

IMPROVEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Petersburg Will Purchase New Truck and Three Combination Chemical Engines.

CANDIDATES OPEN CAMPAIGN

Mayor Jones and Dr. Pleasants Are Both at Work—Exciting Runaway Accident.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, Va., March 9.—The Board of Aldermen this evening concurred in the Council's appropriation of \$9,800 for the purchase of a new truck and three combination chemical engines for the Fire Department, and in other appropriations for public improvements, including \$8,207.50 for paving the roadway of Washington Street between Sycamore and Market Streets.

Aspirants for municipal honors at the coming election are losing no time in opening the campaign and putting a move on the canvass. The two candidates for the mayoralty, Mayor Jones and Dr. John M. Pleasants, who recently made their announcements, subject to the Democratic primary, are both at work, and it is said that there will be contests for the Board of Aldermen and Council in nearly every one of the six wards, each of which will choose one Alderman and two Councilmen. The principal representatives at the coming primary, the Fifth Ward representatives, Alderman P. H. Hawkins and Councilmen J. G. Quarles and T. Mulcaha, are the only ones who have as yet announced their candidacy for re-election, but it is understood that others are not asleep.

City Sergeant John B. Evans said today that he would soon call a meeting of the Democratic City Central Committee, of which he is chairman, to make arrangements for the Democratic primary which will probably be held in April.

The Mayor's Docket. The Mayor's Court had an unusually large docket this morning, including two big arrays of negro craps-shooters, the majority of whom were captured in a raid on "Morro Castle," a notorious place on Old Street, on which Chief of Police Ragland and several of his officers descended in the small hours of Sunday morning, reaping a rich harvest of prisoners while the dice was in full blast. Five dollars apiece was the assessment on the craps-shooters. Chas. Brooke, the prosecutor, will be prosecuted on the charge of running a gambling house.

A runaway that took in nearly the whole of Sycamore Street yesterday afternoon resulted in a remarkable escape for Stephen Francis, a well-known Petersburg gambler, who was thrown over the dashboard beneath the horse's hoofs when the frightened animal hurled the buggy against the curb at the corner of Lombard Street. Mr. Francis was dragged a short distance, but escaped practically uninjured.

Tobacco Sales. A total of 465,110 pounds of loose tobacco was sold at the Retail Tobacco warehouses during the past week, making an aggregate of 3,265,390 pounds sold since the season opened.

The Baptist Sunday School Association of Petersburg and vicinity held its regular monthly meeting at the Woodland Baptist Sunday school yesterday afternoon, with Vice-President J. P. Stephenson presiding. Rev. F. W. Moore, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, made an excellent address to the scholars, and an attractive program was well rendered.

A cablegram received here announces the death at her home in France, of Mrs. Simon, mother of Mrs. F. M. Dalton, of this city.

CONFESSED TO FORGERY.

Music Teacher in Suffolk Utters False Note. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, Va., March 9.—In Nansemond Circuit Court this afternoon August Linnert, alias Carl Wehrman, a German music teacher, pleaded guilty on three counts for forgery, and was given six years in State prison. Linnert, while engaged in instructing classes in small towns, would surreptitiously secure blank checks of business concerns, and, after becoming familiar with the firms' signatures, would set them cashed in other towns. He was captured in South Carolina. He had among his effects firm checks from nine States.

EIGHTH DISTRICT REPUBLICANS.

Delegates to Chicago Chosen—Roosevelt Policies Indorsed. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 9.—The Eighth District Republican Committee met here this afternoon with sixty-one delegates present, and elected Joseph L. Crupper, of this city, and Samuel Diener, of Culpeper, delegates to the Chicago convention, W. H. Silcott, of Loudoun, and A. B. Casselman, of Alexandria.

BRIDE A SUICIDE.

Mrs. Samuel Garrett, of Orange, Takes Carbolic Acid. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 9.—Mrs. Samuel O. Garrett, a bride of two months, committed suicide at her home in Orange, Thursday. She drank two teaspoonfuls of carbolic acid, and shortly afterwards was found by her stepmother in her room in a dying condition.

FORFEITED TO THE STATE.

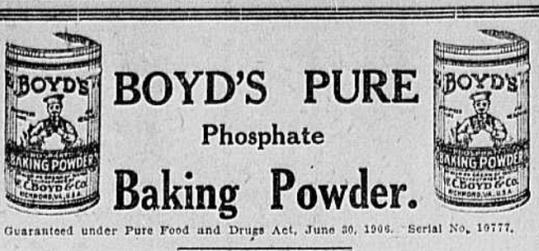
Commodore Lee's Gallant Capture in the Chesapeake. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, Va., March 9.—The Jack Powhatan, owned by Captain William B. Stant, convicted of illegal oyster dredging, to-day was forfeited to the State by a Nansemond county jury. The Powhatan last December was run down in Hampton Roads by W. McDonald Lee, chairman of the State Board of Fisheries, in the Commodore Maury, flagship of the oyster navy. The confiscatory proceedings were new to the court records of this county.

