

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY ALDERMEN

Petersburg Board Considers Many Matters at Monthly Session.

WILL NOT ANNEX ETRICK

Big Increase Shown in Money Given for Missionary Work.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., December 14.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last evening, at which concurrence was voted on the various measures passed, and appropriations made by the Common Council. These measures comprised among other things the appointment of committees to investigate conditions of the jail building, especially of the newly installed heating plant; investigation of feed contracts, and the appointment of a committee of the Council to represent the city in the municipal reform meetings to be held in Richmond on January 8 and 9.

But the Aldermen, after some discussion, refused to concur in the Council resolution for the appointment of a committee to look into the advisability of taking proceedings for the annexation of the village of Etrick to Petersburg. For the present, therefore, this annexation proposition is laid aside. It may come up again at some future day. Alderman Poole stated that so far as he could learn, the proposition originated in Etrick, and grew out of the location of a public school building in the village, causing a division of sentiment among the people and giving rise to two factions.

Personal and Other Items.

Miss Mary Camp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Camp, was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis yesterday, and was removed to the Petersburg Hospital, where a successful operation was performed.

Reports from all the white Protestant churches in this city indicate a largely increased contribution for foreign missions during the coming year, aggregating \$12,000 or more. This is done through the efforts of the Laymen's Union. It is estimated that fully 8 per cent. of the church membership will be contributors to this fund.

Officers Elected.

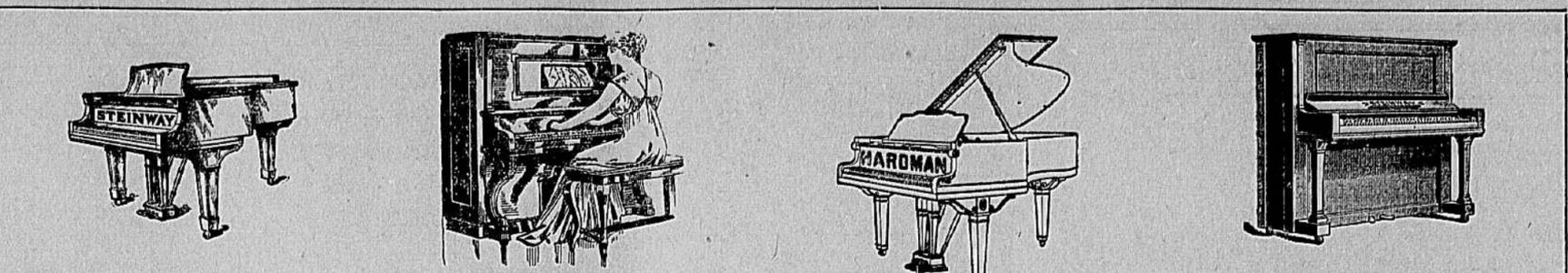
It is reported that three of Prince George county's pretty daughters will be led to the bridal altar to-morrow.

The Bricklayers Union, No. 5, of this city, last night elected the following officers for an ensuing year: President, R. L. Alley; Vice-President, E. P. Fin; Recording Secretary, E. B. Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, J. E. Knowles; Financial Secretary, H. C. Perkinson; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. Glazier; Deputy, J. T. Taylor; Delegate to State Convention, H. C. Blankenship.

A. F. Short, Jr., of the clothing firm of A. F. Short & Son, of this city, was married to-day in Washington, Miss Elizabeth M. O'Connell, formerly of Petersburg, being his bride.

Married in Washington.

E. M. Taylor and Miss Bessie Tench, both of this city, were married in Washington to-day. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tench, and the bridegroom is a popular engineer of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. On account of the illness of the bridegroom's mother, the contemplated bridal trip to Florida and the West Indies will be abandoned.



The Store Is Throbbing With Piano Bargains

Each day the sales grow greater. People throng our store because they are sure of what we say—because they know that we do as we promise. This is not a sale of unreliable instruments, but a sale in which superior ones are sold at a great saving.

