

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERS ALTERNATIVE PLANS. MASONIC PLANT AND TRACTION CO. Combination Whereby Abundant Supply of Current for Arc and Incandescent Lights May Be Secured—City Grants Use Fifty Arc Lamps.

The Committee on Police and Light of the Carnival Association will appear before the Finance Committee of the association to-night and ask for an appropriation of \$2,000 for lighting Broad street during Carnival Week. This was decided at a meeting of the committee held in the office of Fire-Alarm-Superintendent W. H. Thompson, in the City Hall, last night.

The committee considered at some length two alternative propositions. One was the offer of the Richmond Railway and Electric Company to furnish seventy-four arc lights—thirty of which are the city's—and 2,000 incandescent lights in consideration of \$2,000, and the privilege of selling incandescent lights to booth-owners.

The other plan is entirely new to the public, but its feasibility and advantages are considered to entitle it to great weight. This scheme is to lease for \$100 per day the plant in the Masonic Temple, which would provide light from Jefferson to Sixth street. Coupled with this is the offer of the Richmond Traction Company to furnish, free of cost, whatever power is required to light up Broad street from Sixth to Eleventh street. It would be necessary, in order to increase traction company's power, for the committee to secure, at \$20 per day, a machine to convert the power so that it could be used to run arc and incandescent lights. Of course, the committee would incur great additional expense in arranging a scheme of lighting the booth street. However, the committee asserts that with this company it can guarantee to brilliantly light the booth street during Carnival Week.

The committee decided to go before the Finance Committee to-night with their report. Before adjourning, the committee elected Mr. H. S. Jones permanent secretary, without pay.

FIFTY CITY LIGHTS. The Council Committee on Light last night considered the matter of increasing the number of arc lamps that might be secured from other portions of the city for use in Broad street during Carnival Week. The committee, which originally decided last night to increase the number to fifty. Mr. Wallerstein, chairman of the committee, laid the matter before the body, and will make known the committee's decision to the Carnival Finance Committee to-night.

It is expected that the Carnival Finance Committee will proceed to-night to appropriate the funds among the various committees that are to be organized. It is urged upon chairman of the various committees that it is very important that they indicate the amount of subscriptions to the Finance Committee to-night. The committee will then be in better shape to apportion funds among committees.

BEFORE PRESS COMMITTEE. The Press Committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon at headquarters, Chairman Minter presiding. J. L. Lee, secretary of the Press Committee, stated that his committee was not yet ready to make any report like a detailed report. Major Patton stated, through the secretary, that it was earnestly desired by the Finance Committee that the chairman of the various committees report subscriptions prior to 6 o'clock this afternoon, when the Finance Committee meets to appropriate the funds among the committees.

Treasurer Furnishes an circular letter to firms and individuals who subscribed, and a large number have sent in their checks. It is urgent that subscriptions be forwarded at once to the treasurer.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS. Dr. Edward McGuire has returned to the governor. Mr. John Schell is very ill at his residence, No. 1302 west Marshall street.

REHABILITATE THE CAR LINES. The directors of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company have formally decided to accept the franchise offered by the city. The time limit for such acceptance, as presented by the city, is to be extended to the date of the written acceptance, which will be filed together with the proposed plan of rehabilitation.

NEW CARS COMING SOON. Captain Andrew Pizzini, Jr., the first manager of the road, has already arranged for the delivery of twenty new cars, and work is already in progress at the power-house.

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CONVENTION OFFICERS NAMED. National Democratic Sub-Committee Makes Some Selections. CHICAGO, March 15.—The Chronicle says: The sub-committee of the Democratic National Committee to make preliminary arrangements for the Kansas City convention will recommend the following names for action by the National Committee, which is slated to meet the day before the convention: Principal Reading Clerk, S. S. Hampton, Petoskey, Mich.; Assistant Reading Clerks—Lem J. Smith, Arden, Col.; J. H. Gillespie, Burlington, Ia.; E. E. Murphy, Leavenworth, Kan.

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The funeral will take place from his late residence. The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Blanche Davis, whose death occurred on Wednesday, will take place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. James Lehigh Jones, 1016 Floyd avenue, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. J. S. Smith, and will be assisted by a number of friends, including a daughter of Mrs. Jones, who arrived yesterday from Augusta, Ga. The body of Mr. M. J. Meador, who died of congestion of the lungs at 1038 Cumberland yesterday for burial. The funeral of Mrs. Annie B. Sudiff, who died on Sunday at her home at Barrington Heights, took place yesterday afternoon.

