to pass the State aid law. Now 90 out of the 100 counties have applied for this State aid. He emphasized the fact that no county had ever built a system of good roads without State aid. The State, he said, is giving three kinds of aid: Free engineering and surveying, convict labor and money. The last Legislature appropriated $250,000 to be given to the counties, those counties taking advantage of the appropriation to raise dollar for dollar received.

He complained that the Davis Shoe Company has a contract with the State to get 1,000 convicts at 42 cents a day, which makes it impossible for the counties to secure sufficient aid from the convict road force. He referred to the increase in money values which good roads brought, and remarked upon an instance in Dinwiddie in which a farm on a poor road originally brought $8 an acre, but when a good road was projected, brought $20 an acre, even before an inch of the road had been built. Transportation over a dirt road, he stated, costs between 25 and 50 cents a ton a mile. This would be materially decreased if a good road were built.

Commissioner's Encouragement.

District Commissioner McFarland, of Washington, said:

"A civilization is known by its roads. The Roman roads still show the Roman civilization, centuries after the Roman Empire disappeared. Napoleon reckoned among his greatest services to France the roads which were the example to Europe. A city, a county, a State, is no better than its roads. It is time that every city, county and State faced this fact. The good roads pioneers of our own country, including the bicyclist and the automobilist, have shown in cold figures the business value of good roads. A city, a community, will bring money to its citizens tenfold for every dollar that it expends on road-making.

"Taxation and, if necessary, bond issues, will be amply justified and repaid. It is astonishing that right near the national capital, in the proud Old Dominion, the first State in which the new civilization that we call American set its future, there should be such a disgraceful piece as that between George Washington's home town and the Federal city that he founded. The Mount Vernon Boulevard should have come long ago, but we must not wait for that before making the road between Alexandria and Washington worthy of Virginia and the national capital. I would hate to have any intelligent foreigner go over that road now. When the President visited Alexandria on a recent very successful occasion he had to be brought in a roundabout fashion instead of by the shortest route. I rejoice that the progressive men of Virginia and of Washington have joined hands in this much-needed and admirable enterprise, and I shall do everything in my power to promote it. I believe it will succeed. I shall be glad to attend the formal opening of the new road at no distant day.

Praise for Newspapers.

"Let us not forget in thanking those who have stirred us up in this matter, the Washington Post and The Richmond Times-Dispatch, which have done noble service in this undertaking. With the press anything can be done; without it, very little in the way of material improvement. Fortunately, we have in the press of Washington and Virginia admirable examples of the service which the modern newspaper can render in the material development of its community."

J. E. Pennybacker, who has spoke at several meetings in the State, referred to the work which has been done in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and other States, and said that it had been proven to be but a matter of dollars and cents, in which the farmer was chiefly interested. He spoke of the road which is being built between Washington and Baltimore, and said that Virginia should not be outdone; that it was equally important to have a macadam road between Alexandria and Washington as between Washington and Baltimore.

District Commissioner West said he was in favor of a highway between Washington and Alexandria, but declared that the movement should be extended so that a highway should be built between Washington and Mt. Vernon, an idea that brought forth the greatest aplause.

The Larger Movement.

Mr. Colman declared that the road now proposed is but the beginning of a great highway frim Washington to Richmond, and stated that the two papers interested in the movement were in it to stay and would work until their end was accomplished. He read a letter from Ira E. Bennett, editor in chief of the Washington Post, in which it was stated that several local building firms have asked to be permitted to compete in building 1,000-foot stretches on the highway proposed, the papers to give a certificate to the winner. Just before the meeting closed W. A. Downey, of Washington offered to give $100 toward the movement.

That the road between the two cities will be built is not doubted, for the people of Alexandria and Washington and the county have gone to work with a will and part of the money necessary has already been subscribed, and it is said there will be no difficulty in raising the remainder.

