

GOES TO HER MOTHER.

MR. GOODWIN CONSENTS FOR HIS WIFE TO HAVE MARGORIE.

MATTER SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Judge Wellford Talks with the Parents and Counsel and Submits a Proposition Which is Promptly Accepted.

Pretty, prattling little Marjorie Goodwin, whose custody has been the subject of litigation between her parents, left her mother via the T. & P. train last night for her home, at South Bethesda, Pa., where she will reside in future.

She went by the consent of her father, Mr. Robert Goodwin, Jr., rather than by an order of court, such as was asked for, and Mr. Goodwin will be permitted to visit the child when he wishes to, and will hear from her through her mother.

The case, which was fully heard in the Circuit Court on Wednesday, was settled yesterday without going through the formality of a decision being rendered or an order entered. This was effected through the mediation of Judge Wellford, who seemed to think reconciliation would be much better than contests in the courts.

JUDGE TALKED WITH THEM.

Before ascending the bench Judge Wellford addressed Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin in his private office, in the presence of counsel in the case and one or two intimate friends of the parties. The Judge's remarks, which were most pathetic and tender, were listened to very attentively. He spoke of the solemn obligations of husband and wife, of their duty to bear and forbear, to forgive and forget, and expressed the hope that family troubles could always be best settled in the home by those whose happiness and future were most seriously concerned.

The Judge spoke in a purely, informal and friendly way, and both husband and wife gratefully received his advice. He said the child was so young that under the law he would be compelled, if a ruling was insisted upon, to give it to the mother, but that there was no evidence before him that he considered worthy of consideration which tended to establish the allegations made against the husband. Indeed, the testimony showed Mr. Goodwin to be an industrious, worthy, Christian man, in every way qualified to take proper care of his child.

The Judge also said that he thought the wife had pursued a mistaken course in making the charges that she had, and which had not been proved against the husband.

MOTHER GIVEN THE CHILD.

Judge Wellford said it would be very painful to him to have to render a decision in this case, as it would naturally tend to widen rather than heal the breach, and would be regarded as a slight against the wife on the one side and against the husband on the other.

The husband and wife had both proven good characters, and he hoped there would yet come reconciliation and happiness. He suggested, in view of the facts before him, that the matter be settled there and then by the child being given to the mother, with the understanding that the father should see her at will and hear from her regularly through her mother.

As a proposition to be accepted by both sides. According to agreement, the little girl was formally turned over to her mother at the Jefferson yesterday afternoon, and after a pathetic wave to her father and the family she left on the 7:15 train north for Pennsylvania.

CREDIT-MEN MAY ORGANIZE.

Committee Appointed to Look Into Mr. Boocock's Plan.

The credit-men of Richmond—i. e., the merchants who do an open account business—to the number of about two dozen, met in the Assembly Hall of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, pursuant to a call issued by a number of well-known business men, the purpose of considering the advisability of forming in this city a local branch of the National Association of Credit-Men.

No definite action was taken, though the question was referred to a committee of five gentlemen, for consideration and investigation, but an hour or more was spent by the gentlemen present in listening to an address delivered by Mr. F. R. Boocock, of New York, secretary of the National Association. He at great length set forth the reforms that may be accomplished by the association, and dwelt on the great advance it can bring about in the relations between the merchant and the customer.

He pointed out the many objections that had been adopted in Baltimore. When Mr. Boocock concluded the matter was generally discussed by the gentlemen present. It was thought that the duties of the association were \$10 per year, of which \$5 goes to the local and \$5 to the national association.

Mr. Mosby offered a resolution providing for an adjournment of the 27th. Mr. Tolson offered a substitute, which was adopted, that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to examine into the scheme and report to the meeting on that date.

DR. DAVIDSON FARRAR MARRIED.

He and His Bride on a Visit to His Father Here.

Dr. J. Davidson Farrar, of Baltimore, and bride arrived in the city yesterday and are visiting his father, Dr. William F. Farrar, Seventh and Franklin streets, where they will spend several days.

