

IT EATS THINGS UP.

STRUCTIVENESS OF AMMONIA GENERATED FROM MANURE.

MEASURE TO AUTHORIZE PITS

Street Committee Ask for City Attorney's Opinion as to How Ordinance to Authorize Connection of Two Railway Lines Will Affect Their Status.

A number of petitions were submitted to the Committee on Streets, last night, asking permission to construct manure pits.

Mr. Tiller, who appeared before the committee in the interest of such a pit to be built in the alley in rear of No. 224 west Franklin street, said that it was a necessity, and there should be some relief. He said that the ammonia from the manure will be used to fertilize the soil of the houses, and even the paint of the roof. It impregnates the food for the horses and makes the animals sick.

Mr. Mann, who favored granting these petitions, said that the necessity for such pits was recognized and they were allowed to be built in Baltimore and other cities in connection with stables.

Mr. Mann moved that the committee of three be appointed to whom the ordinance should be referred, with instructions to confer with the City Attorney and the City Engineer, and prepare a general ordinance covering the whole matter and report back to this committee.

The motion was adopted, and Chairman Allen appointed Messrs. Minor, Burton, and West as the committee to act in conjunction with the City Attorney and City Engineer.

A proposition from Mr. Elliott to pave Franklin street two blocks westwardly from Ninth with asphalt, and to connect the same with the street on Fifth street with like material was laid on the table.

EFFECT ON EXISTING RIGHTS. The ordinance to be passed by the Richmond Passenger and Power tracks with the Seven Pines railway was reported as referred back to the committee to ascertain what effect its passage would have on the existing street franchise. The committee referred the question to be rendered at the next meeting.

The ordinance to relieve the Southern railway from paying for the tracks on Seventeenth to Dock streets was reported as being referred back to the committee. After some discussion the ordinance was laid on the table until the next meeting of the committee.

In order to allow the parties interested in its passage an opportunity to appear and have a hearing.

The contract for a sewer on Main street westwardly to the Richmond Passenger and Power tracks, being the lowest responsible bidder.

The Southern Discount Works and others petitioned that Byrd street from Fifth to Sixth be ordered paved. Referred to the ward committee.

Present: Otway S. Allen, chairman. Bohen, Mann, Minor, Whitte, Peters, West, Phillips, Allen, Teeley.

BOYS BUY LIQUOR.

Ullmann's Clerk Denies Having Sold Whiskey to Minors.

Thomas Baughan and Willie Farmer, two boys in knickerbockers, were arrested Sunday on the charge of being drunk. Both boys were found staggering through the Second Market and Baughan was so drunk that he could not speak when arrested and was violently ill at the station.

When the youngsters were brought into the Police Court yesterday morning the question immediately arose as to who sold the children the whiskey. Upon questioning them it was found that they had made the purchase at the store of Ullmann, on Broad street, near Second. Mr. Ullmann did not know anything about the matter and had never seen the boys before. He said he had given positive orders to his employees not to sell whiskey to minors. W. B. Bowers, the clerk of the place, was then summoned and upon his appearance the boys identified him as the man who sold them the liquor. Mr. Bowers denied having sold the whiskey or ever having seen the boys before.

After much discussion the case was continued until tomorrow for further investigation.

TIDINGS FROM LOUDOUN.

Rev. Mr. La Mothe Accepts a Call—Deaths—Miscellaneous.

LEESBURG, Dec. 15.—(Special).—Capt. Faulkner, one of the most popular conductors of the Southern Railway system, who has been ill at his home in Alexandria, has recovered sufficiently to resume his work.

Rev. J. D. La Mothe has accepted the call extended him from St. Joseph, Mo., at a salary of \$5,000 per year.

At a meeting of the Purcellville Literary Club, held at the residence of Mr. J. R. Smith, the influence of Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and James Madison, upon the government of the United States was taken up and ably discussed.

Mr. Riley, widow of William Riley, of Bloomfield, died last week at an advanced age. She is survived by one son, Mr. William Riley, of Baltimore, and one daughter, Mrs. John Hampton, of this county.

Mr. J. R. Keys, who lives on the farm of Mr. Henry Harrison, "Utopia," near Mt. Glead, sold his cattle recently. When purchased they weighed each 750 pounds, and when sold, though no corn had been fed them, they tipped the scales at 1,150 pounds.

Mrs. Jonas J. Potts, the mother-in-law of Judge Hughes, of Montgomery City, Mo., and known to the other residents of Loudoun, died at her home in that city December 5th, aged 88 years.

Mr. J. D. Purcell's boy gelding, "Melon," in a class of eleven entries, won first money at the Elk's Fair in Lexington, Ky. The time was 2:29. Mr. Purcell is a son of Mr. Volney Purcell, of Bluemont.

