

PASTOR CALLED BY WESTERN BOARD

Rev. Walter G. Parker Elected President of Columbia Junior College, Oregon.

NO DECISION REACHED YET

Park Place Methodist Congregation Urges Pastor to Remain Here.

Rev. Walter G. Parker, pastor of Park Place Methodist Church, received yesterday an official communication from the president of the board of trustees of Columbia Junior College, Oregon, stating that he had been elected president of that institution, and urging him to accept and take charge of it.

Mr. Parker has not yet decided whether he will or will not accept the honor which has been extended him, nor will he answer the communication sent by the president of the board of trustees until he has discussed the matter with the bishop and the members of his congregation. It is understood, however, that the trustees of Columbia Junior College were advised by Bishop Waterhouse, who has charge of the Western Conference, that Mr. Parker is the man to build up and enlarge the college.

Members of Park Place Church are exceedingly anxious that Mr. Parker shall not leave, and they hope to bring pressure to bear upon him which will cause him to remain in Richmond.

He has been pastor of Park Place since November, 1910, when he was transferred from Lakes Memorial Church, Norfolk, by conference. Columbia Junior College is the great Methodist institution of the middle slope, occupying the same position in that section of the country that Randolph-Macon College occupies in Virginia. The college, while comparatively young, is rapidly growing, both in the number of students and in importance, having now about 200 students enrolled. Of recent years the Methodist churches have increased largely in number and strength in the college, besides many endowments which have swelled the college fund.

A new administrative building has just been completed, at a cost of more than \$55,000.

Mr. Parker is not only prominent in church work, but is a friend of every charitable institution. He is a member of the Virginia Volunteers, having been for the past six years captain of the Fourth Virginia Regiment. He is a graduate of Trinity College, North Carolina.

APPALACHIAN LEAGUE

At Knoxville: Knoxville, 4; Morrisville, 4; Asheville, 6; Asheville, 4. At Johnson City: Johnson City, 7; Bristol, 6.

TARHEEL BANKERS ELECT OFFICERS

Asheville, N. C., June 23.—The fifteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association came to an end to-night, with the election of officers and the following officers: President, C. C. Brasswell, Rocky Mount; Vice-President, Leek S. Covington, Rock; Second Vice-President, George S. Holderness, Tarboro; Third Vice-President, Thomas E. Cooper, Winston-Salem; Secretary, W. A. Hunt, Rockingham; J. Elwood Cox, High Point, was nominated for the executive committee to the American Bankers' Association. J. P. Sawyer, Asheville, vice-president for North Carolina, and J. F. Wiley, delegate to the 1912 convention. J. Elwood Cox presented the retiring president with a handsome silver loving cup, on behalf of the association. To-night the bankers were given a banquet by the Kanawha Lake Club.

SENT TO GRAND JURY

Colored Boy Admits That He Robbed William White, a fifteen-year-old colored boy, was held in \$250 bond yesterday by United States Commissioner Joseph P. Brady in Alexandria before the grand jury in Alexandria early next month for stealing mail from private boxes in the Farmville post-office.

White, in his examination, confessed to robbing the boxes. He declared that it was his first offense. He said that he had no relatives nor friends to furnish his bond. Commissioner Brady ordered a letter sent to Farmville to learn if any one will vouch for the boy. White was ordered committed to the City Jail instead of the Henrico county jail, where Federal prisoners are usually remanded. This is due to a recent discovery of smallpox cases in the county jail.

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Elected College President



REV. WALTER G. PARKER.

Pertinent Comment

BY GUS MALBERT

The fellow who sat in the grandstand viewing the game yesterday with a pair of field glasses remarked that Revell's smile was far more deceptive than his curves, which is hard to believe.

It would have been an impossibility for the Colts to have played better defensive baseball than was put up yesterday. The only miscue of the game was made by Cowan, and while not excusable, was atoned for in such splendid style by his consistent work that it should be forgotten.

