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North and South May Join Hands.

OF MUCH INTEREST HERE

Central Presbyterian Discusses the Proposition at Length-What Rev. Dr. Burrell Says About It.

A union of the Reformed Church, North, with the Presbyterian Church, South, appears to be one of the potentialities of

wlow, would be in the formulation and adoption of a standard of faith. Our Confession and Catechisms are to us bulwarks of great strength, are thoroughly scriptural, of the most vital importance, and are worked into our literature through and through. Can the two churches accept heartly both the Westminster Standards and the Heldelberg Catechism, and without amendment? If that can be, we are ready to say that the way is open, and ask the hand of the Lord to guide and bless the union."

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Richmond, Va. in the history of theatricals has a play been so universally popular with all class-es of theatre-goors as "The Prisoner of Zenda." This beautiful romance, which Zenda." This beautiful formance, which has scored so successfully wherever presented, will be the attraction at the Academy to-day, matines and night. The author of "Zenda" has spun a yarn from a skein of friction, which combines ingenuity of plot, intensity of feeling, startling climaxes, much heart interest, refined, mirthful comedy and a very pleasure tale.

ng tale.
A company headed by so clever and well known an actor as Joseph Selman and in cluding so accomplished an artist as Mis-Florence Gale, insures a finished per

The pantomimic spectacle, "Zig-Zag Alley," continues to draw large crowds at the Bljou. The piece includes many of prises a performance of three hours of fun and specialties. The principal comedians are Zeb and Zarrow, who do many surprising things, but it is said that of all they do nothing is so wonderful as their bleycle riding. Among the other specialty features are the famous Brothers Kenneble, Fred Blasco and Iron Young, Ella Shields, Lillie Seiger, Schrock and Rice and Andrew O'Neil. All these are clever people and have good, novel and original acts. The entire entertainment is quite unique and maked by features of the most varied character. The pantomimic interest is mingled very cleverly with vandeville and farce. There will be a matinee to-day.

A union of the Reformed Church, North, with the Presbyterian Church, South, appears to be one of the potentialities of the future.

In a recent issue of the Presbyterian Church, Chick Tork, one of the most prominent and influential members of the Reformed Church, discusses the possibilities of the union, which he most cordiality favors. His declares that such a devoutly to be "ac consummation most and money of the wished." Several stuch a devoutly to be "ac consummation most arguments for it are advanced by Dr. Burrell.

WHAT THE CENTRAL THINKS. The current issue of the central Presbyterian, of this city, which reflects the sentiments of the other side, contains a leading oditorial upon the subject and makes reference to Dr. Burrell's paper. In part the Courchis says:

"The two churches are so nearly of the same size that there would be no absorption, no overlaying the one with the life and spirit of the other. Existing apart in different sections, they would not affect, in any marked or inharmonious way, the one the other.

"We in the South have grown accustomed to our sectional life, but heartly devoted as we are to our own ways and methods, we can see no reason why we should not unite in a body that would live and work and grow through all the land as we found an open door. It would be an end greatly to be desired that our people making their homes in the North and West would find church homes of their own, where the Word would be ministered to them and their children, without pollities, or anything else alien to cur own rule of a pulpit wholly consocrated to the preaching of the Word.

"Whatever there is of the use of flitting in that chuch to-day, and when found would be in as pure and a spiritual as form as it is found on earth. From ponviction we are not a liturgical church, nelther can our Reformed brethern be aid to be.

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and song a feast of that pleasure.

Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" comes to the Academy at the end of next week, The cast is large and well halmaced, and includes such well known people as James R, McCann, who has appeared for a number of years as "Maverick Brander."

John D. O'Hara, who has been with Mary Mannering for two seasons, playing a prominent character part, appears as "The Minister to Dahomey."

James Devlin appears in his old part, "Brassy Gall," which he has played for many seasons. Will T. Chatterton will be seen in his old part, "Major Yell." Miss May Bretonne is the Congressman's daughter, "Bossy," and the famous Texas Steer Quartette will furnish popular melodies.

ANGELL BILL CONSIDERED

Roanoke Member Wants Some Restrictions.

IS AFTER THE RAILROADS

Finance Committee Reports Several Important Measures, but Rejects Bill to Appropriate \$50,000 More to Penitentiary.

The subcommittee of the House Committee on Roads, having charge of the subject of corporations, yesterday afternoon considered the bill offered by Mr. Angell, of Roanoke, authorizing the nev Corporation Commission to regulate all the questions relating to demurrage and damages between the public and fransportation companies in the matter of delay in handling freight. A number of citizens were heard in favor of the bill, and it was opposed by Mr. W. A. Glasgow, Jr., of Roanoke, general counsel for the Norfolk and Western Railroad. The committee took no action, but seemed favorably inclined to the bill.

at 10 o'clock this morning to put the finishing touches upon its report, which relates to the entire subject of corporations, and which is also designed to adjust the machinery for the operation of

the new commission.

