RESIGNATION OF BARR ACCEPTED

Notified Directors of Intention Several Months Ago—Times-Dispatch Foretold It.

ALFRED WALTER SUCCEEDS

Judge Watts Tells of Reason of Withdrawal—Will Remain Director.

The telegram appended here was received last night verifying the statement of Mr. Barr's resignation as president of the Seaboard Air Line, forecated in the Times-Dispatch last January and reprinted from time to time despite the continued denials of the Seaboard Air Line.

New York, April 11th, 1906.

Times-Dispatch, Richmond—

At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway held to-day, J. M. Barr resigned as president and general manager of the railway company, to take effect on April 30. Alfred Walter, of Baltimore, was elected as president, to take effect April 30.

Mr. Walter has been connected at times with the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, Erie and Lehigh Valley Railroad, having been president of the latter from 1897 to 1902.

It was announced that Mr. Barr's resignation was in conformity with a determination reached by him in December last to engage in work that will give him more leisure. Mr. Barr will continue as a director of the company.

What Judge Watts Says

Judge Leigh R. Watts, general counsel of the Seaboard Air Line, is in the city attending a hearing before the State Corporation Commission.

When seen at the Westmoreland Club last night, Judge Watts said:

"I have known for some time that Mr. J. W. Barr intended to retire from the presidency of the Seaboard Air Line in order to find time for attention to his personal affairs, but I have never before felt that I was authorized to speak of it.

"The directors regret extremely Mr. Barr's determination to retire and did their best to retain him, but he was determined and only consented to continue as a member of the Board of Directors and to thus give a portion of his time to the affairs of the Seaboard Air Line.

"So great have been his duties for the past year that he has not been at his home more than fifteen days during that time, and he considered that something was due his family and his personal affairs.

"Mr. Barr determined to retire on November 30th last and on December 2d notified Mr. Blair, and subsequently notified the Board of Directors of his determination.

"On Monday, April 2d, he wrote his formal resignation, which was acted upon by the board with the greatest regret.

Blair Urged Him to Remain.

"Mr. Blair went South lately to meet Mr. Barr and urge him to continue as president of the road, and as late as March 16th, Mr. Blair told me that the Board of Directors had refused to take action concerning Mr. Barr's proposed resignation, hoping that he would reconsider his action, but he refused to do so."

The Seaboard Air Line road is in better physical condition to-day than it has ever been in its history, and its earnings show a phenomenal increase.

Mr. Alfred Walter, who succeeds Mr. Barr as president of the Seaboard Air Line, is a railroad man of very large and tried experience, and is in a position to understand the situation thoroughly.

Judge Watts was asked if Mr. Hix, the present general superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line, would be made general manager.

Judge Watts replied, weighing his words:

"Beyond speaking of the reason of Mr. Barr's retirement, I must decline to discuss the situation."

Will you continue as general counsel? he was then asked.

"I will not answer that question," declared udge Watts.

Portsmouth or Norfolk?

"Will you say where the new general offices of the Seaboard Air Line will be located, in Norfolk or Portsmouth?" asked The Times-Dispatch man.

"I cannot tell you. It would not be proper for me to discuss that matter with any one," he replied.

It was learned that Mr. Walter, the president-elect, has lately made an inspection trip over the Seaboard Air Line road with President Barr and Mr. Blair, and that he was greatly pleased with the condition of the property.

A close friend of Mr. Barr said last night:

"Mr. J. M. Barr has steadily refused to put a dollar into any enterprise on the line of the Seaboard Air Line during his presidency. He is such a high man he did not consider that such an act on his part would be proper.

"He will continue to live in Norfolk, where he owns one of the most attractive homes in that city."

Three-Mile Relay Race.

A three-mile relay race will be contested at Reservoir Park Friday night, betwen two teams, headed by Captains Taylor and Brent, respectively. The same teams raced last Friday night, and Captain Brent came in slightly ahead, but the losers challenged the decision on the grounds of an unfair start.

A good race is certain, for both teams have got their mettle up and will fight to the last inch. The pistol will set the men off their marks at 9 o'clock sharp. This race will probably be followed by a mile race for all those who aspire to make the relay teams.

The relay teams will line up as follows: Captain John P. Brent, H. W. Pollard, Tom Figg and C. L. Hooker; Captain Alec Taylor, Eddie Harley, Willie Vaughan and W. B. Newberry.

