CITY COUNCIL WORK.

MATTERS AT PRESENT ENGAGING THE ATTENTION OF THAT BODY.

What Will the Retrenchment and Reform Committee Do?—The Eighth-Street Tunnel, the Crematory, Etc.

Many important matters are engaging the careful attention of the City Council just now. This is somewhat an off season for much business in this body, as the greater part of the work to be done in the city comes up for consideration in the early part of the year. Several members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council are out of town at present, but all of them expect to be at home in time to attend the regular September meetings.

One question upon which much interest has centered will probably be taken up by the lower branch at its next session. It is whether or not this body will agree to the amendment of the Board of Aldermen to the resolution directing heads of all departments of the city government to furnish to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform any information desired. It will be remembered that this measure was adopted by the Common Council, but was amended by the upper branch that the committee would have to make its questions specific.

It was upon this very point that the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform and Colonel Cutshaw, the City Engineer, disagreed, the latter taking the ground that to answer a general question as to amount of costs due to mistakes, &c., in the work upon the New City Hall would involve a great deal of time and labor and a research of records covering the past twelve or six years. Some members of the committee are very much displeased with the action of the Board in changing the resolution as it went from the Council.

THE TUNNEL PROBLEM.

Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., who has been recently engaged as counsel for the Richmond and Chesapeake Railroad Company, says the prospect is now good for the construction in the near future of the tunnel on Eighth street. This belief on his part is based upon a cablegram which he received one week ago to-day from Mr. Frederick, president of the company, who is in London several weeks in the interest of this enterprise. He claims Mr. Smith that the financial arrangements had all been perfected, and he could sail for New York that day, and reach Richmond the latter part of this week to straighten up matters and once again begin work. A new franchise will have to be obtained before work can be resumed on the long-deserted excavation, and it is understood that the application will not be made to the Council by the company has the money here to put up the $100,000 of indemnity which the old ordinance required.

WORK MONEY FOR LIGHTS.

The Council Committee on Light, which made a tour of inspection of the lights in other parts of the city several nights ago, will recommend the erection of a number of electric lights at various dark points in the territory traversed. It will be necessary for the Council to appropriate money for this illumination, and it is found that the old appropriation will not be consumed by the present year.

MAIN AND MADISON GRADE.

Among the most vital questions to be decided by the Council will be the adoption of the grade, recommended by the City Engineer, of Main street where it intersects with Madison. Property owners are making a strenuous fight against the views of Colonel Cutshaw, who says that the level of Main should be about four and a half feet higher at this point. This matter was referred by the Council back to the Committee on Streets for full and careful consideration.

A great deal of improvement is going on in this part of the city as to the opening, grading and paving of both streets and alleys.

The Committee on Streets is also looking into the feasibility of allowing the Richmond and Seven Pines railroad to cross its line and connect its tracks with those of the Richmond Union-Passenger Railway Company at Twenty-fourth and P streets.

THE CREMATORY.

Another section of the Council has expressed the trouble that the Committee on Health has. The crematory has been a bone of their existence, in consequence of the amount of complaining on the part of the Jackson-Ward colored people. This committee is now investigating the causes of these complaints and the City Engineer has been directed to report if the stack can be raised, so that the smoke and fumes will be properly carried off. Some members of the Council think the city should have another garbage furnace.

NOT A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.

Peter J. Meek, Champion Harmonica-Player, in the Police Court.

When the name of Peter J. Meek was called in the Police Court yesterday a rather tough-looking fellow of evident Irish descent walked out of the pen to answer to the charge of being a suspicious character. "What are you doing here, Peter?" queried the Justice, whereupon the accused pulled out about a dozen mouth-harps and assured his Honor that there was nothing irregular or improper about his conduct, as he was the champion harmonica-player in America. Others testified that Meek's testimony and he was discharged on the condition that he would give an exhibition of his skill upon the little instrument referred to after the adjournment of the court. This he did and greatly astounded the 200 negroes and white folks that remained in the hall to witness the performance. Meeks played everything that he knew, and when he at last interpreted a few spasms of joy the Justice and Sergeant were hilarious in their enthusiasm.

WANTED TO MITIGATE THE DEPUTY.

Georgiana Lewis (colored) was accused of assiduously resisting Deputy-High-Constable C. E. Richards while in the discharge of his duty and attempting to cut him with a hatchet. The woman was sent on to the grand jury. The assault upon the officer was made on Monday evening when he went to Georgiana's house to levy upon her furniture for rents.

The case of Charles Bowser (colored), charged with shooting Robert Harper during a rock-battle at the Fifth-Street Viaduct, was again continued until to-morrow. Bowser was discharged upon the accusation of striking and wounding John Thompson with a bottle. All parties concerned in this affair are little boys.

