COUNCIL TO DECIDE.

STREET COMMITTEE REFERS DECISION BETWEEN CONTRACTORS.

JOHNSTON CAMP'S NEW OFFICERS.

The Evans-Davis Suit Goes Over—Negro Fugitive Brought Back—County Court News—Funeral of Mrs. Ray—Other Items.

The Manchester Street Committee met in adjourned session last evening at 7:30 o'clock and heard the claims adduced by Messrs. Albright & Mittendorf and Mr. E. R. Goodwin as to the contract for paving Hull street, and referred the decision between the two contractors to the City Council.

Messrs. Albright & Mittendorf claim the acknowledgment of their bid on the ground that they offer lowest terms for the work, while Mr. Goodwin asserts that preference should be shown him, since on the previous occasion, when bids were invited under unfavorable circumstances, he alone agreed to do the city's work. The committee gave them both considerate hearing, and thought it best to let the choice be made by the entire governing board of the city.

The City Engineer was instructed to pave with cinders Tenth street from Hull to the rear of the Auditor's office, and also to erect guard-boards at Fourteenth and Decatur streets.

A petition was presented from the Churn and Butter-Box Company, asking that the street leading to their factory be paved. The paper was referred to a special meeting of the committee, when an adjournment will be had to the street where improvements are desired.

THE CAMP ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Joseph E. Johnston Camp of Confederate Veterans met last evening in regular session and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Commander, J. J. Blanton; First Lieutenant, C. P. Walthall; Second, John A. Blanton; Third, W. H. Tatum; Treasurer, Ira W. Allen; Quartermaster, H. A. Jordon; Surgeon, Dr. T. B. Dorset; Assistant, E. B. Howle; Chaplain, W. W. Lear; Sergeant-Major, James A. Harrison; Adjutant, A. Knorr; Vidette, C. H. Cox; Officer of Day, W. B. Jones; Color Sentinel, R. S. Baugh; First Guard, C. T. Fisher; Second Guard, W. W. Pool. In this meeting a very attractive and what promises to be a most interesting and helpful feature was introduced—an auxiliary, composed of ladies of the city, and more than a dozen names have been enrolled. These ladies shall busy themselves in all entertainments arranged by the camp, and shall do all in their power to increase the attendance upon the camp's regular sessions. This is a new move, and one decidedly forward and opportune.

BACK HOME AGAIN.

Linwood Lewis, the colored man who concealed himself under the bed of Elizabeth Johnson, and when Officers Smith and Wright went for him, escaped by jumping from the second-story window of the house, is at home again. But he didn't come from his own option.

When he struck terra firma that night he realized despite the terribly cold weather that Manchester was too warm a place for him, and hustled off sixteen miles into the country. He was located in Goochland county, a warrant sent for him, and, as a sequence, last night he slept in the Manchester police-station.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Donald entertained Messrs. Oscar R. Harris, of Baltimore; Peter Donald, Jefferson T. Morrissette, and Harvey Bowen, at their residence, on Cowardin avenue, last night. These young gentlemen are the ushers in the Morrissette-Donald wedding, which will take place at Clopton-Street Baptist church this evening at 6 o'clock.

COUNTY COURT NEWS.

The Chesterfield Court was in session all day yesterday, engaged in hearing the claims for the opening of a new road. The case went over until March term.

The child which was recently left by an unknown white woman in charge of a colored man in the county was formally, at the request of Mrs. Bishop, turned over to that lady.

Mr. W. B. Cox was appointed by the Court as the child's "next friend," and satisfactory arrangements were effected.

THE TRIAL POSTPONED.

Much to the disappointment of a large crowd that assembled in the Hustings-Court-chamber yesterday morning, the trial of the suit brought by Miss Lottie M. Evans against Mr. W. Ben. Davis, for alleged libel and defamation of character, went over until the April term of the court.

This was done, on motion of the prosecution, on account of the absence of Captain A. C. Attkisson, who was kept away on account of the extreme illness of his mother. Neither the plaintiff nor the defendant were in court, but the former was represented by Mr. Hill Montague, of the firm of Montague & Dawson, while Mr. B. Ran. Wellford looked after the interests of Mr. Davis.

In replying to the motion, and in accepting it, Mr. Wellford stated that the defence was ready, but, under the circumstances, was willing to let the case go over until the April term.

It was then agreed between counsel that the demurrer made to each point of the declaration be argued during the March term, in order that the Court might then take the matter under advisement, and render its decision during the early part of the April term.

FUNERAL OF MRS. RAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Alice Ray, who died Sunday morning, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Jewett, on Fifteenth and Perry street, took place from the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Charles N. Van Houten officiated. The remains were interred in Maury Cemetery. The following gentlemen were pall-bearers: Messrs. John Jewett, Edward Sampson, T. J. Jewett, James Rountree, Robert Mitchell, Thomas Mitchell, Ellyson P. Owen, and Walter Lawrence.

