INSTALL OFFICERS BEFORE BANQUET

Many Visitors Join Commercial Travelers' Union at Pleasant Ceremony.

Following the installation of new officers appointed to fill the vacancies left by the resignations of Secretary W. T. Shepherd and R. F. Nixon, sentinel, a banquet was held at Murphy's Hotel, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Richmond Council, No. 159, United Commercial Travelers of America.

The services were held immediately before the banquet at the United Commercial Travelers' Hall, the officers who were installed being D. D. MacGregor, secretary; A. T. Gray, conductor; John C. Goode, page; E. L. Norton, sentinel, and W. M. Gilmore, chaplain. Former Secretary Shepherd had served for nine years.

D. K. Clink, of Chicago, secretary of the International Federation of Commercial Travelers' organization; C. L. Barker, of Columbia, O., editor of the Sample Case, the official organ, and L. E. Valloft, of New Orleans, member of the supreme executive committee, conducted the services.

The banquet was thoroughly enjoyed by 103 members and friends of the Richmond Council, and the visitors, who are returning after attending the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington as representatives of the U. C. T., responded to toasts, in which they told of the great work which was done by the order in the congress and throughout the country.

The Rev. H. D. C. Machchlan, of this city; Colonel J. S. Harwood, and W. K. Bache, president of Post A, Travelers' Protective Association, of Richmond, also spoke.

MOOSE BRINGS GOLD

Death Struggles of Animal Disclose Fortune to the Hunters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPOKANE, WASH., December 12.—Oscar T. Nelson writes to relatives in this city from Fairbanks, Alaska, that by killing a bull moose near Fairbanks Creek, he and his partners Washburn and Johnson, prospectors, have come into a fortune by the discovery of a vein of gold, uncovered by the long horn in its death struggles. The animal was shot from a "blind," at a distance of 150 yards, the first bullet striking a vital spot.

While quartering the moose, Nelson discovered that the rock, which had been exposed from an under layer of moss torn loose by the animal, bore gold in large quantities. The hunters made a closer investigation with their magnifying glasses, and immediately staked out several claims on which they filed at Fairbanks. A rush of miners from Fairbanks followed the discovery.

