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CHAMBER'S AMENDMENTS TO THE RAILROAD BILL ACCEPTED.

Another Conference to Be Held to Perfect the Measure—Judgeship Contests—The Moses Investigation, &c.

An adjourned meeting of the Alliance members of the General Assembly and others friendly to the agricultural interests was held at the office of the *Farmer and Planter* last night to consider further the railroad bill to be presented to the Legislature.

The chairman, Major Kent, stated that the committee, of which he was a member, appointed at the first meeting for that purpose had had a consultation with the sub-committee of the Committee of Inland Trade of the Chamber of Commerce relative to the bill.

The conference, he said, had been most agreeable and the representatives of the Chamber agreed in the main with the bill as it had been published in the DISPATCH, but did not think it went far enough. They had therefore prepared certain amendments, which he would submit to the meeting for consideration.

These amendments were discussed in a conversational way for some two hours and in general accepted. It was then agreed that Major Kent's committee and that of the Chamber have another conference in order to incorporate the amendments into the original bill and report the perfected measure to another meeting to be held next Tuesday night.

LIVELY SCENES AT THE HOTEL.

The scene in the lobby of the Exchange Hotel last night was almost as animated as on the night before the meeting of the General Assembly.

One reason of this was that the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth and Norfolk county had emptied large delegations into Richmond.

The visitors from the twin cities are largely interested in getting a charter for a new ferry between those places.

JUDGESHIP CONTESTS.

The delegation from Norfolk county are here to take a hand in the fight over the judgeship of the county. The friends of Mr. Stewart, who was awarded the seat in the House from that county by the State Board of Canvassers, champion the cause of the present judge, while the adherents of Mr. Bidgood desire a new judge. This state of affairs, taken in connection with the contest for the seat itself, promises to make matters lively. It is said that great pressure will be brought to bear to get the nomination of county judge of Norfolk county postponed until all the evidence in the case of Bidgood against Stewart has been laid before the House. A fight is also being made by some of the Alleghany people against Judge Jones, county judge of Craig and Alleghany. Judge Jones is a Craig man. In this connection Senator Marshall asks that the statement be made that the reason that the judge did not, as published, hold court at Covington Monday was that he was sick. He telegraphed to Senator Marshall to that effect.

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. MOSES.

The joint committee appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. Moses, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, met again yesterday evening, but owing to the absence of one of the members adjourned until this afternoon, when it is expected they will make up their report for presentation to the caucus to-night. Mr. C. P. Cross, referring yesterday to what he had been quoted as saying touching the charges, remarked that a mistake had been made. What he did say was that he knew nothing of the charges, nor had he ever seen anything that would lead him to such a conclusion as that they were true.

CHESTERFIELD'S JUDGE.

Hon. William I. Clopton will almost certainly be re-elected judge of the Chesterfield County Court.

At least, this was the talk last night, both in Manchester and in legislative circles, and it was said that Senator Parrish and Delegates Toney and Michaux had decided to vote for the present incumbent. Delegate Toney has a petition signed by nearly 700 citizens of Chesterfield favoring Judge Clopton's re-election.

The friends of Mr. Pepios and ex-Judge James M. Gregory have also been earnestly at work in behalf of these gentlemen, but the latter has addressed a letter to the Senators and Delegates setting forth certain reasons why he has decided not to allow his name to be presented to the caucus.

WANTS TO BE A COMMISSIONER.

Hon. J. J. A. Powell, now of Wythe but formerly of Fluvanna, which county he represented for two terms in the Legislature, will be a candidate for a position on the Railroad Commission should the bill creating one pass.

Mr. Williams, brother of ex-Senator Williams, of Bland, is in the city and is a candidate for the vacant county judgeship of that county.

General W. B. Taliaferro is a candidate for the county judgeship of Gloucester.

WEDDED LAST EVENING.

Miss Gardner Becomes the Bride of Mr. Redd—Other Marriages.

Mr. T. Crawford Redd and Miss Bessie Gardner were married at the Second Presbyterian church at 6 o'clock yesterday evening.

Exactly at the appointed hour the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march floated through the sacred edifice and the bride and groom, preceded by six ushers, marched slowly up the left aisle. When they were properly formed around the altar Dr. Hoge and Rev. J. Calvin Stewart entered from the vestry-room and a very pretty marriage service was celebrated by the latter. The ceremony was short, but pretty and effective. It was witnessed by a large assembly of friends, the entire front row being occupied by near relatives of the parties participant.

The bride, who is a tall and beautiful brunette with a superb figure, has long been very popular and much admired in this city. She is the daughter of Mr. W. Nelson Gardner, who resides at No. 1215 west Main street. She was attired in a very handsome white silk costume, a tulle veil, and carried a large bouquet of bride's roses.