Mr. W. J. Morrissette sang a sweet solo, entitled, "Only Remember," and the choir sang her favorite song, "Asleep in Jesus." Mrs. Ray was the wife of Mr. George W. Ray, and was much beloved by those who knew here. She had been sick for some months, and weeks ago the family saw that her life on earth was short.

Last Sunday week she was received as a member of the Presbyterian church by the Rev. Charles N. Van Houten, and at the same time her little baby was baptized.

Mrs. Ray was in her 26th year, having been born July 22, 1870. She was born in Richmond, and was the daughter of Mr. John A. and Mrs. Catheraine Ferris. She leaves a devoted husband, and a baby girl, 15 months old, to mourn their loss.

ADJOURNED FOR THE SESSION.

The Hustings Court adjourns to-day for the term, and its session has been a busy one. On next Monday the court meets again, in the regular February term, when only chancery business will be heard.

The court in the January term was in session as long as the law allows the court to sit.

SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES.

Pastor of the Stockton-Street Church Rev. W. E. Hurt's text Sunday morning was, "There were added to the church daily such as were being saved," taking as his subject, "Additions to the Church," Acts ii., 47. There was a good attendance, and two candidates were received for baptism. At night his text was, "Who is on the Lord's side?" Exodus xxxii., 26.

The Social Club will give their annual soiree Friday night, February 12th, at the Samaritan's Hall, on Eighth and Hull streets.

At the Fifth-Street Methodist church the pastor, Rev. J. O. Babcock, preached both morning and night. Morning subject, "Glorying in the Cross." Text, Gallatians vi., 14. His night subject was, "Secret Societies." Text, Proverbs xxv., and last part of the 9th verse. Seven new members were received into the church. The pastor announced the beginning of a revival next Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Spencer preached able sermons at both morning and evening services Sunday. At the evening service, eight were received upon profession of faith. Mr. Spencer is doing a great work at Cowardin-Avenue church, and is much loved by his people.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. P. H. Booth, of Waverly, Va., is visiting Mrs. W. B. Cary, on Hull street.

Mr. Thomas Neisler, of Selma, N. C., is in the city. He came up to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. M. B. Leonard.

Mr. Harvey Nunnally, of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, is in the city, visiting his grandparents, on Tenth street.

Miss Mrytle Clary, who has been visiting in Surry county, has returned to her home.

Manchester Royal Arch Chapter will have an interesting meeting Thursday night. The Deputy Grand Lecturer will pay the chapter an official visit.

Miss Dora Jenkins, who has been visiting friends in Selma, N. C., has returned to her home, on Decatur street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Carrington, of Selma, N. C., are in the city, stopping at Mrs. A. C. Harding's, on Porter street.

Mr. R. B. Taylor has returned from a business-trip to Powhatan county.

Mr. Oscar B. Harris, of Baltimore, is visiting the family of Mr. B. H. Morrissette, on upper Hull street.

A number of the employees of the Southern shops have been put on nine-hours' time.

Mr. R. H. Simmons, an old Manchester boy, but now of Greensboro', N. C., is in the city, visiting his mother.

Miss Edna Striver, of Terra Alta, W. Va., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Luther M. Nunnally, No. 110 east Tenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Price, who have been spending several days in the city, the guests of Councilman H. C. Nelson, left this morning for their home, in Baltimore.

John H. Dunn, the negro who was sent to jail for stealing money from Ullman's Son's, Richmond, and who took an appeal, wrote to Mayor Maurice yesterday morning that he would withdraw his appeal, and serve his time out in jail.

Mr. Scott Mitchell, who was adjudged insane by the authorities in Swansboro', and who has been confined in the city jail, was taken to the Chesterfield county jail yesterday by Constable George D. Coles. He will remain there until room is made for him in one of the State hospitals.

Mr. Gilliam, Treasurer of Chesterfield county, is still indisposed, and was unable to be at his office yesterday. On account of his sickness the several school warrants which were presented had to remain unpaid.

Some excellent friend visited the home of Mr. Walthall, of Marx Addition, Saturday, and relieved that gentleman of a lot of delicious old hams and several other pieces of Sir Swine which happened to be lying conveniently near. The lucky individual effected entrance by a false key.

PICKETT CAMP'S MEETING.

Many Veterans Were Present—Business Transacted.

The regular weekly meeting of George E. Pickett Camp was held last night, Commander Woody presiding. The religious exercises were conducted by Past-Commander Winston. The report of the Committee on Sick showed Charles Epps, improving slowly; Gill, considerably better; Henry Boone shows no sign of improvement; J. A. Hay, recovered; Peter Wills, much worse; Joseph Carter, not so well as at the last report; Robert H. Fisher, better; John Finnerty, improving rapidly.