RENDEZVOUS IN ROADS

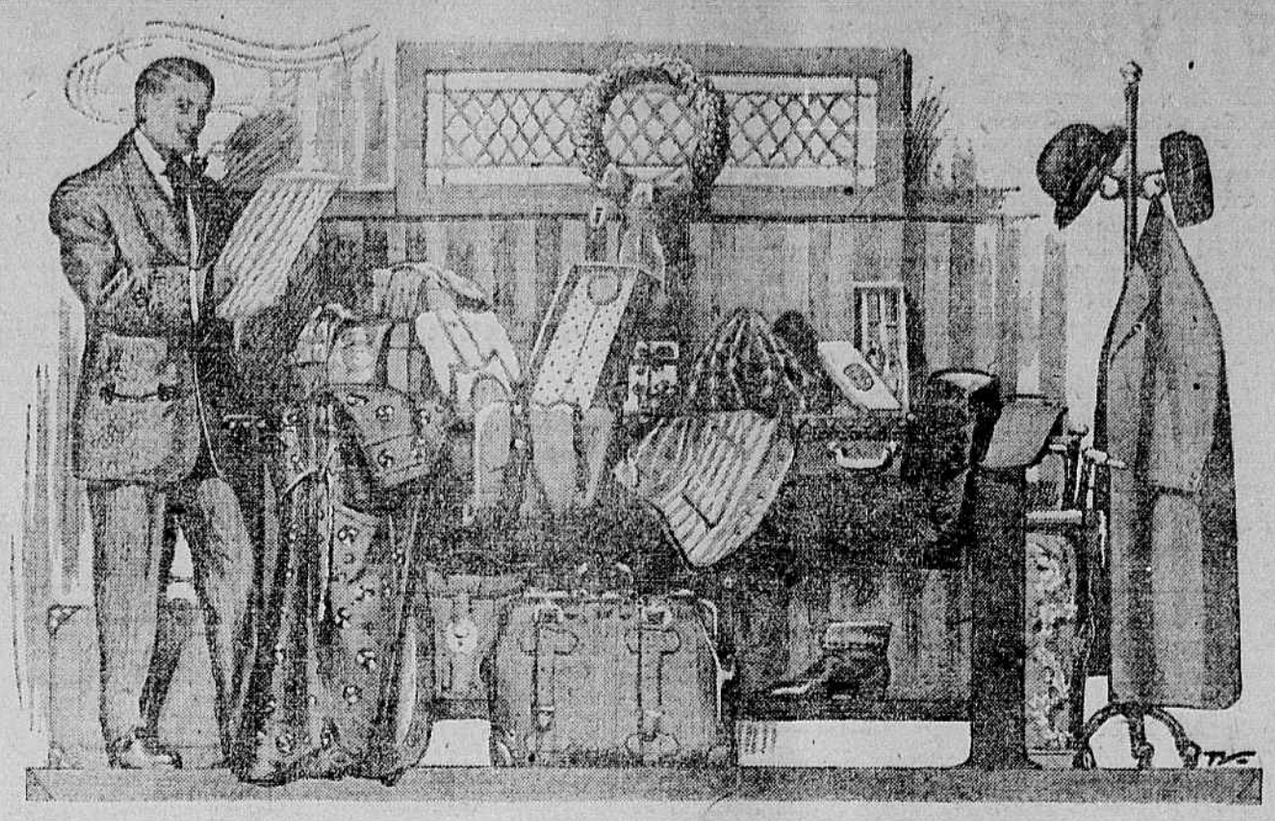
Battleships and Cruisers to Assemble to Meet the Atlantic Fleet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 12.—The battleship Maine, flagship of the third squadron, with Rear-Admiral Conway H. Arnold in command, will sail for Hampton Roads to-morrow, where, in all probability, the warships will rendezvous previous to starting across to meet the battleship fleet.

Definite orders have not been issued, but it is understood that the vessels to go are the battleships Maine, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina and the scout cruisers Chester, Salem and Birmingham.

Arrangements have been completed for the presentation to the Chester of the silver service purchased by the citizens of Chester, Pa. Congressman Thomas S. Butler and Mayor D. M. Johnson will come from Chester for the ceremony, which will be at the navy-yard next Tuesday. The silver service, costing $2,500, was purchased more than a year ago, but owing to the strike of the conductors and motormen of the Chester Traction Company at the time the presentation was postponed indefinitely.



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GLENN FOR CONGRESS

North Carolina's Governor May Seek a Seat in the House.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 12.—The friends of Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, say that they would not be surprised if he became a candidate for the nomination for Congress in the Fifth District two years hence. The Democratic nominee was defeated there this year by John Motley Morehead, a Republican.

FOOD FOR FANS

Enthusiast Boosts Jimmy Collins for Manager of Brooklyns.

NEW YORK, December 12.—If President Ebbetts, of the Brooklyn Club, wants a real live manager," said a prominent baseball man to-day, "why doesn't he sign Jimmy Collins, who has just been released unconditionally by Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics? Collins was the manager of the Boston Americans when they won the pennant several years ago from the Highlanders by a single game. He showed then that he possessed managerial ability, and would have remained in the Hub had it not been for trouble in the club. He played good ball for a while with the Athletics and his leg finally made it impossible for him to continue. Ebbetts cannot get Dahlen or Jack Dunn. Then why not Collins?"

Star Play.

"To my mind," says Charley Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, "St. Louis has made a star play in getting Lou Criger. Next to Billy Sullivan and John Kling, Criger is the best catcher in America.

