CITY OF MANCHESTER

NEWS OF THE DAY GLEANED ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

EASTER AT MEADE-MEMORIAL CHURCH

Fine Musical Programme in Morning, and Children's Celebration in the Afternoon—To Have Free Delivery—Personals and Briefs.

The Easter services at Meade-Memorial church will be especially attractive. A fine musical programme will be rendered Sunday morning and Rev. Benjamin Dennis will preach, while there will be a bright Sunday school celebration in the afternoon.

The morning programme will be as follows:

Procession Hymn, No. 117, "He is Risen"; prayer; Venite, No. 282, "Easter-Day Psalter"; Gloria, No. 121; Scripture reading; Te Deum, Jackson; Benedictus, No. 40; Hymn No. 112, "Jesus Christ Is Risen To-Day"; prayer; Hymn No. 116, "Angels, Roll the Rock Away!"; sermon; communion service, communion hymn, No. 225, "Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken"; benediction; recessional hymn, No. 679, "There Is a Blessed Home."

At 2:30 P. M. the Sunday school will have their annual Easter celebration, when the following programme will be carried out under the direction of Mr. David H. Hoy:

Processional hymn, No. 515, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"; Hymn, No. 13, "The Far Off Bells Are Ringing"; confession and Lord's Prayer; Hymn, No. 566, "Ye Happy Bells of Easter-Day"; Creed; Hymn No. 3, "Ring the Joy Bells"; mite-box collection by class; Hymn No. 662, "The Easter Sunshine Breaks Again"; collection hymn, No. 11, "In Hoc Signo Vinces"; benediction; recessional hymn, No. 224, "The Day of Resurrection."

FREE DELIVERY ASSURED.

The news has come at last, and free delivery of all mails for Manchester is assured. Postmaster Toney received a letter from Congressman Lamb yesterday morning, stating that he had the promise and that it would be realized early after the 1st of July, which commences the fiscal year.

Captain Lamb stated further, in his letter, that his next move for Manchester would be for the erection of a public post-office building. He will prepare a bill for this purpose, and present it as soon as the congressional committees have been selected and appointed by Speaker Reed.

About 110 of the 200 members required to organize a Young Men's Christian Association in this city have been secured. State-Secretary L. A. Coulter said yesterday morning that new names were being enrolled every day and that he thought the required number would be secured. The 200 members at $3 per year will mean $600 towards the support of the organization. The Southern Railway Company has agreed to give $600 a year, making $1,200 in all.

The Davis Council, Junior Order American Mechanics, after their regular meeting last night, entertained Lily Council, Daughters of Liberty. The attendance, both of members of the council and of visitors, was very large, and the person who did not seem to enjoy himself was not there. A catchy programme had been arranged, and refreshments were served. The address of the evening was made by Mr. C. S. Wells, and a quartette, composed of Messrs. W. J. Morrissett, P. S. Barrett, W. M. Jones, and Harvey Morrissett, rendered some very acceptable vocal music.

PATIENT PENELOPE.

The ladies of Meade-Memorial church are working hard to make the bazaar a success, which they will commence next Monday night at Leader Hall, and continue the balance of the week.

These ladies will have many pretty and useful things to sell, and everything to tempt the appetite.

On Tuesday they will present Penelope. The cast will be as follows: Mrs. Croaker, Miss Colie Lovell; Penelope, Miss Minnie Jones; Tosser (a soldier), Mr. Edwin Burton; Pitcher (a policeman), Mr. G. W. B. Crawford; Chalk (the milkman), Mr. W. Hugh Owens.

On Wednesday night they will present the play "Stage Struck," with the following cast: Mr. Maywood (an elderly merchant), Mr. B. P. Vaden; Frederick (his son), Mr. W. Hugh Owens; Mrs. Cowslip (an old country woman), Miss Clara Williamson; Cora Neville (her niece), Miss Minnie Jones.

NEW SPECIAL POLICEMAN.

A meeting of the Police Commissioners was called for yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, but as there was no quorum, no action could be taken or business transacted. At a recent meeting of the Commissioners it was decided to ask Mr. J. R. Robinson to recommend some one as special police-officer, and that gentleman has agreed upon Mr. John W. Moore. Mr. Moore is 6 feet 2 inches in height, weighs 200 pounds, and is said to be "the finest-looking Irishman in Manchester."

