

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

City Central Committee to Meet Saturday Night to Arrange for Primary.

FIVE CANDIDATES IN FIELD

Manchester People to Go to Jamestown To-Day to Join in Richmond Celebration.

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

Plans are being perfected for the Democratic primary to be held here during the month of August.

Three of these are for the City Central Committee. Three of these are for the House, and the other two are for the Senate.

Those who have entered the contest for the House are Messrs. L. R. Word, W. V. Thraeven and W. S. Pulliam.

Those entered in the senatorial fight are Messrs. J. B. Watkins and J. S. Sadler.

The contest in the primary will be interesting, and it is impossible at this time to predict who will be successful.

Both Messrs. Sadler and Pulliam served in the respective positions during the past session of the Legislature, and both made excellent officers.

The City Central Committee has been called to meet on Saturday night for the purpose of fixing the assessment upon the candidates and settling other matters relative to the primary.

Many Go to Jamestown. A large delegation of Manchester citizens will participate in the Richmond Day exercises at the Jamestown Exposition to-day.

Several large parties have been formed for the occasion, and it is expected that the crowd which will go down will be very large.

This is an excellent opportunity for the people to see the exposition, and many of them will avail themselves of it.

Personal and Briefs. The case of C. L. Butler, charged with assault upon May Reynolds, was called in the District Court yesterday morning.

owing to the absence of important witnesses was postponed. The Sunday-school of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church held its annual picnic at Westhampton Park yesterday.

The little son of Mr. A. C. Todd, of the Skinker, is quite ill, and will be brought to Richmond for treatment. He has been under the care of Dr. J. B. Bailey.

The Mission Band of Cowardin Avenue Church will have a lawn party to-night. The Sunday-school will hold its annual outing to West Point July 23d.

Mr. Z. E. Fry and his son, Z. E. Fry, Jr., have returned to their home in Portsmouth, after visiting his father, Mr. J. F. Fry, of No. 1717 Maury Street.

Mr. Joseph Kidd, of Baltimore, left yesterday morning for the Jamestown Exposition after visiting Mr. C. N. Jones, of Twelfth and Bainbridge Streets.

The ladies of Clifton Street Baptist Church will give an ice cream party at Hull and Clifton Streets Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for the benefit of the church.

Lee Turner, white, who was indicted Monday on the charge of non-support, was before the Corporation Court yesterday morning and was bailed for \$200, W. H. Haynes being his bondsman.

Mr. J. Johnson, who has been under treatment at the Memorial Hospital, has recovered and is now at his home.

HOUSE THIEVES CAUGHT.

Arrest of Two Negro Women May Prevent Further Robbery.

Julia Johnson and Alice Scroggs, the latter with many aliases, appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of entering homes as servants and then robbing them.

Many cases of such robbery have been reported lately in the police, and Detective-Sergeants Wren and Wilshire were put on the case.

The two detectives arrested the women yesterday morning in a Franklin Street pawnshop, where she was in the act of pawning a gold bracelet with the name "Nina, May 28, '06," engraved on it.

The women will be called to trial this morning.

FOR ICE MISSION.

Lawn Party to Be Given in West End Schoolyard.

Mrs. C. M. Eddington, assisted by Mrs. Hawkes, Mrs. E. H. Duke, Mrs. Spence and a score of pretty girls, will hold a lawn party this evening and to-morrow evening in the West End schoolyard for the benefit of the Ice Mission.

There will be music and moving pictures. Any wishing to give to this worthy cause may send their contributions to Mrs. Eddington, No. 1602 West Main Street.

Bloomingdale

Excursion to Be Run for Benefit of Athletic Fund.

The Richmond Howitzers, the crack battery of the State, will on Monday, July 22d, have an excursion to Dutch Gap on the steamer Pocahontas on Thursday evening, July 25th.

This excursion will be run for the benefit of the Howitzer Athletic Fund, and music will be furnished by the Blues Band for dancing, and undoubtedly the artillerymen will have the time of their lives with their friends, and all who enjoy a pleasant trip on the historic James to go with them on the excursion.

Tickets are on sale at Straus's Clear Company, No. 317 East Main; Sublett's, Third Street; Ed Nelson, 421 East Main; Polk Miller Drug Company, 831 East Main; Polk Miller-Druggery Company, 101 East Broad; Hancock's, 609 East Broad; and 724 Mutual Building.

