

BANQUET OF MASONS.

GRAND LODGE MEMBERS ASSEMBLED AT FESTAL BOARD.

E. N. EUBANK GRAND MASTER.

John W. Kellum, of Accomac, Elected Grand Junior Warden—To-Day the Various Standing Committees Will Report.

The second session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Virginia was held last night at the Masonic Temple. The attendance equaled that of the night before.

The only business before the Grand Lodge was the election of officers. There were only two elected, the others being appointed one place.

E. N. Eubank, deputy grand master was elected grand master to succeed H. O. Kerns, whose term expired this morning.

John W. Kellum, of Accomac, was elected to the position of grand junior warden.

Immediately after the election the session adjourned until to-day at 2 P. M. At this session the reports of the various standing committees will be heard and action taken thereon. This general business meeting of the year's communication will be held.

A SPLENDID BANQUET.

After the session had adjourned last night the delegates were ushered into a banquet hall to the banquet hall, where a splendid dinner was served. The banquet was one of the finest ever held at the Temple, the menu being very elaborate, containing all the delicacies of the season. It was in charge of Grand Secretary William Krause and George W. Lee, and reflected great credit upon these two gentlemen. It was closed on to midnight when the members departed.

The officers for the ensuing term are: Grand Master, E. N. Eubank, Newport News; Deputy Grand Master, Thomas N. Jones, Lynchburg; Grand Senior Warden, K. Kemper, Alexandria; Grand Junior Warden, S. J. Quinn, Fredericksburg; Grand Secretary, George W. Carrington, Richmond; Grand Treasurer, Fred Pleasants, Richmond; Grand Senior Deacon, J. W. Eggleston, Richmond; Grand Junior Deacon, John W. Kellum, Accomac.

THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Grand Working Committee met at 9 A. M. yesterday, and remained in session for several hours, expediting work. They also conferred the degree of master upon a member from Roanoke.

This committee will meet at 9 A. M. to-day.

Mr. J. A. Pamplin, of Richmond, was reappointed to the position of grand warden, which he has held for the past year.

Yesterday afternoon the children from the Masonic Home gave a musical entertainment, which was given in the hall. The large audience filled the hall. Most of these were representatives to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

A very attractive programme was rendered, under the direction of Mr. Reginald Walker.

GAS AS FUEL.

It is Being More Widely Used for Heating and Cooking Purposes.

Gas as fuel for heating and cooking purposes is being used more extensively than ever before. The advantages of gas are many. It is clean, it is safe, it is economical, and it is convenient. It is being used for heating and cooking purposes, as well as for lighting. With a good gas range the lady of the house need scarcely worry when the cook fails to show up, as she can cook a meal with such a convenience at hand. The cheapness of gas for general purposes is also an item. Bills of householders ranging from \$5 to \$6 are common where the gas has been used for lighting and cooking. A certain class of people, who are thrifty and economical, use the gas for all these purposes from month to month, at a cost of not more than \$2.

VIRGINIA GROVE, NO. 15.

New Branch of the Druids Organized With Large Membership.

Bolshere Grove, No. 54, U. P. O. D., held a brief meeting on Wednesday night. After all the business before the grove had been transacted they went in a body to Westham Hall, at Laurel and Oak streets, and assisted in the organization of the Virginia Grove No. 15, which entailed a very large membership to the number of 52.

This is the second grove instituted here in the last two nights, and shows an increase of nearly 200 members, which is gratifying to the members.

Tuesday night to each week this grove will meet at Westham Hall.

The officers elected are as follows: Noble Arch—A. H. Weinstern; Executive Secretary—Charles T. Hughes; Financial Secretary—Charles T. Ficert; Treasurer—D. E. Mann; Conductor—George W. Morris; Public Guardian—James B. Smith; Outside Guardian—J. E. Lambert; Trustees—E. M. Johnson, James B. Smith and C. D. Duke; Past Arch—A. Klaus.

CAPT. STREETER IMPRISONED.

Famous Chicago Squatter Found Guilty of Manslaughter.

CHICAGO, Ill., December 3.—George C. Streeter, whose long fight for filled-in land on the lake front, makes a curious chapter in Chicago history, was to-day found guilty of manslaughter, and his punishment was fixed at confinement in the penitentiary. Henry Hoelke and William McManners, members of Streeter's "squatter" colony on filled-in land, also found guilty of manslaughter and under penalities ordered, emergency, however, being recommended for Hoelke.

The defendants were charged with the murder of John S. Kirk, a guard employed by interests contesting Streeter's right to the land. Kirk was shot in a fight between Streeter's forces and the opposition guards last February.

