BUCK BRUCE GUILTY.

THE VERDICT IN THE NOTED CORN-SHUCKING MURDER IN AMHERST.

Motions in Arrest of Judgment—The Acts of the Circuit-Court Clerk Claimed to Be Invalid and Trial a Nullity.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

AMHERST COURTHOUSE, VA., April 22.—The jury in the case of the Commonwealth against Buck Bruce for the murder of Charles Hartless, which has been on trial for three days in the Circuit Court of this county, this morning brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. The theory of the defence was that Hartless, who was stabbed to death in a drunken row at a corn-shucking last fall, at which both Bruce and his son were present, was killed by the son, who fled that night and is still at large.

A SURPRISE.

The verdict was a surprise to many who did not think the evidence justified it. Several motions in arrest of judgment were made by counsel for the accused, the ground of one of which was that the clerk of the Circuit Court, who issued the writs for this case since his qualification as such, has held the position of distributing clerk in the post-office here, which, it is claimed, vacated his office as clerk and rendered the whole trial a nullity.

A SERIOUS QUESTION.

As this was a question of very great importance, affecting not only the prisoner at the bar but possibly the whole civil business transacted during the term more or less, the Court withheld its decision and took a recess until the 3d of May, when the validity of the acts of the de facto clerk will be fully argued by counsel, not only in the Bruce case but others heard at this term.

CONSTERNATION.

The point raised has produced some consternation among the lawyers and litigants, all of whom were ignorant until to-day that the clerk had held any other position since his appointment as clerk in February last.

INCREASE LIQUOR-LICENSE TAXES

Alexandria's School Problem—To Unite Maryland and Chesapeake Presbyteries.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 22.—The City Finance Committee of the City Council have at last struck what seems to be a solution of the want of money for the public-school problem.

It is proposed to increase the liquor-license tax to $100, and to devote the additional tax to public-school purposes.

This will give the schools over $3,000 additional, and will, with the funds allowed by the State and the usual appropriation of from $10,000 to $12,000 by the city, remove all money trouble from the school system here for some time to come.

The bill increasing the license-tax will be reported to the City Council on Tuesday night next, and may be defeated, as the liquor-dealers are making a vigorous fight against it. If it is defeated the city will have but to go down into the treasury pocket for a large increase in the appropriation for school purposes for the ensuing year. If the city adopts its usual niggardly policy, and does not increase its appropriation, some of the schools will be forced to close their doors.

PROPOSITION TO UNITE.

There is a proposition on foot in the Presbyterian Church to unite the presbyteries of Maryland and the Chesapeake, and at the meeting of the presbytery yesterday a committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee from Maryland in regard to the matter. The presbytery also refused to adopt the "revised directory."

Rev. Dr. Dinwiddie preached in the Second Presbyterian church last night to the members of the presbytery.

The german given in McBarney's Hall last night by Miss Sallie V. Dangerfield to her guest, Miss Nellie LaMotte, of Louisville, Ky., was a most enjoyable one. The bright and happy faces of the young ladies and gentlemen with the beautiful decorations of the hall made a picture long to be remembered. Dancing was enjoyed until the "wee sma' hours," when all went home much pleased with their evening's enjoyment. Among those present were Misses Eliza and Rebecca Dangerfield, Ellen Hubert, Bessie Lee, Josie Robinson, Effie Ware, Lucy Brooks, Maud Perrin, and May Uhler, and Messrs. Carr, Dangerfield, Davis, Boothe, Dunn, Brooks, Wood, Elliot, Scott, and Leadbeater.

PYTHIANS, ODD-FELLOWS, ELKS.

All the Orders Flourishing in Norfolk—Suit Against a Railroad.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, April 22.—Colonel D. J. Turner is actively at work and will soon organize a regiment of Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias in Virginia.

Rev. George D. Vanderslice will deliver the address before the Odd Fellows in this city on the 26th instant.

The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of this city are arranging for a grand exhibition at an early day for the benefit of the order.

Additional delegates were appointed last night to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Atlanta, Ga., next month.

Mr. Fred. Gaines, of Portsmouth, left this morning to take charge of the Young Men's Christian Association in Gainsville, Texas, and Mr. James Atkinson will leave in a few days to take charge of the Young Men's Christian Association in Raleigh, N. C.

SUIT FOR $10,000.

In the Corporation Court Mrs. Ella A. Daughety is suing the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company for $10,000 damages for injury by her carriage being run into on the Lambert terminal last fall.

Naval-Constructor F. T. Bowles and Surgeon Wheeler, of the navy-yard, are both ill.

The funeral of Captain W. C. Williams was attended yesterday afternoon by the Old Dominion Guards, Portsmouth Rifles, and Grimes' Battery, and was an imposing *cortege*.

