BUFORD AT THE HELM

THE COLONEL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Senator Hurt Chosen First Vice-President, and Messrs. Crenshaw, Vawter, and Bryan on the Executive Committee.

Second Vice-President Campbell called the meeting of the stockholders and life-members of the Virginia State Agricultural and Mechanical Society to order at noon yesterday in the Richmond Bar-Association rooms.

Messrs. Ashton Starke, A. S. Buford, W. M. Turpin, John P. Branch, W. C. Knight, A. R. Venable, Jr., C. E. Wingo, E. Y. Cannon, J. F. Jackson, L. D. Crenshaw, R. H. Gaines, E. D. Echo, R. B. Chaffin, George C. Guvernator, Robert Hill, Jr., and George D. Pleasants were among those present.

Messrs. Ashton Starke, A. R. Venable, and A. S. Buford were appointed a committee to ascertain if a quorum was present, and reported that a majority of the stock was represented.

The Chair stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the declination of Major Drewry to serve as president. The letter to that effect, published in the *Dispatch* over a week ago, was read by the Secretary.

COLONEL BUFORD NOMINATED.

Nominations for president being declared in order Mr. Ashton Starke said he might get a whipping for it, but he was going to nominate a man whom he would like to see president. The man he wanted had experience of the kind needed. He referred to Colonel A. S. Buford.

Some people might say that Colonel Buford was getting old. He was prepared to prove that such was not the case, for only a few days ago he (Starke) had occasion to go on the roof of his store. The undertaking was what he considered a risky one, and he was no little surprised when he turned around to see Colonel Buford standing near him.

The Colonel was both a city and county man, being afflicted with many farms, and would be sure to please everybody.

HURT'S NAME PROPOSED.

Colonel Buford took the floor and said he was afraid that his business engagements were of such a character as to almost compel him to neglect the society's interests. He would let no mock-modesty stand in his way, and if he really thought the society needed his services he would be glad to serve, but he did not think such was the case. The Colonel in closing nominated the Hon. John L. Hurt, of Pittsylvania county, who he said is a most successful farmer and has the ability and time to attend to the society's business. He hoped Mr. Starke would withdraw his name and let the meeting act directly on Mr. Hurt's name.

Messrs. Wood and Venable seconded Colonel Buford's nomination, saying it was imperative that a man should be elected who would positively serve if elected.

Major Venable explained that some one was needed in the presidential chair who had influence with capitalists and could raise the money.

Colonel Buford replied that he was already engaged in the business of raising money, but the sum wanted by the Society ($40,000) is a mere bagatelle. If the Society would elect Mr. Hurt he would stand by him and help him all he knew how, and Mr. Hurt was about as good a man at raising money as he himself was.

Mr. Gaines suggested that Mr. Hurt be made first vice-president.

Colonel Buford said he would not run against so good a man as his friend Mr. Hurt. But if the society really wished it, he would promise them that if Mr. Hurt did not accept, he would.

Messrs. Hill, Gaines, and Branch insisted that it was necessary to have the president live in the city, convenient to the grounds and buildings of the society.

MR. BRANCH'S PLANS.

Mr. Branch remarked that while he was up he would state his plans. It is that the city should loan the society $50,000 free of interest for ninety-nine years, and the society should lease the grounds to the city for the same period, with the understanding that the society should have the use of it for two weeks every year.

On motion of Mr. Gaines Colonel Buford was unanimously elected, he asking that Mr. Hurt be made first vice-president so that his services might be had of the society.

Colonel Buford assumed the chair and briefly thanked the meeting for its confidence.

OTHER VACANCIES FILLED.

Mr. Starke nominated Mr. Hurt for first vice-president and said two better men than Colonel Buford and Mr. Hurt could not be found in the State.

Mr. Hurt was also unanimously elected.

The Chair stated that there were three vacancies in the Executive Committee—one from the resignation of Colonel Norman Smith and two from the ineligibility of Mr. Dickerson, of Richmond, and Dr. Daughtrey, of Southampton.

Mr. Murphy nominated Mr. J. P. Branch, of Richmond, and Mr. Joseph Bryan, of Henrico. The latter gentlemen had told him he would serve on the committee, though he did not have the time to be president.