Mr. Jno. Lawson, of Leesburg, sold his farm on Thursday to Mr. Joseph Carmack, of Dranesville, Va. He expects to move to Maryland and will have a sale of his personal property on December 23rd.

Loudoun county, according to the Auditor's report as to the assessed value of the personal property, ranks first among the counties of the State. The total values are \$3,855,820.

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THE SUNDAY PAPERS.

Rev. L. S. Boyles Deplores Their Secularizing Tendency.

The Rev. L. S. Boyles, pastor of the Randolph-Street Baptist church, preached on Sunday morning from the text, "Remember the Sabbath Day, to Keep it Holy." Exodus xx-8. The following is an extract from Mr. Boyles' sermon:

"One of the greatest evils of the day is the secular newspaper. It is a shame that so many of the Sunday papers are filled up with trashy and objectionable matter. In many cases the work all the week to make the Sunday issue a special attraction. Business men, some of them officers in the church, give out their biggest and finest advertisements for the Sunday paper. Many church members, and I am sorry to say some of our preachers of the gospel, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, do not hesitate to buy and read the Sunday paper. It is wrong. It is a sin before God. This reckless disregard of the Lord's day will set back the cause of God upon the desecrators of His holy day. One of the growing evil tendencies of this age is secularization.

"Men are becoming more and more secularized by first filling their minds and hearts with secular things in the Sunday paper to the neglect and, in many cases, to the exclusion of the spiritual. No wonder many people do not enjoy reading the Bible on the Lord's day. When your minds are filled with the same all the week, which is spread out in large sensational headlines in your Sunday morning paper, and all these secular and worldly things you just gulp down before you go to church, there is no preacher in the wide world who can succeed in interesting you in church work, and developing you in Christian graces. As sure as you live, here is the point at which we are weak, and it is not the fault of the newspaper editors and representatives any more than it is the fault of those who demand that such a state of affairs shall exist."

At the Laurel-Street Methodist church, Sunday morning, a large congregation heard the Rev. Dr. H. E. Johnson preach on the duty of man to preserve the Sabbath, and keep it holy. Dr. Johnson said the State should protect the Sabbath because:

First. It is a great educational factor. Second it is a promoter of good order. Third, it promotes health. He discussed the point, declaring finally that the law of the Sabbath is incorporated in the physical constitution of men and animals.

HOT FIRES ON COLD DAY.

Blazes Sunday Kept the Department People Busy.

Sunday was a day of small fires. Several alarms were sent in during the day and night, and the horses were kept on the race, though nothing serious developed, and in one case it proved to be a false alarm, sent in by an over zealous neighbor, who saw a light in a friend's house made by a fire in an open grate.

A fire in the negro settlement just below Fulton, proved the most serious. Several small negro houses, with all they contained, were burned to the ground, and the inmates barely escaped with their lives.

Fire was located in Tompkins street, near the end of Louisiana street, about three blocks outside of the city limits, where three small dwellings, occupied by negro families were discovered in the blaze.

The line of hose from the fire department was not of sufficient length to reach the scene of the fire. The patent fire extinguisher was used to the best advantage, but the buildings were burned to the ground.

The fire originated in the house owned and occupied by George Reed, colored, and was caused by a defective flue. The flames rapidly spread to the adjoining two houses.

In the afternoon an alarm of fire was turned in from box 67, which is located at Venable and Mosby streets by a gentleman who thought a neighbor's house was on fire.

Steamers Nos. 1 and 2 responded quickly to the fire, which was pointed out to firemen by the gentleman who pulled the box.

The firemen entered the house and the privacy of the sitting-room on the second floor.

The astonished head of the house was notified that his home was afire. A search failed to reveal anything amiss, but an examination disclosed the fact that the well-intended neighbor had seen the reflection of the flames from the grate in a large mirror and concluded the room was on fire.

Not satisfied with this, later at night, or at 4:29 o'clock yesterday morning, the fire department was called out by a fire in a rigger's material car, in the yards of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. The car was located in the vicinity of Seventeenth and Hospital streets. The fire was confined to the car and the rigging inside. The material was placed in the car on Saturday night by a gang of men who were working with torches at it until after 10 o'clock, and it is supposed that the fire caught in that way and smoldered until morning. A large amount of rope was destroyed, and the loss will reach several hundred dollars.

The hose wagon of Steamer Company No. 9, of the city fire department, narrowly escaped serious accident yesterday day at the Hospital-street crossing of the Seaboard Air-Line. As it was, one of the horses was slightly injured.

The truck was speeding down the hill while going to this fire, when the horses ran into the gate at the railway. The breast-chain of one of the animals became detached and the driver could not manage the truck. There was no light on the gate and the horses crashed into it before the driver knew what had happened. The truck was brought to a stand before the second gate was broken down. Luckily no train was passing at the time of the accident, for it would have been impossible to have averted a collision under the circumstances.

TEST THE BLUE LAWS.

