CONCERT A SUCCESS.

OPENING OF THE PHILHARMONIC SERIES A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

A Cultivated and Fashionable Audience—Orchestra Good—Signor Carrano and Miss Decca Both Excellent.

The first of the series of concerts of the Philharmonic Orchestra for the benefit of the Woman's Christian Association was given at Mozart Academy last night to a large audience, which was thoroughly representative of the fashion and musical culture of the city. The event had been looked forward to with a great deal of interest, and the evidences of receptivity on the part of the audience exhibited throughout the entire evening proved that there was no disappointment.

THE OPENING NUMBER.

The first number on the programme was the overture to "Oberon," Weber, by the Philharmonic Orchestra. The composition calls for tremendous volume in harmonies, through which distinct instrumental themes and interpretations play in great variety, and that the orchestra, owing to want of fulness, erred somewhat in making it one of the selections, was shown by the fact that in their second number, (a) Nymphalin, (b) Coquette, Sousa, and their third number, Bridal Suite, Jensen, both of which involved most difficult instrumentation and came more readily within the scope of their volume, they made a decidedly better impression. It was certainly a pleasant experience to see such an orchestra together, and their work, earnestness, the way they were handled by Mr. Shaw, and the liberal applause they elicited constitute a gratifying promise.

THE FLUTIST.

Signor Carrano's flute solo, "Variations on Neopolitan Airs," captivated the audience to the point of recalling him, and in response he played "Home, Sweet Home." Signor Carrano has been excelled before the Richmond public in the matter of intricate execution upon his instrument, but where sweetness in either trill or vibratory effects or sustained notes is concerned he is a masterly performer.

THE AUDIENCE CAPTIVATED.

Miss Marie Decca was of course the attraction of the evening upon which the highest anticipations had been centred. Her first number was the song "Pearl of Brézil," David, with flute obligato by Signor Carrano. Miss Decca possesses a strong, clear, florid soprano voice of marvellous cultivation and flexibility. Her enunciation is distinct and she sings with a confidence that begets confidence in the audience and dissipates that uneasiness so often felt in listening to sustained notes and cadenzas and which at times detracts from the pleasures of difficult vocal music. The audience greeted "Pearl of Brézil with a storm of applause and upon the *encore* Miss Decca rendered an echo song. But her triumph as regards execution, spirit, and effective display of the compass of her voice was in the aria "Magic Flute." Miss Decca sang this test and beautiful composition of Mozart's in the original key, D minor, taking high F full and clear and upon an *encore* gave a most sympathetic rendition of "Way Down upon the Suanee River." Mr. Jacob Reinhardt was the piano accompanist of the occasion. The "Magic Flute" was sung with full orchestral accompaniment.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The first concert of the Philharmonic Orchestra was a success that speaks well for the organization and the musical taste of Richmond. Miss Decca was the recipient of many beautiful floral offerings.

HE ADDRESSED THE LADIES.

President Hamilton at the Virginia Lodge Meeting—Election of Officers.

A regular meeting of Virginia Lodge, No. 178, Order of the Fraternal Circle, was held yesterday afternoon and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mrs. Pearl B. Akers, president; Mrs. M. A. Bullock, vice-president; Miss Nannie Blackburn, secretary; Mrs. Maggie F. Walton, treasurer; Mrs. L. A. Jenkins, chaplain; Mrs. Ida B. Bowen, marshal; Mrs. Lottie L. Cosby, guard; Mrs. Mary Whitlock, sentinel; Dr. W. F. Farrar, medical examiner.

William Hamilton, supreme president of the order, who arrived in the city late Wednesday night, paid an official visit to this lodge. He addressed the lodge and said that while there were 216 lodges of the order, this was the first lodge composed of *ladies only* that he had visited and expressed himself as highly pleased at the proficiency that the ladies had attained.

Three candidates were initiated and several applications were presented.

LIBBY LODGE OF FRATERNAL CIRCLE.

Libby Lodge, No. 126, Order of Fraternal Circle, has elected the following officers for the year 1891: President, G. H. Matthews; Vice-President, J. Carter White; Chaplain, Wythe White; Marshal, Charles Kelley; Treasurer, E. B. White; Secretary, W. F. Crump; Inner Guard, S. M. White; Outer Guard, G. W. Batkins. Trustees: G. H. Matthews, R. F. Howard, and Joseph W. Carter. Past President, R. F. Howard.

SEXENNIAL LEAGUE.

At a regular meeting of Virginia Lodge, No. 55, Sexennial League, held at Thon's Hall, Seventeenth and Main streets, the following officers were duly elected: President, J. T. Ashworth; Vice-President, H. S. Mallory; Secretary, Ike Wertheim; Treasurer, Philip Hershberg; Chaplain, Captain J. E. Sullivan; Marshal, Charles J. Johnson; Guard, S. Weinberg; Sentinel, W. E. Johnson. Trustees: John R. Grimes, W. O. Arnold, and J. E. Sullivan.

