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SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday:

Virginia—Fair, warmer Sunday and Monday; light west winds, becoming variable.

North Carolina—Fair, warmer Sunday; Monday partly cloudy, probably showers in west portions; variable winds.

Chilly, but pleasant weather prevailed all day yesterday. There was a shower of the smallest calibre, which scarcely wet the ground. The prophets think it will be fair and warmer both to-day and to-morrow.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 P. M.	58
12 M.	67
3 P. M.	69
6 P. M.	66
9 P. M.	63
12 midnight	61
Average	64

Highest temperature yesterday	69
Lowest temperature yesterday	62
Mean temperature yesterday	66
Normal temperature for June	76
Departure from normal temperature	15
Precipitation during past 24 hours	T

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

June 14, 1903.

Sun rises	4:49	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	7:30	Morning	7:26
Moon rises	10:37	Evening	7:59

June 15, 1903.

Sun rises	4:49	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	7:31	Morning	8:05
Moon rises	11:09	Evening	8:42

RICHMOND.

Street-car men send an ultimatum to Manager Huff, and request an answer by 10 o'clock to-morrow morning; Mayor Taylor attempts to bring about a peaceful solution of the difficulty——Degree conferred on Rev. E. B. Hatcher——Intense interest here over meeting of Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia——Meeting of American and State Bar Associations——Richmond College commencement begins to-day——Important Supreme Court decisions——More working capital for manufacturing concerns——Lively gun club contest yesterday——Coming excursion of the Richmond Locomotive Works——Danville liquor case is decided——Knights of Honor to meet next in Atlanta——Handsome silver service presented to Rev. Herbert M. Hope——Seventeen-inning game of baseball here; Richmond wins twice from the Artillery School——Close of the Henrico schools——Tobacco men disagree over question of appointment of a French consul here——Graduates of High School commencement to-morrow night——Richmonders go to the National Sangerfest at Baltimore——Rev. Oliver J. Schoolcraft returns to England——Missing Richmond boy returns home——Insurance Rate Committee is still at work——Rev. E. B. Snead to resign to-night——State bankers meet in Lynchburg this week——Winners of medals and distinctions at Nolley's School——Dr. J. W. Eggleston to publish a book——Parents charged with child murder set free——Windows of three Pullman cars shattered by a blast; Richmond ladies frightened; one from Afton painfully cut by flying glass. MANCHESTER——New men mentioned for the Council——Street-car men send a reply——A big excursion ——Meeting of the Elks——Chicken-house entered——Memorial exercises——Funeral of Mr. Pemberton——Children's day at Central Church——Close of Mrs. Trainum's school.

VIRGINIA.

The Board of Visitors of the University fail to elect a president for the University; Moore and Cleveland withdraw; Miles and Dabney do not develop sufficient strength and are eliminated. The board adjourns until July 28th to further consider the question——Surprise at the discharge of Postmaster Burroughs, of Portsmouth, by United States Court at Norfolk——The list of graduates in law at the University of Virginia; winner of the senior medal——A gambling-house fined in Petersburg takes an appeal——The training fleet in Hampton Roads joined by another ship——German cruiser Gazelle goes south——An hostorical tablet to be erected at old Blandford Church in Petersburg——Y. M. C. A. secretary at Bristol to wed——Governor Montague's speech at Roanoke College greatly praised——Charge against Canal Towing Company for obstructing channel in Hampton Roads dismissed——Negro shot by oyster inspector lies at Newport News; slayer was exhonerated by magistrate——Richmond girl arrested in bad company in Petersburg and returned to her home——Death of widely known local politician in Page county——Closing exercises at the Female Normal School at Farmville; large list of graduates; new teachers for the coming year ——Inspection of schooners on the Rappahannock——Brilliant dance by the Ashland Cotillion Club——Mural tablet at old Bruton Church, Williamsburg, and stone to mark place of House of Burgesses.

GENERAL.