The death of Comrade James T. Hendricks was reported by Lieutenant-Commander Gibbs, and Comrades Stratton, Sullivan, and Winston were appointed a committee to draft appropriate resolutions. The resolutions, which were subsequently adopted by the camp, expressed the greatest admiration for Mr. Hendricks's many excellent qualities, and his exemplary life as a soldier and a citizen, and the profoundest sympathy for his family.

Attention was called to the celebration by this camp of General Washington's birthday on the 22d of February next, upon which occasion addresses will be delivered by Hon. John C. Lamb, Rev. Dr. Calisch, and General Battle.

The ladies and gentlemen who, under charge of Comrade Whitlock, had so often contributed to the camp's entertainment, are specially invited to be present on this occasion.

Mr. John A. Lamb, son of Captain John Lamb, member of Congress from this district, entertained the camp with an able and eloquent address, having been called upon as a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Captain John Lamb was duly elected and initiated a member of the camp.

Historian Hazlewood read an account of the Crater, by Captain Gordon McCabe, which the camp listened to with interest and attention.

The C. & O.'s New Special.

The first trip of the new and elegant special of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway was made yesterday, and was eminently successful. The train arrived here from Washington at 11:45 o'clock yesterday morning, and was met at the Broad-Street Station by General-Manager R. W. Stevens, General-Superintendent Doyle, Superintendent-of-Motive-Power W. S. Morris, and several other officials of the road.

This train will run from Old Point to Washington every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on quick time and without change, stopping only at Richmond. It will connect at Washington with the "Congressional Limited" of the Pennsylvania road for Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York.

The new special is composed of parlor-, observation-, and dining-cars, and is one of the handsomest on the rail.

St. Mary's Annual Ball.

The twenty-first annual ball of St. Mary's Beneficial and Social Union will be held at the Masonic Temple to-morrow night. Elaborate preparations have been made in order that the affair may be a success. The following committees have the affair in charge:

General Committee—Messrs. J. B. Winter (chairman), A. F. Hulcher, Arthur J. Tholl, R. B. Felthaus, August H. Bucker.

Reception Committee—Messrs. J. B. Winter, A. F. Hulcher, R. B. Felthaus, B. A. Meyer, E. A. Stumpf.

Floor Committee—Arthur J. Tholl, William H. Shutte, August H. Bucker, Thomas M. Landers.

Supper Committee—J. B. Winter, A. F. Hulcher, R. B. Felthaus, B. A. Meyer, Thomas M. Landers.

Baptist Ministers Dined by Dr. Nelson.

The Baptist Ministers' Conference, embracing the pastors of Richmond and Manchester, together with such visiting preachers of this denomination as were in the city, were the guests of Rev. Dr. James Nelson, at an elegant dinner, given yesterday at the Woman's College. The company numbered about twenty-five, and several hours were spent most delightfully. After the dinner bright and happy speeches were made by Rev. Drs. Whitsitt, Hatcher, and Hiden.

Were Married in Washington.

Mr. Mike Marrin and Miss Mary A. Scanlon, both of this city, were united in marriage in Washington on Thursday last. The ceremony was performed at St. Matthew's church by Rev. Thomas S. Lee. Mr. Marrin is a popular deputy under City-Sergeant Charles H. Epps, while his bride is a very attractive young lady.

HYER CASE ARGUED.

REOPENED IN THE U. S. APPELLATE COURT, CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER.

WILL BE CONCLUDED TO-DAY

Richmond and Baltimore Counsel Represent the Traction Company—Able Pleadings on Both Sides—Other Cases Heard.

The afternoon session of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals was occupied yesterday with argument in the case of L. H. Hyer, appellant, against the Richmond Traction Company and others, appellees. This is an appeal from a decision rendered by Judge Goff in the Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Chief-Justice Fuller, with Judges Simonton and Brawley, presided. Messrs. Stiles and Holliday appeared for Mr. Hyer, and the Traction Company was represented by Messrs. Henry and Williams and Mr. George Whitelock, of Baltimore.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

On October 30, 1895, Mr. Hyer filed his original bill in the Circuit Court of the United States for this district, in which he prayed the Court to enforce specific execution of a contract embodied in a letter dated August 9, 1895, addressed to S. H. G. Stewart, No. 40 Wall street, New York, and signed by L. H. Hyer and Philip B. Sheild. This agreement set forth: "That both of us being interested in the procuring of a franchise for and construction of a street railway on Broad street, in the city of Richmond, Va., with collateral lines, have made the following agreement: 'That we hereby bind ourselves in our own behalf and for our associates mutually to co-operate one with the other in securing a franchise for said railway, and to divide equally between us and our associates whatever may be realized from the enterprise; first deducting from said amount whatever actual expenses may have been incurred by either side, such expenses to be paid out of the first money realized from said enterprise.'"