Mr. Redd is the junior partner of the well-known firm of James T. Redd & Son, surveyors. He and his bride left last evening on a bridal trip to several of the northern cities.

The ushers were: Messrs. Thomas K. Gardner (best man), James T. Redd, Jr., E. L. Ruffin, W. P. Redd, J. P. Fourqurean, and P. E. Redd.

ARNALL—BONIVITA.

There was a very pretty wedding at No. 209 Venable street, the residence of Mr. F. M. Bonivita, at 6 o'clock last evening. The contracting parties were Mr. N. B. Arnall, a popular engineer on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, and Miss Bassie Bonivita, daughter of F. M. Bonivita, Esq. Quite a select little company were present, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. P. A. Peterson, of Trinity Methodist church. The bride was attired in a suit of tan camel's-hair and green plush and wore beautiful diamond ornaments—a present from her sister, Miss Alma. The presents were numerous and handsome, that of the groom being a beautiful gold watch. Mr. W. A. Bonavita and Mr. Willie Cox were the ushers and Mr. Anderson, of Fredericksburg, was the best man. The happy couple left on the 7:05 P. M. Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac train for an extended northern tour. Mr. Catogni, the confectioner of Roanoke, sent a handsome thirty-pound bridal cake as a present to the bride.

THOMAS—STOCKHART.

Mr. John T. Thomas, of Raleigh, N. C., one of the best known druggists of the Tar-Heel State, led to the altar of Hymen yesterday evening Miss Annie G. Stockhart, a young lady well acquainted in Richmond society. Rev. Dr. Newton, of the Monumental church, performed the ceremony at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. N. A. Gregory, on west Main street. The wedding was a very quiet one, though a number of intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left on the evening train for a bridal trip North.

MASON—HICKS.

The wedding of Miss Lelia Lindsay Hicks and Mr. John A. Mason, Jr., which occurred on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of the bride, No. 500 west Marshall street, was a very pretty affair. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Dashiell in a simple yet impressive service, after which Mr. and Mrs. Mason left on the York River train for the North, where they will spend a few weeks. The groom is from Matthews county and is prominent and popular in that section.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

The Justice Has an Important Question to Decide—Can Notaries Carry Weapons?

There was an important case before the Justice at the Police Court yesterday morning, which involved the question of whether or not a notary public has a right to carry concealed weapons at all times. R. F. Turner, a colored officer of this stamp, was charged with carrying two pistols and drawing them and threatening to shoot Randolph Marks in the office of Giles Jackson. The affair occurred on Monday, when Turner, Marks, and one or two others were engaged in the settlement of a note. Mr. Samuel M. Page represented the Commonwealth and Mr. L. O. Weinderberg and Lawyer Randolph appeared for Turner.

Mr. Page wanted a continuance. He stated that an investigation would develop a case of forgery, and he wanted to get the grandmother of Marks's wife as a witness. The Justice declined to postpone. He said the alleged forgery had nothing to do with the charges already against the prisoner, but if it developed during the investigation that there was reason to suspect that such a crime had been committed he would, if he thought proper, issue a bench-warrant for Turner.

The evidence showed that on Monday Turner and his friend Peyton went to Giles Jackson's office to meet the latter and Marks to talk about a deed of trust that was in dispute. This deed was to secure a note for $135. It purported to be signed by Henrietta Cox, grandmother of Mark's wife. Marks said she denied the signature was hers.

OFFERED HIM A PISTOL.

The point upon which the personal difficulty arose was as to who should pay for the drawing and recording of the release deed. Turner testified that when he offered his check for $135 Marks wanted his wife's grandmother to be given $200, and he told Marks that he had been the beneficiary under the deed and was then trying to rob and blackmail him. Turner testified that when Marks reached for his own pistol he pulled two and said: "Marks, you haven't got a pistol, so take one of these if you mean business." Marks left the room and the disturbance was quelled without bloodshed.

The Justice said in his jocular manner: "Turner, I want you to understand that that barbarous practice of duelling must only be carried on among the whites. You negroes shan't take it up. I fine you $10 and costs for the affray and will look further into the legal phase of the concealed-weapon question."

SENT TO THE HUSTINGS COURT.

A case which has long been continued and postponed was called and settled as far as the Police Court is concerned. It was that against W. E. Fletcher and John L. Miller, charged with assaulting, beating, and breaking the leg of David Gilliam on the night of October 17th. After a full investigation the Justice discharged Miller and sent Fletcher on to the grand jury of the Hustings Court.

Peter Branch (colored) and Squire Shelton were fined $2.50 and costs for cursing and abusing each other.

