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BIG FIRE AT CONEY ISLAND

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thieves broke through the fire lines or entered the district from the ocean side and their work of looting was wholesale.

A crowd carrying off a piano was one sight which taught the police what kind of crooks they had to deal with.

So far as known only four persons were injured or burned, and all will recover.

INCENDIARY ORIGIN.

Deputy Battalion Chief Kirkpatrick says he is convinced that the fire is of incendiary origin. He arrives at this conclusion owing to the fact that the flames broke out in two different parts of the island at about the same time, both places being difficult of access so far as fire engines are concerned, and from the fact that upon his arrival he found traces of kerosene oil along the board walks and around both houses where the fires originated.

CHURCH LEGISLATION.

WORK OF THE PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., May 26.—After a discussion which lasted for over three hours, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at its morning session, recommended a change in the book of order, so as to provide that the ruling elder may deliver the charge to the people at the installation of a pastor. Forty-four of the Presbyteries of the Southern Church had pronounced in favor of the change, which was also recommended by the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The vote in favor of the report of the committee stood: Ayes, 77; noes, 43; absent, 73; excused from voting, 2.

BIBLE CAUSE.

There was an interesting discussion on the report of the Committee on Bible Cause, which report contained a reference to the difference in prices charged by the American Bible Society and its competitors. The difference was said to be due to some extent to the better quality of the books of the society, and in part to the fact that the society has carefully avoided the sweat-shop principles followed by other corporations.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE.

The Assembly concurred in the action of the Committee on Overtures recommending the change in the baptismal formula, from the words "into the name of," to "in the name of."

The report of the same committee recommending ministers to exercise the greatest caution in performing marriage ceremonies where a doubt exists as to the consent of the parents of either of the contracting parties when such parties are under age, was also adopted.

The assembly referred the questions the American Sabbath Union was enjoined in the work of legislative reform, and continued to merit the recognition of the churches to committee on Sabbath.

A protest was received from the Ministerial Association of Nashville, Tenn., against the removal of the committee on Foreign Missions from that city to Richmond.

A negative answer was returned to several overtures, which suggested the inclusion of the English Bible in the list of subjects for the examination of candidates for the ministry.

The assembly then took a recess.

COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

The report of the Committee on Colored Evangelization was considered at length during the afternoon session. The statement contained in it, that crime is on the increase among the negro population was the chief bone of contention. The fear was voiced that in the present inflammable state of the negro mind, the promulgation of such a statement was ill-advised. It was, however, supported by the chairman, who, as the result of his investigation, made the statement that three-fourths of the crime in the South is committed by negroes and the increase of crime, particularly among the younger members of the race, is alarming. The report was subsequently amended so as to read that "statistics show the prevalence of crime."

A protest, signed by ten commissioners, was presented against the action of the Assembly in regard to the division of the Presbytery of South Alabama, the contention being that it practically gives the Synod unlimited power.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the presiding elder question, disposed of at the morning session, was defeated by a vote of 51 to 43.

THE ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS.

The last session of the Assembly was held to-night. It was for the most part occupied with addresses made upon resolutions expressing the appreciation of commissioners for hospitality and courtesies extended to them during their visit.

A resolution to include Sunday newspapers and excursions in the list of worldly amusements against which the pastoral letter is to be directed, failed adoption, many of the commissioners being absent from the session, and it being deemed inadvisable to reconsider the action of the full Assembly.

The Assembly was dissolved by the Moderator, who, according to the formula, ordered the election of another Assembly to convene in Atlanta, Ga., on the third Thursday in May, 1900.

SERIOUS RIOTING.

FIGHTING AT GUADELOUPE—MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, May 26.—Advices received here from Guadeloupe, the French West Indian Island, of the Leeward group, report a recurrence of serious rioting between the native population and British contract labor immigrants, which culminated in the recent fire.

Continuous fierce fighting is said to have taken place on the plantations, and the police and military, it appears, cannot suppress the disturbance. Several fatalities are reported.

As a result the British Consul there has appealed to Great Britain for that protection for British subjects which local government is seemingly unable to afford.

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The Secretary of State, it was announced from Washington, received on April 18 a telegram from Consul Ayme, at Pointe-A-Pitre, Guadeloupe, saying that fires, alleged to be of incendiary origin, started at midnight April 17 and destroyed sixteen squares in the vicinity of the American Consulate.