Streeter, some years ago, claiming that the "dump," then covering several acres, and valued at millions of dollars, was not on the map, set up a government claim on the land, and called it the "District of Lake Michigan." Streeter's claim was based on the fact that his boat founded there twenty years ago, and that he continued to live there as a squatter on new land.

CRESCENT CITY RACES.

Sweet Alice the Only Favorite to Win.

NEW ORLEANS, December 3.—Sweet Alice was the only winning favorite here to-day. Summary: First race—five furlongs—Tom Maybin (10) to 13th. Time, 1:07. Second race—six furlongs—Peter Duryn (10) to 13th. Time, 1:20. Third race—handicap; six furlongs—Sweet Alice (6 to 5) won, Prince of G-lore (11) second, and Champion (9 to 2) third. Time, 1:19.4. Fourth race—handicap; mile and seven-eighths—Peggy Jarboe (10) won, Klorosa (10) second, Rolling Rock (10) third. Time, 1:54. Fifth race—six furlongs—Scorpio (10 to 1) won, Orifine (2 to 1) second, Oponal (9 to 1) third. Time, 1:12. Sixth race—mile—Pierce (12 to 1) won.

CHANGE OF LIFE.



Some sensible advice to women passing through this trying period.

The painful and annoying symptoms experienced by most women at this period of life are easily overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is especially designed to meet the needs of woman's system at the trying time of change of life.

It is no exaggeration to state that Mrs. Pinkham has over 5000 letters like the following proving the great value of her medicine at such times.

"I wish to thank Mrs. Pinkham for what her medicine has done for me. My trouble was change of life. Four years ago my health began to fail, my head began to grow dizzy, my eyes pained me, and at times it seemed as if my back would fall me, had terrible pains across the kidneys. Hot flashes were very frequent and I was a friend advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I have taken six bottles of it and am to-day free from those troubles. I cannot speak in high enough terms of the medicine. I recommend it to all and wish every suffering woman would give it a trial."—Bella Ross, 88 Montclair Ave., Rosindale, Mass. \$3.000 full bottle of above letter proving genuine, cannot be produced.

NO WAVE; COAL SAVED.

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\$3,000 IN CASH PRIZES \$3,000

First Prize \$500; Second Prize, \$250; Other Prizes, \$2,250.

A plain profit-sharing contest, whereby the readers of the Richmond Dispatch, the Weekly Dispatch, and the Richmond News may receive a portion of the money taken in from subscriptions, which would ordinarily be paid to travelling men and for travelling expenses.

By offering prizes based on estimates of the Bank Clearings of Richmond at the close of business December 31, 1902, for the year 1902, we propose to divide the handsome sum of \$3,000 in cash among our readers.

Conditions of the Great Contest.

The subscription price will not be changed. The contest will close at 12 o'clock midnight December 31, 1902.

For every 25 cents received by us for subscription one estimate will be allowed by us. The subscription price of the Daily Dispatch, delivered by carrier in Richmond, is 50 cents a month; out-of-town, by mail, 25 cents a month or \$3.00 a year. The price of the News is 25 cents a month or \$2.00 a year. The Weekly Dispatch rate is \$1.00 a year. A remittance of 50 cents for either paper will entitle the sender to the paper for the period called for in our rate and two estimates; \$1.00 four estimates, and so on.

Present subscribers, who have paid in advance, may, upon further payment, participate in this contest, and have their subscriptions extended according to the amount paid.

No estimate will be entered on our books except when accompanied by cash. Estimate and cash must reach us in the SAME ENVELOPE, or be delivered by the SAME PERSON at the SAME TIME. Upon receipt at our office the estimates will be entered upon books kept for that purpose, and the paper promptly sent to the address given. No change of estimates will be allowed after they are once entered on our books.

No stockholder, officer, or employee of either the Daily Dispatch, Weekly Dispatch, or Richmond News will be permitted to make estimates or in any way share in this contest.

CAUTION—Send money by check or post-office or express money order. This is the only safe way. Be sure to enclose in same envelope your estimate in dollars and cents as to what will be the total BANK CLEARINGS OF RICHMOND FOR 1902, AS CERTIFIED BY THE CLEARING HOUSE JANUARY 1, 1902.

Should there be a tie for any prize, the amount will be divided equally between those so tied.

Write your name and address, and particularly the figures of your estimate, very plainly in order that no error may occur.

LIST OF THE PRIZES.

Table listing prizes: To the nearest correct estimate... \$500.00; To the second nearest correct estimate... 250.00; To the third nearest correct estimate... 100.00; To the fourth nearest correct estimate... 75.00; To the fifth nearest correct estimate... 50.00; To the sixth nearest correct estimate... 25.00; To the next 50 nearest correct estimates, \$10 each... 500.00; To the next 100 nearest correct estimates, \$5 each... 500.00