Mr. Hyer claims that he fully performed his part and obligation under said contract; that, by virtue thereof, and by means of the consideration thereunder furnished by complainant, the Richmond Traction Company secured a franchise for the construction of a street railway on Broad street, and that he was fairly and justly entitled to a full one-half interest in the company's enterprise and franchise; that the defendants to this bill refused to recognize complainant's right in the premises, and that complainant had been unjustly and unfairly defrauded of his rights, and would be exposed to irreparably injury, unless the Court should interfere by injunction to prevent said franchise, or any part thereof, from being assigned, transferred, or encumbered to or in favor of innocent parties, unaffected with notice of complainant's rights under and by virtue of the contract aforesaid, of which contract complainant prayed the Court to enforce specific execution.

JUDGE GOFF'S OPINION.

To this bill defendants filed a demurrer, Judge Goff, in his opinion, which was printed in the Dispatch at the time of its delivery, discussed the matter quite fully, dealing with the several grounds of demurrer in detail. In concluding, he said: "I think that the contract, the specific enforcement of which was to withdraw competition from before the City Council of the city of Richmond, is void, because, against public policy, and I shall, therefore, decline to enforce the same. Reaching this conclusion, it will be unnecessary to consider the remaining grounds of demurrer."

JUDGE HOLLIDAY'S ARGUMENT.

The argument was opened yesterday by Judge Holliday for the complainant. He submitted that counsel for the Traction Company had abandoned several of their ten grounds of the demurrer, upon which they rested in the lower court, so that there now remained in the case only the following: First. That the contract upon which Hyer sues is void, as against public policy. He submitted that here the latter ground seems to be whether the Traction counsel are confined to the case as made in the last amended bill. He argued that they are so confined and have no right to argue upon the features of the bill as it stood before the last amendment. Judge Holliday contended that, looked upon only as stated in the last amended bill, the contract and transaction were not contrary to public policy.

Second. That there is no jurisdiction of the case upon the equity side of the court, and that Mr. Hyer should be sued at law.

Judge Holliday contended as to this that what Hyer claimed was a specific performance of his contract; that he could not get this at law, and that no other remedy would serve his turn. That there was always a remedy in equity, unless the remedy at law was not only plain, adequate, and complete, but as plain, as adequate, and as complete at law as in equity; and, that no one could contend that such was the case here.

Third. The Traction counsel contended that quo warranto was the proper remedy of Mr. Hyer. Judge Holliday said he could not possibly comprehend this point, that it was evident quo warranto would not accomplish what Mr. Hyer claimed and desired; that he was not attempting to destroy the Traction Company, but to recover his interest in it, and the enterprise conducted by it.

THE TRACTION COMPANY'S SIDE.

Mr. George Whitelock, of Baltimore, who was the first to present the Traction Company's side of the case. He said that the plaintiff could not, by amending his bill, take away from the consideration of the court the original allegations. The original and amended bills constitute one record. The original bill shows plainly on its face that lobby services were contemplated by the parties in their contract; and the contract itself, and Hyer's interview in the State, show unmistakably that the real consideration for the agreement was the withdrawal of the conduit company's ordinance from the consideration of the City Council. It was, therefore, invalid, according to the decisions of all the leading courts.

Mr. Whitelock had not concluded his argument when the court rose. The argument will be concluded to-day.

Two Other Cases Argued.

The morning session of this court was taken up with the argument in the case of George Taylor, claimant of the tug Hercules, appellant, vs. W. W. Crossley, master of the schooner Robert Morgan, appellee; appeal from the District Court of Norfolk. The cause was argued before Judges Goff, Simonton, and Brawley by Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, for appellant; and by Floyd Hughes, of Norfolk, for appellee, and submitted.

The case of Philip T. Woodfin, appellant, vs. the Hampton and Old Point Railway Company, appellees, an appeal from the Circuit Court of the Eastern District of Virginia, was dismissed, on the suggestion of appellant, without prejudice.

Chief-Justice Fuller will remain here for several days, and will sit in several cases, which were heard by Judge Simonton in the lower court.

Work Among the City's Poor.

About one hundred and fifty hungry-looking men and women flocked into the Broad-Street Mission last night to take advantage of the kindly offer of the charitable workers of the institution to furnish all comers who were in need with a free lunch. Sandwiches and coffee had been provided in great abundance. The coffee was served in large bowls, and the sandwiches looked massive and satisfying. The provisions were eagerly devoured, and expressions of gratitude were heard on every side. At the service which followed there were several professions of faith, and no less than five homeless men were provided with a night's lodging.