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. M. A. Cogbill, Clerk of Chesterfield county, was in the city yesterday.

There are a number of new houses being erected in Swansboro'.

Miss Edna Bayley left yesterday afternoon for Petersburg to spend the Easter holidays with friends.

The authorities are not having any trouble with the sewers at present, and they are now working all right.

The case against the Fragle Medicine Company for distributing bills on the street will be called in the Mayor's Court to-morrow morning.

Mr. W. J. Carter brought with him from Kentucky a horse weighing only 200 pounds. It is a Shetland pony and is three feet high.

Mr. Charles Dobbins found a seine drifting down the James river a few nights since, while fishing.

There will be a special service at Meade-Memorial church this morning at 11 o'clock.

Miss Emma Winfree, of Richmond, is visiting her brother, Mr. Powhatan Winfree, on the Midlothian turnpike near Manchester.

Mrs. Powhatan Winfree, of Chesterfield, will give a dinner to the Epworth League on Easter-Monday.

The case of John Johnson was called in Mayor Maurice's Court yesterday morning and the accused was fined $5 and costs. The negro was charged with creating a disturbance on a Perry-street car several nights since.

On next Monday the works of the Richmond Spike- and Iron-Works will start up in full blast. These works are situated at the foot of Decatur street in this city. It has been two years, the 6th of this month, since the works have been in operation. This enterprise will give employment to about 150 men, mostly skilled workmen.

Management of the Imperial.

Colonel A. W. Archer has retired from the management of the Imperial Hotel, and the house is at present being conducted by Mr. E. Craig Pelouze, the owner. Mr. Pelouze is now negotiating with northern hotel men to take charge of the Imperial, and preparations are being made for the extensive improvement of the house. Colonel Archer will run the Buffalo Lithia Springs Hotel this summer.

Bryan Compliments Virginia Democrats.

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson has returned from Washington, where he attended the Jefferson birthday banquet, given under the auspices of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, at the Metropolitan Hotel, which, he says, was the most successful and delightful affair, and was greatly enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be present.

Mr. Ellyson had a brief conversation with Mr. Bryan, and took occasion to ask him when he expected to again visit Virginia. Mr. Bryan laughingly replied that Virginia was in such good form that he saw no necessity for bothering his head about her any more, and complimented the Democratic party in this State upon its superb organization.

TO BE COURT-MARTIALLED.

Captain Harris's Failure to Send in His Report the Cause.

Captain Harris, commandant of the Blackstone Company, Third Regiment Infantry, is to be court-martialled for failing to send in to the Adjutant-General, within the prescribed time, his quarterly report for the first three months of the year 1897. The court will assemble in Blackstone next Thursday at noon.

The order for this step was issued quietly by the Governor, and the Adjutant-General being out of the city yesterday, but little could be learned of the matter. The court as appointed is as follows: Captain E. Leslie Spence, of Richmond, president; Captain Marshall Terrell, of Norfolk, Fourth Virginia Regiment; Captain A. L. Lumsden, of Richmond, aide-de-camp to Brigadier-General A. L. Phillips; Captain C. A. Crawford, of Richmond, Company D, First Virginia Regiment Infantry; Captain Tazewell Tyler, of the Fourth Virginia Regiment Infantry, and Captain F. M. Woon, of the Richmond Light-Infantry Blues, judge-advocate.

Captain Harris is one of the most highly esteemed officers in the service in Virginia, and this is probably the first time a case of this sort has arisen.

THE YOUNG MEN ARRESTED.

Messrs. Brander and Carr Charged With Being About to Break Peace.

Sergeant Junius A. Cosby on yesterday swore out warrants for the arrest of Messrs. Thomas W. Brander, Wallace D. Carr, and D. J. Carr, and they were served on Mr. Brander and one of the Messrs. Carr, but at a late hour last night the third warrant had not been served.

These arrests are the outcome of the fight between Messrs. Brander and Carr, which took place, as told in yesterday's Dispatch, at Forest Hill on Monday. The charge of fighting is not registered against the gentlemen, however, but the warrants allege that they were about to commit a breach of the peace. They were sworn out on information to the effect that the principals to Monday's fight were not satisfied with their fracas there, and contemplated renewing the difficulty.