Investigation made by Chairman Proctor of the Civil Service Commission indicates that appointments made in the Washington Postoffice were due to influence and were without regard to merit; some of the irregularities shown are startling; Postmaster-General Payne clears his skirts with a statement saying that none of the irregularities have occurred since his appointment——Servian people are quietly awaiting the action of their Parliament, which, it is thought, will undoubtedly elect Peter Karageorgevitch king; the sentiment in the Cabinet for a republican form of government is regarded as insignificant——Commonwealth has rested its case in the trial of Curtis Jett and Tom White for the murder of J. B. Marcum——It is announced on authority that the Northern Securities Company will be dissolved and the shares held by it distributed to the original holders——Many banking concerns of Pittsburg are to consolidate into a giant institution, which will have seventy-eight million dollars resources——General Matos, who led the revolution against President Castro in Venezuela, admits that his rising has been completely crushed out——Philip R. Theobald, an expert horseman of Philadelphia, killed in an auto accident——Stock market was a little hesitating, but prices held fairly well, in spite of selling for profits by those who got in on the low level of the early part of the week——Whorler won the Brooklyn Derby at Gravesend on a track that was foot-deep in mud——Claude, with heavy weight up, won the St. Louis Derby from a good field by two lengths, and finished strong——Crank threatens the ruler of Austria.

RECEIVER NAMED FOR VICTOR COTTON MILLS

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 13.—A. C. Hutchison has been appointed receiver for the Victor Cotton Mills, in this city. The plant will be sold at auction. The Ada Cotton Mills shut down to-day. It has been practically decided that this plant will also go into the hands of receivers. Its liabilities are $60,000, secured by mill notes, endorsed by directors individually. Serious losses in recent years account for the trouble of this corporation.

Virginians in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, June 13.—Fifth Avenue—P. T[illegible]; Waldorf—C. U. Williams, C. U. W[illegible]s, Jr., G. V. Lewis; Manhattan—M[illegible] Dohan and wife; Grand—E. F. Young; [illegible]ington—J. Bates; Astor—R. Gwathmey; [illegible] Morton—W. N. Parsons and

NOT MERIT, BUT "PULL" WINS

This Shown to Be Condition in Washington.

WAS USED AS SOCIAL BUREAU

Appointments Were Made Without Regard to Merit.

DEVIOUS METHODS WERE EMPLOYED

One Woman Was Nominally Appointed to an Office in New Jersey at a Salary of $1,600 a Year, and She Never Left the Washington Office.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—That the Washington postoffice was used by the department for political and social purposes, and that appointments therein were made on the request or suggestion of high department officials, without regard to fitness, is clearly evidenced by the report submitted to Postmaster-General Payne by Chairman Proctor, of the Civil Service Commission, to-day.

In addition to the report proper and a transcript of the testimony taken, Mr. Proctor presented a summary of the findings. This summary concludes as follows:

"A departure from the observance of the civil service rules appears in the promotion of certain employes in the Washington postoffice, which have been directed by the department, although reports of efficiency are neither requested nor received by the department.

CASE IN POINT.

"A case in point is that of a lady who was nominally appointed in the Morristown, N. J., postoffice, but never left the Washington postoffice; who owed her appointment to the classification-on-transfer method; was promoted from September 1, 1900, to July 1, 1901, from $900 to $1,600 per annum by direction of the department, and is doing the work formerly done by an employe who received a compensation of only $1,000 per annum.

"The information disclosed by the investigation seems to warrant the statement that appointments to classified positions in the Washington postoffice without examination, by the devious method of appointment in small, unclassified offices, or in offices about to be consolidated, and subsequent appointments in the Washington office. The appointments of those laborers who were appointed, and separated during the administration of the present postmaster show a wide departure in policy from a strict regard for the public interest, and afford indications that the department used the Washington postoffice for political and social purposes to an extent which left the authority of the postmaster in transfers and appointments of this sort but little more than nominal, and placed the office in many respects in the relation of a bureau to the department.

REQUEST WAS DEMAND.

"The investigation seems to show clearly that most of the irregularities herein set forth were directed by the department, requested or suggested by high departmental officials, and in either case came to the postmaster with all the force of a direction.

"The investigation indicates that the employes who entered the service by transfer and without examination are, in general, inferior to those appointed through competition. The investigations made by the commission show that many of the persons who entered the service by transfer had failed upon competitive examination; were from States which were in excess of their apportionment, or had not passed with sufficiently high grades to be reached for appointment by the regular methods.

PACKED BY INDIVIDUALS.

"How many were appointed for reasons other than the needs of the service it is, of course, impossible for the commission to determine, but that the service was packed with employes in the interests of the individual is indicated by the fact that the number of appointments in the month of the classification was more than twice as great as for the preceding four months.