"Barring these men there has not been a good catcher developed in ten years, and to-day a first-class back stop is not only the hardest proposition to secure, but he is more valuable to a ball team than ever before in the history of the game. Looking back I must say that catchers like Buck Ewing, Charley Bennett, Jack Boyle and Silver Flint have never been equaled."

Charges Made Public.

Baseball men were inclined to score the National League to-day for making public alleged bribery charges made by the umpires who officiated in the last New York-Chicago game at the Polo Grounds. It was a prevalent opinion that nothing should have been made public until conclusive proof of guilt had been secured, and that if the charges, upon investigation in this respect had been found to be groundless, the whole matter should have been suppressed. The publication of such a matter, according to conservative ball men, is not inclined to benefit the game, especially in view of the fact that there are many skeptics who are always ready to challenge the integrity of the sport.

GALLERY GAVE WAY

Scores Injured in Yiddish Theatre During Performance in New York.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 12.—A score of persons were cut and bruised, and a boy had his leg broken, when the gallery on one side of a Yiddish vaudeville theatre, known as the "Golden Rule," at No. 125 Irvington Street, gave way to-night and dumped those on it into the crowd below.

Both the lower floor and the galleries were crowded at the time, and the excitement that followed the accident was so great that the police reserves from half a dozen precincts were called out.

The building in which the collapse occurred is an old five-story residence, with its two lower floors made into a theatre. The first floor holds about 250 persons, while on each side is a gallery suspended by iron rods from the ceiling of the next floor. The gallery is surrounded by lattice work, on top of which is a heavy wooden railing.

The Saturday night crowd at the "Golden Rule" was so big that after these seats on each side of the galleries had been filled, other persons were allowed to stand in any vacant spot they could find there.

Many of those who were standing were leaning against the wooden hand rail of the gallery. The song and dance team, Tuchsband and Kaplan, had just gone on the stage, when, without any warning, the wooden rail gave way, and those who were leaning against it fell upon the heads of those below. The crowd was in a panic at once, and no one in the audience waited to see what the trouble was. Every one who could get out ran into the street.

The police reserves went inside to aid the injured. In all parts of the house wounded men, women and children were lying on the floors or sitting in chairs nursing their hurts and bruises. A call had been sent to Bellevue and Governeur's Hospitals, and by the time the police had gotten the injured to the corner drug store half a dozen surgeons arrived and went to work dressing the injuries.

Abraham Neirstein, ten years old, who had his leg broken, was the only one to go to the hospital. The other injured persons were suffering from cuts and bruises on their heads and faces.

President Has Eyes Tested.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—President Roosevelt visited the Naval School Hospital to have his eyes tested. He was accompanied by Surgeon-General P. M. Rixey, United States Navy, chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Surgeon-General Rixey declined to say who made the examination or tell whether or not Mr. Roosevelt's eyes are strong enough to see the lions he will hunt for in Africa next year.

New Board of Trade.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CROZET, VA., December 12.—A meeting was held in the new bank building in Crozet Friday night, which was well attended by residents having business interests in this community. It was decided to organize a board of trade. This proposition was unanimously agreed to, and the following officers were elected: Messrs. Russell Bargamin, president Bank of Crozet, president; Dr. W. Fitzhugh Carter, vice-president; Walter Whatey, secretary, and R. E. Wayland, treasurer.

It was decided to take steps immediately towards helping the development of this place by means of advertising and using the influence of the board in improving facilities for transaction of business.

Remarkable Birth.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., December 12.—One of the most remarkable births ever recorded occurred in Hardwick, when a male child weighing twenty-seven pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Herrick.

The child only lived a few minutes after birth. The father and mother, who are each thirty-five years of age, are parents of twelve children.

Mrs. Whitney Gets Divorce.

OMAHA, NEB., December 12.—Mrs. Cora Whitney, wife of Caspar William Whitney, of New York, editor of "Outing" magazine, and one of the best known sporting writers in the country, was granted a divorce with $300 a month alimony in Judge Estelle's division of the district court here this afternoon. The charges were cruelty and non-support.