THE ANNUAL FRIEND.

At a regular meeting of Stonewall Lodge, No. 23, Order of the Annual Friend, the following officers were elected: Past President, James H. Elliott; President, Charles J. B. Hare; Vice-President, C. E. Murray; Secretary, C. A. Crawford; Treasurer, William A. Cheatwood; Marshal, Otway W. Ball; Chaplain, George C. Cormick; Guard, F. Lee Sheppard; Inside Sentinel, A. L. Owen; Medical Examiner, Dr. T. E. Stratton. Trustees: H. A. Hare, James H. Elliott, and Dr. T. E. Stratton.

RICHMOND COUNCIL.

This is the list of officers elected by Richmond Council, No. 64, Home Circle, at the regular meeting, held last Tuesday night: Richard W. Jones, leader; Benjamin F. Jones, vice-leader; E. C. Walthall, past leader; W. J. Kimbrough, instructor; S. L. Bloomberg, secretary; F. D. Bolton, financier; Irving L. Beveridge, treasurer; Alexander F. Shelton, guide; Robert E. Owens, warden; J. D. C. Kruse, sentinel; Richard W. Jones, E. C. Walthall, and Daniel R. Reid, trustees.

GOLDEN GRAIL.

At a regular meeting of the Germania Commandery, No. 53, Order of the Golden Grail, held last night at Tholl Hall, the following officers were elected: Past Commander, A. F. Unkel; Commander, A. J. Guerpillon; Vice-Commander, A. F. Steinbrecker; Scribe, Joseph F. Orschel; Master of Finance, F. E. Tholl; Master of Exchequer, F. W. Wagner; Prelate, T. H. Langley; Master-at-Arms, L. Pettis; Inner Guard, W. J. Miller; Outer Guard, Joseph J. Miller. Trustees: J. S. Van Horn, J. W. Parker, and Lucien Lowry.

STONEWALL JACKSON CAMP.

At a regular meeting of Stonewall Jackson Camp, No. 59, Fraternal Legion, held at Tholl's Hall the following officers were elected—viz.: Past Commander, Edward T. Keeton; Commander, Charles A. Messmer; Senior Commander, Fred. Comolli; Vice-Commander, Chris. Goldback; Enrolling Officer, Joseph F. Orschel; Adjutant, M. Zeb. Percival; Treasurer, Joseph J. Myer; Orator, R. P. Harrison; Medical Examiner, Dr. J. M. Winfree; Guide, J. E. Nunnallie; Warden, Henry Weiss; Sentry, C. S. Larsen. Trustees—F. E. Tholl, A. W. Rosene, J. Samuel Parrish.

EFFECTS OF THE STORM.

Affairs Settling Down Into a Normal Condition.

The most serious effects of the storm of Tuesday and Wednesday seem to be over.

The trains on the different roads arrived and departed yesterday on about their usual schedule, most of them being delayed between half an hour and an hour.

The Chesapeake and Ohio train due here at 2:45 P. M. Wednesday did not arrive in Richmond until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It had been stuck in the snow west of Staunton.

There is no immediate danger to be feared from a rise in the river. A telegram from Columbia at 1 o'clock this morning stated that the water was falling rapidly.

The railroad agent at Blue Ridge Springs has written to Mr. Phillip Brown that his bowling-alley billiard-hall, and also the long bridge which spans the ravine between the hotel and railroad, have been crushed by a 36-inch fall of snow.

Arrested in Newport News.

Hannah Brooks (colored) was arrested in Newport News yesterday by Sergeant Howard, of the Richmond police force, on the charge of stealing some bed-clothing and a trunk from Silvey Crawford. The woman was brought to Richmond and locked up in the First police station.

A Horse Stunned by a Wire Charged with Electricity.

A telephone wire which crosses Franklin street near the corner of Third broke yesterday morning, and coming in contact with an electric-light circuit became heavily charged with electricity and made its dangerous character known by many flashes and sparks as it lay on the street.

A horse which was being ridden by a gentleman touched the dangerous wire and was badly stunned. The animal with its rider fell in the street, but soon recovered. The gentleman received no injury from the fall.

A small colored boy who was also on the scene of action then took upon himself the very benevolent and important duty of guarding the public from the wire, and in this manner further accidents were prevented. The break was promptly repaired.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Deeds of Sale Recorded in the City and County Courts.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were recorded yesterday in the Clerk's office of the Chancery Court:

Edmund A. Crenshaw and wife to Margaret B. Crenshaw's trustee, 28¼ feet on south side Main street near Fifteenth, $5.

Giles B. Jackson and wife to William Jones, 25 feet on Hancock street northeast corner Moore, $550.

