

SWANSON BELLCOSE. Here to Look After His Elevation to the Governorship.

READY FOR A FINISH FIGHT. 'Darn the Man Who Dies Between Sheets,' He Says.

MEETING OF CITY COMMITTEE. Two Montague Men Chosen to Succeed Retiring Members from Monroe Ward—Mr. Doherty Chosen Chairman—Primary, March 28th.

With this issue trouble begins. Hon. Claude Swanson is here to look after his elevation to the gubernatorial chair, and he is prepared to fight to a finish.

"I believe in dying with my boots on," said he to an admiring coterie of friends at Murphy's last night, "and for my part, I say, darn the man who dies between sheets."

Upon the delivery of these emphatic remarks, the Fifth District congressman snatched his black eyes, gesticulated in his sprightly way, and then proceeded to outline certain plans, which, to say the least, will be exceedingly interesting.

Mr. Swanson is young and energetic; furthermore, he is aggressive and plucky. There is something of the cavalier in him. If the other fellows are good, he is willing to be good, too; but he frankly declares that he can hold his own in a rough and tumble as well as the next one.

There was plenty of snap and glister in the meeting of the City Democratic Committee last night, and it is not probable to say that several good Democrats got excited, and even perspired. True, the whole business may be regarded by disinterested persons as a mere ripple in a streamlet, but some ripples in some streamlets attract a good deal of attention, and possibly this was one of that sort.

The milk in the political cocoanut was the gubernatorial fight, and the members of the committee, after the manner of all normal mortals, exhibited their preferences for this, that, and t'other candidate.

PLANS NEARLY READY. Chemical Company's New Office Home to Be a Beauty.

BRICK AND STONE STRUCTURE. Five Stories High, Steel-Ribbed, and Fire-Proof Interior.

THE LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF VA. Will Move Into the Old City Hall on Broad Street, Temporarily—Plans of the Virginia Club—Captain Dimmock Has Finished the Drawings.

Work will begin, in probably less than thirty days, on the erection of a splendid five-story, fireproof office building on Twelfth street, between Main and Cary, for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

The present building, on the lot to be occupied by the new offices of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, is Nos. 11, 11-1-2, and 13. It is now occupied by the Richmond Branch of the National Biscuit Company; The Richmond Biscuit Company; James Hayes, plumber, and E. F. Duesberry & Co., printers.

The building, to be the place of that now on the lot, will be 41 feet front and 100 feet deep, with an alleyway on both sides. It will be a detached building, with light air on all sides. The building will be five stories high, and the material used will be brick and stone, with steel construction, and fireproof interior.

The Life Insurance Company of Virginia, now located in the Hanewinkel building, will soon move into the old City Hall, No. 915 east Broad street.

The Virginia Club, now occupying the Hines residence, No. 265 east Franklin street, has secured the premises for a permanent home of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

There is some talk of trying to induce several of Richmond's prominent educators to enter the convention fight, but it is hardly probable that the question would give their names for such a fray.

RUSSIA MUST HALT. The Crisis in Far Eastern Affairs Most Grave.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ACTION. The Czar Must Give Up His Designs on Manchuria.

JAPAN EXPECTED TO SIDE WITH US. Germany, in Spite of the Anglo-German Pact, is Regarded as Doubtful—France Will, of Course, Support Her Ally.

LONDON, March 8.—A crisis has arisen in far eastern affairs, which, in the opinion of the British Government, is graver almost than the troubles which originally turned the eyes of the world toward the Orient.

The conference held Wednesday between United States Ambassador Choate and Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, had nothing to do with the Nicaragua canal affair.

AMERICAN INSTRUCTIONS. Almost simultaneously, the Associated Press understands, the United States Government is expected to issue instructions to its various ambassadors to take similar steps.

TO SECURE MENACING FRONT. Lord Lansdowne is using every effort to bring the Powers into line, in order to present to Russia such a menacing front that without any ambiguity regarding temporary or other occupation, she may give up all designs upon Manchuria.

NOT FOR THE PUBLIC. Business-Men of Three Cities Meet Here in Conference. Business-men representing the commercial and trade associations of Norfolk, Newport News, and Richmond met at noon at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday and held a meeting of considerable duration.

Private Marshall, who was stricken with a severe case of the grip while in Washington with the Seventy-third Regiment, returned home yesterday morning. He was taken to his home, and expects to be able to resume work in a day or two.

ACCIDENT ON BROAD ST. Young C. B. Luskard Thrown from a Runabout and Injured.

C. B. Luskard, a young man about town, was thrown out of a runabout yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock, and received a painful gash across the forehead.