A Wonderful Victor

And what a company of celebrated entertainers this wonderful Victor brings with it—the foremost bands and orchestras, the greatest opera artists, funny comedians, singers of popular songs, and players on every instrument, and famous men, and big city choirs, and fine male quartets, and Uncle Josh, and—oh! so many more.

If you do not care to pay cash for the Victor, then you need not do so. Our easy-payment plan is taken advantage of by people in all walks of life. Victors \$10, \$17.50 and up.

A Pianola-Piano is a Gift

The day the Pianola-Piano enters your home the entire family are enabled to play any piece of music they may wish. It is the greatest of the standard player-pianos in the world. What a live world of music is thrown open to you—to your family—by the purchase of a Pianola-Piano!

A Pianola-Piano is a piano, either upright or grand, with the Pianola built inside of it. It contains the Metrosyle and the Thermo-Piano, and is the despair of all other player-piano makers.

And do not forget the Pianola is a device for attachment to any piano, but the Pianola Piano is a Pianola built inside of a piano (grand or upright). You can secure either one you wish.

Pianolas, separate, ready to be used with any piano, \$250 to \$450.

Pianola-Pianos, complete within themselves, \$550 and up.

They can be bought only at this store. Moderate monthly payments.

Small Instruments of All Kinds

Seldom, if ever, have we offered such an array of bargains unusual in small instruments of all kinds as we now have on display for you during this annual Christmas reduction sale.

We mention—

Violins in any style at from \$6.50 up.

Banjos, of excellent quality, \$3.50 up.

Guitars, in many styles, \$4.50 up.

Accordeons, the kind that last, \$1.50 up.

Mouth Harps, any size, 10c and up.

Music Rolls and Folios, 50c up.

In addition to this, we are also offering sensational reductions on Drums, Bugles, Clarinets, Zithers, and, in fact, on every known small instrument.

These goods are on display, and our salesmen is glad to show them to you.

More New Uprights Received

A welcome addition for this week is a number of new Uprights that will wash our line that sold so rapidly the past week.

You know they are guaranteed—that we stand back of every sale with our word—our iron-clad guarantee!

Come early—do not take chances of being disappointed.

\$100 off each on 8 new Brewster Uprights.

\$75 off each on 10 new Standard Uprights.

\$50 off each on 13 new Yester Uprights.

\$70 off each on 16 new Kimball Uprights.

\$35 off each on 8 new Haines Uprights.

\$35 off each on 5 new Wheelock Uprights.

It is with pleasure we are able to offer these further reductions this week.

Slightly Used Upright Pianos

Almost startling are these money-saving prices! If you want a Piano, and want it at a sensationally low price, then this is your opportunity—

One \$225 McEwen Upright, in thorough repair, now \$90.

One \$325 Gibson Upright, in thorough repair, now \$190.

One \$325 Standard Piano, Upright, this sale only \$210.

Also one Banner Piano, Upright, brand-new, this sale, \$145.

But slightly used and in perfect condition, these Pianos are wonderful bargains! They will sell rapidly.

Write us for beautiful catalog. Ask us any questions that you wish about any Piano advertised here. We want to hear from you. But do not delay.

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MANY URGENT NEEDS PRESENTED TO SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Horticultural Society Presents Arguments for Appropriation.

Wanted

By the Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, \$40,000, \$1,000 less than heretofore.

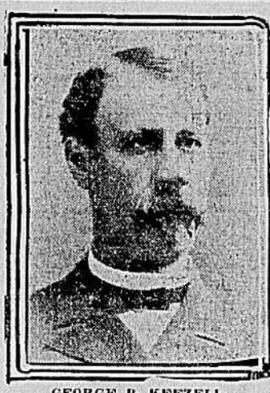
By the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, \$50,000 a year, as before, with \$8,850 for permanent improvements in the line of economy.

By the Commission of Fisheries, \$45,000 a year, same as before.