William H. Schleuter's trustee to Lucy T. Tyler, 50 feet on north side Cary street near Plum, $1,625.

P. B. Shield, special commissioner, to Lee Thompson, 22 feet on south side Baker street near St. Paul, $800.

Howard Swineford and wife to J. R. Sheppard, 64 1-6 feet on St. Paul street northwest corner Baker street, $2,800.

D. W. Witte and wife to James T. Gatewood, 24 feet on north side Broad street between Madison and Monroe, $6,125.

COUNTY COURT OF HENRICO.

F. C. Brauer, John Mahony, and N. W. Bowe and their wives to John H. Dinneen, F. C. Brauer, and S. S. P. Patteson, trustees, 15 45-100 acres adjoining Fairfield race-course track, $13,132.50.

John and D. H. Mahony and their wives to same, 330 feet on east side Twentieth street between S and T, 330 feet on west side Twenty-first street between S and T, 330 feet on east side Twenty-first street between R and S, 330 feet on west side Twenty-second street between R and S, 330 feet on east side Twenty-second street between R and S, 129 feet on Twenty-third street southwest corner S, and 300 feet on Twentieth street southwest corner R, $9,832.50.

Arthur C. Pleasants to C. N. Goodwin, 290 feet on the south side of Lewis street between Spring and Wiltshire, and 39 feet on the east side of Wiltshire street near Centre, $467.50.

Winfield Scott to same, 155 feet on Broad-Street road between High Point and Summit avenues, and 30 feet on Marshall street between High Point and Summit avenues, $2,765.

STREET-CAR MEN CONFER.

Mr. Fisher Proposes Shorter Hours with Pay in Keeping.

The committee of street-car men appointed to present their grievances held a short conference with President Fisher at the sheds, Twenty-ninth and P streets, last night.

The delegation was politely received by Mr. Fisher, who apologized for the lack of seating accommodations. The visitors replied it was of no consequence "as they were used to standing."

LESS TIME.

The subject of shorter hours of work was discussed. Mr. Fisher said he was perfectly willing to make nine hours a day's work, but would not agree to pay more per hour than at present.

The men demurred to this and said they could not live on less money than they now receive.

After some little talk Mr. Fisher practically agreed to take the matter under consideration, saying he would not think of taking any action in the City railway affairs while the superintendent of that line, Mr. Seldon, was at home sick.

CARS FOR WHITE PEOPLE.

In conversation with a *Dispatch* reporter last night Mr. Fisher said he had given much thought to the problem of having separate accommodations for white and colored passengers, but that at present he is satisfied that it is impracticable.

PHYSICIANS FOR THE POOR.

The Joint Committee Decides to Recommend Their Appointment.

The Committees on Finance and Ordinances at their joint meeting on Monday night decided to recommend to the Council the passage of the ordinance providing for the appointment of four physicians for the poor.

This action is certainly to be commended, and the *Dispatch* rejoices that success promises to crown its efforts in this direction, which have been seconded in a determined manner by the Academy of Medicine and Surgery. The Council will be certain to pass the ordinance.

The ordinance as referred to the committee gave the authority to the Board of Health to recommend eight physicians, four of whom were to be chosen by the Council, but the paper was so amended by the committee as to read that the doctors shall be elected by the Council.

As it came from the Academy of Medicine the ordinance provided that the doctors in general meeting should nominate eight physicians, from whom the Council would choose four. This was regarded by many as the best plan, as by this means the entire profession would be interested in selecting proper persons and would be more disposed to aid young doctors in difficult cases which came to their attention in practicing among the poor.

Memorial Chair for the Retreat for the Sick.

A child's invalid chair was received at this institution yesterday for the Baptist cot. A silver plate fastened on the back is inscribed Edith L. Howard. Mrs. Charles Howard, of Alexandria, sent it in loving memory of her little girl, who died last February, and whose savings went towards the purchase. It will ever be a source of comfort and pleasure to the afflicted children of the ward, among whom are always some who cannot walk.

The Condition of Secretary Wilkinson.

Mr. T. D. Wilkinson, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, who was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs last Tuesday, was reported to be much improved yesterday, although he is still very sick. If another hemorrhage can be prevented strong hopes are entertained for his entire recovery in a few weeks.

Extra Letter-Carriers.

Postmaster Russell has been authorized by the Department at Washington to put on three extra letter-carriers during the Christmas holidays. They went on duty yesterday. It is probable that on Christmas-day Sunday hours will be observed and there will only be a morning collection of mail matter.

City Hall Roofing.

It is expected that Messrs. Charles Winchett & Co., of Dayton, Ohio, who were recently awarded the contract for roofing the new City Hall with copper, will begin work at once. The specifications call for the completion of the work by the 1st of next March. The stone-work is very nearly complete.

