Miller & Rhoads

BROAD STREET—TWO ENTRANCES—SIXTH STREET.

Wash Goods and White Goods.

Additional Specials To-day.

In addition to the eighteen different lots of White Goods and Wash Goods that we've been selling for 12½c yard (many of which are 25c fabrics) we have added several other specials beyond the ordinary in value for the prices, such as—

Nub and Beige Voiles, 8½c Yd. Regular 12½c Qualities

The Nub Voiles come in plain shades of Pink, Light Blue, French Blue, Champagne, Gray and Nile. The raised, or "Nub" effect, adding a decided charm to the appearance of the Voile.

The Beige Voiles are crepy, clinging fabrics in Light Blue, Ox Blood, Brown, also Green Mixtures.

Brussels Net, 12½c a Yard. Instead of 19c.

The balance of our Brussels Net, both in plain shades and printed flower patterns will go on sale to-morrow morning at 12 1-2c yard.

You know what good values they were at 19c,

Fine Organdies, 10c a Yard

Which is considerably less than their value.

Fine, Printed Organdies, all this season's best patterns. Dress lengths of 10, 12 and 14 yards each. One of the best values in Wash Goods we've offered this spring.

A special purchase at low prices.

Persian Lawn, 45 in. Wide 15c a Yard.

People that know tell us this is equal in quality to Lawns that are selling in many places at 25c yard.

We know it's the best value in White Goods we've had this season at 15c yard. Fine and sheer.

French Lawn, 25c Yard.

Extra Fine and Sheer.

It's of good, generous width—45 inches—fine and sheer in quality,

You'll find it something special at 25c.

May Manton Patterns 10c. each, on sale in Trimming Department.

PROMOTION OF A RAILROAD MAN

Mr. Thomas C. Powell Becomes Fifth Vice-President of Southern.

PARTIES TO WEST POINT

Many Bookings Already Made. President Stevens Arrives at Gibraltar.

Mr. Thomas C. Powell, formerly freight traffic manager of the Southern Railway and located in Washington, has been made fifth vice-president of the Southern, in charge of the St. Louis-Louisville lines of the company. Mr. Powell is originally a Cincinnatian, but has long been connected with the Southern until he attained the head of the freight traffic department. He is well known in Richmond.

General Freight Agent Charles R. Capps, of the Seaboard Air Line, announces the appointment of Mr. W. B. Lewis as solicitnig freight agent of the Seaboard, with headquarters at Room 715, Dwight Building, Kansas City, Mo. The appointment is already effective.

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The White Star steamship Republic, having on board Mr. George W. Stevens and family, of this city, arrived at Gibraltar Sunday and was so reported in a message received in this city yesterday. The Republic and her passengers were due in Naples, the destination of the Stevens party, yesterday. After spending some time at Naples the Richmond party will visit Rome, Florence and other Roman cities and will then go to Switzerland, Germany and France, returning home six weeks hence via Great Britain.

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Mr. T. F. Whittlesey has been appointed general manager of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City, displacing F. H. Dewey, and H. C. Jones has been made chief engineer in place of A. N. Bullitt.

The Old Dominion Steamship Company announces that for about two weeks, beginning Thursday, April 27th, the Berkeley and Brandon, steamers on the James River route, will be withdrawn for overhauling. During that fortnight the company will operate a steamer leaving this city for Norfolk at 8:30 A. M. daily, instead of 7 P. M., as formerly, and the return boat will leave Norfolk every evening at 9 o'clock.

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The first of the Tribby Sunday special trips to Norfolk, Portsmouth, Ocean View, Virginia Beach and neighboring resorts will be operated, Sunday, May 7th, leaving this city at 8 A. M., giving the whole day at the beach. These trains will be operated every Sunday thereafter until the early autumn.

