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THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Apportionment of Amount from Literary Fund Is Made by the Department.

MUCH MORE THAN LAST YEAR

Total Sum Reaches Nearly a Million and a Half Dollars.

The public schools of Virginia are to have the large sum of \$1,481,992.10 for running expenses during the present year, which is 10 per cent more than was available in 1907. The amount apportioned out of the general revenues was \$1,025,558.50. The table showing how much of this went to each county and city has already been printed. The Department of Public Instruction yesterday gave out the apportionment of \$406,432.60 from the literary fund. It follows:

NEW VIRGINIA CONCERNS

The Corporation Commission yesterday issued the following charters: 1455—T. J. Smith & Co., Incorporated, Richmond. I. J. Smith, president; J. D. Patton, vice-president; C. E. Wingo, and secretary and treasurer—all of Richmond. Capital—Maximum, \$100,000; minimum, \$50,000. Object—Contracting business.

GOVERNOR'S BUSY TIME

Will Make Careful Scrutiny of Reports of Various Departments. Governor Swanson is about to enter upon the task of studying the annual reports of the various departments of the State government, which will begin to come in to him within the next few days.

ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES

Man Injured by Fall from Street Car Sues for \$20,000. Trial was begun yesterday in the Law and Equity Court in the suit of C. H. McFarlane against the Chesapeake and Potomac Ferry Company for damages placed at \$25,000.

Advices Indoor Ranges

Colonel Charles A. Dempsey, of the United States Army, delivered a lecture before the Board of Public Schools last night on the value of target practice. Knowing that on account of the lack of rifle ranges the men were unable to get the proper practice, he advised the use of an indoor range, not so much to train the eye as to become proficient in the proper method of handling arms. The lecture was well attended and the man showed a great deal of interest in the subject.

LIFE OF A PIMPLE

Complexions Are Cleared and Pimples Disappear Overnight Without Trouble. The dispensers of posium, a new skin discovery, ask that notice be given that no one is urged to purchase without first obtaining an experimental package. Those who have tried it will find that the fifty-cent box, on sale at Tragle's and all drug stores, is sufficient to cure the worst cases of acne, eczema, where the surface affected is not too large. The itching ceases at first application. It will also cure acne, pimples, blotches, scaly scalp, herpes, barbed and every other form of skin trouble, including itching feet. Being non-colored and containing no grease, the presence of posium on exposed surfaces, such as the face and hands, is not perceptible. Water and soap cannot be used in connection with it, as these irritate and prolong skin troubles, sometimes even causing them.

HOBO KILLED ON HIS LAST JOURNEY

Body of William Bernstein Identified by Letters to County Jail.

Almost at the same moment Deputy Sheriff Garnett, of Henrico county, received yesterday morning two letters—one from Mrs. L. E. Goodrich, of No. 448 New Jersey Street, S. E., Washington, saying that her brother, William Bernstein, who had lately been an inmate of the jail, had been seriously injured, and one from Sheriff P. M. Daniel, of Russell county, Ala., stating that an unknown man had been killed while trying to beat his way on one of the Seaboard Air Line trains yesterday.

In his letter Sheriff Daniel stated that he had nothing on the person that would lead to the discovery of his identity except an old letter with the jail address scribbled on it and a small chisel. He asked that the address of the man's family be found, so that he could send the body home. The men in jail said that when Bernstein was committed he smuggled the chisel into the jail, and that he often exhibited it, saying that he used it in his trade as a granite chisel paver, and that he had it on his person when he was discharged.

Elect Officers To-Night

The regular meeting of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery will be held at the T. P. A. Building, to-night. Papers will be read by Dr. E. Guy Huggins and Dr. W. A. Appender, with a discussion by Dr. K. S. Blackwell. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Arrest Driver For Theft

Charles Henry (colored), for fifteen years a driver for the Old Dominion Steamship Company, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with stealing a cow, which he had been entrusted to deliver.

Case Against Negro, Charged With Stealing

Samuel Tucker (colored), the Pullman porter, charged with the theft of \$10,000 by diamond from Mrs. Sue Williams Enoch, who was robbed last Thursday en route from Atlantic City to Richmond, was arraigned before Police Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning, and at the request of detectives a hearing was postponed until December 16th. The accused was represented by Attorney Gilbert K. Pollock.

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Formerly Miss Theodore Shonts, whose husband died suddenly shortly after their marriage. A posthumous heir has just been born, and she will retain her position in European aristocracy.

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PREPARE FOR FIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS

Candidates for House Determined Not to Be Overlooked in Political Shuffle.

Candidates for the next House of Delegates, who will meet in January, 1910, are beginning to "feel their way" among the voters in their various sections, and it looks as if many of them will begin active work shortly after the Christmas holidays.

The House fight in the coming campaign promises to be provoked earlier than usual, for reason that those who wish to sit in the lower branch of the next General Assembly realize the importance of being up and doing in order to keep their names from being overshadowed by that for Governor, which is already taking on a pretty lively gait. Many of the present members will stand again, while others will voluntarily retire. Colonel James R. Catton, of Alexandria, is a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, and his seat will be filled by Mr. Hiram M. Smith, a young lawyer, and a son of Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., have urged him to enter the race, and he will carry it. The House adjourned Dr. H. M. Rogers, one of the members from Rockingham, has died. Mr. F. M. Love, of Loudoun, is the only member who has announced his definite announcement that he will not run again, so far as is known here. Judge Alden Bell, of Culpeper, and Deleaher Burdette, of Newport News, John Orr Daniel, of Loudoun; Williams, of Southampton, and Wilson, of Pittsylvania, have been here recently, and they declare their purpose to stand for re-election.

MAY SET BUILDING LINE

Mayor Approves Ordinance Which Takes Effect at Once.

Mayor Richardson yesterday returned from the ambulance corps, arrived. She was removed to the almshouse, and at midnight was hovering between life and death.

HOLD COTTAGE MEETINGS

Ministerial Union Preparing for Christmas Meetings in January. Fifty-four ministers, members of the Ministerial Union of Richmond, met yesterday at 12 o'clock in the Presbyterian Committee of Publication's rooms to arrange for the Christmas-Alexander evangelistic meetings to be held here from January 5th to 21st, inclusive. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Hugh D. C. MacLachlan, pastor of Seventh Street Christian Church, and great enthusiasm was shown in the Chapman movement.

Arrangements were made for a hundred or more cottage prayer-meetings to be held to-night throughout the city, preparatory to the Chapman-Alexander campaign. These meetings, which will be interdenominational in character, are to be held for three successive Tuesday nights, beginning to-night.

The Westminster Church, in the extreme west end of the city, will turn its regular Tuesday night prayer-meeting into a union evangelistic service, and all residents of that part of the city not in the cottage meetings are cordially invited to attend the services at the church.

E. G. Chapman of Winona Lake, Minn., who is the Chapman campaign, will be to this city Tuesday, December 15th, for a conference with the union regarding the revival in January.

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