IN THE HOME

is where Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has proven its wonderful merit thousands of times during the past 53 years. Is it your family remedy? If not, make a change to-day and get a bottle of

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

You'll never regret making the change for this famous medicine always cures Poor Appetite, Spring Fever, Headache, Impure Blood, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Colds, Grippe or Malarial Fever. Our Private Stamp is over neck.

GREENE ON STAND; TELLS OF CAREER

Graduate of Military Academy, and Resigned to Build Charleston Road

ENGAGED ON LARGE WORKS

Counsel Shows That the Firm Accustomed to Execute Big Contracts.

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, GA., April 4.—Captain B. D. Greene, of the defendants, in the Greene-Gaynor trial, took the stand to-day. He said he was a graduate of the military academy in the close of 1866. He resigned for the purpose of building a railroad near Charleston, but this plan did not materialize. He did not know Carter when that officer came to Savannah. The witness said he could not recall the details of a loan of $1,600 he made to Carter in 1886, which was repaid. This, he said, was the only loan he had ever made to Carter.

The Chili project, upon which Greene and Gaynor expected to embark and upon which the government's counsel had dwelt, as of importance as showing the relationship that existed between Carter and the defendants, was told of by the witness, who said that Carter had no part or interest in the enterprise. Greene's letter to Carter, he said, had been written only in the utmost friendliness and the allusion to "We" in the letter were to Greene and Gaynor and their prospective profitable contract in Chili. He said there was no understanding that Carter was to be in the enterprise."

Mr. Osborne, for the defense, brought from the witness many enterprises of magnitude upon which he was embarked in addition to the river and harbor work at Savannah. The company in which he and Gaynor were interested spent $1,500,000, the witness said.

[illegible]

The court interrupted to ask if it was necessary to enter so elaborately and minutely into all the details of the various engineering contracts in which the defendants were engaged. Mr. Osborne answered that it was very essential. The line of examination, Mr. Osborne said, was to show that Greene and Gaynor were engaged upon such large undertakings that it was a matter of such frequent occurrence with them to put in or draw from their banks large sums, that it was an error to attach the significance to these transactions that the government thought they bore.

FOR FAIRMOUNT

Young Ladies of Woman's College to Render Programme.

The preparatory department of the Woman's College, assisted by a number of the students of the college, will give an entertainment in the lecture-room of the Fairmount Baptist Church to-morrow night, April 6th, at 8:30, for the benefit of the building fund.

The programme is as follows: Japanese Fan Drill, by fifteen girls; Violin Solo, "La Cinquisintaine," Miss Rachel Bulikoff; Dialogue, "The Quarrel," Misses Opelia Baille, Florence Walker; Piano Solo, "The Peasant Dance," by Miss Josie Scott; Recitation, "Good Management," Miss Ada Brown; Piano Solo, "The Star of Hope," by Miss Grace McKee; Recitation, "Seasons," by four girls, Misses Florence Walker, Josie Scott, Fern Keilam, Louise Andrews; A play, "Sarah Crew," in five acts, dramatic personae, Miss Minchin, Elizabeth Montgomery; Sarah Crew, Josie Chamberlain; Miss Minchin's Cook, Nannie Smith; Invalid Gentleman, Bessie Hogge; Invalid Gentleman's Valet, Louise Schmidt; Piano Solo, Miss Evelyn Martin; Recitation, "Conversation Over the 'Phone," by Miss Ada Brown; Pantomine, "Star Spangled Banner," Misses Nannie Smith, Rebecca Courtney, Rena Fisher, Mary Diggs, Kathleen Parrish, Bessie Hogge, Grace McKee, Marie Shafer.

SERIOUS RUNAWAY.

Mr. Murphy's Horse Dashes Away.

It was an even chance between life and death, that Mr. Thomas Murphy, of Chestnut Hill, wood and coal dealer, and his little son, escaped serious injury yesterday evening.

Someone had taken the bit from the horse's mouth to allow the animal to feed while Mr. Murphy and his son were in his office. On coming out he did not notice that the bit had been removed, and jumping into the vehicle started to drive on. The horse, feeling something unaccustomed about him, became frightened, and started in a wild dash down the street. Mr. Murphy and his son were both thrown out, and the horse breaking away from the vehicle dashed on about a mile further in the direction of Highland Park, where he was caught by Mr. W. S. Huckster.