One of the Philadelphia papers of Wednesday contained this account of the wedding of the talented young physician, who spent his earlier life here:

"Miss Jennie Hart, of this city, the accomplished daughter of Assemblyman and Mrs. Louis T. Derousse, was married at her home, 22 North Sixth street, Camden, last evening, to Dr. J. Davidson Farrar, of Baltimore. Rev. William R. Roberts, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated, and Miss Anna W. Derousse, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives only. A largely-attended reception was given immediately after the ceremony, consisting principally of cut glass, china, and silverware, was received by the bride. Dr. and Mrs. Farrar will reside in Baltimore."

Mr. Vivian Farrar and Miss Lillian Farrar, who attended their brother's marriage, have returned to the city.

THE GRAND LODGE ADJOURNS.

Knights of Pythias Conclude Their Labors—Members Go Aways.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, has adjourned, after a three days' session, and the members of the order who have been sojourning here have many of them, departed for their homes. The body adjourned last evening at 6:30 o'clock, after having conducted the date of meeting from 10 o'clock to the fourth Thursday last, February, and agreed upon Staunton as the next place of meeting.

The feature of yesterday's session was the official visitation of Supreme Chancellor Philip T. Colgrove, of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, by Harry M. Darrell, welcomed the Supreme Chancellor in a most felicitous address, and Mr. Colgrove responded in a happy little speech that caught the gathering of Knights instantly. The visitation of the Chancellor was given a right royal welcome. He established himself firmly in the affections of the Virginia Pythians.

Considerable routine business was transacted by the Grand Lodge, and reports of the committees on Finance, Law, and Appeals were received and passed on. The principal business done was the adoption of the new code of laws governing the subordinate lodges.

A motion to appropriate the sum of \$100 for a banquet for the Grand Lodge was carried, after some discussion. It was decided to use the amount for a better purpose, setting it aside as a nucleus for the building fund of the contemplated orphanage.

The salary of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was increased from \$50 to \$60. The terms of office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Grand Master of Exchequer, and the Grand Master of Finance were made yearly, in accord with the new code of rules which were adopted.

RAIN INTERFERED WITH IT.

Bazaar Was Not So Largely Attended Last Night.

The heavy rain which fell just at 8 o'clock last night and continued through the evening had a very dampening effect upon the spirits of the ladies in charge of the Associated Hospitals' bazaar, and Army Hall presented a less animated appearance than it has done since the opening night.

True, the booths and the beautiful decorations were all there, and the hosts of charming women who presided with such grace over the handsome apartments were all in their places, and considering the slim attendance, really did good business, making many sales of fancy wares and toilet articles.

In the first hall Mr. Arthur B. Clarke gave a stereoscopic lecture on London, and the Imperial Sixtette rendered a number of choice overtures. A fairly good audience attended this entertainment, and both Mr. Clarke and the Sixtette were liberally applauded.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

This evening's entertainment in Sanger Hall will be for the benefit of the Old Dominion Hospital, and the programme, under the direction of Mr. Will. McDonough, will be as follows:

First, Cleopatra's Court, Mark Anthony Hyde, A. Gray, Cleopatra, Miss Mollie Redford, and her attendants—Misses Marie Delaney, Annie Irvin, Madeline and Alice Murphy, Ruby and Mary Dart, Alice O'Connell, Marie Higgins, Nellie Sweeney, and Mrs. Robert Cullen, Messrs. Messrs. L. Lynch, C. F. Higgins, A. H. Tallmadge, James McGraw, and William Lynch.

For Cleopatra's amusement, during her court scene the minut will be danced by Miss Alice Reddy and Mr. W. McDonough, Misses Marie Redford and Mr. Charles Hara, Miss Katie Redford and Mr. Thomas Daffin, Miss Mary Kain and Dr. E. A. Daly, Miss Nellie Black and Mr. Sam. Bigger, Miss Alma McIntyre and Mr. Robert Cullen, Misses Little Miss Coburn, Highland Flinn, Miss Ethel Burke; coronet solo (imitation), Mr. Clinton Burton; string instruments' medley, Messrs. Ferguson Brothers.

Second, Come song, Mr. John McIntyre; tableaux, "Two Years Night," Messrs. Scoble and McDonough; tableaux, "The Duel and Reconciliation," Messrs. Norman Dart and William Lynch, with seconds and so on.