The steamboat line from here to Petersburg has been suspended.

Mayor Marx has received a letter from A. M. Tyler in regard to the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Society premiums.

There is great satisfaction here over the progress of the naval rendezvous appropriation.

SHOT AND CUT BY NEGROES.

Charles Felton, a White Lunatic, Brutally Maltreated—Colored Boy Injured.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

SUFFOLK, VA., April 22.—This morning three negroes were brought to Suffolk and lodged in the county jail to await trial for an assault on Charles Felton (white) last Wednesday night at a point about seven miles from town. The negroes claim that Felton, who is a man of weak mind, was prowling around the house in which they were stopping, and that they feared he would kill them. They shot him in the side and beat and cut him in a terrible manner. Being a lunatic, Felton was taken to jail for safe keeping. He presented a very pitiable appearance.

Yesterday afternoon while a colored boy about ten years old was frolicking in the kindling-wood pile his arm was caught in some of the machinery and broken in four places. Subsequently Drs. Phillips and Kills amputated the arm at the shoulder.

Powhatan Court Proceedings.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

POWHATAN COURTHOUSE, VA., April 22.—The spring term of our Circuit Court has been in session here since Monday. It was the first appearance of our new judge, the Hon. Samuel P. Coleman, upon the bench in this county. Judge Coleman has won golden opinions as a judge from all who have witnessed his administration of justice. Dignified in manner, patient in listening, prompt in deciding, and impartial in his rulings, it seems the universal opinion of lawyers and people that he will adorn the position worthily filled by the lamented and much-beloved Judge Frank D. Irving, who preceded him.

Nearly the whole time of the court was consumed in trying cases against the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company. There were two cases against the former company disposed of, in both of which judgments were entered for the company. Major Robert Stiles, of your city, appeared for the telegraph company.

There were five cases against the railroad company, in three of which judgments were entered for the company, and in the remaining two a judgment of $400 was entered for the plaintiff in the first and $35 for the plaintiff in the second case. The first was a suit instituted by Mrs. Susan M. Sampson, of Manchester, claiming damages, which she placed at $15,000, for serious injuries received by her in consequence of the negligence of the company in carrying her beyond her station and landing her in a ditch, and with such negligence as to cause the injury complained of. This case excited great interest and there was a large attendance of spectators and many witnesses, among the latter being Dr. George Ross and Dr. J. P. Upshur, of your city, who were examined as medical experts for the company. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $400.

The second suit was brought by Mrs. O. R. Bass for damages growing out of the negligence of the railroad company in carrying her beyond her station at night and compelling her to walk to her home. She laid her damages at $500, and the jury gave her $35.

Messrs. Meade Haskins and Willis S. Smith, of your city, represented Mrs. Sampson, and Mr. William M. Flanagan, Mrs. Bass. Messrs. Bevley B. Munford, of your city, and Thomas M. Miller appeared for the railroad company in all the cases.

The farmers in this section are very far behind with their crops. It is the latest spring in the memory of the oldest inhabitant and the continuous rains have greatly retarded all farming operations.

BEATEN OUT BROWN'S BRAINS.

Foster Assaults His Father and Then Brutally Murders Another Man.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

RAPHINE, VA., April 22.—At New River Depot last night there was perpetrated one of the most cold-blooded murders that has ever been heard of in this section. A man named Foster was beating his father most unmercifully, when Mr. Brown came up to him and told him that he must stop. Instead of stopping he knocked Brown down with a rock and then threw another large rock on Brown's neck, producing almost instant death. Before assistance could reach them the blood-thirsty man had beaten out Brown's brains and was gashing his father's head, inflicting the deepest wounds. Foster is under arrest and will be taken to Newbern after the coroner's inquest this morning.

IS HE A CRANK OR A SUICIDE?

W. V. Lewis Mysteriously Goes Away and Leaves Some Odd Letters.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 22.—Your correspondent unearthed a mystery to-night, and whether it is a suicide, the freak of a crank, or a man who wishes to avoid the police is not known. The facts are as follows: A man, apparently about 25 years of age, came to this city several days ago, and engaged board with a Mrs. Phelps, on Church street. He stated that his name was W. V. Lewis, and that he had formerly been pastor of the Second Baptist church at Troy, Ala., but he had left the ministry on account of his health, and that he had secured a situation with the Singer Sewing-Machine Company in this city and proposed to make his home here for a time. He stopped overnight at Mrs. Phelps's, and on Tuesday evening, after eating his supper, stated to his hostess that he intended going out on College Hill to visit a friend, and that if he did not return that night to feel no uneasiness, as he might decide to stop all night with his friend.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

Nothing more has been heard of Lewis, and to-night Mrs. Phelps concluded, with the assistance of your correspondent, to search his room, it having been locked ever since Lewis's departure. A great many letters from young ladies were found lying loose on the chairs, mantel, and in his trunk, nearly all of which had been written over by Lewis, expressing sorrow for some episode of his life. On several of them, especially one directed to Mrs. Phelps, he expressed the desire to die and stated "that he could not bear this existence any longer and proposed to commit suicide."