Mr. Murphy was badly bruised about the face and arm, but not seriously, and his son escaped without injury. The vehicle was smashed to pieces and is a complete wreck.

"Conversion of Saul."

"The Conversion of Saul" was the subject of Rev. Mr. Stone's remarks at the Grace Street Presbyterian Church last night. Mr. Stone said that he regarded Saul as the greatest man in the history of the new Testament Church, next to its founder, Jesus Christ. Saul of Tarsus was the one man in the Scriptures whose avowed object was to destroy the infant church. Even as the bitterest opponent of the new religion he showed a strength of character, which, after the vision on the Damascus highway, made him the greatest of the apostles of the Nazarene.

The sermon last night was a ringing appeal to men to give their lives to Christ and be willing to be used in his service whenever and wherever he sends them. The noon subject to-day will be on "Personal Work for Souls."

Commissioners Return.

Commissioners Bev. T. Crump and Jos. E. Willard, of the State Corporation Commission, returned last night from Washington, where they, together with Commissioner Henry Stuart, had been attending a session of the National Railway Commission of America.

In speaking of the meeting Judge Crump stated that there were about fifty members present and that the business transacted was for the most part technical.

Commissioner Stuart is in New York and will not sit to-day in certain railway matters which come before the Corporation Commission.

Play Basket Ball Saturday.

Next Saturday night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, three basket-ball games will be played in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association. Both ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend. The different teams will play as follows: Rushers vs. Pilots, Invincibles vs. Hustlers, and Pirates vs. Rangers.

Big Mexico Store Burns.

(By Associated Press.)

MEXICO CITY, April 4.—Fire to-day destroyed the big drygoods store, "Almacien de La Valencia," of Sabastion Robert and Company. The building was owned by John A. Bistegui, of Paris. The total loss is between $600,000 and $700,000; insurance nearly $500,000.

Brief Items From Everywhere

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Genevieve D. Sanchez, seventeen years of age, married, and who recently has been working as a waitress at Twenty-fifth Street and First Avenue, attempted her life early yesterday by taking poison at her room, No. 106 West Forty-sixth Street. She was taken to Roosevelt Hospital. The doctors say she will probably die.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Because she thought her husband showed more affection for their eleven-year-old daughter Elsa than herself, Mrs. Blanch Puegner, wife of Alfred Puegner, shot and killed herself with an old French pistol early this morning. Her husband found her body lying in a pool of blood in the dining-room.

POTTSVILLE, PA.—Peter O'Brien, who yesterday testified against three local men, accusing them of murdering Mrs. Maggie Morrison at Cumbola, made a confession to-day to Chief of Police Davies that his testimony before Magistrate McCool was a "pack of lies." He says drink prompted him to bring such awful charges. Chief Davies states that when he first lodged the information he was perfectly sober.

BRYN MAWR, PA.—Mrs. Edward O. Gowing, of Ardmore, who was seriously injured in the automobile accident at Bryn Mawr Monday afternoon, in which her husband was killed, has rallied greatly, and is now on a fair way to recover.

CINCINNATI.—J. W. Rodgers, superintendent of the parks of Cincinnati, to-day received a letter from Congressman Nicholas Longworth, the President's son-in-law, in which Congressman "Nick" practically promises a gift to the city of fifty acres of ground within the city limits for a park.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Lying on the floor of her home unconscious, and with nine knife wounds in the body and her face badly slashed, Mrs. Antoinette Matcrohin, of No. 941 Kimball Street, was found last night by a neighbor. Police immediately started an investigation, and came to the conclusion that Murillo Finocchroro, a nephew of the injured woman's husband, who lived in the house, had committed the deed.

NEW YORK.—"I knew I would look pretty in a silk shirt-waist and I wanted a ring, too. So when I saw them in Miss Melbourne's room I just couldn't help taking them."

Tearfully Elsie Starr, a pretty chorus girl of sixteen years made this admission in Special Sessions Court, yesterday, when she was accused of stealing from the rooms of Carrie Melbourne, an actress, at No. 43 West Twenty-seventh Street. She was sent back to the Tombs, as the matron hopes to have the girl's uncle, who lives in Brooklyn Hill, L. I., take her to his home.