The bill will come up as a special and continuing order in the House at 10 o'clock to-morrow, and will likely be disposed of by that body during the present week.

The House Committee on Finance hel a session yesterday afternoon and too action on several matters of importance the bill to appropriate \$50.00 additions to pay Mr. Frank C. Christian for his appearance in defense of the new Constitution and to defray certain othe reading suits on the same line was fax

Just before the House adjourned yesterday the bill authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds to retire outstanding bonds was passed. The bill was amended several days ago so as to prevent sale of such bonds at less than par. The contention has been made that this amendment means that municipalities failing to get par for low-interest bonds will evade the law at the expense of the tax-payer by increasing the rate of interest so that investors will give par.

The House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns met yesterday and at the request of Hon. M. M. Green, of Fauquier, favorably reported a bill to amend the charter of the town of Warrenton.

READY TO ORGANIZE

Corporation Commission to Begin Next Week.

ganize on Monday next and will probill putting it into operation is passed. There are many candidates for places on the clerical staff of the commission on the clerical staff of the commission. Among those who are aspiring to the first clerkship, which will pay \$2,000, are Messrs. J. Smith Brockenborough, of this city; ex-Senator W. Herbert Hale, of Franklin; J. N. Brennaman, of Shenandoah, and B. J. Wysor, of Russell. Mr. Samuel Shield, of the clerk's office of the Supreme Court of the State, is a candidate for baillift, and there are many candidates for the other places, including the second clerkship and stenographer.

Mr. Brockenborough's friends are put-Mr. Brockenborcages intends are put-ting up a stiff fight for him, and are claiming that the Third District ought to have one of the best places on the ground of the taxes she pays and the limited representation she now has in the paying offices of the State.

All these gentlemen are popular and are well backed for the places to which they aspire.

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COFFINS BURIED BUT WERE EMPTY

Wholesale Graveyard Frauds Brought to Light in Tennessee.

(By Associated Press.) KNOXVILLE, TENN., February 25.— The County Court's Investigation Comnittee to-day resumed its work of exam lning graves in the County Pauper Cemeery. Twenty-eight coffins were exhumed and of these twenty were found to give no evidence of over having contained human bodies. The coffins were buried in

buried within the last six years will be exhumed.

It is expected that evidence will be secured alleging grave-robbing for medical college purposes. Jim Golngs, the negro charged with having committed the "fake" burials during the past few months for the purpose of securing payment for the same from the county treasury, was tried and bound over to court. He swore on the stand that he had taken coffins to the County Cemetery knowing there was nothing in them.

W. C. McCoy, the undertaker employing Golngs, disclaims responsibility for Golngs' actions and also denies ever having knowledge of the frauds.

NUMEROUS RUMORS IN REGARD TO FRISCO

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, February 25.-Numerou rumors are affoat in Wall Street concern ing the St. Louis and San Francisco Rai road, including one of competitive buy-ing for control by Morgan Interests; another that the Scaboard Air Line is buying the stock, and a third that Roci Island interests are after the property. Official confirmation is lacking in every ometal conservative opinion leans to-ward the theory that J. P. Morgan and Company will ultimately be found in con-trol, in which event it is believed the property will be turned over to the Southern Raliway. There is practically nothing to show that Seaboard interests are after the property. are after the property.

FACULTY IN SESSION

But No Decision Announced at Hamp den-Sidney Yesterday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., February 25. not make public this morning at chapel exercises what will be done with the thirteen students charged with violently disturbing the intermediate exercises. A lengthy session of the faculty was held this afternoon, and it is expected that their decision will be announced to-morrow.

TUNNELED THEIR WAY TO FREEDOM AND LIGHT

(By Associated Press.)
APPELING, GA., February 25.—Four prisoners confined in the county jail here made their escape from prison yestermade their escape from prison yester-day afternoon by tearing up a portion of the jail floor and tunneling a path to the edge of the building. A not left to the jailer stated that the men had been working on the tunnel since February 10th, and declaring that all efforts to effect their recapture would be futile.

EXTEND SYMPATHY. TO GONZALES' BROTHER

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 25.—
By a rising vote the Southern Association of Newspaper Circulators, which opened its session here to-day, decided to tender sympathy to A. E. Gonzales of the Columbia State, on the recent tragic death of his brother, editor of

A YOUNG MAN IS KILLED BY TRAIN

Joseph F. Phillips of Beaver Dam, Loses His Life at Thurmond,

Mr. Joseph F. Phillips, of Beaver Mr. Joseph F. Phillips, of Beaver Dam, Va., was killed by a train Sunday at Thurmond, W. Va., Ho was a foreman in Langhorne's force, working on the Chosapeake and Obic Railroad.

