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THE DAY'S SUMMARY.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, December 1.—Forecast: Virginia—Fair in north, rain in south portion Tuesday; Wednesday, rain; variable winds, becoming northeast and fresh.

North Carolina—Rain Tuesday and Wednesday; north to east winds, slowly increasing.

STATE OF THERMOMETER.

6 A. M.	36
9 A. M.	40
12 M.	44
3 P. M.	47
6 P. M.	46
12 Night	43

Mean temperature 42 2-3

The weather in Richmond yesterday was clear and cold.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. December 2, 1902.

		HIGH TIDE.	
Sun rises	7:08	Morning	6:02
Sun sets	4:51	Evening	6:11
Moon sets	7:11		

RICHMOND.

Common Council passes the ordinance providing for a settling basin——Minor resolution, for the investigation of the Council, defeated——Light Committee asks for $200,000 for the construction of a gas holder in the West End——Elks' dedication and programme——Official vote of Virginia, by counties, with comparisons——Governor Montague asked to have the Legislature enact a law to assist the United States geological survey——State spends $23,000 for military protection——Mule and horse markets active in this city——Bank statements place Virginia in the lead of all Southern States and Richmond at the head of towns of like size——Pickett's camp reunion——Deserter gives himself up to the police——Bartenders organize——Physicians discuss bloodless surgery——Preparations for Grand Lodge meeting——Winter ushered in——Horse show building to be remodelled——MANCHESTER—Taylor dying——Dr. Matthews worse——Marriage of Miss Mabel Owen and Mr. Charles G. Pettit, Jr.——Miss Kathleen Taylor to become bride of Mr. Arlington Dunlop——Boys before Mayor Maurice.

VIRGINIA.

Resident of Robert and O. Leach burned in Warren——Edward Miller, a 15-year-old lad, fatally injured in Petersburg by a fall——The shortage of D. P. Magruder, Woodstock's missing cashier, will amount to over $15,000——Jamestown Exposition Company will issue $1,000,000 in bonds for the purchase of a site and preliminary work——Jacob Rice killed at Appalachia, Va., by being thrown from his horse——Deaths: John West Lindenberger, in Hampton, R. L. Brewer, Sr., at Suffolk; Mrs. Harry McCaulley, at Newport News; Mrs. Drucilla Bucher, in Frederick county; Mrs. Missouri E. Saunders, at Petersburg; David Hurley, in Middlesex; Mrs. Jane E. Turner, at Walkers' Ford; Robert H. Montague, in Middlesex.

GENERAL.

New York stock market prices lifted generally——Heavy liquidation of wheat at Chicago, causing weakness. Corn and oats higher. Provisions lower——Venezuela makes satisfactory acceptance of Germany's claims and probably will act similarly as regards Britain's demands——Carter Glass sworn in as representative in Congress from the Sixth District——Resolution offered in the House by Tayler, of Ohio, proposing that credentials of Carter Glass be referred to Committee on Elections No. 1, and inquiry made with respect to their legality, referred as proposed——Post-office at Hartsville, S. C., robbed——Odnung and Commissioner Foster the only favorites beaten at New Orleans——Contest over omnibus Statehood begins immediately on the meeting of Congress——Senor Concha relieved as Minister from Colombia, and chances of canal treaty thereby improved——Charter is granted for railway from Enid, Okla., to San Diego, Cal.——A. Brittin elected president of New Orleans Cotton Exchange——Julius Weiss, one of the wealthiest cotton merchants in New Orleans, fined for violating Jim Crow car law——A number of bills affecting business combinations introduced in the House, none of them at request of administration——Dewey sails for Culebra Island on the Mayflower——Representative Cannon introduces a bill to provide for payment of the coal commission——Street-car strike in effect at Houston, Tex.——Steamer Hebard wrecked at Point Mainse, Mich., and her crew of fourteen men believed to have been lost——Steamship St. Louis arrives at New York after a very stormy passage, during which one seaman was lost——Savannah street-car company announces increase in pay of all motormen and conductors——M. M. and Roy Burkhalter assassinated by two negroes near Jennie Post-office, Ga.——Editor of "Libertas," at Manila, found guilty of libelling General Bell and religious censor of paper, acquitted——President Smith defines present position of Mormon church with respect to polygamy and the ecclesiastical position of Senatorial Candidate Smoot——Henry French, famous theatrical manager, dies in New York——Carolina Northern railway, Southern Saw-Mill Company, and Atlantic Seaboard Company, North Carolina, placed in hands of receiver——Huntsville, Ark., almost totally destroyed by fire——Trial of J. Wilfred Blondin, for alleged Mile-murder, begins at Boston——Striking cigarmakers at Havana vote to return to work——Varona succeeds Tamayo as Secretary of Government in Cuba——Fifteen hundred passengers detained at Marseilles by reason of strike of strikers——Stolen love letters may cost Prince Mirko, second son of the reigning Prince of Montenegro, his cherished ambition of ascending the Servian throne——Members of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals invited to horse-meat dinner in Berlin——International Seamen's Union meets in Milwaukee——Canfield's alleged gambling house, New York, raided by forces led by Jerome, and found to be absolutely vacant.