Clarence Brown, charged with stealing an overcoat from William Hicks. Sent to jail for thirty days.

The case of Robert Ransom *alias* Bob Bare (colored), accused of feloniously cutting and wounding Alexander Cunningham, was continued until the 19th in order that all the witnesses could be obtained.

FUNERAL OF JUDGE IRVING.

A Large Attendance—His Grandfather's Body-Servant Faints During the Service.

The funeral of Judge Frank D. Irving took place yesterday at Cartersville, in Cumberland county, from the Presbyterian church. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Grammer, of Fauquier, and after the Episcopal form. The pall-bearers were Governor McKinney, Colonel Samuel Coleman, Judge A. D. Watkins, Mr. Robert Southall, of Amelia; Mr. J. C. Dame, and Messrs. Boaz Ford, W. J. Powers, and W. H. Parrish—the three last named of Cumberland.

Captain Jack Tally, Colonel Meade Haskins, Mr. Phil. Brown, and others went up from Richmond.

The attendance was very large and was notable for the number of colored persons it embraced. Among these was Simeon Ross, the body-servant of Judge Irving's grandfather, who entered the church on crutches and was very feeble. During the [illegible] it was noticed that he sat very still an[illegible] t was thought he had fallen asleep, [illegible] sub[illegible]ently it was found that he had fa[illegible] d a [illegible] was perfectly cold. He was revived [illegible] difficulty.

THE UNITED STATES COURT.

A $500 Fine Imposed—The Perry Case Will Hardly Be Called To-Day.

In the United States District Court yesterday in the case of the United States against the steamer David Reeves, charged with carrying passengers from Newport News to the light-house at Newport News point without having obtained a passenger license, an order was entered imposing a fine of $500 upon the defendants. The court adjourned over until this morning.

The case against Mr. G. F. Perry and wife, charged with illegal use of the mails, was set for trial to-day, but owing to the illness of both the defendants with pneumonia, it is probable that their counsel, Mr. Edmund Waddill, will ask for a continuance. The case comes up, it is understood, upon a legal point on which counsel for the defendants hopes to have all the indictments quashed.

The case of Clarke against the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company will be heard tomorrow. This is a suit for damages alleged to have been sustained on the said road by the plaintiff. Clarke is a native of Pennsylvania, and hence the suit is entered in the United States Court.

The Musicale This Evening.

The following is the programme for this evening's *musicale*, which will be rendered by the "Slayton Stars," a quartette composed of some of the favorite church-choir singers of New York—viz.: Miss Jessamine Hallenbeck, soprano; Miss Fielding Roselle, contralto; Mr. T. Lloyd Dabney, tenor; and Mr. W. E. Harper, baritone.

1. May song, (Burs), Quartette. 2. Baritone solo, "It Was Not So To Be," (Nessler.) Mr. Harper. 3. Duett, "Robin Hood," new, (De Kovan.) Miss Hallenbeck, and Mr. Dabney. 4. "My Heart at Thy Sweet Will," "Samson and Delilah," (St. Saens.) Miss Roselle. 5. Folk song, "My Old Kentucky Home," (arranged by Victor Harris.) Quartette. 6. Duette, "[illegible] Moon Hath Raised Her Lamp," (Benedict.) Mr Dabney and Mr. Harper. 7. Aria from "[illegible] Guerany," (Gomez.) Miss Hallenbeck. 8. [illegible]arbian folk song, "Come, Dorothy, Come," Quartette. 9. Song, "Fond Heart, Farewell," (Temple.) Mr. Dabney. 10. Duett, "l'Estudrantina," (Lacome.) Misses Hallenbeck and Roselle. 11. Good Night, Martha, (Flotow.) Quartette.

City Circuit Court.

A charter was granted in the City Circuit Court yesterday to the J. B. Fuqua Lumber Company, formed for conducting a general lumber business. The capital stock is to be not less than $10,000 nor more than $50,000, and the officers are: President, A. L. Sheppard; Vice-President, J. L. Sheppard; Secretary and Treasurer, E. A. Sheppard; General Manager, J. W. Fuqua. Directors, the above and S. S. Lane, all from Richmond save the general manager and Mr. Lane, who are from Surry county.

The following suit was entered: The Manufacturers' Record Company of Baltimore against the Virginia Steel, Iron and Slate Company for $2,000.

Four Ambulance Calls Yesterday.

The city ambulance was called yesterday morning at 10:10 o'clock to Pace's tobacco-factory to attend a colored woman who was suffering with an epileptic fit. She was treated and left at the factory.