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. P. J. Dunnavant has left the city for a short business tour of the State.

Judge A. B. East and Mr. R. Carter Scott qualified yesterday to practice law in the Chancery Court.

Major J. H. Derbyshire, who has been quite sick, is greatly improved, and he will probably be out to-day.

Major Henry C. Semple and his daughter, of Montgomery, Ala., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Bosher, No. 2 east Franklin street.

Miss Elouise Johnston, a daughter of Major John W. Johnston, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting Miss Josie Pollard, No. 512 west Grace street.

There will be a public debate at the Young Men's Christian Association tonight at 8:15 o'clock between the Randolph and Dixie Literary Societies.

The Randolph Literary Society of the Young Men's Christian Association will have their annual banquet at Pizzini's tomorrow evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Miss Carrie Talbott, of No. 11 west Franklin street, has returned home to spend her Christmas holidays, accompanied by her friend Miss Marion Buck, of New Orleans, who will be her guest while in the city.

Rev. Edward B. Pollard, who is pursuing a post-graduate course in Yale University, arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the Christmas holidays with his father, Professor John Pollard, of Richmond College.

The condition of Mr. Edmond Woodbridge, who was thrown from a dog-cart about two weeks ago and received a severe blow on the head, is now much improved and he was able to sit up in his room for a short while yesterday.

Mr. Charles H. Kendall, who has spent several months in the Clerk's office of the City Circuit Court in order to become thoroughly familiar with the inside workings of the office, returned yesterday to his home in Baltimore, where he will practice law.

The annual report of Dr. W. T. Oppenhimer, president of the Board of Health, shows that the whole number of deaths in Richmond during the year ending December 13th was 2,336, of which 1,049 were white and 1,187 colored. The increase over 1889 was 296.

A VIRGINIA HERO.

HAS CAPTAIN TATE ANY DESCENDANTS OR RELATIVES LIVING?

Biennial Elections of the N. C. State Guard—The Great Proposed Seaboard Air-Line—Richmond's Opportunity.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 18.—Judge David Schenck, of Greensboro', president of the Guilford Battle-Ground Company, writes me the following letter, and it is hoped that his inquiry may be given a prompt answer:

"Captain Tate, of the Virginia militia fell in the fight at the New-Garden Meeting-house March 15, 1781, and his grave is yet discernable and his name is marked on a white-oak tree near by. I propose to move his remains to the Guilford battle-ground, three miles from where he now lies, and would be glad if you would inquire through your valuable paper whether he has any descendants or relatives living in Virginia. For a number of years after he was killed his relatives visited his grave and kept a railing around it, but in time this grateful tribute ceased. I do not know Captain Tate's Christian name. He was one of the heroes of Cowpens who fought under General Morgan January 17, 1781. (See Lee's 'Memoirs of the War,' pages 227 and 274.) I would be glad if the friends or relatives of this gallant Revolutionary hero would correspond with me in regard to him. I would be pleased to record his virtues and conduct as a soldier more fully than it has been done. Guilford battle-ground is now owned by the Guilford Battle-Ground Company and is a beautiful park. North Carolina appropriates $200 annually to protect and improve the grounds."

FIELD OFFICERS.

At the biennial elections for field officers of the four regiments of the North Carolina State Guard, held December 4th, the following were elected, the result being announced to-day in general orders: Second regiment—Colonel, William C. Jones, Wilmington; Lieutenant-Colonel, John F. Bruton, Wilson; Major, W. L. Faison, Clinton. Third regiment—Colonel, William T. Gray, Winston; Lieutenant-Colonel, Samuel H. Boyd, Reidsville; Major, Alexander S. Lanier, Oxford. Fourth regiment—Colonel, James T. Anthony, Charlotte; Lieutenant-Colonel, James G. Martin, Asheville; Major, Ernest F. Young, Charlotte. A sufficient number of the officers of the First regiment not having attended the election the commissioned officers of the companies of that regiment are ordered to meet at Rocky Mount January 6, 1891, for the purpose of electing a colonel, a lieutenant-colonel, and a major.

Company F, Fourth regiment (Asheville Light Infantry), having failed to comply with the requirements of law and existing regulations, is placed at the foot of the list of companies, and is debarred from receiving the annual appropriation for 1890. There are thirty-one companies, while the Legislature appropriates $250 annually to each of thirty companies.

Richmond will be on the great Seaboard Air-Line. The Wilmington and Weldon railroad will build from Springhope, Nash county, here, thus completing what is popularly known as the Albemarle and Raleigh railroad, which extends from Williamston to this city. The Seaboard Air-Line, its partnership or traffic arrangement with the Wilmington and Weldon dissolved, will build a new road from Ridgeway, in Warren county, on the Raleigh and Gaston railway, straight to Richmond. This line will cross the Norfolk and Western railway near Petersburg and these two roads will form a traffic arrangement. The Seaboard Air-Line will get its coal and a line into Petersburg; the Norfolk and Western a line into Richmond. The plans are all mature for this big railway movement. The authorities have been at work on them some time. It now remains for Richmond to see that the new road gets good facilities. The Seaboard Air-Line will have the shortest of all lines from Quantico to Atlanta.