"The appointments made under the circumstances above set forth resulted in a congestion of the service, and when a reduction is to be made the employes appointed for political or personal considerations are cared for, sometimes at the expense of persons appointed upon merit and without influence. In relieving the branches of the service thus crowded with employes, transfers are made to other parts of the service, to the injury of eligibles in line for appointment by reason of their ascertained fitness.

"The passing of the war emergency, the amendment on December 11, 1901, of the rule relating to transfers, and the new provisions of the revised rules which became effective on April 15, 1903, will, it is believed, prevent the continuance of these abuses in the classified service; and the adoption, at the earliest practicable date, of regulations for the employment of laborers in the Washington postoffice, in accordance with the executive order of March 26, 1903, will, there is reason to hope, put the employment of laborers on the basis of fitness and the needs of the service."

CLEARS HIS SKIRTS.

The Postmaster-General gave out the following statement regarding the report:

"Attention is called to the fact that since my incumbency of the position of Postmaster-General the Civil Service Commission report that there have been but ten persons transferred to the Washington city postoffice by a postmaster from smaller offices, and that these ten were appointed to their respective places six months or more prior to their transfer.

"The point raised by the report regarding the promotion of certain employes in the office, which have been directed by the department, occurred pervious to January 1, 1902. No such directions for promotions as are referred to have been authorized by me since I have been Postmaster-General."

SHATTERED BY A BLAST

Curious Accident on the C. & O. Near Manassas.

RICHMOND LADIES THERE

They Are Badly Frightened and Covered With Flying Dirt and Broken Glass—An Afton Lady Is Painfully Cut.

Four Richmond ladies who were passengers on the fast Chesapeake and Ohio train from Washington to the West yesterday, arrived in the city last night, after having passed through one of the most thrilling experiences of their lives. They were not hurt, but their clothes were covered with mud and dirt, and glass was thrown all over them by the premature explosion of a blast somewhere between Alexandria and Manassas. All, however, were not so fortunate, as a young lady who was a passenger for Afton, Va., was painfully cut on the wrist, and others were less seriously hurt.

Nearly all the windows on the north side of the Pullman cars were shattered, and such quantities of debris were thrown into the cars that the dirt had to be cleaned up before the doors of the cars could be opened. Three Pullmans were incapacitated, the windows being broken, through passengers refused to ride in them, saying they would freeze to death if they tried to sleep in them while going through the mountains.

Like a Thunderbolt.

The train, which is known as No. 1, was running about an hour late. It is one of the Chesapeake and Ohio's best and fastest trains, and runs through from New York to Cincinnati. The passengers were sitting quietly back in their seats as the train sped through Northern Piedmont Virginia, and were nearing the famous Bull Run battlefield, when there was a roar louder than that of a cannon, and glass, dirt, mud, stones and all manner of debris were projected into the train.

In an instant all was consternation. Everyone thought that the train had plunged into a landslide. As soon as some semblance of order had been restored it was found that no one, with the exception of the young lady who was bound for Afton, had been hurt. She was standing in the aisle, with blood streaming from her wrist. There was no physician on board, but a young man who said he knew something about medicine offered his services. The trainmen were most courteous, and insisted that a doctor be sent for at the next stop, but the young lady did not deem the wound so serious, and continued on her way home.

Badly-Timed Blast.

After buckets full of dirt had been removed and the car put in presentable condition again, an explanation of the accident was sought and found. The Southern Railway Company, over whose tracks the train is operated from Orange to Alexandria, is putting down double tracks, and there is constant need of blasting. One of these blasts had been timed wrong and had gone off just as the fast train was speeding by.

Passengers were relieved to learn that it was nothing worse, for they had felt confident that they were in a landslide. Still they were loud in their condemnation of the carelessness of the construction force which had let such an accident happen.

The cars presented a curious spectacle. Windows were shattered, and all over the sides were leaves, the twigs of trees and red mud. At every subsequent stop a sensation was caused among those at the station, all of whom were certain the train had been in a wreck, and who wanted to hear all about it.

The Richmond passengers changed cars at Gordonsville and got to this city without further experience, though their train was an hour late. Friends who met them at the depot were astonished to find them in such a condition of muddiness, but when they learned the story they were thankful that it was only their garments which had suffered.