Another call was received at 11:30 A. M. to attend a white man at the Vulcan Iron-Works, who had been slightly injured by a piece of falling iron. He was taken to his home.

The third call was received at 12:30 P. M. to attend a colored boy at 419 west Main street, who was suffering from an attack of neuralgia of the heart. After receiving the proper attention he was left at the house.

The last call of the day was received at 1:20 P. M. to attend John Grimin, a white man, at cellar at Murphy's Hotel and dislocated his arm, and been carried to Polk Miller's drugstore.

Two Fires Yesterday.

There were two alarms of fire yesterday afternoon, the first coming from Box 12 at 3:47 o'clock. It was caused by the burning of the house of Jefferson Powers, 3117 Williamsburg avenue. The damage was only $10.

The second alarm was a "still" and the cause was the explosion of an oil-can on the premises of No. 312 south Laurel street. The loss sustained in this instance was the burning of one or two pieces of wearing apparel.

Hustings Court Proceedings.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday in the Hustings Court:

John Jackson, charged with malicious assault upon Moses Miller with a brick. Thirty days in jail and one cent fine.

Lucy Madison, charged with felonious assaulting and cutting Thomas Brooks. Acquitted.

George Washington Jones, charged with felonious assault on Lewis Washington with a razor. Three years in the penitentiary.

The Epworth League.

A called meeting of the Epworth League of the Broad-Street Methodist church was held in the lecture-room of the church last night after the prayer-meeting.

Routine business was disposed of and in consequence of the removal from the city of the vice-president and treasurer Messrs. R. C. Traylor and T. A. Harralson were elected respectively in their stead. The meeting adjourned to the first Friday in January.

And the Pistol Went Off.

Corbin Shields and Edgar Enos, white youths, were playing with a pistol yesterday afternoon when the weapon exploded and the bullet took effect in the calf of Enos's leg, badly fracturing that member. He was taken to his home, on Church Hill, where he received medical attention. The wound is a very painful one and may prove to be serious.

The Two Johns.

This funny farce will be at the Theatre the balance of the week, beginning tonight. This is the ninth year of a successful career, and it is said to be better than ever. Sprightly music, songs, dances, and new jokes compose the skit, which deals with the comical situations that occur owing to the striking resemblance of the two heavy-weights—the Johns brothers.

Public Temperance Meeting.

There will be a public meeting at the Soldiers' Home this evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Good Templars. Mr. J. [illegible]dain, past grand chief templar of Michigan, will address the meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

Wells against Hughes. Argued by Charles L. Page, Esq., for appellants, and W. B. Pettit, Esq., for appellees, and submitted.

Binns against Richmond and Danville Railroad Company. Argued by Hill Carter, Esq., for plaintiff in error, and continued until to-day.

For the paroxysms of asthma use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. It will relieve you at once.

DISASTROUS FIRES.

LOUISVILLE VISITED BY TWO TERRIBLY FATAL CONFLAGRATIONS.

Four Firemen Killed by Falling Walls—Five Girls Burned to Death—Many People Injured.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

LOUISVILLE, December 9.—While the firemen were raking away the ruins of the H. Boone Paper Company building at 4:30 o'clock this morning there came the sound of a terrific explosion in the building east of them. This was the Bamberger-Strong building, four stories high. On the instant flames broke from every floor and shot out of the roof. The fire must have been smouldering for several hours in the cellar and when each of the four stories had become filled with heated air and smoke an explosion followed and the building was a mass of flames.

FOUR FIREMEN KILLED.

Before the fire could be extinguished the wholesale shoe-house of Bamberger, Strong & Co., and the establishments of Bliss, Wilson & Co., furnishing goods and notions; Weller, Wolfolk & Payne, boots and shoes, and Johan Boke, hats, had been consumed. The losses and insurance were as follows: Bamberger, Strong & Co., $125,000; insurance, $100,000. Bliss, Wilson & Co., $50,000; insurance, $40,000. Weller, Wolfolk & Payne, $75,000; insurance unknown. Johan Boke & Sons, $40,000; insurance, $35,000. Four firemen were killed by falling walls.

FIVE GIRLS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

At 8 o'clock another fatal fire was raging in F. A. Menn & Co.'s wholesale candy and fancy grocery-house, a square above the Boone Paper Company's building. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Forty girls were at work wrapping candy on the fourth floor and all were not able to escape. The fire was out at 11 o'clock and the work of taking out bodies began. The bodies of five girls have already been taken out. The fire cut off escape by the stairway leading to the fourth floor, where the girls were at work. Many jumped from the windows to a second-story projection and escaped with broken limbs and burned bodies. The others got out unhurt.