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District Passenger Agent C. W. Westbury, of the Southern Railway, announces the following booking of excursion parties from this city to Beach Park, West Point, for the first two months of the summer season, beginning June 15th:

June 8th, Hasker Memorial Church; June 17th, American Locomotive Company, twenty or more coaches; June 19th, Union Lodge, I. O. O. F.; June 20th, Broaddus Memorial Baptist Sunday-school; Just 21st, West View Baptist Sunday-school; June 23rd, Barton Heights Methodist Sunday-school; June 27th, Broad Street Methodist Sunday-school; June 28th, Union Station Methodist Sunday-school; June 29th, Third Christian Church; June 30th, Calvary Baptist Church; July 1st, Bainbridge Street Baptist Sunday-school; July 7th, Grace Street Baptist Sunday-school; July 11th, Fairmount Methodist Sunday-school; July 12th, St. James Methodist Sunday-school; July 25th, Cowardin Avenue Christian Church; July 26th, Denny Street Methodist Church; July 27th, Fairmount Baptist Sunday-school.

CLERK POLLOCK MARRIES

Went to Washington on Monday and Surprised His Friends.

Mr. George E. Pollock, clerk of the Police Board and to the chief of police, went to Washington on the excursion on Monday morning, and with him went Miss Bessie Colvin, of Chestnut Hill. They went to the capital City to get married, and their intention was kept so closely to themselves that the announcement that they had secured a license came as a surprise to nearly all their friends here and in Chestnut Hill.

Chief Werner yesterday received a brief telegram from his clerk, which gave him the first intimation of the young clerk's intention. It read as follows: "Can you arrange for furlough until Wednesday; married."

The chief's reply was equally as brief: "Furlough granted; congratulations." The bride is one of the esteemed young ladies of the pretty suburb. The couple are expected home to-day.

Injured at the New Church.

Mr. Milton E. Schafer, a painter engaged in work on the new Second Baptist Church building, at Grace and Adams Street, fell from a scaffold about noon yesterday, and badly injured himself. He was attended by Dr. Perkins, of the ambulance corps, who made him as comfortable as possible, and carried him to the Memorial Hospital, where it was said last night he was resting well.

His injuries are serious, but not necessarily fatal, and it is thought at the hospital he will recover.

Object to Hospital.

A large number of the citizens of the West End have organized to protest against the erection of the proposed cancer hospital on West Main Street. The body has engaged counsel and will fight the matter to the end. In the meantime Mr. Kellum is going ahead on the foundation of the building and considerable progress has been made. He, too, has engaged counsel, and will oppose any action taken by those opposed to the erection of the hospital. The matter has not yet reached the courts.

Pilgrimage of Acca.

There will be a meeting of the Shriners at the Temple to-morrow night, at which time, in addition to regular business, arrangements will be made for the proposed trip of the Shriners to Norfolk on May 11th. At that time a whole lot of innocents will be pushed along the hot sands of Acca's desert.

Before Supreme Court.

Attorney General William A. Anderson left yesterday for Washington, where he will argue on behalf of the State, a case in the United States Supreme Court. It is the case of the Old Dominion Steamship Company vs. the Commonwealth, involving the right to assess certain properties of the Steamship Company for taxation in Virginia. The steamship company appealed the case.

THE FAVORITE ROUTE TO BALTIMORE, THE NORTH AND THE EAST—YORK RIVER LINE.

Leave Richmond daily, except Sunday, 4:20 P. M., arrive Baltimore 8 A. M., connecting for Philadelphia, New York and all the North and East. Low rate excursion tickets now on sale daily.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

WOMEN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY MEETS PORTSMOUTH, VA., MAY 3-5. SPECIAL RATES VIA C. AND O. RY.

$3.50 round trip, Richmond to Portsmouth, Va., and return via Chesapeake and Ohio route, which will land passengers at Portsmouth. Tickets sold May 1st, 2d and 3d, limited for return May 8th.

Fast trains leave Richmond from Main Street Station at 9 A .M. and 4 P. M., daily.