Song, "Bon. Roi" (illustrated)—Miss Lillian Taylor, Miss Annie Redford, and Mr. Gerald F. Higgins. Tableaux, "The Ball-Room and After the Ball"—Misses Katie Hughes, Katie Sweeney, Mammie Hughes, Lucy and Ethel Atkinson, Annie McGraw, Alice O'Connell, Maudie Higgins, Marie Redford, Mrs. L. Lynch, Dart, Daly, Tallmadge, McGraw, Cullen, Sweeney, Bigger, Hara, and Daffin. The accompaniments will be played by Miss Helen F. Ayrlin.

DR. HOGE AT RICHMOND COLLEGE.

An Eloquent Address on Historical Evidences of Christianity.

A large and cultured audience greeted Dr. M. D. Hoge at Richmond College last evening. Besides the faculty of the college, and the Woman's College, and the students of Richmond College, there were in the gathering many ministers, among them, Dr. Willingham, Dickinson, Hahn, Collier, Bentley, Dunaway, Garlick, and Nelson. The occasion was the delivery of the third address in a series on "The Evidences of Christianity."

The introductory services were conducted by President Boutwell, and Dr. Willingham. Dr. Hoge began by referring to the privilege he had enjoyed of speaking to so many students for the ministry during his long pastorate in Richmond.

A VERY FINE ADDRESS.

Dr. Hoge then began the delivery of a discourse full of cogent argument, apt illustration, and brilliant rhetoric—the whole pervaded with a consuming zeal for Christian truth. His arguments were drawn almost wholly from extra-Biblical sources, and showed a wealth of historical knowledge, and a rich treasury of a lifetime of study. History, ancient and modern; drama, poetry, and biography, were all laid under contribution to strengthen the force of his arguments.

He spoke in behalf of the central truths of Christian faith. The audience felt that the eloquent peroration that he uttered in behalf of the central truths of Christian faith. The audience felt that the unbeliever of every name had been met on his own ground, and that those who held the inspiration of Scripture had been armed with new weapons of defence.

At the close of the address many pressed around the distinguished minister to thank him, and to express their gratification at the opportunity of Richmond had had an opportunity to hear his masterly array of evidence in favor of the Christian faith.

The last of these addresses will be delivered next Thursday evening, when Dr. W. E. Hatcher will speak on "Experimental Evidence."

TO IMPROVE THE CHAPEL.

The Grounds and Buildings Committee of the trustees met yesterday in the president's office, with the chairman, Mr. J. J. Montague, present. It was decided to improve the college chapel, by adding interior decorations and by erecting a new building in the base-ball grounds, making them the very best possible.

The basket-ball department has opened up well. With new grounds and equipment, and great enthusiasm the team of 1897 promises to be very strong.

Box-Office Opens This Morning.

The sixth entertainment of the star course will take place on Monday morning next in Association Hall. Mr. Edward P. Elliott, the impersonator, will appear in "Don't Get It Up." The box-office for the reserving of seats, opens this morning at 9 o'clock. Parties desiring single seats can secure them until the limited number is exhausted. This entertainment will rank high in merit and many will remember with pleasure hearing Mr. Elliott two years ago in "Hazel Kirke."

Fire in the County.

What looked to be a big fire occurred yesterday afternoon some miles west of the city. The fire could be plainly seen from elevated points, and it looked as though a large house was burning. Though the bright light died down in less than a half hour, the fire was west of the Bell Line and not very far north of the river.

Scotland Neck News.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., February 18. (Special)—Mr. Thomas W. Manning, one of the oldest citizens of the town, died at his home here this morning. He had the grip, and never rallied from the effects. He was a hard-working citizen, his death a great loss to the community. He is greatly regretted by the entire community. He leaves a wife and several children. There has been much sickness here lately, but no other cases have proved fatal.

It was announced by Rev. R. T. Vance, pastor of the Baptist church in Rev. Dr. Hatcher, of Richmond, will be meeting here some time this year. Dr. Hatcher has many friends in North Carolina.

OLD NORTH STATE.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATURE.