ELOPED TO CAROLINA.

Suffolk Man Runs Away With Girl of Seventeen. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, Va., March 9.—Mr. Stephen Babb, of Suffolk, on Sunday eloped to North Carolina with Miss Ora Luke, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. George Luke, of Nansemond county. They were married at Witleyton by the Rev. Mr. Robinson.

To Improve the Cemetery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SPOTSYLVANIA, Va., March 9.—The increased appropriation for the Confederate Cemetery here by the present Legislature has greatly encouraged the other members of the Spotsylvania Confederate Memorial Association and given new spirit to their endeavors to add to the attractiveness of the grounds. The cemetery is very prettily located on a rising eminence, but for many years, on account of lack of means, has been very greatly neglected. Efforts will immediately be put into effect to beautify the entrance way and otherwise improve the grounds.



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The Virginia Author and His Wife Give \$20,000 to University of Virginia.

FOR LECTURE FOUNDATION

The Name of the Foundation in the Name of Governor Barbour.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 9.—Through the generosity of Dr. Thomas Nelson Page and his wife, Mrs. Florence Field Page, of Washington, D. C., a fund of \$20,000 has been placed at the disposal of the University of Virginia for the establishment of a permanent lecture foundation, to be known as the Barbour-Page Foundation.

The name of the foundation is in memory of the donors and of Mrs. Page's great-grandfather, Governor James Barbour, of Virginia. The interest on this generous gift will amount to some \$800 a year, and will be devoted to bringing the foremost scientists, literary men and scholars to deliver lectures before the university. The first address on the foundation, which is already available, will be given by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, in Cabell Hall, Friday night of this week. Dr. Mitchell is one of the first neurologists in the country, and has gained almost equal fame for his novel, "Dr. Myst." Dr. and Mrs. Page have been among the most generous benefactors of the university, and have contributed liberally to the new endowment fund and to the support of the General Alumni Association. But their continued interest in the university matter has never been shown in a wiser way than this. One of the greatest needs of the institution has been some means of bringing before its students the advanced ideas by prominent thinkers. The residue of the income will be employed for this purpose. One series each year will probably be on a literary subject; the other on a scientific one.

Dr. Page is one of the best known of the university's alumni. He attended the law school of the university and received the degree of B. L. in 1874. He is recognized as one of the foremost of American literary men as the result of his studies of Southern life in fiction and verse. He has been twice president of the General Alumni Association and a steadfast, liberal and loyal friend of the university.

CLAIMS TO BE FROM RICHMOND.

William Dickerson Alms Howard Smith in Trouble in Canada. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—Immigration inspector Morton today received a letter from Washington, in which was an enclosure from the superintendent of the London, Ontario, prison, giving information relative to the family of William Dickerson Alms Howard Smith, who claims he is from Richmond, and wishes to return to the United States. Recently Mr. Morton investigated the negro's claim to be a resident of Virginia, but failed to locate any of his family.

It is thought to have relatives residing on Cherry Hill and at Burkeville, who will be able to substantiate his claims. Mr. Morton will again visit Richmond to certify these statements.

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Charles Lincoln Smith, the famous New York optician, will be at Murphy's Hotel Annex, private rooms Nos. 150, 152 and 154, March 10 to 14, 1908. Consultation absolutely free. This week, Eighth Street entrance. Take elevator. Office hours—10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

REPUBLICANS SOLD FOR TAFT

Republican Mass-Meeting in Charlottesville Largest Ever Held in the County.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 9.—The mass-meeting of the Republicans of Albemarle county held to-day in the courthouse in this city was the largest and most representative ever held by the Republican party in this county. Mr. W. Gordon Merriek, of Glendower, was elected chairman of the county committee, and Mr. James L. Humbert, secretary, together with representative members of the party from each precinct on the county committee.

Six delegates and six alternates were elected to the district convention, to be held at Luray March 11th, and the same number of delegates and alternates to the State convention, to be held at Lynchburg April 8th.