To the credit of George Cowan, he said, that he is absolutely the mainstay of the Colts. His work in practically every game this season—he has missed but two—has been of a calibre to stamp him for higher company. It matters not what George does to the umpire, he is just the scrappiest kind of a ball player, and he uses his head. He may also lose his temper when he is getting the worst of it, but being a human being as well as a ball player, he can hardly be blamed for that.

Willie Baker, sticking to his post like the Trojan that he is, sutters every time he move to field a batted ball. His thigh was hurt in a collision at third some days ago, and is not well yet. It is pure nerve which keeps him going.

Hate out to Martin. He has it on any short fielder in the league. For the benefit of the ball players it might be well to state that a man working for the St. Louis Browns as scout matters in the grandstand yesterday looking over the work, and at least two names were jotted down in his note book. The scout desires that his name be kept under cover.

One of the hits of the visitors was of the lucky variety. Woolums was the gent, and it happened along about the sixth frame. He hit what looked like just the nicest kind of a roller right at Egan, but when the ball got where Egan was it bounded over his head, and Woolums was safe.

Cowan, in the third, came near pulling off about the most sensational stunt seen at the lot. Woolums hit a high foul, and Eaker was unable to go after it. Cowan started, and after a great run, got the ball in his mitt, but it rolled out. The try, however, deserves mention.

Not all of the stellar work was done by the Colts. Krebs made a circus catch of Wallace's fly in the first. The ball was batted to right centre, and Krebs got in on his shoeshorns, turning a complete somersault, but holding on.

It was good to watch Revell fielding his position. He backed up every corner and saved a run in the first by taking the throw from Dobson to get Keating at third.

In only one other inning except the third did the Colts get a man to second. Revell got that far in the fifth, but he did it.

It just goes to show that four hits in one inning mean more in trying to win than twice that number spread out over nine innings.

Martin speared Stockdale's bounder in the sixth after it got away from Baker and made a lightning throw to first, nailing his man.

C. P. Miles, graduate manager of the V. P. L. football team, is in Richmond, spending a few days of his vacation. He reports that Blacksburg will have a team up to the usual standard this fall, only three of the 'Varsity men having left college.

The amateurs will be at it tooth and nails to-day. There will be games in the Richmond Amateur League, the East End League, the West End League and the Central League, besides innumerable independent games.

At a meeting of the Amateur Baseball Commission held last night, the protest of the Barton Heights team against a game with the C. C. A., was upheld and the game ordered to be played over again. Another meeting of the commission will be held Monday night at 5:30 o'clock.

Getting back to the professional ranks for a moment, Norfolk seems to be hitting the coldest path with a celerity which is surprising. Either the club was going beyond its gait or else it is just a slump. In either case, unless something happens pretty quick, there'll be a new face at the top of the column.

Up with the majors, the Athletics are going after the Tigers with a vim. The big lead with which Hughey Jennings got away is practically all gone. Jennings needs pitchers. He knows it, and a tooth comb is being sent over the country for likely material.

The National League race is probably the prettiest in the baseball world, in any league. With Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh going it hammer and tongs, and Bresnahan's club acting the part of the runner-up, it has been many days since there was so scant distance between the leaders.

Roger Bresnahan, by the way, deserves a world of credit for the way he has handled St. Louis. He took the collar champions when there appeared not to be a hope, and if some of the first divisioners don't look out, he'll have a berth up there himself.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Special Program of First English Lutheran To-Morrow.

The annual Children's Day service of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Sunday School will be held in the church, corner Lombardy Street and Monument Avenue, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The following program will be rendered:

Doxology. Prayer by pastor, Rev. J. J. Scherer. Scripture lesson. Address of welcome, by Miss Annette Shilling. Hymn, "Be a Loyal Soldier." Recitation, "Children's Day." Recitation, "Choice." Recitation, "Growing." Solo and chorus, "Sweeter Every Moment."