YORK, PA.—Miss Bessie May, the fourteen-year-old daughter of William O. Hyder, of this city, and Howard Wiles, an employe of the Northern Central Railway, who is twenty-seven years old, eloped yesterday to Baltimore, where they were married.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The President recognized Senator Allee's reorganization work in Delaware in substantial fashion to-day when he appointed Caleb Rodney Layton as auditor for the State and other departments. It is a position paying several thousand dollars and will be a very material consolation for not landing the collectorship in the Delaware-Maryland district.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—The love and affection which a married woman should bear her husband have been unlawfully gained by a blind musician, according to a suit brought by Alfred Schoales, against Harry W. Welch, a famous blind pianist, to recover $10,000 for alienating the affections of Mrs. Schoales.

WILKESBARRE, PA.—Thomas Bonham, the smallest constable in the State, being only three and one-half feet tall, tendered his resignation to the court to-day, but Judge Wheaton would not accept it until his successor was named.

FRANKFORT, KY.—Smiling bravely even as the doors of the great prison were closed on her husband, the alleged murderer of William Goebel, Mrs. James B. Howard turned away sure that soon the man to whom she has stood true in the greatest of adversity would be pardoned. Howard was delivered here this morning from the jail at Louisville, where he has been pending the decision of the United States Supreme Court.

THE INSURANCE BILLS ON CALENDAR TO-DAY

New York Senate Expected to Dispose of the Measures Without Delay.

(By Associated Press.)

ALBANY, April 4.—The bills proposed by the joint special legislative committee to meet the conditions disclosed in the recent investigation of life insurance are special orders in the Senate ommittee of the whole to-morrow. Any of them advanced by that committee to the order of third reading can be finally passed, if not amended to-morrow, all having been in printed form upon the members' desks for the three days required by the Constitution. If the time consumed in committee of the whole permit, it is probable that the leaders will attempt to pass some at least of the bills to-morrow.

The bill prohibiting campaign contributions by corporations was put over until to-morrow so that the measure might be examined in the light of suggestions that it would operate in ways not contemplated by the committee to the so-called "big bill" generally amending the insurance law and containing most of the provisions which will cause extended debate and possibly opposition, was not taken up to-day, not having been printed long enough. It will be placed upon Monday night's Assembly calendar, but may go over until Tuesday.

CHESTERFIELD COURT.

Charles E. Bowen to Be Tried for Highway Robbery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTERFIELD, VA., April 4.—A jury has been summoned for next Monday to try, during the coming term, Charles E. Bowen on the charge of highway robbery, and four or five felony cases. Twelve indictments have been drawn with a view to having a special grand jury that day. Seven applications for retail liquor licenses are also to be considered, in some of which contests are expected, which with the arranging of the docket will give the court a busy day. Civil cases, including railroad suits, will probably be deferred till the second week of court for the criminal cases and liquor men to be disposed of.

Besides the numerous sales made by J. W. Wilbur of lots in "Dunlop Park," real estate conveyances have been active of late. A hundred and ten deeds were recorded by the county clerk in March, and property for the most part shows considerable advance in price.

Mr. Julian A. Salle, who has been an efficient school trustee, will be suggested to Judge Watson as a suitable successor to the late James H. Bailey as county supervisor.

Miss Edna Cogbill, who has been recovering from typhoid fever, is again worse.

Marriage license was issued on Monday to Mr. C. B. Wood, of Newport News, and Miss A. C. O'Neil.

REVENUE CHANGES.

Robert W. Blair and R. W. Davis Coming to This City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ABINGDON, VA., April 4.—Several changes will take place in the office of the collector of internal revenue April 15th. Mr. Robert W. Blair will be transferred to the Richmond office and Jackson McBroom will take his desk here. R. W. Davis also goes to Richmond and Mr. Alley takes his position at Abingdon. W. I. Newton, of Abingdon, takes the office of general storekeeper, Ganger succeeding Mr. Alley.

A new appointment is that of Miss Nannie McQuown, formerly of California, who takes the place now held by Mr. Patterson.

SAYS JAPS ARE PREPARING FOR WAR WITH AMERICA

(By Associated Press.)

MOSCOW, April 4.—General von Mack, the Russian representative of the Red Cross, has just returned here from Japan. He declares that the Japanese are actively engaged in war preparations, and he adds that it is evident that the enemy in view is America, and that operations are being planned against the Philippine Islands.

Drop in Price of Coal

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 4.—A drop of fifty cents a ton in the f. o. b. price of soft coal occurred in New York city to-day.