After Gas Companies—Women Traders—Will Visit the Fair at New Bern—The Pritchard Election—Investigating Committee.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 18.—(Special)—The principal bills introduced in the Legislature to-day were: To exclude ex-Confederate soldiers in the Soldiers' Home from receiving pensions; to allow the Wilmington street railway to consolidate with the Wilmington, New Bern, and Norfolk railway, or any other railway running into Wilmington; to require all children between 8 and 14 years of age to attend school; to allow justices of the peace to sentence persons to work on the public roads; to establish the relation of master and servant between municipal corporations and their employees; to require railways to carry bicycles as baggage; to forbid gas companies to charge over \$1.50 per thousand feet for it; to make that part of every Saturday from noon until midnight a legal holiday; to require cotton-mills to pay their employees on the second Saturday night after their employment; to make it a misdemeanor to disturb religious worship, punishable by \$50 fine or thirty days' imprisonment; to make it a misdemeanor for any married woman who engages in business to contract and deal as if she were single, without having first become a free trader; to make the Railway Commission a board for the equalization of all taxes.

TO GO TO THE FAIR. The Senate and House voted to go to the Fish, Oyster, and Game Fair at New Bern next Wednesday. The Senate passed the reformatory bill on its third reading, and the House adopted the bill submitting it to the popular vote.

The Senate created a special committee to take into consideration the memorial of the president and directors of the North Carolina railway, and to investigate the charges of fraud or secrecy in the lease to the Southern.

THE PRITCHARD ELECTION. The special committee to investigate the charges of fraud in the election of Senator Pritchard began work to-day. It was given until March 23 to report.

The University trustees at this afternoon, Governor Russell presiding. President Alderman made his first annual report, showing an enrolment of 285, representing seventy-eight counties and seven States. C. J. Burdett, of Durham, was elected professor of pedagogy. The post-graduate course was opened to women.

THE POPULISTS SPLIT.

That the Situation in North Carolina—The Governor Busy. RALEIGH, N. C., February 18.—(Special)—The Populist party is split in the State. Members of it confess as much. They say it would have split last year if Butler's proposition to fuse had been accepted; but the Republicans were bound to get a certain number of Populists, and the Democrats would get the remainder.

The action of the Republicans in their work with the bolting Populists of their session in behalf of the Legislature has forever divided the Populist majority and the Republicans. The majority were given solemn assurances of this fact, and say co-operation is dead. They confess their surprise that the Republicans were able to "bol" the hoof" so many Populist members, but say matters will be vastly different when they go before the people next year.

The incident of the row between negro Representative H. A. Wells and Governor Russell comes up in all sorts of ways. It has widened the breach between Russell and a certain class of negroes. The majority of negroes, however, do not care a stiver about such occurrences.

The action of the Legislature cannot finish up all its business within sixty days' time, the Governor will call a ten-days' extra session.

THE GOVERNOR BUSY.

The Governor is very busy looking after bills to place the fusionists in complete control of the various institutions. This line of work has for two or three weeks been his main duty.

The directors of the North Carolina railway are demanding that the Legislature investigate their action in 1895 in leasing the line to the Southern. But it does not appear that any investigation will be made. Director W. C. Maxwell said to-day he did not believe the Legislature would give the matter a hearing.

W. H. Quick, the negro named by the Republican caucus as an assistant clerk, and who enrolling-clerk Swinson positively refused to receive, was to-day put on duty by the new enrolling clerks, Reynolds and Newberry. Swinson has taken steps until toward the end of the session regarding the unlawful action of the Legislature in declaring his office vacant.

CAN'T GET IT UP.

Every attempt to get up in the House Senator Butler's resolutions, resolutions in the House and North Carolina's senators to vote for silver and against trusts and monopolies, has so far failed. Republicans choke them off every time, nor do they intend that the resolutions shall pass the House.

E. F. Spaulter, of Raleigh, is appointed by the Governor commissary-general of the State Guard.

The principal fight against the lease of the North Carolina railway now seems to be as to its length.

There is a general demand for changes in the public-school law. It is seen that there are fatal defects in the law enacted in 1895. Senator Butler's bill to amend the law was a long hearing to it. As it is brought in the school-board question, or course there was warm opposition. The bill is put in the hands of a special committee, which will revise it and prepare a complete bill.