Recitation, "Self." Recitation, "Jesus Calls." Recitation, "Pilgrims." Duet, "Saved by Grace." Recitation, "Let Your Light Shine." Recitation, "Our Soldiers." Recitation, "Turn the Key." Hymn, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus." Recitation, "What Have We Done To-Day?" Recitation, "I'll Do My Part." Address, by William Hodges Mann, Governor of Virginia. Offering. Offertory quartet, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Hymn, "Bless Us as We Go." Benediction. The public is cordially invited to this service.

PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED FOR EXHIBITS OF TOBACCO

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., June 23.—Through the efforts of the Lynchburg Tobacco Warehouse Company the business interests of Lynchburg will offer opening of \$500 at the next fair here for the best exhibit of tobacco grown in the counties of Campbell, Pittsylvania, Amherst, Nelson, Appomattox, Buchanan and Charlotte. The premiums are to be offered as were the prizes for corn clubs last year.

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TAFT'S MIND FULL OF RECIPROCITY

Still Believes Bill Will Pass, and With Votes to Spare.

Providence, R. I., June 23.—Two of the flourishing cities on Narragansett Bay were visited to-day by President Taft. The presidential yacht Mayflower brought him first to Fall River, one of the closing features of that city's cotton industry centennial, and later the yacht steamed over to Providence, where the President toured the city spots of his favorite public topic, Canadian reciprocity. The President sailed to-night for New York on the Mayflower.

It was midday when the President came ashore at Fall River, Governor Fox of Massachusetts, was at the wharf to greet him. Attorney-General Williams, Massachusetts Senators Crane, of Massachusetts; Brandagee, of Connecticut; and Lippitt, of Rhode Island, accompanied the President.

A long motor trip through the city took him past nearly all of the 104 cotton mills in Fall River. In South Tark, he made a brief speech on Canadian reciprocity. Two hours after he had landed President Taft again on board the Mayflower, and soon after he was welcomed by Governor Fox to Rhode Island.

Is Not Worrying. The President is not particularly about things in Washington, and in spite of predictions freely made in the last few days, believes the Canadian reciprocity bill will pass with a good majority. There is not much doubt in the minds of his intimates as to what Mr. Taft would do if Congress insisted upon passing the tariff-free list bill, and the wool bill. He has asserted many times that revision of the tariff is a matter which should be left to the tariff board. That data will not be available until December, and the President's attitude has not changed. He still is opposed to what he believes is "unscientific tariff tinkering."

His mind is full of reciprocity. It seems to him to be a matter of reciprocity to both parties. He must ask for more more protection than it absolutely needs.

There is nothing in the statement that any protected American industry need fear. I believe that the country generally is in favor of the Canadian agreement. The President's attitude has not changed. He still is opposed to what he believes is "unscientific tariff tinkering."

FRENCH CABINET HAS RESIGNED

Vote of Lack of Confidence by Chamber of Deputies Causes Surprise.

Paris, June 23.—After a tenure of office of a little over three months and a half, the French cabinet has resigned. The vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, and shortly afterwards the ministerial crisis, was a surprise. These cannot become officially effective until the return of President Fallieres from Rouen, which is under way to-day's events cause him to change his plans.

The vote of lack of confidence was 283 to 191, and caused amazement. General Gouran, the Minister of War, Minister of Marine, and M. Cruppi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, accepted the vote with folded arms, and then hastened to the bedside of Premier Combes, who was injured recently in an aeroplane accident, and told him what had happened.

The vote was due to a statement made by General Gouran in the Senate last Tuesday that the present organization of the army does not provide for a commander-in-chief in time of war, the direction of operations then being in the hands of a council of war. The Minister of War, M. Bataillon, Minister of Marine, and M. Cruppi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, accepted the vote with folded arms, and then hastened to the bedside of Premier Combes, who was injured recently in an aeroplane accident, and told him what had happened.

LEAGUE SEASON MAY BE DIVIDED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlotte, N. C., June 23.—The management of the Charlotte, Anderson and Spartanburg clubs, of the Carolina Association, have petitioned President J. H. Wearn for division of the league into two sections, the new season to begin July 1. The under-standing is that the Anderson club will join the petition, which will give it a majority, and assure its adoption. Winston-Salem will be declared the pennant winner of the first series, and will have to play the winner of the second series for the season pennant. The grandstand in Winston-Salem is now in a state of repair, and it is expected that a marked decrease for some time past.