Only two hours and twenty-five minutes from Richmond to Norfolk, and twenty minutes later arriving Portsmouth, Va.

Tickets sold Richmond Transfer Co, and Main Street Station.

For other information, apply to W. O. WARTHEN, D. P. A., C. & O. Ry., 809 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY MEETING, PORTSMOUTH, VA., MAY 3-5.

Account above occasion, the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, will sell round-trip tickets from Richmond to Norfolk at $3.50. Tickets will be sold May 1st, 2d and 3d, good for return passage until May 8th. The Norfolk and Western Railway, via Petersburg, is the quickest, best and only all-rail line, between Richmond and Norfolk. Three daily trains. For tickets and further information, apply Richmond Transfer Company, Ticket Agent, Byrd Street Station, or at company's office, 838 East Main Street.

JNO. E. WAGNER, City Passenger Agent.

C. H. BOSLEY, District Passenger Agent.

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NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Successful Revival Services Being Conducted at Oak Grove.

REPUBLICANS HAVE MEETING

Warrant Not Yet Served on D. B. Garris—Politics Are Warming Up.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

The revival services at Oak Grove Baptist Church continues, and much interest is being manifested by the large congregations attending the services. The revival will continue all week. Rev. J. K. Faulkner, pastor of the church, will conduct the services, and Rev. W. E. Robertson, of Randolph Street Church, Richmond, will preach. The public is invited to the services. A number of persons have professed conversion.

Republicans Meet.

A largely attended meeting of Republicans was held last night at Cunningham's Hall, on upper Hull Street. The purpose of the meeting was to urge the Republicans to pay their taxes and vote at the coming general election. The meeting was enthusiastic, and it is likely that the Republicans will show their full strength at the next general election.

Politics Picking Up.

The cohorts are beginning to make the little welkins in their immediate neighborhoods ring with the praises of their favorite candidates, for either Governor, senator or member of the House of Delegates. There are, strictly speaking, no favorites being played, for all the candidates have many friends to proclaim their fitness for the respective offices.

Warrant Not Served.

The warrant sworn out against D. B. Garris, the insurance man, who is alleged to have been conducting business without a license, has not yet been served upon him. The warrant is in the hands of the Richmond police, who have not seen Mr. Garris. His friends in Manchester know nothing of the matter, and it was stated last night he was out of the city on business.

Lipscomb—Sikes.

This morning at 10 o'clock, at Central Methodist Church, Miss May Conway Lipscomb and the Rev. William Marion Sikes will be married.

The bride will wear a gown of white chiffon taffeta, with hat to match, and will carry a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The maid of honor, Miss Myrtle Inge, of Woodland Heights, will be attired in cream silk mull, with a black picture hat and black gloves, and will carry cream roses. The bride will be given away by her brother, Mr. John B. Lipscomb.

The best man will be Mr. E. Roy Wharton, of Greensboro, N. C.

The groomsmen, Messrs. D. S. Craig, of Gastonia, N. C.; L. E. Sikes, of Greensboro, N. C.; M. C. Nelms, of Suffolk, Va.; Walter Franklin, T. M. Fendley and E. B. Loving, of Manchester, who will wear Prince Alberts and gray gloves.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. D. E. Lipscomb, of Manchester. The groom is the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Madison, N. C., where, after an extended Southern tour, they will be at home after May the tenth.

With the Sick.

Mrs. C. A. Waymack, who has been ill for some time, was reported last night as being no better.

Captain J. W. Lovell, who was stricken with sudden illness while at his duties as conductor on the Southern road, was reported as being in a bad way.

Personals and Briefs.

James W. Parker was dismissed by Mayor Maurice yesterday on the charge of being too full for utterance.

The Burnetts are still among the missing, so far as the police and their friends are concerned. Friends of the couple stated yesterday that the couple would be able to clear themselves of any crime when the proper time came.

Miss Etta Hutcheson, of King William county, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Henry C. Nelson, of Decatur Street.

