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Little or No Comfort to City Consumer in Comparative Study of Prices.

The cost of all things that go to supply a bountiful table keeps getting higher and higher. This is considered an evidence of prosperity, but it does not mean an "all 'round" prosperity, for while employment of some kind can be obtained by anybody who wants it, there are many lines that have not as yet witnessed any increase in the remuneration that comes from employment.

The markets are well equipped with all the good things that people have to eat, and Christmas dinners can be found to meet almost any sized pocketbook, but it will take a little larger one to supply the table with everything that was on it a year ago.

Some Increases.

The man who a year ago paid twenty to twenty-two cents per pound for his dressed turkey for Christmas will have to pay twenty-four or twenty-six. Chickens could be had last year three to five cents per pound cheaper than one can get them now. Butter is two to four cents per pound higher, and, as everybody knows by this time, milk has almost doubled in price within the last twelve months. A year ago fresh country eggs could be had for twenty-eight cents, but it takes thirty-five and more to get them now.

As a whole, game sells now about as it did a year ago, rabbits excepted. These, for some reason, are selling from five to ten cents higher than last year, and this is hard to explain, for they are no better than they were and seem to be more plentiful.

All fruits except the lower grades of apples are from fifteen to thirty per cent. higher than they were at the beginning of the year. The lower grades of apples are more plentiful than they were a year ago, and owing to weather conditions when they were on the trees, the crop of 1906 is not in as good keeping condition as was its predecessor, hence holders are anxious to get rid of their stocks as early as possible, and a flooded market has lowered the prices. This does not apply to the fancy apples or the strictly choice. They, like most other commodities, are selling higher than they did a year ago.

Potatoes that twelve months ago sold at wholesale for forty to fifty cents per bushel now readily bring sixty to seventy. Even old Virginia peas are thirty per cent. higher.

Vegetables.

All vegetables have been marked up, but just why nobody is able to explain. The cost of production was no higher this year than last, and the supply is, and has been ever since summer, larger than it was for the corresponding period of last year. Perhaps vegetables have been marked up that they may keep in the fashion with everything else that people have to eat nowadays.

Flour is about the same price it was a year ago, but nothing like as high as it was eighteen months to two years ago. Two years ago wheat was selling for $1.15 to $1.17 per bushel, and now it is selling at seventy-seven to eighty cents. However, corn and meal are higher than they were last December, as are all other standard foodstuffs, except such as are made from wheat.

All manner of canned goods, fruits, vegetables and meats have advanced at least fifteen per cent. over last year's figures, and the people who depend largely on these goods to supply the table, so as to save the trouble and annoyance of cooking as far as possible, find that this increase adds very largely to the aggregate of living expenses in the course of a year.

Sugar, coffee and teas are also higher, and, in fact, it is impossible to find any comfort for the consumer anywhere in the comparison of price lists of a year ago with those of to-day. Barring the one exception noted above, everything that goes on the tables this December will cost the consumer from fifteen to twenty per cent. more than it did last December. But these are prosperous times, and perhaps all the people can "stand the raise."

THEN AND NOW.

Comparative Wholesale Market Quotations for 1905 and 1906.

	1905.	1906.
DRESSED POULTRY.		
Turkeys, per pound	15c	18c
Ducks, per pound	12c	15c
Chickens, small	13c	16c
Hens	10c	13c
Geese	10c	13c
EGGS.		
Fresh country (crate lots)	25c	29c
(Barrels)	24c	28c
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.		
Apples, extra fancy, per barrel	$4 50	$4 00
Choice	2 50	2 00
Poor to fair	2 00	1 50
Oranges, Florida	2 00	2 50
Lemons	3 50	4 50
Black-eyed Peas	1 50	2 25
Beans	1 25	1 60
Potatoes	50	65
Onions	40	50
Cabbage, per 100	4 00	5 00
Celery, per bunch	60	75
BUTTER, PER POUND.		
Choice family packed	17c	19c
Choice dairy packed	17c	19c
Choice store packed	15c	17c

HAVE MEETING OF MANUFACTURERS

Chamber of Commerce Takes Action Looking to Solution of Labor Problem.

BONDED WAREHOUSE HERE

Question of Granting Permission for Erection of Forbes Abattoir

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, President Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., occupying the chair.