The case will come up in the Police Court this morning, when it is probable that the young men will be bound over to keep the peace.

Last of the Brownies.

This week we will close our offer of the Brownie Primers to our patrons. These interesting little creations of Palmer Cox have been greatly appreciated, as is evidenced by the demand for them from our subscribers. There may be some who have wanted them, but delayed sending in their orders. To such, we give this timely notice. To secure the books, cut coupon in advertisement, and send with 10 cents. Be careful to state whether you wish first, second, or third set, and address Book Department, the Dispatch Company, Richmond, Va.

Negro Saved by His Head.

A negro, who seems to be nameless, jumped from a north-bound train of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad last night, and eye-witnesses say that he landed fully on his head. He fell very heavily, and it is thought that if he had fallen in any other way he would have been seriously hurt. As it was, he got up, picked up his hat, which had fallen near by, and, having rubbed the crown of his cranium well, went on home.

Death of Mr. Anderson.

Mr. John H. Anderson, who was for several years a well-known resident of Church Hill, died yesterday after an illness of about a year. He was a native of Essex county, but when quite a young man located in business here. He married Miss Heinze, and is survived by his wife and three children. His remains will be taken to Essex county this morning for interment.

The Meeting at Immanuel.

The meeting at Immanuel Baptist church continues with increasing interest. The congregation was large last night, and the service the most interesting yet held. Rev. Mr. Harrison preached a sermon of great tenderness and power. There have been several conversions and many requests for prayer. Mr. Harrison will preach again to-night at 8 o'clock.

Working for His School.

Rev. J. J. Johnston, a colored man, with excellent testimonials to his good work in behalf of the South Carolina Sea-Island sufferers since the storms of 1893 and 1894, is in the city in the interest of the Edists Island Industrial School, of which he is president. He is trying to raise funds for the erection of buildings to accommodate the school.

Fire at Wilton Farm.

Wednesday evening a fire occurred in the residence of Mr. Cornwall, at Wilton Farm, in Henrico, and at one time it was thought the building would be consumed. The flames originated in one of the chambers, but were confined thereto by heroic work on the part of the farm-hands, and the damage will not exceed $100.

Funeral of Mr. Bauch.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Bauch, who died suddenly on Tuesday last, took place from his late residence, on west Grace street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Carmichael, and the remains were laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery.

As a Suspicious Character.

A colored man, who gave his name as John Battle, was arrested yesterday and perched in the First Station. The man is charged with being a suspicious character.

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MILLINERY.

A BUSY WEEK, THIS.

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THE U. S. SENATE.

INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL AND ARBITRATION TREATY.

QUESTION OF SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

Mr. Vest Protests Against Anti-Catholic Sentiment—He Says the Only Indian Schools of Any Account Are Those Conducted by the Jesuits.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Senate spent to-day on the Indian appropriation bill, but did not complete it. Some time was also consumed in executive session on the arbitration treaty. At the close of the day's proceedings the Senate adjourned until Monday.

The committee amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, opening the Uncompahgre Indian reservation in Utah to public entry, was agreed to. The reservation is said to contain some of the richest deposits of asphalt in existence.

Mr. Gallinger (Republican), of New Hampshire, moved to strike out the provision giving tribal relations to the children of a white father and an Indian mother. He declared that the provision would permit white adventurers to marry Indian women as a matter of speculation, and ultimately to dominate the Indians.

Mr. Berry (Democrat), of Arkansas, defended the provision on the ground that it removed the penalty now placed on an Indian woman for marrying a white man. The motion to strike out did not prevail.

Mr. Quay called attention to what he termed a "deliberate attempt to rob the Indians." It dealt with the granting of certain rights on the Seneca reservation to parties in New York. Papers submitted by Mr. Quay alleged serious irregularities in securing the oil rights.

Mr. Pettigrew said the contest was one between rival oil companies. In this connection he stated that the Indian reservations in New York ought to be wiped out, and the Indians made subject to the laws of New York.