There were no arrests reported by the police last night.

VESTRYMEN ELECTED.

Episcopal Churches of Richmond Made But Few Changes.

All of the Episcopal churches in the city have elected their vestrymen for the ensuing year with but few changes.

St. Paul's Church re-elected most of the old vestry—Dr. J. B. McCaw, Major Robert Stiles, Captain Frank H. Deane, W. C. Bentley, Beverley B. Munford, John B. Young, Colonel Richard L. Maury, Judge R. Carter Scott and Judge Beverly T. Crump, and three new members—Colonel Archer Anderson, B. Rand. Wellford and Frederick W. Scott.

Emmanuel Church, Brook Hill, Henrico, Rev. Ernest E. Osgood, rector, re-elected its vestry, as follows: Joseph Bryan, Randolph Holladay, John Stewart Bryan, John B. Mordecai, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, T. Crawford Redd, Jr., Edmund Redd, William Ellis Jones, H. C. Beattie, Nathaniel Cross, R. Powell Dunn and J. B. Ladd.

St. John's Church elected one new member to the vestry, James T. Eustis. The following compose the governing body: Cyrus Bossieux, John F. Mayer, James H. Allon, W. S. Blankenship, J. S. Moore, James T. Eustis, George L. Currie, Thomas J. Mussen, J. N. Armstrong, B. F. Howard, John B. Welch and F. J. Craigie.

Monumental Church re-elected its vestry, as follows: A. Rufus Yarbrough, Richard H. Meade, John M. Taylor, Walter Christian, Benjamin B. Valentine, George W. Warren, Charles H. Watkins, John L. Williams, Algernon S. Hurt, Lewis C. Williams, Powhatan Breeden and Charles Berkeley Cooke.

St. James Church elected its former vestry—E. B. Addison, James Caskie, Preston Cocke, Boswell Alsop, W. F. Gray, O. H. Funsten, John P. McGuire, John N. Upshur, S. W. Travers, James R. Gordon, S. G. Wallace and W. Minor Woodward.

James Caskie was elected delegate to the council; Murray McGuire, alternate.

At the usual Easter meeting of the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, Laurel Street, near Main, held Monday evening, the attendance being small, no election of vestrymen was held, and the old vestry holds over. It is composed of John W. Gordon, senior warden; P. H. Baskervill, junior warden and registrar; James M. Ball, treasurer; J. H. Capers, John F. Glenn, E. C. Mayo, John B. Minor, E. D. T. Myers, Jr., R. H. Smith, W. Bryden Tennant and A. P. Wilmer.

The Produce Market.

Business was quite lively on "the block" yesterday. The receipts of produce were larger; there was increased demand, and business went along smoothly and with much more vim than on the previous day. Quotations in another column will show that there was no material change in prices.

JUSTICE JOHN WORE HIS NEW SPRING SUIT

Docket Called for Decisions on Strike and Mix-Up.

Justice John had on his new spring suit, yesterday, and felt like a fisherman who had been lucky on his first trip. Several ladies were in attendance, with their new spring bonnets, and enjoyed the performance very much.

The docket was a "measley" one, and developed few interesting points, but the crowd lingered until it was over, instead of going out into Capitol Square to watch the daisies grow.

Alvin Crawley and Lillie Robinson got in something of a mix-up and it cost them $10 each. Willie struck Lillie and then Lillie retaliated with a brick, which put a dent in the cranium of Willie.

Harry Bullock threatened to kill Edward Randolph, and as it was a mere threat, the cost was low, being but five plunks.

Ben Cook and Lou Jones got in an argument and when it was over the cost to each of them was $2.50 and trimmings.

The other cases dealt of shorts, highballs, cocktails, fizzes, and smashes, and the fellows who were mixed up with them had to pay the fiddler, who happened to be Sergeant Thomas.

May Secure License.