SICK MARINES COMING HOME.

Colombian Government Says It Can Protect the Isthmus.

SAN JUAN, P. R., December 1.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Panther, with 320 marines on board, nearly all sick, sailed this afternoon for Norfolk. She came from Colon. The Colombian Government asserted that it could protect the isthmus, so the opportunity was seized to take the fever-stricken soldiers back.

The gunboat has left for Colon, to replace the Panther. Rear-Admiral Higginson has sailed for Culebra Island, on board the gunboat Scorpion. The Lebanon and Hist have arrived at Culebra. The Detroit, from Culebra Island, is coaling here.

J. S. McCabe fell overboard from the Osceola, in this harbor, on Saturday, and was drowned. The body was recovered last night, and was buried to-day with military honors.

GLASS IS SEATED.

Sworn in as Representative to Fill Otey's Unexpired Term.

AN INQUIRY PROPOSED.

Resolutions Offered by Tayler, of Ohio, at Wise's Request.

COMMITTEE TO ACT TO-DAY.

Democrats Endeavoring to Secure an Adverse Report.

CRUMPACKER DECLINED CASE.

President Roosevelt Also Turned His Back on the Proposition Made by Wise—Tayler Emphasizes the Fact That He Consented Only in Order to Oblige the Republican Lawyer—It is Believed the House Will Refuse to Adopt the Resolution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 1.—(Special.)—Not in many years has a more serious question been so suddenly sprung in the House of Representatives as was that to-day when Mr. Tayler, chairman of House Committee No. 1, on Elections, offered a resolution to investigate the right of Carter Glass, of the Sixth Virginia District, to a seat in the House.

In the words of Mr. Glass, the gentleman most affected, "it is revolutionary and savors of reconstruction and affects nearly every State in the South."

Mr. Swanson styles it, "the Crumpacker resolution in disguise."

It caused a surprise to everybody. Even the President had held up his message until to-morrow, in order that the House might adjourn out of respect to the memory of the representatives who have died during the vacation. But a resolution was offered by Mr. Tayler to investigate the election of Mr. Glass, and it was, after a few words referred to Mr. Tayler's committee's action.

Wise Seeks Politicians.

John S. Wise having lost his case in the Federal Court at Richmond, and, pending action upon his application to the Supreme Court to have the appealed case moved up on the docket, he sought to transfer the fight to the floor of the House. He reached Washington Sunday and endeavored to have Mr. Crumpacker take the matter up and fight against Mr. Glass's being sworn in. He carried the matter still further, and went to see the President.

Mr. Crumpacker refused to take up the fight to deny the seat to Mr. Glass in that way, and suggested to Mr. Wise that he allow Mr. Glass to be sworn in and then make the effort to unseat him.

After going the rounds among the Republican leaders, Mr. Wise succeeded in getting Mr. Tayler to take up the matter in the fashion he did.

Democrats on Qui Vive.

The Democrats are going to watch the proceedings with eagle eyes and see that no turns are called on them. The committee will take up the case to-morrow at 11 o'clock and will then determine whether or not it will report the resolution back to the House favorably.

Prior to the meeting of the committee, a conference of the Virginia members will be held to map out a plan of action. They will endeavor to get every Democrat thoroughly aroused to action, and they will fight every inch of the ground. They will first try to fight it out in the committee and try to secure an adverse report to the House. If they fail in that, however, they will proceed to adopt whatever tactics may seem to be best suited to prevent the measure passing the House. If, however, it is seen that the resolution will pass they will offer an amendment so as to include an investigation of affairs in Pennsylvania and even in Massachusetts.

Congress as a Tool.