Mr. Hill nominated Mr. A. von Rosenegk, and Mr. Campbell Mr. L. D. Crenshaw. Mr. Jackson suggested the name of Mr. J. A. Read, of Madison, and Mr. Wood that of Captain C. E. Vawter, of Charlottesville

Mr. von Rosenegk's name was withdrawn, and Mr. Crenshaw was elected to succeed Mr. Dickerson; Mr. Jackson withdrew Mr. Read's name, and Captain Vawter was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Daughtrey's ineligibility. Mr. Joseph Bryan succeeds Colonel Norman Smith.

A PROPOSITION.

Mr. R. B. Chaffin moved that the society sell its grounds and buy Strawberry Hill. The former property would bring $200,000 and the latter could be had for $100,000. He would give his services free to the society in conducting the transaction. If this was done all the debts could be paid off and the society would have money in bank.

Mr. Wood moved that the resolution be referred to the Executive Committee, but the discussion was cut short by adjournment. The society will meet at the call of the president.

THE PRIVATE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Condition of the Work—Why the Pedestal is Incomplete.

Some days ago it was stated that Mr. Netherwood had completed the contract for his portion of the work on the private soldiers' and sailors' monument on Libby Hill. That statement was somewhat misleading, but it is not Mr. Netherwood's fault that his portion of the structure has not been finished. He agreed to build what may be termed the pedestal for the column, which is to consist of five stones, or courses, Three of these stones—1, 2, and 3, numbering from the bottom upward—are in position, and No. 5 is on the ground. Stone No. 4, however, was a miss-quarry and had to be quarried over again. As soon as it is completed it will with No. 5 be set.

As to the contract that was signed only a few days ago, Mr. Netherwood said he didn't care anything about it, but was going ahead and do the work anyhow.

These facts were learned from one of the chief promoters of the monument, who also says that Mr. Netherwood's work has been entirely satisfactory.

THE CHAMBER'S NEW HOME.

The Committee Will Probably Make the Award Monday Next.

The Building Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and their advisory conferees will meet again Monday night, when it is thought they will make the award as between the five competing architects who submitted plans for the Chamber's new home.

The task of these gentlemen is by no means an easy one. Aside from considering the general beauty of the plans from an architectural point of view, they have to note the good and the defective points in each as regards arrangement of stairways, economy of space, &c., and study the questions of light and ventilation, and the problem of probable revenue to the Chamber from rents presented in the respective designs.

In short, in order to a faithful performance of their duty, which is far from being an enviable one, they have to determine which architect has made the highest average in all the essentials of the proposed building.

Good-Templar Officers Elected.

At a regular meeting of Howard's-Grove Lodge, No. 758, I. O. G. T., held Tuesday night the following officers were elected: Rev. L. J. Phaup, chief templar; Miss Pollard, vice-templar; W. H. Sickel, past chief templar; W. H. Gentry, chaplain; Daniel Temple, marshal; Mrs. Daniel Temple, deputy; Mr. Preston, secretary; Miss Sickel, assistant; Douglas Temple, financial secretary; D. L. Temple, treasurer; Mr. Allen, guard; Mr. Holt, sentinel; Mrs. Ness, superintendent juveniles.

Sent Across the River for Trial.

Joseph Dandridge (colored) was before the Police Court yesterday charged with assaulting and beating Walter Brown with a stick. As the offence was committed in that city he was turned over to the Manchester authorities.

The cases of Walter Brown (colored), charged with felonious assault. Winston Lewis (colored), charged with being a fugitive from justice from Manchester, and William H. Anderson, charged with a felony, were also found to come under the jurisdiction of the Manchester police, and the prisoners were turned over to the authorities of that city.

H. S. Waddy (colored) was fined $10 for cursing and abusing his wife.

Richard H. Rucles (colored) was fined $5 for refusing to move his hack when so ordered by the police.

DEATH OF MR. L. B. THOMAS.

One of the Oldest Druggists in the City Passes Away.

Mr. L. B. Thomas, one of the oldest druggists in the city, died at his rooms over Nolting's drugstore, No. 214 east Broad street, yesterday evening at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Thomas was in his sixty-eighth year, and entered the drug business when he was about sixteen years old as a clerk for William P. Ladd, who occupied the store now used by Priddy & Taylor. About forty years ago Mr. Thomas went into business for himself at 214 east Broad street, which was an old drug-stand then, having been occupied successively by F. W. Grubbs, Dornin, and the father of Captain E. P. Reeve. Here he conducted a general retail drug and prescription trade until a few months ago, when he sold out to Mr. Nolting.