Those who occupied seats on the stage were Mayor Paff, District Commissioners MacFarland and West, Harry A. Colman, city editor of the Washington Post; Allen Potts, managing editor of The Times-Dispatch; Leonard Tufts, of Pinehurst, N. C.; State Senator C. T. Lassiter, J. E. Pennybacker, C. H. Hoyt and H. L. Harwood, secretary-treasurer of the State Good Roads Association.

On taking the chair of the permanent organization, Mr. Williams said he would give his best efforts toward the success of the movement. He thanked the Washington Post for its work in behalf of the undertaking.

GOOD ROADS CAR MOVING.

Times-Dispatch Industrial Editor Makes a Fine Run.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FARMVILLE, VA., August 12.—The Times-Dispatch good roads and industrial car, in charge of Frank S. Woodson, industrial editor, reached here at 5 o'clock this afternoon, having made a splendid run through the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and Cumberland into Prince Edward. The car is to-night resting at the Planters' Warehouse, and Mr. Woodson and Mr. Montgomery are quartered at the Westover Hotel. The car was met here by James L. Hart, chairman of the board of supervisors of Prince Edward county, who insisted that the good roads advocate of The Times-Dispatch should make a run over the recently constructed macadamized roads out of Farmville towards Hampden-Sidney College. Taking Chairman Hart and Miss Glenn, a relative of Mr. Woodson, aboard the car, he made a run of over three miles on the new road, returning to Farmville in time for supper. Mr. Woodson expressed a most favorable opinion of the macadam, declaring it to be one of the best constructed highways he has seen in all his travels. This road is undoubtedly an object lesson that all good roads advocates in Virginia ought to see. It was built by county and State aid, under the direct supervision of a State highway engineer, and the State Commissioner pronounced it one of the best in Virginia.

The county of Prince Edward has now under construction four miles more of the same sort of good roads. One-half of the cost of these roads is paid out of the one-quarter of the net proceeds from the Farmville Dispensary.

Mr. Woodson' reports that he left Richmond this morning about 8 o'clock, and with the Chalmers-Detroit car made a rapid trip through Chesterfield and Powhatan counties to Powhatan Courthouse, reaching there in two hours from the capital city. At Powhatan Courthouse he made a talk on good roads to a select audience, among his hearers being P. G. Miller, a real estate man; James A. Tillman, county court clerk; W. E. Massie, Dr. R. E. Tucker, M. W. Nichols, J. T. Crump, O. L. Brauer, W. A. Randlevaugh, C. H. Simpson, C. C. Worsham, W. S. Good, W. R. Davis, H. W. Goode, L. O. Davis and others.

Powhatan county has a bonded indebtedness of $40,000, these bonds being devoted to the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad, and while the people are very much in favor of good roads, it would be hard to induce them to make a further bond issue to build. However, the people are being educated up to a good roads sentiment, and it is likely that they will do their part by a bond issue or otherwise for a first-class macadam road from Farmville to Richmond, to tap the capital route.

The road Mr. Woodson traveled over to-day from Richmond to Farmville was on a ridge or watershed lying between the James and Appomattox Rivers, and is naturally a good one. Mr. Woodson met and talked with many people on his route, among them being N. E. Whitlock, at Macon; E. A. Baugh, sheriff of Powhatan county, at Belona; W. C. Netherland, L. V. Netherland, J. D. Garrett, at Ballsville; B. C. Wilson, at Tobaccoville—all of whom are good roads advocates. At Cumberland Courthouse Mr. Woodson tarried an hour or more and met a large number of citizens, to whom he made a talk on good roads. Among others he saw there were O. G. Flippen, J. M. Shepperd, Professor C. D. Diggs, C. M. Smith, C. R. Sanderson, clerk of the court; R. O. Garrett, deputy clerk, and William M. Smith, Commonwealth's Attorney.

Cumberland county spends from $7,000 to $8,000 a year patching up its roads, and has made them good summer roads, but the people report that they are bad in the winter.

