow, the well-known evangelist, will arrive here Wednesday, and beginning that night will conduct a meeting at Christ Episcopal church, corner Twenty-second and Venable streets.

A gentleman residing in the East End saw on yesterday a number of bees gathering honey from the blossoms of a sweet-smelling shrub which grows in his yard, and the fragrance of which fills the air around.

Governor McKinney and wife, both of whom are Presbyterians, attended services at Dr. Hoge's church Sunday morning and will rent a pew there. On this occasion they occupied a part of Colonel C. R. Barksdale's.

The ladies who are interested and willing to help in the bazaar to be held for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association are requested to meet at the Young Men's Christian Association parlors at 12 M. to-day.

Mr. George B. McAdams has just commenced the erection of a new handsome residence on the north side of Franklin street between Shafer and Harrison. It has a granite front to the first story and pressed-brick and granite trimmings above. The building has a front of twenty-five feet and a depth of 102 feet. Mr. Albert L. West is the architect and Mr. W. O. Barton the contractor.

The following officers of Pawnee Tribe, No. 53, of Red Men, have been installed by acting Great-Sachem Charles Favian: W. U. Yeaman, prophet; L. W. Guyer, K. of W.; Thomas Sheppard, K. of R.; C. W. Thomas, Sr. S.; S. F. Curry, Jr. S.; L. P. Yeaman, sachem. The ceremony was a public one and at its conclusion refreshments were served to the members and guests, many of whom were ladies.

The residence of Mr. William Wirt Henry, No. 415 east Franklin street, was entered by a burglar early Sunday morning. The thievish stranger rushed out of the house upon the appearance of Mr. Marshall Henry, who had been to a railroad depôt to see a friend off and had just returned home. An alarm was given, but the fugitive could not be secured. A small sum of money was missing from one of the rooms. The silverware had been spread out upon a table, but was left.

CITY LOSES $38,080.

SUCH IS THE REPORT AS TO COLLECTOR WOODSON'S ACCOUNTS.

"Systematic Errors" Discovered, But the "Missing Ledger" Not Yet Accounted For.

Nearly two years ago Mr. Aylett R. Woodson, City Collector, died.

He was succeeded by Mr. James D. Craig, as the *pro tempore* appointee of the Judge of the Hustings Court, and in May, 1888, Mr. F. W. Cunningham was elected by the people to fill the office for a term of two years and entered upon his duties July the 1st following.

During most of this time an investigation has been going on with the view of determining the liability of Mr. Woodson and his sureties. Officially the result was not known until last night. Unofficially the people have been aware for many, many months that Mr. Woodson died greatly in debt to the city, and that owing to the non-performance of the requirements of the law with regard to the examination of the Collector's accounts at stated periods, any considerable recovery from the bondsmen is improbable if not impossible.

TO SUE THE ESTATE.

At the meeting of the Common Council last night Mr. Steel, sub-chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following:

RICHMOND, January 6, 1890.

To the Council of the City of Richmond:

Gentlemen,—We herewith submit a report of W. Hall Crew, employed by the Finance Committee to examine the accounts of the late Collector A. R. Woodson, showing a deficit of $38,080.16, with a communication from J. Alston Cabell, attorney at law, associated with C. V. Meredith, City Attorney, advising that suit be brought against the estate of A. R. Woodson and his sureties, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Council of the city of Richmond (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, instructed to institute suit against the estate of the late A. R. Woodson and his bondsmen to recover the deficiencies due by the said A. R. Woodson to the city, and in the prosecution of this suit he is authorized to associate with him J. A. Cabell, the said Cabell to receive 2per centum on the amount recovered for the city.

The following is Mr. Crew's report:

MR. CREW'S REPORT.

N. D. Hargrove, Esq., Chairman of Finance Committee:

Sir,—As instructed by your committee I have carefully examined the desk-books of the late A. R. Woodson, late City Collector, for the years 1876-'87 inclusive, together with such other books as could be found in the office showing collections made for the city by said collector.

From the posting-marks on a number of the desk-books it was evident that there was or had been in existence a ledger to which the various amounts collected was posted, and from which most of the settlements were made. On inquiry I found such a book had been kept in the office, and that since the death of Mr. A. R. Woodson the late William H. Talman carried the book away, and I have not been able to find it. I believe this book, if found, would explain many entries now on the desk-books that certainly do not look right.