The Citizens' Relief Association received yesterday, through Mr. Gus. M. Breaux, Jr., agent of the Ballard & Ballard Company, three barrels of flour, which was turned over to the City Mission for distribution among the poor.

NANCY HANKS AT THE ACADEMY.

One of the Cleverest Farces Seen Here This Season.

"The Nancy Hanks" presented at the Academy last night is one of the brightest, merriest farces seen here this season. It depends for its success not so much upon its originality as upon the whimsicality of its situations, and the cleverness with which familiar sayings are worked into a witty, and somewhat breezy, dialogue. The representation is in the hands of an uniformly capable company, and the production last night was stamped with the most emphatic approval of a large audience.

The specialties are admirably worked into the action of the piece, and interest is never allowed to flag. The work of Ignacio Martinetti, Frank Tannehill, Mrs. Frank A. Tannehill, and Miss Anna Boyd is particularly commendable.

There will be a special matinee to-day and the engagement will close with a night performance.

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Nellie McHenry and a clever company of well-known people will appear here to-morrow and Thursday in H. Grattan Donnelly's latest comedy, "A Night in New York." The piece has been described as "a funny conglomeration of humor judiciously intermingled with pretty dances, catchy sons, and original music." The organization is said to surpass any that has appeared in Miss McHenry's support for many years.

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The next metropolitan concert, which promises to eclipse all those given hitherto under the auspices of the Metropolitan Concert Company, will take place Wednesday, February 17th, and will introduce no less a light than Rafael Joseffy, the renowned pianist. His support will include Miss Marguerite Lemon, Mr. Hans Kronold, and Miss Julie Levey.

To compare Joseffy with any of the present piano virtuosos would do him injustice; he is phenomenal, and while his brilliant talent in former years showed a marvellous force and impetuosity, he now captivates by his delicacy and expression.

Rafael Joseffy is a master, and that, too, in the truest sense of the word—a master whose name is famous, and who will compare favorably with the greatest artists in the world.

The seats for this concert are now on sale at the store of Messrs. Walter D. Moses & Co.

To Aid the Free Kindergarten.

The first rehearsal for the entertainment to be given February 24th and 25th at the Academy of Music in aid of the Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten took place in the Sunday-school room of the First English Lutheran church last night. There were about one hundred present, and very satisfactory progress was made.

"The Story of the Reformation, and the Life of Martin Luther," is the title of the piece which will be presented. It was written by Mrs. Munroe, a distinguished collegian, and has been given in 150 of the largest cities of the United States with the most marked success.

Rehearsals are being conducted by Miss Lillie Yale, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Herbert Rees is the musical director. Miss Yale is the guest of the Woman's Christian Association during her visit.

A meeting of the Ladies' Board of the Kindergarten will be held at the association at noon to-day. There will be a rehearsal for the nuns at 4 o'clock.

The Druids' Anniversary Ball.

The fifty-fifth anniversary ball of Liberal Grove, No. 2, United Ancient Order of Druids, was held last night at Sanger Hall under the happiest auspices, and with great success.

Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and lasted far into the night. A delightful supper was served at midnight, and the affair was greatly enjoyed by about two hundred and fifty people.

The programmes, which were very daintily gotten up, included twenty-two dances, but many extras were added to this number. The music was furnished by Hill's orchestra.

The floor managers were Messrs. F. Dietrich, L. C. Gisselbrecht, and Henry Kolbe. The committee in charge of the arrangements were Messrs. F. Dietrich, Charles Metzger, Eugene Bloltner, William Raabe, and Arnold Lange.

The Grays Veteran Association Meets.

The Grays Veteran Association held their regular monthly meeting at Concordia Hall last night. The usual routine business was transacted, and the advisability of the association taking part with the Richmond Grays in the celebration of their anniversary on the 22d instant was discussed, but no action was taken.

A social session followed the business-meeting, and the veterans grew reminiscent over the good cheer provided for their delectation by Caterer Morgenstern.

Personals and Briefs.

Congressman Tazewell Ellett is in the city.

Hon. W. R. McKenney, of Petersburg, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. A. P. Thom, of Norfolk, is at the Jefferson. He will go home this morning.

Mr. Wilbur Southward, the Henrico Republican, has a severe attack of the grip.

Mr. W. J. Luffsey is confined at his home, No. 2122 east Marshall street, with grip.

Mr. J. N. Harris, Clerk of New Kent County Court, was a caller at the Auditor's office yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Staples continues quite sick of pleuro-pneumonia. While more comfortable, he is still a very sick man.

Mr. Staffor Mansfield White, formerly of Richmond, now of New York, is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. M. Forney Reese, of Eastville, Va., is visiting Mrs. W. Ashby Jones, at her residence, on west Franklin street.