While it seems that the whole matter is but an effort to have Congress do what it is probable the courts will not do, and which Chief Justice Fuller refused to do, yet it is believed that cooler counsels in the Republican party will prevail and that the resolution will meet the fate of the Crumpacker resolution. But it will not do so until some Republicans have used it as an occasion for a great deal of red-shirt speechmaking, and political pyrotechnics.

Commenting on the matter to-day, Representative Jones said: "You may quote me as saying that in the event the matter comes before the House again several Republican leaders have promised me to have nothing to do with it and will try to defeat it."

Not an Unfair Ballot.

Mr. Glass considers it a high-handed and arbitrary action. He said: "The object of the Republicans is professedly to secure fair elections, yet there has never been a fairer election in Virginia than was held this time. I venture the assertion that not an unfair ballot was cast in the entire State."

If the Republicans should bring this resolution to a yea and nay vote, to prevent which the Democrats will exert every effort, it is rather hard to predict what the outcome will be.

Tayler Not Interested.

Mr. Tayler said this afternoon that he had introduced the resolution at the request of John S. Wise, and that he had the subject. He said that he knew no-neither information nor convictions upon thing of the facts, and that the whole question would be considered by the committee to-morrow. If the resolution should be adopted, it would authorize the committee to visit Virginia and call for persons and papers, insuring a sweeping inquiry. The whole question of the franchise in Virginia, and of the effect and validity of the new Constitution is involved in the inquiry, although it is well known that Congress has no right to pass upon the Constitution of a State.

Should the Republican majority see fit, it could unseat Mr. Glass, on the ground that he had not been elected according to the requirements of the Constitution of the United States, and this is what Wise and his followers would like to see done. Had the matter been brought up six months ago, Mr. Glass might have had a hard time, because of the Republican desire to secure the negro vote. But the next election is a good way off, and while the negro vote is an apparition in Republican circles, yet it will hardly become so formidable as to cause conservative Republicans in the House to scare at it.

Precedent Too Dangerous.

Therefore the belief prevails that sufficient Republican votes cannot be commanded in the House to pass the resolution. There will be a strong attempt to secure the votes, but there is doubt whether they can be produced. To unseat Mr. Glass would mean that the entire Virginia delegation would be in danger in the next House. With the precedent once established of Congress's willingness to turn men out of their seats because of constitutional disfranchisement, there is no telling where the matter would stop. So the Virginia members are naturally alive to the situation, and will guard and fight every step in the effort to investigate conditions in that State. They will have the action of Chief Justice Fuller to fall back upon, and they will have the fact that Mr. Glass's district has for years been represented by a Democrat, even when the entire negro vote of the district was cast solidly for the Republican ticket.

The Crumpackers in the House want anything that will give them political capital, and this fact will draw a large support for the pending resolution. If this faction of the Republicans can secure an investigation in one district of Virginia, it will open the entire question of election laws in the South and the suffrage question in that section, leading to Mr. Crumpacker's plan to cut down the representation of the South in Congress.

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GIRL WAS THE STAKE.

Young Man Wins Her at Cards And Kills Her Father

NEW YORK, December 1.—(Special.)—Nicola Severto, a young resident of Harlem's Little Italy, and Pietro Malviro, father of 16-year-old Annie Malviro, played a game of cards in an east One Hundred and Fourteenth street saloon, in which the latter's girl was the stake. At the conclusion of the game, in which the father lost, a quarrel arose which found its climax in the killing of Malviro by the young man who had sought the hand of his daughter.

A few weeks ago Severto asked the father's consent to make love to the girl. Malviro objected to the youth. Though he played cards himself and occasionally took a drink, he did not believe in any prospective son-in-law doing the same, so he put Nicola off by saying his daughter was too young to think of marriage. The men met in a saloon and became engaged in a game of cards. Malviro lost until he was broke. Then Severto proposed putting his winnings against the girl. The father, who was drunk, consented, and lost the game, whereupon Nicola urged that he be taken immediately to the girl and introduced as her accepted suitor. To this, a brother-in-law, who was the most cool-headed of the three, objected, with the result that Nicola made a furious attack on him. The men fought their way out into the street, where the young man, who was getting the worst of it, drew a revolver.

When Malviro saw this he jumped in front of the young man just as he fired. The bullet entered his heart and he died instantly. Nicola fled and has not yet been captured.

A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS.

Pitiful Tale Told by Mrs. Shate in Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Bettie Shate, en route from Texas to her former home at Leudow, Ky., applied at the central police station last night for shelter. Her children, Dick, aged 15, and Carrie, aged 7, accompanied her.