FIREMEN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

While Fire-Chief Hughes and Henry A. Weatherford, his assistant, were driving to another alarm their buggy was run into and crushed by the salvage-corps truck and Hughes suffered a concussion of the skull. Weatherford was badly shaken up, but was able to go to the fire. Going to the fire No. 13 engine ran into the pavement at Twelfth and Broadway, throwing off Engineer Jim Nuttal, hurting his back and probably crippling him for life. Pat. Shea, hook-and-ladder man, had a hand nearly cut off by broken glass.

The fire in Menn's candy-works is supposed to have been caused by an explosion of the candy furnace. In the building was stored a great quantity of fireworks. As the fire reached these they exploded and for some time caused the firemen much trouble.

THE MONEY LOSSES.

The loss on Menn & Co.'s building and stock is placed at $75,000, and the total loss will be nearly three quarters of a million. The flames were stopped at George W. Wuck & Co.'s cotton-house.

Recapitulation of the killed: In Menn's place five girls have been recovered. In the Menn wreck is supposed certainly to be Charles Kimmell, a partner in the firm. In the Bamberger, Strong & Co. wreck, Sam. Bajerk, Tony Schict, Will Davis, Tom Moore, all laddermen of Company No. 1.

THE MISSING FIREMEN.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 9—*Later.*—It is in the ruins of the Boone Paper Company's building, instead of Bamberger, Strong & Co.'s, as first supposed, that the four missing firemen are now believed to be. The hose they were working stretches out into the street and serves as a guide to the searchers.

THE LIST OF DEAD LENGTHENED.

From the ruins of Menn & Co.'s candy-factory seven bodies have been taken, one of which is that of Charles Kimmel, partner in the firm. Three other bodies are supposed to be in the ruins.

INDIGNANT PEOPLE.

Scheme of Negro Labor Agents—Wilmington's Absent Cashier.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 9.—The people of Robeson county to-day issue a call for an indignation-meeting on the 19th instant at Red Springs for the purpose of expressing their deep feeling and to protest against the outrageous acquittal at Fayetteville of D. A. McDougald of the murder of his uncle, Simeon Connolly, whose home was near Red Springs.

Editor H. A. Murrill, of the Hickory *Press*, has died of pneumonia.

News was received to-day of the death at Wake-Forest College of two students from typhoid-pneumonia.

LABOR-AGENTS' DODGE.

Negro emigration agents have arranged to run an excursion train from Morehead City into South Carolina, on which they propose to take numbers of negroes to work in the turpentine forests and on farms in South Carolina and Georgia. Their plan is to thus avoid the law forbidding the removal of laborers from the State by agents.

The people of Wilmington are at last thoroughly stirred up over the flight of Cashier Bowden, of the wrecked First National Bank, and at his continued absence and they expect the discovery of some big frauds.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The directors of the Insane Asylum here today decided to put in electric-lights and an entirely new system of steam-heating.

CRISP'S ELECTION.

Great numbers of the Democrats in this State are looking at the election of Crisp so far as its bearing upon the presidential nomination is concerned. They believe the leaning is towards Hill. The latter is gaining strength in the State, whatever may be said to the contrary. Of course the Alliance sentiment is anti-Cleveland.

The Secretary of the State Farmers' Alliance declines to make public any of the many letters he has received from office-holders in reply to his inquiries as to whether they hold free passes on the railways. The letters are mainly sharp or sarcastic. The circular calling for this information has injured the Alliance. The feeling of non-Alliance men against it deepens every day.

Two employees at the East Durham cotton-mills fought last night and Robert Crutchfield, one of them, is seriously injured by knife-stabs in the back.

A TAX-COLLECTOR'S SHORTAGE.

Montgomery, the ex-tax-collector of the town of Burlington, Alamance county, who fled last month is yet in parts unknown, and his shortage turns out to be larger than was at first reported.

The town of Fayetteville has just made an admirable contract for a complete system of water-works. The supply will be from a stream of great purity.

To-day, near Wake-Forest College, the funeral of Mr. George W. Thompson, its oldest trustee, was held. The president, faculty, and students of the college attended. Mr. Thompson's eighty-eight years of life were well spent. He leaves considerrble property.

FUNERAL OF MRS. R. M. BURTON.

Resolutions of Sympathy by the Council—The News of the World in the Dispatch.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

FARMVILLE, VA., December 9.—The funeral of Mrs. R. M. Burton took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence. At the Town Council meeting last night, of which Captain Burton has been a member for fifteen years, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the deep affliction which has just visited our fellow-councilman, Mr. R. M. Burton, in the loss of his wife the Council extend to him its profound sympathy. Further, that the Council attend the burial services of Mrs. Burton in a body, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Council.