CURIOUS REVELATIONS.

All of the pictures in the room were also written over, and one of them, a picture of himself and a half-brother, had the following on its back: "This is myself and half-brother. Please forward to him. His name is Rev. Marable, of Georgia."

On the back of another letter addressed to him in the handwriting of a lady, and signed Clyde B., he wrote: "This has been my ruin."

There were also found several letters from a lady signing herself "Nannie B.," and others "Cora."

The police have been notified of the disappearance of the young man and will no doubt work the case up.

The lady at whose house he stopped is thoroughly convinced that Lewis has committed suicide, as he seemed despondent and there is no cause for his disappearance. He only owed one day's board and he left all of his clothes, trunk, &c., in his room.

Colonel A. W. Strange Dead.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 22.—Colonel A. W. Strange, one of the oldest and best-known citizens of this city, died this morning at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Strange was a native of Fluvanna county and was born on February 13, 1823. He belonged to a family of high standing in that section of the State. He held positions of trust and responsibility in Fluvanna before his removal to Lynchburg, which was in November, 1865. From July 1, 1867, to May 15, 1889, Mr. Strange was business manager of the Lynchburg *News*. He gave up that position on account of his health and had not since engaged in any active business. Before he came to Lynchburg he had suffered a severe attack of fever, which left him a cripple. As he grew older walking became more difficult for him, until he finally had to use both a crutch and a cane. For the last few months he had not been on the street at all. About ten days ago his crutch slipped as he was walking in his room and he fell to the floor. Being a very heavy man the injury he received went hard with him, and for several days there had been little hope that he could live long. The deceased was a member of Marshall Lodge of Masons and will be buried with Masonic honors.

C. B. Lohr Acquitted.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

STAUNTON, VA., April 22.—C. B. Lohr, a young veterinary surgeon, who was brought here from Indiana last week, on a requisition from Governor McKinney, charged with horse-stealing in this county, was acquitted at the preliminary examination held here to-day.

LEE CAMP'S WEEKLY MEETING.

An Invitation to Participate in the Hill Statue Unveiling Accepted.

Lee Camp had quite an interesting meeting last night and the attendance was good, despite the inclement weather.

An invitation from the Pegram Monument Association to take part in the unveiling of the Hill statue on the 30th of May was accepted, and the camp will turn out in full ranks. A letter from R. E. Lee Camp, No. 2, of Alexandria, making some inquiries of the scenes and tableaux of the late entertainment was read and the commander directed to give the information. Captain E. G. Bosher was elected a member, and Colonel W. E. Tanner and three others proposed for membership.

The camp will take an active part in assisting the Stuart-Monument Association in an entertainment next month, the proceeds to be used in the endeavor to erect a statue to the gallant cavalry leader. Commander Archer addressed the camp, alluding to its nine years' existence, advocated the building of a hall for its own use, and urged the establishment of a sinking fund for that purpose. His remarks were cordially endorsed by the members present, and several good suggestions were made looking to the carrying out of the idea.

Two beautiful bouquets from the Misses Lateer, of York, S. C., were presented to Commander Archer through Captain John Cussons as an evidence of their esteem and respect for the camp.

Interesting remarks or reminiscences were made by Comrades Smith, Redford, A. N. Gill, Bowery, Libby, Crump, Bigger, and others.

Interesting Church Services.

The services at the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow afternoon will be of unusual interest. The usual boys' meeting will be held at 3 o'clock and an hour later Mr. Rosewell Page will address the young men on the "Excellency of the Moral Law." Mr. Shepherd Webb will act as accompanist for the following quartette: Mrs. J. A. Briggs, soprano; Miss L. B. Walter, alto; Mr. Horace F. Smith, tenor, and Mr. P. F. Greenwood, bass.

The pulpits of nearly all of the Richmond churches will be filled by their respective pastors to-morrow, and, as will be seen from the column of announcements, several of the ministers will preach on special subjects. Rev. Dr. James Nelson, of the Female Institute, will preach for the Grove-Avenue congregation both morning and night.

The music of last Sunday morning at the First Baptist church was of a very high order, and by very general request will be repeated at the 11 o'clock service to-morrow. Among the selections are "Christ, Our Passover," "Asit Begun to Dawn," and "Gloria in Excelsis." The choir comprises Mrs. W. P. Knowles, soprano; Mrs. Carrie Staude-Rowe, contralto; Captain Frank W. Cunningham, tenor; and Mr. H. Thurston Cardozo, baritone. Major H. Kirk Mathews is organist and director, and Mr. John S. Harwood the very efficient chairman of the Music Committee.