At Sunnyside, in Cumberland county, Mr. Woodson had a good roads talk with Edward Byerley, M. A. French and others, and on his run through the county he met R. L. Agee, chairman of the board of supervisors; C. C. Corson and J. D. Harrison, other members of the board of supervisors, and also John A. Booker and Donald McRae. He found all of these enthusiastic for good roads, and decidedly in favor of the Farmville-Richmond turnpike. Mr. Woodson will spend the night in Farmville and will start out to-morrow morning for a trip through Buckingham, Appomattox, Charlotte and Campbell counties, probably reaching the new town of Alta Vista by Saturday night. From there his route will probably be via Lynchburg and through intervening counties back to Richmond.

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DANVILLE HOLDS MEETING

Southside City in Line for Progressive Highway Building.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., August 12.—An active and aggressive campaign to secure the location of the national highway between Atlanta and New York, the selection of which is in charge of the New York Herald and the Atlanta Journal, was inaugurated at a mass-meeting held here last night in the rooms of the Commercial Association.

Representatives were present from Lynchburg, Va., and Greensboro, N. C., both of which cities, with Danville, are along the logical route between the cities. The cities of Danville, Lynchburg and Greensboro, with the co-operation of Chatham, Va., and Reidsville, N. C., will bend every effort to have the matter put before the parties in charge of the selection of the road in its proper light and have good reason to believe that this route will be chosen.

President C. G. Craddock, of the Chamber of Commerce, of Lynchburg; President G. S. Bradshaw, of the Manufacturers' Club, of Greensboro, and Col. A. B. Carrington, president of the Commercial Association, were appointed as a committee to take up the fight for the national highway, with full authority to act for the three cities specified.

It is understood that the New York Herald has determined upon the road as far as Natural Bridge, Va. The proposed plan of the convention held here to-night is to have the route continued from Natural Bridge to Lynchburg, and proceed South through Danville and Greensboro. This route, it is claimed, has advantages both in the number of miles traversed, and in the condition of the roads over a number of other routes under consideration.

Many stirring speeches emphasizing the importance and necessity of improving the public roads throughout the South were made by the various representatives at the convention.

SPOTSYLVANIA IN LINE

Will Build Short Line of Macadam Road to Demonstrate Importance.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPOTSYLVANIA, VA., August 12.—Assistant State Engineer F. O. Renshaw met here to-day with our county Board of Supervisors and made survey of one mile of the public highway leading from the courthouse to Fredericksburg with a view to building a macadamized road of permanent character over so much of said survey as can be built with the amount of money appropriated for that purpose. The funds to be used are $1,250 contributed by the State and $1,250 contributed by the county, making the sum total of $2,500. This road is to be built as a criterion for the people, who will vote for and against a bond issue for permanent road improvement in Spotsylvania county on November 2 next. As soon as the engineer can make this survey, examine the material and estimate the cost, his report will be made to the Board of Supervisors of the county, who will let the road building out to contract under the supervision of the State Highway Commissioner, who will furnish the plans and specifications.

After repeated efforts and failures, the county authorities seem to be on the right track in this matter.

Highland Builds Bridge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MONTEREY, VA., August 12.—At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Highland held to-day, it was determined to build two important iron bridges in the southern part of the county.

The plans of the State Highway Commission were adopted, and the commission was authorized to let the work to contract. Of the total cost of the two bridges—$3,700—the county receives $1,500 from the State and $700 in private subscriptions.

The fords spanned are those of Stony River and Corbett's, in Jackson's River, the former being near the Bath line and a very dangerous crossing. It is in the main thoroughfare leading to Bolar Spring, now becoming famed as a summer resort and watering place.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Unsettled weather, with showers and slightly warmer Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; light to moderate east to southeast winds, becoming variable.