Mr. John P. Goss, of the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts, has returned from a visit to his home, in Albemarle county.

Messrs. Henry Drew, William Leaker, James P. Taylor, John Tyman, and Michael King leave to-day for a fishing excursion up the river.

Mr. Clarence E. Young, representing the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, has returned from Raleigh, and is at the Jefferson.

Mrs. Lily A. Gibbs has instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, James F. Gibbs, in the Circuit Court of Henrico, on statutory grounds.

Mr. Chris. Evensen was stricken down with blood-poisoning last Friday. He will not be able to walk about for several days. Dr. Hugh M. Taylor is attending him.

Judge W. W. Crump, who has been quite sick at his home, corner of Broad and Governor streets, was taken slightly worse Sunday. His condition is not serious, however.

A bad cave-in occurred at the intersection of Twelfth and Bank streets yesterday. One of the wheels of a heavy wagon broke the cover of the well and a hole was made about four feet square. The work of repairing it was immediately begun, but had not been completed last night.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, February 8.—(Special.)—J. C. Tignor, Astor; T. W. Leonard, Albert; J. C. Shafter, Marlborough.

FOR THE HOSPITALS.

THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BAZAAR OF NEXT WEEK.

ITS PROSPECTS OF GREAT SUCCESS.

Many Special Features—Ladies in Charge of the Booths—The Martha Washington Bazaar to Be Decidedly Unique and Pretty.

All arrangements for the grand bazaar for the Associated Hospitals, which will be opened Tuesday, February 16th, at the Regimental Armory, will be perfected at a meeting to be held at the Retreat for the Sick to-morrow at noon.

An effort is being made, with every prospect of success, to conduct this bazaar along more ambitious lines, and to make it larger and more attractive than any event of the kind ever held in this city. Contributions from all parts of the country have been received by the ladies who are at the head of the movement, many donations having been made by former charity patients of the several institutions, and the services of no less than three hundred assistants have been procured to assist in the sale of the articles so received.

The five hospitals represented in the association are the Sheltering Arms, the Virginia, the Old Dominion, the Eye and Ear Infirmary, and the Retreat for the Sick. Each of these institutions will have a booth, and an annex, and under the auspices of these several booths an entertainment of great attractiveness will be given each night in Sanger Hall, which will be connected with the drill-hall of the Armory by means of a doorway, to be cut through the wall. There will be special matinees for children every afternoon.

THE PRESIDING OFFICERS.

The five booths will be presided over as follows:

The Sheltering Arms—Mrs. Harry Frazier, chairman; Miss Sallie Anderson, alternate.

Virginia Hospital—Mrs. Stephen Putney, chairman; Mrs. Todd, alternate.

Old Dominion Hospital—Mrs. James H. Capers, chairman; Miss Temple, alternate.

Eye, Ear, and Throat Infirmary—Mrs. C. O'B Cowardin, chairman; Mrs. S. Cohen, alternate.

Retreat for the Sick—Mrs. J. C. Lamb, chairman; Mrs. Marcy, alternate.

Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor is the newly elected chairman of the bazaar, and the restaurant will be in charge of Mrs. W. H. Tatum, chairman; Mrs. W. F. Richardson, alternate. Miss Anna Boykin is the treasurer of the bazaar, and Mrs. H. B. Fitzhugh, secretary. The Advertising Committee is composed of Mrs. W. K. Martin (chairman), Mrs. J. J. Montague, Mrs. A. L. Marcy and Mrs. J. Harvie Blair. The Entertainment Committee includes the following ladies: Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, chairman; Mrs. E. W. Anderson, alternate; Mrs. Sam. Cohen, Mrs. Charles G. Bosher, Mrs. John Boswell, and Mrs. W. K. Martin.

The following ladies will serve on the Restaurant Committee: Representing the Virginia Hospital—Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Mrs. Anna Carr, Mrs. Willie Damer, Mrs. Waller Scott; representing the Old Dominion—Mrs. John Boswell, Mrs. W. C. Lynham; representing the Sheltering Arms—Mrs. William Tatum, Mrs. D. O. Davis, Mrs. George T. King; representing the Eye and Ear Infirmary—Mrs. George B. Stacy, Mrs. Randolph Norris; representing the Retreat for the Sick—Mrs. Creer, Mrs. Hardwicke, Mrs. W. Blunt, Mrs. Steele.

WHAT BOOTHS WILL CONTAIN.

The Old Dominion Hospital will have a booth filled with fancy articles, and the annex, which will be managed by Miss Temple, will include a candy-stall and tea garden. The Retreat for the Sick will also have a booth for fancy articles, and the annex will consist of Turkish smoke rooms, where coffee will be served to those who wish for a quiet smoke at a trifling charge per minute for the privilege.