A large number of application for liquor licenses were acted upon in the Circuit Court of Henrico, by Judge Clopton, acting for Judge Scott, yesterday, and the following were passed upon favorably:

G. E. Anderson, Joseph Hoffman, J. J. Plageman, A. Marchetti, Mary B. Kranitzky, C. A. Martin, J. E. Hart, H. M. O'Neil, T. T. O'Conner, R. Baker, A. Dementie, W. T. Enroughty, Mary E. Meyers, F. Feranandini, L. M. Way, J. H. Floyd, C. M. Wyatt, Elizabeth Holleran, S. T. Tinsley, J. H. Nolte, C. Marroni, Lakeside Country Club, the Lakeside Club, Deep Run Hunt Club, Rosenegk Brewing Company (incorporated), W. E. Jones, W. A. Redford & E. H. Hubbard, S. L. Henley, J. N. Sweeney, T. Sullivan, R. J. Cottrell and S. N. West.

Several applications were continued to to-day.

Suit Against City.

The Law and Equity Court is engaged in the trial of the case ow Wm. T. Shepherd vs. the City of Richmond for $1,500 alleged damages.

The case will probably be disposed of to-day.

Shepherd alleges that he was damaged in his property rights through some grading recently done by the city on Walnut Street, between Harrison and Park Avenue. The jury and lawyers were taken out yesterday afternoon to view the premises.

TO HAVE FEWER SUPERINTENDENTS

Likely That Number of School Divisions Will be Greatly Reduced.

SOME PROBABLE CHANGES

State Board of Education Will Meet Soon to Choose Men.

The State Board of Education will meet in this city on Thursday, and will probably be in session until the following Wednesday evening. At this meeting the board will elect eighty or more division superintendents of schools, but under the law the election cannot be had until after May 2d—that is to say, until Wednesday, the 3d. All of the eight members of the board will be in attendance when the board meets here Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the rooms of the Department of Public Instruction, but when the election of division superintendents is taken up Messrs. Glass and West, themselves superintendents, will retire, and cannot, under the law, participate in choosing superintendents, their own successors among others being chosen.

It is semi-officially admitted that the State board will take up and consider the charges implied by Mr. J. D. Eggleston, Jr., of Prince Edward, in his announcement of candidacy for State superintendent. The principal charge into which the board will inquire is that which alleges that the board has been imposed upon and that exorbitant charges are made for the Virginia School Register. Just along what lines the inquiry will be had is not indicated, nor is it stated that Mr. Eggleston will be formally asked to appear and state his ground for the assertions made. It is not regarded as probable that anything sensational will be developed.

Will Combine Districts.

The board will take up the work, already tentatively undertaken, of districting the State for division superintendents. There are now 117, of which seventeen are city superintendents, ninety-nine county superintendents and one a city and county superintendent. Just what consolidation will be effected cannot yet be stated. Some of those tentatively suggested or deemed feasible are the following, thirty-seven in number, which, if agreed upon, will reduce the number of superintendents to eighty: Dickenson and Buchanan, Washington county and Bristol city, Bland and Giles, Pulaski county and Radford city, Patrick and Henry, Craig and Alleghany, Pittsylvania and Danville, Rockbridge and Buena Vista, Bath and Highland, Frederick and Clarke, Culpeper and Rappahannock, Madison and Greene, Albemarle county and Charlottesville city, Charlotte and Appomattox, Fluvanna and Goochland, Louisa and Orange, Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg, Stafford and Prince William, Alexandria city and county, King George and Caroline, Chesterfield and Manchester, Powhatan and Cumberland, Amelia and Nottoway, Newport News city and Warwick county, York and James City counties and city of Williamsburg, New Kent and Charles City, Mathews and Gloucester, King and Queen and King William, Essex and Middlesex, Lancaster and Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland, Warren and Page, Dinwiddie and Prince George, Greensville and Sussex, Surry and Isle of Wight.

It is not known that these changes will be made, but it is believed that some of them will be and possibly others.