The first business considered was the application of Mr. W. S. Forbes for the privilege of erecting an abattoir on Byrd Street, between Ninth and Tenth Streets, a matter now pending before the city authorities. Mr. I. J. Marcuse, chairman of the Chamber's Committee on Health and Sanitation, reported the status of the question and the steps which his committee have taken in the premises, and some letters were read by the secretary of the Chamber in reference to the experience of other cities. After some discussion of the subject by Captain John Landstreet, Mr. George Bryan and others, upon motion of Captain Landstreet, the Committee of the Chamber on Health and Sanitation was authorized to confer with the representatives of property-holders who might be affected by the erection of this abattoir and to cooperate with them in making the fullest investigation of the subject practicable, and taking such other measures as were deemed necessary to secure authentic and reliable information for the guidance of the Chamber and of said property-holders.

Labor Problems.

The secretary then submitted, in the absence of the chairman, a report from the Committee of the Chamber on Advertising, relating especially to the urgent demand which exists in Richmond for an increased number of laborers for the industrial establishments of the city, both male and female. The report went very fully into some phases of the question and suggested a meeting of the manufacturers of the city as necessary to solve certain problems which were of importance in connection with any very large and rapid increase of operatives for factories. In pursuance of the suggestion contained in the report a motion, made by Mr. W. C. Noland, to the effect that the president appoint a special committee to carry out the plan of the Advertising Committee, was adopted.

Mr. Hamilton Fields brought to the attention of the Chamber in the opportunity which might be afforded by the construction of the new post-office building of securing for Richmond a bonded warehouse, which, in several respects, would prove of great advantage to the importers of Richmond; and upon his motion it was decNed that the Chamber should take the necessary steps to secure favorable action in regard to the construction of such a warehouse.

Mr. B. C. Bristow, a manufacturer of buggies, wagons, trucks, etc., and Messrs. Richardson Brothers, carriage and wagon makers, were proposed by Mr. Charles G. Bosher as members of the Chamber and were duly elected.

After the transaction of some further business of a routine character, the meeting adjourned.

NEW EDUCATOR HERE.

Prof. William Buchanan Opening School for Busy Employes.

Professor William Buchanan, Ph. D., a practical educator of twenty-five years' experience, has moved to the city—508 East Clay Street—and is opening up a school of practical work for men who find that they are deficient along certain lines, and need personal instruction. Professor Buchanan proposes to follow somewhat the idea of the Mechanics' Institute, giving to young men, not a mechanical training, but a business training, in hours that they can spare away from their work.

In the rush and hurry of the day many young men realize that thee could be much more efficient and valuable to their employers if they had time to strengthen the weak spots, and this is just the line of work this school will emphasize. It is the purpose of the management to give private, personal instruction along such lines as the pupil may need, rather than by general work in classes.

Professor Buchanan is a gentleman of fine attainments and large experience in business training, and he will be a valuable addition to the educational forces of the city.

Dove Lodge.

Dove Lodge, No. 61, A. F. and A. M., will hold its stated communication at the Masonic Temple to-night at half-past 7.

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NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Circumstances of Boy's Death Arouse Much Sympathy in Manchester and Richmond.

M. F. D. HAS NEW FRONT

One of Manchester Prisoners First to Work on the Public Roads.

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

The circumstances surrounding the death of Robert Osborne, the infant child of Mrs. Osborne, of 14 Stockton Street, have caused much sympathy and some indignation in both Manchester and Richmond. The child being dead, the mother and two other women, who live with her, were penniless and in distress, lacking even the necessities for keeping body and soul together. The mother was ill. The two women who shared her wretched shelter were as badly off, but the horror of the situation in the room had driven them to seek relief for the mental and physical struggle of their friend.

The first place they visited was the streets of Richmond, begging for money to bury the dead child. This was a mistake on their part, as they might have secured a certificate from the physician and presented it to the Mayor, who would then have given the child a decent burial.

The statements that the authorities of Manchester would not lend aid in this case; that the city does not bury its pauper dead, and that the bodies are turned over to the State Anatomical Board to be sent to the dissecting rooms of the medical colleges and hospitals, just as are the bodies of executed criminals, are erroneous. The women did not apply to the Mayor for aid, nor to any of the police. Manchester has never yet refused assistance in such a case.

Policeman Waymack said yesterday afternoon that the matter had been reported to him by Dr. Buchanan, general secretary of the Associated Charities, of Richmond. He went to the address given him, No. 14 Stockton Street, and found the conditions even worse than the two women friends of the mother had described them. The room is a desolate place, lacking almost everything to sustain life. The mother told him she was Mrs. Robert Osborne, and that she came from Maryland ten days ago.

When Dr. Buchanan met the two women they had collected $2.50. He asked them for particulars, which they gave. They then besought the minister to aid them in raising the money necessary to bury the child. He communicated at once with Morrissette's undertaking establishment and gave orders for the proper burial of the little one. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, services being conducted by the Rev. J. B. McSparran.