The paving bills from 1882 were irregularly kept, and from 1884 to February 1, 1887, listing them was discontinued. The book in which the bills of February 1, 1887, are listed has been mutilated, and the first forty-eight pages cut out. February 1, 1887, list commences on page 49.

Gas bills—No book containing the list of delinquent gas bills or collections for the years 1884 and 1885 can be found, consequently I am unable to make any report of that account for those years. The main deficit is in the collection of taxes and the desk-books for the years 1883, '84, '85, '86, and '87 contain very many "systematic errors in addition" which are invariably for round amounts against the city, and the figures of such "systematic errors" are all in one handwriting. There are another class of errors on the same books. It is where parties have paid their taxes with bank checks, and for some reason at the close of the day's work the amount of the check is deducted from the gross collections, and many of these checks are never put back to the account. As previously stated to your committee the amount deficit does not include any amounts collected but not entered on the desk-books. The collections made for the years 1876 and 1877 were settled by the Auditor in 1880, consequently I have omitted any statement of collections made those years.

Accompanying this report please find a tabulated statement of the amounts entered on the cash-books for the various years as collected and the amounts paid over to the city after deducting commissions, leaving a total balance thus acknowledged of $38,080.16.

Respectfully submitted.

W. HALL CREW.

Richmond, Va., November 29, 1889.

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL.

The resolution from the Finance Committee was taken up and considered.

Mr. Stratton wanted to know why it was necessary to employ associate counsel for Mr. Meredith. If the whole amount is recovered the city will have to pay $760, which he thought a useless outlay when the City Attorney is able to attend to the matter himself.

Mr. Steel explained that Mr. J. Preston Cocke, Mr. Meredith's partner, has for several years been counsel for one of Mr. Woodson's bondsmen, and he feels a delicacy in taking the case against his partner.

Mr. Courtney said in this case Mr. Meredith should pay the counsel and the city should not spend one cent when she has her own lawyer.

Mr. Higgins was in favor of allowing the City Attorney to have associate counsel in this case. Mr. Meredith, he said, has made an excellent officer and in this embarrassment the city should relieve him.

Mr. Burke suggested that if the City Attorney cannot attend to the matters of the city he be given an assistant. He was opposed to allowing the City Attorney associate counsel at every meeting of the Council. At the last meeting he was granted help in the bank-share cases.

Mr. Anderson said the fee to Mr. Cabell would be a small one. If he doesn't gain the suit he won't get a cent, and if he gets the whole amount he will receive only $760. Mr. Meredith, Mr. Anderson said, will pay Mr. Cabell the cash fee which every attorney requires before taking a case.

The resolution was lost, requiring a two-thirds vote to pass.

The vote was as follows:

AYES.—Messrs. Anderson, Bodeker, Brauer, Christian, Courtney, Curtis, Ferriter, Grimes, Higgins, Moore, Mussen, Pleasants, Steel, Stratton, Royal White, and Campbell—16.

NOES.—Messrs. Burke, Isaac W. Carter, Glover, Gunn, Hayes, Mitchell, Philips, J. W. White, W. L. White, and Wingfield—10.

The resolution was reconsidered on motion of Mr. Stratton and amended so as to strike out that portion of the paper which refers to paying J. A. Cabell a fee for his services.

Mr. Bowden, who came in at this point, moved to lay the whole matter on the table. The City Council, he said, was responsible for the deficit in Mr. Woodson's accounts. The law requires that the books of the Collector shall be examined once a year, and this was not done in the twelve years Mr. Woodson was Collector. He did not believe one cent could be made out of Mr. Woodson's bondsmen, and the whole deficit had just as well be put down to profit and loss.

The Council refused to table, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

THE WEST-END CLUB.

Election of Officers Yesterday Evening—The Site.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the new club held yesterday evening the following officers were elected:

Alfred T. Harris, president; Joseph Bryan, vice-president; R. D. Hudgins, treasurer, and J. S. Crenshaw, secretary.

The selection of a name for the club will be considered hereafter.

A committee was appointed to consider the matter of a site for the proposed club building, and will report to a general meeting of the board next Wednesday.

A letter was read from the Board of Governors of the Richmond Club extending the privileges of their organization to the members of the new club.

Police Court.

These were among the cases disposed of in this court yesterday morning:

James E. Frederick (colored), a suspicious character, was committed for ninety days in default of security for his good behavior.