At the same meeting Judge J. M. Crute having been elected to the judicial chair of the county, offered his resignation as councilman, which was accepted, and Mr. A. W. Drumeller was chosen to fill the vacancy occurring thereby.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Mrs. S. A. Ferrar, whose husband was killed by a Norfolk and western train two years ago, is lying dangerously ill from pneumonia following the grip.

Mr. Munford Hurst is also quite sick with pneumonia produced by the same cause.

Rev. Dr. Bagby and wife, who have been ill with the grip, are improving.

The news of the world is now given to the people of Farmville at and before their breakfast hour through the medium of the DISPATCH by the recent change of the Richmond and Danville and Norfolk and Western schedules, which puts the paper here at 5:32 A. M. This is by eight hours earlier than the DISPATCH was ever known to arrive here before.

MR. JOEL JOHNS PASSES AWAY.

Flue-Cured Tobacco Coming to Richmond—A Country Wedding.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

BURKEVILLE, VA., December 9.—Mr. Joel Johns, of Lunenburg county, aged ninety-one, died at his home yesterday of la grippe. Mr. Johns was a highly-respected citizen of that county.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, a Presbyterian preacher, is holding a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church here. The people seem to be very much interested.

I noticed one of our Prince Edward farmers going to Richmond yesterday to sell his tobacco. Most of this fine-cured tobacco has been going to Danville the last few years.

THEY WERE ROCKED.

A white man and his wife travelling put up with a negro last night in this town, and two or three of the young men rocked the house during the night. They were arrested this morning and fined $2.80 each and costs.

Mr. W. B. Vaughan and Miss Mary Mottley were married to-night about seven miles from here.

Verdict and Fine for Assault.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, VA., December 9.—In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Anderson, decided to-day, the jury brought in a verdict against the defendant, the penalty being $15 fine. Anderson was indicted for malicious assault on F. T. Snyder.

The bull case has been set for trial on next Wednesday, the 15th of December.

Sentenced to Be Hanged January 22d.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., December 9.—Judge Aiken to-day sentenced Jim Lyles and Margaret Lashley to be hanged on January 22d.

Richmonders in New York.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 9.—W. H. Campbell, Albemarle; A. Pizzini, Jr., W. Scott, G. B. Stacy, Miss I. Stacy, St. Denis.

Coroner's Inquests.

Coroner Taylor yesterday viewed the body of Emma Martin, a colored woman who died suddenly in the city jail. She was confined for lunacy. An inquest will be held over the remains to-day.

A colored woman named Mattie Robinson died suddenly of heart-disease yesterday at No. 635 north Fifth street. Coroner Taylor viewed the body and decided that death resulted from natural causes.

To Address the Tailors.

A meeting of the journeymen tailors of the city will be held at New-Market Hall to-night under the auspices of Local Union No. 44. There will be an address by Mr. John B. Lennon, general secretary of the Journeyman Tailors' Union and treasurer of the American Federation of Labor.

The Masonic Grand Lodge.

The one hundred and fourteenth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia, A. F. and A. M., will be held in the Masonic Temple, corner Broad and Adams streets, next Tuesday, the 15th, at 6 o'clock P. M. The standing Committee on Work will meet in St. Albans Hall to-morrow afternoon at the same hour.

Have Not Been Postponed.

The plays to be given for the benefit of the Old Woman's Home have not been postponed, but will take place at the Theatre on the 17th as previously announced.

Chamber of Commerce.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce will be held at 6 o'clock this afternoon.

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. J. H. Martin is still very sick with grip.

Mr. George H. Hayden and bride are in the city.

Mr. E. D. Christian is very much improved and was out yesterday.

Captain Charles Old, of Powhatan county, was in the city yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Judkins, who has been very sick, is better, but still very feeble.

Mrs. D. S. Hardee is sick with the grip at her residence, 401 east Cary street.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pizzini are registered at the Hotel La Plaza, New York city.

The Methodist Laymen's Union will meet at Centenary church to-night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. R. W. Drewry, who has been quite sick for the past week, was not so well yesterday.

Mr. Henry L. Staples was on the street yesterday after a week's confinement with the grip.

Rev. W. A. Langhon, of Denny-Street church, Fulton, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Messrs. James P. Shultz and Arthur Seaton, who have been ill with the grip, are out again.

Rev. Aaron Jones, who has been reported quite sick, is now convalescent. His wife is quite sick with the grip.

Mr. Alfred Harris, president of the Commonwealth Club, is in New York buying furniture for the new building.

Miss Fannie Brown, daughter of Rev. Dr. A. G. Brown, who has been sick at the residence of Mr. H. Seldon Taylor, is better.