John Saunders (colored) was sent to the grand jury of the Hustings Court by the Justice on a warrant charging him with stealing a gold watch from a countryman named J. M. Thomas. Fannie Smith (colored), who was up on the same charge, was released, there being no evidence of larceny.

WATERMELON-RAISERS' ROW.

William Kellum, Charles Kellum, Charles Tucker, and Frederick Harris, all of whom are watermelon-raisers from Hanover, were before his Honor accused of assaulting and beating Albert O. Jenkins. All were discharged except Charles Kellum, who was assessed $2.50 and costs.

James Jones paid $10 and costs for cruelty to animals.

Alphonso Amoroso was accused of keeping his bar-room open on Sunday, but his case was postponed until to-morrow.

Valentine Meat-Juice Company Chartered

A charter was granted in the Circuit Court yesterday to the Valentine Meat-Juice Company. The purposes of the company are to manufacture meat-juice and other articles according to methods discovered and used by Mann S. Valentine. The capital stock of the company is $100,000. The officers are: Mann S. Valentine, president; Granville G. Valentine, first vice-president; Benjamin B. Valentine, second vice-president; Frederick S. Valentine, secretary, and Edward P. Valentine, secretary-treasurer. The directors, the above and Mann S. Valentine, Jr., Henry L. Valentine, and Walter M. Valentine.

Germans' Minstrels To-Night.

Germania High Class Minstrels will hold the boards at the Theatre to-night. The first part is new and original, the specialties are good, and the entire performance represented to be clean in every particular. The marching of the entire company to the gathering of the Clans to the good old tune of "The Campbells' are Coming" will arouse much enthusiasm. The Germans are well known here, having been to Richmond several times before. The advance sale indicates a large house.

Suing the Iron Hall.

In the Chancery Court yesterday suit was instituted against the Supreme Sitting Order of Iron Hall by T. Crowder, of Petersburg, and an attachment was issued upon the funds in the hands of certain officers of the order here. The writ was made returnable to September rules. The amount involved is $1,000.

Mr. Perry and the World's Fair.

Rev. J. R. Perry, of Chicago, who is here in the interest of the Board of Publicity and Promotion of the World's Fair, hopes to perfect an arrangement which will be a great source of convenience to Richmonders who attend the big exposition. He has directly under his charge three large and well-appointed hotels, and is in the South for the purpose of making contracts to furnish accommodations for parties from cities whereby they will know exactly when they are to go, where to stop, how much they are to be charged, &c. Mr. Perry is desirous of forming a World's-Fair club here.

OBSERVING THEIR ANNIVERSARY.

A Three-Night's Celebration of the First African Baptist Church.

The past three nights have been memorable ones in the history of the First Baptist (colored) church, they having witnessed a continued festival in honor of the completion of the twenty-five years' continuous service of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Holmes. The building was quite handsomely decorated, the pillars being festooned with cedars and the pulpit set with potted plants.

The festival began Sunday night, when Rev. A. Binga, of Manchester, delivered a discourse, in which he spoke in the most laudatory terms of the pastor, who for seven years after he was elected attended school that he might be able to minister properly to the needs of his flock.

Monday night Rev. Watts, of Moore-Street, and Rev. Graham, of Fifth-Street, made suitable addresses.

The concluding celebration was held last night, when Rev. Wells, of Ebenezer church, spoke upon "Woman in Her Relations to the Church." Interesting remarks were also made by Rev. Ferguson, of Mt. Calvary church, Fulton, and others.

Goodly audiences were present at each service. A small admission fee was charged and quite a snug sum was realized for the church treasury.

Singing by the choir and congregation was a marked feature of the occasion.

City Circuit Court.

The following suits were entered in the City Circuit Court yesterday: Merchants' and Planters' Savings Bank against the Richmond Hardware Manufacturing Company, for $2,591.33; Albert Miller, assignee of Arena Carter and her son, against the Union Central Life-Insurance Company, for $500; George K. Anderson against S. J. Reizenstein, for $300.

Begging for the Orphans.

Rev. D. J. Jenkins, president of the Colored Orphan Asylum, of Charleston, S. C., is in the city soliciting funds for that institution. He will call upon both white and colored. The Charleston *News and Courier* says that the Rev. Jenkins is enthusiastically in earnest in his work, which that paper commends very highly.

The Moonlight Last Night.

The moonlight excursion of Company F, of the First Virginia Regiment, to Dutch Gap last night was a delightful affair. About 115 persons took advantage of the trip down the river, and the air was just exhilarating enough to make it pleasant for all.

Personals and Briefs.

Miss Bettie McCaw has gone on a visit to Midlothian.

Captain Robert E. Lee, Jr., was in the city yesterday.

