

ELECTION CALLED FOR PETERSBURG

Citizens Will Vote For or Against the Liquor Business on May 27.

COMPROMISE IS REJECTED

Efforts of Business Interests to Restrict the Traffic Prove Futile.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 102 North Gleamers Street, Petersburg, Va., April 26.

The movement to call off the local option election in this city, started in conference by representatives of the business and temperance elements in the community, met its death to-day. At this conference it was decided, without knowing how the matter would be received by either party in interest, but in an effort of compromise, to submit to the liquor dealers a proposition for higher license and stricter regulations, and afterwards to consult the temperance leaders. The proposition was submitted to the liquor dealers on Saturday, with instructions to confer with them, and during the day the entire body of them signed a paper agreeing to the following restrictions, providing a local option election shall not be held in two years:

Opening hours of saloons, from 7 o'clock A. M. to 9 o'clock P. M. To pay a license tax to the city of \$500 for each saloon.

To remove all screens and other obstructions from bars. Not to sell liquor of any description to any person known to be a habitual drunkard or who is in the habit of periodically or otherwise becoming drunk.

This agreement was returned to George Cameron, Jr., of the conference, and by his request was to-day presented by Rev. W. C. Taylor, D. D., to the Pastors' Union at its regular meeting as a compromise measure looking to the calling off of the forthcoming local option election. The matter was fully discussed at the pastors' meeting, and the following answer was agreed on and made public:

Petersburg, Va., April 26, 1909. Mr. George Cameron, Jr., et al., Gentlemen:—I have submitted your verbal request to the union pastors' meeting, Petersburg, and am requested to state to you that we joined the citizens of Petersburg in their attempt one year ago to procure some restrictions on the sale of liquor in the city of Petersburg, and it is generally known that the saloon men opposed those restrictions at that time and secured their defeat, notwithstanding the temperance people were represented by the following committee: R. B. Davis, A. M. Hill, B. Roper, Sr., T. F. Kidd, Augustus Wright, T. B. MacIn, J. A. Gill, J. B. Shackelford, H. S. Seward, Bernard Mack, H. E. Munn, W. M. Rucker and Walter Hayes, and that this committee presented to the Council the signatures of 800 voters asking for the restrictions which that committee had formulated.

We did not hear of this proposed compromise on the part of the liquor men until after the petition asking for a local option election had been in the hands of the judge for seven days. Neither the unsure, nor anything nor any part of it is an executive committee representing the 800 citizens or more who have called for this local option election, and this meeting does not feel that it has any authority to try to withdraw this petition of the citizens, even if such a thing is possible at this late day.

We are informed that the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia has been requested to take charge of this campaign, and we would suggest that any proposition which you may have to make should be submitted to the authorities of the Anti-Saloon League.

Respectfully, W. C. TAYLOR. Head of Compromise Effort.

The liquor dealers claim that the above answer places them in rather a false light. They declare that they



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neither originated nor made any proposition for a compromise; that the matter is now ended with them; that they will submit no proposition to the authorities of the State Anti-Saloon League, and will make their fight at the local option election. They say that "the restrictions on the sale of liquor," referred to in the above answer, involved a license tax of \$1,000, and the reduction of the number of saloons in the city to fifteen.

The request made to Judge Mullen to defer issuing the writ of election was withdrawn to-day, and this evening the writ was issued fixing May 27 as the day for holding the local option election. The fight for success will be on at once.

Candidates for Municipal Offices. The time for candidates for municipal offices, to be voted for in the Democratic primary election on May 7, expired at 12 o'clock to-day. The following announced themselves as candidates and paid in their assessment fees:

For City Treasurer—William E. Ramsey (Incumbent) and E. Gill Hinton.

For City Sergeant—John B. Evans (Incumbent) and Edward M. Barkdale.

For Collector of Taxes—William H. Camp (Incumbent) and Charles L. Wright.

For High Constable—John A. Malory (Incumbent) and Owen Gilmore.

For Commonwealth's Attorney—Richard H. Mann (Incumbent).

For City Gauger—W. A. Heath (Incumbent).

For Justices of the Peace: First Ward—none. Second Ward—E. D. Butler and V. H. Borst. Third Ward—none. Fourth Ward—C. G. Pleasant and James B. Tallentire. Fifth Ward—none. Sixth Ward—W. O. Newsome.

Methodist Sunday-School Association. The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday-School Association was held yesterday afternoon in the church in Matoaca. The weather was fine and the attendance large. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Augustus Wright were read and adopted.

Reports of the average register and attendance at the various schools for the past month were submitted as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Schools, Ave. reg. Ave. at P.C.

The school collections for the month were \$166.26, and several of the schools reported conversions.

Persons and Otherwise. Rev. C. B. Richards will leave this week for Mathews county, where he has accepted a call to the pastoral charge of three churches—Oak Grove, Holly Grove and Westville.

