WORKERS REPORT ON YEAR'S LABORS

Virginia Christian Missionary Society in Annual Session at Lynchburg.

TWENTY PULPITS VACANT

Episcopal School for Boys to Be Established on 60-Acre Tract Near Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., September 10.—The convention of the Virginia Christian Missionary Society, the representative organization of the Virginia Disciples of Christ, to-day heard reports from workers of the society throughout the State and the report of the State board, which directs the work of the society during the year. These reports were followed by an address by George S. Crenshaw, of Richmond.

The afternoon session was given over to Sunday school work, a number of short addresses being made in a symposium on Bible school work. To-night the sermon was delivered by Rev. G. W. Phelps, of Pulaski.

The report of the State board showed that representatives of the society labored 3,570 days during the year, the number of sermons being 1,623, and the number of additions to the churches through the efforts of these workers being 606. Churches organized, two; churches aided in support of ministers or in meetings, eighty; number of contributing churches, 192; number of contributing Sunday schools, fifty-five.

The trust fund is shown to be $11,974.77, from which interest amounting to $513.38 was received during the year.

Twenty Pulpits Vacant.

The plan of grouping country churches for pastorates has been pushed during the year, twenty-five such groups having been formed in the past two years. Twenty pulpits in the State were reported to be vacant.

The report recommends that the first Sunday in November be observed by the churches as Virginia Day, the churches being asked to reach, if possible, the annual apportionments; that further effort be made to arrange with the National Home Missionary Society for a State Sunday school secretary or field worker, and that an advisory pulpit supply committee be elected to aid churches in the calling of pastors, and that no member of the State board be a member.

The report shows that the receipts of the society during the year aggregated $5,174.19.

The report of ministers whose support is partly provided for by the society, shows growth and satisfactory conditions in Petersburg, Portsmouth, Park Place, Norfolk, South Norfolk, Harrisonburg, Chatham, Philippi, Galax and Big Stone Gap.

Episcopal School for Boys.

The committee having in charge the initiative steps looking to the establishment of an Episcopal preparatory school for boys on a farm donated near the city for that purposes, will immediately present an application to the State Corporation Commission for a charter, and under this, work will be started to finance the proposed institution.

At a meeting held yesterday on the premises for the proposed school, Rev. Robert C. Jett, formerly of Staunton, was elected president, and W. G. Mingea, of Abingdon, treasurer.

The site, consisting of sixty acres, has been donated by William King, Jr., of this city, and it is especially adapted for a preparatory school, being six miles north of the city on the Southern Railway. The school buildings will be designed for 200 or 300 students, and it is not improbable that it can be made ready for opening a year hence.

R. D. Apperson, former president of the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company, who went to Santa Monica, Cal., a month ago to spend the winter, has improved so much since he has been there that he is now able to take walks. Before he left home Mr. Apperson was hardly able to go out in an automobile, but his improvement has been marked recently.

Firemen Have Dull Time.

The Lynchburg Fire Department has enjoyed an unusually dull period during the past three weeks, for the apparatus from none of the five stations has been called out for a fire since August 19. This seems to be a remarkable record, even for a season in which few fires are to be expected.

IN FAVOR OF NO-FENCE LAW.

Majority in Cumberland County Cannot Fall Below 100.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fayetteville, N. C., September 10.—Unofficial figures on the stock law election held here yesterday indicate that Cumberland County has gone in favor of no-fence law. Figures available are not complete, but no majorities that the outlying precincts might return against the law could overturn the handsome majorities given in the four voting districts of Fayetteville. In three of these precincts only four votes were cast against the measure, No. 2 voting solidly. The majority cannot fall below one hundred. This victory will put the whole of Cumberland in closed range territory. Contingent on this the Federal government has promised to eradicate cattle tick in the country, removing it from quarantine.

WRECK IS CAUSED BY BROKEN FLANGE.