Isham H. Jenkins (colored) was charged with feloniously assaulting, beating, and wounding his wife, Sallie Jenkins. When the case was called Jenkins's wife failed to appear, and the Justice having been informed that she was unable to appear on account of her injuries, the case was continued till January 11th. Jenkins was refused bail.

Charles Lawrence (colored) was jailed for four months for stealing one satchel containing surgical instruments, the property of Dr. George Ross, and was required to give security for his good behavior for twelve months.

Moses Miller, Lewis Brown, John Dandridge, Jeff. Giles, John Davis, Frank Medley, Frank Shelton, Ed. Jones, John Williams, Joseph Davis, and Thomas Brown (all colored), charged with keeping a disorderly house where idle and dissolute persons congregate for the purpose of gambling, were discharged, the evidence not being sufficient to sustain the charge. The parties were made to pay the costs.

THREE BIG DEEDS OF SALE.

P. H. Mayo and Wife and Thomas Atkinson and Wife Sell to P. H. Mayo & Brother Incorporated.

In the clerk's office of the Chancery Court yesterday a deed was recorded from Thomas Atkinson and wife to "P. H. Mayo & Brother Incorporated" conveying eighty feet on the east line of Seventh street between Main and Cary streets, with all the improvements thereon and appurtenances belonging thereto, for $16,000.

Another deed was recorded from P. H. Mayo and wife and Thomas Atkinson and wife to "P. H. Mayo & Brother Incorporated" conveying the property of the parties of the first part located on Seventh street between Cary and Canal for $27,488.27. Two thirds of this property is conveyed by P. H. Mayo and wife and one third by Thomas Atkinson and wife.

A third deed was recorded from P. H. Mayo and wife to "P. H. Mayo & Brother Incorporated" conveying their property on Seventh street between Main and Cary for $33,404.

OTHER DEEDS.

The following other deeds were admitted to record in the clerk's office of the Chancery Court:

A. R. Courtney and J. Thompson Brown and their wives to J. B. Wimer, 100 feet on Broad southeast corner Jefferson street, $30,000.

W. S. Dashiell and wife to Elizabeth R. McCandlish's trustee, 30 feet on the south side Goddin between Hickory and Calhoun streets, improved, $1,600.

Clifford G. Isbell and wife to Grace A. and Kate I. Powell's trustee, 20 feet on the west side of Belvidere near Cumberland street, improved, $2,250.

Charles Philips and wife to A. C. Houston, 41¼ feet on the north side of Cary near Belvidere street, $2,062.50.

Charles Philips and wife to R. C. Carter and W. T. Bowles, 41¼ feet on Cary northwest corner of Belvidere street, $2,062.50.

Franklin Stearns's executor and Franklin Stearns, Jr., and wife to R. T. Hill, 18 feet on the north side of Hughes street, $108.

B. F. Turner and wife to R. T. Hill, 36 feet on the north side of Hughes street (Smith's Hill), $252.

PROBATE AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Mary S. Baughan qualified as administratrix of the estate of Felix H. Baughan, deceased. Bond, $150; W. F. Johnson security.

Sarah A. Powell qualified as administratrix of the estate of Walter E. Powell, deceased. Bond, $50; Joseph F. Powell security.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT.

Samuel P. Waddill, clerk, to Robert Throckmorton, 16 acres on Osborne turnpike (tax title deed), $3.30.

WANTED TO LYNCH THE PRISONERS.

Sheriff Burnett Has a Hard Time to Save the Necks of Two Men.

Sheriff S. C. Burnett, of Montgomery county, has arrived in Richmond with Thomas Akers, a young white man who is to spend twenty years in the penitentiary for a crime committed near Little river, in Montgomery county, on the 17th of last November.

As stated in a special telegram in this paper Sunday Akers and a man named Robert Cooper were arrested for assaulting two young ladies, Misses Summers and Bishop, at a secluded spot on a road. Great excitement prevailed at the time. The prisoners were sent to Lynchburg for safe-keeping and to prevent lynching.

They were taken back to Christiansburg for trial at the December court. Akers was convicted, but the trial of Cooper was postponed to the January term.

The people were rather indignant at the light verdict rendered against Akers. They thought the evidence justified capital punishment.

