

### DATES FIXED FOR LICENSE HEARINGS

Judge Hanckel Sets Last Two Days in April and Reform Petitions Will Be Presented.

### POLITICAL SITUATION ACUTE

Factional Fight Growing More Bitter Every Day—Olympic Club Case Dismissed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., April 14.—Judge A. B. Hanckel, of the Corporation Court, today fixed April 29th and 30th for the hearing of applications for the renewal of licenses for the retail and wholesale liquor business. The court announced that he had not as yet received any petition asking him to pass on the question of the reduction of saloons to seventy-five, and the restriction of the territory in which they shall be located.

The political situation in Norfolk cannot grow any more acute than it is at present, and the outlook is not only for one of the closest elections ever held, but for a campaign of speech-making and personalities. The fact that the City Executive Committee, in which the anti-administration faction controls, will endeavor to prevent the opposing faction of the party from having judges and clerks at the regular election, has caused a storm of protests, and a lively fight will occur before the Electoral Board. It is not believed that the latter board will be influenced one way or the other by the factional fight, and members have thus expressed themselves.

**Case Not Made Out.** The case against the Olympic Social Club, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was dismissed today in the Police Court, the police being unable to show that any liquor had been sold on the premises last Sunday. The main witness for the prosecution turned out to be a witness for the defense.

**Holley May Recover.** J. Holley, who jumped from a window of the Protestant Hospital last night, was reported to be resting easily today, and while his injuries are of a serious nature, the attending surgeons declare that he has some chance for his life.

### MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT.

**An Evening of Rare Pleasure Enjoyed at Warrenton.** [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WARRENTON, VA., April 14.—The Masonic entertainment given here last night under the auspices of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 133, A. F. and A. M., was a great success. It was held in the Town Hall, the master of the lodge, Mr. C. E. Tiffany, presiding.

The first on the program was "Two Roses," sung by the Richmond Masonic Quartet, composed of Walter A. Jenkins, first tenor; W. J. Phillips, second tenor; G. Latham Fletcher, first bass, and Joseph B. White, second bass. This popular quartet responded frequently during the evening, and were enthusiastically received each time. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. J. A. C. Keith in a brief but well chosen speech. Next on the program was the address of Mr. A. T. Browning, who responded to the toast, "The Ladies." A vocal selection by Mr. Jeter Jones, of the Richmond quartet, was given to the accompaniment of the evening, and the applause was great.

The address of the evening was by Dr. Joseph W. Eggleston, grand master of Masons of the State. His speech was given the closest attention. He spoke of the substantial features of Masonry to religion was ably and eloquently discussed by Rev. T. W. Hooper, Jr., of Culpeper, Va. The emblems of a master Mason were entertainingly given by Mr. W. J. Phillips, of Baltimore.

Following his interesting program came the substantial feature of the evening, which consisted of an elaborate repast of appetizing dishes. The affair closed with "Auld Lang Syne," sung by the quartet.

### NOT SUEING FOR CHILDREN.

**No Steps Thus Far Taken by Mrs. Mitchell in Lynchburg Courts.** [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., April 14.—As far as can be learned, Mrs. William E. Mitchell, the divorced wife of John C. Page, of Richmond, has undertaken no legal proceedings here looking to the securing of her children. Indeed, it appears that such a proceeding would have to be begun in the courts of Richmond.

### TO CHARITIES CONVENTION.

**Delegates Appointed by Governor Glenn for Meeting Here.** [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., April 14.—Governor Glenn appointed as delegates to the National Conference of Charities and Corrections in Richmond, Va., May 5th to 13th, the following: Miss Daisy Denison, Rev. R. S. Stephenson, J. S. Mann, Rev. J. N. Coles, Raleigh; Charles A. Webb, Asheville; J. H. Weddington, Charlotte; Dr. J. H. McNeill, Hope Mills; E. F. Aydtell, Elizabeth City; Colonel W. J. Hicks, Oxford; Archibald Johnston, Thomasville; John C. Scarborough, Greensboro.

### Hood's Sarsaparilla

Will Make You FEEL BETTER, EAT AND SLEEP Better, and build you up for the hot, debilitating days of summer. It is the most effective Spring Medicine, the one that truly purifies and enriches the blood, removes all pimples, boils, eruptions and other troubles caused or promoted by impure blood or low state of the system.

### ALLOWED COGBILL TO DRAW OUT MONEY

This Cashier Overbey's Explanation of Shortage in the Bank of Mecklenburg.