North Carolina—Local showers Friday and Saturday; moderate east winds, becoming variable.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

8 A. M. temperature	67
Humidity	70
Wind, direction	North
Wind, velocity	3
Weather	Cloudy
Rainfall	0
12 noon temperature	71
3 P. M. temperature	68
Maximum temperature up to 5 P. M.	71
Minimum temperature up to 5 P. M.	64
Mean temperature	68
Normal temperature	74
Deficiency in temperature yesterday	10
Excess in temperature since March 1	128
Accum. excess in temperature since January 1	190
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1	1.07
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	1.25

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

Place.	Ther.	H. T.	Weather.
Asheville	74	86	Rain
Atlanta	80	86	Rain
Buffalo	72	76	Cloudy
Charlotte	82	86	Cloudy
Pittsburg	76	78	Cloudy
Raleigh	74	80	Cloudy
Savannah	76	90	Rain
Norfolk	70	74	Rain
Tampa	84	90	Rain
Washington	68	72	Rain
Yellowstone	64	82	Rain

TIME AND TIDES.

August 13, 1909.

		HIGH TIDE.	
Sun rises	5:25	Morning	2:10
Sun sets	7:05	Evening	2:44
Moon rises	2:33		

WOMAN'S NIGHTMARE

No woman can be happy without children; it is her nature to love them as much so as it is the beautiful and pure. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass is so full of dread that the thought fills her with apprehension. There is no necessity for the reproduction of life to be either very painful or dangerous. The use of **Mother's Friend** prepares the system for the coming event, and it is passed without any danger. This remedy is applied externally, and has carried thousands of women through the crisis with but little suffering.

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MEETINGS HELD IN OLD DOMINION

Good Roads Car of Times-Dispatch to Attend Many Gatherings.

Good Roads' Meetings

Blackstone, Thursday, August 19.
Kenbridge, Friday, August 20.
Chase City, Saturday, August 21.
Clarksville, Monday, August 23.
Boydton, Tuesday, August 24.

The forerunner of prosperity for the people, The Times-Dispatch scout car, with Industrial Editor Woodson, advance agent of the era of good roads, is now on an extended itinerary. The car carries a distinguished passenger in the person of J. E. Pennypacker, government expert on good roads, who will inspect the thoroughfares of the Old Dominion and lend his support to the diffusion of information and interest in the campaign.

The Times-Dispatch car will later be joined by the scout machine from the Washington Post, and these together will attend the important meetings in the good roads cause which are to be held over the length and breadth of Virginia.

The route will be through the following counties: Powhatan, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Charlotte, Campbell, Appomattox, Amherst, Nelson, Fluvanna, Goochland and probably through some others.

Rally at Blackstone.

Blackstone will be the scene of a mammoth rally for good roads on Thursday, August 19, under the auspices of the Washington Post, The Times-Dispatch and the Blackstone Courier. On the following day (Friday, August 20), there will be another good roads meeting at Kenbridge, in Lunenburg county. On Saturday there will be a meeting at Chase City, on Monday at Clarksville, and on Tuesday at Boydton.

These are simply a few of the meetings that will be held. Plans are on foot to hold others at Charlottesville, Scottsville, Emporia and Bowling Green.

The program is slightly subject to change, as has been announced before, and the route may be varied from day to day. The itinerary published will, however, be strictly adhered to if possible under the conditions.

LOW MAY SUCCEED REID

President Taft Very Likely to Appoint ex-Mayor to English Embassy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 12.—There is more than an even chance at present that Seth Low will be the next ambassador to England. His appointment to the London embassy to succeed Whitelaw Reid may be made soon after Congress reassembles in December. Ever since the declination of the London post by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, former president of Harvard University, President Taft has been turning the matter over in his mind and seeking for a suitable man for the place. He has not felt that there was any hurry about it, because an understanding had been reached with Ambassador Reid by which he was to remain in London for at least nine months, and possibly for a year.