The Consul said that four hundred houses were destroyed, thirty-one lives lost and 2,000 persons rendered homeless. The loss, he estimated, would approximate $1,000,000.

The Consul added that, though the fire was out, great uneasiness prevailed among the people, and that the Governor had arrived at Pointe-A-Pitre with fifty soldiers.

A CABINET MEETING.

FINAL CHANGES IN CIVIL SERVICE ORDER APPROVED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., May 26.—At the Cabinet meeting to-day final changes in the civil service order were approved and the order will be ready for the President's signature as soon as the changes are incorporated in the final draft of the document. All of the members of the Cabinet expressed themselves as satisfied with it. It is said the order will exempt about 4,000 of the 65,000 positions in the classified service.

The question of Cuban shipping was again brought up by Secretary Gage, who also furnished some data showing that the amount of shipping tied up because it has no flag to sail under has been greatly exaggerated. The question, with the data furnished by the Treasury Department, was turned over to Attorney General and Secretary Hay for examination and report.

Postmaster General Smith brought up the question of the franking privilege in Cuba and Porto Rico. The Postmaster General read a letter from Major Rathbone, who is at the head of the postal affairs in Cuba, saying that the number of persons exercising this privilege now was excessive, and the question arose as to whether it would not be wise to cut the privilege off altogether. No decision was reached.

The Postmaster General has decided to send a special agent to Lake City, S. C., for the purpose of examining the situation there with a view to determining whether or not a postoffice shall be re-established there.

Mrs. Bryan to Young Graduates.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Jacksonville, Ill., May 26.—Mrs. W. J. Bryan, herself a graduate of the Academy for Young Women in this city, made the chief address to a graduating class to-day. Mrs. Bryan spoke on "The American Woman." She said, among other things:

"The public find the American woman an interesting subject. This interest follows from the unique position in which American women stand to-day. The American woman should be sufficiently independent to study her own surroundings, choose her own course and live the life which is best for herself and those nearest her, without regard to the opinions of the outer world.

"While we hear a great deal these days about equality, the real permanent advancement of women depends on her individual development. When man finds in woman a thorough appreciation of his work and aims; when the mind of woman becomes the perfect supplement and complement of the mind of man which the Creator intended it to be, then will all the discussions as to the rights and privileges cease."

Mr. Bryan in Illinois.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Danville, Ill., May 26.—W. J. Bryan spoke to ten thousand people this afternoon and evening at the Armory. He followed his usual lines of argument, discussing the money question at length, condemning the administration's Philippine policy, also trusts, and advocating an income tax. He was given an enthusiastic reception.

Spanish General Dies.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Manila, May 26.—9:55 p. m.—The Spanish General Montero, while on the way hither with the Spanish garrison from Zamboanga on the steamer Leon XIII., died of wounds received in a recent engagement with the Filipinos in Mindanao.

Navy Department Asks For Bids.

Washington, May 26.—The Navy Department to-day asked for bids for the repair shop for steam engineering at the United States naval station at Port Royal, S. C. The building is to be 250 feet long, with boiler room 50 feet long, and an administration building 47 by 38 feet.

The Amen! of marriage is always a baby. Without it, wedlock is a summer field that never blooms, a flower that never buds, a night without stars, a sermon without a benediction, a prayer without an Amen.

There never was a husband worthy of the name, who did not aspire to be the father and the grandfather of healthy, capable children to hand down his name and the fortune accumulated by the sweat of his brow, from generation to generation. There never was a wife fit to bear that noble title, who did not wish to wear womanhood's most glorious crown, the sceptre of motherhood. Thousands of wedded couples, otherwise happy, fall short of wedlock's greatest happiness because they are childless. In the majority of cases, this is because the wife, through ignorance or neglect, suffers from weakness and disease of the organs distinctly feminine. For women who suffer in this way there is one great medicine that does not fail to accomplish its purpose. It is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate organs concerned and makes them strong, healthy, vigorous, virile and elastic. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones the shattered nerves. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. It quickens and vitalizes the distinctly feminine organism. It banishes the maladies of the expectant months and makes baby's introduction to the world easy and almost painless. It insures the little new-comer's health and nourishment in plenty. It is the best supportive tonic for nursing mothers.