It became known that the people of the county were organizing to lynch the prisoners and on Wednesday evening Sheriff Barnett quietly took the men from the jail in Christiansburg and with three guards drove out of town. They did not take the train as it was thought the would-be lynchers had a watch at the depôt.

The Sheriff and guards travelled all Wednesday night through the county of Montgomery. Thursday night they reached Salem and lodged the prisoners in jail at that place.

Friday morning they took the train for Buchanan, Va., where they spent the night. Saturday the Sheriff came down the Richmond and Alleghany railroad and left Cooper in Lynchburg and brought Akers on to Richmond and lodged him in the penitentiary.

Sheriff Barnett says he had a rough time travelling through the mountains. He had scouts on a part of the route and several times they saw men who it is supposed were trying to find the officer and capture the prisoners.

SENATOR DANIEL HAS LA GRIPPE.

He Is Unable to Deliver His Davis Oration at This Time.

Hon. J. Sidney Peters, member of the House of Delegates from Campbell county, is in receipt of a letter from Senator John W. Daniel, of which the following is an extract:

"I have been sick in bed several days, and for more than a week 'under the weather,' with some form of the widespread malady la grippe, and am still in its clutches, feeling 'stale, flat, and unprofitable' and full of aches. But for this I would be about ready to discharge the honorable task imposed upon me by the General Assembly and speak on Jefferson Davis.

"As it is, I am mentally and physically 'unfit for duty' and must beg consideration until I can get rid of my present indisposition."

Baptist Home for Aged Women.

At the annual meeting of the Baptist Home for Aged Women held yesterday Mrs. J. L. M. Curry was elected president, Mrs. B. Adam treasurer, and Mrs. Van Buren secretary.

Among the members present to encourage the ladies in their work were Dr. Curry, Mrs. J. A. Belvin, and Miss Ella Thomas.

Miss Mary Williams, daughter of the late T. C. Williams, and Mrs. E. W. Gates were elected to fill vacancies in the board.

The new building, which was erected during the past year at a cost of about $3,000, has been paid for, and the managers are to be congratulated that the new year finds the Home entirely free of debt, with the prospect of the endowment being largely increased during the year.

Booth in a Richmond Company.

"When I aided in the capture of John Brown, who was a murderer on our western border, and who was fairly tried and convicted of treason before an impartial judge and jury, I was proud of my little share in the transaction—deemed I was doing my duty in helping our country to perform an act of justice."

This extract from the letter of John Wilkes Booth (published in the *Dispatch* Sunday) doubtless refers to the fact that the writer went from Richmond to Harper's Ferry on the occasion of the John Brown raid as a member of Company F. He strained a point, however, in saying that he aided in the capture of Brown. Brown had been taken before the Richmond military arrived.

Galvanized-Iron Cornice-Works.

Judge Wellford, of the City Circuit Court, in vacation, yesterday granted a charter to the Richmond Galvanized-Cornice Iron Company, which is formed for the purpose of manufacturing architecural galvanized-iron and copper-work, metal-roofing, &c.

The capital stock shall not be less than $500 nor more than $25,000, and shall be divided into shares of $10 each. Real estate may be held not exceeding two acres.

The principal office and chief place of business shall be at 714 east Broad street.

The officers are: President, E. Hoffman; Secretary and Treasurer, T. Heinson. Directors: The above and Messrs. L. Spies, L. O. Wendenburg, and J. Campbell Spotts.

Mr. Barnes, of North Carolina.

Mr. Barnes, the young North Carolinian who escaped from a Richmond officer while in custody and *en route* to Rocky Mount to answer a charge of homicide, is at home in that place, and it is understood that the proceedings against him have been dismissed.

THE LORD'S SERVICE.

MEETING OF THE RICHMOND EPISCOPAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Presbyterian Week of Prayer—Interesting Session of Trinity Sunday School—Second Baptist Church.

The anniversary meeting of the Richmond Protestant Episcopal Society took place last night at 8 o'clock at All Saints church, corner of Madison and Grace streets. There were in the chancel Right Rev. F. M. Whittle, D. D., Rev. Dr. H. M. Jackson, Revs. Lewis William Burton, Hartley Carmichael, Preston Nash, J. Yates Downman, and James B. Funsten, and in the body of the church Rev. Drs. John B. Newton, D. F. Sprigg, Pike Powers, and Rev. Messrs. B. M. Randolph, M. F. Johnson, and Mr. Trotman. Also, the honored and beloved Rev. Dr. Reed, of the Presbyterian church.