By the Virginia Horticultural Society, \$5,500, instead of \$2,500, as heretofore.

By the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, for smaller stations, \$10,000.

By the State Board of Health, \$40,000 a year, as before, with \$50,000 for enlargement of Catawba Sanatorium for Inipient Tuberculosis.



GEORGE B. KEEZZEL.

\$50,000 Wanted for Enlargement of Catawba Sanatorium.

He would ask for no increase in the appropriation for running expenses. He explained this by the fact that \$2,000 was spent during the past two years for permanent improvements.

"We used to feed the children turkey three times a year," said Dr. Bowles. "Now we give them old hens and call it turkey. We hardly know what an egg looks like, since the prices have become so high. We have been buying potatoes more cheaply during the past year, and we get split beans in Chicago at about half-price. They are wholesome, and we save money in that way."

Fish Men Modest.

Chairman W. McDonald Lee, of the Fisheries Commission, occupied about two minutes of the two hours allotted him. He said simply: "We ask the Legislature to continue to give us \$45,000 a year out of the funds which the State has set aside for the purpose of \$10,000 to be used only in case of accident to a boat. We will return \$5,000 out of the \$45,000 given us last year, and \$10,000 of the \$20,000 given us with which to buy new boats."

Then the horticulturists came to the front. They were in charge of W. W. Sproule, of Augusta, president of the Virginia Horticultural Society, who presented each speaker. The first was Dr. Emerson, a former Virginian and now of New York, who owns apple orchards in this State.

Virginia Apples.

"The apple growers of Virginia," said Dr. Emerson, "are not getting the proper results, because they do not know how to pack and market their fruit." He produced apples which he brought the day before in New York. The Oregon fruit which he displayed was carefully packed, each apple being wrapped separately in paper which advertises the State of Oregon, while the Virginia fruit was unwrapped, varieties mixed and of all sizes. "The Oregon fruit," he said, "was not so good as that of Virginia in flavor, yet it brings \$4 a bushel in New York, while the Virginia product sells at \$4 a box of three bushels."

Dr. Emerson told of a recent scene in Covent Garden Market, in London, where the purchaser was told by the dealer that Alabama apples are listed as New York apples in order to sell them, and that they would be unsalable if the purchasers knew they came from Virginia. The trouble is solely in the packing. The Virginia apples, said the dealer, have the reputation in London of being wormy, prompt care not having been taken by shippers to eliminate inferior quality.

Opportunities in State.

The Virginia people, he said, do not appreciate their golden opportunities. All of them need more enthusiasm and more knowledge. Instancing an investment, he quoted land to cost, say \$50 an acre, and planting and spraying \$10 an acre a year. In fifteen years the land would have cost \$200 an acre, and should be worth \$1,000 an acre. "The work of development can only be done by immigration. Last year, I was told, 75,000 citizens of the United States settled in Canada. These are the sort of men we need in this State."

"Our Department of Agriculture is given \$5,000 a year for the purpose of securing immigration. This amount is inadequate to advertise fruit lands alone."

"This sort of increase in population would bring money into the State, enhance the value of lands and increase the receipts from taxes."

The next speaker was former Sena-

tor S. L. Lupton, of Frederick. Mr. Lupton realized \$22,000 this year from his orchard. He said that, notwithstanding the apparent prosperity of the fruit-growers of Virginia, the State was doing something for them which they cannot do for themselves.

Impossible, he asserted, to bring this industry to its proper stage of usefulness without aid from the State Treasury. He spoke of fruit diseases, of mistakes made in planting, of lack of knowledge about spraying machinery and material.

"Some day," he said, "when fruit-growing becomes perfected, there will be a prospect of over-supply, and some growers will pause. Who shall do the pausing—the growers of Virginia, who are behind the times, or those of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, because Virginia is ahead of them?"

Greatest Fruit Section.