First Prisoner on Road.

Manchester's first prisoner to work on the public roads was taken from the jail this morning by Captain Morgan, of the Penitentiary. Under the new law, requiring prisoners in city and county jails to work on public roads, Charles Walker, a negro, is the first to leave the jail.

Others will follow as fast as they are available, and hereafter none of the prisoners in Manchester jail will be allowed to remain idle.

M. F. D. Has New Front.

The Manchester Fire Department received the new doors yesterday, and they are being placed on the front of the building.

Entertained.

The Matinee Euchre Club was entertained Tuesday afternoon by the Misses Sampson at their home, No. 1100 Porter Street.

Miss Margaret Owen was awarded the first prize, which was a beautiful hand-painted picture; consolation was cut for, and was won by Miss Lucia Owen.

Those present were: Misses Nina, Margaret and Lucia Owen, Bessie Page, Minnie Weisiger, Bessie Hurley, Laura Taylor, Mrs. M. P. Rucker and the Misses Sampson.

Officers Elected.

The Bainbridge Street Baptist Sunday school elected officers Wednesday night. Those elected were Messrs. A. G. Fosette, superintendent; P. W. Jones, assistant superintendent; E. L. Sykes, treasurer; B. O. Nunnally, clerk; A. L. Sampson, assistant clerk; William J. Mordecaite, chorister; C. W. Payne, assistant chorister; Miss Ruth Brandis, organist; Mrs. Allen Patterson, assistant organist; Mrs. A. C. Harding, superintendent of infant department; Mrs. Williams and Miss Emma Lamb, assistants.

In the Police Court.

P. E. Emmerson, colored, had to pay $3.50 yesterday morning for being drunk and disorderly.

Personals ad Briefs.

The work of the filtration plant is progressing, and the contractors, Messrs. Roberts and Company, expect to have it in operation by the first week in January.

Mrs. Linwood Moody, of North Carolina, is the guest of Mrs. George Gary, of No. 1106 Porter Street.

Mr. George Hall is quite sick in his home, No. 1724 Buchanan Street.

Miss Mamie Hatcher, of Chester, is the guest of Mrs. G. H. Jones, No. 1413 Porter Street.

Miss Brownleigh French, of No. 1206 Decatur Street, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Stanley Robertson, of Forest Hill.

Mrs. Merchant, wife of Dr. W. F. Merchant, is quite sick in her home, No. 1408 Porter Street.

Miss Bertie Williams is quite sick in her home, No. 1502 Perry Street.

The regular meeting of the Council will take place to-night at 8 o'clock.

Washington Camp, No. 32, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, will meet to-night at Cersley's Hall, Hull and Clopton Streets. After the meeting a smoker will be given, and all the members are requested to be present.

Mrs. James Holden, of Belmeade, Chesterfield county, is visiting relatives in Pittsburg, Pa.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Meeting of Loving Circle Held With Mrs. Hawthorne.

The Loving Circle of King's Daughters of Richmond held its monthly meeting yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. This is the largest circle of King's Daughters in Virginia, and the gathering yesterday at Ford's Hotel, with Mrs. J. B. Hawthorne as hostess, was perhaps the best of the year. Under the administration of Mrs. T. William Pemberton, the president, the circle is contributing to the needs of poor and dependent children and to many charitable institutions.

After the business of the meeting had been transacted, a profoundly interesting address was made by Mrs. James Buchanan, explaining the work of the Associated Charities of Richmond. The address was followed by a delightful social meeting and the serving of dainty refreshments. Many thanks were expressed to Mr. Dicken for the use of his beautifully decorated parlors and the sweet music furnished by his hotel orchestra.

ADVENTISTS AT WORK.

Revival Services Being Conducted in the New Church.

At the Seventh-Day Adventists' newly dedicated church, on Thirty-third Street, near Clay, Pastor H. J. Furman spoke last evening to a good sized and attentive audience on the subject of "The Holy Spirit in Prophecy." The subject was presented very clearly. The Holy Spirit spoke through the ancient prophets concerning the birth and life of Christ several hundred years before his first advent. Seventh-Day Adventists believe that the Bible has prophecies concerning Christ's second advent that will be fulfilled just as correctly as were those about the first advent. These second advent prophecies will be fully discussed by the pastor.

Elder R. D. Hottel, president of the Virginia Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, is in Richmond, after a flying trip to Portsmouth.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth, president of Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, has returned to Massachusetts, after spending a few days in Richmond.

BREWERY CASE IN DISTRICT COURT

Fight Over the Assets of Bankrupt Newport News Company.