Mrs. Jennie Parks, of Marshall, Spokane Co., Wash., writes: "I am glad to tell of the good results of your great medicine.—Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I was benefited by your medicine in confinement. It gives me strength. I have no tired feeling and my baby is the picture of health. I feel better than I have in ten years."

In cases of constipation Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used as an adjunct to the "Favorite Prescription," they are extremely simple, perfectly natural and insure prompt and permanent relief.

ALL NORFOLK TALKING ABOUT IT

FEREBEE, JONES & CO.'S BIG CLOSING OUT SALE!

FROM NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH AND BERKLEY the people are glorying in the opportunity to buy the Superior Clothing we are selling at the unprecedented price-paralyzing rates. The success that has attended this sale has far overshadowed our most sanguine expectations, and as a consequence many lots that were complete when the sale started, have been reduced to one, two and three of a kind.

We can't afford to lose much time with these, and have therefore put the knife into them again. But everything in the store is reduced in price to cost or below, and no matter whether you buy a collar-button or the highest priced suit or overcoat in our stock just now, you'll save money. Here are a few particularly important lots.

Men's Suits.

All-wool Fancy Chevoit suits for men, durably made and trimmed; originally $7.50, now $4.89

$8.00 and $9.00 Suits of Black Chevoit and Cassimeres, splendidly gotten up; well worth the original price; all cut down to.. $5.80

$10.00, $11.50 and $12.50 Suits, made from All-wool Chevoits, shapely, stylish and seasonable; in all new styles, single or double-breasted coats, cut for this sale to $7.48

$13.50, $14.00 and $15.00 Suits, made of imported worsteds and chevoits, cut in the latest fashions and made for the very finest trade, unsparingly dropped to $8.98

$16.50, $17.00 and $18.00 Suits of superfine fancy chevoits and worsteds, handsome in every detail; the greatest bargains ever offered; down for final closing to $10.48

$20.00, $22.00, $24.00 and $25.00 Suits, a strictly high-grade line of desirable materials. The assortment embraces every new style and cut of pattern; all wonderful bargains; the chance of a lifetime to buy them for $13.80

BOYS' SUITS.

BOYS' FINE SUITS, very strong, good, very well made and perfect fitting, 14 to 19 years old, sold right here for $6 and $7. Unsparingly cut for closing to $3.00

BOYS' HANDSOME SUITS, single-breasted, guaranteed all-wool, many colors, 14 to 19, cut from $8.00 and $9.00 to the miraculous price of..... $4.00

FOR BOYS' FINE CHEVOIT SUITS, all styles, all-wool, all colors, 14 to 19 years, former price $10 and $12; now at the one amazing price of $6.00

BOYS' ALL-WOOL CHEVOIT SUITS, either double or single-breasted, 15 to 19 years, formerly sold for $13.50 and $15. Like finding money to get them for $7.00

MEN'S PANTS.

$2.25 and $2.50 Men's Pants, made from good serviceable materials in dress and stylish patterns. Without exception slashed to $1.75

$3 and $4 Men's Pants, will hold their shape and wear splendidly; great values at original prices. Marvelous bargains at $2.39

$4.50 and $5.00 Men's All-wool Pants, made from elegant and choice materials, stripes, plaids, etc. Most wondrous bargains ever offered for $2.85

$6.00 Men's Striped All-wool Worsted Pants. Fine tailor-made, custom fitting. Hundreds to select from. Mammoth sale price $3 85

$7.00 and $8.00 Men's Extra Fine Pants. Highest grade of woolens, all stylish patterns. Slashed to the unheard-of price $4.62

Men's Striped Office Coats.

Lot of Men's Stripe Office Coats—in sizes from 34 to 44—worth 75c.—will go at.. 25c.

Men's Hosiery.

Lot of Men's Fine Seamless Half Hose, in black and tan shades, guaranteed fast colors—worth 15c.—during this sale..... 6½c.

All Fancy 25c. Hose now ..... 17c.

All Fancy 50c. Hose now ..... 38c.

Men's Collars and Cuffs.

All our 2 for 25c. Collars go at..... 7c.
10c. ones ..... 6 for 25c.
25c. Cuffs ..... 9., 3 for 25c.

Men's Belts.

Lot of Men's Leather Belts—with harness and covered buckles—all colors—worth 50c., will go for ..... 37c.

Lot of Men's Belts, worth 75c., will go for ..... 50c.