All for Taft. Resolutions were offered by Mr. Hunter Parish indorsing the administration of President Roosevelt, and instructing the delegates to both conventions to vote as a unit for Secretary Taft. The only dissenting voice occurred during the entire meeting. The contingent opposed to the nomination of Secretary Taft objected to the delegates being instructed for him, but Mr. W. H. Humbert, who is working to secure the indorsement of the delegates for the War Secretary, who had influence with a large number of the voters present, supported the resolutions, and they were adopted by a very large majority.

A resolution was also adopted commending Senator John Noyes for his zealous advocacy of an untainted judiciary, and congratulating him "upon the able manner in which he conducted the recent legislative investigation, wherein the charges against the newly appointed member of the Corporation Commission were sustained."

STAFFORD REPUBLICANS.

They Elect Delegates and Indorse Roosevelt and Slomp. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 9.—The Republicans of Stafford county held a mass-meeting at Stafford Courthouse Saturday afternoon. Hon. M. K. Lowry, chairman; C. M. Knight, secretary; and delegates were elected to the district convention at Alexandria, as follows: D. W. Coakley, J. P. Simpson, W. E. Brooks, S. E. H. Jones, C. N. Knight, A. W. G. Jones, S. I. Rose, N. S. Shelton, with Hon. M. K. Lowry delegate-at-large. The following were delegates to the State Convention at Lynchburg: C. M. Knight, C. M. Knight, H. G. Lightner, Lee Wallace, H. G. Chesley, Wesley Knight, Sr., W. C. Alinger and Hon. M. K. Lowry delegate-at-large. Resolutions were adopted expressing sorrow at the death of the late Congressman C. Slomp, and commending the State chairman and Congressman, and expressing confidence in the Republican party, its policies, and in President Roosevelt.

DIVORCE WITH ALIMONY.

Mrs. Maggie Burks Gets a Decree in Danville Court. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, Va., March 9.—Mrs. Maggie K. Burks, aged twenty years, was granted an absolute divorce in the Corporation Court today from her husband, John Burks, a young white man and laborer, who was ordered to pay the costs of the suit, and pay his wife an alimony of \$100 per year as long as she lives. The wedding took place in this city in April, 1907, and it is alleged that Burks deserted his young wife after a wedded life of five days, writing her a letter and telling her she had better "go back to mama." He did not appear to answer the charges.

In a Critical Condition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—John DeHart, the young white man who was run over early Sunday morning by a shifting engine and had both legs and an arm crushed, is in a critical condition, and attending surgeons are doubtful of his recovery. It is admitted that there was no flange ahead of the train when DeHart was struck and knocked down.

Sensational Case Not Pressed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton to-day had the cases against J. Stern and Miss Rosetta Kelly, charged with statutory offenses, not pressed, announcing to the court that the domestic troubles of Mr. Stern, a Staten Islander, being amicably settled, a successful prosecution would be out of the question.

Preacher Gets Call.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—The Rev. J. W. Yantis, of Ansonia, O., has been tendered a call to the First Christian Church, of Norfolk, located in Park Place. It is believed that he will favorably consider the call.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—W. W. White, a Portsmouth grocer, filed a petition in bankruptcy to-day in the United States District Court. The liabilities, \$149.50, assets, \$125.00. The petitioner, who had \$200 deposited in the bank, declared that the suspension of the People's Bank is responsible for his embarrassment.

Virginia Brevities

DANVILLE, Va., March 9.—Many of his white friends sent floral offerings and attended the funeral yesterday of James Lee (celebrated), who was for many years the sexton at the Mount Vernon Methodist Church and janitor at the Randolph-Macon Institute for girls.

SPOTSYLVANIA, Va.—Mr. Gilbert S. Shaw, son of Mr. Charles Shaw, of Cherry Grove farm, lost his right foot very dangerously and severely on Friday last while engaged in cutting timber for the sawmill at the farm. The foot was split entirely open and the toes back to the toes. The shoe is confined to his room and bed, and is under the care of a physician.

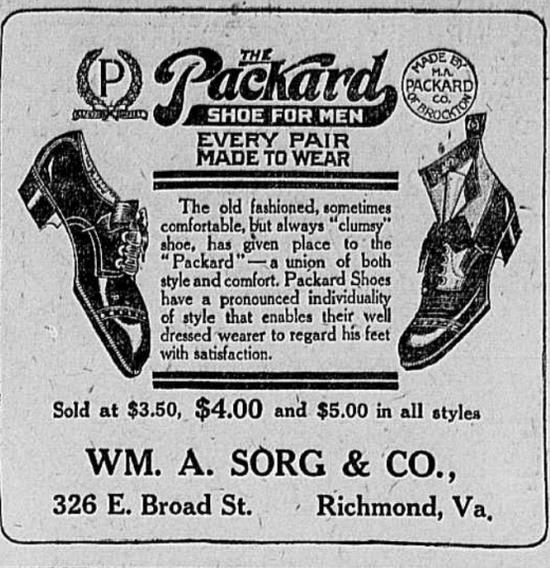
DANVILLE, Va.—Judge Peterson, convicted of various offenses of felony, were sentenced by Judge A. M. Allen. The criminal docket was heavy on Friday, and the total terms amount to fifty-four years.