A bill has been introduced in the House to take from the Democrats the control of the convicts and public roads in Mecklenburg. He says a Republican wrote the bill, and that the reason for it is that the county authorities in hiring men for road work give the preference to Democrats. The fact is, the fusionists simply want every office. The Republican plans are not to have Democrats in any office in the State.

Tarboro Convocation.

WELDON, N. C., February 18.—(Special)—The Convocation of Tarboro was called to order yesterday. Rev. W. J. Smith, of Scotland Neck, preached the morning sermon and Bishop J. B. Chesnut preached at night. After the sermon the Bishop confirmed a class of six persons—two young ladies and four gentlemen.

A business meeting was held this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. McKenzie and followed by Rev. Mr. Baylis, of Wilson. This afternoon there was a meeting of the woman's auxiliary societies of the convocation, and some interesting papers were read. Rev. Mr. McKenzie preached the evening sermon. All services are largely attended and much interest is manifested.

A Boy's Fearful End.

WINSTON, N. C., February 18.—Frank Pierce, a 12-year-old boy, while riding on a train was thrown off. The train was running backward, and it ran over and severed the boy's head from his body. The head was cut into four pieces.

To Pass the Winter Season Comfortably.

To pass the winter season comfortably, avoid colds, by using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

INSURANCE STATEMENT.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.)

HARTFORD STEAM-BOILER INSPECTION AND INSURANCE CO.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896. OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE HARTFORD STEAM-BOILER INSPECTION AND INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—J. M. ALLEN. Vice-President—W. B. FRANKLIN. Secretary—J. B. PIERCE. Principal Office—215 MAIN STREET. Organized or Incorporated—JUNE, 1856. Commenced Business—OCTOBER, 1856.

Amount of capital stock subscribed \$500,000.00 Amount of capital stock paid up in cash 500,000.00

LIABILITIES. I.—CAPITAL. Amount of capital stock subscribed \$500,000.00 Amount of capital stock paid up in cash 500,000.00

II.—ASSETS. Value of real estate owned by the company 47,319.33 Loans on mortgage (fully recorded and being the first liens on the property) 221,575.00

Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and perishable improvements \$1,225.00 Value of the buildings mortgaged (insured for \$40,105 as collateral) 18,875.00

Total value of sold mortgaged premises (carried inside) \$1,412,975.00

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE INVESTED STATES AND OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ALL OTHER BONDS AND STOCKS, OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

State of Connecticut bonds, 2 1/2 per cent. 10,000.00 United States bonds, 4 per cent. 2,200.00 Western (O.) city bonds, 5 per cent. 10,000.00 Toledo (O.) city bonds, 5 per cent. 10,000.00 Columbus (O.) city bonds, 5 per cent. 10,000.00

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INSURANCE STATEMENT.

Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired risks, running one year or less from date of policy, including interest premiums on perpetual risks, \$24,567.71. Unearned premiums 50 per cent. and dividends on stocks and bonds 47,723.25

Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired risks, running more than one year from date of policy, \$1,234,584.65. Unearned premiums 50 per cent. and dividends on stocks and bonds 1,234,584.65

Total unearned premiums as computed above (carried over) 1,234,584.65 All of our demands against the company, including interest, are to become due, admitted and contested—viz., brokerage 25,228.20

Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$1,234,584.65 Joint-stock capital actually paid up in cash 500,000.00 Surplus beyond capital and all other liabilities 314,584.65

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL LIABILITIES, INCLUDING PAID-UP CAPITAL, STOCK AND NET SURPLUS \$1,464,464.65

IV.—RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

Gross insurance and inspection premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year \$240,963.00

Net collected \$240,963.00 Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year, 1,607,591.61

Total \$1,848,554.61 Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at this date 238,394.12

Entire premiums collected during the year \$1,610,160.49 Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement, and return premiums 109,208.41

Net cash actually received for premiums and inspections (carried over) 1,500,952.08 Received for interest on mortgages 11,773.26

Received for interest on stocks and bonds and from all other sources 60,102.96 Income received from all other sources—viz., special mechanical services 2,553.14