But although the President was not taking any special measures to secure a man for that important diplomatic post, he had not let it drop entirely out of mind. His announcement of the postponement of the selection of an ambassador for London had the effect, however, of checking the efforts of the friends of various men who would like to succeed Mr. Reid to influence the President in their behalf, and Mr. Taft has had opportunity to look over the country quietly by himself and see if he could not hit upon exactly the man he would like to have.

In this survey his attention has been called several times to the former Mayor of New York City, and in many respects the President has found him to measure up to just what he wants for the London embassy. Mr. Low is a man of affairs, who has had large business and educational experience, and is also gifted with the diplomatic instinct. He is possessed of ample fortune to enable him to meet the social demands certain to be made on the American ambassador at London.

GOT HALF POUND OF FLESH

California Laborer Thus Collected a Debt of "Two Bits" from Fellow.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., August 12.—Because Ramon Santa Ana, a laborer, could not pay a debt of 25 cents to Frank Sanchez, a fellow-laborer at Latin, the latter took at least half a pound of flesh from him. Santa Ana came to the receiving hospital yesterday for treatment of his left arm, from which muscle had been taken.

"I could not pay the two bits when he came for it yesterday," said Santa Ana, "and Frank pulled a big knife from his boot leg and got me. 'I'll have a pound of flesh, then,' he said, and he got a big piece; I don't think it is a pound, though. Itried to get away from him, but he was too quick for me."

The police are looking for Sanchez.

NO LICENSES YET.

Judge Kelly, of Bristol, Postpones Action at Suggestion of the Drys.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., August 12.—With representatives of whiskey interests from several cities present, Judge Kelly, of the Corporation Court to-day heard the first application for liquor license, following the recent local option election. Because counsel for the "drys" opposed the application, holding that no licenses should be issued until the contest is settled. Judge Kelly took the matter under advisement without indicating when his decision might be expected. The "drys" served notice that they would make the point that the treasurer's list of qualified voters is illegal, and therefore insufficient to be treated as being final upon any point.

Little Girl Killed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

EAST RADFORD, VA., August 12.—Maud Craft, eight years old, was run over and instantly killed by the yard engine at Harrison Street crossing late this afternoon and a ten-year-old daughter of Mr. Tom Harris, of Dolton, Va., was struck at the same time and injured, though it is thought she will recover. The children were watching a freight going in another direction, when they stepped in front of the switch engine.

Bolivia Has New President.

LA PASO, BOLIVIA, August 12.—Eldore Villazon, was inducted into the office of President of the republic of Bolivia this afternoon, in succession to Ismail Montes.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA.

FARMERS WILL MEET HERE EVERY WINTER

Plan for Two Sessions a Year Approved by Institute—Steps Taken Looking to Extension of Agricultural Education.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., August 12.—The sixth annual session of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute, which began on Tuesday in Cabell Hall, at the University of Virginia, came to a close at 11 o'clock this morning, and at 1 o'clock in the afternoon the visitors drove up the mountain to get a glimpse of Monticello, the home of Jefferson.

At the closing session the following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: Dr. C. U. Gravatt, of Port Royal; Henry W. Wood, of Richmond; James Bellwood, of Manchester; T. O. Sandy, of Burkeville; J. Lawson Carter, of Chatham; Joseph A. Turner, of Hollins; Leslie D. Kline, of Vaucluse; Westmoreland Davis, of Leesburg; Major A. J. Tynes, of Tazewell, and John F. Jackson, of Richmond. This board will later elect officers and decide upon the next place of meeting. Invitations in Staunton's behalf were extended by Mayor Wayt and the Board of Trade of that city.

Two Meetings a Year.

A resolution was adopted urging that agricultural education of the children of the State be further extended and advanced by the establishment of small experimental farms in connection with at least one of the high schools in each congressional district, as provided in a bill which was introduced at the last meeting of the Legislature, but which failed of passage by a narrow majority.