DISPENSARY FOR THE POOR.

In 1863 four drugstores were selected as city dispensaries for the poor, and Mr. Thomas's was one of them. The amount allowed for prescriptions did not pay the proprietors, and three of them soon relinquished the "prestige." Mr. Thomas, however, continued to fill all poor prescriptions that were sent him, whether from his own or from other districts, until he disposed of his business. A physician who knows whereof he speaks said last night that at a moderate estimate Mr. Thomas had for twenty-three years given through this channel alone $150 annually to the poor of Richmond out of his own pocket.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Thomas was a brother of the late Dr. Howell Thomas and Mrs. Dr. Thomas Johnson, who survives him. His funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Seventh-Street Christian church, of which he was a member. Mr. Thomas had never married and leaves an estate valued at about $40,000.

Policeman Ralston.

Mr. John W. Ralston, a member of the police force in the Second district, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his residence, No. 535 north Second street. The deceased was a brother of Mr. R. R. Ralston, sergeant-at-arms of the City Council, and Mr. William H. Ralston, Deputy City Sergeant.

Mr. Ralston was a painter by trade, and was for many years a driver on the Richmond City railway line. He was elected a member of the police force July 22, 1886, to fill the vacancy created by the dismissal of W. T. Hardy, and the record shows that he was a faithful and efficient officer.

The deceased leaves a widow and six children.

The funeral will be held from the Clay-Street Methodist church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. His brother officers, as far as their duties will admit, will attend in a body. Mr. Ralston was attacked with paralysis on December 13th last.

Sudden Death of a Lady.

Mrs. Annie B. Rice, wife of Mr. William D. Rice, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. She retired about 10 o'clock Tuesday night and slept well for about five hours, when she awoke and remained awake for a short time. At 6 o'clock in the morning when her husband arose he called her, and as she did not answer he concluded she was still sleeping, but upon putting his hand upon her face he found that she was cold in death.

She had been sick for some time but Tuesday was thought to be improving.

Her funeral takes place Friday at noon from the residence of her husband, No. 511 east Leigh street. The following gentlemen will act as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. H. Chataigne, A. J. Chewning, Allen Lyon, R. E. Richardson, R. W. Haw, Joseph N. Willis, W. H. Nelson, and James Blair.

Death from the Grip.

Mrs. Martha E. Jones died about 10 o'clock last night at the residence of her husband, No. 2223 east Main street, after a brief illness. She was attacked on Monday last with a severe case of the grip and it is from this that she died. Mrs. Jones was fifty-five years old and a kind, good woman. Last week she spent several days nursing a sick neighbor. Her funeral will take place from St. John's church this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

There are said to be a great many cases of grip in Richmond and Manchester.

THANKED THE DOCTOR.

The Public-School Teachers Grateful For Instructions in Physiology.

Yesterday evening Dr. H. H. Levy delivered to the public-school teachers the last of the series of lectures on physiology.

The subjects were "Nerves" and the "Special Senses," and the discourse was undoubtedly the best of the six delivered. At the close Mr. William F. Fox, Superintendent of the Public Schools, in a very complimentary speech thanked Dr. Levy for the kindness with which, at great personal sacrifice, he had given this course of lectures.

Mr. George R. Pace presented a set of resolutions thanking Dr. Levy for his services and saying that the principals and teachers had listened with great interest, pleasure, and profit to the very instructive and satisfactory lectures delivered for their benefit, and that they appreciated the universal patience with which he had unfolded, explained, and illustrated the intricacies and beauties of his very difficult subject, which were received with applause and unanimously adopted.

In response Dr. Levy stated that he had cheerfully answered the call made upon him, because he heartily approved of physiology being taught even in the lowest grades of the public schools, and that from the good will he bore the system he was pleased to be able, by means of the special appliances at the college, to elucidate for the benefit of the teachers what might otherwise be obscure points. He was glad to do all that in his power lay to assist the teachers in their arduous occupation.

He considered it the duty of every good citizen to do all he could to advance the general interest, and that such advance would be the result of a general diffusion of physiological knowledge.

The Superintendent announced that the examination upon physiology would be conducted upon the Chautauqua plan, and that in ten days the questions would be placed in the teachers' hands.

TEXAS MACHINERY INSPECTED.

The Report of the Board of Survey to Be Secret.

The Naval Board of Survey are prosecuting steadily their work of inspection of the Texas machinery in the burned boiler-shop at the Locomotive-Works.