Miss Dorothy Brooke Pleasant, an accomplished young pianist, will give a recital at the Duncan Brown Memorial School on Thursday night in which she will be assisted by Miss Jean Greenway, trig as vocalist.

The Odd-Fellows of Petersburg attended divine service last night at the

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NORFOLK TAKING LITTLE INTEREST

People Are Apparently Equally Divided Between Mann and Tucker.

ORGANIZATION FOR MANN

Position of Liquor Element May Throw Some Votes to Tucker.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., April 26.—From a State standpoint, things are dead politically in Norfolk, and it is probable that less interest is being manifested locally in the gubernatorial race than in a number of years. It is also a fact that things are about evenly divided between the two candidates, Mann and Tucker.

Of course, the local political organization leaders, always said to be lined up with the "State ring," are for Judge Mann, but it is also true that these are taking little interest. It is also true that Mr. Tucker has a host of personal friends among the politicians who will vote for him, and they really prefer the election of Mann.

The fact that the local liquor interests of Norfolk are openly advocating the election of Mann, where there have been expressions of opinion, has some people guessing and will probably cost Judge Mann some votes.

As yet the local option campaign, so far as meetings are concerned, is one-sided. While the Anti-Saloon League is active in work, beyond the securing of additional registration, the saloon forces are doing nothing. They are confident that the registration lists are heavily in favor of the saloon. These men are rarely mistaken in counting noses.

After the Resorts. It is announced by the Anti-Saloon League leaders that at the same time they are conducting a local option election in Norfolk, they propose to bend every energy to close liquor resorts at Ocean View, Pine Beach, Virginia Beach and Cape Henry. In carrying Norfolk county they close the bars in the first two, and it is proposed to call elections for the Virginia Beach and Cape Henry resorts during the present summer.

Hard Fight is On. Who will be the next president of the Norfolk School Board is an interesting question, and the friends of Mr. Ruffin declare that he is sure of election at the first meeting that is secured. On the other hand, the friends of Dr. Royster seem confident that when the election is held he will be elected. It is known that Dr. Royster's friends will not attend a meeting before the regular session scheduled for May. While a meeting is called for tomorrow afternoon, it is not believed Dr. Royster's friends will be present.

Expect Big Crop. LYNCHBURG, VA., April 26.—While he believes the early fruits have been almost ruined by frosts, George E. Murrell, ex-president of the Virginia Horticultural Society, and one of the best posted fruit men of Virginia, thinks there will be an immense crop of apples in this portion of Virginia, unless something happens to the bloom in the next few days. There will be some peaches in some of the orchards, which average as much as 500 feet above the valleys.

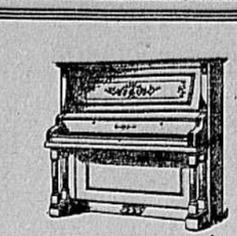
Portrait is Returned. It is Given by Burwell McGuire to State of Mississippi. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BERRYVILLE, VA., April 26.—Burwell McGuire, of this city, has presented to the State of Mississippi a portrait of Hon. David Holmes, the first Governor of that State. Many years ago the State of Mississippi had ordered portraits of other Civil War leaders during the Civil War. Recently it was learned by the State officials of Mississippi that the only remaining portrait was in the possession of Mr. McGuire, to whom it had been presented by his father, who had secured it as a gift from the late David Holmes Conrad, of Martinsburg, W. Va.

Contest Very Even. Tucker and Mann Running "Neck and Neck" in This District. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROCKY MOUNT, VA., April 26.—The coming Democratic primary election is exciting considerable discussion here. Interest centres on the fight for Governor between Judge William Hodgson Mann and Hon. Harry C. George Tucker. Each has a strong following here, and at this stage of the game it looks like an "even break" between them.

Comitia Sulfida. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 26.—W. V. Saunders, of Essex county, killed himself with a shotgun. He was thirty-five years old, and had been in bad health.

Large Sand Caught. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CAPE CHARLES, VA., April 26.—A shad weighing twelve pounds was caught in the Chesapeake Bay near here by Sterling Brothers. This catch is regarded as the largest this season.

Takes His Own Life. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HIGH POINT, N. C., April 25.—Rand Peace, of Thomasville, committed suicide by hanging himself this morning. He was gardener at the Baptist dispensary there, and had been for many years. He went to a barn, closed the door on the outside, and crawled through a window. He is said to have been mentally deranged.



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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 26.—This city's carnival and home-coming week was formally opened to-night amid a blaze of glory in the presence of thousands of spectators, when the King, Harry Fleischmann, designated as "Harry the Outcast," and the Queen, Miss Marie Fannon, were crowned. The event took place in the handsome inaugural court of honor at a stand erected at Washington and Princess Streets.

Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace E. Church, who assumed the role of archbishop of the king's retinue, after which Mayor F. J. Paff, in a few facetious remarks, in which he wished the reign of the king and queen success, turned the keys of the city over to the king. During the ceremonies the city and fire bells were rung, and whistles and other noise-making instruments of an endless variety added to the din.