### AMOUNT EXCEEDS \$100,000

Large Lumber Contractor Had Been for Years Getting Money.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOYDTON, VA., April 14.—The affairs of the Bank of Mecklenburg are in a much more serious condition than was supposed yesterday, when a notice was posted closing the institution pending an investigation by the State Corporation Commission. While the board of directors have made no formal announcement pending a more thorough examination of the books, enough is known of the investigation by the directors to say that there is a shortage of over \$100,000. Cashier E. W. Overbey told the board of directors that he

### Cashier of Mecklenburg Bank



E. W. Overbey on His Fine Stallion.

allowed E. E. Cogbill to overdraw his account without the knowledge of the president or directors for over \$100,000, and that he did it as an act of kindness to Mr. Cogbill, without any benefit to himself. Mr. Overbey was arrested and gave bail for \$5,000. It is generally thought that the depositor will receive from 50 to 75 cents on the dollar, although this is only an opinion.

**Came as Great Surprise.** Yesterday was a sad day in this town. The anxiety in which the people are placed by reason of the closing of the doors of the old Bank of Mecklenburg was visible on the faces of the vast number of depositors who waited with fear and trembling on the outside while the bank directors inside were examining the books and assets of the concern. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon it was given out that there was a shortage of the cash of about \$120,000.

This revelation came as a clap of thunder in a clear sky to president, directors and the people. The cashier, Mr. Overbey, was called before the board to explain the matter, and frankly told the board that he had allowed Mr. E. E. Cogbill to overdraw his account for over \$100,000. He explained it by saying that the transaction had been going on for several years; that he had let Mr. Cogbill have the money from time to time, hoping that each amount would relieve his embarrassment, and that he could then return it to the bank. He confessed that he had kept the matter from the president and board, and expressed great contrition for his act, telling the board that he received no benefit from the transaction.

**Lost in Lumber Business.** Mr. Cogbill was dealing largely in the lumber business at the time, and it required a vast sum of money to carry on his business. The president and directors were as much surprised as the depositors at the exhibit, as the statement prepared

## Easter Flowers

LARGEST STOCK.....

W. A. Hammond,  
109 East Broad Street.

by Mr. Overbey for the State Corporation Commission had misled them, and the entire board was shocked.

The board directed that Mr. Overbey be arrested, which was done, and he was carried before Justice Duggar, and he promptly gave bail in the sum of \$5,000. The board has given out no formal statement, and will not probably do so until a more thorough examination of the books can be made by Mr. Boudar, the expert sent here for the purpose by the State Corporation Commission.

### FOREST FIRES IN AMELIA.

**Much Timber and Cardwood and One Residence Are Burned.** [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] AMELIA COURTHOUSE, VA., April 14.—Amelia has been alive with forest fires for the past few days. Looking from the courthouse the smoke could be seen in every direction, and the woods that run up to the village were burning to-day.

The fires are said to be caused by sawmill engines and locomotives, and in many cases parties set the woods afire along roads to protect their own property by burning away from them when the wind is right. Timber and railroad ties have been destroyed at some points, and the dwelling of Mr. Philip Crane, near Scott's Bridge, has been burned during the week. It is seldom that dwellings are burned under these circumstances, but with a high wind a fire sweeps across a field very rapidly, and often reaches a fence or barn or strawstack, and it is impossible to save the buildings.

Mr. W. J. Townes had a runaway accident this morning. While driving, his horses became frightened and jumped off and he was thrown from the buggy. He held to the reins, and was dragged for some distance, and was hurt, but not seriously. He succeeded in stopping the horses, and he is walking about this evening, looking about as usual. Dr. Alfred Jones is preaching a series of very interesting sermons at the Presbyterian Church.

### Negro Fatally Shot.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, VA., April 14.—A negro, Walter Miller, was shot and instantly



E. W. Overbey on His Fine Stallion.

allowed E. E. Cogbill to overdraw his account without the knowledge of the president or directors for over \$100,000, and that he did it as an act of kindness to Mr. Cogbill, without any benefit to himself.

### FOR FIREPROOF ANNEX.

**Norfolk Aldermen Practically Declare for Such High School Addition.** NORFOLK, VA., April 14.—The Board of Aldermen to-night practically declared for the construction of a \$25,000 fireproof annex to the present High School. The majority report, carrying \$7,500 for improvements, was lost. The meeting was convoked by a clash between Superintendent R. A. Dobbie, of the public schools, and Dr. Edwin Baird, of the school board, over the two reports. Baird claimed that Superintendent Dobbie had been running, yelling "Fire! Fire!" in the High School matter.

There are 200,000,000 copies of the Bible scattered throughout the world. The smallest bone in the human body is contained in the drum of the ear.

### Members of the Newly-Selected British Cabinet

WINSTON CHURCHILL. REGINALD MCKENNA. RIGHT HON. H. H. ASQUITH. DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE. JOHN MORLEY. EARL OF CREWE.