WANT REV. MR. MELTON. The Baltimore Sun of yesterday says: Rev. J. W. Melton, pastor of the Franklin Square Baptist church, Calhoun street, near Lexington, whose being commended unanimously by a committee of thirty for the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Augusta, Ga., was announced in the Sun yesterday, says he has decided whether he will permit his name to be used as pastor. The meeting of the congregation of First Baptist church of Augusta, Ga., on the night of August 1, to be held next Sunday, will be held at the residence of the writer, and on the other hand, he is being urged to consent to go to Augusta.

SEeks Long-Lost Brother. On the back of a circular sent out by the Southern Rubber-Slamp Works of this city, appear the face-simile signatures of two persons, the names of which are "W. H. Haywood." Recently the Richmond firm was advised by a communication from W. H. Haywood, of Camp Hill, Pa., that the writer had seen the circular, and was in the city with the family name reproduced on the circular, and that he had information concerning "J. H. Haywood," saying that a brother by that name never afterwards heard from "J. H. Haywood," however, cannot trace the man, who perhaps had lost his name, and if he is the long-lost brother, he would like to hear from him, and is anxious to locate him.

The Coming of Ada Rehan. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger will present Miss Ada Rehan at the Academy in two of her best productions—namely, "Lady Teazel, in Sheridan's famous comedy, "School for Scandal," and "As You Like It, Shakespeare's masterpiece. The writer has seen the actress, and is presented in the same manner that all of Augustin Daly's productions ever put before the public. Miss Rehan has returned to America after an absence of over a year on a starring tour in England, and she has had a very successful season at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, London, and she has had a very successful season at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, London, and she has had a very successful season at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, London.

PRO-BOER MEETING IN NEW YORK. Montagu White Speaks—McKinley Hissed—Bryan Cheered. NEW YORK, March 15.—There was a mass-meeting of Boer sympathizers at Cooper Union to-night, at which George M. VanHoesen presided. Montagu White, the Boer representative, John E. Mitholland, and P. Luther Howard, representative of the Orange Free State, were the principal speakers. Mr. VanHoesen prophesied that "not until all the Boers are in their graves or the British are in flight, will the war be over." President McKinley's name was hissed and hooted, and the mention of Bryan's name brought forth cheers.

DESTRUCTION OF JOHANNESBURG. Referring to his interview with regard to the probable destruction of Johannesburg by the Boers, he said: "A nation making war cannot provide a drawing-room for its enemy. The Boers would not have lost Johannesburg by the destruction of Johannesburg, as it would provide splendid barracks accommodation for the British, and by reason of its location and other advantages, an invaluable base for operations."

HER HUSBAND FORMER SECRETARY AND COLLABORATOR. A cablegram received in Washington yesterday announces the marriage of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett to Mr. Stephen Townsend, F. R. C. S., of the Inner Temple Continental Club, London. Mrs. Burnett came over to this country in October last, and, after having spent the winter of last at Washington residence, she sailed for Genoa on the 28th by the North German Lloyd steamer Eber, and her arrival in Genoa she was met by Mr. Townsend, and the marriage was quietly celebrated.

NEW YORK'S REFORM MOVEMENT. Grand Jury Objects to Presence of District-Attorney Gardner. NEW YORK, March 15.—A sensational element was injected into the reform movement to-day when the grand jury formally protested against the presence of District-Attorney Gardner during the examination of a business man who appeared in a body before Recorder Goff and asked for instructions. The foreman, addressing the Recorder, said that the order of proceedings had been interfered with, and the grand jury desired to examine witnesses without the presence of any member of the District-Attorney's office. A spirited colloquy ensued between Colonel Gardner and Recorder Goff, the latter declining to allow the District-Attorney to address him. Finally Colonel Gardner was allowed to state his side of the controversy. He claimed that he had a right to be present in the grand jury room and to be heard, if necessary, in the examination of witnesses.

TWO MURDERERS HANGED. One of Them Confesses a Murder for Which He Was Not Tried. KALEIGH, N. C., March 15.—John Taylor and Robert Fortune, the two negroes who murdered Mr. Robert Hester, near Rocky Mount, on December 21st, were publicly hanged at Nashville, N. C., today. Taylor confessed that he and Fortune murdered Lawrence Jackson, near Weldon, N. C., on the 18th day of last December. The two negroes were perfectly calm when they met at Rocky Mount, and so great was the desire to see the hanging that the Nash County Board of Commissioners made the hanging public. It is estimated that 10,000 white people viewed the double execution.