Rev. W. W. Smith is still preaching to large congregations at East-End Baptist church, on north Twenty-eighth street. Since last Sunday there have been forty conversions. The meeting is growing in interest and power.

Rev. L. A. Cutler will preach at the Masonic Home Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

A Pretty White Seal.

Dr. Ryland, curator of the Richmond College museum, received yesterday a rare gift for the college, which is greatly prized, and with it the following letter:

Rev. C. H. Ryland, D. D.:

Dear Sir,—I send you a specimen of natural history for the Richmond College museum, which I trust will be accepted with my best wishes. The young seal (White Cap) was captured in Notre Dame Bay, off the coast of Newfoundland, and was kindly forwarded by one of my friends and business representatives there.

Sincerely yours, B. F. JOHNSON.

The seal is pure white, about three feet long. It will have a special mounting, and already draws many persons to see it.

City Circuit Court.

The following suits were entered in the City Circuit Court yesterday:

Vashon & Sons against Mary E. and J. B. Bland for $300.

R. G. Southall, attorney, against Southern Local and Insurance Company for $215.

Catharine Dooley and Anna Hatdecty against the Supreme Sitting of the Order of the Iron Hall for $500.

Captain Smith's Funeral.

The funeral of Captain W. N. Smith took place yesterday evening from Pine-Street Baptist church. The services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Hutson, the pastor. Deceased was 57 years of age. The burial was by Marshall Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which Captain Smith was for years a member, and the interment was made at Hollywood. Captain Smith leaves a wife and several children.

"No cure, no pay," is the motto of the people's remedy, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

A THIRD-PARTY CALL

SWINSON WANTS A SQUARE PEOPLE'S-PARTY CONVENTION.

Perry Cox Exposes Butler's Plans to Capture the Democratic Convention—Polk Favored a Straightout Ticket.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 22.—A great sensation is caused by the publication to-day by A. L. Swinson, who is secretary of the Farmers' Alliance of Wayne county, of an address in which he attacks President Butler, of the State Alliance, and calls for a mass-meeting of the people of Wayne who favor the Third-party demands at Goldsboro' May 12th. He says: "We will organize for this county a People's party, promising in advance that no Butler can coax or drive us in perversion of our purpose and principles. All persons who favor the formation of a People's party on the St. Louis platform and are willing to stand by principle rather than policy and intrigue in obtaining it, and repudiate the idea of capturing any other party machine as a means to gain their ends, are invited to come. The questions of color or previous political affiliations are waived in this fight for rural and urban labor upon the merit of principle."

This is an attack on Butler's semi-avowed purpose to capture the Democratic State Convention.

Swinson favors a straightout Third-party convention.

BUTLER'S PLANS EXPOSED.

Perry Cox, a straightout Third party man, has to-day revealed a secret which throws much light on the work and plans of Polk, Butler, and other Alliance leaders. He says that last Sunday a conference was held here, at which Polk Butler, State Business-Agent W. H. Warth, and others were present.

Polk declared for a straightout Third party ticket, and Cox and some others took the same view; but Butler said that this plan was wrong; that the true plan was to capture the State Democratic Convention by means of his so-called Alliance convention, which is to be held here May 17th, the day before the State convention. He said: We will previously send our full Third-party forces to all the county primaries and conventions, thereby securing the delegates at the start under the guise of Democracy, and instead of sending delegates to the Chicago national convention we will send them to the Omaha Third-Party Convention. He further said: We can do this, for we will have the machine.

SEVERE STORM.

The severest electric-storm known here in April occurred this morning. The rainfall was excessive, and much hail fell. The electric discharges were very numerous. The storm centred here. The electric street-cars were stopped for three hours. The plant, as well as that of the fire-alarm telegraph and telephone, escaped damage.

The Adjutant-General announces to-day that all four regiments of the State Guard will encamp at the new camp-grounds at Wrightsville, two regiments going there July 21st, and two August 4th.

EXERCISE-DAY.

The annual field-day exercises at Wake-Forest College were held to-day. Among the winners were: Hundred-yard dash, E. R. Tull, 10 seconds; one-mile walk, J. A. Mason, 8 minutes 52 seconds; one-mile run, J. E. Yates, 5 minutes 38 seconds; running high jump, R. E. Major, 5 feet 3½ inches; standing high jump, J. J. Young, 4 feet 3 inches. The rain made the track heavy. Most of the records beat the State collegiate records.

A GOOD JUDGE.