Mr. Quay's amendment, striking out the ratification of the oil grants was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallinger, the provision as to children of a white father and an Indian mother was modified so as to give these children tribal rights, on the consent of a majority of the tribe and the consent of the Secretary of the Interior.

SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

Mr. Vest, of Missouri, spoke in criticism of the provision of the bill abolishing sectarian Indian schools. He knew, he said, that what he said would subject him to bitter criticism. He was brought up a Protestant, and had no connection with the Roman Catholic Church, but he had no sympathy with that cowardly and ignorant sentiment that any religious denomination could menace our liberties. He had been reared to believe the Jesuits were opposed to republican institutions, but he had travelled through the Indian country, visiting the schools, and had found them a travesty on education, except when conducted by the Jesuits. Broken-down preachers and defunct politicians were sent out to the western country to teach the Indian children. He had found, he said, that the only Indian schools accomplishing any good were those conducted by the Jesuits. The ceremonial of the Catholic Church seemed to appeal to the Indians.

"If I had control of these schools," proceeded Mr. Vest, "I would give them to those who have studied the Indians, those who have taken the young Indians from the tepee, segregated them from their fathers and mothers, and taught them the religion of Christ, even if the Cross is the emblem of their religion. I would infinitely rather see them Catholics than savages. I do not belong to the sect who would rather see an Indian damned than see him in the Catholic Church."

Mr. Vest said he would make no effort to oppose the provision of the bill, but would content himself with this protest.

The Senate adjourned at 5 o'clock.

The House was not in session to-day.

BEET-SUGAR SEED.

Large Quantities Being Sent to Farmers and Experiment Stations.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Agricultural Department is sending to farmers and experiment stations a large amount of beet-sugar seed, to determine the feasibility of growing the seed in certain sections of the country. Secretary Wilson to-day said: "We have just about finished sending out sugar-beet-seed to most of the States in the Union. They are experimenting South about as far as the Carolinas and Texas. Every effort has been made to procure first-class seed. Most of the work is being done through experiment stations, that get seed from the department, and send it out with instructions regarding the cultivation of plants and provision for a return of samples to the stations in the fall for analysis."

"It seems to us that the effort of the Department of Agriculture to save the $100,000,000 that we now pay out annually for sugar, and our reaching for the $65,000,000 that the British pay for their butter each year, will help the balance of trade eventually."

THE OLD BURG.

Personal Notes—Death—Broke Her Ankle.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—Dr. J. N. Barney, of this city, has been notified by Governor O'Ferrall of his appointment as one of the Board of Visitors to the Medical College of Virginia. This was to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. J. L. Marye, who filled the position for a number of years.

Florine, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Stewart, who live near Aquia creek, died last evening from croup.

Mr. James Boucher, who was recently murdered in the pine woods of North Carolina, as reported in the Dispatch, formerly worked here, with Hancock & Stearns, in the Fredericksburg Wood-Works.

Mr. Charles H. Hurkamp has gone to Washington with three of his horses to attend the coming meeting at Bennings.

Sheriff J. M. Street, and Mr. H. L. Smithers, of Middlesex, reached home yesterday with the negro, who, it is charged, recently committed a murder in that county.

Miss Louise Sommerville, daughter of Professor Sommerville, had her ankle broken yesterday afternoon by falling from a wire she was swinging on.

Miss Annie May Brent, went to Richmond to-day to visit friends.

Mrs. Frank Coates, is in Richmond, visiting her sister, Mrs. Nelson.

Mr. W. L. Brannan, went to Richmond this morning to visit his mother, who is very ill.

RATE CLERKS MEET.

Excursion Fares Agreed Upon—Norfolk and Western Appointments.

ROANOKE, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—A meeting of rate clerks of the railways mentioned below was held here to-day in the office of General-Passenger-Agent W. H. Bevill, of the Norfolk and Western railway, to compile a sheet of excursion fares to all the summer resorts in Virginia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas for the summer of 1897, from the principal cities and towns south of the Potomac river. The rates agreed upon will be compiled by H. A. Redford, of Richmond, compiler of the Virginia joint-rate-sheet. Among those present were: Mr. Redford, and rate-clerks of the following railroads: F. C. Pogue, of the Seaboard Air-Line, Portsmouth, Va.; A. P. Johnston, of the Southern railway, Washington, D. C.; R. J. Anderson, of the Norfolk and Western railway, Roanoke, Va.; H. E. Coates, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Baltimore; H. S. Johnston, of the Pennsylvania railroad, Philadelphia; R. A. Braunstein, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, Washington, D. C.