Messrs. Micajah Woods, Commonwealth's attorney of Charlottesville, and R. W. Duke, of the same city, visited the Capitol yesterday.

Bug James, a colored woman, was received at the penitentiary yesterday from Bedford county to serve one year in prison for grand larceny.

Mrs. Annie E. Broaddus, sister of Mr. John R. Mountcastle; Mrs. Mountcastle, and Mr. G. Burton Mountcastle, are all confined at home by sickness.

Colonel Abe Fulkerson, of Washington county, and ex-Senator Williams, of Bland, and ex-Delegate Downing, of Warren, were in the city yesterday.

The handsome wagon constructed by David A. Ainslie for Steamer Company No. 1 of the Richmond Fire Department was turned over to that company yesterday.

Mr. H. C. Jones and wife, of Baltimore, who have been visiting Richmond on their bridal tour, left for home yesterday afternoon, having had a very delightful trip.

During the speeches in the Senate yesterday on the resolution of respect to the memory of Senator Heaton Delegate Ryan, of Loudoun, occupied a seat on the floor.

Mrs. F. T. W. Bullifant, of Surry county, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Birchett, of 401 west Main street, and her sister, Mrs. John G. Andrews, No. 107 west Main street.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Telautograph Company announced for yesterday at noon was adjourned to January 6th in consequence of the absence of a quorum.

Miss Isabelle Stacy will arrive in the city tomorrow, having returned from Europe. Her brother, Mr. George Ben. Stacy, went on to New York on Tuesday that he might accompany her home.

The New York meeting in behalf of arbitration in settling international disputes, at which Dr. Hoge will speak, will be held in the hall of the Cooper Institute on the 17th of this month. Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge will also be one of the speakers.

An additional trip has been put on the Reservoir line near Ashland street. The last car leaves Main street at 7:40 P. M. and the reservoir at 8 P. M. It is the hope of the people that the old schedule will soon be re-established. The present one is simply abominable.

The "Big Three" Club held its annual election of officers Tuesday night at the club-room on Twelfth street, with the following result: J. C. Chandler, president; John W. Starke, secretary; C. E. Thomas, treasurer; C. M. Starke, sergeant-at-arms. The club is preparing for the annual banquet.

The annual meeting of Colored Masons of Virginia is being held at the Colored Masonic Hall in this city. It will be in session to-day and to-night. A large number of delegates from the State at large are present. The reports of the lodges throughout Virginia indicate that they have a membership of 1,600.

Mr. William Boyd died at the residence of Mr. W. S. Forbes, 806 west Franklin street, yesterday morning at twenty minutes to 1 o'clock of rheumatism of the heart, with which he was attacked at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The Committee on James-River Improvement held a special meeting in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday at noon, at which there was a general conference over the bill introduced in the Council Monday night providing for the establishment of a Board of Harbor Commissioners. No action was taken by the body, but full consideration will be given the measure.

Hon. John E. Massey, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and his wife are both convalescing. It was a great disappointment to Mr. Massey not to be able to greet the members of the General Assembly at the opening of the session, but he and Mrs. Massey have been prostrated by severe attacks of la grippe. Superintendent Massey hopes to be able to return to the city in a few days.

Monroe Lodge, No. 735, K. of H., has elected the following officers for the ensuing twelve months: J. J. Bendall, dictator; W. J. Galbraith, vice-dictator; P. Wright, assistant dictator; George H. Keith, reporter; F. E. Thell, financial reporter; William J. Rose, treasurer; George Fieldous, chaplain; H. B. Priddy, guide; George Debold, guardian; Levy Ingle, sentinel; George Fieldous, F. W. Garrett, and George Debold, trustees; E. J. Moseley, medical examiner.

At the meeting of the sheriffs and sergeants of the State held at Ford's Hotel on Tuesday after much discussion of questions of interest to officers it was agreed that their grievances should be left entirely to their representative friends in the Legislature. Mr. D. S. Cates, sheriff, of Richmond; Mr. Watt, of Augusta; J. W. Williams, of Southampton, and Sheriff Solomon, of Henrico, were appointed a committee to prepare work for a future meeting, which will be held at their call.

At the recent session of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars Mr. George W. Hawxhurst, grand secretary, was the recipient of a handsome and costly silk quilt, presented by the lady members of Trinity Lodge, of Richmond. The quilt has handsomely worked upon it the names of all the lodges in the State, which contributed $1 towards the same—about 100 in number. Mr. Hawxhurst has served as grand secretary continuously for twenty-one years, and with one exception has been re-elected by acclamation each year.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the California Fig-Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver, and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all, and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

RICHMOND TERMINAL

PRESIDENT INMAN ON THE CRITICISM OF GENERAL THOMAS.