JOHN RANDOLPH TABLET AT W. & M.

A Handsome Memorial, the Gift of Mr. John L. Williams.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., June 13.—Mr. John L. Williams has given to William and Mary College a mural tablet, to be known as the Sir John Randolph Tablet. It will be placed in the chapel, and will be one of the handsomest and most elaborate in the State.

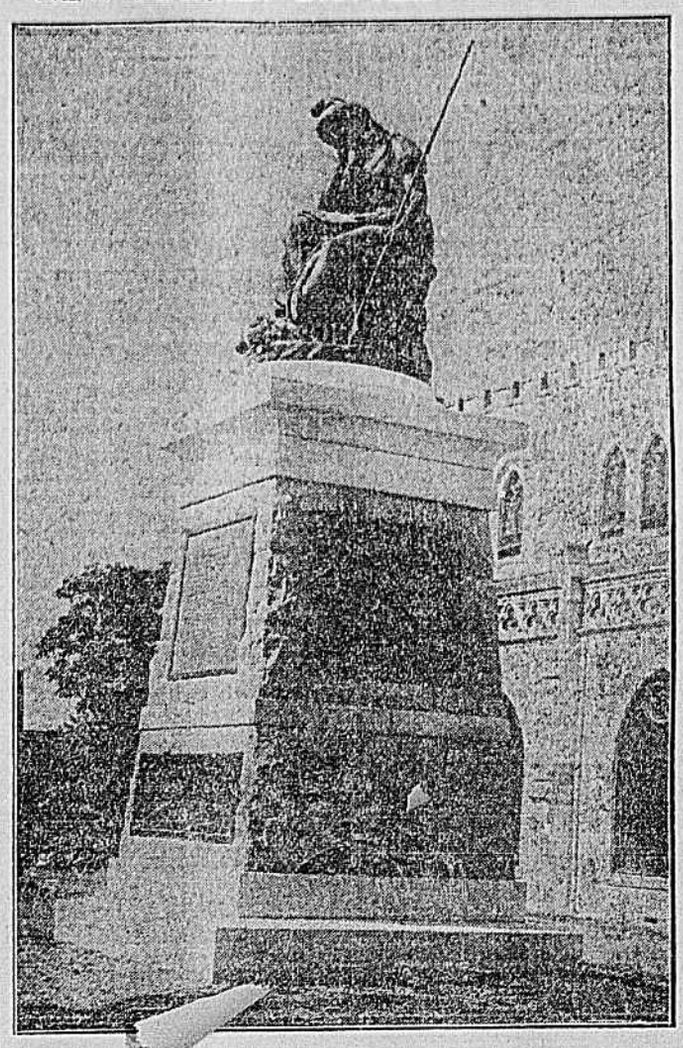
The Washington Chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will erect early next fall a monument marking the site of the House of Burgesses. The names of the burgesses will be engraved on a branze tablet and this set in a huge block of rough granite.

GENERAL TURNER HAS BEEN CAPTURED

(By Associated Press.)

MIDDLEBORO, KY., June 13.—"General" Turner, brother of Lee Turner, charged with complicity in the celebrated "Quarter House" battle, was captured last night and lodged in the Pineville, Ky., jail this morning. "General" Turner was recently reported as having been killed by Lee Turner.

NEW MARKET BATTLE MONUMENT.



The New Market Battle Monument, "Virginia Mourning Her Dead," will be unveiled at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., Tuesday, June 23d. The sculptor is Sir Moses Ezekiel, of Rome, Italy, who was a member of the gallant band of cadets who took part in the New Market battle June 15, 1864. The statue is on a solid block of Virginia granite, seven feet high. It is situated immediately in front of the entrance to the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hall and faces southward. The names of all the cadets who took part in the battle are on the monument.

CLAUDE WON WITH EASE

Carried 127 Pounds and Landed St. Louis Derby.