A GRAND OPPORTUNITY.

Richmond, on that line, will have a wide command of southern trade and can reach nearly all points in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

AN OPEN SECRET.

It is an open secret that the Seaboard Air-Line desires and has for some time wanted facilities at Richmond for freight and passenger business. At one time an effort was made to divide these with the Coast Line. The latter company wished to secure privileges at the Union depot here. These the Seaboard system declined to grant unless similar ones were granted Richmond. Right on this point there was a hitch and no progress has been made.

THE DEVOTED WIFE.

Mrs. Charles E. Cross, the devoted wife of the ex-president of the smashed State National Bank of this city, is making most strenuous efforts to secure her husband's pardon. It is said that she has secured a great number of signatures of leading men, and that she will seek to secure those of the members of the Legislature. She has been living in Gates county with Mr. Cross, a leading citizen, her husband's father. She has many warm friends.

CAPTURED A DISTILLERY.

A party of revenue officers returned here this afternoon from a raid in Johnston county. They captured an illicit distillery in operation, but did not succeed in arresting the men in charge.

WORK OF THIEVES.

News was received here this evening of a daring work by thieves in Bladen county. They forced an entrance into the store of C. H. Williamson and took away a quantity of goods and some money. They also carried off fifty gallons of whiskey.

IMMIGRATIONISTS.

Interstate Convention at Asheville—Against the Force Bill.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 18.—The Interstate Immigration Convention met this morning, President M. T. Bryant in the chair. W. H. Malone, of Asheville, offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas it is the sense of this convention that all sectional animosities between the North and South should cease; that the agitation of sectional questions tends to retard the general prosperity of the whole country; therefore

Resolved, That we deprecate as unwise and impolitic the present agitation in Congress of what is known as the national election law or force bill and do hereby protest against the enactment of this bill into law.

On motion of E. Polk Johnson, of Kentucky, the resolution was laid upon the table.

GRAY HORSE OF ANOTHER COLOR.

The following resolution from North Carolina was introduced: We deplore the proposed legislation which impairs the prosperous condition of the southern States and which tends to hinder the flow of capital into the southern States. Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

ANTI-SECTIONAL.

The following resolutions were introduced by R. B. Boone, of Durham, N. C., and referred to a committee:

Resolved, That the war between the sections is ended, and that all the bitter remembrances thereof are forgotten.

Resolved, That on the map of the world and in the southern heart the United States are one nation, bound together by every tie of commercial interest and of brotherly love.

Resolved, That we, citizens of the southern part of this,

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extend to our brothers in the North and West the right hand of fellowship, and invite them to come and make their homes among us, and aid us in developing this richest country in natural resources and most favored in climate and location of all sections on the face of the earth.

Resolved, That we here issue a call for 500,000 sturdy sons of toil and 500,000 manufacturers of the North and West to make their homes with us and to join in the development of this land of ours.

Resolved, That we recognize no political East, no political West, no political North, and no political South; that under a common banner and in a common country we pledge ourselves to every honest effort to the upbuilding of this nation, of which the southern part is most favored by nature and nature's God.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following Executive Committee was chosen: Alabama, J. C. Keith, Anniston; Arkansas, John J. Sumpter, Hot Springs; Florida, William Davidson, Jacksonville; Georgia, W. L. Glessner, Americus; Kentucky, E. Pope Johnson, Franklin; Louisiana, T. W. Poole, New Orleans; Mississippi, Captain Sam. Brown; Maryland, Henry E. Alvord, Maryland Agricultural College; North Carolina, P. M. Wilson, Winston; South Carolina, G. R. Duncan, Spartanburg; Texas, S. J. T. Johnson, Corsicana; Tennessee, Major H. M. Aiken, Knoxville; Virginia, G. W. B. Hale, Rocky Mount; West Virginia, C. F. Moore, Huntersville.

NO POLITICS.

There is a determined purpose manifest in every movement of the convention to discard everything of a political nature and devote the time of the convention to business matters exclusively.

A RAILROAD PLAN APPROVED.

The committee appointed to make suggestions and correct grievances met, considered railroad business, and made the following report: Your committee beg leave to report unanimously that it approves the plan adopted by railroads of selling what are called "home-seekers" and land excursion tickets to promote and encourage immigration, and recommends that a committee of three be appointed by the Southern Interstate Immigration Convention to apply to the several passenger and traffic associations for an extension of the sale of such tickets at as low rates and as frequent dates as can be secured.