ROANOKE, Va.—The Adams, Payne & Co. brick manufacturing plant has resumed work, giving employment to twenty-five men.

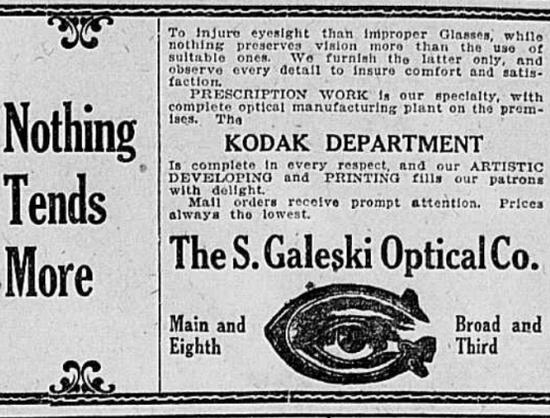
DANVILLE, Va.—Louis L. Kaufman, aged about nine years, and son of Mr. J. J. Kaufman, a prominent merchant and member of the City Council, was run down by a street car in this city, and one of his legs crushed at a point just above his knee. Young Kaufman is en route home to Danville, and just as he got off one car he ran into another.

POKIL UNION, Va.—Mr. Polk Miller, the editor-in-chief of Richmond, spoke to an audience here last night that taxed the capacity of the Academy of Music.

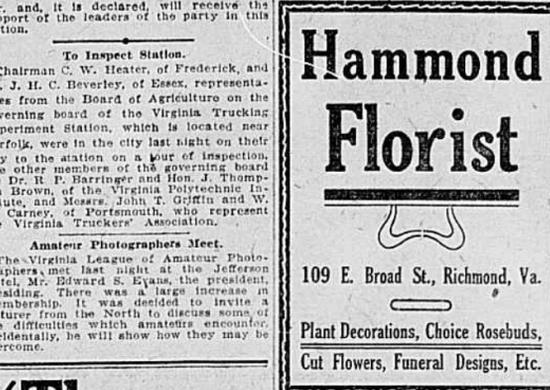
NORFOLK, Va.—In the event that any-thing should happen to Judge Waddill, Harry K. Walcott, of Norfolk, will advocate his appointment as Judge of the present position. Mr. Walcott is a staunch Republican, and has the highest esteem of the local



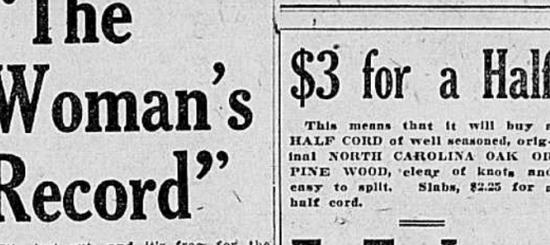
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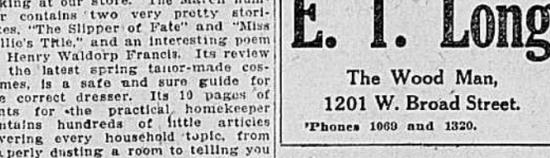
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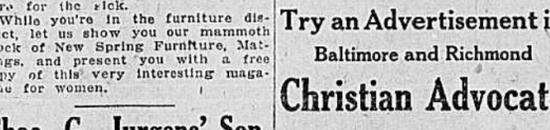
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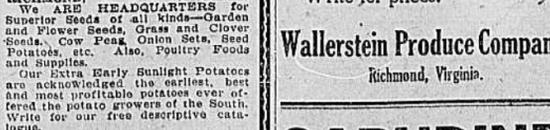
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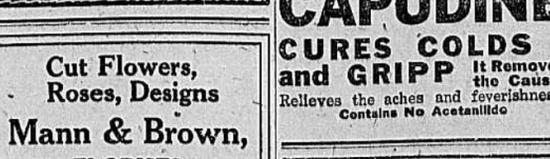
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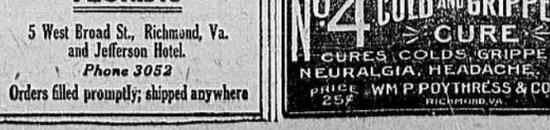
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