Mr. Samuel B. Nelson, of Richmond, has just paid a visit to the stock-breeding farms of Captain B. P. Williamson and Mr. W. P. Batchelor here and inspected them carefully. Mr. Batchelor took him to ride behind Pamlico, the famous trotting stallion. Raleigh is coming to the front in the matter of breeding trotters. There are mares from Maine to Georgia on Batchelor's farm.

CHAPEL HILL'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

University Notes—The Chair of Political and Social Science—The Negro Question.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 21.—Rev. Dr. Thomas Hume, of the English department here, will deliver a lecture on the Holy Grail before the young ladies of Salem Female Academy, the famous Moravian institution, next Saturday, and will occupy the pulpit of Bishop Rondthaler, in the Old Stone church, Sunday morning and evening.

The University base-ball team will play Oak Ridge Institute here Saturday, and will cross bats with the Winston-Salem nine Monday. They showed up well in the recent game with Guilford College here, defeating her without any trouble, although she did not have the catcher she expected to play.

The debater's and declaimer's medals in the Dialectic Society have been won by Thomas Jefferson Cooper, of Cherokee county, and Mr. Atkinson, of Aberville, respectively, and the same medals in the Philanthropic Society by George C. Connor, of Wilson, and C. H. Harding, of Eastern North Carolina.

Professor H. H. Williams, of the chair of philosophy, has extended his course further than it has ever gone before here, and further probably than is now pursued by any other southern colleges, unless the University of Virginia be excepted. Rev. W. T. Towers, a graduate of a Canadian college and an Episcopal clergyman, and Rev. J. E. Fogartie, a graduate of Davidson College, N. C., and a Presbyterian minister, are now studying Kant. Professor Williams is a graduate of Yale and German universities.

Professor J. A. Holmes, State Geologist, has left with the corps of the State Geological Survey to examine into North Carolina's building stones, on which he will prepare a valuable report. This state is rich with granite, marble, and other building materials.

THE NEW CHAIR.

The DISPATCH correspondent yesterday interviewed President George T. Winston as to the nature of the newly-established chair of sociology here, which Dr. Winston is to conduct next year. He said: "It will be called the chair of political and social science, the present department of political economy to be included in it.

"The social science or sociology will be of a two-fold character. The lower classes will be taught by text-books and lectures and the social subjects taught will probably be education, the various systems of public and private education; the relation of society to education; compulsory education, &c., &c. Another subject will be temperance. It will be treated historically, the legislation of various countries in respect to it will be studied and all kinds of statistics relating to it will be examined. These two subjects will be studied next year.

"The advanced classes, besides the use of text-books and lectures, will be taught by personal observations, and by studying original matter, such as government, census, and State reports.

"Especial attention will be paid to the negro question, different points being assigned to different students. Investigations along this line will be conducted notably by use of census and State reports, and also by working up various localities.

"The aim will be, first, to have young men thoroughly grounded in the principles of political economy and thoroughly informed as to the history of the leading nations of the world in reference to their legislation on matters included under this head. Also, to instruct them fully as to the cardinal principles underlying society, to make historical and philosophical study of social institutions, and having laid this foundation, the advanced classes will be led to investigate for themselves living problems in our own political and social life. It will aim to train young men to investigate public problems as thoroughly, as scientifically, and impartially as they are trained to study problems in mathematics, languages, or philosophy."

Points from Person County.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

ROXBORO', N. C., April 21.—Person Superior Court has been in session this week. The state docket was light. On the civil docket were two suits. E. S. Moorman & Co. against the Penn Construction Company and Conway against same company, involving about $15,000, which were settled satisfactory to all parties concerned and suits dismissed. Court will probably adjourn this evening.

Politics are warming up some in this county. The Alliance at their county meeting last Thursday endorsed the St. Louis platform. Some of the members entered protests on the ground that it was not a legal meeting. The matter is now before the Judiciary Committee of the State Alliance.

W. W. Kitchin, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic party, has issued a ringing call for the primaries to elect delegates to the county convention, which will be held on Saturday, May 14, 1892. He requests every man to examine himself and see that he is a Democrat before entering the convention. It is a muddy call, and we hope to see other county chairmen do likewise.

Colonel Skinner's Letter Approved.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WELDON, N. C., April 22.—Colonel Harry Skinner's letter declaring against the Third party meets the approbation of the majority of farmers in this section. They are tried Democrats, as well as Alliance men.

A heavy thunder-storm passed over Weldon this morning. There was a heavy down-pour of rain and considerable lightning and thunder.

Mrs. Hurt, of Petersburg, who has been here for the past few days, returned home to-day. She is the mother of Mr. A. S. Hurt, of your city.

No Attempt to Lynch Him.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

GREENSBORO', N. C., April 22.—This city was considerably excited last night over the report that an attempt would be made to lynch Blackman, who so foully murdered his wife last Sunday, and a large number of citizens were called upon to guard our jail. There was no attempt made, however.