SPECIAL VALUE BLACK MOHAIR COATS, **1.48**

SPECIAL VALUE MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, **87c.**

Special Sale Men's Umbrellas!

Gloria Umbrellas, formerly $1.50, now..... 75c.
Gloria Umbrellas, formerly $2.50, now..... $1.25
Self-closing Umbrellas, formerly $4.00, now..... $2.00
All $5 and $6 Silk Umbrellas now..... $3.00

SPECIAL VALUE FINE BALBRIGGAN UNDERWEAR, **37c.**

SPECIAL VALUE BLUE SERGE COATS, **2.85**

ALL OUR SPLENDID FIXTURES FOR SALE.

FEREBEE, JONES & CO.,

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THE Norfolk Company

Has Begun the Improvement of Another Large Section of Its Property

FOR HIGH GRADE BUILDING LOTS.

These Improvements!

Will be First-Class in Every Way, and of the Most Modern Design and Execution.

ASPHALT ROADWAYS, ARTIFICIAL STONE FOOT PAVEMENT, COMBINED CURB AND GUTTER.

THE AREA NOW BEING IMPROVED IS AN EXTENSION OF THE GHENT STREETS NORTH OF OLNEY ROAD TO AND INCLUDING REDGATE AVENUE AND WEST OF COLONIAL AVENUE TO COLLEY AVENUE, INCLUDING THE STOCKLEY GARDENS.

The Sewer System WITH HOUSE CONNECTIONS FINISHED, IS NOW IN OPERATION.

The Water Mains ARE LAID AND CONNECTED WITH THE LOTS.

The Gas Mains ARE NOW BEING PUT IN PLACE.

Olney Road WILL BE PAVED WITH VITRIFIED BRICK WITH GRANITE CURB AND ARTIFICIAL STONE FOOT PAVEMENT.

Boissevain Avenue FROM STOCKLEY GARDENS TO COLLEY AVENUE, WILL BE PAVED WITH SHEET ASPHALT ROADWAY, ARTIFICIAL STONE CURB AND GUTTER AND ARTIFICIAL STONE FOOT PAVEMENT.

Raleigh Avenue WILL BE IMPROVED IN THE SAME MANNER FROM COLONIAL AVENUE TO COLLEY AVENUE.

Redgate Avenue FROM COLONIAL AVENUE TO COLLEY AVENUE, IN THE SAME WAY.

Manteo Street FROM OLNEY ROAD TO REDGATE AVENUE, WILL BE PAVED LIKEWISE WITH SHEET ASPHALT AND ARTIFICIAL STONE.

NO CITY IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE BETTER MADE THAN THESE.

THE STREETS ARE BEING GRADED AND PREPARED FOR THE PAVING. THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORK HAS BEEN FORMALLY EXECUTED WITH THE WARREN-SCHARF ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY, OF NEW YORK, AND THE WORK WILL BE COMMENCED AS SOON AS THE WEATHER WILL SAFELY PERMIT.

THE STOCKLEY GARDENS, WHICH ARE SHOWN ON THE MAPS OF THE NORFOLK COMPANY, ARE BEING IMPROVED TO AGREE WITH THE ORIGINAL PLANS. THESE THREE GARDENS, EXTENDING NORTH FROM OLNEY ROAD FOR NEARLY ONE THOUSAND FEET, WILL BE PLANTED WITH ORNAMENTAL AND SHADE TREES AND WITH FLOWERING SHRUBS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CAREFULLY PREPARED DESIGNS, AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE WELL-KNOWN GARDINER, MR. JOHN MAUGHAN.

ALL THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE PUSHED AS FAST AS THE WEATHER WILL PERMIT, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1st OF THIS YEAR.

MANY LOTS HAVE ALREADY BEN SOLD, AND THOSE WHO WISH TO INVEST IN VALUABLE PROPERTY, OR DESIRE TO SECURE FOR A HOME A SITE WHICH WILL MEET EVERY MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENT, ARE URGED TO CONSIDER THIS SECTION AND ITS ADVANTAGES.

THE SIXTH WARD IS THE GROWING WARD OF THE CITY, AND THE NORFOLK COMPANY'S PROPERTY IS IN THE MOST VALUABLE PART OF IT.

TWO LINES OF ELECTRIC STREET CARS CARRY PASSENGERS TO MARKET SQUARE WITHIN TWELVE MINUTES.

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