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THE RAILWAY DEAL.

THE WILLIAMS' MAY SELL THEIR INTEREST IN NORFOLK.

The Sale of the Richmond Street Rail way and Electric Properties and the Determination of the Banking Firm of Williams & Son to Retire from Street Railway Business Leads to Belief that They May Sell Their Norfolk Holdings.

Richmond, Va., April 24.—The consolidation of the street railway and electric properties of Richmond and the absolute retirement of the Williams interests, which have dominated the Traction and allied electric companies which are to pass to the control of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, controlled by George E. Fisher and associates of New York will go into effect in sixty days. The deal closed in Baltimore yesterday naturally aroused great interest here. Few cities of Richmond's size have such extensive street railway systems.

For the last three years the rivalry between the two companies has been intense and expensive. Final consolidation has been looked for by all, but the general impression has been that the Traction people would buy rather than sell. Fisher and his people acquired the charter of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company with a view to bringing about this consolidation and the Petersburg properties and the Inter-urban line between Richmond and Petersburg as well as the coal Passenger and Power Company and already passed under the control of this corporation.

The fact that Mr. Middendorf, of Baltimore, will be one of the directors of the consolidated company and that Mr. Nelson Perin, who negotiated the deal, will be interested in the business and he has been in the Traction Company seems to give color to the report that Messrs. Middendorf and Perin pressed the consolidation because of the ruinous competition which would not permit either company to make money.

The declared purposes of the Williams interests not to permanently continue the street railway business leads to the conclusion that they may soon withdraw from the field in Norfolk and vicinity where they have large enterprises. It would not be surprising at any time to hear of the properties in that section being sold. Ex-Governor Brown, of Maryland, and Mr. Payne, of Newport News, are spoken of as men who might acquire the properties. One or the other, most likely Mr. Payne may be negotiating for them already.

Mr. Fritz Sitterding is president of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, which will control all the interests in the deal. He will continue at the head of the consolidated enterprise.

Petersburg, Va., April 24.—Petersburg will play an important part in the electric railway consolidation which took place yesterday. The present offices of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, now the owners of all the lines in Richmond, Manassas, Petersburg and vicinity, are in this city and the taxes of the company will be paid here. The almost unlimited water power capable of being developed at the locks just above this city and the bright prospects for the success of the Appomattox diversion plan have had no small part in placing Petersburg in this position. Of the five fireclowns of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, two are in Petersburg, Carter R. Bishop and August Wright. The deal which was consummated yesterday has been worked out on paper for nearly three years. The interurban line between Richmond and Petersburg, which will become the property of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, will be thoroughly equipped and there is a probability that much if not all of the road will be rebuilt. This was stated this morning by an official. The consolidation, according to the opinion of those who are in possession of the facts relating to it, will do more to the interest of this city than any deal that has been consummated for many years.

A GREAT POSTOFFICE FRAUD.

Involving the Issue and Circulation of Millions of Postal Cards Uncertainly by Postoffice Inspector Stuart

Chicago, April 24.—A postoffice fraud involving the issue and circulation of millions of postal cards, was brought to a close to-night by Postoffice Inspector Stuart, who arrested Louis Smith and confiscated over 100,000 cards, printing presses, cardboard and plates.

Smith's scheme, according to Inspector Stuart, was to have the Post Company enamel a quantity of the cards so though they were to be used for a perfectly legitimate purpose. Another firm he had engrave a plate with Jefferson's head on an invitation card. Still another he had engrave "The United States of America." Then he would place all these parts together and thus complete an excellent imitation postal card. Inspector Stuart says that Smith must have made millions of the cards.

SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Athens, Ga., April 24.—In the chapel of the University of Georgia welcome was to-night given Robert C. Ogden and his party of philanthropists by an assemblage composed of prominent educators from all parts of the South, jurists, business men and students who came here to be present at the first session of the fifth annual conference for the development of education in the South. The conference was invited to the State by the Georgia Legislature and Hon. Clark Howell, president of the Senate, speaking for the commonwealth and for the municipality of Athens, voiced the first words of welcome. After extending a hearty greeting to the gathering of distinguished men and women, Mr. Howell said:

"This welcome is made doubly hearty in the declared purpose of this organization to conduct its work along lines which will recognize the necessities of the great masses of the whites as well as of the blacks who compose our population. In the excited rush of some of those philanthropically inclined to pile up funds to be devoted exclusively to the education of the negro, the struggling masses of the whites have been too often lost sight of."

"It is best to be frank in this matter of so much importance to our well being. The failure to secure heretofore the real, sincere and practical cooperation of the South in external educational movements normally entitled to the very fullest support and sympathy of all the people from the section most directly affected, has been due to the fact that the philanthropy which has directed its energy toward the South has been expended almost exclusively in the behalf of one race, overlooking the greater necessities of the other. As a result of this course, vast armies of poor, white boys who could not help themselves since the civil war have been working out their own salvation against odds which have required superhuman endurance to surmount."