Following the coronation, the king proceeded to the upper end of King Street to the city's limits, and attached the key to a massive wooden column erected for that purpose. The king and queen were afterward royally entertained, and the festivities were not concluded until midnight.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the king embarked in his chariot at the King Street wharf, which was covered with red velvet, over which there was a canopy with flowers on either side. Heated by twelve mounted warriors fired in Roman costume, the king and his party, consisting of twelve others, which included a soothsayer, astronomer, pages and equines, proceeded up King Street in the chariot, accompanied by the Almas Patrol, of Washington. A negro dressed to represent a Nubian slave, walked beside the king's chariot, which was drawn by four horses.

Scene of Rare Beauty. Afterward the queen left from the western end of the city in her chariot, which was covered in purple, with a golden canopy. She was accompanied by six women mounted, and an equal number of flower girls. The king's twelve warriors then escorted her up to the court of honor, where the ceremony took place. The scene was one of rare beauty, and there were loud hurrahs as the queen was crowned, which was followed by a pyrotechnic display.

Afterwards the Almas Patrol, of Washington in their unique costumes, gave a fancy exhibition drill. The queen then returned to her castle and was entertained, while the king was entertained at the Elks' Club, Alexandria. A negro dressed to represent a Nubian slave, walked beside the king's chariot, which was drawn by four horses.

King Street, the principal thoroughfare, is to-night a blaze of glory, with its 470 miniature electric bulbs festooned from end to end, while the handsome inaugural court of honor is also resplendent in its dress of flags, bunting, pennants and festoons of lights from end to end.

The committee having in charge the parade for Friday afternoon next, at which time the George Washington Park will be formally dedicated, has about completed arrangements for the big event, and it is expected that a program will be given out to-morrow. As previously stated in The Times-Dispatch, the coronation will be held under the auspices of Alexandria, Washington Lodge of Masons, with an address by Governor Swanson. President Taft, Vice-President Sherman and other distinguished guests will review

the parade at Washington and Princess Streets, after which they will witness the dedication of the park.

Funeral of Mrs. Janvier. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, VA., April 26.—The funeral of Mrs. Howard Janvier, who died in Norfolk Saturday, at the home of her niece, Mrs. John Robinson, took place at Ware Church to-day, the rector, Rev. William B. Lee, officiating. A large number of friends and neighbors gathered to pay their last respects to this beloved woman. Those present from a distance were: Dr. and Mrs. John Robinson and Mrs. Mather Wallis, of Norfolk; Miss Lullie Cushman, of Philadelphia; Philip Meredith, of Harrisonburg, Pa.; Harvey Meredith, of Altoona, Pa.; St. George Bryan, of Richmond, Mrs. Janvier was a sister of Mrs. T. James Meredith, of Wilson Creek, where she made her home.

Teachers Elect Officers. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CARDWELL, VA., April 26.—The teachers of Goodland county met at the courthouse Saturday, the second meeting since the association was formed in this county. A coroner's jury program had been arranged for the occasion.

The following officers were elected: E. B. Givens, president; Miss Annie Bowles, secretary and treasurer; Miss Minnie Trice, vice-president; Byrd District; Miss Lena Lacy, vice-president of Licking Hole District; Mrs. M. G. Johnson, vice-president, of Dover District.

COURT IN SESSION. Civil and Minor Criminal Cases Are Being Tried. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOYDTON, VA., April 26.—Circuit Court was in session here all of last week, but no cases of special interest were tried. The court was engaged for the most part in the trial of small

criminal cases. Only one man was put on trial for his life, a negro, Sam Langauge, for the murder of Jeff Smith. The jury gave him twenty years in the penitentiary.

Court will continue this week, when the civil docket will be gone into. Quite a number of civil cases had to lie over from court to court for the past six or eight months, in consequence of so much time being consumed in the trial of criminal cases.

The trial of C. Haskins in connection with the failure of the Chase City Branch of the Bank of Mecklenburg was continued to the June term. Mr. Haskins appeared in court and renewed his bond for his appearance in court in June.

Negro Is Killed. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CULPEPPER, VA., April 26.—Word has reached Culpepper that Posey Turner, a negro living near Rixeyville, Culpepper county, shot to death another negro, Charles Williams, Saturday night. A coroner's jury brought in a verdict of murder against Turner, who, after the crime, managed to make his escape, and has not yet been arrested.

Aged Guests at Banquet. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LEESBURG, VA., April 26.—Matthew Pulliam, a first cousin of William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, recently celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday at his home in Clarke county, with a big dinner, and at the main table were gathered forty of the oldest citizens of the county, friends and neighbors of the host whose aggregate ages ran over 3,000 years.

Looking for Derelict. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BEAUFORT, N. C., April 26.—The derelict destroyer, General Captain Randles, from New York left Tuesday, left Cape Lookout Cape to-day in search of the derelict schooner Elvira Ball.

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