Mr. F. R. Brown, of Newport News, is in the city on business.

A called meeting of Old Dominion Club will be held to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Page have gone to the White Sulphur.

Captain John F. Mayer has returned from a brief trip to Philadelphia.

A swarm of bees has taken possession of a tree in the yard of the Westmoreland Club.

Mr. George M. Muse, treasurer of Roanoke county, was in the city yesterday on official business.

Mr. John L. Culligan, of Ford's Hotel, has returned from a visit to a number of northern resorts.

Mr. E. B. Lewis, of Texas, is on a visit to friends in Virginia for the first time in twenty-five years.

Mr. George W. Nelms, who has been visiting friends in Richmond, returned to Newport News yesterday.

Mayor Ellyson is attending the Appomattox Baptist Association at Liberty church, Appomattox county.

Mr. A. M. Tyler, secretary of the Virginia Exposition, left yesterday afternoon for the races at Cape Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. William Flegenheimer returned yesterday from Atlantic City, N. J., after an absence of two weeks.

Mr. John L. Boltz, of south Laurel street, has improved very much and is now able to attend to business.

Dr. J. F. Lynch, of Florida (formerly of Richmond), and Mrs. Lynch are at Ford's Hotel *en route* to Madison county.

Miss Joanna Wall, of Lynchburg, is visiting Mrs. John Nugent, of Church Hill, and in a few days will return home.

Messrs. O. H. Funsten and R. H. Harwood, of this city, were registered at the St. Louis Hotel, Quebec, on the 20th.

Mr. William J. Woods has returned to the city after an extended trip to Hampton, Old Point, Norfolk, Washington, and Baltimore.

Wiley Gibson (colored) was received at the penitentiary yesterday from Lee county to serve a term of three years for housebreaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McLauchlan left yesterday for Norwich, Conn., and Mrs. D. A. Richardson for New York, all via the steamer Old Dominion.

The Methodist Sunday schools recently organized at the Soldier's Home and Barton Heights are growing rapidly and great interest is being taken in them.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Pitt, Professor Charles H. Winston, and Mr. T. H. Ellett will attend the meeting of the Blue Ridge Association at Martinsville this week.

Rev. E. B. Pollard, of New Haven, Conn., who is on a visit to his father, Professor Pollard, of Richmond College, will preach at Clay-Street Baptist church to-night.

The ambulance was called last night at 10:05 o'clock to the Third-Street engine-house to a colored man who was sick, but he left before the arrival of the physician.

Mr. M. McD. Prichard, general agent of the United Banking and Building Company, has just returned from a pleasant visit to Atlantic City and other northern summer resorts.

Dr. J. B. Moore, of Ayletts, Va., was in the city yesterday with his daughter, Miss Vic. The latter was on her way to Smithville, Tenn., where she has accepted a professorship in the Fountain College.

Mrs. W. D. Harton and her mother, Mrs. H. Holleran have returned from Baltimore, New York, and Saratoga much improved by their trip. They were accompanied home by Mr. J. J. Holleran.

Mr. Emmett Richardson, who lives at Quinton, on the York-River Division of the Richmond and Danville railroad, had 1,000 cords of wood burned on Sunday. It is not known here what was the origin of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Mardaga and their little granddaughter, Mina Sutherland, left for their home, in Baltimore, on Monday after a week's visit to their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Burkert, of north Twenty-second street, Fairmount.

An agreement was admitted to record in the Chancery Court yesterday between the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company and the Missouri Car and Foundry Company for the purchase by the former from the latter of 1,000 box-cars.

A horse attached to an open buggy ran over one of the fences on the boulevard at New-Reservoir Park Monday afternoon. With the assistance of Mr. H. Calder, keeper of the park, the animal was extricated without serious damage to animal or vehicle.

Mr. James A. Gentry, who has for some years been editor of the *Keynote*, the organ of the Mozart Association, has severed his relation with that little sheet. It is understood that the paper will in future be conducted under the auspices of the Music Committee of the association.

The alarm of fire from Station No. 4 at 10:55 o'clock yesterday morning was occasioned by the discovery of a slight blaze in a room of a house on Clay street near Brooke avenue. Some clothing had caught fire from a gas-jet. They were quickly extinguished and the damage was very slight.

Rev. A. R. Moore is holding a meeting this week at Gethsemane church, in Hanover county. He will enter upon his duties as pastor of the Marshall-Street Christian church the first Sunday in September. Rev. L. A. Cutler, until recently pastor of Marshall-Street, is now doing evangelistic work in Southwest Virginia. He will probably be similarly engaged in this section of the State after September 1st.