The boat will leave the wharf at 8:30 P. M. promptly.

REFORMATORY FULL

Two Colored Boys Have to Be Sent to Jail for Lack of Room.

Lee Jones and William James, two small colored boys, appeared yesterday morning before the Police Court on the charge of breaking into the stall occupied by A. M. Fletcher in the First Market. The boys confessed their guilt, and Justice Crutchfield sentenced them to jail for twelve months, the reformatory being full.

BEAT HIS WIFE.

Spoone Punished Because She Could Not Calm Baby.

Because his wife could not stop the weeping and wailing of baby John McClure (colored) beat his wife over the head with a chair, and yesterday morning was made answer to the charge in the Police Court. He was sent on to the grand jury, and will appear before the Hustings Court on September 20th.

Prickly Heat

is caused by the sensitive-skin of tender skin, like baby's, to sudden or prolonged heat.

Acute perspiration irritates the surface, which pulls up in pimples around the sweat ducts, thus producing congestion, redness, burning, itching and pain.

Pond's Extract Soap

first soothes and cools the fevered surface. Apply a lukewarm lather, gently but freely. The Pond's Extract causes contraction of the swelling, opening the closed pores; the Soap and Extract Compound works its way in, clears the ducts and heals the glands. Dry by patting with a very soft towel.

Use Pond's Extract Soap all the time and prevent these troubles. Its whiteness indicates its purity. From Your Druggist.

Armour & Company

Sole Licensees from Pond's Extract Company

CALL ON BAPTISTS OF ENTIRE STATE

Confierence of Ministers and Laymen Inaugurates Campaign for Big Fund.

The conference of Baptists from all parts of the State, called to consider the campaign begun by the Education Commission of the General Association, completed its labors yesterday afternoon.

The conference was harmonious, enthusiastic and business-like from start to finish, and the representatives have returned to their homes with the determination of pushing the campaign to raise the half-million dollars necessary to carry on the educational work mapped out by the General Association and its agents, the Education Commission.

Session Yesterday

The morning session was called to order in the chapel of the Woman's College by President Simon Seaward. The leading speakers of the morning were Dr. S. C. Mitchell and Rev. Dr. George Braxton. Their theme was the general education movement of the Baptist denomination, its history and its future. The addresses were inspiring, as was also the general discussion which followed in a sort of "open parliament."

The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of the best practical method of conducting the campaign to be made for the purpose of raising the money needed for the enterprises planned. A committee, of which Rev. Frank B. Edmondson is chairman, was appointed to draft an appeal to the Baptists of Virginia urging immediate action in the matter of raising the money.

Movement Launched

Drs. Pitt and Boatwright, acting as an executive central committee, were authorized and requested to delegate speakers and canvassers for the work and to act in conjunction with associational committees to have every church in the State visited during the year. More than a hundred ministers and laymen have already volunteered to devote a portion of their time to the work.

INVITE COTTON MEN TO COME

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce, combining with one from the Clearing House Association, and consisting of Frank J. Edmondson, chairman, Thomas B. McAdams, Messrs. Samuel W. Meek, William M. Hill, John M. Miller, Jr., A. B. White and F. H. Nelson, will hold a convention Saturday afternoon, bearing Richmond's invitation to the American Cotton Manufacturers Association to hold its next meeting in this city.

It will be remembered that a member of the National Cotton Association had expressed his interest in the city, and the Richmond's hospitality sent information concerning this meeting. The American Cotton Manufacturers Association represents a large number of several hundred millions of dollars, and if it accepts Richmond's invitation will bring fully 1,500 delegates.

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THE BOAT IS BURNED, BUT PASSENGERS SAVED.

SAVANNAH, GA., July 17.—The big coastwise steamer Alleghany, one of the crack vessels of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, from Savannah to Philadelphia, caught fire to-night as the vessel, outward bound, was passing Tybee, and the latest reports indicated that the boat was a total loss. All of the passengers aboard were saved.

PITTSBURGH, PA., July 17.—Two workmen were fatally burned and four others injured, when a boiler exploded at the Westinghouse Works, at the Westinghouse Works, to-day. When the explosion occurred the men were engaged in pouring liquid upon a large boiler, and molten liquid was scattered in all directions.

DETECTIVE WORK.