According to her story, she has been marked for grief and suffering.

"Nearly twenty years ago I married and moved to Texas with my husband," she said to the Dispatch correspondent. "We lived on a farm near Galveston, and in the terrible flood our house was swept away during the night. Eight of my ten children were drowned, and I was carried by the water to Mexico. I was insane with grief and was in a lunatic asylum for over a year when I got better. I made my way back to Galveston and found that my husband had been murdered. He had crossed into Mexico and sold a cow. On his way home he was killed for his money. All that was left of my family are these two children. I sold my farm for this wagon and pair of horses and started for Leudow, Ky., a week ago. We have slept in the open air every night."

A MYSTERIOUS MALADY.

Began With Pain in Tooth; Ended in Death.

WASHINGTON, N. C., December 1.—(Special.)—Arthur O. Hengler, of Aurora, was seized with a pain in his tooth Saturday. It gradually extended into his arms and body and resulted in his death Sunday morning.

A doctor was with the man and was unable to give relief, even with opiates. This is the second similar case in Carolina recently. A Mrs. Sigman died at Asheboro last month of the same malady.

RECORD IS BROKEN

COMMON COUNCIL PROVIDES FOR EXPENDITURES OF OVER $600,000.

CLEAR WATER AT LAST.

Coagulating Basin and West-End Stand Pipe Report Adopted.

MINOR INVESTIGATION DEFEATED

Council by the Vote of 19 to 14 Refuse to Allow the Acts of Former Members of Common Council and Board of Aldermen to Be Inquired Into — Toll Bridge Ordinance Adopted.

The meeting of the Common Council last night was as full of business as two eggs of meat.

It broke the record, too, in the matter of appropriations, providing for the expenditure of much more than a half million of the people's money for much needed improvements.

Clear Water Report.

The report of the committees on Finance and Water on the means of raising $350,000 for the building of coagulating and settling basins to clear the James river water was read, together with the ordinance to authorize the issue of $406,000 twelve-year, 3½ per cent. bonds.

Mr. Crenshaw offered as a substitute a resolution that three experts be appointed to examine and report upon the sources of the city water supply. Mr. Crenshaw said that a great deal was being said about this proposition being an experiment. He felt that the Council was not sufficiently enlightened on the subject to go into this tremendous undertaking without taking every possible measure to ascertain whether it is the proper step or not. It would be an irreparable misfortune if the step were taken too hastily and found to be a mistake.

President Bloomberg said he hoped Mr. Crenshaw's substitute would not prevail. This subject had been sufficiently agitated and delayed. He trusted the Council would to-night tell the people of Richmond with no uncertain voice that they should have clear water to drink in the shortest space of time possible. He had studied the subject for eight years and it was time to take positive action.

Mr. Hargrove said that the James river water is as good for the purposes as any water in the world if treated in the method proposed. The supply would be abundantly sufficient for forty years to come.

Willing to Sell City Hall.

Mr. Hicks delivered an eloquent tribute to James river water, and said if we had to sell the City Hall to give the people of Richmond clear water, even that should be done.

Mr. E. W. Miner said that the city of Richmond had always been contracted in its methods of public improvement. He feared we should make a mistake to appropriate this large sum of money to keep the James's water clear when before we are relieved of the debt James river will be a public sewer for all the little towns that are being built on that stream above us, and this temporary provision will be out of date and some step will have to be taken to do what we should have done at first, find some pure source of supply.

Would Damn Council.

Mr. Pollock agreed for once, he said, with Mr. Miner. He believed the people of the next generation would be damning this Council for forcing them to drink James river water.

Mr. Ellett said that the committee had spent night after night looking into this question. He and Mr. Hargrove were nearly one hundred years old, and they had been drinking James river all their lives and he thought they were as healthy specimens as some of the younger members. This report ought to be adopted.

Supt. Bolling Has a Say.

Superintendent Bolling was invited to address the Council and inform members as to the successive steps taken.

Mr. Bolling made a very interesting and convincing talk in the course of which he went over the whole ground that the committee had taken in arriving at its report and answered seemingly very satisfactorily all the objections that had been stated to the adoption of the report.

Mr. Crenshaw's substitute was then defeated—Ayes, 4; noes, 29.

The vote was then taken on the committee's report recommending the appropriation and the method of raising the money, which was adopted—Ayes, 31; noes, 2.

Pollock and Mills voted no.