SHOULD CONCLUDE OLD STATE SUITS

Attorney-General Says They Should Be Disposed Of—Governor May Call Military.

Public interest demands the settlement and conclusion of the many suits pending in the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond to which the Commonwealth of Virginia is a party. Such is the recommendation of Attorney-General Samuel M. Williams in his annual report, just issued. Some of these cases are of very ancient origin. For instance, the law suit of the Commonwealth against Joseph Major was instituted in April, 1834, while the equity case of the Commonwealth against Samuel M. Page is even older, having been begun in March, 1872.

Attorney-General Williams comments as follows: "In my judgment, the interest of the State will be best served by diligent prosecution of these cases to a determination. I shall pursue this course and dismiss such of the cases as promise no likelihood of ultimate recovery in favor of the State, and where reasonable compromises are offered to adjust these cases upon equitable terms, the approval of the Auditor and the Judge of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. The continuance of these cases upon the docket imposes annually considerable cost upon the Commonwealth, and in my judgment, they should be promptly prosecuted and disposed of."

Gave Many Opinions. The annual report gives the text of a number of opinions rendered by the Attorney-General on legal questions submitted to him. Many others were given in writing, and verbally which are not printed. A great many more are put up to this officer by private citizens, and although he is neither required nor authorized to give opinions save to officers, he makes it a point to reply, and often tenders his unofficial opinions. "This has imposed upon this office," he says, "and its force a very heavy burden, but I see no other way of properly meeting the situation than the course pursued."

Judge Williams makes recognition of the services rendered the office by Attorney-General Williams, General W. E. Bibb, "whose ability and industry in the discharge of his duties are worthy of the most favorable commendation." He also especially commends the efficiency of his clerk, T. Gray Haddon, and expresses gratification at the retention of the services of former Attorney-General W. Anderson by the State Debt Commission to prosecute the debt litigation as assistant counsel.

One of the most interesting of the printed opinions was in reply to the Governor's request last autumn as to his competency to call out the military to suppress the oyster troubles on the James River. The opinion generally defines the powers of the Executive in such matters, and concludes with the assertion that a Governor may unquestionably call out the military to suppress the oyster troubles on the James River. In his opinion it is necessary to do so to enable him to enforce the due execution of the law. It is unnecessary that a demand be first made for help by a sheriff or by the Commission of Fisheries. The Governor may act of his own volition.

MEETS NEXT AT NEWPORT NEWS

Final Session of Retail Furniture Dealers' Association. Norfolk, Va., June 23.—The Retail Furniture Dealers' Association of Virginia in its annual session here to-day reaffirmed in strong terms its position against manufacturers who may insist upon selling direct to the consumer, and also its position in reduction in fire insurance. It instructed its legislative committee to keep a close lookout on the legislature, and to succeed in having the next legislature of Virginia remove from the statute books laws that are beneficial to the consumer.

Newport News was selected as the next place of meeting. Officers were elected as follows: President, E. A. Sneed, of Chifton Forge; Vice-President, J. F. Burgess, of Richmond; E. C. Kent, Petersburg; J. A. Buxton, Newport News; C. C. Blankenship, Roanoke; and W. M. Pugh, Norfolk; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Gilmore, Charlottesville.

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Contest Between Washington and Lee and Virginia Boat Club Eights Will Be Feature Event—Large Crowd Expected to Line Course.

The annual regatta of the Virginia Boat Club will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Cards of admission have been issued to members of the club, and it is expected that a large crowd will witness the races between the Washington and Lee crew and the crew of the Virginia Boat Club. The feature event of the regatta will be the race between the local eight and the eight from the Lexington School.