The report of the Baptist city missionary, Rev. G. F. Williams, presented at the meeting of the Missionary Association Sunday afternoon, showed that he had conducted noontide services at the shops and meetings at the mission-tent at night during the past month. He preached 34 sermons, baptized 1, 2 were reclaimed, 9 professed faith, and over 60 requested prayer. The tent meeting in Fulton closed Sunday night. The report of his assistant, Miss M. Apperson, also showed good work done by her.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

MR. ROACH AND MISS EASTWOOD MARRIED IN WASHINGTON.

The Question of a New Grade—The New Fire Department Organized—Personals and Briefs.

Mr. Charles W. Roach and Miss Isadore Eastwood, both of this city, were married in Washington day before yesterday. The couple left here Monday morning, and after being wedded in the capital city took the train for other northern cities.

The groom is a well-known young gentleman of this city, and is an efficient employee of the Richmond Stove-Works. He is a son of Mrs. M. F. T. Roach and resides on Hull street between Fifth and Sixth. The bride is a very estimable young lady, and is a daughter of Mr. Alexander Eastwood.

The joint committee composed of the Committees on Grades and Finance of the School Board met in the principal's office of the Bainbridge-Street school last evening for the purpose of considering the propriety of creating another grade in each of the schools.

The committee after due consideration resolved to wait until the schools begin, when the enrolment may be ascertained and the matter reported to the board for action. The financial reports of last session were examined and audited.

FIREMEN ELECTED.

A meeting of the Fire Commissioners was held in the Council chamber Monday night for the purpose of electing officers and members of the new fire company. Those present were Chairman O'Brien and Messrs. John E. Utz, W. T. Hart, W. E. Starke, and Mathew Morton.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chief, A. J. Gallagher; First Warden, R. E. Owen; Second Warden, E. Gallagher; Foreman, W. J. Osterbind; Fireman, W. E. Smith.

The following were chosen as members of the company: H. S. Bradley, D. L. Toney, E. H. Crooks, Jr., Joseph Haley, L. D. Waymack, John Beach, J. M. Gibbs, Philip Browder, W. F. Morgan, A. L. Simpson, Alexander Rudd, James M. Lipscomb, Edward Baugh, Cornelius Mettert, and William M. Mutter. Their term begins the first of September and is for one year.

The commissioners request that the firemen-elect meet with them at the Council chamber next Friday night at 8 o'clock.

MRS. CARTER'S DEATH.

Mrs. Elizabeth Heath Carter, wife of Mr. Joseph L. Carter and mother of Messrs. W. J., Richard A., and Horace G. Carter, of Manchester, died Monday night at 9:45 o'clock at her late residence, on Halifax street, in Petersburg. Deceased had been ill for several weeks and bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude. The funeral will take place this morning at 10:30 o'clock from Wesley church, Petersburg.

The Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield held a meeting Monday and transacted much business of minor importance. The board has under consideration the issuance of $6,000 of bonds to pay for the new jail. Some citizens want these bonds to be of the denomination of $100 each, while others think that they should be in $500 bonds.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. D. E. Lipscomb left yesterday for New York on a business trip.

Mr. Robert French is spending his vacation with relatives and friends in Prince George county.

Mrs. Landon P. Jones is visiting friends in Nottoway county.

Mrs. William Knowles and Mrs. Margaret Jones have returned from the Bedford Alum Springs.

Mrs. B. F. Pilson and Miss Mary Mathews left yesterday for Baltimore.

Mr. W. B. Cox has gone to Charlottesville for a visit of several weeks.

Clerk Du Val, of the Hustings Court, issued a marriage-license yesterday to Mr. William W. Willard, of Richmond, and Miss Cora E. Griffith, of this city.

Mrs. S. T. Hancock and two little grandchildren, Louise and Lizzie, have returned home from Bedford county.

In the Mayor's Court yesterday morning Thomas Hancock and J. R. Charters were fined $2.50 each for fighting in the street.

Mrs. A. T. Atwell left yesterday afternoon for Clover Depot to join her sister, Miss Nannie Lithgow, who is visiting friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Franklin and Mrs. Owen have returned from Powhatan, where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Thomas Inge and daughter, of Lynchburg, are visiting Mrs. H. E. Harnish, of Chesterfield.

Miss Lena Chalkley, who was so badly burned at the Chester Female Institute several months ago, has so improved as to be able to walk around, much to the gratification of her friends.

Mr. Charles Harnish, of this city, is spending his vacation in Baltimore and Washington.

It is expected that Democratic clubs will be organized in the different wards tomorrow night, when meetings will be held to elect delegates to the district congressional convention.

A large crowd went out to Forest-Hill Park last evening to witness the aquatic exhibition by Professor Sorchy. The lake was beautifully lighted with calcium lights.

Rev. Dr. Paul Whitehead, of Richmond, was in the city yesterday afternoon.