West-End Stand Pipe.

A resolution to include in the annual appropriations of 1903 $70,000 for the erection of a stand-pipe in the West End was adopted.

No Investigation.

The Minor resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the conduct of the members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council came up for concurrence and was defeated by a vote of 14 ayes and 19 noes.

Mr. Ellett moved that the resolution be concurred in.

The vote was taken without debate, and the Council refused to concur.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes—Anderson, Clowes, Crenshaw, Ellett, Fergusson, Garber, Hargrave, Hobson Miner, Phillips, Pollard, Russsell, Spence, Bloomberg.

Nays—Allen, Morton, Bossieux, Curtis, Grimes, Heslip, Hicks, Huber, Mills, O'Neill, Peters, Pollock, Shea, Stein, Teefey, West, Whalen, Williams, Winston.

Liquor Resolution Shelved.

The resolution concerning applying to the Legislature to pass a law restricting liquor licenses was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform.

On motion of Mr. West, the ordinance

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WITH US ONCE MORE

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS MEETS IN ITS SECOND SESSION.

CROWDS GREET LAWMAKERS.

Women Conspicuous Among the Visitors to the Capitol.

THE PROCEEDINGS PERFUNCTORY.

Senate Adjourns in Twelve Minutes and House in an Hour Out of Respect to Memory of Deceased Members—Carter Glass Sworn In—Proposition to Investigate His Election Referred—Reed on Hand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 1.—The second session of the Fifty-seventh Congress was convened at noon to-day. Long before the gavels fell in the two houses large crowds thronged about the doors of the visitors' galleries, seeking admission. In the early forenoon the corridors gave evidence of an approaching session. There were the usual scenes and incidents attending the opening of Congress. A bright sunny day brought out a crowd to greet the lawmakers, the women being conspicuous among the visitors.

In the lobbies of the House members were exchanging greetings, while on the Senate side there were similar exchanges. Large numbers of representatives also journeyed to the Senate chamber, to shake hands.

To be seen in the corridors and lobbies on both sides were many public officials, who left the departments to witness the opening. Notable among those who gathered at the Capitol this morning were some of the members-elect, who will take seats next December, or earlier, should an extra session be called.

Former Speaker Thomas B. Reed was among the visitors at the Capitol. Prior to the hour for convening he visited among the members of the House, where he once served so many years, then among the members of the Senate. He was greeted on both sides by friends and former associates.

OPENING OF THE HOUSE.

A Society Event—Proceedings Perfunctory—Carter Glass Sworn In.

The opening of the Fifty-seventh Congress in the House was as usual a spectacular event. The galleries and hall were packed to the doors with people prominent in society and politics, and the flower show on the floor, although not as elaborate as usual, filled the chamber with perfume and added grace and beauty to the scene. The members were good-natured and jovial, and there was no outcropping of partisan feeling to mar the re-assembling. Speaker Henderson received a cordial reception as he assumed the gavel, but beyond this there were no demonstrations.

The proceedings were purely perfunctory. A prayer, the calling of the roll, the swearing in of members elected to fill vacancies created by death or resignation during the recess, the adoption of the customary resolutions to appoint a committee to await upon the President to inform him that the House and the Senate were ready to transact business, and to fix the daily hour of business—this summarizes what was done.

Then the death of the late Representative Charles A. Russell, of Connecticut, which occurred in the early fall, was announced by his successor, Mr. Bandegee; the usual resolution of regret was adopted, and the House, as a further mark of respect, adjourned until to-morrow, when the President's message will be read. The session lasted hardly more than an hour.

The leaders on both sides were surrounded and greeted as they found their way to their desks, but there were no demonstrations. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, whose election as speaker of the next House is already assured, was besieged by his colleagues with congratulations, and with difficulty could force a way to his desk. Mr. Payne, of New York, the floor leader of the majority; Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, and other prominent members, also held impromptu receptions.

Among the new members sworn in was Carter Glass, of the Sixth Virginia District, vice Peter J. Otey, deceased.

Immediately after the swearing in of these members, Mr. Tayler, of Ohio, created a flurry by offering a resolution to investigate the election of Carter Glass, of the Sixth Virginia District.

Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, challenged action upon the resolution, but as Mr. Tayler did not ask action upon it, but only that it be referred to Committee on Elections No. 1, it was so referred, without objection.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Bingham (Pennsylvania), Hitt (Illinois), and Richardson (Tennessee), as the committee to wait on the President, and the House adjourned until to-morrow.