The Board of Education has been receiving a heavy mail lately, consisting chiefly of applications and endorsements, and it will take a great time to consider these; hence the long session in prospect. There are many candidates in some counties, and in other cases there are said to be protests against some of the candidates on the grounds of fitness and character.

Candidates Coming In.

School superintendents and candidates for division superintendencies are already gathering in the city, preparatory to the election. There are many contests, and despite the announcement that no applications would be received after April 15th, they are still pouring in, accompanied in most cases by voluminous endorsements. It will manifestly be impossible to classify these before the election is taken up.

An interesting announcement is made to-day by Mr. Julian P. Thomas, principal of the Richmond High School, and one which may make unnecessary the prospective investigation into the charges made by Mr. J. D. Eggleston, Jr., relating to the Virginia School Register. Mr. Thomas refers to Mr. Eggleston's announcement and to that portion mentioning the school register, and then states that he is the owner of the Virginia School Register. He declares that under the school laws of the State he has the unquestioned right to write school books or invent appliances, and that he had the further right to contract with the State Board concerning its use. It is immaterial, he contends, whether he was known to be the author of the register or not. Mr. Thomas contends that as the book was designed to secure uniformity of records and reports, it is necessarily a single list-book.

Gans-Rady Company.

ENGLISH Walking Coats will be in high favor again this season—ours embody all the good points of high-class tailoring and are made of material especially suitable for those graceful garments—full Suits from $22.50 to $30.00.

Gans-Rady Company.

THOMAS'S STATEMENT.

Declares That He Is Proprietor of Register—Law With Him.

Appended is the statement of Principal Julian P. Thomas, of the Richmond High School, regarding the school register referred to:

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—In the announcement of his candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. J. D. Eggleston alludes to the Virginia School Register in such a way as to reflect upon the State Board of Education, and possibly to affect injuriously the reputation of others.

I desire to state that I am the owner of the Virginia School Register, and that no one else has any interest whatever in it. I desire further to state all the facts about which so much inquisitiveness has been shown.

Under the school law, I, as well as all other teachers, have the right to write school books or invent appliances for use in the public schools, and to make contracts with the State Board of Education for their use. The statute says so. But, independently of the statute, common sense and common experience show that this is my right. Perhaps no name of any teacher in Virginia is held in higher or more deserved reverence than that of John B. Minor, late professor of law at the University of Virginia. He wrote the books that his students bought and studied. But would it occur to any one to belittle this teacher's reputation or his work or his reward for this? Would any one criticise the University of Virginia for allowing it? The same reasoning applies to humbler teachers, and their humbler works. It cannot be contended, therefore, that I did not have the right to compile a school register and make my contract concerning it with the State Board of Education.

But it is contended that I was not known to be the author of the register. It is immaterial whether the board knew the authorship or it or not. If they knew it, then the contract was made as the letter of the law directs. If they did not know it, then the work was selected solely upon its own merits, and this was even more in accord with the spirit of the law, which is intended to prevent any undue influence by reason of the teacher's position; for, the author being unknown, his position as a teacher was thus prevented from influencing the board.

But Mr. Eggleston's article implies that the law required the board to do this work themselves, and that they neglected to do so, or that they foolishly or ignorantly made an improper bargain with some scheming person, who has overreached and outwitted them. But one might think that the State Board of Education, composed of the Governor of the State, the Attorney-General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, besides the eminent professors and teachers on the board, would be capable of making a proper bargain with an ordinary teacher or publisher; that they would examine what they were buying and agree on a fair price; that they knew their rights and duties, the attorney-general being their legal adviser.

But Mr. Eggleston speaks of the register as a single list book. As the object of the register is to secure uniform reports and statistics, it is hard to see how this could be otherwise. One would be laughed at should he contend for a different form of tax books or poll books for different localities.

But what is the Virginia School Register, and what contracts have been made concerning it in the past?