The institute indorsed the action taken at a meeting of the advisory committee recommending the holding of two meetings of the organization each year—one a winter session in Richmond, and the other a summer session to be held in relation in the various congressional districts in such cities as can and are willing to provide the proper accommodations. These meetings will be fixed and arranged for by the directors of the institute.

Another resolution adopted approves the policy of establishing local experiment stations in all sections of the State for the study of local farm problems. It was the sense of the institute that these experiment stations should be, as now, supported by the United States Department of Agriculture and the State of Virginia, and should be branches of the State experiment station at Blacksburg. The president of the institute was directed to appoint a committee of ten to appear before the Legislature and urge an increased appropriation for the extension of this important work.

Fruit-Growing in Virginia.

Walter Whately, of Crozet, secretary and treasurer of the Virginia State Horticultural Society, spoke on the value of fruit-growing to the farmers of Virginia. There is no fruit that is indigenous to a temporate climate that does not reach the highest degree of excellency in some part of the State, said Mr. Whately. In the Piedmont section all fruits grow to perfection, and if this territory were fully developed it might be made the garden spot of the world. In the case of the apple and peach, certain valuable varieties attain a degree of perfection in flavor that experts acknowledge can be found nowhere else in the world. The Valley section and the southwestern portion of the State are equally well developed for raising fine fruit. Tidewater is by no means the only section where strawberries might be profitably grown. Farmers in Albemarle know what fine strawberries are raised around Crozet. Numbers of men who a few years ago were farm laborers have saved sufficient money to buy a few acres, often only five, planted in strawberries and other fruits, and have made as much in the three weeks of the strawberry season as they did in the whole year formerly.

Mr. Whately told of a recent visit paid him by a resident of the Middle West, an authority in horticultural matters. "After driving him around all day," said Mr. Whately, "he remarked to me, that while he had come expecting to see a country where good fruit could be raised, yet he was simply astounded to find what possibilities we had." He said:

"When I remember that this is one of the oldest States, I feel as though so little is known of your wonderful possibilities that I can only feel that you are not discovered yet."

A Great Advantage.

"One of the great advantages that Virginia has over the majority of the States," continued Mr. Whately, "is her close proximity to good markets. We are within easy reach of the principal large markets of both the Atlantic coast (North and South) and of those of the Middle West. These markets can be reached at much less cost than Western fruit-growers have to pay, and as a consequence we can ship practically all our apples that are merchantable, of every grade, and make a profit, while those farmers who live in more distant States are confined to shipping only their highest grade. For the same reason, our farmers can also make a profit in sending peaches and other summer fruits to these markets in small quantities by express, while our less fortunately situated friends can only ship in car lots."

Admiral Thomson Dead.

SEATTLE, WASH., August 12.—Rear-Admiral Judah Thomson, U. S. N. (retired), died at Providence Hospital today after a long illness. He was sixty-seven years of age.

MAYORLESS CITY HEARS OF RICHARDSON'S RETURN

Real Executive Will Resume the Helm This Morning—No Harm Done by Absence of Chartered Head of Municipality.

Who is Mayor of Richmond on the James?

Nobody. Anybody.

The departure of Robert Whittet, Jr., vice-president of the Board of Aldermen, yesterday left the city without an official head. There was a supposition, not without authority, that the toga municipalis fell upon the handsome shoulders of President Robert Lee Peters, of the Common Council, but under the law as interpreted by City Attorney H. R. Pollard, this was not the case, and Richmond was indeed mayorless.

If President Peters had really purported to act as Mayor, and had performed acts within the power of the Mayor, it could be said that as a general proposition the validity of such acts on his part would not be questionable. He would then have been "de facto Mayor," and those who dealt with him, thinking him duly authorized, would have been upheld in the result of their acts as against the city. Not only President Peters, but almost anybody in the world, could have acted as Mayor de facto, for to act in such a capacity is something that requires no vestige or semblance of authority. So while nobody really was Mayor after Robert Whittet, Jr., made his exodus to Hyannis, which city now leaps into the limelight of municipal history, almost any one might have tried to act as Mayor de facto.