Public Lands Sold.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

AUSTIN, TEX., December 12.—State Land Commissioner J. J. Terrell to-day advised the government that he had sold 337,967 acres of public lands during the last three months for the sum of $1,137,000. This leaves 3,000,000 acres of public lands still unsold. The unsold land is valued at $12,000,000.

House Is Destroyed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DILLWYN, VA., December 12.—At 12 o'clock Thursday night a fire started in the cock-room of Mr. W. A. Fones's residence, burning the entire house to the ground. It being so late at night the family was asleep, and it was impossible to get help or to save anything from the burning building.

Seriously Injured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 12.—James Kennedy, a freight brakeman, employed at the Potomac Railroad yards, Alexandria county, was seriously injured at 11 o'clock last night by being caught between two cars. He was removed to the Alexandria Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. W. M. Smith. Kennedy resides in Washington.

Believes It Incendiary.

Manager C. N. Reed, of the Gaiety Theatre, near Third and Broad, said yesterday that there was unmistakable evidence to show that the fire at his theatre at 3 o'clock Thursday morning was due to incendiary origin, as a blaze had been kindled near the curtain.

Southern Earnings Increase.

Estimated earnings of the Southern Railway for the first week in December show an increase of $119,997 as compared with the corresponding week of last year.

Residence Burns.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

KING GEORGE, VA., December 12.—The residence of Commonwealth's Attorney W. A. Rose, at King George, was destroyed by fire yesterday about 4 o'clock P. M. The fire started in the kitchen. The origin is not known, as the family was absent. There was no insurance.

Say He Ran Gambling House.

Charles Mosley, colored, was arrested yesterday evening on a charge of running a gambling house at First and Charity Streets, and defrauding Samuel Jackson out of $3.50.

OBITUARY

Richard Neugebauer.

Mr. Richard Neugebauer died suddenly yesterday morning at his residence, No. 1224 East Marshall Street, in the twenty-ninth year of his age.

The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Dr. Robert W. Robinson.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., December 12.—Dr. Robert Wilson Robinson, former city physician and one of the best known citizens, died here to-day, after a long illness from heart trouble. He was thirty-eight years of age, and was born in Danville, being the son of the late Dr. R. R. Robinson. He lived here his entire life, except for a brief period, when he was connected with one of the Richmond hospitals. Dr. Robinson is survived by a mother, Mrs. Jennie Robinson, and a sister, Miss Kate Robinson, both of this city.

Injuries Prove Fatal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 12.—Mrs. Emily England, who was badly burned at her residence in Stafford county near this city a few days ago by her clothing taking fire from an open fireplace, died last night from her injuries. She had reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. Five children, four sons and one daughter, two stepsons and a number of grandchildren survive her.

Joseph H. Crist.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 12.—Joseph H. Crist, aged twenty-five years, a son of A. L. Crist, a prominent West End merchant, died to-day, after a long illness, of typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and an infant daughter. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, and an unusually popular young man. He was an alumnus of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

L. F. Moreland.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, VA., December 12.—L. F. Moreland, a prominent resident of Clarke county, died to-day at the home of his son, William Moreland, at Castleman's Ferry, aged sixty-six years. Mr. Moreland served in the Confederate army, and was noted for his bravery. A widow, two sons and two daughters survive.

Mrs. Eva Mills.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 12.—Mrs. Eva Mills, wife of J. H. Mills, of this city, died at her home here to-day, after an illness of two weeks, aged thirty-eight years. She is survived by her husband and two daughters.

DEATHS

ASHER.—Died, on Thursday morning, at 3 o'clock, at his residence, 528 North First Street, LEE ASHER, in his fifty-sixth year. Mr. Asher came to this country from Hanover, Germany, when quite a boy and began his career of business in this city, which he made his home. After following a mercantile career for several years, he embarked in the ice business, which he carried on successfully up to the time of his illness, which occurred almost three years ago, when he was stricken with paralysis, from which he never recovered. Mr. Asher made a host of friends by his strict attention to business and his honest and courteous treatment of all he came in contact with, and it could be honestly said that he never had an enemy, but enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Mr. Asher leaves, besides his widow, nine children, to mourn his loss.