Professor S. W. Fletcher, of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Blacksburg, spoke for a few minutes. He quoted an authority of the National Department of Agriculture, who said that the Alleghany region is the center of great fruit section of the country. This is true because of its nearness to market, good transportation facilities, favorable soil, climate and comparative freedom from pests. "Virginia," he said, "can make a bushel of apples from 15 to 25 cents cheaper than can Washington or Oregon. The time will come when we will look at our bills of fare at our hotels, and instead of seeing, as we did this morning, the words 'California fruits,' we will see 'Virginia fruits.'"

Dr. M. L. Murrill, of Greenwood, spoke briefly on the increased value of fruit land. He said he owns a tract of land upon which one can walk all over on rocks without touching the ground. He planted 800 fruit trees on it. At that time it was assessed at \$9 an acre, and within two years was assessed at \$43 an acre.

Secretary W. Whatley, of the Horticultural Society, told of the way in which the last appropriation had been spent, for displays of Virginia fruit at different points. Several prizes, he said, had been won at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Results of Spraying.

M. F. Gilkeson, president of the Shenandoah Valley Fruit Growers' Association, told of the value of knowledge of spraying. He said that an orchard he owned was properly sprayed, with the exception of three trees at the end of each row, twelve in all. From these latter he did not get twelve bushels of good apples—one bushel to the tree—while from the others he got from three to five barrels each of fine fruit.

Senator Wickham asked Mr. Gilkeson how many trees a grower should have to make spraying profitable, and he said that one tree should justify it.

George E. Murrell, of Bedford, a former president of the Horticultural Society, spoke of investments made by strangers in Virginia fruit lands and of how successful they had been.

Money is Needed.

President Sproule then addressed the committee. He said that \$1,000 had been given to this work by the last

Legislature, paid out of the fertilizer tax. Besides, the Department of Agriculture had turned over to the society \$1,500 given it. The money had been used in the main for displays. The society now has, he said, 530 paid members. He paid a high tribute to Secretary Whatley, who, he said, gives practically all of his time to the work for \$400 a year.

"If there is no other reason on earth for helping the farmer," he pleaded with the committee, "it is nothing whatever but a matter of business, give us \$5,000 for this work, and we will return to the State in increased taxes 100 per cent."

As to the remarkable work being done by spraying, he told of an orchard in Franklin county which the owner was about to dig up and throw away, but tried spraying, and sold \$5,000 worth of fruit from it this year. On the other hand, he told of another case in which improper spraying killed 22,000 trees. His argument, of course, was for intelligent education along these lines.

In Other States.

Senator Halsey inquired as to the help given to Virginia farmers, and Commissioner of Agriculture, who was present, said that no State with horticultural opportunities equal to Virginia was contributing as little to the work.

Senator Lupton said a few words about exporting Virginia apples. He said that we needed some means of interesting our boys in staying at home, this being a better solution than immigration. There is nothing better, in his opinion, than the development of the fruit interests to induce the boys to stay on the farms and make successful men. This closed the presentation of the case of the Horticultural Society.

Experiment Station.

It was suggested that Dr. Fletcher might as well tell what he wanted for the Agricultural Experiment Station, as it was doubtful if he would be able to return to Richmond again. He spoke briefly on this subject.

This institution receives \$20,000 a year from the United States, and for it he asked nothing. But he emphasized the importance of showing the people of the State what such a station could accomplish, and to this end he said the results must be taken to the farmers. The money given by the national government is spent under its direction, and while the results are told in bulletins, he doubted their value to the farmers of the State. The people, he said, had rather see things done for themselves. There are now six experiment stations under the Department of Agriculture, all in the tobacco district. This is the beginning of a work which Dr. Fletcher, he said, hoped will be continued. "Lease land," he said, "do not try to buy it, and demonstrate the first principles of the use of fertilizer, proper location for crops, the breeding of strains of corn and tobacco and other prominent crops, and control of pests."

Many Strides Needed.