Just as an intelligent detective sets himself to discover the identity of the perpetrator of a crime, the same is true of the doctor. So the medical man goes to work to discover the origin of the troubles of his patients. He knows that in most cases some of the organs of the body are not performing their functions properly, and knowing that in a large percentage of cases the trouble is in the bowels, he at once inquires whether his patient is constipated. If so, the physician knows that the trouble must be not only relieved, but permanently remedied, and that in order to accomplish this certain muscles must be gotten into a state of activity. For this purpose successful medical men find their faith in a preparation of 2 ozs. Fluid Extract of Senega, 1 oz. Rochelle Salt, 1 oz. of Sagrada, 30 grains Bicarbonate of Soda, 1-2 oz. water and 1-2 ozs. Glycerine. Of this the patient is given a teaspoonful at bedtime and before each meal, the treatment being continued until their is free movement of the bowels. This simple and effective cure can be put up by any good druggist.

BEGINS WITHOUT CONSENT OF CITY

Church Takes Matter Into Own Hands and Starts Work on Memorial.

IMPRESSIVE SCENE THERE

Rector and Members of Congregation, Including Mrs. Farrell, Drive Pick Into Ground.

After prayer by Rev. R. A. Goodwin, the rector, officers of St. John's Church yesterday began work on the new memorial building without having first secured the necessary authority from the city.

Two weeks ago notice was served on Mayor McCarthy that the ground would be broken on July 17th, at 10 o'clock, and promptly at that hour a little group of men assembled. Rev. Mr. Goodwin drove the first pick, the vestrymen followed, and the labor ceased a trench five feet long and eighteen inches deep was left as an evidence that the church corporation is determined to lay the foundation and complete the structure.

No Injunction Issued.

Mayor McCarthy and City Attorney Pollard were informed during the day that the church had already started, but no attempt was made to interfere. Though permission had not been given, the Mayor said that no injunction would be issued at the moment, as that would require a bond and other expense, and he could not incur debt without a vote of the Council. The Council may do so if not entirely clear.

It was the desire of officers and congregation to have the memorial, which will be used as a chapel and Sunday-school-room so far advanced by October that the mayor would be obliged to pick up the tab. The Episcopal convention is in session here and thus make it an event of more than local importance. The friction with the city, however, has delayed plans, and it is doubtful if this can be done although it was said last night that every effort would be made to carry out the original program.

Mr. Goodwin, Captain John F. Mayer, the senior warden; Mr. Frank J. Craigie, junior warden, and Mr. John B. Welsh, register of the church, were present yesterday morning, when the first earth was moved. Standing on the place where the structure will be erected, Mr. Goodwin offered fervent prayer that the movement might succeed and that the memorial would serve a greater purpose than a mere room for teaching the word of God. Mr. Goodwin laid the pick and drove it into the ground. Captain Mayer, Mr. Craigie and Mr. Welsh dug for a time and the pick was given to Mr. A. J. Lincoln, a vestryman, who likewise proceeded to turn up the earth. Goodwin's preliminary remarks concluded Mrs. William Farrell came into the churchyard and, like the men, she used the pick diligently, but with less force.

SANDS HAS PAID TAXES, BUT BUILDING IS IN NEED OF REPAIR.

No action has been taken by the city authorities in regard to the building at No. 142 East 14th Street, which is considered dangerous and an eyesore to that particular section. Mayor McCarthy said yesterday that so far as he was advised nothing could be done, and that it would be necessary to have the Legislature pass an act giving more authority to the city in such cases. He called attention to the fact that he had arranged for the purchase of the building, but that the city is powerless, a special law will have to be passed.

JOHNSON STAYS, OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS OUT OF THE STATE AND CANNOT BE SERVED.

It is expected that the subject will be brought to the attention of the council at the next meeting.

Sands property is not delinquent, as has been mistakenly stated, but it is in great need of repair, that it has become a menace to public safety and to the adjoining buildings. It is estimated that it has cost \$100,000 to build in Washington in the past several months, but without avail, as it seems impossible to get the owner to do anything to dispose of it in some manner at a very distant date. Should the building collapse, it is estimated that it would injure or adjoining the building, the owner would be primarily responsible. It has been suggested that the city should take action against the city might also be possible.

EVIDENCE ABOUT ALL IN, AND ARGUMENT WILL BEGIN TOMORROW.