Richardson Returns To-Day.

The much mooted question is solved now. By returning to the city early this morning, Mayor Richardson will cut the Gordian knot and resume the rightful reins of his authority. The fair vessel which has sailed smoothly on with an able crew, will steer a more stately course with the experienced master at the helm. The Mayor returns to the city in response to a telegram sent him by City Attorney Pollard, as follows:

"I deem it my duty to inform you that both president and vice-president of the Board are out of the city. No one, under the charter, is authorized to act as Mayor. Do not know of any emergency."

Under ordinary circumstances the question is one of no vital importance, but in cases of emergency there might arise a serious situation were the city without any one in the Mayor's chair. The Mayor is, by virtue of his office, head of the Police Department, just as the President of the United States is commander-in-chief of the army and navy. The Mayor must issue riot calls and preserve the peace of the city in cases of emergency.

Had anything of this sort occurred yesterday no action could have been instituted, that is, instituated in accord with the strict letter of the city law.

No Harm Done.

The question was asked yesterday upon whom must the papers in a damage suit against the city be served, if the Mayor and those designated to act in his absence should be absent at the same time? The question has been answered by stating that the service may be upon any member of the City Council or of the Board of Aldermen.

There has been absolutely no harm arising out of this unprecedented condition of affairs at the City Hall. Nothing has been done which will have to be undone. In the even tenor of their accustomed way, municipal matters have run their charted and chartered route.

News of Manchester

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

Harry T. Moore, a well-known and extremely popular young man of this city, died last night, after a brief illness, at his residence, 216 East Fifth Street. He had been for many years employed as machinist in the Richmond Locomotive Works. He was thirty-three years of age, and is survived by his widowed mother.

His death comes as a great shock to his many friends in Manchester and elsewhere.

Robert Wilkinson, who was arrested here at the instance of the Mayor of Keysville, was discharged by 'Squire Jordan yesterday morning. Captain Lipscomb wired the police at Keysville that the man was detained here, but no reply being received to his telegram, and the Keysville authorities failing in any way to follow up the charge, Wilkinson was ordered released.

Charge Against Pool Parlor.

Last night the proprietor of the Manchester Pool Parlor, which was opened several days ago, was summoned to appear in the Police Court this morning to answer to the charge of allowing minors to play pool in his place. He claims the young men represented themselves as being of age. Charges were also preferred against the minors themselves, and they were also summoned to appear before 'Squire Jordan.

Mary Richardson, colored, will be tried this morning for being drunk and disorderly and for resisting arrest.

The arrest was made last night by Captain Lipscomb and Officer Jones, and it was with some difficulty that the woman was taken to the lockup. In the encounter she bit Captain Lipscomb severely in the hand, and subsequently made several ineffectual attempts to tear down the police station.

Two young colored girls, Zella Freeman and Eva Lewis, were arrested last night on the charge of being incorrigible. Their case will come up before 'Squire Jordan this morning.

City Assembly To-Night.

The regular meeting of the Assembly will be held to-night. An interesting session is expected.

The United Order of American Mechanics held its regular weekly meeting last night at Fraternal Hall.

Henderson Lodge, I. O. O. F., met last night at Toney's Hall, at Eleventh and Hull Streets.

The engagement is announced of Ray H. Melins and Miss Sallie West, two popular young people of Chesterfield county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nokley, of Porter Street, are the happy parents of a fine baby girl.

Coming and Going.

Miss Ethel Fuqua, of Chesterfield county, is the guest of Mrs. D. L. Toney.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Angell, of Texas, who were visiting Mrs. A. P. Angell, of East Eleventh Street, have returned home.

R. W. Webb, of Powhatan county, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wilkinson, of East Eleventh Street.

Misses Emily and Bessie Gary, of 901 Porter Street, left Sunday for Ocean View, from which place they will go to Emporia to remain until September 1.