"I am loyal to Blacksburg, but I want to take it to the people of the State. I hope to see a station in every well marked agricultural sec-

tion of the State. I hope to see demonstration work radiating out from each one. They should be located within easy access of the farmers of the section, so that all may see what is being done, and that there should be appropriated at least \$10,000. And if our State takes this position the national Department of Agriculture, without any question, will give dollar for dollar which we expend."

A recess was then taken until 3 o'clock. Little was done at the afternoon session, excepting general discussion of the matters already brought before the committee.

Enlargement at Catawba.

State Health Commissioner Ennon G. Williams happened to drop in to ask when he could present the cause of his department, and he was invited to do so at once. He asked for the continuance of the present appropriation of \$40,000 a year. In addition, he urged a lump sum of \$50,000 for buildings and equipment for the Catawba Sanatorium, so that the capacity could be increased to 150 patients, instead of about thirty-five at present. He gave a thorough description of the work done at Catawba. He said that about half of the \$30,000 appropriated for this cause has been spent, and that all the rest is badly needed. The committee asked Dr. Williams to present an epitome of his annual report to it by next Monday, this report not yet having been printed.

ENDORSED FOR STATE BOARD.

Dr. Page Named by University to Succeed Dr. Kent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 14.—In view of the purpose of Dr. Charles W. Kent not to stand for re-nomination at the expiration of his term of office as a member of the State Board of Education, the rector and visitors placed on record a minute expressing their appreciation of the very high quality of service Dr. Kent has rendered in that office, and their gratitude to him for his valuable work for public education in Virginia.

Dr. James Morris Page was nominated by the rector and visitors to the General Assembly for election to membership upon the State Board of Education for the next term.

The resignation of Dr. Carl Ridge Meloy, adjunct professor of pathology, was accepted with regret, and with expressions of appreciation of his ability and faithfulness.

Verdict Against City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 14.—In the Circuit Court to-day the jury in the case of Carpenter against the city gave a verdict for \$25. Suit was brought for damages claimed by reason of the erection of a bridge near the plaintiff's property.

These requests comprise the appropriations asked of the Senate Finance Committee by the representatives of the institutions who appeared before it yesterday.

The greater portion of the time was occupied by the Horticultural Society, which had a number of speakers on hand. The committee held an executive session in the afternoon, at which Dr. Williams, unexpectedly, was asked to present the claims of the Board of Health.

To-day the committee will hear the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, together with any department whose headquarters is located in Richmond, which is ready and desires to be heard. The hearings of the University of Virginia and the Virginia Military Institute, which had been set for to-day, were postponed until next Tuesday on account of the inability of the chosen representatives of those institutions to get here.

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VISIT TO MOUNT VERNON.

Masonic Lodges Place Memorial Wreaths on Washington's Tomb.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 14.—Two handsome memorial wreaths were placed on Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon yesterday afternoon by Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, and Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, Masons, in observance of the 119th anniversary of Washington's death. In accordance with an annual custom of both lodges, a number of Masons, accompanied by R. W. Fuller, master of the local lodge, met J. E. Timberlake, master of Fredericksburg Lodge, and conveyed the wreaths.

EIGHT DIVORCES GRANTED.

Record Day's Business in Court at Lynchburg—Twelve Others Pending.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 14.—The record for divorces was probably broken in the City Circuit Court to-day when Judge Barkadine signed decrees for eight separations. There are twelve other cases pending on the docket of the court, this being the largest number. It is thought in the history of the city.

K. of P. Elects Officers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWBERN, N. C., December 14.—The Knights of Pythias have elected the following officers for the year 1910: Chancellor, Commander, Adolph Roberts; Vice-Chancellor, Commander, O. A. Kater; Prelate, R. C. Willey; Keeper of Records and Seal, J. H. Smith; Master of Exchequer, A. B. Pittman; Master of Finance, Roland Hill; Master of Arms, F. L. Harrison; Master of Work, W. E. Price; Inner Guard, J. E. Gaskill; Outer Guard, J. E. Lockhart; Trustee, O. A. Kater; R. W. Fugh and John C. Seales.

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