BOISE IDAHO, July 17.—The State of Idaho rests content with the evidence it has introduced to prove that William D. Haywood, secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, conspired to kill and thereafter murder Frank Stunenberg, a former Governor of the State. William Haywood, through his counsel, to-morrow will rest his case with the jury so far as evidence is concerned. Possibly some witnesses will be called in sub-rebuttal, but Haywood's counsel announced that the case may close without further evidence. Friday morning argument is expected, and the last stage of the trial will begin. The State called only two witnesses in rebuttal to-day. At the last moment the prosecution decried two call mine-workers the Pinkerton detective. As a result of this decision a number of witnesses will not be heard.

DR. DAVIS ILL HERE.

Was Brought Yesterday to Memorial Hospital from Williamsburg.

Dr. H. E. D. Davis, of Williamsburg, who had been ill for some days, was yesterday morning brought to the Memorial Hospital for treatment. Dr. Davis was accompanied to this city by his friend, Professor South, who returned to Williamsburg on the afternoon train. As soon as his condition will warrant his receiving visitors, Dr. Davis would be glad to see his friends in the hospital.

THE FRANCO HOTEL BALCONY CASE WAS SETTLED IN THE HUSTINGS COURT YESTERDAY.

The Church Hill Medical Society will hold a regular meeting to-night at the Virginia Hotel. The program for the evening will read papers on "Summer Diarrhoea in Children," Dr. Vanderhoff will read paper on the subject of "The Opossum."

KATE CARMODY QUALIFIED YESTERDAY IN THE HUSTINGS COURT AS ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Kate Carmody qualified yesterday in the Hustings Court as attorney at law. She is the daughter of the late John R. Bowen, valued at \$11,000.

FRATERNITY REBECCA LODGE, NO. 11, WILL HOLD A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT.

Friendship Rebecca Lodge, No. 11, will hold a very important meeting to-morrow night, and all the members are earnestly requested to attend, as arrangements for an excursion to West Point will be made and other important business will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

MR. WILLIAM TRENDIT AND MISS EMMA J. UNSER, OF THIS CITY, WERE MARRIED TUESDAY MORNING AT 11 O'CLOCK AT THE THEATRICAL NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. William Trendit and Miss Emma J. Unser, of this city, were married Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Theatrical New York City. Rev. Father Martin officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Trendit, after a wedding dinner, will be at home to their friends at No. 1016 West Main Street.

AT IDELWOOD.

Swimming Pool Will Open on Sunday—May Have Served Concert.

Officials at Idelwood stated last night that the swimming pool, which is to be opened on Sunday afternoon, will have a concert. The concert will be given by the Idelwood orchestra, and will be held at 7 o'clock. The concert will be given by the Idelwood orchestra, and will be held at 7 o'clock.

Wise Talks by "The Office Boy"

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Unconsciously Stole Hundred Dollars From Woman and Now is Conscience-Stricken—Has Turned Over Entire Amount to Church.



While trying to convince his wife of the danger in carrying her purse dangling from her belt, a well-known citizen unconsciously lifted one hundred dollars from an unknown woman a few days ago, and not knowing how to find the person to whom it belonged turned over the entire amount to a church. There is no record of the robbery at the police station, which makes the case all the more remarkable.

The husband, who is temporarily conscience-stricken, is honest, but a bit absent-minded. He had been telling his wife that her purse might be snatched at any moment on a crowded street, and while standing in a crowd with her decided to do that very thing himself in order to teach her a lesson. So reaching out he got it, said nothing, and went home, the prize safely in his pocket.

When the wife had come downstairs after making herself comfortable, her husband asked her for the loan of a couple of dollars. Whether or not he had been in the habit of that is not clear, but at all events she had a duty to do, and she promptly came back and handed him the desired simoleans. Having kept tab on the expense account and the pin money he was naturally surprised.

ASK FOR RECEIPT WHEN WILL CASE NOW

Matter Set for Hearing Before Judge Grinnan on July 26th.

Following the suit, in which it is alleged, that the clerk of the Chancery Court has no authority to probate wills even though that power has been vested in him by the General Assembly, proceedings were begun before Judge Grinnan yesterday for the appointment of a curator, or receiver, to take charge of the estate of Mrs. Sarah Boswell, the test case having started with that document. There was no formal argument, and the matter was set for hearing on July 26th.