OVER 100 LIVES LOST IN RECENT HURRICANE

Great Loss of Life in Tahita and the Neighboring Islands. Buildings Wrecked.

(By Associated Press.)

HONOLULU, April 4.—The steamer Mona, which arrived here to-day reports that 121 persons were drowned during the hurricane which recently swept over Tahita and the neighboring islands.

Before the wind-storm broke over Papeete, the sea rose steadily after a high tide to twenty feet above the normal mark and by 11 o'clock on the night of February 7th, was wrecking the wooden building and splashing between the American and the British consulates. The wind blew in brief hurricane blasts every few minutes, tearing up trees and sending roofs flying through the air.

Signals for assistance were seen in Papeete from Leblioc, a white resident of Molun Island, but was impossible to render any help until morning when the body of Leblioc's wife was rescued from the top of a cocoanut palm, wither it had been washed.

Fears are entertained for the safety of the schooner Elmeo, with seven persons on board.

LYNN LODGERS AROUSED BY FIRE IN THE HOUSE

(By Associated Press.)

LYNN, MASS., April 5.—A threatening fire broke out in a four-story wooden lodging house conducted by George J. Miller, on Union Street just before two o'clock this morning. Fifty persons were in the building and when the firemen arrived, many of the lodgers were in the windows. A number escaped the flames by jumping, and others were taken down ladders.

ARMY SURGEON DIES.

Was Romantically Married Two Months Ago on Sick Bed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 4.—Dr. Richard Jones Price, of this city, and formerly a surgeon in the United States army, having served in the Philippines, where his health became impaired, died to-day at Asheville, N. C.

About two months ago Dr. Price was romantically married on what was thought to be his death bed to Miss Elizabeth Wiggins, a prominent young society woman of this city, and a sweetheart of his boyhood days.

Stegar—Crowder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STODDERT, CUMBERLAND CO., VA., April 4.—The marriage of Miss Mattie Powers Crowder to Mr. Matthew Stegar took place at Centenary Church yesterday at high noon. The church was beautifully decorated in evergreens and daffodils. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. DeBerry, of the Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Presbyterian Church.

The ushers were Messrs. Thomas P. Scott, Henderson Johnson, Ben Watkins, Edmond Garnett, Anderson Ligon and Eddie Garnett.

The bride wore a going-away gown of gray broadcloth, with hat and gloves to match, and her maid of honor, Miss Hallie Crowder, wore white organdy and lace. The best man was Mr. Sidney Anderson.

The wedding presents were numerous and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. Stegar will spend part of their honeymoon in Washington.

The Brown Murder Case.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINDSOR, VA., April 4.—The Brown murder was resumed to-day at Isle of Wight Courthouse. The Commonwealth rested its case and Brown was put on the stand and made a star witness in a case of self-defense.

Mrs. Brown was also a very fine witness for Mr. Brown. To-morrow will be taken up in argument of the counsel, and perhaps the case will go to the jury late in the afternoon.

Russia Wants Big Loan.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, April 4.—In view of the agreement on Moroccan reforms reached at Algeciras March 31st, Russia has opened preliminary negotiations in Paris for a large foreign loan of at least $200,000,000, and desires one if possible. The syndicate with which she is negotiating is composed of Mormon, Dutch and British capitalists, but so far as is ascertainable, no Americans are connected with it.

HOWITZERS HAVE A GYMNASIUM

Will Be Fitted With Most Approved Paraphernalia, Bowling Alley, Swimming Pool, Etc.

SECOND FINEST IN THE SOUTH

Gymnasium Will Be Finished To-day—Bathing Facilities Completed in Summer.

When it stands complete with its new equipment of regular army guns and its fully equipped gymnasium and baths, the Howitzers armory will be one of the finest and most complete in the country, and certainly the finest in the South.