In 1886 Mr. L. R. Holland, then first clerk and secretary of the board, with the assistance of several teachers and school officers, published a school register, submitted it to the board, and it was adopted, its price being seventy-five cents a copy. From 1886 to 1898 it was repeatedly readopted at the same price.

In 1898 I made my register. To do this I procured some sixty school registers from the most important States and cities in the Union. All these I examined with the utmost care, so as to make the best register I could. I examined all the changes in the school laws, so as to make my register conform thereto. It contains full directions to teachers for its use, with a carefully prepared page illustrating how the school records should be kept; the school laws and regulations that the teachers have to be familiar with; a suggestive daily programme for recitations, and blanks for adapting it to the school; a daily record of attendance of pupils and the studies they pursue; term records; a register of pupils for each term; a record of visitors to the school; an itemized inventory of the school property, including necessary information concerning the school house. Each register is designed to last each school from four to six years, and the average cost to the State cannot exceed from fifteen to twenty cents per school per year. In making this register I, of course, took the chance of losing my work should it not be adopted. It was a business venture which might pay or might not, just as is the case with every school book that is printed. It contained more and cost more labor than the register formerly used—yet the price was the same. Prior to Mr. Holland's register, I am informed that such records cost the State far more, but I do not know the facts as to those older records.

But whether it has been profitable to me or not, a contract was made in regard to it by competent parties. The State was represented by her highest officers, and they examined the work and agreed upon a price for it which they deemed proper, and which was proper.

Now, who were the men representing the State's interest in these contracts for the past eighteen years?

In 1886 the State Board of Education consisted of Fitzhugh Lee, Governor of the State; R. A. Ayers, Attorney-General; John L. Buchanan, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In 1890 the board consisted of P. W. McKinney, Governor; R. Taylor Scott, Attorney-General; John E. Massey, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In 1894 the board consisted of Charles T. O'Ferrall, Governor; R. Taylor Scott, Attorney-General; John E. Massey, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In 1898 the board consisted of J. Hoge Tyler, Governor; A. J. Montague, Attorney-General; J. W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In 1904 the board consisted of A. J. Montague, Governor, W. A. Anderson, Attorney-General; J. W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia; Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary; Professor William A. Bowles, of Staunton, and School Superintendents Glass and West.

Now, were all these gentlemen, selected by the people for their ability and faithfulness to duty, incapable of making a proper contract about a school register, or were they ignorant or were they careless? Has the present board acted foolishly? Did they act according to their judgment or not, and is Mr. Eggleston's judgment better than theirs? Does he think that J. W. Southall, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, is to blame? Or is it A. J. Montague, now Governor of the State, and formerly Attorney-General and legal adviser of the board? Or does he blame the present Attorney-General, W. A. Anderson? But these gentlemen have the same ideas about this contract that the other most eminent men in the State have had. Is there anything to blame anybody for, and, if so, what is the thing and who is the person?

J. P. THOMAS.

RESERVE SEATS.

Subscribers Will Have Their Last Chance To-day—Seats Go on Sale

To-day subscribers to the Wednesday Club's annual festival of music will have the last chance of reserving their seats and to-morrow the remaining seats will be sold to the general public. The festival will be held Monday night and Tuesday matinee and night. As the list of stars this year will surpass any yet offered by the club and as the choruses are prepared to give a superb rendition of the Haydn oratorio, "The Seasons," it may be readily expected that the festival will be the finest musical affair the city has ever seen, if not the South.

Van Hoose, the great tenor, starred last year with Melba. He will be heard in two numbers at the matinee, besides his regular numbers on the night programme. Blauvelt, declared to be in finer voice than she has ever been heard, will again charm Richmonders, while Martin, Sanderson, the great baritone de Gorgoza, Mme. De Moss and the other stars will, together with the Mollenhauer symphony orchestra, and the club choruses, present the greatest musical entertainment Richmond has ever seen.

