

# SKYSCRAPER TO COST A MILLION

Philadelphia Capitalists to Build on Site Overlooking Capitol Square.

FIFTEEN STORIES HIGH

Architects Have Advertised for Bids to Tear Down Hoen and Jenkins Buildings.

Plans for the new fifteen-story Capitol Square Building, it was stated yesterday on good authority, will be filed in the office of the Building Inspector for approval on or about January 15. At an early date following their approval the syndicate behind the enterprise will let the contracts, with the probability that the new skyscraper will be completed within twelve months.

The information comes from a real estate firm which will act as rental agent for the seven wealthy Philadelphia capitalists who form the company that will erect the building. For reasons of his own, the manager of the real estate company declined to permit the use of his name or to disclose the names of his clients. He stated positively, however, that the building will be built as announced and without one cent of local capital.

The structure will rise on the plot of ground now occupied by the old Hoen and Jenkins buildings, on Bank Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth. Advertisements are now running calling for bids for the tearing down and removing of the present buildings. This work, it is reported, will begin within the next few weeks.

Plans prepared by Simon & Bassett, Philadelphia architects, provide for a fifteen-story building of concrete, steel and stone, to cost, together with the lot, about \$1,000,000. In addition to fifteen floors above ground, the building is to have a basement and sub-basement.

The Philadelphia syndicate at present holds options on the old Hoen building, on the southwest corner of Bank and Eleventh, and the adjoining structure, known as the Jenkins building. Bids for raising these two are being called for by Simon & Bassett. It is the ultimate plan, it was stated yesterday, to acquire also the property known as Goddin Hall, and thus give the new building a frontage of a solid block on Bank Street.

The Goddin Hall property, however, is at present tied up in an unsettled estate and is not immediately available. The new building will go up at Bank and Twelfth Streets without regard to the failure or success of the project to acquire Goddin Hall. It will be constructed so as to permit extension should the property be acquired later.

To Invite Legal Patronage. A special bid, it is understood, will be made by the new building for the purchase of lawyers. The suites and offices will be arranged with this particular end in view. Among the conveniences planned is a fireproof vault for every suite, thus obviating the need for separate safes. The central location of the building upon historic Capitol Square and the short distance to the city's important courts will, it

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is thought, make it peculiarly desirable to the legal profession.

The building will be served by six passenger elevators, so placed as to afford adequate service should later acquisitions make advantageous its extension to Eleventh Street. The syndicate proposes also to install upon the fifteenth floor a complete law library for the common use of all the tenants, and will probably set aside a chamber for the use of the Richmond Bar Association.

## WILL NAME SCHOOL AFTER JOHN B. CARY

New Sidney Building to Bear Name of Former Superintendent—Enrolment Now 18,239.

At the regular monthly meeting of the City School Board, held at the City Hall last night, Superintendent J. A. C. Chandler reported a total enrolment in the Richmond public schools of 18,239 pupils, by far the largest enrolment in the history of the city schools. Arrangements were perfected for a public lecture in the school extension course, to be delivered by Professor R. H. Dabney, of the University of Virginia, in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School on January 10

on the topic, "The Influence of the Past on the Present."

Aurora Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, notified the board of its desire to present to the new Madison Public School a United States flag and a Bible. The board accepted the offer with thanks, the date for the formal presentation exercises to be fixed later.

The handsome school building now being erected on Beverly Street, in the section annexed from Henrico County in 1906, and known heretofore as Sidney School District, when completed is to be known as the John B. Cary School, Mr. Cary having been a well-known educator and for a time superintendent of the Richmond schools.

Pay rolls were approved, in order that teachers and employees may be paid off before the holidays, which begin this year with the close of the school session to-morrow afternoon.

### Gets Ideas for Jail.

A Morris McDonald, a prominent business man of Charlotte, N. C., paid a visit yesterday to the Henrico County Jail in order to see the improved appliances in use there. Mr. McDonald told Deputy Sheriff Garnett, who showed him over the prison, that the city of Charlotte, is planning to erect a new jail and that he was searching for ideas to apply in the work. He seemed pleased with the type of cells used in the Henrico Jail.

### Newport News Is Winner.

Norfolk, Va., December 12.—In a bitterly-contested basketball game here to-day Newport News High School defeated Maury High School by the score of 27 to 25. A large crowd of pupils from the two schools witnessed the game.

## WILL PUT CHECK ON LOBBYISTS

New Rules of Council Change Method of Calling Special Meetings.

PROVIDE SEVEN COMMITTEES

Ward Lines Abolished in Composition of New Street Committee.

Plans for the reorganization of the Council committees after January 1 creating the Administrative Board were passed upon by the Committee on Rules last night, all present committees of the Council being superseded from that date by the following seven joint standing committees:

Committee on Streets, to consist of nine members, five from the Common Council and four from the Board of Aldermen, ward lines in the appointment of this committee being abolished.

Committee on Finance, to consist of five Councilmen and four Aldermen. Committee on Ordinances, to consist of five Councilmen and four Aldermen. Committee on Public Works, to consist of five Councilmen and four Aldermen.

Committee on River and Harbor, to consist of five Councilmen and four Aldermen.

Committee on Claims and Local Assessments, to consist of five Councilmen and four Aldermen.

Committee on Advertising and Enterprises, to consist of seven members, the presidents of each branch, three Councilmen and two Aldermen. The Mayor is to be an ex-officio member of this committee.

Will Have Fewer Assignments. Otherwise the present rules are to be allowed to stand except where they conflict with the charter amendments. No member will be eligible for the chairmanship of more than one joint standing committee, and no member of the Committee on Finance will be eligible for appointment on other standing committees.