Appeal of Richmond Newspapers Comes Up In Hustings Court To-Day.

The appeal of the Richmond News and the Richmond Times to test the old Sunday "blue" laws will be called this morning in the Hustings Court for hearing.

It will be recalled that when the Sunday crusade started, several weeks ago, after the charges made before the Board of Police Commissioners by Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, that these papers were fined for breaking the law referred to. An appeal was noted in each case, and the laws are to be tested.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday afternoon the case of Mary H. Powell vs. N. C. Cuthorn, for the possession of two horses, was decided in favor of the plaintiff. The jury decided that \$50 each was the alternative value of the horses.

Since the contractors on the city jail have evinced a disposition to complete the structure as soon as possible, Judge Witt, of the Hustings court, has enlarged the rule issued against the Stuart Iron Works, the general contractor, to complete the jail in ten days.

Judge Witt said yesterday that there was no disposition to be hard on the contractors if they did what was right. He said he would be satisfied if the city could get the jail by the first of the new year.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by Clerk Walter Christian, of the Hustings Court: George A. Wray and I. G. Talley, and William F. Baugh and Mary E. Clarke.

John Speers (colored) pleaded guilty in the Hustings Court on two charges of larceny. A nolle prosequi was entered in favor of other indictments pending against him.

In the Hustings Court, Henry H. Evans (colored) was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon, valued at \$50. The case was an appeal from the decision of the Police Court, where he was fined \$50.

A judgment was rendered by Judge Wilford in the City Circuit Court yesterday afternoon in favor of William H. Taylor vs. W. H. Carter, for \$81.12.

James Johnson (colored) was released on a \$250 bond yesterday by Judge Witt, in the Hustings Court. He is charged with a larcenous assault.

Howard Goode, administrator of the estate of P. H. Goode, has instituted suit in the city circuit court against the Washington and Southern Railway Company for \$10,000 damages. The declaration has not been filed.

The rule against A. Girolami, to show cause why his liquor license should not be revoked for Sunday selling, will be before Judge Witt in the Hustings Court this morning.

METHODISTS SCHOOLS.

Monthly Meeting of the Sunday-School Society—Statistics.

The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday-School Society of Richmond was held Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, at Clay-street church, Mr. C. F. Walford, president, Dr. F. W. Stull, secretary.

The schools reported as follows:

Table with 3 columns: School Name, Roll, Attendance. Includes Union-Station, Fairmount Avenue, Clay-Street, Denny-Street, Laurel-Street, Broad-Street, Centenary, Trinity, St. James, Harker Memorial, Asbury, Highland Park, Epworth, Chelsea Hill, and New scholars admitted.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. R. M. S. Valentine, on "The Work of the Methodist Church," and by William Cooper, pastor of St. James church, on "The Opportunities and Responsibilities of a Teacher."

A very excellent paper on "The Primary Department" was read by Miss Rose Witt, Pettis, superintendent of that department, of Clay-street school. This paper was thought to be so valuable that it was decided to have it printed in the church paper.

The next meeting of the society will be held at Epworth church the second Sunday in January, 1903. The board of directors will hold the annual meeting at Broad-Street church, Sunday of this month, when officers will be elected.

First Lutheran Sunday School.

At a regular meeting of the Sunday-school of the First English Lutheran church the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Jacob Umke; Assistant Superintendent, C. K. Bowers; Secretary, Mr. George Gross; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Oscar Koch; Treasurer, Mr. John Romer; Librarian, Mr. Walter Holzbach; Assistant, Mr. Lewis Tom; Organist, Miss Edna Umke; Assistant Organist, Miss Edna Umke.

EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH.

Large Increase Both in the Church and the Sunday-School.

Rev. Robert P. Lumpkin, pastor of Epworth Methodist church, preached to large congregations at both services on Sunday. His morning text was taken from Psalms cxxxv, 5, 6, and at night from Matthew, v, 8.

Since Mr. Lumpkin has been pastor of Epworth the congregations which have greeted him are larger than for years past and the membership is on a steady increase, five additions by letter being received at the morning service.

The Sunday school reported at the monthly meeting of the Methodist schools in Clay-street church Sunday afternoon twenty-five new scholars during the month of November.

The church and school is now in a flourishing condition.

State Medical Examiners.

The State Board of Medical Examiners will meet this morning at 9 o'clock in the Chemistry Hall of the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Martin, secretary of the board, was at Murphy's Hotel from 3 to 5 last evening to register all candidates who are to appear before the Examining Board. A large number of students will be examined at this session.

Broad-Street Christmas Service.

The Rev. W. B. Beauchamp will preach the Christmas sermon at the Broad-Street Methodist church next Sunday. His subject in the morning will be "The Unspeaking Gift," and at night "How to Celebrate Christmas." There will be a service at 6:30 A. M. Christmas morning. The Sunday-school entertainment will be given the Tuesday after Christmas.

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