The Alleghany Institute base-ball team left here to-day for Lexington, Va., where they will play with Washington and Lee to-morrow, and with the Virginia Military Institute on Saturday. The Alleghany boys were trained by Brodie this spring, and play a good game.

J. C. Cassell, superintendent of the Radford and Pulaski divisions of the Norfolk and Western railway, has appointed James M. Breesler trainmaster and J. E. Mitchell assistant-trainmaster of the Pulaski Division, and R. G. Kenley assistant-trainmaster of the Radford Division of the road.

Marcellus M. Ramsey, a promising young business-man of this city, and Miss Elizabeth F. Layman, of Coyner's Springs, seven miles northeast of here, were married at the home of the bride to-day by Rev. J. C. Denton, of the German Baptist church. The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for a short trip to the South, after which they will return to their home, in this city.

UNIVERSITY GAYETY.

Several Entertainments by Students Booked—Fair Ones Arriving.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—Lenten abstinence, it would seem, has been a season of preparation for Easter gayeties. The University of Virginia German Club has arranged for its usual Easter germans. The annual cotillon of the "Peter Magill" comes off in the Armory Tuesday; Thursday evening the Beta Theta Pi fraternity gives its annual german in the Fayerweather gymnasium, while on the previous evening the V. V. V. Dramatic Club will afford a society event in the performance of "The Flirt," at the Jefferson Auditorium. A great many young ladies have already arrived to be present at these festivities and others are to come.

Mrs. W. H. Perkinson has gone to St. Louis to attend the marriage of Mr. Charles B. Mulliken.

A portrait of Thomas Jefferson, presented by Dr. W. C. Randolph and Miss Cary Randolph, has been hung over the Judge's bench in the court-house, making the third portrait recently placed in this room, the first being that of Judge Field, and the second that of the Hon. Valentine W. Southall.

At the Miller School yesterday the school team defeated the Staunton nine by a score of 19 to 4, in a seven-inning contest.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.

Captain James H. Barnes, of Amelia County.

AMELIA COURTHOUSE, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—Captain James H. Barnes, one of the oldest and most-esteemed citizens of this county, died on yesterday morning at 2 o'clock, after a long illness; aged about 83 years. Captain Barnes was a man of noble character and Christian life. He was a veteran of two wars. He enlisted in the Petersburg Volunteers, and fought through the Mexican war. In the late civil struggle he was captain of the Amelia "Minute Men," in the Forty-fourth Virginia Regiment, and served under Stonewall Jackson with distinguished gallantry. Naturally of a nervous and excitable temperament, he was always calm and self-possessed in the hour of greatest danger. At the battle of Fredericksburg he was wounded, and as he fell to the earth he gave an exclamation of triumphant defiance. For more than fifty years Captain Barnes had been a local preacher in the Methodist Church, and was earnest, devoted, and efficient in the discharge of his ministerial duties. In his religious ministrations to the sick and wounded soldiers he will long be remembered by the recipients of his kindness.

Twenty years ago he was appointed by Judge F. R. Farrar Superintendent of the Poor of Amelia county, which office he held to the day of his death.

GLASGOW.

This Boom Town Waking Up—Enterprises—Churches.

GLASGOW, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—The noted boom town of Glasgow, Va., which has been asleep for three or four years, seems to be awakening up. Messrs. Loeker & Co. have put up a splendid cement-mill, with a capacity of 200 barrels daily, and they are receiving large orders for the celebrated James-river cement. The mill is running day and night. A company has been organized here to begin the manufacture of smoking tobacco May 1st, and persons have leased the land company's office, which they will open as a first-class hotel. This will give the travelling men, and also fishing and hunting parties, a most desirable stopping place. Already several families from Lynchburg and other cities have been secured to spend the heated term in this cool, sequestered spot. The population of the town has increased from 250 to 500 in the last twelve months. We have three organized churches—Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Methodist. We have preaching twice every Sunday and two Sabbath schools.