Unidentified Tramp Killed and Two Freight Cars Derailed on the N. & W.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Roanoke, Va. September 10.—Southbound freight No. 61, on the Shenandoah Valley Division of the Norfolk and Western Railway was wrecked this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at a point north of this city, two cars being derailed. A tramp, whose identity is not known, was killed and a companion seriously injured. The line was blocked until midnight. A train was sent out to bring passengers who were on train No. 13, which was due to arrive here at 4:15 o'clock. The injured man and transferred passengers arrived here to-night. The wreck was due to a broken flange.

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MAY MEET AGAIN TO DISCUSS RATE

Resumption of Negotiations Between Representatives of State and Railroads Probable.

THIRD DISTRICT APPEALS

Governor Craig Appoints Delegates to Southern Commercial Congress.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., September 10.—President Fred M. Tate, of the North Carolina Just Freight Association, and his advisory board were here to-day for a conference with Governor Craig concerning the freight rate situation and the probable course to be pursued in view of impending further negotiations with the railroad presidents as to interstate rates and the near approach of the beginning of the special session of the Legislature. The members of the advisory board are discussing with an increasing degree of approval the proposition to establish an independent steamboat line from Wilmington.

J. Allen Taylor, of Wilmington, who is a recognized rate expert, made a special presentation of the benefits to be derived by making Wilmington the basing point for North Carolina rates, insisting that relief must ultimately come through recognition of the potentiality of water competition in controlling railroad freight rates. Mr. Taylor's position is being strongly seconded by W. S. Creighton, rate expert, of Charlotte. Mr. Taylor also believes that Newbern might be made a basing point. Mr. Taylor insists that Wilmington now has more water than Norfolk had when that city was made a "gateway." The advisory committee here with President Tate consists of J. C. Forester, Greensboro; W. S. Creighton, Charlotte; T. J. Ryan, High Point; J. L. Graham, Winston-Salem; T. S. Morrison, Asheville; A. Blanton, Shelby; U. B. Blalock, Wadesboro; J. F. Wray, Reidsville; George A. Norwood, Goldsboro; J. Allen Taylor, Wilmington; E. M. Stevens, Elizabeth City; A. K. Joy, Hickory; C. A. Jones, Gastonia; J. E. Underwood, Fayetteville; A. A. Thompson, Raleigh; W. A. Pierce, Weldon, and C. L. Ives, Newbern.

Two charters were issued to-day by the Secretary of State, as follows: The Southern State Commerce Co., of Wilmington, with $100,000 capital authorized and $20,300 subscribed, by J. L. and T. A. Darby, W. H. Revelle and J. W. Sneed, for handling fruits, truck and farm products generally, and also for general fisheries and oyster business; the Burlington Motor Car Co., of Burlington, capital $30,000 authorized and $1,300 subscribed, by R. J. Hall, George M. Brooks and others.

Arguments Concluded.

The argument of Third District appeals in the Supreme Court was concluded to-day, one especially notable being that of the State vs. R. W. Cobb, from Halifax County. In this case the prisoner is under sentence of death for the killing of a man in Halifax a few months ago. His victim was Thomas Shaw, a merchant of Halifax County, near Rosemary. He was shot while going from his store to his home on a Saturday night and had considerable money. His son, Shelton Shaw, accompanied him. Cobb held them up at the point of a revolver and ordered Shaw to throw up his hands. Shaw dashed at the highwayman and was killed.

Fourth District appeals will be called next Tuesday in the following order: Cooper vs. Seaboard Air Line; McCullers vs. Cheatham; Harrington vs. Grimes; Watkins vs. Seaboard Air Line; Robinson vs. Life and Annuity Co.; Johnston vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway; Corporation Commission vs. Bank of Jonesboro; Griswald vs. Western Union Telegraph Co.; Stephenson Co. vs. Wellons, receiver; Huffman vs. Southern Railway Co.; Melver vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway; Monds vs. Town of Dunn; Bird vs. Lumber Co.; Pierce vs. Stallings.