Argument was concluded yesterday morning in the United States District Court, Judge Waddill presiding, in the matter of the Old Dominion Brewing and Ice Company, of Newport News, in bankruptcy. Two days have been spent in the argument by counsel for various creditors, on exceptions to the report of special master John B. Locke, of Newport News, as to the liens and liabilities of the company that were allowed in said report. The lawyers appearing in the long drawn out case were Thomasson and Minor, of this city; R. M. Lert, U. D. Batchelor, and Avery and Reed, of Newport News, and Judge Martin, of Pittsburg, Pa. At the conclusion of the argument the court took the papers, and will render a decision later.

Transferring Bonds.

The books for the transfer of State bonds in the Second Auditor's office will be closed to-morrow, not to be opened again until some time in January. This fact being pretty generally known, as is the further fact that interest on the bonds is payable on the first of January, there has been something of a rush for transfers. Bonds of the aggregate value of $185,000 were transferred yesterday, and within the past month something like a half million dollars' worth have been transferred.

Southern Subtreasury.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury Congressman Livingston has called a meeting of Senators and members from the States of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and South Carolina, to be held in the Senate chamber on the 18th instant, at 8 o'clock, to select a locality in one of those for a sub-treasury to be established in the South.

Professor Fairfield Declines.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, of New York, who a few days ago was elected secretary of the Smithsonian Institution by the board of regents, has informed the regents that he will be unable to accept the office. Official announcement of Professor Osborn's declination was made today.

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FAILED TO MAKE THEIR RETURNS

Defeated Candidates for Congress Delinquent as to Their Expense Accounts.

Four of the unsuccessful Republican candidates for Congress in Virginia at the recent election have failed to make returns of their expense accounts to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as required by law, or if their statements have been sent, they have been lost in transit.

The delinquent candidates are George A. Hanson, Third District, Floyd Hughes, Second District, F. R. Beecher, Seventh District, J. B. Henderson, Jr., Eighth District. These statements were due December 4th, or thirty days after the election.

The records in the office of the secretary show the following statements:

First District—William A. Jones, $2.35; R. S. Bristow, $4.90.

Second District—Harry L. Maynard, $30; Floyd Hughes, no statement.

Third District—John Lamb, $19; Thomas S. Hollis, nothing; J. B. Johnson, $2.90; George A. Hanson, no statement.

Fourth District—Francis Rives Lassiter, nothing.

Fifth District—Edward W. Saunders, $32; Dr. John W. Simmons, $136.51.

Sixth District—Carter Glass, $61.60; C. A. Meermans, $76.25.

Seventh District—James Hay, 35; F. R. Beecher, no statement.

Eighth District—John F. Rixey, $73.45; J. B. Henderson, Jr., no statement.

Ninth District—Robert P. Bruce, $1,62.79; Campbell Slemp, $86.

Tenth District—H. D. Flood, $19; R. S. Gregory, $20.

The punishment provided by law is $100 fine in each case, and action may be brought by the Attorney-General or the Commonwealth's Attorney of the city or county where the delinquent candidate resides.

The Attorney-General has not been notified of these cases. Indeed, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is of opinion that the papers may yet be received, and it may be shown that the candidates obeyed the law.

Of those candidates who have reported, Congressman-Elect Lassiter, of Petersburg, came off best of all. He had no opposition, and his election cost him nothing. The heaviest return is made by Hon. Robert P. Bruce (Democrat), in the Ninth District. He spent $1,62.79, and was defeated.

Congressman Slemp, who was successful over him, makes a return of $86.

All the sums spent by the other candidates were trifling, none of them going over several hundred dollars.

Richmonders in New York.

The following Richmond people were registered at New York hotels yesterday:

Waldorf—W. F. LaBonte. Fifth Avenue—T. B. Ray. Broadway Central—L. Sycle. Imperial—M. Hirshberg, I. Kaufman, A. W. Barnett and wife, E. D. Hotchkiss, H. W. Wood and wife, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Fraser, J. A. Saunders. New Amsterdam—H. O. Williams. Victoria—W. G. Hatche, D. A. Talbott, S. C. Leake. Wolcott—S. M. Black and wife. Hotel Astor—S. M. Black.

HEPTASOPHS MEET.

Annual Banquet and Election of Officers Last Night.

The Virginia Conclave of Heptasophs held its regular meeting at Lee Camp Hall last night. A great deal of interest was manifested in the election of officers, over two hundred members being present. Reports of committees were received, and the outlook for an increase in membership for the following year is very encouraging. Several new members were initiated. After the business meeting, the members adjourned to the banquet hall, where they partook of the refreshments that were served them.