WILL MR. KELLOGG RESIGN. Persistent Rumor at College That He Will—Prof. Pollard. A report is being persistently circulated among the students of Richmond College that Professor Robert J. Kellogg, of the Chair of Greek in the college, contemplated resigning at the close of the present session.

HANDSOME WIDOWER. The Man Miss Vick is Reported to Have Been Engaged To. The following interesting special was received from Norfolk last night:

A DEMOCRATIC SENATOR. Montana's Choice is Paris Gibson. HELENA, MONT., March 8.—At 3:30 this morning, on the twenty-second ballot for the day, Paris Gibson (Democrat), of Great Falls, was elected United States Senator for the term expiring March 4, 1905.

BLEW HIS BRAINS OUT. Suicide in Bristol—Death From the Shock. BRISTOL, TENN., March 8.—(Special.)—Surrounded by his family, in his dining-room, at 7 o'clock this morning, J. Tip Powell, a Bristol saloon proprietor, drew a revolver and blew his brains out.

J. E. SEARLES'S LIABILITIES. Believed Now That They Will Fall Under \$1,000,000. NEW YORK, March 8.—Because of the many and diversified interests in which John E. Searles was engaged, the work of examining into his financial condition involves much time and labor.

NEWSPAPER VISITORS. Police-Justice Brown and City-Sergeant E. W. Milstead, of Newport News, were in the city yesterday, discussing politics. Mr. Milstead said that his city would probably send a delegation about equality divided between Montague and Swanson.

CHAMBER REJECTS IT. Refuses to Endorse Passenger and Power Co.'s Offer.

MIGHT EMBARRASS CITY. Text of the Resolutions, Which Were Unanimously Adopted.

WORKMEN ALSO GO ON RECORD. Council of the Allied Building Trades "Strenuously Object" to Acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's Offer—Council for P. & P. Co. Surprised.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening to consider the offer of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company to guarantee the sum of \$100,000 annually for five years for the maintenance of a public library which Andrew Carnegie has offered to endow with \$100,000.

Another member went on record as being opposed to the acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's offer at all, taking the general ground of opposing the offer on the ground that it would be anything but expedient for the city to go on record as placing itself under so heavy an obligation to any corporation holding a public franchise.

THE MATTER OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF MR. CARNEGIE'S OFFER WAS PRETTY THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED BY ALL ITS DETAILS, AND THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION WAS IN FAVOR OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER, PROVIDED THE CITY COUNCIL COULD SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO PROVIDE THE \$100,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LIBRARY.

RESOLVED, That this Board of Directors express their pleasure in the fact that Mr. Carnegie should have included our city in his public library endowment, especially as other sister cities in the South have recently accepted similar offers.

Rev. F. B. Meyer's Books—full line, at HUNTER & CO.'S. Odd Trousers for a song at Berry's. No better time than now to have your old pair of trousers, coat, or lounge reupholstered. We have a corps of first-class workmen and our line of upholstery goods embraces all the new ideas in coverings.

Books for Lent—a good assortment; also Bibles, Prayer, and Hymnals. HUNTER & CO. To rebuke wasted tissue and fortify the system against the sudden changes of fall and winter doctors recommend DR. SEIGERT'S Angostura Bitter.

REMARKABLE CAREER OF CRIME. Swindling Operations of Alfred Parsons Alias Ross Raymond.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Captain Titus, of the Detective Bureau, said to-day that Alfred Parsons, the New Haven prisoner, charged with attempting to swindle President Hadley, of Yale, is Ross Raymond, who was originally from Lancaster, Pa.

On his arrival in Paris, en route for London, he suddenly developed a mania for swindling. He called on the proprietor of the Hotel Bristol, in Paris, and notified him that he was the avant courier of the Khedive of Egypt, who would arrive the next day.

TAMAYO FOR AMENDMENT. Cuban Demonstrations Cease—Havana Strike Settled. HAVANA, March 8.—The Committee on Relations of the Cuban constitutional convention, to which was referred the Platt amendment, is made up of three radicals—Silva, Villanueva, and Guetber Gomez—and two Conservatives—Tamayo and Quesada.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate, all except Mr. Stone being confirmed immediately:

Ernest A. Man, of Florida, to be Consul at Breslau, Germany. Ormond Stone, of Charlottesville, Va., to be a member of the Board of Visitors to the Naval Academy.

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Not a Side Issue. Our line of Sideboards is important, and has but to be seen to be appreciated. C. D. KENNY COMPANY, Broad & 6th and Main & 15th Sts. Don't overlook that \$2.50 Mackintosh Sale at Berry's.