THE HILL CITY.

The Southern Railway's New Terminus—To Investigate.

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—Six car-loads of tools and one of workmen passed through here this morning, en route for McIvor's Station, several miles north of Lynchburg, where work will begin at once on the new terminus of the Southern railroad. The contract for the grading has been let to M. J. Condon, of Knoxville, Tenn.

At a meeting of the school trustees of Campbell county to-day a committee was appointed, with Captain N. J. Floyd as chairman, to investigate the accounts of ex-Treasurer E. S. Moorman, in connection with the county school fund.

The Last of Our Lost Cause.

As we are now running the Palmer Cox Primers for the little ones, we will soon close our offer for "Our Lost Cause" Confederate souvenir. We wish to notify our subscribers that the time in which to secure them is very limited.

It Proved a Farce.

NORFOLK, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—The examination of Charles Kendrick, of West Norfolk, for murder, which was called by Justice Owens to-day, turned out to be a farce. Some days ago the body of a colored boatman named Rufus Dunkins was found floating in the river, and in the back of the neck appeared a small, round hole, which gave rise to the theory that the boatman had been shot. He and Kendrick, it was known, were not on good terms, and the white man was, therefore, arrested, charged with the murder. The evidence to-day developed the fact that the boatman had not been shot, but that he was accidentally drowned. The charge of murder was, therefore, quashed.

Revival Services Discontinued.

CREWE, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—The revival services that have been in progress in the Methodist church have been discontinued until next Monday night, owing to the death to-day near Hampton of the father of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Routten left here this afternoon for that place. Rev. S. G. Hutton, of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services to-night.

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EXTENSIONS AT WESTMORELAND.

The Club Decides Upon Them, Notwithstanding Minority Reports.

There was a general meeting of the Westmoreland Club last night to consider the report of the committee appointed at the last annual session to determine upon the expediency of making certain improvements to the handsome home of the club, at the corner of Sixth and Grace streets.

President Virginius Newton filled the chair, and the attendance was unusually large. The committee submitted its report, recommending changes and extensions which would cost about $5,000, the details of which were printed in the Dispatch on Wednesday morning.

They embrace the entire removal of the present porch and the erection of a stair-wing, which will facilitate access to all parts of the building. The new staircase-wing building is to take the place of the present porch, and will have a width of about 21 1-2 feet, and will project from the present building about 17 1-2 feet, and will contain a staircase on two sides, running from the basement to the first floor, whence a double staircase on the east and west sides will run up to a platform on the south side, with a single return to the second floor, on each side of which will be entrances to the bath-rooms. The second floor of the new wing building is, according to the report, to be devoted to bath-rooms, and the third floor is divided into bath-rooms, lavatories, and store-rooms. A cloak-room will be situated beneath the main staircase to the platform on the west side, opposite the head of the staircase in the basement.

This grand stairway will be a piece de resistance, and the general finish is to be pure white, with polished oak handrails, carved, polished, oak newel caps, &c. There are to be picturesque electric lights on the newel posts, and an elegant electrolier is to be suspended over the platform. As you enter the club from Grace street a magnificent stained-glass window, with the grand staircase, will confront you. Niches and nooks for flower-stands enter into the plans of the staircase, and the design is to be most picturesque, delightful, and pleasing. The ceiling is to be beautifully frescoed, and a new and elaborate mantel added.

On the third floor some of the smaller apartments are to be thrown into the larger ones, and the rooms will be renovated and repapered throughout. The main object of these alterations is to provide accommodation for entertainments and functions of all sorts.

The report was discussed at considerable length, and Mr. Thomas M. Rutherfoord, ex-president of the club and a member of the committee, submitted a minority report, concurring in the desirability of the proposed improvements, but arguing that the time had not yet come when they should be made. Mr. George Lee also presented a minority report, advocating a greater extension and more elaborate improvements at this time.

After the whole question had been thoroughly discussed, the club adopted the report of the committee by a large majority, and the members adjourned to refreshments.

MESSIAH AND CRUCIFIXION.

One to Be Sung at St. Paul's To-Night; the Other at Holy Trinity.

The particular features of the Good Friday observance in the city churches to-day will be the singing of selections from the "Messiah" at St. Paul's and of "The Crucifixion" at Holy Trinity.