The officers elected are as follows: Archon, John Krausse; present, L. C. Kracke; prelate, E. W. Redford; inspector, C. W. King; warden, R. L. Eacles; sentinal, R. E. Fairlamb; recording secretary, George W. Hunter; financial, W. J. Peyton; treasurer, H. F. Smith; trustees, P. T. Murphy, D. J. O'Neil, Carl E. Richards; delegate to Supreme Conclave, John V. Lotterer.

JUDGES INVITED TO NORFOLK CITY

United States Circuit Court of Appeals May Hold Next Sessions There.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals convened yesterday morning, and was all day considering the last case on the call, that of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, appellant, vs. Arthur Farrell, administrator, appellee. Appeal from the District Court at Norfolk. The case argued by Floyd Harrison and J. T. Jeffries, of Norfolk, Va., for the appellant, and by John A. Parker, of Norfolk, Va., for the appellee.

The court will probably adjourn to-day, after hearing from several motions.

Mr. Floyd Hughes, adjourning the court before the regular proceedings were opened, said he had been told that the custom-house in this city will be undergoing an overhauling and improvement after Christmas, and that the building will be in bad condition until summer. He therefore suggested, on behalf of the court, to fix February and May terms to be held in Norfolk, where the judges will not be disturbed by the sound of hammers, saws, etc., as near at hand.

Judge Brickenridge, speaking for the court, did not accept the suggestion. He said that the court would hold the February term in Norfolk, but it might not be best to hold the May term in that city, as at that time there would be considerable city and excitement in connection with the Jamestown Exposition.

COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL INQUIRY

Peters and Turpin Announce Members Under Resolution of Councilman Richardson.

President Robert Lee Peters, of the Common Council, and President William M. Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, have just announced their appointments of members of the special joint committee called for by the resolution of Councilman W. Fred. Richardson for the purpose of making an investigation of the public school system, and the methods of instruction therein pursued. The committee is composed as follows: W. Fred. Richardson, chairman, and Councilmen H. R. Pollard, Jr., and John P. Lea, on the part of the Common Council; Aldermen W. H. Adams and Marx Gunst, on the part of the Board.

The purpose of the resolution is the betterment of the school system, if the facts developed, indicate wherein this may be accomplished. The patron of the resolution states that it is actuated by no hostility to the schools or to any person or persons connected therewith, but is designed purely to improve the system, and increase the efficiency of instruction there.

The committees have just been named and have not yet got together to take up the work intrusted to them. The joint committee is specifically empowered to send for persons and papers, and take such testimony as may be desired, a stenographic record to be kept of same. The inquiry will be valuable, in any event, either in establishing beyond question, the present efficiency of the schools, or in pointing out what, in the opinion of the committee, are their defects, if any there be.

GETS BUT FEW MEN.

Captain Morgan Falls Short of His Expectations.

Superintendent E. F. Morgan, of the State penitentiary, is disappointed because jail prisoners are not forthcoming as rapidly as he had hoped for his work on the road rock quarries.

He went to the city jail here for twenty-one yesterday and could get only six.

He expected a large number from Manchester and got only one. The work on the quarries is somewhat handicapped for the reason thatso 7ew jail criminals seem available.

CONFERENCES TO BE HELD LATER ON

No Further Meetings Over Annexation Matter Will Occur at This Time.

No further conference of the executive and fiscal officers of the city with reference to suggesting a solution of the problems presented by annexation is anticipated for some time. Mayor McCarthy, on whose initiative the first conference was called, stated yesterday that this conference was devoted to the consideration of the immediate necessities of the situation. The substantial conclusions of that conference were embodied in the Mayor's message to the Board of Aldermen last Monday night.

The Mayor further stated that there was no occasion to hurry in considering the other matters made issues by the extension of the city limits, and that the next conference would probably not be held before the 20th, or possibly not until after the Christmas holidays. The recommendations of this conference will be as to the best method of disbursing the funds necessary to be expended in the new territory and their apportionment in the territory added. The future government of the new urban territory is another problem. Nothing will be recommended for some time yet.

Of course the recommendation of this informal conference will have only the weight of recommendations, being merely advisory. Meanwhile City Accountant George S. Crenshaw is gleaning and collating information that will be valuable, if not indispensable, for the intelligent consideration of the various phases of the subjects to be considered by the Council.

Mrs. Doherty Ill.

Mrs. Doherty, the mother of Labor Commissioner James B. Doherty, is again ill at the home of her son. Mrs. Doherty is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

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First Chapter of Colonial History in the Sunday Times-Dispatch