And whereas the practice of scalping or brokerage makes the sale of such tickets on numerous dates and from many points at low rates hazardous to the revenue of transportation lines selling such tickets, and diverts the use of such tickets from their original purpose, the committee recommends that this convention memorialize Congress to prohibit scalping or ticket brokerage by an amendment to the interstate commerce act as recommended by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its fourth annual report.

THE AID OF CONGRESSMEN INVOKED.

We further recommend that each State delegation to this convention bring the action of this convention to the attention of congressional representatives of their respective States and ask their coöperation in securing the proposed legislation. Also, that the same State delegations ask the legislatures of their several States to instruct their representatives in Congress to enact the legislation asked for by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The report brought on a discussion, participated in by representatives from nearly every State. Finally the resolution was adopted.

THE WISDOM AND GREATNESS OF THE SOUTH.

T. B. Chilton, of Austin, Tex., general manager of the Southern Interstate Commerce Convention, then made his annual report. After greeting the delegates warmly he said it must rest with the future to reveal through the results brought about by the plans laid down in this convention how wise and great is the South. He went on to say that the object of the convention was to attract good men from all States and capital from all nations. We welcome, he said, new settlers in the work of placing the southern section of the Union in the position where it justly belongs.

THE FLORIDA BUREAU.

He spoke of work accomplished by the Florida Bureau, which had sent one exhibit to Boston and two to be shown at fairs in the North, and that in consequence about five hundred letters of inquiry had been sent to the bureau headquarters. A good deal has been done in the advertising line, a contract having been made by which more than $200,000 worth of advertising was secured. During this year exhibits of southern products had been displayed in New Jersey and New York and at three points in Canada; also, in Maine, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Michigan. Exhibits by trains of cars he deemed impracticable, but as made at expositions they were certainly advantageous.

SPEAKERS FOR THE NORTH AND WEST.

Mr. Chilton continued: If our means will justify we propose to engage speakers who will address meetings in the East, North, and West, and contend against the prejudice against the South. It is also proposed to use the stereopticon, showing views of interest in the South, and our representatives will start out inside of ninety days. If the convention endorses the plan and scope of the work, as mapped out in 1888, this association will be

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for the upbuilding of any country, and the success that will speedily come to the South will be the marvel of the world. With one accord and that union of sentiment and interest from which alone strength can come we will at no distant day achieve the fuller measure of our greatness through our own efforts as well as merits.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Chilton for his able report and he was re-elected general manager of the bureau.

SUB-TREASURY BILL.

Hon. W. H. Kitchen Proposes a New Measure—A Scotland Neck School.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., Dec. 18, 1890.

Hon. W. H. Kitchen gives through the Scotland Neck *Democrat* to-day a substitute for the sub-Treasury bill. His substitute is substantially this: That the Government by act of Congress issue $1,000,000,000 of legal tender notes receivable for debt, both public and private, and convertible into gold or silver at the expiration of ten years at the pleasure of the holder and deposit the same in the different State treasuries according to population, to be put into circulation according to the discretion of the different State legislatures. Then let this money be loaned through agents in each county on not only cotton and grain, but on other personal property and on land as well at 1 per cent. per annum.

ITS ALLEGED ADVANTAGES.

This, the writer declares, would be free from any appearances of class legislation and would meet the demands for a greater supply of money to transact the business of the country.

A MILITARY SCHOOL.

There is a proposition before the people of Scotland Neck to float bonds for sufficient amount to raise funds to establish a military school here and redeem the bonds by direct taxation. If it is successful it will add greatly to the educational interests of the town.

Christmas pleasures are beginning earlier here than in years before. There is more money and it is being spent more freely.

A GARYSBURG MARRIAGE.

Mr. John F. Lifsey Wedded to Miss Annie C. Kee—Richmond Honeymoon.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WELDON, N. C., December 18, 1890.

There was quite a pretty marriage at Garysburg yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, the contracting parties being Mr. John F. Lifsey and Miss Annie C. Kee, the Rev. H. T. Williams officiating. There were a good many handsome presents. The happy young couple left for Richmond, Va., immediately after the ceremony, where they will spend their honeymoon. Showers of rice, old slippers, and the hearty congratulations of their friends followed them.

A RAILWAY HORROR.

An Express Goes Through a Bridge—A Number Killed; Others Injured.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

QUEBEC, December 18.—Word has just been received from St. Joseph de Levis that the west-bound Halifax express train went through the bridge at that place shortly before noon. The entire train, except the baggage-car and engine, went down. A number of passengers were killed and others injured. Assistance was sent from Levis. No particulars have been received as to the number of killed and injured, but it is said the cars were smashed to pieces.