At the hour appointed the handsome building was crowed with a large audience from the various parts of the city. Right Rev. F. M. Whittle conducted the preliminary services, which were of a missionary character. The music was excellently rendered by the choir.

Bishop Whittle said that the first business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. On motion of Rev. James B. Funsten, seconded by Rev. Mr. Nash this was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Bishop then introduced Rev. Dr. H. M. Jackson as the first speaker. Dr. Jackson said that he rejoiced in seeing the development of this local society. It had brought our people into closer connection with the great work of missions. He failed not to encourage every effort of a missionary kind in his own parish. Only recently a number of young lady members of his church had told of a new missionary society they had formed. This was as far separated from a society for pleasure as the most distant star from the world. The people needed information. Information and interests were inseparably connected. The more people know of missions the more will they give. How small was that company that gathered in the upper room at Jerusalem; yet they had a power committed to them which would conquer the earth. The great and wide world was the Master's field, and we are called on to carry to it the blessed seed of truth. He would not, however, he said, depreciate the home field. We must build the breaches in our own walls. Virginia deserves and has the larger portion of our contributions. The need in our dear old diocese is great. The number of vacant country parishes, even in a short distance of Richmond, is much larger than most persons realize. The city churches are growing at the expense of the country. They ought therefore to come to the aid of these old churches and give liberally. The great Southwest with its vast developments calls for liberal aid. The *Diocesan Missionary Work* had done nobly in spreading information. The speaker closed with a magnificent and beautiful reference to the Saviour's commission to His disciples, illustrating it by the scene in Scott's Lady of the Lake in which Clan Alpine is called to battle.

Rev. Mr. Carmichael followed Dr. Jackson in an address in which some excellent points were made. He referred particularly to the various excuses for not helping the mission cause, and showed they were given by men looking rather for an excuse than a sound reason. The mission work was a cause which Christ had committed to his followers. Had they not obeyed His great command we ourselves would never have enjoyed the blessings of Christianity, but would have been the heathen people our ancestors were. He said the Church had a right to go in all countries, and he rejoiced that two such noble young men as Morris and Kinsolving had been sent from Virginia to Brazil. He closed with an earnest expression of his own interest in the mission cause, and an exhortation to all to join in this noble work which Christ had committed to His Church.

After the singing of a hymn Bishop Whittle gave a brief address on "Giving." It was a magnificent presentation of the subject, and was delivered in his best style. He asserted among other things that there is more said in both the Old and New Testament about giving than about praying or believing or repenting. He urged all who loved Christ to give to and pray for the work of this missionary society, which would, if properly nurtured, bring all the churches of the city nearer each other. After the collection the meeting adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

PRESBYTERIAN WEEK OF PRAYER.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Evangelical Alliance, this week will be observed by the Presbyterians of Richmond as a "week of prayer."

On Sunday morning the various pastors preached from Ephesians i., 15-23, on the "Church of Christ." Sunday night all the congregations of the city gathered in the Grace-Street church to celebrate the Lord's Supper in a joint communion. The entire church was filled with communicants, and the meeting presided over by Rev. Dr. Hoge, who offered a prayer of invocation, followed by singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Fair. Rev. Drs. Reed, Richardson, Hoge, Kerr, Fair, and Campbell, with Rev. Messrs. Gammon, Stewart, and W. S. Campbell, participated in the services.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Dr. Hoge and was most happily adapted to the solemn ceremonial of the hour, filled as it was with precious thoughts, presented in the speaker's own vivid and impressive style.

The distribution of the elements was made by elders selected from the various churches and followed by a brief address by Rev. R. P. Kerr, D. D., clothed in words of pathos and power. After the final hymn, sung by the entire congregation, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. S. Campbell.

Last night the second joint service was held in the Fourth Presbyterian church. A large audience filled the house and appropriate addresses were made on "Personal Confession and Supplication" by Rev. Dr. Kerr and Rev. J. P. Gammon.

To-night the meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian church, corner of Grace and Madison streets. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Drs. Richardson and Hoge on "Nations and Their Rulers." The public cordially welcome.