Mrs. F. H. Puchard, of 211 North Fourteenth Street, left Sunday for Midlothian to visit her parents.

N. H. Branch, of 1414 Perry Street, has just returned from Wakefield, where he has been visiting friends.

Mrs. Dorothy Leonard, of Chesterfield county, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hannah Hall, of 1414 Perry Street.

Mrs. J. H. Reynolds and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Reynold's sister, Mrs. M. H. Burton, of Gunito, for the past ten days, is now at Otterburn Springs.

Miss Nellie Burton, of Gunito Mills, is visiting friends at Otterburn Springs.

OBITUARY

Mr. Gibson's Funeral.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MONTEREY, VA., August 12.—The body of Mr. C. K. Gibson was to-day brought to his home at Monterey for burial, his death having occurred at the Memorial Hospital, in Richmond, on the previous day.

Mr. Gibson was a son of the late William D. Gibson, and was about thirty-three years of age. He was an exemplary young man, prominent in the county and held in the highest esteem.

Mr. Gibson was thrown from a horse a few months ago and sustained injuries from which it is supposed blood clots formed. He was taken to the hospital ten days ago, but was in such a weakened condition that no operation could be performed.

He is survived by an aged mother, two brothers and four sisters. In his death, Highland county loses one of her most prosperous and worthy young citzens.

Dr. Kent Black.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BLACKSBURG, VA., August 12.—Dr. Kent Black, a leading physician of this county and eldest son of the late Dr. Harvey Black, died this afternoon at his farm, three miles from Blacksburg, where he was spending the day, and before members of his family or medical aid could reach the place.

He was fifty-three years old, and was married in 1894 to Miss Mary Bell, of Pulaski, who with his mother and two brothers and one sister, Mrs. Apperson, at Marion, Va., survive him.

Deaths Near Lawrenceville.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., August 12.—Emmett Matthews, who lived about three miles east of town, in this county, was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday morning and died in a few hours. He married a daughter of the late Levi Abernathy, of Cochran. He leaves his widow and five children.

Mrs. Dr. Robert Jones, of Diamond Grove, died on Tuesday. She was Miss Edmunds, and was prominently connected. Her remains were interred at Bethany Church.

Mrs. W. O. Crampton.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, VA., August 12.—Mrs. Georgie Carter Crampton, wife of W. O. Crampton and daughter of John Carter, a prominent resident of Jefferson county, died at her home at Summit Point last night, aged twenty-nine years. Her husband and one child survive.

Mrs. L. C. Boon.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BURLINGTON, N. C., August 11.—Mrs. L. C. Boon died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Lindsay, after a lingering illness. Funeral was held to-day at the home and interment was at Pine Hill Cemetery.

DEATHS

BLAND.—Died, August 12, 1909, at 9:20 o'clock P. M., at the residence of her husband, Ira R. Bland, 1931 West City Street, MRS. JOSEPHINE B. BLAND.

Funeral notice in Friday afternoon and Saturday morning papers.

MORRIS.—Died, Thursday morning, August 12, at 3 o'clock, MRS. ANGELA N. MORRIS, wife of James A. Morris.

Funeral THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON at 5 o'clock from 1019 Floyd Avenue. Interment private.

OTTO.—Died, at the residence of her mother, Philadelphia, Pa., MARTHA, wife of Alfred Otto, of this city.

Funeral announcement later.

OTTO.—Died, in Philadelphia, Pa., August 10, 1909, MARTHA ELLEN, wife of Alfred Otto, of this city, aged thirty-seven years.

The funeral will take place from First English Evangelican Lutheran Church, this city, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock. Interment in Riverview Cemetery.

McCABE.—Died, at Magnolia, Mass., August 11, 1909, VIRGINIA STURDIVANT McCABE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon McCabe, Jr.

Funeral notice later.

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