SAY HE WILL SPEAK.

Col. J. R. Purcell, of Prince William, to Address Richmond Voters

Colonel J. R. Purcell, of Prince William, well known in his county as "Farmer, Fox Hunter and Fighter," is in the city, and declares he will shortly address the voters of Richmond in Sanger Hall on his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Colonel Purcell has several times before announced his candidacy for Governor, but never stuck in the race to the end. He declares he will go into the Democratic primary and make his fight there.

Colonel Purcell was a gallant Confederate soldier and was once a member of the Legislature. He spoke at Boydton from the courthouse steps several weeks ago.

Wilson—Miller.

The home of Mrs. Mamie Miller, on Twenty-third Street, was the scene of a quiet but pretty early morning marriage Monday at 8 o'clock, when Miss Nannie L. Miller became the bride of Mr. Joseph C. Wilson. Only the members of the families of the young people were present. The bride was handsomely gowned in gray cloth, tailor suit, with hat and gloves to match. Mr. Willie Miller, brother of the bride, was best man, and the only attendant. Rev. Joel T. Tucker officiated. Mrs. Wilson is an attractive and accomplished young lady. She is a soprano in the Fairmount Baptist Church choir. Mr. Wilson is a well known young business man of this city, and like his bride is quite popular. Immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple left for Washington and other cities. They were accompanied by Mr. Willie Miller on their trip. Upon their return they will make their home on Fourth Street, in the home of Mr. Jack Wilson, brother of the groom.

Egg Hunt at Grantland.

On Easter Monday the little Grants, of Grantland, entertained their juvenile neighbors at a delightful egg-hunt.

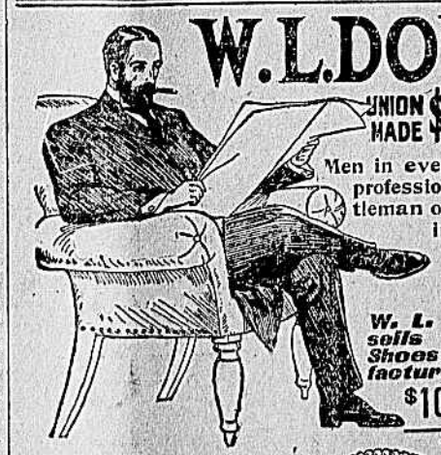
Grantland never wore more gracefully the robe of spring, and the scene was an animated one when merry girls and boys chased up and down the green slopes in quest of those wonderful eggs found only at Easter.

After the hunt refreshments, typical of the season, were beautifully served, and each guest was the recipient of favors.

Those invited were Misses Julia Wickham, Mae Stolin, Dorothy and Janice Jones, and Masters Littleton and Ashby Wickham Powell Westley, Joseph Shumaker, Tom and Dexter Dane, and Decatur Jones.

To Honor Their Dead.

The National Cemetery Memorial Association has been organized, with A. C. Brown, president; Rev. R. Beecher Taylor, secretary. Its purpose is to co-operate with the George A. Custer Post, G. A. R., in the celebration of Decoration Day at the Federal Cemetery.



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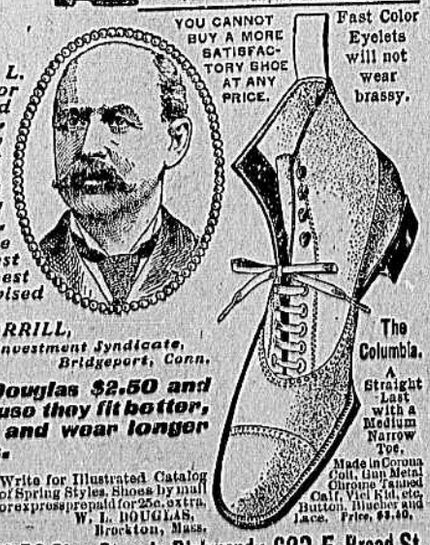

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