The Howitzers have recently secured from the city the old Stuart Horse Guards' armory, just opposite their own armory, on Eighth Street, which is being fitted up as a gymnasium, with all the paraphernalia attached, and as social headquarters, where all the members, the members of the Howitzers' Association, and the contributing members, and all others who have entre, may seek social intercourse and enjoyment. On the lower floor, in the room to the left, will be fitted up a swimming pool, with a depth running from four feet to nine feet, tiled with glazed brick, and with both hot and cold water. In the opposite room will be fifteen shower baths, two needle baths and five tubs. On the second floor will be located the gymnasium, with all the latest and most approved paraphernalia, chest weights, swinging rings, traveling rings, quarter circuit for back and loin exercise, horizontal bars, traveling ladder, trapeze, vaulting poles and fencing outfits, climbing rope, bar bells, dumb bells, Indian clubs, rowing machine, medicine ball, complete with masks, shields and foils. The gymnasium is a spacious hall, allowing of free movement and plenty of room for all exercises imaginable. On the east side of the hall a bowling alley will be fitted up, so that the members may have every exercise possible, and most suited to their tastes. Dressing rooms will be placed in the rear of the hall, where the men may keep their gymnasium uniforms and their fencing and boxing outfits.

Complete Gymnasium To-day.

On the third floor will be placed storage tanks to give the desired water pressure. The building will be heated by steam throughout, making it as comfortable in winter as in summer.

In the fitting up of the gymnasium the Howitzers have expended $1,500. Work on the swimming pool and baths has not yet been begun, as they have not yet raised the necessary funds, $2,000. This amount is to be raised by popular subscription, which the members hope to secure from the business men of the city, who have previously shown such a deep interest in the welfare of the organization.

The paraphernalia in the gymnasium will be put in place to-day, and the place will be in complete readiness for the men to take their exercise. It is intended, as soon as things are well started, to secure the services of a competent physical instructor and fencing master, who will give daily lessons in the various exercises. Until everything is finished the gymnasium will be open on Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays; but afterwards the place will be open every day, when the men may have free access to the gymnasium and swimming pool and baths. It is hoped that this may be accomplished in the early part of the summer.

With its social features and facilities for physical exercise, the Howitzers' Armory will be surpassed by only one in the South—the Young Men's Athletic Club, of New Orleans, which numbers several thousand on its membership roll. It will be the finest organization of its kind in the city, with military and social features unsurpassed, and with the best and most modern equipment.

New Kent Supervisors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROXBURY, VA., April 4.—The supervisors of New Kent Monday made an extra levy of twenty cents for school purposes. County Superintendent of Schools G. E. Fisher was present, accompanied by Mr. Russell, and the latter made a speech in the interest of the schools.

The Postoffice Department has sent out applications for carrier of rural free delivery mail route to be established from Quinton.

Bank Merger Off.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 4.—It was officially announced this afternoon that the negotiations which have been pending for some weeks looking to the amalgamation of the First National and People's National Bank of the city have been stopped, and the merger will not take place.

The inability of the committees representing the two institutions could not agree on terms of the proposed merger.

Plenty of Street Cars.

"Those who attend the games at Broad Street Park this year will have no complaint to register against the car service," said Mr. Pollard, superintendent of the Main and Broad Street division of the Passenger and Power Company yesterday in speaking of the opening of the season here on the 26th of April.

Mr. Pollard said that he would personally look after the runing of the cars on the Broad and Eighth Street line and on the straight broad line and there just as many cars as were needed would be put into use.

Princess Furnace Sold.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., April 4.—A deal has just been closed whereby a Cincinnati firm becomes the owners of the Princess Furnace at Glen Wilton, near here.

D. S. Cook, of Pennsylvania, was the principal owner of the furnace. The price paid was over three hundred thousand dollars.

Coke Oven Survey

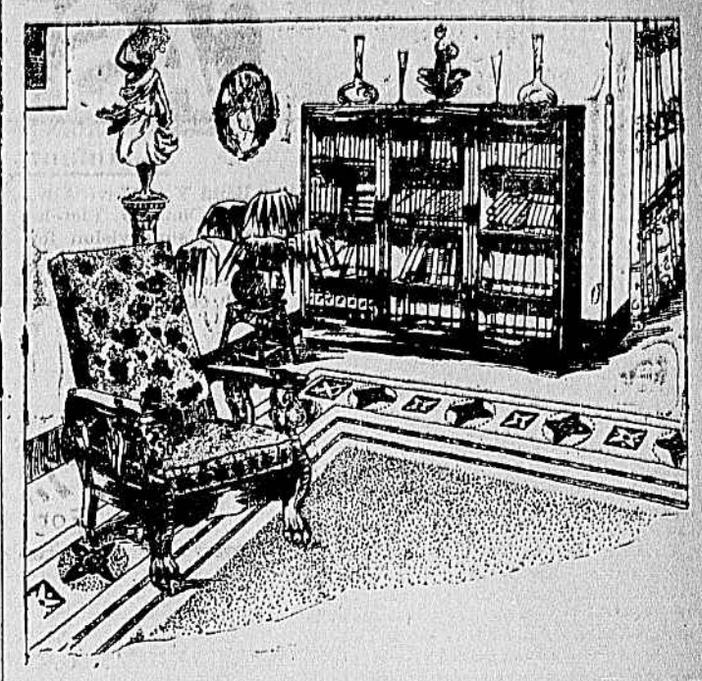
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CRAB ORCHARD, LEE COUNTY, VA., April 4.—Jerome Wells, chief engineer of the C. P. Perrin Company, Coke and Oven Plant, together with Samuel Lovell and Walter Potter were here last week laying off the coke ovens for the company.