Under the plan adopted there will be thirty-three Council assignments to be made by President Peters and twenty-six positions to be filled by appointment of President Adams, of the Board of Aldermen. After allowing for the president, who is a member of all standing committees, and the members of the Finance Committee, who may not be appointed elsewhere, there will be twenty-eight Council assignments to be divided between fourteen members, giving each member not on the Finance Committee two committees, and twenty-two committee assignments to be divided between the nine Aldermen not on the Committee on Finance.

The City Attorney was requested to redraft the rules making the consequential changes necessitated by the new charter and to have the new form ready for a special meeting of the Council to be called by President Peters for next Monday night.

### Will Check Lobbyists.

An important change suggested by President Peters, and which is to be incorporated in the rules, is in regard to the calling of special meetings, providing that such calls, even though signed by members of the Council, must be presented to the president by some Councilman or city official. In the recent franchise fight it became a rather notorious thing that lobbyists working for the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company circulated petitions calling meetings and took them to the presiding officers in almost any shape they desired. Rule three provides that the president of either branch shall call a special meeting on the request of any three members of his branch, but hereafter the petition for such meeting must be presented to the president by one of the members signing the call or by some officer of the Council, such as the clerk or sergeant-at-arms, and not by a paid lobbyist of the interest desiring the special meeting. Under the old plan, Mr. Peters said, any lobbyist could secure a special meeting of the Council, regardless of the wisdom or necessity of such a step, merely by securing three signatures, frequently given on a hasty consideration of the merits of the issue.

### BUTLER A CANDIDATE

Discharged Inspector Would Succeed His Former Employer.

Announcement was made yesterday of the candidacy of John E. Butler, at one time Deputy Building Inspector under Mr. Beck, for the position of Building Inspector, to be filled by the Administrative Board after the resignation of Mr. Beck on January 1. Mr. Butler was once an official of the local Bricklayers' Union, and is being put forward as the union candidate in opposition to Marcelus E. Wright, a well-known architect, who is Mr. Beck's choice for the position and who has received the unanimous endorsement of the Richmond Architects' Association.

### Qualifies to Practice.

James F. Miner qualified yesterday to practice law in the Law and Equity Court.

## THREE CANDIDATES DECLINE TO RUN

Special Committee Has to Eke Out Work of Pure Democracy at Ginter Park.

Three of the candidates for the Ginter Park Town Council, selected at the equal suffrage meeting Tuesday night, proved that the voice of the people is not always the voice of the gods yesterday afternoon by declining to allow the use of their names on the ballots at the special election which will be held January 11 to confirm the action of the mass meeting.

The three citizens who could not answer the call were C. B. Garnett, S. H. Hawes and W. S. Rhoads. As soon as it was known that they could not serve, the finance committee of the Ginter Park Residents' Association substituted the names of Charles G. Taylor, Jr., T. C. Ruffin and C. P. Cadott to fill the vacancies. As if in expectation of such a contingency, the finance committee had been called to meet in the Business Men's Club at 2 o'clock.

Messrs. Taylor, Ruffin and Cadott stood next to the six successful candidates in the balloting Tuesday night, and the committee, in placing their names on the ticket, acted under the authority of a clause in the rules cov-

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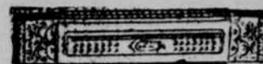
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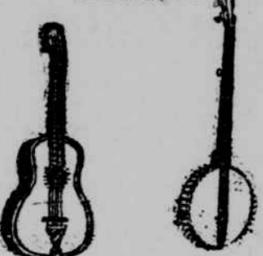
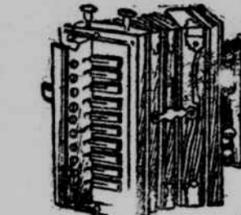


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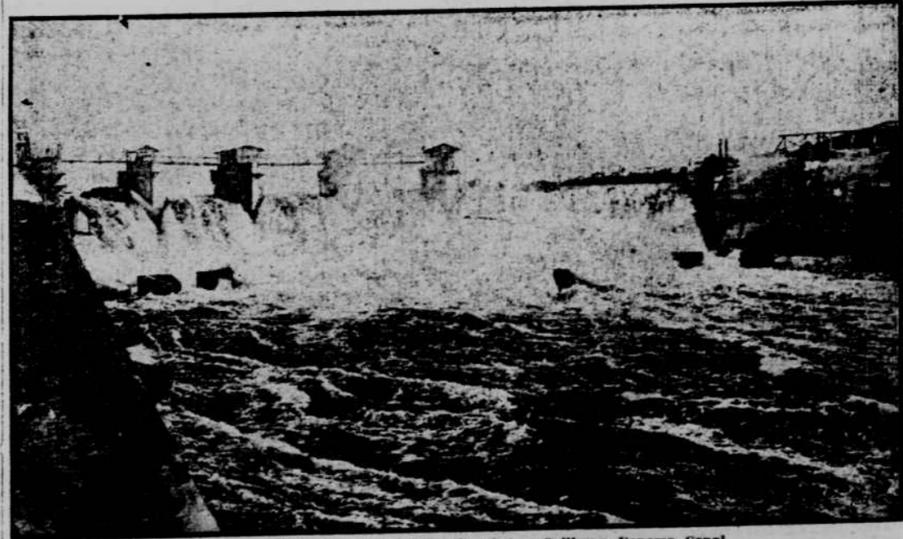
It is probable that the officials to hold the election in January will be

announced within a few days, as the county electoral board, which was empowered to take such action, already has the matter under advisement.

The meeting at which John Garland Pollard was nominated for Mayor and candidates for the Council chosen was

considered unique because in it all residents of the incorporation were allowed to vote. The only requirement was that they be more than twenty one years of age. Thirty women were present and took part in the proceedings.

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