OVERLOOKED OUTSIDER

Took Race from a Good Field, and Finished Two Lengths to the Good, With Something Still in Reserve.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., June 13.—Claude, with 127 pounds up and ridden by Daly, won the St. Louis Derby, valued at $12,000 from a good field to-day. Claude, although overweighted and overlooked, disposed of his field with ease, winning by two lengths, with something in reserve. The colt had everything in his favor from the flag fall. Au Revoir, the Bennett candidate, and equal favorite in the betting with the Darden pair, Monsieur Beaucaire and Sioux Chief, at 3 to 2, was first to show, followed closely by Deutschland. Claude was fourth, Coburn on Au Revoir, allowed Deutschland to set the pace, passing the stand the first time and at the seven-eighth's pole made a fast move with the Bennett horse. Deutschland hung on and the pair ran neck and neck to the mile. Au Revoir led by a neck, Deutschland second, Lendin third, and Claude sixth. Turning into the stretch, Au Revoir had enough and surrendered the lead to Deutschland. Here Monsieur Beaucaire was brought up and for a time was in the lead, with the fast tiring Deutschland second and Bas D'Or third.

At the sixteenth pole a little horse was seen coming out of the bunch, head down like a pitching broncho and mowing down the horses ahead of him with remarkable ease. Claude went into the lead and before the wire was reached had put two open lengths between himself and the field. Claude has now three derbys to his credit. His last appearance at the track was as a two-year-old, when a sensational killing was made on him at prices ranging from 100 to 60 to 1. Attendance 30,000. The distance was a mile and a half and the time 2:35 1-4. Claude was 7 to 1 in the betting.

SPECIES OF SLAVERY, SAYS CHICAGO JUDGE

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, June 13.—Sixteen strikers alleged to have violated an injunction obtained by the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Company, were to-day fined $10 each in Judge Holdom's court. "For a corporation to be compelled to contract with a union to have in its employ only union men," he said in his decision, "is a species of slavery and unlawful."

IS CONCERNED OVER THE CANAL OUTLOOK

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 13.—President Roosevelt to-day sent for Wm. Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the Panama Canal Company, to confer with him about the canal situation. Mr. Cromwell spent half an hour with the President in the afternoon and the conference was resumed by appointment at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It is understood that the President is considerably concerned over the canal outlook.

FIGHT FAST AND FURIOUS

Jack O'Keefe and Jimmy Britt Went Twenty Rounds.

THE RESULT WAS A DRAW

Battle Was for Light-Weight Championship of the World, and Fully Ten Thousand People Saw Contest—Betting Was Even.

(By Associated Press.)

BUTTE, MONT., June 13.—Jack O'Keefe, of Chicago, and Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco, fought twenty rounds to a draw here this afternoon for the light-weight championship of the world. Fully ten thousand people saw the fight. It was fast and furious. Britt had a shade the better of it, but O'Keefe was the favorite with the crowd, as the Frisco boy was accused of fouling repeatedly. The sheriff of Butte jumped into the ring in one round and warned Britt that if he did not fight fair the battle could not go on. Abe Cohen announced four men who challenged the winner. They are Joe Gans, Willie Fitzgerald, Bud Ryan and Toby Irvin.

The arena was erected on the old ball park. An elevated platform and uncanvassed roof, the men fought in a chilling wind, while the rain poured in at intervals. The crowd of spectators sat in the open, but were not daunted by the inclement weather.

The fight was at 133 pounds, the men weighing at 10 o'clock this morning. Britt was a trifle under weight, while O'Keefe made it exactly.

Betting was evenly divide dall day. Sigmund Hart, of Chicago, O'Keefe's manager, put $5,000 on his man in sums of from $50 to $300. Britt was liberally backed, especially by the San Francisco sports. Followers of the ring were here from San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, Portland and all over the northwest.

WILL RELIEVE ITS PLAINNESS

Ten Thousand Dollars Used in Embellishing the Davis $50,000 Memorial.

All o fthe non-resident members of the Boar dof Directors of the Davis Monument Association have returned to their hmoes and the incident of their meeting is now closed. The last to leave was Mrs. McCullogh, of Staunton, the president. This estimable lady has been the guest of Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson, No. 10 East Franklin Street and went to her home yesterday morning.

The matter of designing a suitable memorial of President Davis rests now entirely with Mr. E. V. Valentine, sculptor, and Mr. W. C. Noland, architect. Nothing will be done by the board as a body until it meets November 10th next, to accept or reject the design submitted, as it sees fit. It is expected that members of the board will see the design before it is submitted to the directors in a body and suggestions will probably be made to the two gentlemen before the vote of acceptance is taken. The board assembled here in sem-official manner, has already endorsed Mr. Noland's colanade plan.