There will be a children's annex to the Sheltering Arms' booth. A colossal Christmas-tree will form an adjunct to the Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary, and all manner of illusions will form the attraction of the Virginia Hospital annex.

A POVERTY BALL.

The first entertainment of the series will be given under the auspices of the Retreat for the Sick. It will be a "Poverty Ball," and some idea of its scope may be obtained from the following invitation, written on coarse brown paper, which has been issued:

Times is hard, and we need some mun,
At the same time we'll give you some fun,
So you and your folks are asked to jine,
Provided you don't come fixed too fine,
To a Poverty Ball at Sanger Hall,
February 16th, come one and all.
Fiddlin' begins promptly at 8;
Be sure and don't come too late.
There you'll find something to eat,
That will be very hard to beat.

The admission fee to this event will be 25 cents.

The operetta, given at the Academy recently with so much success will be the attraction offered by the Virginia Hospital, and upon one evening Rev. John Jasper will deliver his striking argument on the movements of the sun.

For ten days the bazaar will run its course. There will be raffling, wheels of fortune, voting contests and a great variety of special features calculated to interest and amuse.

Martha Washington Bazaar.

Elaborate arrangements are being made for a very pretty and unique bazaar, which will be given at the Regimental Armory by the young Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Peter's Cathedral, to pay off the indebtedness of that church.

Many features of the bazaar are decidedly novel and new. The tables are to be named after the principal generals of the Revolutionary war, and all the young ladies participating will be dressed in Colonial costumes. The bazaar will be open Easter Monday night and continue for one week.

The following officers have been elected: Miss Lillie Digby Emms, president; Miss E. Marie Delaney, treasurer; Miss Lucy Atkinson, secretary.

The General Washington table has been taken by Misses Lucy Atkinson and B. Marie Higgins, assisted by the following young ladies: Mrs. George W. Bain, Misses Madeline Murphy, Alice Murphy, Jennie Loram, Annie Hoffman, Alice Delaney, E. Marie Delaney, Kathleen M. Delaney, Mary Sweeney, Eleanor Higgins, Julia Marrow, Ethel Atkinson.

The General Rochambeau table was taken by Misses Annie McGraw and Nellie Sweeney, assisted by Misses Kate Sweeney, Mayme Sweeney, Ruby C. Dart, Mary Dart, Blanche Eppe, Lily Forstmann, Annie Irvi, Madaleine English, Lulu O'Connor, Helen Alywin, and Mrs. Clinton Boudar.

The General Anthony Wayne table was taken by Misses Mamie Powers and Emma Lynaman, assisted by Misses Susie Tresnon, Bessie Callihan, Katie Ryan, Annie Dolan, Laura Evans, Julia Kerin, Rosa Scari, Bridget Moore, Mary Moore, Florence Evans, Emily Houston.

General Green's table will be managed by Misses Julia and Kate Catogni, assisted by Misses Julia Fitzpatrick, Kate Hodges, Theresa Maury, Mollie Maury, —— Haines, Maggie Clay, Lena Sledd, Essie Moran, Bertha Meredith, Nellie Duffy.

The General Lafayette table was taken by Misses Annie Alexander and Katie Meredith, assisted by Misses Alice Alexander, Helen Alexander, Katie McEaneary, Mary Griffith, Katie Wren, Mary Miller, Mamie Ryan, Lulu, Ellie, and Maggie Meredith.

The General Richard Henry Lee table was taken by Misses Estelle B. Duke and Bertha Anthony, assisted by Misses Katie Hughes, Mamie Taylor, Nellie McGraw, Emily Roger, Agnes Smith, Bernie Smith, Ellie Ryan, Mollie Ryan, Mamie Hughes, Ellen Holleran, Kate, Reilly, Adelaide Berghelmer, Josephine O'Harra.

DR. LANDRUM ON DIVORCES.

He Says They Are Growing Alarmingly Frequent in the South.

In a letter to the Atlanta Journal, Dr. W. W. Landrum, formerly of the Second Baptist church of this city, makes the following pertinent remarks concerning the grinding of the divorce mill:

"Divorces in Atlanta seem to me alarmingly frequent, judging by the reports I read in the newspapers. Really, I should be glad if the press would kindly refrain from publishing the details of such cases, as they serve to familiarize our people with crime. I am opposed to public hangings. They debauch the people in my opinion. Private executions meet the conditions of justice, and excite more terror in would-be criminals than the vulgar display of public executions with all their opportunities for glorifying the condemned in the dying hour.