Read It Before You Eat It

### TURNBULL FIRES HIS OPENING GUN

One of the Candidates for Congress in the Fourth District Addresses Home People.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MEHERRIN, VA., April 14.—Hon. Robert Turnbull, of Brunswick county, opened his campaign for Congressman from the Fourth District at Lunenburg Courthouse yesterday. He was introduced to a large gathering of voters from all over the county by County Chairman George E. Smith, and immediately took up the issues that confronted the people of Southside Virginia. Mr. Turnbull said he had written Mr. Lassiter that he would address the voters of this county on court day, and would be glad to have him present, but he failed to show up, and Mr. Turnbull was alone in the fight. He

also told how his ambition to represent this district in Congress had been defeated on more than one occasion before he could announce his candidacy, and when the present chance did present itself and he took the matter up with the people in the district before the announcement was made, Major Lassiter came after him in the shape of various press notices, announcing that he was a candidate for re-election, but that his duties in Washington would not allow him to make a thorough canvass. He also discussed the date of holding the primary for the nomination, and declared that Mr. Lassiter had used vigorous efforts to have it early and thus keep him from making a complete canvass, while he had worked hard to stave it off until the usual time in order that both Mr. Lassiter and himself might have ample time in which to see and meet the voters.

**Reviews His Record.** Mr. Turnbull took up his record as a public officer in this State since he was only twenty-one years of age, and told of the various bills for the good of the citizens of this district that he had spent untiring efforts to have passed, and those that were, in his opinion, unfavorable that he fought hard to defeat. He gave a brief review of his record in the Constitutional Conven-

tion, in which attention was called to the various laws that are engrafted in this new work that are in the main from the hands of the speaker. The record of Mr. Lassiter was discussed by the speaker, and his position on various State and national questions were presented to the audience. Mr. Turnbull held the close attention of a large audience, and was frequently applauded by the crowd. The only interruption occurred when the officers arrived with three prisoners from a Victorian in the Wood murder case, when about half of the speech had been delivered, and as soon as it became known a large portion of the crowd hurried to the jail to see the parties, but this only lasted a few minutes, when they returned, and close attention was given to the conclusion.

It is quite evident that Mr. Turnbull will receive strong support from this county, where he has practiced law for quite a number of years. At a meeting of the County Democratic Committee, held at Lunenburg yesterday, Mr. George E. Smith, who for a number of years has been chairman of the party, resigned, and Mr. J. Tabb Neblett was elected his successor. Resolutions were drawn up thanking Mr. Smith for his valuable services rendered the party, and were read by Mr. George T. Allen, who was unanimously re-elected secretary. The question of electing delegates to the Roanoke convention was up, but was postponed until next court, which meets only three days previous to the convention.

# Give the Grocer a Wink!

And see what you'll get

## K-T-C

**Strong Probability That Caucus Will Vote to Report Bill.** [From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The probability that the Republicans will decide in caucus next week to pass the bill to take the duty off wood pulp is very strong. It is understood that a majority of the Republicans of the House favor repealing the duty, but Speaker Cannon has steadfastly refused to allow the bill to be reported from the Committee on Ways and Means; that is, he has let the Republicans of the

committee know it could not be got up for discussion if reported. But it is asserted that the subject of reporting the bill will be discussed at the caucus which will be held next week, probably Tuesday night, to consider the Aldrich bill. If the subject is introduced in caucus it is predicted that the majority of the House will vote to have the bill reported and passed.

**DUTY OFF WOOD PULP.** The Thermopylae Manufacturing Company (Inc.), of Norfolk, E. E. Obendorfer, president; E. A. Humphreys, vice-president; J. F. Bell, secretary and treasurer—all of Norfolk, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$50,000; minimum, \$2,000. Objects: Pickling and preserving business.

**THE STERLING BROTHERS COMPANY (INC.),** Cape Charles; W. H. Sterling, president; G. E. White, vice-president; J. E. N. Sterling, secretary and treasurer—all of Cape Charles. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: Fish business generally, wholesale and retail business.

**THE LAWS OF A WASP ARE SO POWERFUL THAT THE INSECT CAN CUT ITS WAY THROUGH SHELLS.** Mann & Brown, Florists, No. 5 West Broad Street, cordially invite their friends and patrons to the Easter display, commencing Tuesday, Azaleas, lilacs, hydrangeas, rhododendrons, spruces, etc.

**A FRAGRANT DENTIFRICE** **PRO-PHY-TOL** **DRUGSTORES 25c.**

Hang Your Faith on Our Carriages.

The greatest value given today in Virginia on Buggies, Runabouts, Surreys, Wagons and Harness.

Prices in reach of everybody.

**Ainslie Carriage Co.,**  
Salesroom and Factory,  
Nos. 8, 10 and 12 S. Eighth St.  
RICHMOND, VA.

FOR A LIMITED TIME YOU WILL FIND

## PENNIES IN EVERY PACKAGE OF MAMMY'S EXTRACTS.

ONE CENT in 10c Packages | A Liberal Offer for Thrifty Housekeepers | THREE CENTS in 25c Packages

If Your Dealer is Out of Stock, Phone Us 478

**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COMPANY,**  
Manufacturing Chemists Richmond, Virginia