The remains were sent to his old home at Beaver Dam for interment. He leaves a wife and two children.

He was a brother of Airs. W. P. Huntley, Mrs. T. D. Hall and Mrs. M. E. Yeamans, of this city, and Walter L. Phillips, of Washington An older brother was buried the first of January.

ANSWERS TO FINAL CALL

Death. After Long Illness. of Capt. M. W. Hazlewood.

PRINTER, EDITOR, SOLDIER

A Native of Virginia and Devoted to the State Which He Served Faithfully In Peace and War-Funeral To-Day.

Captain Martin W. Hazlewood, one of the best known of the older citizens of of Pickett Camp, a Confederate soldier with a splendid record, died at the Bolders' Home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the seventy-first year of his

Captain Haziewood's strength had been gradually failing for a year or more, really over since a stroke of paralysis which came about eighteen months ago. The death of his boloved wife a little more than a year ago served to hasten

brave old soldiers he had learned to love in the baptism of fire, Captain Hazlowood went out to the Soldiers' Home the first of last November, Since that time he had been practically an invalid, but his last hours were painless and he wanted none of the attentions to make him com-fortable. He met death as he had faced it on many a battlefield—absolutely fear-

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Captain Hazlewood was born in Lunenburg county, but came to Richmond before the war and learned the trade of printer. Later he became the editor of the Virginia Patron, bise organ of the State Grange. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war, and rose to the rank of captain in the famous Ffiteenth Virginia Regiment of Infantry, After the war he returned to his trade and remained a useful cittzen until his death. He never lived within the corporation limits of Richmond until in recent years, when his home was No. 2307 East Broad Street, but in Henrico county. Early in the eightles he served Henrico two consecutive terms in the Legislature.

Before the war began he married Miss Ann Rose, sister of Mr. John H. Rose, of this city. They had two children, both of whom died young. They adopted a child, however, Mr. L. H. Hazlewood, who survives.

CAMP'S HISTORIAN.

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Captain Hazlewood was a member of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge of Odd-Fellows, of Pickett Camp and of the official board of Union-Station Church. He was a most active member and regular attendant upon the meetings of Pickett Camp as long as he was able. He was the historian of the camp for a number of years and one of its most conspicuous figures. The funeral will take place from Union-Station Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, The pall-bearers will be selected from the official board of Union-Station, from Abou Ben Adhem Lodge and from Pickett Camp.

MANY GOOD MEN

No Lack of Timber for Insurance Com-

If the bill to create a bureau of in surance shall pass the House and become law, as now seems likely, there will be no lack of good men who would accept the position of commissioner of insur

ance.

The place, according to the Sale bill, will pay \$2,500, and is considered a very nice one.

The only avowed candidate is Colonel Grenville Gaines, a promiennt lawyer and insurance agent of Warrenton, but

and insurance agent of Warrenton, but there are several other prominent gentlemen whose friends are speaking of them in this connection.

One is Mr. C. Lee Moore, first clerk in the Auditor's office, and another is Mr. J. N. Brenaman, of Shenandah, who, should he fall in his efforts to secure the appointment as clerk to the Corporation Commission, may be pressed for the place.

place.
Colonel Gaines is a Democrat of great
prominence, and is now and has for
years been a member of the State Central Committee from the Eighth Dis-

THREE WERE SENT TO THE GRAND JURY

Charged With Taking Electrotype Plates From B. F. Johnson & Co.

Charles Bagby, Edward Washington and Austin Bingham, three colored men, were sent to the grand jury yesterday morning by Justice John for taking a number of electrotype plates belonging to B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, Entrance was effected in the back way of the

On the charge of threatening to kill Mary Franklin, Robert Franklin got off by the payment of costs, and it was ex-plained that the whole matter was a mis-

Anderson Smith was assessed \$2.50 for waylaying and striking Sandy Williams with a rock.

Stephen Finlay, an old soldier, was too drunk to take care of himself, and he was sent down for twenty days to sober up.

John Dillard, colored, was fined \$5 for disorderly conduct.

The proceedings in the court were uninteresting and of little importance.

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DAINTY WOMEN DREAD CATARRH

Hacking, Spitting, Coughing, Sneezing and all Other Disagreeable Symptoms of Nasal Catarrh Cured Promptly and Permanently by Pe-ru-ná.



Miss Hertha Munn, 608 Atlantic Street, Appleton, Wis., writes: Aliss Hertin atunn, was Attantic Street, Appleton, Wis., writes:

"I tried catarrh remedies, some of which guaranteed a cure or money refunded, and have taken as high as eight bottles of some without any material benefit. I had made up my mind that all were worthless, so it took a great deal of persuasion to get me to try Peruna. But I bless the friend who persuaded me, as I had not taken one bottle before my head and throat began to clear up, and the hacking and spitting soon ceased, and when four bottles had been used there was not a trace of catarrh in my body. It is a great relief to be clear of it."—Miss Hertha Munn.