The Washington and Lee men have been here since last Tuesday and have had several try-outs, making an excellent showing. The men appear to be in first class condition, and will be together, though their crew is made up of two four-oared gig crews. The visiting crew uses a shorter and faster stroke than the Virginia oarsmen, hitting it at about a 40 gait.

The Virginia crew is also in good condition and is training to the minute. The crew, for the most part, is composed of experienced oarsmen and will give a good account of itself. A thirty-two stroke will be used. As the two crews appear to be evenly matched a hard race is anticipated. A reception will follow the races. Following is the program:

Program of Events. First event, 4 P. M. senior four-oared gigs: White—1, B. F. Dew; 2, D. Haw; 3, Parker; 4, Callis; coxswain, Meade.

Second event, 4:10 P. M. pleasure boats (lady coxswains), 1, T. D. Neal; 2, A. C. Word; 3, O. M. Richardson; 4, R. J. Duncanson; 5, W. M. Wrenn; Jr.; 6, P. H. Twining; 7, J. G. Sutton. Prizes, canoes and flowers.

Third event, 4:20 P. M. single sculls: 1, Lewis; 2, H. E. Williams; 3, Robert Cushman; 4, J. G. Sutton. Prize, pipe.

Fourth event, 4:30 P. M. junior four-oared gigs: White—1, Turner; 2, Cooke; 3, Goddard; 4, Duncanson; coxswain, Beers.

Fifth event, 4:40 P. M. eight-oared shells: White—1, Turner; 2, Duncanson; 3, D. Haw; 4, Cooke; 5, Callis; 6, Goddard; 7, Parker; 8, Meade. Coxswain, Beers.

Sixth event, 4:50 P. M. war canoes: Pocahontas—O. M. Richardson, captain; 1, Augustine; 2, Duncanson; 3, Fleming; 4, Lewis; 5, J. P. McCarthy; 6, M. R. Gilliam; 7, Spilman; 8, Ford; 9, Neale; 10, Staples.

Powhatan—W. T. Turner, captain; 1, H. E. Gilliam; 2, Whitte; 3, Parker; 4, Royall; 5, Cushman; 6, Deane; 7, H. E. S. Goddard; 8, Adair; 9, 10, E. S. McCarthy. Coxswain, D. Haw.

Seventh event, 5 P. M. double canoes: Turner-Fleming; Duncanson-Richardson; Royall-H. E. Gilliam; Lacy-J. P. McCarthy; Augustine-D. Haw. Prize, two canoe paddles.

Eighth event, 5:10 P. M. canoe sailing: Turner-Fleming; Duncanson-Richardson; Royall-H. E. Gilliam; Lacy-J. P. McCarthy; Augustine-D. Haw. Prize, Virginia Book Company 4c. Richmond Victor R. Smith, president, Atlanta, Ga.; Burgess Smith, vice-president, Atlanta, Ga.; R. O. Hill, secretary and treasurer; James H. Price, both of Richmond. Capital: Maximum, \$50,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: Deal in text-books.

Ninth event, 5:20 P. M. tub race: 1, Staunton, Va. T. S. Grubbs, president, Staunton, Va.; J. P. McCull, vice-president, Staunton, Va.; Thomas W. McCull, secretary and treasurer, Staunton, Va.; McCulloch, secretary and treasurer, Edgewood Park, Pa. Capital: Maximum, \$50,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: Planting and growing orchards.

A license to do business in Virginia was issued to the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California. W. W. Jackson, of Richmond, statutory agent, Maximum capital authorized by charter, \$10,000,000. Objects: Accident and health insurance business.

Blaze in Stable. Fire in the rear of 1113 West Clay Street, near the Federal National Life Insurance company, caused trifling damage at 3:30 o'clock last night, although Assistant Chief Wine, who responded to the alarm with engine company No. 10 and fire truck No. 3, directed his attention first to the plant of the Home Brewery nearby. The blaze started in a stable, and was quickly extinguished.

Seaboard Air Line Earnings. Approximate gross earnings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway for the second week in June show a decrease of \$2,878, as compared with the corresponding week last year.

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