Application for the receivership was made by Messrs. Beverly T. Crump and Crump Tucker, as executor of W. E. Smith's estate, and by Mr. W. E. Smith, a year ago as executor of Mrs. Boswell's estate, valued at \$22,500. It is held by the plaintiff that McCurdy could not lawfully serve as executor, in as much as the will in question had been probated by the clerk of the Chancery Court, which action is declared contrary to the Constitution of Virginia.

As it has been made clear that the will in question is not the only ground upon which it may be broken, it is alleged that the Legislature went beyond the Constitution when it passed the law which is being attacked. It was practically admitted yesterday by lawyers that in the event Judge Grinnan decides against the law and his opinion is subsequently affirmed by the Court of Appeals, every will probated by the clerk within the past few years will be upset. These estates have been valued at \$1,000,000, and the legal complications which would arise would be far-reaching in effect. Probably twenty estates would be affected, that number being the number having been probated by the clerk.

INSTANT DEATH.

Annie Louise Vass, only daughter of Ernest F. and Beatrice Vass, aged nineteen months and twenty-four days, died at the residence of her grandfather, Mr. James Vass, No. 712 North Twenty-sixth Street, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from the house. Interment will be made in Oakwood.

BRIEF ITEMS AROUND TOWN

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday as follows:

Charles Roach, twenty-three, of Richmond, and Miriam Angle, twenty-two, of Henric.

Henry E. Rudd, twenty-seven, of Manchester, and E. Beatrice Nuckols, twenty-seven, of Richmond.

Frank S. Starke, forty-eight, of Richmond, and Emily S. Crump, thirty-four, of Richmond.

ARE SUMMONED IN GOVERNMENT CASE

Company of this city, had been made a party to the suit, some surprise was expressed among tobacco men, inasmuch as the Patterson Company had been considered "independent," and a fighter of the trust. An officer of the company was then interviewed by a Times-Dispatch representative and he said:

"No human being on the earth has anything to do with the management of the R. A. Patterson Company, other than the officers whose names are printed on the letter heads of its stationery. Not a man in the official list of the company is an American Tobacco Company man. No American Tobacco Company man has ever exercised any control over us, and no man in that company can exercise any control."

On the very day this interview appeared in this paper the New York Times printed a review of the case of the American Tobacco Company, and quoted from the allegation, filed by the attorneys for the government, extracts to show that a number of companies which had been supposed to be independent had been found to be under the thumb of the American Tobacco Company. After enumerating a number of concerns that are alleged to be so controlled, the allegation says the Continental Tobacco Company acquired in 1903, for \$225,000, a majority of the capital stock of the R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company of Richmond, which had an original capitalization of \$150,000. Of this company the government charges:

"The company had habitually concealed and denied its association with the defendants (trusts) and has persistently advertised, and represented itself, as an independent corporation, unconnected with them. It has been

NO NECESSITY FOR BEING SICKLY.

The fact that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has restored thousands of sickly men and women to robust health during the past 64 years should convince anyone that it is the only medicine they need. Try

HUSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

today and you start toward good health. It cures: Poor Appetite, Headache, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, Bloating, Cramps or Diarrhoea.

FIELD-COURTLAND.

Mr. Frank W. Field and Miss Maud V. Courland were married at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 27 South Pine Street, yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Field is a popular business man, and Mr. Courland is a well-known and successful young ladies in her community. They announce that they will be at home to their friends, No. 1100 Linden Street, after July 23.

MR. HOVDEN'S CONDITION UNCHANGED.

The condition of Justice-of-Peace George E. Howden, who is critically ill at his residence on North Twentieth Street, was unchanged at a late hour this night.

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Unconsciously Stole Hundred Dollars From Woman and Now is Conscience-Stricken—Has Turned Over Entire Amount to Church.

"Where did you get that?" he asked, excitedly, thinking, perhaps, there was more where it came from.

"Out of my purse, of course," was her answer.

"Then my husband sat up and began to take notice. He felt in his pocket and brought forth a purse. "Why, that is not mine," the wife fairly shouted, and for a moment the man looked at her with a questioning glance. She flashed into somebody's mind; a thousand explanations may have been dreamed up. A man's intuition is made, and the husband was not quite so foxy as before when he discovered that he had actually stolen exactly \$100.