Fined for Knocking a Mule Down.

In the Police Court yesterday morning a negro named Tom Robinson was fined $10 for cruelly beating a mule belonging to Mr. W. Gandy. The evidence showed that the Gandy family, on the way to church, had their buggy stuck in the mud, and in the effort to straighten himself up the animal fell to the ground four times.

Charles Spott, Jr., charged with being drunk and disorderly on the base-ball park, was discharged, as in the opinion of the Justice the evidence, which was conflicting, did not establish the charge. The witnesses in the case were C. L. Butler, W. L. Weddill, S. B. Witt, John J. Powell, John D. Lively, Charles G. Booker, George Stokes, P. H. Dunnington, and Philip Bagley.

G. B. Whitby was required to give security for his good behavior for threatening to kill his stepson, E. L. Lewis. Whitby was also fined $10 and costs for striking Lewis with a glass decanter, while Lewis was assessed $5 and costs for striking Whitby.

THE FIRST MONEY IN HAND.

A New Member of the World's Fair Board—Card to Virginia Authors.

Out of the $25,000 appropriation for the World's Fair fund the first instalment of $2,500 has been, by order of the Governor turned over to Mr. M. S. Quarles, treasurer of the Board of Managers.

Treasurer Quarles has deposited the money in the Planters' National Bank, subject to the order of the board, and the work of preparing for Virginia's part in the great exposition has begun in earnest.

A NEW MAN ON THE BOARD.

Colonel D. S. Dean, the member of the Board of Managers for the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia, has, on account of pressing private business, resigned his position on the board. The Governor has appointed as his successor Mr. George V. Finch, of Boydton, Mecklenburg county.

Mr. Finch is a prominent member of the Mecklenburg bar, and a public-spirited gentleman of means, who is said to be admirably suited for the position which he has accepted.

A CARD TO THE AUTHORS.

The following explains itself:

To All Virginia Authors:

The Board of World's Fair Managers of Virginia, having determined to collect, if possible, all the works of Virginia authors and place them on exhibition in the Virginia building at Chicago during the exposition of 1893, and Superintendent Fawter, of the Miller Normal Labor School, having kindly offered to furnish a handsome cabinet of native woods for the purpose, your co-operation is earnestly requested.

It is first important to know how many books there will be to exhibit in order that steps may be taken at once for making a suitable cabinet; and all Virginia authors are hereby respectfully requested to communicate with the secretary or either member of the committee charged with the work of making this exhibit, whether they will contribute towards this valuable and rare collection, and if so, how many books. The members of the committee are: J. N. Brenaman, New Market; M. Glennan, Norfolk, and Mrs. John Paul, Harrisonburg.

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page and Mr. A. C. Gordon are the first of Virginia's bookmakers who have responded to the suggestion and offered their works. After the exposition, it is proposed that the library thus procured shall be donated to the State and be a part of the State library, already so famous as one of the most valuable in the whole country. All the newspapers in Virginia are requested to kindly copy this card.

T. C. MORTON, Secretary,
Post-Office Box 361, Richmond, Va.

MEETING OF THE HEBREW BOARD.

New Members Elected—Gratifying Reports Made—Beneficiaries Accepted.

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Board of the Hebrew Home for the Aged and Infirm was held last evening. Mr. Henry S. Hutzler presided, and the following members were present: Messrs. L. D. Morris, Charles Hutzler, Moses Thalhimer, S. Binswanger, Philip Whitlock, J. Lewitt, Abraham Levy, Isaac Held, Rev. Dr. Edward N. Calisch, and Hon. William Lovenstein. Mr. S. M. Goodman was excused for unavoidable absence.

It was a source of great satisfaction to the board that such very good reports were made by the officers, and particularly so in regards to the report sent by the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee for the quarter just ended. The ladies also sent a check for $653.73, the result of their three months' labor.

Resolutions were adopted, warmly thanking them for their substantial aid and also expressive of appreciation of the assistance rendered by others.

Five life-members were elected, which now makes the list of those so honored foot up twenty-eight names. The new life-members are Mrs. Joseph M. Rosenbaum, Mr. Jacob Edel, Mr. Julius Straus, Mr. Myer Kirsh, and the Hon. William Lovenstein.

Mr. S. Proskauer was re-elected solicitor and complimented upon his active services in behalf of this great charitable work of our Jewish citizens. A pleasing incident of the meeting was the contribution of little Miss Kahneveller ($2.50). The schoolmates of this little miss made candy and sold it for the benefit of their respective favorite charities. Her profit was $2.50, which she sent through the president to the Hebrew Home. It was suitably acknowledged.

The association has not the funds to build a home, nor can it afford to buy one, consequently all the worthy aged and infirm under their care are boarded with private families.