The solos will be sung at St. Paul's by Mrs. Jacob Reinhardt, Miss Meade, and Mr. Tribbett, and at Holy Trinity by Messrs. Coalter and Scrivenor. Only the second part of the Messiah will be given, that being occupied with the sufferings and exaltation of Christ. It will be sung to-night for the first time in Richmond for many years.

"The Crucifixion" is well known here, having been given every Good Friday for the past three years. The splendid choir of Holy Trinity will be assisted by several members of the Wednesday Club, and it is safe to say that it will be as impressive as it always has been, and equally well interpreted.

FINED HIM TWENTY DOLLARS.

This the Outcome of the Derbyshire-Wood Assault Case.

The case of Major J. H. Derbyshire, charged with assaulting Assistant-Gas-Inspector W. W. Wood, was quickly disposed of in the Police Court yesterday morning. The defendant, as foretold in the Dispatch, pleaded guilty, and Justice Crutchfield only heard the statement of Mr. Wood as to the circumstances under which the assault was made. This statement coincided with what was printed yesterday. A fine of $20 was imposed.

In the case of Charles Rogers (colored), charged with shooting at Burton Smith in the street, the accused was sentenced to jail for twelve months and fined $20 and costs.

The other cases were unimportant.

Presbytery of Montgomery at Bedford City.

BEDFORD CITY, April 15.—(Special.)—Since the close of yesterday's letter the presbytery has received and enrolled a new church, called "Bonbrook," organized at the place of that name in Franklin county.

Mr. Charles Friend, a candidate for the ministry, was very thoroughly examined yesterday afternoon on his literary and theological course. He read his popular lecture yesterday afternoon and preached his trial sermon last night before a large congregation. All of his parts of trial have been cordially sustained.

Reports on evangelistic labor were presented last night, from which it appeared that the requirement that pastors preach a week at the places to which they are sent has been cheerfully observed and with excellent results.

To-day, after devotional exercises for half an hour, the presbytery proceeded to business.

Rev. J. W. Shackford, of the Methodist church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The enrolments thus far show that there are twenty-two ministers and twenty-five ruling elders present.

The great subject of home missions within the bounds of the presbytery is now before the body, the annual report of its permanent committee (R. H. Flary, chairman) being under consideration. The churches have contributed to local or presbyterial home missions, $548.86; to the General Assembly's home missions, $328.93; to the invalid fund, $216.07. There are fifty-seven churches, and of thirty-two ministers on the roll of the presbytery only twenty-four are actively working in its bounds, the others being on the foreign and other fields and a few infirm. The committee is a very laborious one, and in order to reach feeble churches and destitute fields, proposes a new grouping of churches. Many interesting facts were developed during the discussion of this subject, and great interest was shown by the presbytery and congregation present, which was enlivened by occasional humorous speeches from brethren laboring in the back woods and others.

The following groups, recommended by the committee, were adopted:

1. Galatea, Glen Wilton, and Rich Patch.
2. Low Moor, Keyser-Memorial, and Shawn.
3. Fincastle and Mountain Union.
4. Buchanan, High Bridge, and Carmell.
5. Vinton, Bethany, and Woodside.
6. Salem and White House.

FIRE AND BURGLARY.

Storehouse and Dwelling in Craig County Burned.

NEW CASTLE, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—The storehouse of F. B. Wagener, and the stock of goods therein belonging to F. B. Wagener & Brothers, together with the dwelling house of F. B. Wagener, attached to the storehouse, situated at Willow Brook, one mile south of this place, were totally destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock on yesterday morning. The storehouse was entered by robbers and the iron safe opened and about $100 in money and a gold watch were taken therefrom. All of the books of the firm and the funds of both the firm and of F. B. Wagener were destroyed. The bonds amounted to more than $15,000, and covered a successful business career of more than twenty years. The loss outside of the bonds and books amounts to about $5,000, covered by $1,800 insurance. There is no clue to the perpetrators of this great crime. Two daughters of F. B. Wagener barely escaped being burned to death, as the fire had made great headway and was beyond control when first discovered.

WILL PROBABLY DIE.