There was to have been a meeting of the Second Ward Cleveland-Stevenson Club last evening, but very few voters put in their appearance, and no business was transacted.

OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE DEAD.

Funerals Yesterday of Mr. Fisher and Miss Morrissette—Others To-Day.

The remains of Mr. Edward H. Fisher reached the city yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, and were taken to the Monumental church by a detail of the Fire Department, of which he was third-assistant chief. The funeral took place from the church at 5 P. M., and the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Burton, rector of St. John's. In the assemblage were nearly all the members of the Fire Department who were off duty.

The pall-bearers were: Active—John P. Mayer, G. Watson James, B. T. August, R. H. Meade, E. L. C. Scott, and C. Lee Moore. Honorary—C. McLeod, John F. Knox, John Bell Bigger, A. W. Harman, Colonel C. O'B. Cowardin, Colonel John B. Purcell, J. A. Frischkorn, G. D. Moncure, and Major E. T. D. Myers.

The floral tributes were profuse and of exquisite design. The interment was at Hollywood, and as the procession passed the engine-houses on the route the bells were tolled.

MISS MORRISSETTE'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Miss Nemmie Morrissette, whose sad and sudden death was reported in yesterday's DISPATCH, took place from the Leigh-Street Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. Dr. R. H. Pitt conducted the service and was assisted by Rev. Joel T. Tucker. Dr. Pitt's short sermon, in which he discussed "the character of Christ in the death-chamber," was of a very practical character and most comforting to the bereaved family. He closed with a fitting tribute to the piety and Christian life of the deceased, who, he said, in the words of Christ when called to the home of the ruler of the synagogue whose daughter had just died, "is not dead, but sleepeth."

The floral designs were numerous and very pretty. The interment was made at Oakwood. These were the pall-bearers: James C. Harwood, Joseph M. T. Chidrey, Bernard Vaden, Walter Williams, George Wintree, Frank Butler, Charles Willroy, and Judson Taliaferro.

MRS. JOHN M. HIGGINS.

The funeral of Mrs. John M. Higgins will take place from St. Peter's Cathedral at 10 o'clock this morning, and the following gentlemen will serve as pall-bearers: Active—Dr. William H. Scott, Thomas Potts, R. E. English, A. Delaney, J. H. Chataigne, T. J. Robertson, and Captain C. F. Taylor. Honorary—Lawrence Lottier, Jr., Charles W. Harwood, Dr. John Mahoney, J. Fenton Taylor, and B. F. Johnson.

CAPTAIN JOHN M. WEST.

The remains of Captain John M. West, who died in Petersburg yesterday morning, will reach here at 2:15 P. M. to-day in a special car. They will be met at the Byrd-Street station by the Howitzer Veteran Association and the *attaches* of the Old Dominion Steamship Company and escorted to Hollywood, where the interment will take place.

Captain West was a practical printer, and often took occasion to keep in memory "the art preservative of arts." At the meeting of the International Union in this city, in 1872, Captain West tendered a train to the typos in their excursion to Petersburg, and aided in every way to make the trip to City Point and back a pleasure. He always had an open hand for a printer with a card, and throughout the country many will hear with regret the news of his demise.

Chamber of Commerce Corner-Stone.

There was another rehearsal at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall last night of the odes to be sung at the laying of the corner-stone of the Chamber of Commerce building Thursday afternoon. Grand-Senior-Warden Fitzgerald will officiate.

The officers, Board of Directors, Building and Finance Committees, and members of the chamber generally are invited to meet at 4:30 P. M. to-morrow in the rooms of the chamber, at the Merchants' National Bank building, to proceed in a body from that point to the site of the building, where a space has been apportioned for their accommodation.

Any article of a suitable character and bulk to be deposited in the corner-stone which members desire to contribute should be sent to the rooms of the chamber, Nos. 16 and 17 Merchants' National Bank building.

LOCAL BASE-BALL INTELLIGENCE.

Numerous Games to Be Played at Island Park Within the Next Ten Days.

The sheep-skin manipulators from Bedford City will struggle upon the diamond at Island Park this afternoon with the Forest Hills. The game will be called at 4:30 o'clock, and some interesting playing is on the *tapis*. The visiting nine is composed of first-class men and has made a very fine record so far this season, having won in fifteen games, lost in four, and tied in one. Lyston and Keefer will form the battery for the strangers, and that is enough to warrant one in expecting some extra fine twirling. Messrs. Hattorf and Luck will make the battery for the "Free Staters."

The Bedford City nine will play the Virginias to-morrow afternoon.

THE GAME POSTPONED.