It is hoped that sufficient funds for the purchase of a building will be accumulated in the near future.

Three persons—two ladies and one gentleman—were accepted as beneficiaries last evening, and a sum was appropriated for their yearly support.

Several substantial contributions from non-Israelites were reported.

HEAVY RAINS YESTERDAY.

High Water in Shockoe Creek, But No Damage Done.

A series of very heavy showers, accompanied by thunder and lightning, passed over the city yesterday afternoon, and about as much water fell as was ever known in the same space of time.

The streets were flooded to a depth of two or three inches, and umbrellas were useless. Shockoe creek rose very rapidly, but did not get over the arches, and no damage was done in that section.

On both Twelfth and Governor streets, where sewers are being constructed, the sides of the excavations were badly washed, and on the Governor-street work the city hands will have to do a good bit of bailing to-day.

During the progress of the storm, when the electrical disturbance was greatest, the electric cars stopped running, the current having been cut off at the power-house as a precautionary measure.

An Old Citizen Gone.

The death of Mr. Adam Link, one of our oldest citizens, is announced in the DISPATCH this morning.

He passed quietly away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. E. I. Hutcheson, 614 north Eighth street, on Thursday at 4 o'clock, after a long illness.

Mr. Link was an old Virginia gentleman. He was born in Augusta county November 25, 1801, and carried on the mercantile business successfully for many years, and was distinguished for his high sense of honor and integrity of character. He moved to this city after the war, where he continued to live until the time of his death.

He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church during his residence in Augusta county, and an honored member of the Grace-Street Presbyterian church after his removal to this city.

He leaves four children—Mrs. E. I. Hutcheson, Miss Annie and Mr. Preston Link, of Richmond, and Mr. Rhett Link, of Macon, Ga.

The funeral will take place from the Grace-Street Presbyterian church this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Death of Paul J. Dunnavant.

Mr. Paul J. Dunnavant died at his residence, 402 east Broad street, yesterday afternoon, after a lingering illness of some months. The deceased was 31 years of age and a native of Petersburg. For a number of years he was a clerk in the employ of Messrs. J. Thompson Brown & Co. Subsequently he removed to Baltimore, and from his return to Richmond up to the time of his being taken down with the disease which carried him off (consumption) was engaged in the insurance business. He married a Miss Crew, who, with one child, survives him. The funeral will take place from the residence at 1 P. M. to-day.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

Richeson against the Commonwealth. Writ of error, &c. refused to judgment rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county at March term, 1892.

Foster against city of Manchester. Further argued by Judge J. M. Gregory for plaintiff in error and Judge William I. Clopton for defendant in error and submitted.

Moore against Rohn. Argued by A. W. Patterson, Esq., for plaintiff in error and L. O. Wendenburg for defendant in error.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: William J. Leake, special commissioner, to S. Horace Hawes, 44 feet on south side Cary street between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, running back to Dock street, $1,700.

Henrico: Hattie C. and T. A. Lamb to James H. Barton, 21 acres on new North road, extending across the new Henrico and Hanover turnpike, to correct error; A. H. Rutherfoord and wife to L. H. Meeks, 35¾ feet on east side of Twenty-seventh street near K, $5.

A Boston Girl Arrested.

Bessie White was arrested yesterday morning by Policeman Brown and Sergeant Epps on the charge of stealing $10 from Massey Stratton. The woman was searched, and the money was found on her person. She claimed that Stratton gave her $10, out of which to purchase a bottle of wine, and that she wanted out, remained longer than he expected her to, and he had her arrested. Bessie just arrived here from Boston Thursday evening.

Rain Interrupts the Ball Game.

The game of base-ball which was to have taken place at Island Park between the Richmonds and Charlottes yesterday afternoon was postponed on account of the rain. The two teams will come here to-day and an interesting contest may be expected. The Donatians have secured the services of Quarles, the Petersburg pitcher, and he will go into the box this afternoon.

Mr. Jere R. Trayloe, travelling salesman for F. R. Pease & Co., says: I have been a sufferer from stomach troubles for years, all my life, in fact, and have tried many remedies, but Dr. Bull's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine I have found for the stomach. It has cured me.

FORTY-FOUR NEW DOCTORS

The Result of the Examination by the State Medical Board.

The State Medical Examining Board concluded their labors yesterday. Seventy-one applicants offered for license to practice medicine and surgery. Three dropped out and forty-four passed. The names of the successful applicants to whom certificates were awarded and the institutions from which they graduated are as follows:

Medical College of Virginia.—F. A. Williams, Avon, Va.; Emmet W. Meade, Dickinsville, Va.; Henry S. Meyer, Amherst county, Va.; Charles J. Bradshaw, Isle of Wight county, Va.; John B. Fisher, New Kent county, Va.; Edward F. Hamilton, Mecklenburg county, Va.; Charles S. Strickler, Shenandoah county, Va.; F. S. Parker, Richmond.