Well-Known Importer of Bananas Shoots Himself.

MOBILE, ALA., April 15.—J. Leonard Mueller, general manager of the Snyder Banana Company, of this city, and one of the best-known men connected with the importation of bananas through this port and New Orleans, shot himself in the head at 9:30 o'clock this morning, in the office of the company in this city. He will probably die.

Mr. Mueller has been in bad health for some time. He came to this city about four years ago from New Orleans. At the recent municipal election he was elected an alderman at large, and this office he held until last Monday, when he resigned, on account of ill-health. He was last season vice-president of the Southern League of base-ball clubs, and one of the directors of the Mobile Club. He leaves a wife and a daughter.

New Virginia Doctors.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 15.—(Special.)—Among the graduates announced by the faculty of the Maryland University School of Medicine last night were the following Virginians: Harry Lewis Baptist, Bernard Barrow, Peter P. Causey, William E. Fahrney, Lurty Noel Harris, Timothy O. Heatwole, Charles Denbeigh Marchant, Edwin B. Ramsey, Compton Riely, and Robert Conrad Ring.

Three Months in Jail.

NORFOLK, VA., April 15.—(Special.)—Captain Frank Wood, ex-Assistant-Chief of the Fire Department, was to-day sentenced to pay a fine of $1 and spend three months in jail for shooting Martin J. Ryan, Chief of the department, on New-Year's-Day. Captain Wood had been connected with the Norfolk Fire Department since 1856, and is one of the most popular men in the city. The trial was attended by a large crowd.

Probably Fatal Accident.

PITTSBURG, PA., April 15.—While a blast was being tapped at the Republic Iron-Works, on the South Side, about 3 o'clock this morning, the molten metal boiled over into the pit of water, causing an explosion. Five men were badly burned, two of whom will probably die. Their names are: Dennis Mahoney, recovery doubtful; James Reilly, recovery doubtful; Martin Kinski, Stanley Persovar, and John Morton. The damage to the mill property was small.

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Tan, Fawn, Brown, Gray, Pearl, Champagne, Yellow, White, and Black Embroidered, in several acceptable styles, $1 the pair, instead of $1.48.

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Black and White and Navy Blue and White Grounds, besides exquisite Colored Grounds, upon which are lovely, effective prittings, 50c. the yard.

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A special sale of Extra Quality Fancy Stripe Taffeta Ribbons on sale to-day, 25c. yard.

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Besides the vast assortment of regular Wash Goods, we have the exclusive sorts, too, and the prices never so little:

12 1-2c. yard—Fine French Organdies.

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An endless variety—a complete assortment—all the newest, handsomest styles at 25 per cent. below other prices.

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We'll save you money on every purchase. A big stock of the prettiest, newest, and finest.

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Girls' Reefers, braid-trimmed, sailor and small extra collar, $1.25.

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Gentlemen's Puff Ties, 25c.

Fancy Band Bows, 15c.

Silk Ties, two for 25c.

12 1-2c. yard-wide Indigo Blue Percale, 6 1-4c.

India Linen, 40 inches wide, 10c. yard.

15c. Matting, 10c. yard.

Fancy Duck, 7 1-2c. yard.

10c. Huck Towels, 7c.

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Beauty is to be seen among these lovely creations of Many-Colored Silks. There is richness in the novel styles, harmony in the colors, and quality everywhere. See what can be had for little money to-day:

Plain White China Silk Parasols, $1.19, instead of $1.75.

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Every Corset goodness, shape, and style is to be found in these Fancy Satine Corsets. To-day 50c.; only a limited quantity.

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COCK-FIGHTING STILL GOES ON.

The Chickens Were Pitted Against Each Other Last Night.

The sports of this city, who have a penchant for cock-fighting, do not propose to let such a little thing as law stand in their way when they want to enjoy themselves, and it is frequently the case that they journey beyond the city limits to a sequestered spot known only to themselves, and pit their chickens against each other.

A journey of this kind was made last night, but diligent search on the part of newspaper-men failed to reveal the spot. The chickens were taken out early in the evening, and the sports went later. Several gentlemen who had been to the main were seen after their return from the fight, but all were exceedingly reticent, and simply referred the reporter to Dr. Jub. B. Wood.

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