Large drops of rain which fell thickly, rapidly, and forcibly yesterday afternoon prevented the Forest-Hills from playing ball at Island Park. Both teams were on hand and within the shadows of the bleacheries a goodly crowd had assembled for the purpose of witnessing the contest. Quarles, the Petersburg pitcher, was present to preside in the box for the Manchesterians, but all plans, like the dust, were allayed. The clubs decided to play the game next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock for a purse of $40 and the entire gate receipts. The Elbas have strengthened their nine by the addition of a new battery, which promises to be an unusually good one.

ANOTHER GAME.

Arrangements have been about completed whereby the Virginias and the club formerly known as Donati's Giants will play a game of ball next week. It will be for a purse of $100 and the gate fees. Among the players will be Tate, Kain, O'Rourke, Morgan brothers, Luck, and others.

The World's Fair at Blue Ridge Springs.

The Executive Committee of the Virginia World's-Fair Board of Managers will meet Friday at the Blue Ridge Springs to make the final arrangements for the erection of the Mt. Vernon State Building at Chicago and to attend to the routine business of the board.

The committee consists of Hon. A. H. H. Figgat, of Botetourt; Dr. A. Brockenbrough, of Northampton; Colonel A. S. Buford, of Richmond; M. Glennan, Esq., of Norfolk; Hon. W. I. Jordan, of Halifax, and J. N. Brenamon, Esq., of Shenandoah. Besides these gentlemen and the secretary, T. C. Morton, of Staunton, there will be present Dr. Apperson, the business commissioner, and Captain E. Rodgers, the architect.

This will be the occasion of quite a gathering of World's-Fair people. Mrs. Beale, the lady assistant, has arranged to have a grand World's-Fair concert, bringing over her Botetourt quintette, which made such a success at Buchanan. The ladies from Roanoke and Lynchburg, who are prominent in World's-Fair matters, will follow her concert with a pretty Columbian ball. The Norfolk and Western will give special rates, and a great time is expected at the Blue Ridge.

The Still and Conley Cases.

Mr. R. W. Sturgeon, of the Harrisburg (Pa.) *Telegram*, was in the city yesterday collecting data in connection with the arrest of Conley and Still, the York officials who stand charged with extorting by unfair means $200 from a woman named Lottie May. Mr. Sturgeon will prepare an illustrated account of the case, which will be published in this week's issue of his paper. Mr. Sturgeon left for home last night.

Major Poe is in receipt of a letter from the chief of police of York, Pa., and that official states that Still and Conley are men of good characters; that they are officers of the law and stand well in the community. The chief added a postscript to his letter saying he was a warm friend of Conley and Still.

Entertained by Denver Odd-Fellows.

A Knight Templar, who has just returned from Denver, states that one of the most elegant and unique receptions and entertainments tendered the visitors in that city was by the Odd-Fellows of Denver. They had a tent spread capable of accommodating 1,500 persons. Open house was kept and refreshments served for three days and nights. A band of music was engaged by the Denver Odd-Fellows during this time, and they were specially lavish in their hospitality towards Virginians.

Capitol Matters.

The Governor has refused to remove the political disabilities of C. S. Dixon, of Norfolk county.

J. L. Treadway has been appointed to distribute the direct-tax fund in Pittsylvania county.

Warrants have been issued for the direct-tax money due in the counties of Bedford and Charles City.

J. M. Weston, sheriff, and J. Vandeventer, deputy sheriff, of Lee; E. J. Richardson, of Clarke, and G. M. New, of Roanoke, visited the Capitol yesterday.

Pic-Nic of the West-End Club.

The West-End Gun Club gave its annual pic-nic in a cool and shady grove of pine trees just a mile beyond Ginter's farm on Monday. The entire day was spent in the woods and shooting was engaged in the greater part of the time. Refreshments were served at intervals and the dinner is said to have been *par excellence*.

Some of the scores made were very good. Mr. William A. Hammond, president of the club, acted as special host.

For Killing a Dog.

G. W. Mills was before Justice Vincent at the Henrico county court-house yesterday, charged with killing a dog belonging to Mr. J. B. Davis. Several witnesses were examined, and the evidence showed that the dog was a very vicious animal and often attacked people as they passed by the place. Mr. Mills was passing several nights ago and when the dog made for him he shot and killed it. The Justice reserved his decision until next Saturday.

IRON HALL AFFAIRS.

They are Getting Tangled Up—Sundry Receivers—A Sensation.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 23.—The affairs of the order of the Iron Hall are getting very much tangled. The court here to day appointed James F. Failey, of this city, receiver of the order, fixing his bond at $1,000,000.

Supreme-Cashier Davis testified that he notified the officials of the order six months ago that unless Somerby inaugurated a reform in the management of the affairs of the order it would surely fall into the hands of a receiver. He also stated that at the last meeting of the supreme sitting he charged Somerby with irregularities and mismanagement.