RECORDER SUSTAINS THE JURY. Recorder Goff, in a lengthy address, sustained the grand jury. He defined the conditions under which the District-Attorney might be permitted to be present in the grand jury room, and his right was limited to the giving of information to the grand jury. After that information has been given, said the Recorder, his functions cease, and he must withdraw. Should the necessity for his presence be added, the idea being to give the different parts of the country representation.

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MEDIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. Correspondence Showing Our Government's Action in the Matter. WASHINGTON, March 15.—In response to a resolution, the President to-day sent to the Senate the correspondence relating to the request for mediation in South Africa.

The first document is a despatch from Pretoria, dated March 10th, which states: "I am officially requested by the government of the Transvaal to request your intervention with a view to cessation of hostilities. Similar request made to the representatives of European Powers. Answer, confirming receipt." (Signed) "AMERICAN CONSUL." Mr. Hay responded:

"Your telegram asking offices of United States to bring about cessation of hostilities has been made the subject of a friendly communication to Great Britain, with the expression of a hope for mediation." (Signed) "HAY." Secretary Hay telegraphed Mr. White, secretary of the American Embassy at London:

"My way of friendly good offices, you will inform British Minister for Foreign Affairs that I am to-day in receipt of a telegram from the United States Consul at Pretoria, dated March 10th, in which the two African republics request President's intervention with a view to cessation of hostilities. In communicating this request I am directed by the President to say that he would be glad to aid in any friendly manner to promote so happy a result." (Signed) "HAY."

Mr. White replied to Mr. Hay, under date of March 15th, as follows: "I communicated yesterday to the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, having been unable to see Lord Salisbury, the contents of your friendly communication. To-day I have had an interview with his Lordship, who requested me to thank the United States for the interest shown by him, and added that His Majesty's government cannot accept the intervention of any other Power." (Signed) "HAY."

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DECLINES TO DISCUSS ARREST. Mr. Shea refused to discuss the arrest when questioned at his office later in the day. General Otis recalled purchases of serviceable boats of this character met present requirements.

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(In 16-24)

INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

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NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899, OF THE CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—CHARLES A. DEAN.
Second Vice-President—GEORGE A. VANDEVEER.
Secretary—BALLARD MCALL.
Treasurer—WILLIAM B. BROWN.
Commenced Business—JUNE 9, 1897.
Principal Office—336 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

CAPITAL \$500,000
Amount of net ledger assets, December 31, 1899 \$1,230,826 73

INCOME DURING THE YEAR. Fidelity and Surety.

Gross premiums unpaid December 31st, last year \$2,211 82
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year 656,825 31
Total 659,037 13
Deduct gross premiums—course of collection at this date 34,810 12
Entire premiums collected during the year 624,227 01
Deduct reinsurance, abatements, rebates, and return premiums 15,238 60
Net cash actually received for premiums 608,988 41

Interest on bonds, mortgages, and other investments 2,211 82
Interest and dividends on stocks and bonds 56,570 60
Interest upon other debts due the company 22 15
Total interest 58,000 37

Profit on ledger assets actually sold during the year, over cost \$2,000 00
Income from all other sources, including \$338.88 suspension, \$374.74 dividends from National Bank of Kansas City, \$63.34 miscellaneous income, \$2,738.57 \$4,185 50

TOTAL INCOME ACTUALLY RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR, IN CASH \$ 646,203 33

Aggregate last balance and income 1,877,020 05

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR. Fidelity and Surety.

Gross amount paid for matured claims other than weekly in demand 1,178,324 01
Deduct reinsurance and salvages, including recoveries on account of losses previously paid 32,247 00
Net paid policy-holders 1,146,077 01
To stockholders for interest or dividends \$50,000 00
Commission on reinsurance 54,835 54
Salaries, traveling, and all expenses of agents and agencies 80,737 20
Compensation of resident officers and consulting attorney's fees 15,639 97
Salaries and other compensation of officers 29,123 24
Home office employees 76,713 93
Taxes on premiums, \$5,291.71; Insurance Department fees and agents' licenses, \$1,222.85; municipal licenses, \$32.47 10,465 58
Rent 1,169 69
Legal expenses 4,408 24
General expenses 1,222 85
All other items 68,920 25

Total miscellaneous expenses 351,983 51

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 1,498,060 52

Balance 1,328,959 53

ASSETS.

Loans on mortgage on real estate \$ 39,294 33
Market value of bonds and stocks owned absolutely 1,060,000 00
Cash in company's office 17,875 99
Cash deposited with banks 114,738 55
Interest due and accrued on mortgages and bonds 7,337 27
Premiums in course of collection, not more than three months due 56