Curley Supples, the Buffalo lightweight, is suffering from a badly lacerated right arm, sustained in a recent bout in New York, and he won't be able to box for several weeks.

Lewis L. Hagy, of Roxborough, reports that the mare Edna Earl, by Ashland Wilkes, dropped a fine chestnut filly, by Cwyho, 2:07 1-4, by Owyhee, on March 28th.

The Home Beautiful



Can be easiest and best made by buying your Spring Furniture, Carpets, Druggets, Mattings, Alaska Refrigerators, etc., from us. You have no idea how many cheap and inexpensive and beautiful things we keep in stock until you really come and look us over. For instance, this is going to be picture week with us, and we are going to sell you a nice hand-made Oil Painting, 26 inches long by 22 inches wide, for

98 Cents.

Don't fail to look in our big window an see what big bargains we offer you at low prices in beautiful pictures.

CHAS. G. JÜRGENS SON

419, 421 EAST BROAD ST.

The Store that always gives 100 cents' worth and better for the $1.00.

FEWER FAILURES THAN LAST YEAR

Smaller in Number and Liability Loss—The Figures for the South.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, April 4.—Commercial insolvencies in the United States during the first quarter of 1906, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were 3,102 in number with assets of $17,138,084 and liabilities of $33,761,107, compared with 3,443 failures in ..., when there were assets of $17,573,643 and liabilities of $30,162,506. Manufacturing defaults were 692 in number and $13,632,171 in amount, against 776 last year for $11,946,691. Trading failures numbered 2,316 with liabilities of $14,048,422, against 2,575 failures for $16,336,736 in 1905. Other commercial failures numbered 94 and involved $6,680,514, whereas in 1905 the 92 failures in this class embraced liabilities of only $1,879,078. Banking failures made a most satisfactory comparison with the corresponding three months last year, 13 failures for $4,200,094, being only about half the 22 suspensions for $2,727,307 a year ago. In many respects the commercial death rate thus far this year gives further testimony to the prosperous condition of the nation's industries, as is also indicated by statistics of banking exchanges, railway earnings and other well known standards of measurement. Fewer failures occurred in the first quarter of 1906 than in the corresponding three months of any year since 1900, and the amount involved was less than in most recent years, although about 10 per cent. greater than in 1905. Moreover, the increase in liabilities over the amount recorded last year was not in strictly commercial occupations, but was provided by the miscellaneous class, which embraces real estate, insurance, brokerage and commission branches of business in which speculative operations frequently provide large disasters that are not representative of the legitimate business situation.

In the South.

At the South liabilities were about $2,000,000 larger than in the corresponding three months last year, the increase being located in the States of Maryland and Delaware, and in the third class of failures, including real estate brokerage, etc. Manufacturing losses for the section were about $1,000,000 greater than last year, but this was offset by a decrease of the same amount in the trading class. One large failure in the iron industry in Alabama accounted for the heavy increase in liabilities for that State, and there were no other striking changes in this section, except the two already mentioned in Maryland and Delaware, of which a speculative building company at Baltimore and a brokerage concern at Wilmington provided the entire increase over last year's liabilities. Despite the increase in amount involved for the entire section, there was a decrease in number of failures of 128, almost every State making a good showing in this respect. In the three Southwestern States there was an increase of about ten per cent. in amount of liabilities, for which Missouri was entirely responsible, as Arkansas and Texas both recorded smaller liabilities than last year. A single shoe manufacturing concern in St. Louis provided larger liabilities than the entire amount of increase in the State of Missouri, indicating that there was improvement in other respects. This point is emphasized by the decrease of twenty-nine failures in number, and both of the other States in the Southwestern section also recorded fewer insolvencies than last year.