The Quebec bridge, at which the accident occurred, carried the railroad over the public highway. One passenger-car jumped the track and dragged two others with it. The second-class car was smashed and five of its passengers killed. The other two cars went down the embankment and turned over. The conductor was badly hurt and very few passengers escaped without more or less injuries. One has both legs broken, another a fracture of the skull, and all are cut and bruised. As the accident happened in the centre of St. Joseph's village aid was immediately given by the residents, and their houses were thrown open for the reception of the dead and wounded. The clergy of St. Joseph's were on the spot giving aid and consolation to the wounded and dying. Six bodies were taken out of the wreck and it is believed others are still in the *debris*. Four or five of the injured are in a dying condition.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A Passenger Train Breaks Through a Trestle—Four Killed and Many Wounded.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

TOLEDO, O., December 18.—A special from Norwalk, O., to the *Commercial-Gazette* says: Passenger train No. 5 on the Wheeling and Lake Erie road broke through the trestle near Bolivar this afternoon at 2 o'clock and killed Mrs. Ada Hall, of Sharodsville, O.; Henry Hill and Miss Carrie Hill, of Shelby county, Ill., and one unknown woman.

The wounded are: Leonard Whitman, of Marietta, O.; Mrs. Louise Pepper, of Stark county, O.; Ira Cogan and Engineer Wesley, of Norwalk; William Gratz, engineer, of Ada, O.; Charles A. Conrad, of Masillon, O.; William Hall, of Sharodsville, O.; W. M. Graham, of Norwalk, O.; Ed. Landis, Conductor Wesley, of Norwalk. Mrs. Pepper cannot recover. Mr. Conrad's chances are doubtful.

Car-Works Plant Sold.

By telegraph to the Dispatch.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 18.—The Indianapolis Car-Works plant was sold this afternoon to a syndicate of creditors for $52,000, although Receiver Henning had reported the appraised value of the plant at three times that amount.

WASHINGTON CITY.

SENATOR TELLER OPPOSES THE CAUCUS MEASURE.

Uncertainty as to the Fate of the Force Bill—Effect of a Gag Rule—Waddill on Reapportionment.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The Republicans who controlled last night's senatorial caucus at the residence of Senator Cameron fixed up a story for the press that would seem to indicate there was perfect harmony at the gathering, that the gold-bugs had swallowed the silver advocates just as they did last summer, that Hoar, Sherman, and Chandler had whipped out the western men of liberal ideas, and that in addition to the agreement to put through the Harrison-Windom-Wall-street financial policy, the sentiment for gag rule was overwhelming, that there wasn't a single kicker at the conference, and that gold-bug finance ideas, force bill and all, would be adopted with a whoop and rush. This was decidedly rose-colored. Not a word was said last night about the absent Republican senators. Mr. Teller, of Colorado, wasn't present, and he was very mad to-day when he read the report of the proceedings of the caucus. He expressed his disgust with the financial measure said to have been agreed upon, declared that he was opposed to it, and added that he was of the opinion that many other western Republicans would refuse to be caught in any such trap. He is also known to be opposed to adopting gag rules for the guidance of the Senate.

A POSSIBLE GAG-LAW.

It must be confessed that with the slender information given out last night the indications seemed to show that the kickers had been subdued, and that possibly the Radicals, backed by the power of the Administration, would probably make a strong effort in the near future to apply a closure rule, so that the infamous force bill could be passed.

To-day the same state of uncertainty as to the fate of the nefarious measure still exists. Some persons, including Republicans as well as Democrats, assert positively that when once laid aside the force bill will never come up again in the Senate. Others are equally positive that as soon as the financial question is settled the Republicans will close up ranks, apply gag-laws, and pass the force bill. What will trouble the gold-bugs and tend to prolong matters will be the offering to the Windom Wall-street bill an absolute free-coinage-of-silver amendment. When that is done the chances are most of the free-coinage Republicans from the West will have to vote for it, and it may happen that then John Sherman and the gold-bugs will plead for time and oppose any change in the rules.

THE SITUATION COMPLICATED.

The Republicans in the Senate who are red-hot for the passage of the force bill are circulating a paper to secure signatures enough to agree to change the rules. The Radicals claim they will not put aside the force bill not even for the financial legislation until they are certain of strength enough to pass a gag-law. This complicates the situation.

Representative Waddill, of Virginia, it seems, was the only Republican member of the House who voted against the passage of the apportionment bill that was disposed of by the House yesterday. The *Dispatch* correspondent to-day asked him on what ground he opposed a measure that his party generally supported and which was also voted for by so many of the Democrats.

HIS OBJECTIONS.