It was learned yesterday that the sum of $60,000 appropriated for the memorial will be divided in two parts, of $50,000 and $10,000 each. In the opinion of Mr. Valentine, the memorial proper ought to cost the larger sum while the smaller would be most judiciously used in embellishing the general plan with small bronze figures. It is his idea to relieve the plainness of the memorial.

NO ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

CAR MEN'S ULTIMATUM

Ask an Answer from Manager Huff by 10 A. M. Monday.

MAYOR TAYLOR GETS IN

He Visited Manager Huff in an Effort to Adjust the Trouble, but Had No Success to Report.

Probabilities are at present that the street car situation will be brought to a close, favorably or unfavorably, to-morrow. This statement is based upon the fact that what appears to be an ultimatum to the company from the national organizer and the committee of local employes, sent to Mr. S. W. Huff, general manager of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company.

In this ultimatum, if it should so prove, the committee positively say that they are willing to abide by a decision of an arbitration board, and that they are willing, in order to maintain amicable relations and not cause any inconvenience to the public, to enter into an agreement for a year. This course, from the face of the proposed agreement submitted, would entirely obliterate any hopes of future trouble within a period of eleven months at least, from the fact that it provides that either side cannot, until thirty days' notice has been given, open the question, either for a reduction or advance of the scale of wages entered into, upon the agreement to the provisions.

WANT DECISION MONDAY.

The letter addressed yesterday to Mr. Huff was as follows:

Richmond, Va., June 13, 1903.

Mr. S. W. Huff, General Manager Virginia Passenger and Power Company, Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned committee, representing Street Railway Employes' Association, Division 152, have been endeavoring for some time past to secure amicable adjustment of the grievances which we submitted to you on May 1, 1903, and we believe it would be to the best interest of all concerned that another meeting between yourself and this committee, in company with Mr. Orr, be held with a view to making the proposed agreement for one year. If this is not agreeable to you, we are willing, in order to maintain peaceable relations and not cause any inconvenience to the public, to submit the entire proposition to a Board of Arbitration, consisting of disinterested citizens, two to be selected by the company and two by the association, the four so selected to select the fifth, their decision on the entire matter to be final and binding upon both parties for one year.

Awaiting your reply on or before Monday, 10 A. M., June 15, 1903, we are,

Very respectfully,

W. J. GRIGGS,
W. F. CLEATON,
E. W. REDFORD,
P. F. DE FORREST,

Approved: Rezin Orr.

At the conference of the committee and Mr. Orr, in the Lexington Hotel last night, Mr. Orr, who is the national organizer for the carmen, expressed himself as still hopeful of an amicable settlement.

"All we ask," said Mr. Orr, "is this conference, and I am certain that both parties to the conference will be more than satisfied with the result."

MAYOR ASKS CONCILIATION.

Mayor Taylor yesterday had an interview with General Manager Huff relative to the car situation, and advised a conference with the committee. Manager Huff replied that the statement formerly promulgated by him would be the final stand of the company.

REPLY TO CAR MEN.

Relative to the resolutions adopted by the Manchester Board of Aldermen on Friday night, in which they express a hope of a conference between the company and the committee representing the men, Mr. Orr and the committee sent the following to Mr. J. W. Hall, city clerk, yesterday:

Richmond, Va., June 13, 1903.

To Honorable Board of Aldermen, city of Manchester:

We are in receipt of a copy of the resolution adopted by your Board last night pertaining to the existing differences between the Virginia Passenger and Power Company and its employes, and we desire to assure you that the same meets with our hearty approval, and should a conference be granted by the railway company we will do our part in an effort to peaceably adjust the existing differences.

Ve[illegible] respectfully,

W. J. GRIGGS,
W. H. CLEATON,
E. W. REDFORD,
P. F. DE FREST.

Approved: Rezin Orr.

There will be a meeting of the Petersburg Division on to-morrow night unless there should be a called issued by President Griggs for a midnight meeting on that date.

MEMORIAL DAY AT WOODSTOCK

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., June 13.—The annual memorial services and decoration of the graves of Confederate soldiers buried in Masanutten Cemetery was held to-day by the Shenandoah Camp, Confederate Veterans, and Shenandoah Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The meeting was addressed by M. E. Stickley, after which the graves and monuments in the cemetery were decorated

University Board Fails to Make Choice.