This work consists largely of measuring expansions and contractions. They are very guarded about the matter, as they will be required to make a secret report to the Navy Department.

Any information regarding the contents of this report that the company may receive will come direct from the department at Washington.

MOTHER JUSTINA SUPERIOR.

She is Elected to This Office at Monte Maria Convent.

Mother Justina has been chosen superior of the Monte Maria Convent to fill the position made vacant by Mother Baptista's death.

The present superior has been at the convent ever since its foundation in 1866, and has served the institution several terms of three years each at its head.

The choice was made by the "community"—that is, the inmates of the convent—under the supervision of the Bishop. The new mother superior is elected for a full term of three years.

Inducted Into Office.

The following officers elected by Stuart Council, No. 1132, American Legion of Honor, for the ensuing term were installed Monday evening by District Deputy Grand Commander Francis A. Bowry: Clifford L. Weisiger, commander; Richard W. Batterby, vice-commander; C. N. Schaaf, orator; Virginius H. Wyatt, secretary; T. J. Robertson, collector; John L. Parr, treasurer; H. A. Hope, chaplain; Mathias Schaaf, guide; B. T. P. Wood, warden; S. W. Waymack, sentry, and S. W. Waymack, trustee for three years. A committee was appointed to arrange for an entertainment next month.

The Belt-Line to Be Opened Monday.

The Belt-Line, which branches off from the main track of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad a short distance above Boulton and makes a circuit of some eight miles to a point on the Richmond and Petersburg road not far beyond Manchester, will be opened for freight traffic Monday.

This morning there will be an inspection excursion over the line which will leave Elba at 10 o'clock. Officers of the road and perhaps some business-men will go.

Nothing equals Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for all cases of sore-throat, coughs, colds, etc.

FAVOR DOCTORS.

PHYSICIANS THINK THE POOR SHOULD BE VISITED AT HOME.

The Dean of the Medical College Faculty Explains the Hospital Scheme—Opinions from Many of the Profession.

At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen an ordinance providing for the appointment of four doctors to attend the poor of the city was adopted.

Subsequently at a joint meeting of the Committees on Health and Ordinances, Mr. Stratton offered an ordinance for the establishment of a city hospital, and appropriating $15,000 for the purpose.

This was referred to a sub-committee for consideration and report.

Naturally the two propositions so similar and still so different have elicited a great deal of attention from those interested, especially the "medicine-men" of Richmond.

Appreciating the old saw that "straws show which way the wind blows," a *Dispatch* interviewer last night called upon several prominent physicians and obtained their ideas as to the comparative merits and more desirable project of the two.

DEAN OF THE COLLEGE.

Dr. J. S. Dorsey Cullen, dean of the faculty of the Medical College, expressed his opinion clearly and precisely. He said:

The two projects do not interfere with each other. In Charleston, a smaller city than this, they have both. Four doctors for the poor would not be sufficient. No city in the country the size of Richmond is without its hospital where acute diseases are treated, and the almshouse does not come up to the requirements of a hospital.

The Medical College will offer to the city their hospital buildings free of rent. All that the college asks in return is the classical advantages usual in all general hospitals shall be allowed them. This will not only be a benefit to the city in a charitable way, but will bring a largely increased number of students to the college. The medical and surgical attendance should consist of capable men in the profession, who will have charge of the various departments for short periods—say three months. By this plan a good corps of medical attendants will be procured free. The hospital should be thoroughly equipped and have a capacity, at the lowest, of 100 beds.

SHOULD HAVE BOTH.

Dr. Hugh M. Taylor: I think we ought to have both. The four doctors will reach a class of patients that ought not to go to the hospital, and the hospital will be a benefit to the worthy class of patients that cannot pay five or six dollars per week at a private hospital. If only one can be had it would be better to let the hospital service remain as it is and care for the poor sick at home who have now no relief but the charity of the physician. I am very much of the opinion that the city ought to make better arrangements than it has now, and establish a hospital independent of the poorhouse, where deserving people can go without being mortified. If the Council will ask a committee of representative medical men to coöperate with them a proper scheme will soon be before the Council.

HAVE THE PHYSICIANS.

Dr. Edward M. Sims: Both are very necessary, but if we must decide between the two I should think that more general good can be done by having the physicans for the poor, as in many cases the people would not be willing to come to a hospital. There is hardly a day in my practice that I do not find cases which need hospital treatment.