Governor Craig announced a long list of delegates from North Carolina to the Southern Commercial Congress, to be in progress at Mobile, Ala., on October 27-29. The delegates are as follows: George Stephens, H. M. McAdams, John M. Scott, W. C. Wilkins, Charlotte; W. B. Cooper, H. C. McQueen, Charles E. Taylor, Wilmington; W. A. Blair, H. F. Shaffner, Winston-Salem; Captain J. P. Sawyer, Asheville; J. U. Williams, Jr., Burlington; H. I. Woodhouse, Concord; H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro; John F. Wiley, Durham; H. W. Lilly, Fayetteville; A. G. Myers, Gastonia; W. E. Borden, Goldsboro; R. G. Vaughan, Greensboro; C. C. Wright, Greensboro; W. J. Davis, Hendersonville; K. C. Minzies, Hickory; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; W. A. Mouney, Kings Mountain; D. F. Wooten, Kinston; A. F. James, Laurinburg; A. Miller, Leaksville; George W. Montcastle, Lexington; A. W. McLean, Lumberton; A. J. McKimmon, Paxton; W. S. Blackney, Monroe; W. J. Byerly, Mt. Airy; T. A. Uzzell, Newbern; W. H. Hunt, Oxford; W. D. Drake, Jr., Joseph G. Brown, B. S. Jerman, Raleigh; J. F. Watlington, T. J. Penn, Reidsville; W. L. Parsons, S. S. Covington, Rockingham; J. W. Aycock, Rocky Mount; J. D. Norwood, Salisbury; W. H. Pyke, Southport; E. S. Pegrin, Statesville; J. A. Holdeness, Tarboro; T. J. Covington, Wadesboro; S. Bridgman, Washington; W. B. Williamson, Asheville.

DAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Staunton, Va., September 10.—The following business was disposed of in the Court of Appeals to-day:

Jacob vs. Warthen, argued and submitted.

Luplett vs. Gydebrod, argued and submitted.

Petition for rehearing in case Wardell vs. Budsong, refused.

Petition for rehearing, case Virginia Railway and Power Company vs. Ferebel, refused.

Petition for writ of error, in case J. E. Markham vs. Lynchburg Traction and Light Company, refused.

Petition for writ of error in case of Lloyd Lipscomb vs. Commonwealth of Virginia, refused.

News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,
5 Bollingbrook Street,
(Phone 1485)
Petersburg, Va., September 10.

Arrangements have been made for a public meeting of all the labor organizations of the city to be held next Tuesday night, to which the working people generally will be invited. Among the speakers expected to be present and deliver addresses are James B. Doherty, Commissioner of Labor; John Hirschberg, member of the Administrative Board of Richmond and president of the Richmond Central Trades and Labor Council; E. C. Davison, of Richmond, president, and Howard T. Colvin, of Alexandria, secretary of the Virginia Federation of Labor. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Petersburg Lodge of Machinists.

FOR THE SUPREME COURT.

Judge J. F. West, of Sussex County, May Become Candidate.

It is reported on good authority that Judge J. F. West, of Sussex County, in response to urgent requests of his friends, may become a candidate for the seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of Appeals to be vacated by the retirement of Judge Buchanan. Judge West has not announced his intentions in the matter, but is expected to do so in a few days. Judge West is an accomplished lawyer, universally popular, and has had long experience at the bar and on the bench.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

One-Story Frame Building in Petersburg Destroyed.

A one-story frame building on Ransom Street, occupied as a store and dwelling by Thomas Harris, colored, caught fire from some unknown cause this morning shortly after 3 o'clock, and was destroyed with its contents. There was but a small stock of goods in the store. The building was owned by Laura Thomas, colored. Harris's total loss on stock and furniture is estimated at about $440, which is covered by insurance.