Importance of the Advisory Committee—Value of the Influence of the Big Trust Companies.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 9.—John H. Inman, president of the Richmond Terminal Company, returned this morning from attending the annual meeting of the company yesterday at Richmond, Va. When asked by a reporter if he had anything to say in reply to the criticism of General Thomas that the committee did not represent a majority of the stockholders and that the larger holders of stock were perfectly able to manage the company's affairs without outside assistance, Mr. Inman said: "The appointment by the stockholders of the committee of able financiers to aid the company in perfecting the best plan for the permanent adjustment of its affairs does not indicate any belief on their part or on the part of the present management that the Terminal Company or the system of roads it controls is overwhelmingly involved. On the contrary, as shown in the annual report, the Terminal Company owes no floating debt whatever, and the real embarrassment in the situation arises from the fact that the railroad companies have not been able to sell their securities at satisfactory prices to meet their engagements.

THE IMPORTANT THING TO RE-ESTABLISH CONFIDENCE.

"There is no disguising the fact that the prices of our securities indicate a great want of confidence in the situation. It must be apparent to any unprejudiced person that the most important work before the company is to secure a thorough restoration of public confidence.

"I can readily understand that all of those who had hoped to see the Terminal system disintegrated feel disgruntled by the appointment of the committee, but those whose only object is to build it up and put it upon a sound financial footing should look with pleasure to the aid and co-operation of such men as the stockholders have appointed. The committee have elected Mr. Norton chairman and will, I presume, proceed at once to the work in hand. In fact, they have already begun work, and have asked for some accounts, figures, etc., which are now being prepared for them. I have nothing further to say on the subject."

WALL-STREET VIEWS.

In Wall street the opinion was very generally expressed that whatever course the committee recommended would in all probability be adopted.

"It is pretty difficult to buck against anything the big trust companies undertake to carry through," said one prominent broker, "and it is noticeable in this case that not only the Central Trust Company, by Mr. Olcott, its president, who is himself well-nigh invincible in matters of this kind, but the New York Security and Trust Company, Mr. Fairchild president, and the Mercantile Trust Company, General Louis Fitzgerald president, are represented on the committee. Whatever they report, therefore, is very likely to go through, General Thomas to the contrary notwithstanding."

The laws of Virginia do not permit an assessment on the stock of corporations, a broker said to-day, but he expressed the opinion that when the report of the committee is made it would be found that that is practically what the committee will recommend, and to the amount of 15 per cent. in return for preferred stock at 50, which would really make the assessment only 7½ per cent.

AN OCTOGENARIAN PASSES AWAY.

Mr. E. G. Gilliam, of Campbell, Dead—Prevalence of the Grip.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 9.—Dr. Thomas J. Williams died here this morning, aged eighty years. He was a native of Eastern Virginia, but had resided in Amherst a number of years.

E. G. Gilliam, a prominent citizen of Campbell county, died last night. He was a galiant Confederate soldier of the Eleventh Virginia regiment.

Physicians state that there is more sickness here—mostly la grippe—than was ever known in the history of the city.

Postmaster Charged with Shortage.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., December 9.—J. Benson Simpson, postmaster at Fincastle, was arrested and arraigned before United States Commissioner Rodes to-day for defalcation in office. He waived examination and was bailed in the sum of $2,000 to appear at the next term of the United States Circuit Court in Lynchburg, in March. The alleged shortage is about $300.

The Races.

GUTTENBURG, N. J., December 9.—The track to-day was very heavy.

First race—six furlongs—Zampost won; Emperor Otho second, Lupa (filly) third. Time, 1:20.

Second race—five furlongs—Volunteer II. won; St. James second, Trestle third. Time, 1:05¼.

Third race—six and one-half furlongs—Double Cross won; Radiant second, J. B. third. Time, 1:28½.

Fourth race—one mile—Bohemian won; Esquimau second, Cynosure third. Time, 1:48¾.

Fifth race—five furlongs—Once Again won; Chapman second, Flydora third. Time, 1:06½.

Sixth race—seven furlongs—Sparling won; McKeever second, Reporter third. Time, 1:24¼.

GUTTENBURG ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

First race—seven eighths of a mile, beaten horses—Eclipse, 113; St. James, 108; Missive, 107; Sir Rae, 103; Gyda, 101; Lillian Tourist, 100; Puzzle, 99; Virgie, 94; Maxim (filly), 85; Allequipa, 83; Mabel Pomeroy, 71; Panhandle, 87.

Second race—five eighths of a mile, selling—Salusbury, 113; Sam Morse, 108; Frank L., Gra