SHORT SENATE SESSION.

Adjournment in Honor of McMillan—Profusion of Flowers.

The Senate was in session just twelve minutes to-day, the first day of the session; an adjournment until to-morrow being taken out of respect to the memory of the late Senator James McMillan, who died during the recess.

Rarely has the historic chamber presented such an appearance as it did to-day. The custom of placing flowers on the desks of the Senators on the opening day of the session is one which long has been followed, but the display to-day was admittedly the most magnificent that has ever been seen. Many of the Senators were early on the floor and were kept busy exchanging greetings with old acquaintances.

The galleries were packed to suffocation, and hundreds stood outside the corridors, anxious to gain admission. Among the interested spectators were several members of the diplomatic corps. Senor Quesada, the Cuban minister, occupied a conspicuous place, and exhibited much interest in the proceedings.

The absence of Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain, was particularly noticed. His place to-day was taken by Rev. J. F. Prettyman, of Washington, D. C.

No business was transacted, beyond passing the customary resolutions that the Senate was ready to proceed to business, and fixing the hour of convening the sessions at 12 o'clock. President pro tem Frye appointed Mr. Platt (Connecticut), and Mr. Jones (Arkansas), as the committee to wait upon the President, and the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

Message To-Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 1.—The joint committee of the two branches of Congress appointed to notify the President that Congress had assembled, and was ready to receive any message he might have to deliver to it, called at the Executive offices this evening. The committee was congratulated by the President, and requested to convey to the two houses his felicitations, with the information that he would communicate with the Congress in writing to-morrow.

THE ROMANCE OF A SHINGLE.

How a Carolina Girl Met Her Maine Fiance.

WASHINGTON, N. C., December 1.—(Special.)—Elizabeth City has a pretty romance. Several months ago one of that town's comely girls wrote her full name and address on a shingle, which, unknown to her, was bundled up with similar wood and shipped upon order to a town up in Maine. There the shingle fell into the hands of a susceptible young man, who wrote to the girl in the South. For a time, Uncle Sam and the mail man assisted Cupid, but both correspondents were dissatisfied. They wanted to see each other.

Last week the girl visited in Newport News and the man from the far North came down. As a sequel to this the couple liked each other and are to be married next February. The announcement will be issued next week, and their names are secret till then.

THIS CAT EATS SHEEP.

Greenwood Farmers Trapped It And Sent It To Richmond For Exhibinion.

Mr. R. E. Bruce, manager for T. J. King & Co., 510 east Marshall street, received last Saturday a very fine specimen, in the way of a wildcat. The cat was sent to Mr. Bruce by his brother, A. C. Bruce, of Greenwood, Albemarle county.

The animal had been a source of annoyance to a great many of the farmers in that locality, as they had been continually losing their sheep, but since the capture of the beast they have had no trouble.

The cat is a very fine animal. It stands two feet in height, and will tip the scales at seventy-five pounds. He has a beautiful coat of gray, which would make a very handsome rug.

The wildcat is on exhibition in the window of T. J. King & Co.

HORSE TRADING BEGINS.

Large Consignments of Mules in the Richmond Market.

The sale of horses and mules at the local sale stables will continue to be active from now until the early spring. The Lassiter stables will have a large consignment on sale December 3d, and other dealers report prospective shipments.

Most of the mules shipped to this city to be sold are placed in Eastern Virginia and North Carolina. The animals come from Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and points farther west, and are of a very high grade. A fine pair of Kentucky mules was sold recently at one of the dealer's to a North Carolina purchaser for $390.

The general run of the extra good smooth mules brought here for sale bring from $100 to $175 apiece. Many of the dealers send out from 200 to 500 letters a week to their customers in Virginia and North Carolina, announcing coming shipments of mules and horses. The trade in the next few months promises to be brisk, with good prices in view.

FIRE ALARMS IN HOTELS.

Fire Commissioners Plan Better Protection for Large Buildings.

At a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners held last night, a committee was appointed to draft an ordinance to compel hotels, boarding houses, stores and public halls—and apartment houses more than three stories high—to erect standpipes as a protection in case of fire.

Superintendent Thompson was instructed by the board to compel the hotels to place a general alarm on each floor, to be rung to notify the guests in case of fire.

A Pompeian ladder drill has been arranged with a view of increasing the efficiency of the fire department.

The Virginia deposits during the past banking year have exceeded those of any other Southern State. Richmond deposits have run ahead of Atlanta and other Southern cities of like size.