PARALYSIS CAUSES DEATH.

Edward H. Simonson, Well Known Citizen, Passes Suddenly Away.

Edward H. Simonson, fifty-seven years old and a well-known citizen, died this morning about 1 o'clock at his residence on Harrison Street, of paralysis, with which he was stricken last night about 8 o'clock. He was well up to the time of the stroke, which came while he was talking with a friend. He never regained consciousness. Mr. Simonson is survived by his wife, two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Dyson, of this city, and Mrs. Lelia Lane, of Suffolk, and one brother, J. S. Simonson, of Chesterfield County.

SITE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Building in Sixth Ward May Be Located on Halifax Street.

The School Board at its meeting last night had under discussion the resolution passed by the Council requesting the board to locate the new Sixth Ward public school building at some convenient point on Halifax Street. Under the recent bond issue the sum of $25,000 is provided for this school. It is understood, however, that an extra sum will have to be appropriated for a site on Halifax Street, and the board appointed a committee to confer with the Finance Committee on the subject.

ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Increase of 160 Over Attendance at Opening Day Last Year.

The public schools for white children were opened to-day for the session of 1913-14, and the enrollment was very gratifying, showing up as follows at the several schools:

Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
High School	140	233	373
Lee School	246	258	504
Jackson School	253	246	499
Brown School	197	229	426
Sixth Ward	74	67	142
Totals	911	1,033	1,944

This is an increase of 160 over the first day's enrollment of last year. Superintendent Jones expects to have 2,000 white children in the schools by the first of next week.

The colored schools of the city will be opened next Monday with an increased enrollment.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Methodists in Petersburg District Meet at Chester To-day.

The Petersburg District Conference of the M. E. Church will be held tomorrow at Chester, when the general subject of missions will be considered. Presiding Elder J. K. Jolliff, D. D., will conduct the opening exercise, and Bishop Collins Denny will preach the sermon. Addresses will be delivered by several State officers and others.

MOTION TO OVERRULE.

Sentence on Dunn's Murderer Soon Will be Pronounced.

In the Circuit Court of Sussex County now in session, a motion to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial in the case of the negro who was convicted at the last term of the court of the murder of A. J. Dunn, a prominent farmer of the city, was overruled. Two negroes were implicated in the murder of Mr. Dunn, one of whom is now serving a sentence of eighteen years in the penitentiary. The other was convicted of murder in the first degree, and sentenced was not imposed in his case until argument could be heard on the motion entered by his counsel, Stanley Burt, of Surry County, to set aside the verdict on the ground of after-discovered evidence. It was this motion that was argued and overruled this week, and sentence will now be passed on the negro. Mr. Dunn was out hunting and was sitting on a log when he was shot and killed.

Two Marriages.

This morning at 6:30 o'clock at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. F. W. Moore, of the Second Baptist Church, Miss Hattie Jordan Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Perkins, and Robert Mellwaine Tucker, were married; immediate relations and friends being present. The couple left for the North on their bridal trip.

On Monday afternoon in Cumberland Street M. E. Church, Norfolk, by the Rev. J. A. Thomas, Miss Julia T. Wachsmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wachsmann, of this city, and Wilmer Adkins Sims, also of Petersburg, were united in marriage.

Personal and Otherwise.

Dr. E. J. Nixon is able to be about, after a several weeks' spell of illness.

To-morrow the opening of the series of games between the Roanoke and Petersburg teams and the last games of the season in Petersburg will be players' day. The return receipts will be divided equally between the players of the two teams.

The report of the Chief of Police for August shows a total of 216 arrests for all causes during the month. Considerably more than one-half of the number were for ordinance violations and drunkenness.

The State Convention of the Baraca-Philathea Union, which will meet in the First Baptist Church in this city on Saturday, will, it is expected, be attended by between 250 and 300 delegates, who will be entertained in the private homes of the city. The singing which will be rendered by an organized choir from all the churches, will be a feature of the convention.