"I guess I put my nimble fingers on the wrong waist," he said, and then he proceeded to teach her a lesson. While the wife's intuition saved the day, the house was agreed that the proper thing to do was to have the money, although this being an honest establishment the thought of keeping the money was not considered for a moment. The money was turned over to the church, and the man's conscience was running over. Not much was said of the incident, and nobody has advertised for the missing money, although this publication may lead many claimants to the advertising counter.

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IS, BEING USED AS AN INSTRUMENT TO CRIPPLE OTHERS IN THE TOBACCO BUSINESS WITH AN UNLAWFUL AND KEEPING OUT OTHERS IN THE TOBACCO BUSINESS.

For such purposes and under agreement it has been, and is, selling certain brands manufactured by it at less than the cost of production, and thus driving independent manufacturers and distributors, and to add in crushing such competitors sums of money are loaned it by the American Tobacco Company."

THE GOVERNMENT'S AGENTS SEEM TO HAVE AT ONE TIME AND ANOTHER HAD ACCESS TO THE BOOKS OF THE R. A. PATTERSON COMPANY, AND TO HAVE DISCOVERED INFORMATION THAT MUCH OF THE STOCK OF THAT COMPANY IS OWNED BY MEN WHO ARE LARGE HOLDERS OF THE STOCK OF BOTH THE AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY AND THE CONTINENTAL TOBACCO COMPANY, AND ARE PRESUMABLY HOLDING THEM AS TRUSTEES FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE PATTERSON COMPANY, MR. JOHN LANDSTREET, HAS BEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE MOVING SPIRIT OF A ASSOCIATION OF SO-CALLED INDEPENDENTS, WHICH HAS BEEN MAKING A FEINT OF A RIGHT AGAINST THE PATTERSON COMPANY, AND IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A DECISION FROM THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, AND IT IS ALLEGED THAT THIS FIGHT WAS MERELY A PRETENSE.

The allegation, taken from beginning to end, is bristling with statements which are sensational reading matter when they come to be proved before the proper tribunal.

WHAT OFFICIALS SAY.

A Times-Dispatch writer yesterday afternoon called at the office of the R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company, and found Mr. Patterson, the president of the company, and Mr. John Landstreet, the vice-president, at their desks.

In response to the inquiries of the newspaper man, Mr. Patterson said the United States Marshall, who had been called with a call and served the legal papers which made the Patterson Company parties to the suit in question. He had also been officially notified that his presence would be required at the proper time as a witness in the case.

"Being thus placed in the dual capacity of the defendant and witness in a case that will necessarily attract a great deal of attention it is improper for me to say anything outside of court's. Any further remark he becomes as mum as an oyster."

"Being shown the extracts from the government's allegation, quoted above, Mr. Patterson said it would be an easy matter to prove the most of that untrue. He declared emphatically that the R. A. Patterson Company is and has been controlled absolutely by its managers, who are citizens of Richmond, and is to-day as strictly independent as it was the day the business was launched, fifty years ago. He admitted that some of the stock had been bought by men who do not reside in Richmond, but they do nothing in the way of controlling the policy of the company; in fact, have nothing to do with its management, their only business being to accept for the company's dividends. The president and the vice-president both ridiculed the charge that any of their brands were being sold at a loss.

EMPHATIC DENIAL.

In this connection Mr. Landstreet produced some samples and some advertising literature showing that the American Tobacco Company has recently put out a special brand of smoking tobacco to compete with one of the best sellers the Patterson Company has on the market.

When asked about his connection with the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association and its fight against the American Tobacco Company, Mr. Landstreet said:

"Yes, I was the president of that association, and, in fact, was the organizer of it, and I put up the best fight could be made. I became the head of the association I was with the United States Tobacco Company, but my term of office did not expire until after I had become a member of the Patterson Company."

Mr. Landstreet smiled as he added: "My fight was waged with emphasis that his fight against the trust will be in any sense a feint or a fake."

Both of these gentlemen were very reticent, not that they were not able to say anything, but they thought that in view of the fact that they were now both witnesses and defendants in a case at law it were better that they say but little until they shall be called to make answer to the allegation of the government.

OLD FIRST HOLDS REUNION TO-DAY

Survivors Will Meet at Forest Hill and Talk Over War-Times.

The annual reunion of the old First Virginia Infantry will