The statements of the local banks show a healthy financial condition for the period ended November 25th, 1902. While there have been the usual fluctuations in deposits, they have not been such as to affect the forthcoming dividends for January.

WANT $200,000 FOR LIGHT.

Council Committee Recommends Appropriation for Gas Holder.

The Committee on Light met last night and recommended to the City Council a resolution asking for the appropriation of $200,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, to build a gas holder in the West-End.

There were present J. B. Wood (chairman), Washer, Ferguson, Garber, Zimmermann, Stein, Glenn, Gilman, and Minor.

DEDICATE THE ANNEX

WITH FORMAL EXERCISES AND SUMPTUOUS BANQUET ELKS WILL CELEBRATE TO-DAY.

APPOINTMENTS OF NEW HOME

No Grand Officers, But Many Prominent Men Will Be Present.

GOVERNOR HEADS TOAST LIST.

After - Dinner Speeches Will Be Heard from Some of the Most Deservedly Popular Speakers in the State—House Will Be Ablaze With Electricity and Filled With Beautiful Flowers.

The dedication of the annex of the elegant Home of Richmond Lodge, No. 5, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, followed by a banquet in the new assembly hall this evening, will be the greatest occasion in the history of the lodge and will attract the largest gathering of Virginia Elks ever assembled here.

The dedication exercises will be held in the lodge-room beginning promptly at 7 o'clock. The banquet will follow, beginning at 9 P. M. The joint programme is the formal celebration of the occupancy of the annex to the home, just completed, and will be in the nature of a house-warming. Prominent members of the order from three States have been invited, and there will be a full turnout of Richmond's quota of the "Best People on Earth."

The dedication programme will not consume much time. Hon Samuel L. Kelley will make the address. The only other speech will be that by Rev. Edward N. Calisch, who will also make the invocation. Both are among the most eloquent and thoughtful public speakers in Virginia. Dr. Calisch's theme will be "The Charities of the Order." These exercises will occur in the lodge room. Music for the occasion and for the banquet which will follow is to be furnished by Stein's Orchestra. The dedication exercises will open with the formal delivery to the lodge of the new annex, which will be made by Mr. Preston Belvin, chairman of the building committee and one of the most enthusiastic and prominent members of the order in the State. Mr. Belvin has looked after the work on the building with a care and attention which few could have devoted to it or been competent to perform.

Ablaze With Electricity.

The banquet will be in the spacious and elegant banquet hall or assembly hall, as it will be known. This is the ground floor of the annex, and is admirably adapted to the purpose it will subserve this evening. It will blaze with electric brilliancy—with flashes of wit and flames of eloquence, too, when the toasts are being responded to, for the list of speakers embraces some of the most effective after-dinner speakers in Virginia, which is equivalent to saying in the entire country, for Virginians are widely known for their eloquence. At the banquet covers will be laid for 300, and it is safe to say there will be no vacant chairs.

Extending along the east side of the hall from west to east is the table which will be occupied by the toastmaster and the speakers of the evening. At right angles thereto are seven or eight other tables running southward from the head table and extending the entire depth of the hall. Thus all the guests can readily face the speakers during the responses to the toasts. Mr. Louis O. Wendenburg, exalted ruler of the lodge, will be the toastmaster, and a happier selection could not be made. There are perhaps a dozen toasts, but these will be specifically set down on the programme, the others being more or less impromptu

Some of the Toasts.

Here are the leading toasts and the names of those who will make the responses:

"Virginia," responded to by Governor A. J. Montague, a member of Richmond Lodge.

"The City of Richmond," responded to by Mayor Richard M. Taylor, a member of Richmond Lodge.

"The Eleven O'clock Toast," responded to by Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., of Danville Lodge, No. 227.

"The Individual Elk," response by Hon. Edward Lyle, of Roanoke Lodge.

"The Elks of Virginia," response by Mr. Phil. G. Kelly, District Deputy, Grand Exalted Ruler of Virginia.

"Our Fraternity," response by Hon. Harry M. Smith, Jr., of Richmond Lodge.

Other toasts will be drunk and responded to by other members of Richmond Lodge and visiting members of the order.

Grand Officers Can't Come.