University of Virginia—Duff Green Lewis, Kabletown, W. Va.; Charles R. Vance, Bristol, Tenn; Fielding Lewis Taylor, A. M., University of Virginia.

College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore—J. N. Lewis, Kabletown, W. Va.; George L. Smith, Pittsylvania county, Va.; J. E. Huff, Floyd county, Va.; Marshall P. Jones, Highland county, Va.; Edward J. Jones, Highland county, Va.; Julius Abbott, Appomattox county, Va.; D. M. Kipps, Burlington, W. Va.; W. J. Wallace, Stafford county, Va.

University of Maryland—W. L. Lewis, Essex, Va.; S. D. Few, Rockingham county, Va.; N. T. Greer, Franklin county, Va.; I. H. Smoot, Shenandoah county, Va.; R. E. Pool, Petersburg, Va.; H. W. Henry, Jr., Staunton; L. L. Ely, Suffolk; Dennis Spaulding, Baltimore, Md.; S. D. Bill, Pittsylvania county, Va.; C. R. Massey, Spotsylvania county, Va.; A. R. Bowles, Richmond, Va.; R. E. Hughes, Fluvanna county, Va.; Philip P. Parish, Covington, Va.

Louisville Medical College—C. B. Lee, Franklin county, Va.; Alvah Stone, Henry county, Va.; W. P. Norris, Augusta county, Va.

Bellevue College, New York—J. M. Ragland, New York; James B. Deshazo, Henry county, Va.

University of New York—A. P. Sommers, Wythe county, Va.

Miami College, Ohio—Otto M. Robins, Richland, Va.

College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York—E. A. Hatton, Portsmouth, Va.

Fulta College, Cincinnati—G. J. Bagby, Suffolk.

University of Louisville—J. M. Harman, Floyd county, Va.

Drs. John N. Barney, of Fredericksburg, and John R. Bagby, King and Queen, were not graduates of any institution, but stood first-class examinations, and under the law were entitled to their certificates.

CHARTERS GRANTED BY COURTS.

The Taxes That Have Been Paid on Them Cannot Be Refunded.

Since the decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals in the charter-tax case of the Combined Saw and Planer Company against the Secretary of the Commonwealth Judge Flournoy has received a number of letters from corporations which had paid the tax prior to the rendering of the decision, requesting that the money so paid be refunded.

As stated in the DISPATCH some days ago the decision referred to applies only to the especial case that was before the court. The last Legislature amended the defective act under which the decision was rendered and made it unequivocal that all charters, court as well as legislative, were subject to tax upon lodgment in the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth. The taxes paid prior to the decision were voluntary—the Attorney-General having instructed the Capitol officers not to receive any such taxes under protest—and the money having been turned into the treasury, cannot be refunded without special legislation.

That the General Assembly will hardly be inclined to legislate for relief in this direction is shown by the fact that the defect in the law was clearly an unintentional omission, and was remedied as soon as it was called to the attention of the body.

Drowned in the Dock.

Henry Marsh, a steward on the pleasure-yacht Coronet, which reached this city from New York Thursday evening, was drowned while attempting to board the vessel yesterday morning.

The deceased, who was a white man, was 26 years old, and had a family in New York. The remains were taken to McDemough's undertaking establishment and will be sent home.

Coroner Taylor viewed the remains, and, after a careful investigation of the facts connected with the death of the man, decided that his demise was caused by accidental drowning.

The Coronet, which is *en route* to the West Indies, will be here for several days.

T. P. A. Meeting To-Night.

The organization of a branch of the Travellers' Protective Association in this city has proven a decided success. The membership numbers seventy-five and the officers are anxious to add the names of not less than one hundred more commercial travellers to the list. The management is in excellent hands and the work of the association will be productive of much good to the travelling men of this city, as well as to the jobbing interest generally. A meeting of Virginia Division will be held at Murphy's Hotel at 8 o'clock this evening, and all commercial travellers and heads of firms are expected to attend.

The Hustings Court Yesterday.

In the Hustings Court yesterday Lewis Jones, charged with assaulting, cutting, and wounding William Timberlake, was given sixty days in jail and fined 1 cent. The judge set the verdict aside and granted a new trial for the May term.

Joseph Giannetti, accused of keeping his barroom open on Sunday, pleaded guilty, and was fined $10 and costs.

Judge Witt will call the civil docket to-day and requests all lawyers having cases to be promptly on hand.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: John Romer, Jr.'s, trustee to Lizzie Lillis, John Romer, Jr., and others, 48¼ feet on L