The Rev. J. L. Phaup, the pastor, have been conducting successful revival meetings this week at Smith's Grove Church in Dinwiddie. Next Sunday he will begin revival meetings at Oak Grove Church.

William H. Baxter and daughter left for New York this afternoon by the Old Dominion line.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Anne Watson Woody will take place from the residence on Market Street at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A. & M. BEGINS ITS FALL SESSION

Registration, Numbering Nearly 700, Is Largest in History of College.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

West Raleigh, N. C., September 10.—Agricultural and Mechanical College has opened and started work in earnest, with the largest registration in the history of the college. The registration to the present time is nearly 700, and the prospects are that the number will reach far beyond 700 before the year is over.

Among the improvements during the summer months is the addition to the hospital, which has had a large wing added on the south side, almost doubling its capacity.

Work on the new mechanical shops building, for which an appropriation was made by the last Legislature, will commence within the next few days. The contract has been let to S. S. Tolar, of Rocky Mount, and the delay in starting the construction of this building was due to the necessity of revising the original plans to meet the funds which are available. This building will contain the machine shops, foundry, wood-working shops and mechanical laboratory, and the cost will be about $50,000.

The battalion was formed Monday, and drill commenced. This will be held every day for the new men for about a month, after which the regular three periods a week will be resumed. On account of the increased number of students, it was found necessary to form another company, making a total of seven besides the band.

Saturday night the regular college night exercises were held in Pullen Hall. This event is held each year by the Y. M. C. A. during the first week of college, for the benefit of the new students, and is intended to introduce them into the life of the college. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels was present and made an interesting talk to the students.

Claud Reeds has been secured as assistant secretary and physical director of the Y. M. C. A. He came here from the University of Oklahoma, and is an all-round athlete, having won monograms at Oklahoma in football, baseball, basketball and track.

HELD ON CHARGE OF POISONING WIFE

Circumstantial Evidence Against Joe Smith Adduced at Coroner's Inquest.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fayetteville, N. C., September 10.—Joe Smith, a white man of Linden, is in jail here charged with poisoning his wife. Smith was arrested last night. Circumstantial evidence against the husband was adduced at an inquest held this afternoon by Coroner M. C. Gougan. An autopsy on the body of the woman was performed at the same time by County Physician J. W. McNeill. The stomach and liver were removed and sealed up, and will be sent to-morrow to Raleigh to be analyzed by the State chemist.

The evidence before the coroner's jury was that Smith some time in June borrowed a quantity of strychnine from Mrs. A. B. Walker, for whom he worked; that last Wednesday he returned the bottle with one-third of the medicine gone; that his wife was taken sick Sunday night and was given a dose of medicine by her husband dying a few hours later with convulsions and exhibiting symptoms of poisoning.

Smith made a statement when arrested, but it was not made public.

White Slave Case Postponed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., September 10.—The Franklin white slave case, which was to have been called in the Federal court here to-day, was deferred until September 17, in order to permit the defense to secure its witnesses.