Figures By States.

The number of failures by States in the South for the first quarter this year and 1905, and liabilities both years, are compared below:

	Number.		Liabilities.	
	1906.	1905.	1906.	1905.
Maryland ..	35	50	$2,200,189	$266,046
Delaware ..	10	14	423,900	44,796
Dist. Col....	5	13	308,729	58,331
Virginia	62	56	278,337	237,229
West Va....	25	20	177,509	167,814
North Car..	34	66	249,021	419,097
South Car...	39	31	265,285	371,977
Florida	43	31	205,571	76,831
Georgia	99	112	525,386	814,801
Alabama ...	50	60	963,605	280,999
Mississippi .	29	78	198,491	732,065
Louisiana ..	51	63	284,876	528,850
Tennessee ..	77	87	740,223	677,841
Kentucky ...	38	44	260,448	403,208
South	597	725	$7,081,660	$5,079,685

FOR SOUTHWESTERN STATES.

	Number.		Liabilities.	
	1906.	1905.	1906.	1905.
Arkansas ..	86	108	$576,200	$ 593,748
Texas	139	140	984,849	1,060,765
Missouri ...	80	109	976,018	600,885
Southwest .	305	357	$2,537,067	$2,255,398

HOPPE ON WAR PATH.

Billiard Champion Wants $5,000 for Playing in Tournament.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, April 4.—Exhorbitant and wholly unusual demands made by the management of Willie Hoppe have precipitated a condition in billiard affairs unlike any which has ever existed in the history of the sport, prior to a big tournament.

Two representatives of the Brunswick-Balke Company were invited to pay a visit to the father of the billiard champion at his new academy, in Thirtieth Street. When they appeared, Hoppe, Sr., said to them:

"What do you expect to do for Willie in the tournament next week?"

"What do you mean?" asked one of the representatives of the company.

"Why, how about the financial arrangements?" continued the elder Hoppe.

"Willie goes in on just the same basis as every other player," was the reply, "and if he wins gets just as much out of it as any other player who is successful."

"No much," replied Hoppe. "Willie gets $5,000 for playing in the tournament or he does not go in. I intend that he shall make just as much out of it as any other player."

"Well, he does," was the emphatic rejoinder.

"How about Cure, said Hoppe, Sr.

"He plays on exactly the same terms as Schafer," was the reply, "or as Slosson, or as any other man."

"He get's paid for coming, doesn't he?" insisted the head of the Hoppe family.

"Only his expenses," was the answer, "and Willie's contract with us, calls for expenses when he leaves the city, but it doesn't provide for expenses in New York."

"Then Willie, does not get $5,000?" said Hoppe's father.

"No," was the emphatic reply.

"Then he does not play in the tournament," said Hoppe.

To-day the players who are to compete next week for the championship of the world met at the offices of the Brunswick-Balke people to arrange the preliminaries. All were represented in person, or by someone competent to agree to the details, except Hoppe.

"It would be manifestly unfair," said one of the veterans of the city, "for six players to struggle hard through two weeks to settle the question of the championship, only to have Hoppe come along after the tournament is all over, challenge the winner and by defeating him alone win the championship, which cost the other man victories over five opponents. For the sake of sportsmanship and for the sake of his son's welfare, the father of Hoppe should be induced to appreciate that he is materially injuring the boy's future by trying to make an outside arrangement with the Brunswick-Balke people when the championship of the world is at stake."

Wagner Signs With Binghampton

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILKESBARRE, April 4.—Ivor Wagner, the crack pitcher of the New York State League last season, who played with Wilkesbarre, has just signed with Binghamton. Wagner belonged to the Columbus, O., club, and Wilkesbarre had an option on him, but neglected to make it good. Wagner, who did not want to come back to this city, purchased his release for $500, and has since then refused Wilkesbarre's offer of the $500 and $50 a month advance salary. His acquisition by Binghamton will give that team four of the strongest players of last year's Wilkesbarre team, the others being Catcher Roach, Right Fielder Elmer Smith and Second Baseman Harry Hinchman.

And Flower Seeds.

Piggmus—"The spring issues of the magazines are wonderfully interesting, aren't they?"

Dismukes—"Yes, they have such a fine line of refrigerator advertisements."—American Spectator.