"For the same reason I should be glad if our newspapers would simply state that certain parties were divorced, where divorces occur, without a word of comment. Divorces are sadder far than funerals. Levity about the dissolution of the marriage bonds is unseemly and wicked. Georgians of forty years ago of the good old well-bred stock would never speak of the subject of divorce except with painful emotions.

"The old South held to the Scriptural position on this subject of divorce. Divorce was tolerated only when one or the other of the contracting parties had broken the marriage vow. Separation was sanctioned by our best society, where there was good cause for it, but separation never looked towards divorce except as in the case already mentioned. Law, it is said, is crystallized public opinion. If so, public opinion on the subject of divorce in Georgia has sadly degenerated of late years. Our laws are essentially and consequently evil as Dr. Hillyer points out; these laws allow husbands to take cruel advantages of their wives and wives to take cruel advantages of their husbands.

"According to the statements of Hon. Carroll D. Wright, of the Department of Labor, I should infer that there is no nation on all the face of this world that is so disgraced by divorce laws that are at once radical and ridiculous as America. His volume of eleven hundred pages of carefully sifted and compiled statements is most appalling. During the last twenty years there have been granted in the United States 312,716 divorces, or nearly a third of a million since 1870. Our population during that time has increased 66 per cent.; our divorces have increased in that time 157 per cent.—that is, the increase in the granting of divorces has been more than twice the increase in the population of the United States, though great crowds of people have flocked to us from all parts of Europe and Asia.

"Illinois is the cap-stone of this monument of infamy. The State granted, in this time, 38,910 divorces. Ohio comes next with 26,378; Indiana with 24,409; Michigan with 18,342. Maine shows one divorce for every ten marriages. Twenty-nine counties in California show one divorce for every seven marriages. I am not posted on the statistics in Georgia. Dr. Hillyer's paper shows a most wretched state of things in Fulton county. He has thoroughly studied the question and our Evangelical Ministers' Association will soon publish his alarming facts.

"The family is God's oldest institution. It is the model on which both the Church and the State are founded. The Christian family in Georgia was well nigh ideal, but is imperilled to-day right here in our capital city. Agitation on the subject of divorce is eminently timely; agitation leads to education and education to right legislation. This theme is one which confronts every patriot that loves his family and every Christian that loves his God. Let the press help the pulpit in the good work of preserving our Georgia homes."

Board of Aldermen Meet To-Night.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held to-night. Several important matters are to be considered.

The Collector of Delinquent Taxes is preparing his list to publish, and only a few days are left for delinquents to pay up.

APPEAL IN THREE FRIENDS CASE.

Ground on Which Attorney-General's Petition Was Opposed.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—A certificate was filed to-day in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, signed by Clerk McKee, of the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, located at New Orleans, setting forth that an appeal had been filed in that court from the decree of the Florida court, which had original jurisdiction of proceedings against the Three Friends, an alleged Cuban filibustering steamer. The fact that this appeal had been taken was one of the grounds on which the petition of Attorney-General Harmon for a writ of certiorari to bring the case directly to the Supreme Court was opposed last Monday by Mr. W. Hallett Phillips, counsel for the owners of the boat. There was, however, no evidence that the appeal had been perfected. The case will be argued before the Supreme Court next Monday by the Attorney-General and Mr. Phillips.

THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS.

She Is Bound for Galveston—The Katahdin.

NEW YORK, February 8.—At the Brooklyn navy-yard to-day all was bustle aboard the battleship Texas, and stores were being taken aboard for her trip to Galveston. It was stated that the Texas is now ready for sea, and is expected to sail to-morrow. On her arrival at Galveston, unless it is found perfectly feasible, she will not cross the bar, but will lay to outside. From Galveston she will go to New Orleans for the Mardi-Gras celebration.

The ram Katahdin is almost ready for sea, but as yet has not received her full complement of men. She is expected to sail Wednesday.

The Tower,

THE CORNER STORE.

One more case of 12 1-2c. Percale to close out at 6 1-4c.
$1 and $1.25 Wrappers, 50c.
25c. Children's Hose, double knees and toes, 10c.
Many more things have been added to the lace department.
Torchon Lace, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5c., worth twice as much.
37 1-2c. White Flannel, 25c.
1-yard Unbleached Cotton, 3 1-2c.
7c. White India Lawn, 5c.
12 1-2c. Check Muslin, 8 1-3c.
49c. Black Serge, 25c.
35c. Hand Mirrors, 12c.
50c. Fancy Mixed Dress Goods at 25c.
$1 Vignon Suiting, 59c.
50c. Chenille Covers, 25c.
$3 Chenille Covers, $1.77.
79c. Umbrellas, 45c.
$1 Steel-Rod Umbrellas, 69c
$1 White Spreads, 64c.

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Our stock is broken and the prices are 'way down.

$1.50 and $2 Gowns, 91c.

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