CLEVELAND AND MOORE DECLINE

Close Between Prof. Dabney and Col. G. W. Miles.

ALL EXCEPT ONE ARE ELIMINATED

Board to Meet Again in July to Further Consider Matter—A Committee Appointed to Gather Information and Report Then—Dr. J. M. McBride the Only Name Left on List.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., June 13.—The University of Virginia is still without a president. The five hours' session of the Board of Visitors held here to-day for the purpose of filling this important office did not result in a positive selection.

When adjournment was had to July 28th the only name before the body was that of Dr. J. M. McBryde, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and the indications are that he will be elected if it shall be found that he will accept. A committee, consisting of the rector and three members of the board, was appointed to secure "desirable information," and this is taken to mean that they will ascertain whether or not Dr. McBryde would accept if tendered the office.

The names of Dr. John Bassett Moore and Hon. Grover Cleveland were not really before the board. There were, however, many names proposed. Those to which most consideration were given were Dr. Dabney and Professor Miles. Neither had sufficient support to elect and both were eliminated. Then Dr. McBryde, who was not a candidate, was discussed most favorably, and he was being considered when the board adjourned to July 28th.

The greatest interest has been felt throughout the State in the selection of the first president of the great school founded by Mr. Jefferson and the alumni of the institution, both in Virginia and throughout the country, have evinced the greatest concern about the matter. The individual members of the board had received communications from all parts of the United States concerning the various gentlemen whose names have been mentioned in connection with the position, but a noteworthy aspect of the matter to-day was the almost entire absence of alumni from the board meeting.

The board assembled promptly at noon and went immediately into executive session. The details of the meeting cannot be found out. The strictest prudence in this regard was observed by the board because of the absolute necessity of a free and frank interchange of opinions and a searching discussion of the qualifications of the various persons mentioned for the presidency of the University.

As was foretold in dispatches from this place some days ago, the name of Dr. John Bassett Moore of Columbia University, was not considered, because Dr. Moore himself positively declined to be even a receptive candidate at this time on account of his engagements with the Federal government, nor did Dr. Moore agree to say that he would accept the presidency if tendered twelve months hence. It was stated, however, that the rumor in regard to Dr. Moore's views on the race question, which ascribed to him sympathy with the propaganda of northern negrophobists, proved, upon investigation to be so utterly groundless as to cause astonishment that such a report could have ever gained currency.

A telegram is said to have been received by a member of the board either directly from ex-President Cleveland himself or from a gentleman at Princeton authorized to speak for Mr. Cleveland, stating that while Mr. Cleveland felt greatly touched by the proposition to present his name for the presidency he could not possibly consider the matter.

Thus at the beginning, Dr. Moore and Mr. Cleveland withdrew themselves from consideration.

DABNEY AND MILES.

The other gentlemen who were either aggressive or receptive candidates for the position as well as several who were named without any sort of au[illegible], are said to have been consid[illegible] one by one, and each in t[illegible] was eliminated from consid[illegible]on because of a lack of support in the board. The two gentlemen most discussed were Dr. Charles W. Dabney, of the University of Tennessee, and Professor George W. Miles, of St. Albans. It cannot be definitely ascertained how the board stood, but from a trustworthy source it is learned that Mr. Miles developed considerably more strength than Dr. Dabney. The proceedings, however, developed the fact that Dr. Dabney's candidacy was hopeless and that Professor Miles could not command a majority of the board. Both were therefore eliminated from further consideration.

M'BRYDE MAY BE CHOSEN.

It is stated that the only one of the numerous names suggested that was not definitely acted on in this way, was that of Dr. J. M. McBryde, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg. Nobody was authorized to suggest Dr. McBryde's name for the presidency of the University, and it was not known wrether or not he would accept tre position if tendered him. It is nevertheless said that he developed considerable strength in the board, and it may be that he will be tendered the position at the next meeting if he can be induced to accept.

The session of the board lasted five hours, and was terminated by a resolution, unanimously adopted, to adjourn until the 28th of July for further consideration of the subject. The rector and three members of the board were named as a committee to secure desirable information and to report at a meeting on the date designated. There is not much doubt but that the board will elect a president on July 28th.

It is a noteworthy fact that not one particle of ill feeling developed among