Judge Waddill said: "Yes, I did it and am disposed to think that many of the Republicans who supported the bill will regret it very soon. The privilege of having a fair vote and an honest count is at last a vain thing if the congressional districts in advance are so arranged that nothing can be accomplished by voting. That this can and will be done under this apportionment bill I think no sane man can question. Not the slightest limitation is made in this bill against any sort of gerrymander further than that the districts shall be composed of contiguous territory and to contain *as nearly as practicable* an equal number of inhabitants. This nearly as practicable gives about as indefinite and as absolutely unlimited discretion in the matter of redistricting as could well have been given. After all the talk the country has had from both parties about 'shameful gerrymanders,' certainly some provision should have been made against it in this bill, such for instance, 'that in no case' should the number of inhabitants of any one congressional district in any State exceed those of any other district in said State by more than ten thousand, based upon the population as shown by the eleventh census."

THE MINORITY GETS LEFT.

"This would have been eminently fair and just to the whole country, operating everywhere fairly, giving the advantage, however, necessarily to Republicans in Republican States, and to Democrats in Democratic States; but as it is, certainly in many States the minority will practically be denied any representation. This would, more or less, be so at any period, but specially at this time of great political excitement. Can any one doubt but that in many of the Democratic States, where it is believed that the Federal election law is aimed mainly at them, that the will endeavor at the time of redistricting to right the supposed wrong? It would be more than human to expect otherwise. It will be done, and all of our laws securing a free ballot, a fair count, etc., will become mere 'keepsakes.' No one will save any need for such laws. The Republicans as a rule will get all that is provided for them; but care will be taken that no such provision is made."

The Engineer Corps have reported to Congress that they consider Ellriver, in West Virginia, as not worthy of improvement.

THE CRIPPLING M'KINLEY BILL.

Most of the Democratic members of the House will oppose the passage of the bill which its promoters are pleased to label "to place the American merchant marine engaged in the foreign trade upon an equality with that of other nations." The Democrats do not believe that the bill will do what it says, for with the McKinley tariff bill our trade cannot in fair opinion be extended. That law acts as a Chinese wall. The southern and western Democrats will almost to a man oppose the shipping bill, as well as the post subsidy bill, framed especially to help the Pacific Mail outfit. These proposals were knocked out in the last and previous congresses, and was done with the help of many western Republicans. Some of the Republicans are still opposed to the measure, and on their votes willargely depend the result when the to on the pending measure is taken.

A LIFE-SIZE STATUE

Some one asked "Private" len to-day what particular legislative quion he was wrestling with at present, a the genial and humorous Mississippian did that he had been pestering his mindith several things of importance, but atist he had struck upon a great idea. Had about decided to introduce in theouse at an early date a bill providing fothe erection in Washington of a "life-siz statuette" of Ben. Harrison.

Mr. Morgan Treat, of West Point, Va., was among the visitors at the Capitol today. He came to the city took after the prospects of the passage in the House of the bill to provide a light-hse at Page's Rock, York river. It was thight that the measure would come up today, but a majority of the members decid to take up the shipping and subsidy bills.

POSTMASTER.

Postmasters for North Colina: W. H. Rogerson, Boston, Wayne county, vice J. A. Hadley, resigned; G. M. Cheek, Talbot, Chatham county, vice A. V. Jenkins, resigned.

FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF.

The Republican Caucus Bill Introduced in the Senate—Its Terms.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 18.—Mr. Sherman reported to the Senate from the Finance Committee this morning the financial bill agreed upon by the Republican caucus last night, and it was recommitted to the Finance Committee. The only change of consequence made in the measure last night was the limitation to banks having a capital of not more than $50,000 of the operation of the provision reducing to $1,000 the compulsory requirement of deposits of bonds with the Treasury. The measure contains requirements upon the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Treasury notes to the amount $10,000,000, based upon the abaded and otherwise uncurrent subsidiary silver coin now in the Treasury; also, Senator Allison's proposition for an informal arrangement to secure uniform ratio in silver coinage, with a proviso for the appointment of three commissioners to represent the United States and appropriation for their salaries and expenses. It is generally understood that the purpose of Senator Sherman in having bill recommitted to the Finance Committee was to retain control of the measure that committee and prevent the possibility of a motion being made promptly in the Senate to consider and amend the bill. The Finance Committee will meet to-morrow to consider the bill and go through the formalities necessary to secure consideration of it by the Senate.

TWO MEN HANGED.

A Third One Respited—For the Fifth Time His Grave Dug.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 18.—There was to have been a triple execution at the Ohio penitentiary to-night and Governor Campbell last evening gave his final decision as to why he would not interfere in either case, assigning his reasons at length. Isaac Smith was convicted of the murder of Stephen Skidmore in Pike county and had been given four respites pending an investigation of his guilt. Notwithstanding his decision last night Governor Campbell this evening gave audience to Bishop Watterson, of the Columbus diocese, and H. J. Booth, a prominent attorney, and consented to grant another respite to March 20th on the representation that they would give personal attention to an