EIGHT DOCTORS NEEDED.

They cannot take each other's places, remarked Dr. Pulliam. Richmond should have both a hospital and physicians to the poor. But there should be eight instead of four physicians and these should be paid $75 per month each. Four could not begin to do the necessary work in case there was much sickness in the city.

VIEWS OF OTHERS.

Dr. C. W. P. Brock said: I am in favor of having both. There are hundreds of persons who can be treated at home who do not require hospital treatment, and hundreds who need the latter who cannot be properly treated at their houses.

Dr. James A. Moore: The physicians for the poor scheme is infinitely the better of the two. A hospital on the plan proposed by Mr. Stratton would be on too cheap a scale. We already have better ones than that would be.

Dr. David McCaw: I think they had better get the poor doctors first and talk about the hospital afterwards.

WHAT THE HOWITZERS MAY EXPECT

To Be Entertained at Atlanta and Birmingham—The Programme During Their Stay in New Orleans.

The Howitzer Association and Company may well anticipate a right royal time on their New Orleans trip.

The two organizations will leave Richmond Friday, February 6th, *via* the Richmond and Danville railroad for Alanta, thence to Birmingham, thence by the Queen and Crescent road to New Orleans.

They have chartered two Pullman palace cars to take the party. After a night's ride they will arrive at Atlanta next morning, where they will receive an ovation from the military, veteran organizations, and the Virginians now living in Atlanta. It has been arranged that the lay-off in Atlanta will be sufficiently long for them to receive the hospitalities of their Atlanta friends.

On their arrival that evening at Birmingham the organizations at that point and the Virginians will also turn out *en masse* to give them a royal reception. In fact, the cities of Atlanta and Birmingham will vie with each other in their efforts to make the Howitzer party have a most glorious time in passing through their cities.

Upon their arrival at New Orleans they will be met by the Washington Artillery and Confederate Veterans, who will take them to the Hotel Royal, where they will be the guests of the Washington Artillery.

THE PROGRAMME SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

Sunday is a *fete* day in New Orleans, and the excursionists will find the whole day taken up in visiting the French Market and other places of interest in the city. Monday will be devoted to entertaining the excursionists, when old veterans will "rekindle the camp-fires" and fight their battles over again, and the boys will have an opportunity of finding out what a glorious record has been made by the "Old Howitzers," which will instil into them more enthusiasm to keep the present company up to its high standard of the past. There will possibly be one or two processions Monday night of some of the secret orders, illustrating some legend or romance by means of tableaux mounted on immense floats. These processions consist usually of from eighteen to twenty floats, and are generally a grand spectacular panorama.

THE ARRIVAL OF REX.

Tuesday morning Rex and his bodyguard will arrive in the city by steamer, and will go direct to the grand-stand, where they will find the Mayor of the city and all the city officials awaiting their arrival. The Mayor will deliver to Rex a large key, which will signify that he is king of all the festivities to take place that day and night. Soon afterwards the procession of Rex will form and some legend will be illustrated on floats. That night there will be two or three more processions on the streets. After these street pageants the balls will begin, the principal of which will be the great "masked ball" in the French Opera-House, which building is unsurpassed in beauty or splendor in this or any other country. The other balls will be given by the Knights of Momus, Knights of Proteus, the Elks, Pickwick Club, &c. Besides these there will be many other attractions going on at the same time, all of which will give one the feeling of having been transported from this sphere to some fairy land.

TICKET ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangement has been made that the tickets for this excursion will be furnished upon application by Mr. S. H. Bowman, at his office, corner of Twelfth and Main streets, and it will be well for the excursionists to confer with him on the subject.

All members of the Howitzer Association and friends who intend going on the trip, must hand in their names to Mr. Bowman by Tuesday next, in order to secure sleeping-car accommodations. Advices from the Crescent City state that the carnival will be one of the most magnificent ever witnessed there, both in respect of display and numbers of persons in attendance.

MANCHESTER IN SHORT SPACE.

Death of Mr. Clark—Mr. Davidson Paralysed—Personal, etc.

Mr. Shirley H. Clarke, better known as "Heppy" Clarke, died at his residence corner of Eleventh and Bainbridge streets early yesterday morning, after a brief illness.