It was the hope of the committees in charge of the celebration that some of the grand officers would be present, but letters of regret have been received from all, in every case the statement being made that owing to engagements to make memorial addresses all over the country they will be unable to be present. The exalted rulers of every lodge in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia have been invited and many of these lodges will be represented around the banquet board. Among the prominent Elks who will be present from a distance is Mr. Fred C. Robinson, of Dubuque, Iowa, a district deputy grand exalted ruler, and perhaps the smallest Elk in statue and avoirdupois outside of the museums. Of diminutive height he weighs but ninety-six pounds, but a large proportion of that is brain and heart, which are both above normal. Mr. Robinson will arrive in the city this afternoon at 3:30, and will be met at the station by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Phil. G. Kelly, and a delegation from Richmond Lodge, and escorted to his hotel.

Many prominent Elks from the Virginia lodges will be present, among them Major Theo Parker, exalted ruler of Danville Lodge. Major Parker is a West Point graduate, a former captain in the regular army and a major of volunteers in the Spanish-American war, having relin-

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OUT-OF-THE-WAY BITS PICKED FROM THE NEWS DELUGE.

HE SAW HER AND BACKED OUT

WASHINGTON, N. C., December 1.—(Special.)—The lovelight in the eyes of Dr. Fred Morris, of Burlington, Vt., died out when he saw Miss Caroline Bryant, a lady living in Lenoir, N. C. This couple were brought together by a matrimonial bureau and met here Saturday, and, paraphrasing Caesar—he came, he saw—he went—way back home. Alas, the maid's looks suited him not, and marriage bureaus do not hold the same warm spot in his yearning heart that they do.

PRAYER DOES NO HARM.

COLUMBUS, O., December 1.—(Special.) Judge N. W. Dick decided to-day that praying for the life of a sick person was no crime under the laws of Ohio and discharged Eva Earle, prosecuted by the State Medical Board for treating a sick woman here. It was admitted she received a fee for her service, but Judge Dick said that praying did not constitute treatment within the meaning of the law. While prayer might do no good, it could do no harm, and he believed a sick person had the right to hire another to pray for him.

MONEY IN THIS GIRL.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 1.—(Special.) There is money in Miss Mamie Clarke, according to the story of Caterer George Carales. Miss Clarke appeared in his restaurant this morning and ordered breakfast and paid for it.

"I laid a $20, a $2, and a $1 bill on the counter," said he. "I turned my head and the money disappeared. I accused her and as she opened her mouth to speak I saw my money in her mouth. She swallowed it all."

Miss Clarke made no defence

SAW THE ANGEL OF DEATH.

PATERSON, N. J., December 1.—(Special.)—Professor William Rauthfuss, a teacher of music and newspaper man, had a curious dream two weeks before his death. The Angel of Death, he told his friends, entered his room while he slept and warned him that death would occur in a short time. In telling the story Rauthfuss said if he had to go he hoped the end would come quickly, as he did not wish to become a burden to his friends. His desire was realized, as his death from heart disease occurred a few moments after he was stricken.

CHILDREN BEFORE DOGS.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 1.—(Special.) City Health Department Bulletin issued to-day asking charitable people to make choice between preserving the lives of babies or dogs and cats. The bulletin says: "While the Thanksgiving dinner of turkey and trimmings was being prepared for seventy fortunate inmates of the Chicago Home for Friendless Dogs and Cats an unfortunate father—Charles F. Maloney—was trudging through the South Division carrying his diphtheria stricken 2-year-old daughter in his arms in search of a place where she could be taken in and cared for. He was refused admission at hospital and dispensary. The child died in his arms."

CRAVAT ALMOST KILLED HIM.

POUGKEEPSIE, N. Y., December 1.—(Special.)—Three little boys, climbed upon Farmer Ribaud's cider press, at Millerton to-day, to see the machine work. The necktie of Crawford Delaney, aged 10, caught in the grinder of the press and began to wind round. It drew the boy's head down to the grinder. The necktie choked the boy and caused him to make a gasping noise, which was heard by the man in charge of the engine, which runs the press. He stopped the engine and the boy's life was saved, although the man had to cut the coat up the back to get the little fellow out.

CHLOROFORMED HOUSEWIFE.

STAMFORD, CONN., December 1.—(Special.)—A daring robber entered the home of Mrs. W. S. Scoffield, while she was alone to-day and going into the kitchen, pointed a pistol at her and with an oath commanded silence. She attempted to flee and he knocked her down, gagged her and then applied chloroform by means of a saturated cloth to her face. Half an hour later the woman revived and gave the alarm. The house had been ransacked and the thief had escaped. A searching party was at once sent out but has found no trace of the man.