In Baltimore Judge Dennis appointed Charles J. Wener and Joseph C. France receivers of the order. They will administer on $135,000 of the funds still remaining in Maryland. The officials of the order gave consent to their appointment.

In St. Louis 1,500 local members of the Iron Hall adopted resolutions endorsing the order and agreeing to pay all assessments and to support Chief-Justice Somerby. The sensation of the meeting was the speech of Deputy Supreme Chief Justice Badger. He charged Supreme-Cashier Davis and Supreme-Accountant Wilkes with endeavoring to wreck the order. He charged Davis with instigating the numerous suits, and said further that in the matter of sending money to the aid of the now wrecked Philadelphia bank Somerby's opposition to the plan was strong, but that Davis overruled him.

Chile Has the Grip.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, August 23.—Advices from Chile received by the Bureau of American Republics up to the 14th of July report that the Senate and House of Deputies of that republic were compelled to adjourn indefinitely because of the number of members who were ill from the grip. The epidemic is increasing all over the country.

Death of Myron H. Clark.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., August 23.—Myron H. Clark died here to-day, aged 86. He filled many State offices. In 1854 the anti-slavery wings of both the Whig and the Democratic parties, the Prohibitionists, and several independent organizations separately nominated Mr. Clark for Governor, and he was elected by a small majority.

Weaver Coming South.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

DES MOINES, IA., August 23.—General Weaver started South last night. He will speak in Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, the Carolinas, and Virginia. He will return to Iowa early in October and devote the balance of his time to the Northwestern States.

PRECINCT MEETINGS.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE CITY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

Cleveland and Stevenson Campaign Club—Dumbarton Democrats Organize—Third-Party Convention.

The City Democratic Committee met last night to make final arrangements for the precinct-meetings called for Thursday night to elect delegates to the convention to be held on the 6th of September to nominate a congressman for this district.

The plan adopted for the government of the precinct-meetings was so amended as to dispense with the blackboard and leave it to the chairman to provide "proper facilities" for advertising the names of the candidates to the meetings.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Headquarters, reported that he had secured the second floor of the National Bank of Virginia building. The report was adopted, and headquarters will be opened the first of the month.

PLACES OF MEETING.

The several ward superintendents reported the places of holding the precinct-meetings, and with the exception of Marshall Ward, the names of those selected to preside were designated. The reports, which are as follows, were adopted:

Jefferson Ward—First Precinct, Police-Court room, A. W. Rosene; Second Precinct, Old-Market Hall, W. M. Jones; Third Precinct, County Court, E. Fagan; Fourth Precinct, Blunt's shop, J. W. Gibbons.

Monroe Ward—First Precinct, 11 east Main street, Minor F. Anderson; Second Precinct, 212 north Second (Whittamp's stable), Captain Thomas Elliott; Third Precinct, No. 6 west Broad, J. L. Levy; Fourth Precinct, Biley's stables (third and Marshall streets), I. Lovenstein; Fifth Precinct, Second and Canal, Hon. John Jackson.

Madison Ward—First Precinct, Powhatan-Club room, Cunningham Hall; Second Precinct, Chancery-Court room, J. Bell Bigger; Third Precinct, Hustings-Court room, A. D. Lankerkin; Fourth Precinct, Ferriter's Hall, James T. Ferriter.

Clay Ward—First Precinct, 1204 west Main street, H. Calder; Second Precinct, Tholl's Hall, William Rhodes; Third Precinct, 318 west Broad, C. V. Clash; Fourth Precinct, Beverley and Pine streets, E. E. Bernard; Fifth Precinct, Reservoir and Clary streets, M. F. Seay.

Jackson Ward—First Precinct, 733 Brook avenue, Charles Gasser; Second Precinct, Cain's Hall, C. R. Wingfield; Third Precinct, First and Baker streets, J. B. Bradley; Fourth Precinct, 510 Seventeenth street, A. T. Epps.

Marshall Ward—First Precinct, Donohoe's Hall; Second Precinct, Corcoran Hall; Third Precinct, Masonic Hall, between M and N streets.

These meetings will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES.

The apportionment of delegates among the precincts is as follows:

Marshall Ward—First Precinct, 4 delegates; Second Precinct, 4 delegates; Third Precinct, 6 delegates.

Jefferson Ward—First Precinct, 3 delegates; Second Precinct, 4 delegates; Third Precinct, 3 delegates; Fourth Precinct, 6 delegates.

Madison Ward—First Precinct, 4 delegates; Second Precinct, 5 delegates; Third Precinct, 4 delegates; Fourth Precinct, 2 delegates.

Monroe Ward—First Precinct, 6 delegates; Second Precinct, 4 delegates; Third Precinct, 3 delegates; Fourth Precinct, 4 delegates; Fifth Precinct, 4 delegates.