TRINITY METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The exercises at this school Sunday morning were of an unusually interesting character. After the regular time allotted to the study of the lesson had expired the school engaged in singing some of their beautiful hymns. The superintendent, Mr. Thomas Watkins Pemberton, then announced the reading of the annual report of attendance, which is regularly done on the first Sabbath in every year. The secretary, Mr. Robert J. Christian, with the aid of the registrars, Messrs. Robert T. Briggs and Charles H. Crew, had prepared with much labor a list of the officers, teachers, and scholars who had been in regular attendance during the past year from forty to fifty-two Sabbaths.

The statement gives the following showing on the roll of honor: 19 officers, 14 male and 15 female teachers, 79 male and 52 female pupils. Of these a large number were present all fifty-two. Special mention was made of the following: Miss Nannie B. Walford, pupil and teacher, present every Sabbath for ten consecutive years; Miss Mamie Wells, only absent four Sabbaths in the past six years, and then absent from the city; Mr. John W. Grubbs, present every Sabbath for six years and his record only broken by an accident which kept him in bed a few months. There are a number of cases on the books of attendance for two, three, and four years.

The Superintendent then introduced Rev. J. R. Sturgis, pastor, who presented Miss Walford with a handsome Oxford Bible in recognition of her deep interest in the school.

This is the oldest school in the State of Virginia that has maintained its organization, which dates back to 1814, and is now nearly seventy-five years old.

The infant department is in a flourishing condition under the efficient management of Mr. T. L. D. Walford and Miss Eugenia Tucker, who are training good material to perpetuate the school through generations to come.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Moser, the pastor, preached two very instructive sermons at this church appropriate to the first Sunday of the new year. The morning service was of special interest and profit, the extra features being the announcement of financial aid from several friends in another part of the State, installation of a new council, reception of new members, and the celebration of the Holy Communion.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Second Baptist church was held Sunday afternoon. An increase in the membership of eighty was reported, and the financial condition of the church is safe and healthy.

Richmond Lodge, No. 1.

The following officers of Richmond Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., were last night installed at Belvidere Hall by District Deputy Grand Master D. W. Bowles, assisted by Grand Secretary T. Wiley Davis, Grand Treasurer John W. Fergusson, and Past Grand George B. Davis: Noble Grand, Robert Hill, Jr.; Vice-Grand, Ira R. Bland; Recording Secretary, Louis A. Tucker; Financial Secretary, Louis Aubel; Treasurer, Chris Evensen; Chaplain, John S. Bethel; Right Supporter to Noble Grand, R. L. Mills; Left Supporter to Noble Grand, H. C. McCloskey; Right Supporter to Vice-Grand, C. G. Burton; Left Supporter to Vice-Grand, Julien Binford; Conductor, J. L. Brannan; Warden, E. M. Whitlock; Right Scene Supporter, Ira P. Bland; Left Scene Supporter, E. R. Davis; Inside Guard, A. Leonard; Outside Guard, C. N. Doliff.

The lodge has been phenomenal in its growth, it having already a membership of near one hundred, and is composed of some of our best citizens. After good speaking the lodge retired to refreshments. On the 20th of this month a grand reunion of the lodge will be held.

MYER—WASSERMAN.

Marriage of a Well-Known Richmonder in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

At 7 o'clock last evening, says the Wilkesbarre (Pa.) *Record* of the 3d, Miss Blanche Virginia Wasserman and Alexander H. Meyer, a prominent merchant of Richmond, Va., stood before the altar of the Synagogue B'nai B'rith, on south Washington street, and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Dr. Rundbaken, the rabbi. The scene was one of beauty. Beneath a canopy of evergreens stood the bridal party, and the altar before them was profusely trimmed with these emblems of the forest.

One would be compelled to draw pretty strongly upon the imagination in order to suggest to himself the beauty of the surroundings without seeing them. The delicately-tinted and handsome costumes of the bride and maid of honor presented a pleasant contrast to the prevailing green of the decorations, and all eyes studied the silent scene with such marked admiration as is spontaneously drawn by an artist's triumph or a great musician's skill. The bride was attired in a dress of heliotrope moiré silk, covered with white tulle and *point d'esprit*, the dress worn by her mother on a similar occasion. The only ornament she wore was a diamond pendant, the gift of the groom. Miss Daisy Wasserman, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. She was attired in a costume of pongee silk, trimmed with moiré ribbon and adorned with ferns. Daniel Whitlock, of Richmond, was the groom's best man, and Samuel J. Constine, Leo W. Long, Joseph Aaron, Edwin Valk, Charles Constine, and Dr. Long,