"Head Stopped Up—Offensive Breath."

Miss Annie Catron, 813 Main Street, Cincinnati, O., writes:

"As I have found Peruna a blessing for a severe case of catarrh of the head and throat which I suffered from for a number of years, I am only too pleased an umber of years, I am only too pleased heads are produced; whatever damage it has accomplished, Peruna is the only hope, the only cure. Cincinnati, O., writes:

"As I have found Peruna a blessing for a severe case of catarth of the head and throat which I suffered from for a number of years, I am only too pleased to give it my personal endorsement. Catarth, such as I suffered from, made life a burden to me. My breath was offensive, stomach bad, and my head stopped up so that I was usually troubled with a headache, and although I tried many so-called remedies, nothing gave me permanent relief. I was rather discouraged with all medicines when Peruna was suggested to me.

"However, I did buy a bottle, and before that was finished there was a marked change in my condition. Much entry the sum of the condition of the

THREE BRANCHES OF THE ARMY

Davis Monument Association Issuing Three Handsome Portraits.

The Central Committee of the Jefferson The Central Committee of the Jefferson Davis Monument 'Association have in press a set of three plates, representing the three branches of the Confederate army. Those plates are executed in the best style of colored work from designs in water color by Mr. William L. Snoppard. Mr. Shoppard in Shoppard in Shoppard in Shoppard in the Study of types, places and color in the life of the Confederate soldler which were possessed by only a few artists.

artists.

The figures are treated with almost no background and only a few accessories appropriate to the branch of the service

appropriate to the black of the saddle his represented.

The cavalryman is about to saddle his horse; has the bridle in his hand, whilst the saddle is on a limb near by, and near it lie his rolled blanket and sabre.

The infanrtyman in equipped with rolled blanket over his shoulder, belt, bayonet, canteen, etc. He has stopped for a moment at the camp fire to light his pipe, and supports his rifle in the hollow of his elbow in order to have both hanus free.

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The artilleryman is an officer. He stands on the slight slope of a breast-work and signals to the gunners to reserve their fire until he can observe the enemy with his field glass. The smoke drifting by indicates that the gun near him has just been fired.

It will be seen that attention is concentrated on the figures alone, and that there is no intention of representing incident. There is no newness about the "outnit" of these individuals, Their clothing shows service.

The figures are of the light-haired and dark-haired types—two of them. The artilleryman's hair is iron-gray, as there were numbers of middle-aged men in the Confederate service, who should not go unrepresented in this series. The period to which the figures belong is the campaign of 1863.

These pictures are sold for the benefit of the Jefferson Davis Monument. The work is done by the chapters. It is hoped that every camp will at least buy one set, as it is necessary that the younger people of the South should know the uniform of their fathers and not the grotesque figure of a Confederate soldier in a long frock coat,

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

Lenten Services Held Yesterday in the Churches.

Lenten services, the first of the sea-ion, were held yesterday in the Catho-to and Episcopal churches of Rich-nond. all of the Catholic churches ashes

in all of the Catholic churches ashes were blessed, and the symbolic cross was made upon the forcheads of those who kneit about the altar. Several masses were said. At the 9 o'clock service the Cathedral was crowded with people. During Lent union services will be held each day by the Episcopalians. Among the Catholics there will be services in each church. The schedule at St. Mary's German Church is as follows: Holy mass overy day at 6 and 8 o'clock; stations of the cross on Wednesday after the 8 o'clock mass, and on Friday at 8 P. M.; masses on Sunday at 7, 9 and 10:30 o'clock, with German Lenten sermon at 10:30; stations of the cross and English Lenten is sermon Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

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MEETING HAD TO BE CALLED OFF

COLUMN TO THE OWNER WAS ARRESTED TO THE WAR THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY.

Members Were Not There. Dr. Kerr will Serve.

Serve.

A called meeting of the new Business Committee of the Ministerial Union, over which there has been such a stir-up, was to be held yesterday afternoon. Only one thing was lacking—the members. Otherwise a most interesting session would doubtless have been held.

The committee was called together by Dr. George Cooper, president of the Union for some purpose as yet unknown. The Rev. Mr. Beauchamp was out of the city, and two other members, it is understood, could not be there. This sett but ne, who might have presided at the session, but who would have had no one to present any business.

Dr. R. P. Kerr has returned to the city, and was one of those who found himself unable to attend. There has been some speculation as to whether or not Dr. Kerr would be willing to accept a position on the committee at all. Speaking of the matter last night, he wald be would without doubt serve.