He was buried from St. Peter's Catholic Church with a requiem high mass, celebrated by Rev. Father Gilsen, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. M. Interment took place in Mt. Calvary, with the following as pallbearers: G. C. Guvernator, Wm. J. Miller, Jos. W. Billey, Samuel Stern, Geo. Robbins, Samuel Atkinson, W. B. Lehman, P. Quinn, John Carmody, Jas. Cosby, P. Linnehan.

Birmingham (Ala.), Charlotte (N. C.), Columbia (S. C.) and Washington (D. C.) papers please copy.

COLLINS.—Died, December 9, 1903, in her seventy-eighth year, Mrs. HARRIET M. COLLINS, widow of Edward O. Collins, at her daughter's home, Hanover county, Va. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Maggie A. Lovings and Mrs. Mary C. Tate, and one son, Mr. Charles T. Collins, and many grandchildren to mourn their loss.

NEUGEBAUER.—Died, suddenly at 1224 East Marshall Street, Saturday, December 12th, at 7:30 A. M., RICHARD NEUGEBAUER, in the twenty-ninth year of his age.

Funeral THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Friends invited.

Dissolution Notices.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 12, 1903.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of Moring & Butler, conducting the stairbuilding business in rear of No. 18 South Laurel Street, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All bills owing the above concern are due and payable to E. A. Moring, he assuming all indebtedness of said concern.

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150 pairs Women's Shoes, cloth top, patent leather; worth $4.00, my price $2.50.

100 pairs Patent Leather Pumps; worth $2.00, my price $1.00.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Sunday and Monday; warmer Sunday; fresh southwest winds.

North Carolina—Fair Sunday and Monday; moderate temperature; light variable winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

8 A. M. temperature	44
Humidity	89
Wind, direction	NW.
Wind, velocity	12
Weather	Clear
Rainfall	0.78
12 noon temperature	49
3 P. M. temperature	50
Maximum temperature up to 5 P. M.	50
Minimum temperature up to 5 P. M.	45
Mean temperature	46
Normal temperature	42
Excess in temperature yesterday	4
Excess in temperature since March 1st	37
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1st	57
Excess in rainfall since March 1st	8.53
Accum. excess in rainfall since January 1st	10.66

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.)

Place.	Ther.	H'T.	Weather.
Asheville	36	42	Clear
Atlanta	44	48	Clear
Buffalo	26	30	Rain
Charlotte	46	56	Clear
Chicago	38	40	Rain
Cincinnati	38	40	P. cloudy
Detroit	28	28	Rain
Hatteras	48	54	Clear
Jacksonville	62	70	Clear
Kansas City	48	50	Clear
Memphis	48	48	Clear
Mobile	60	66	Cloudy
New Orleans	62	62	Cloudy
Oklahoma City	54	64	Clear
Pittsburg	30	32	Rain
Raleigh	44	52	Clear
Savannah	54	64	Clear
Norfolk	42	52	Clear
Tampa	64	74	Rain
Washington	32	42	Clear
Yellowstone	28	28	Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 13, 1903.

		HIGH TIDE.	
Sun rises	7:18	Morning	8:46
Sun sets	4:51	Evening	8:58
Moon rises	10:20		

Rheumatism Caused by Dyspepsia

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A large school of physicians, which is constantly increasing, claims that the eating of too much animal foods creates an oversupply of proteids, which are composed of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, and that when such proteids are imperfectly digested and go into the blood they create vast quantities of nitrogen, which the oxygen from the lungs cannot neutralize, and hence results uric acid and rheumatism and scores of other diseases.

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