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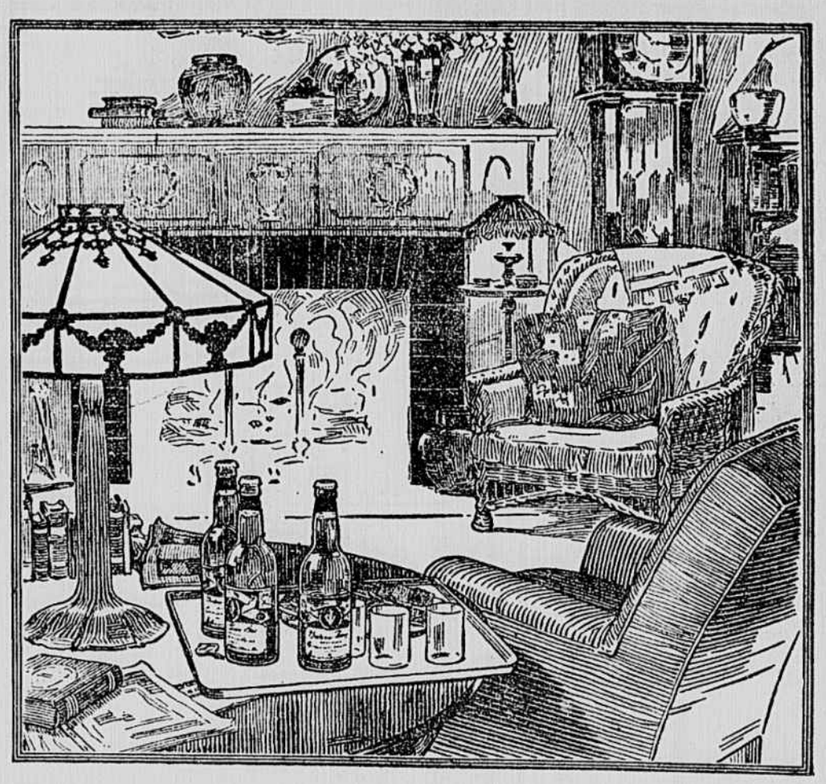
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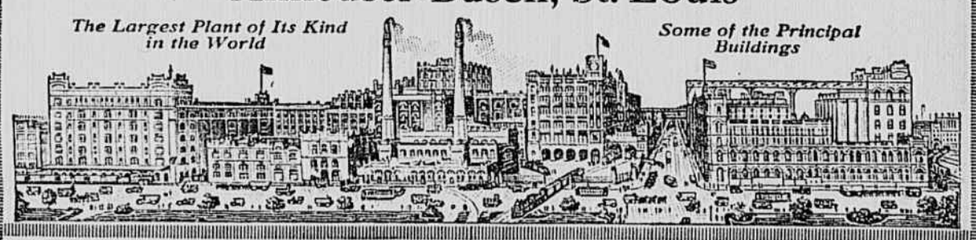
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BRYAN WILL VISIT FREDERICKSBURG

Accepts Invitation to Deliver Speech at Fair Grounds on October 1.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fredericksburg, Va., September 10.—Wm. Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, will visit the Fredericksburg Fair on Wednesday, October 1, and deliver an address before the people on the fair grounds. The consent of Mr. Bryan to make this visit was obtained by a committee composed of A. P. Rowe, president of the Fair Society; W. J. Ford and Captain M. B. Rowe, all three members of the Board of Directors, through Alexander Berger, of "Hayfield," ten miles from Fredericksburg, on the Rappahannock River. Mr. Berger is not only a warm personal friend of Secretary Bryan, but there is the additional tie that Mr. Bryan's son married Mr. Berger's daughter. It is expected that the presence of Mr. Bryan at the Fredericksburg Fair on October 1 will draw the largest crowd that has ever passed through the gates in a single day.

Miss Virginia M. Goolrick, of this city, will sail for Italy on Saturday, September 13, from New York to spend a few months abroad. She is taking the trip for travel and study and will return home about Christmas. She will be accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Previtall, of New York, and the Misses Morrow, of Maryland.

George D. Rowe, son of Mayor and Mrs. J. P. Rowe, of this city, left today for Lawrenceville, where he will resume his duties as principal of the Lawrenceville High School. Mr. Rowe had a successful session there last year and extra inducements were offered him to return.

CARR DIES OF WOUND.

Fitzgerald, Who Fired Fatal Shot, Is Still at Large.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Staunton, Va., September 10.—Samuel Carr, who was shot seemingly without cause Sunday afternoon by Henry Fitzgerald, died in the hospital here last night. Fitzgerald escaped, and the posse searching for him has given up the chase. The shooting, which followed a drinking bout near Midway, remains unexplained.

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