Mr. Clarke had been for years an *attache* of the Danville shops. He was a native of Manchester, from one of its oldest families, and a nephew of the late ex-Mayor James A. Clarke. During the war he was a member of the Manchester artillery. The deceased was forty-nine years of age, and leaves a wife, but no children. His mother and a number of sisters and brothers also survive him. He was a member of Syracuse Lodge, K. P., of Richmond, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Manchester.

Mr. Clarke was of a generous, genial disposition, decidedly popular with all who knew him, and his untimely end is the source of deep regret to a wide circle of friends and comrades.

His funeral will take place from the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Joseph C. Davidson, the venerable father of Mr. T. A. Davidson, was stricken with paralysis Tuesday night about 12 o'clock and was very ill yesterday. One side is paralyzed and he is unable to speak distinctly. He has been in bad health for some time.

A meeting of the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to prepare a plan for advertising Manchester met yesterday afternoon in the office of Mr. D. L. Pulliam. The matter was discussed fully, but it will take several meetings of the committee to perfect the details of the scheme.

Mr. Richard Whitehead continues very ill at his residence, corner of Fifth and Hull streets. He is not expected to live long. He is eighty-three years of age.

The School Board has elected Ida M. Binga teacher of the colored school formerly taught by the late Martha Hobson. Lillie Moon was elected substitute teacher.

The case of Atkinson against Dashiell consumed the entire time of the Hustings Court yesterday and will continue to-day.

Mr. W. G. Burgess will leave in a few days for Danville, where he goes to take charge of a large drugstore.

A German school is shortly to be established in Chesterfield by the German society of that county.

Mr. Willie H. Moore, of Danville, is here on a brief visit to his parents.

Dr. Lawrence Ingram is sick at his residence on Porter street.

DEEDS OF SALE RECORDED.

Property of the Late Frank Patrick Disposed of—Other Conveyances.

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

Jackson Brandt and wife to J. H. Wayne, 27 5-12 feet on north side Baker street between St. James and St. John, $1,625.

Fannie M. Griffin to J. E. Batkins, 30 feet on west side Second street near Arch, $1,200.

F. E. Patrick to C. L., T. L., Laura A., and T. J. Patrick, personality.

Maimee D. L. Patrick to C. F. Patrick, her interest in the estate of her late husband, F. E. Patrick, $9,000.

Thomas J. and Laura A. Patrick to C. F. Patrick, interest in estate of F. E. Patrick, deceased, and in property assigned to Laura A. Patrick by said F. E. Patrick, $10,000.

William Trexler and R. E. Elmore and their wives to J. Wiley Bledsoe, 18 5-12 feet on west side Lombardy street between Main and Floyd, $2,250.

COUNTY COURT OF HENRICO.

James H. Barton and T. A. Lamb and wives to John J., John J., Jr., and George K. Crutchfield, trustees, lots 28 and 29, block 3, Brookland Park, $360.

John and D. H. Mahony and wives to C. W. Pendleton, 30 feet on the east side of Twenty-third street, near O, $300.

J. R. Tucker, special commissioner, to Sarah L. Anderson, 25 feet on west side Brook turnpike, near Oak street, $450.

Emily F. and Albert Warren to Robert Armistead, 130 acres on Three-Chopped road, near River road, $9,192.

Otorion T. White's trustee to Thomas Moore, 30 27-100 acres two miles east of Richmond, $1,445.39.

CAPITOL MATTERS.

Begging Virginia Representation at the World's Fair—Personal.

A letter was received at the Capitol yesterday addressed to the "World's Fair Committee of the State Legislature," and signed by John B. Shipley and Maud E. Shipley, which, after outlining a plan for putting the historical facts connected with the discovery and colonization of this country into an objective shape at the coming Chicago Exposition, says:

"In other words, for sending to the World's Fair at Chicago a comprehensive colonial exhibit, which would become the nucleus of a permanent historical museum, illustrating the above subject of the discovery and settlement of the United States after the end of the colonial period. We therefore most earnestly beg of you to consider this matter when deciding upon financial appropriations for your State exhibit at the World's Fair, some part of which you will surely feel disposed to reserve for this purpose, as it is meet that Americans all over the country should have a clear and decided idea of the extent to which the nation owes its present national characteristics to the early settlers on its eastern seaboard, doing full justice to all European countries who took part in the founding of this great nation."

Mr. S. C. Wingfield, clerk of the Hustings Court of Williamsburg, was at the Capitol yesterday.