Clay Ward—First Precinct, 5 delegates; Second Precinct, 5 delegates; Third Precinct, 4 delegates; Fourth Precinct, 7 delegates; Fifth Precinct, 4 delegates.

Jackson Ward—First Precinct, 1 delegate; Second Precinct, 1 delegate; Third Precinct, 2 delegates; Fourth Precinct, 3 delegates.

Voters will be supplied at the precinct-meetings with blank tickets.

The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday night, August 30th, when the ward superintendents will report the result of the meetings in the several precincts of the ward.

CLEVELAND AND STEVENSON CAMPAIGN CLUB.

Colonel John B. Cary, president of the Cleveland and Stevenson Campaign Club, has called a meeting of the officers and members of the Executive Committee of that organization for Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Chancery-Court room.

One of the most important matters to be considered is the question of public meetings and who will be invited to make addresses.

Dumbarton Democrats Organize.

The Democrats in the neighborhood of Dumbarton, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, met Monday night and organized a club. A. R. Courtney was elected president, William A. Morrison secretary, William Ellis Jones treasurer, and Leslie Reid sergeant-at-arms.

The club will meet again next Monday night, when speeches will be delivered upon the issues of the canvess, and a constitution and by-laws adopted. George D. Wise sent his congratulations and offered to meet the club any day or night they would name.

The Third-Party Convention.

The convention of the Third-partvites to nominate a candidate for Congress will be held in Saenger Hall, in this city, on Thursday at noon. It is understood that either Mr. Julian M. Ruffin, of Hanover, or Mr. W. E. Grant, of Henrico, will be nominated.

BALL AND BAT.

Two Games Played for the Benefit of the Pythians.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

KANSAS CITY, MO., August 23.—By mutual consent two of the games of the present St. Louis-Boston series were transferred to this city for the entertainment of the visiting Pythians. The morning game was dull and uninteresting, Boston taking an early lead and keeping it throughout. The afternoon game was a lively one, being close and exciting. St. Louis tied the score in the eighth inning and won it in the ninth—all by Staley's wildness. Attendance at morning game, 5,418; afternoon game, 4,817. Score—first game:

	R.	B.H.	E.
St. Louis	0	0	3
Bostons	3	8	2

Batteries—Gleason and Buckley; Nichols and Kelly.

Second game:

	R.	B.H.	E.
St. Louis	6	9	1
Bostons	5	6	3

Batteries—Caruthers and Buckley; Staley and Ganzel.

A TIE GAME.

CINCINNATI, August 23.—The game between the Cincinnatis and Washingtons was called at the end of the tenth inning on account of darkness, with a tie score. Attendance, 1,000. Score:

	R.	B.H.	E.
Cincinnatis	9	15	4
Washingtons	9	12	2

Batteries—Chamberlain and Mahoney; Killen, Abbey, and McGuire.

A CLOSE CONTEST.

CLEVELAND, August 23.—The game was closely contested and exciting—the Cleveland club winning in the eleventh inning with an earned run. Attendance, 1,700. Score:

	R.	B.H.	E.
Clevelands	4	9	0
Philadelphias	3	9	2

Batteries—Young and Zimmer; Keefe and Dowse.

TWO GAMES POSTPONED.

LOUISVILLE, August 23.—The Baltimore-Louisville game postponed. Rain.

PITTSBURG, PA., August 23.—The Brooklyn-Pittsburg game postponed. Rain.

THE COLTS VICTORIOUS.

CHICAGO, August 23.—The Colts went to bat in the ninth inning with the score 7 to 4 against them, and won out after Parrot's error had virtually lost the game. A base on balls, a single, and Dahlen's terrific drive to centre for four bases ended the score with two out. Attendance, 1,000. Score:

	R.	B.H.	E.
New Yorks	8	11	5
Chicagos	9	9	3

Batteries—Crane and Ewing; Gumbert and Schriver.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

At Montgomery—first game:

	R.	B.H.	E.
Montgomerys	7	9	3
Macons	1	4	1

Batteries—Gillen and Pitt; Bailey and Hess.

Second game—seven innings:

	R.	B.H.	E.
Montgomerys	5	7	3
Macons	7	6	1

Batteries—Harrigan and Peitz; Donnelly and Wells.

THE SARATOGA RACES.

SARATOGA, August 23.—First race—five furlongs—Rival won; Lord Harry second, Esperanza third. Time, 1:02.

Second race—five and one-half furlongs—Halcyon won; Bertha B. (filly), second, Robusta third. Time, 1:09.

Third race—five and one-half furlongs—Cupbearer won; Versatile second, Baylor third. Time, 1:09.

Fourth race—one mile—Santa