Governor McKinney will assign to the vacant county judgeship of Fluvanna a judge from one of the adjoining counties.

Waiting for Congress to Act.

A prominent citizen of Richmond, who keeps posted on all great railroad schemes, was asked by a *Dispatch* reporter yesterday if there was any news in railroad circles.

"No," he replied. "I have just returned from New York and there are millions of dollars of capital locked up there waiting for Congress to do something."

The Cassigneul Case.

Mrs. Cassigneul will leave the city today for her home in Goochland. It is understood that she is sketching out a statement of her case for the French Consul-General at New York, which will embody evidence from her school-teachers and friends abroad, showing how she was regarded by them in her girlhood days.

LIFE-INSURANCE CO. OF VIRGINIA.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders—Gratifying Report of the President.

The annual meeting of the Life-Insurance Company of Virginia was held at the company's office yesterday.

The old board, with the exception of Professor E. B. Smith, deceased, was reelected as follows: T. William Pemberton, General John R. Cooke, G. A. Walker, Everett Waddey, John G. Walker, Major George Johnston, of Alexandria; W. J. Walker, Colonel F. H. Cameron, of Raleigh, N. C.; James Pleasants, and James W. Pegram.

The old officers were reelected, as follows: President, G. A. Walker; Vice-Presidents, T. William Pemberton and John G. Walker; Secretary, James W. Pegram; Medical Director, H. Cabell Tabb, M. D.; Actuary, D. Parks Fackler; Counsel, John A. Coke.

The reports of the various departments disclosed a very favorable condition of affairs and a large increase in the company's business. A semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. on the capital stock of the company was declared.

The following report of the President was unanimously adopted, as the report of the directors to the stockholders:

The upbuilding and establishment of a large and successful life-insurance company in these days is a work of no ordinary magnitude, yet the efforts of the management of this company have already been so far successful that the Life-Insurance Company of Virginia may now be reckoned among the strongest insurance institutions of the country.

The past three years have been devoted chiefly to effecting a perfect organization for field work, the result being a corps of trained and faithful men, of which any company might well feel proud—whose work has enabled the company to present to-day the best annual statement in its history, showing a gross income of $335,726.96—an increase over the previous year of more than $80,000 in premiums received, over $40,000 increase in assets, and nearly $15,000 added to the surplus of the company. The business on the books which yielded this income last year will give the company an additional income of about $50,000 during 1891. As this business has been paid for, the company is prepared to do a much larger amount of new business this year than was secured during 1890, so it may be safely predicted that the income for the year 1891 will be over $400,000.

Over $100,000 was returned by the company to its policy-holders during 1890 in payment of death claims, endowments, etc., being an increase of more than $30,000 over the previous year. The bulk of this sum was distributed among nearly six hundred families through the industrial branch, affording a relief absolutely unobtainable in most of our territory except from this company.

In this connection attention is directed to the steady growth and handsome results attained by the industrial branch. To successfully conduct an industrial insurance business requires a careful special training, as well as untiring vigilance, perseverance, and patience. This department of the company collected last year $105,000, yielding a net surplus of 15 per cent. after increasing the business in force 50 per cent. In view of the many unsuccessful attempts which have been made from time to time in various parts of the North to establish industrial insurance companies, even with the aid of large capital, it is a matter of congratulation that this branch of our business is as well-grounded as that of any of the oldest insurance companies in the country.

During the past year an entirely new feature has been added to the business of the company—one which promises to enlarge its field of usefulness to an almost unlimited extent. After a careful investigation, it was found that a pure tontine endowment policy, without life indemnity, would work out results equal if not superior to any building and loan association—that in fact it would furnish to the public a specific promise to pay a definite sum at the end of a selected period, which period would be shortened by applying the tontine profits to maturing the contract, instead of adding them to the face of policy as is the usual way.

The success of this endowment building-fund plan (original with this company) has met with has led the management to have it energetically pushed during the present year.

The sudden death last July of Professor E. B. Smith, the actuary of the company, created a vacancy which was exceedingly difficult to fill. The company is, therefore, very fortunate in having been able to secure as its actuary, Mr. D. Parks Fackler, of New York city, who is one of the most prominent actuaries in the country.

In closing this report of the most prosperous year the company has ever had, it is gratifying to state the fact, that the assets are now $316,017.53, and that the surplus to policy-holders on a 4½ per cent. basis of reserve is $135,443.16.

Respectfully submitted.

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