"In this day of trusts and combines let the work of this conference be to improve the opportunity to organize the biggest and most comprehensive trust yet attempted—an educational trust in which every child will be a stockholder and every human head will be a share of stock. When you do this you will have inaugurated a movement beside which will be insignificant the combines which cornered both the land and the ocean, and which levy tribute on every morsel of food which enters the mouths of the hungry. There will be created in such combination a storehouse of energy backed by riches greater than Golconda's and which can be made to unfold to the eager world the priceless resources locked in the bosom of the wealthiest undeveloped territory of God's green earth—an energy which will harness our rivers, start to pulsating as never before the beating arteries of our commerce, create new factories, inspire new enterprises, transform blindness into industry and touch with the magic wand of knowledge the source from which will spring an overflowing fountain of peace, contentment and prosperity."

Mr. Ogden was then introduced and delivered his annual address.

"This conference exists for a holy cause—holy in the highest sense. Its creed reflects the divine love, broad and beneficent as the universal sunshine and expressed in the single simple dogma that every child in this broad land possesses the natural right to a good English education. The personnel is cosmopolitan in a marked degree. Here are Governors of States, officers of great corporations, educators of every degree, clergymen of many communions, editors, authors, bankers, merchants, lawyers, who, for the time being have set aside their several cares for the larger interests of our common country. And the crowning grace, influence and power of this assembly appears in the presence of so many good women."

"In moral and national things the new century is an advent to the world at large. There is a sudden manifestation of accumulation of power. Masses of capital rush together with magnetic impulse and in startling magnitude. Community of interest pools in concrete form, values that had not been comprehended in detail. This material life is national."

"Simultaneously with this realization of things an intellectual awakening appears. Generous facilities for research are placed at the command of science. The increase of endowment to great institutions of learning is the recognition of the debt that wealth owes to scholarship."

The president then outlined the organization and work of the Southern Education Board and the board of general education fund formed since the last conference. As to the problem of education in the South he said in concluding:

"Out of the case comes the silent appeal of millions of children of school age. With this appeal comes the cry of our country with a stern demand that from this child material good citizens for the future shall be furnished. It is our duty to so echo and re-echo these appeals that the ignorant shall rise up by the mere force of human right demand adequate education, that the people should tax themselves for education, that school authorities should promote the best ideas of education, and that philanthropy should supply the lacking margin beyond the capacity of the public purse and private local liberality. Let no doubtful expression or uncertain sound go forth. Education for all the people; good, well equipped school houses with competent teachers and an eight months' term in every school district. Let this and nothing less be the aim of this conference."

Fire at Danville destroyed the plant of Heidelbach & Penn, box manufacturers. Loss, \$16,000; insurance, \$14,000.

STATE AND CAPITAL.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR LAFAYETTE R. HAMBERLIN.

A Brilliant English Scholar Dies from Spinal Affection—The Governor's Right to Veto—A Little Girl Killed—United in Matrimony—The Death Roll—The Street Car Merits Satisfied—The Patterson Divorce Suit—The School Book Contract.

Richmond, Va., April 24.—Professor Lafayette R. Hamberlin, a brilliant English scholar and for some years instructor in elocution in leading institutions of the South, died this morning at the home of relatives on Grace street. He had suffered for two years with a spinal affection. He was a son of the Rev. John B. Hamberlin, of Healing Springs, Va., and was 42 years old. He married Miss Lily Wilson, of this city, and is survived by his wife, but no children. Professor Hamberlin was a Master of Arts of Richmond College and taught English literature and expression there for several years. He then taught in the University of Texas and later took a course at Harvard.

There was a conference to-day between President Bemis, of the Traction Company, and a grievance committee representing the employees of the company who objected to cleaning and scrubbing the cars in accordance with an order recently issued. Certain employees had been discharged because of their refusal to obey this order, and others of the men objected to the order, declaring that they were employed to run the cars and not to clean them.

To-day when the committee called, Mr. Bemis explained that he had not seen the order as issued and that it was broader in scope than intended. What was intended by the order was for the men to care for the cars as they had been accustomed to doing and scrubbing and cleaning was not a part of this. On this statement of the case the committee went away satisfied, and it is probable that the discharged men will return to work. The conference was in every way a pleasant one, and Mr. Bemis took immediate steps to remedy the order complained of.

Deaths: At Rush, Brunswick county, Miss Hattie B. Jones to Mr. Wm. T. White, at Afton; Miss Mary J. Goodloe to Mr. W. Bailey Saunders, near Louisa; Miss Etta Howard to Mr. Wm. H. Lusk, near Gordonsville; Miss Ella F. Malory to Mr. R. L. Marsh, Jr., at Alexandria; Miss Anna A. Moore to Mr. Walter N. Piser, at Haymarket; Miss Mary Y. Dunbar, of Prince William county, to Mr. Richard R. Lovick, of Warren county; at Bruce-town, Frederick county, Miss Laura B. Swinley to Mr. Wm. J. Jobe, at Ogden, Roanoke county; Miss Ella Blackwell to Mr. George W. Wertz, at Orange; Miss Evelyn M. Macon to Mr. Henry D. Atwood, of Pittsburg, Pa.

There is good ground for the belief that the question of Governor Montague's right to veto the recent Congressional Reapportionment bill will be tested in the courts, and that the case of those opposed to the measure is being now made up. There is hardly a doubt that Messrs. Christian & Christian, of this city, have been employed to take the case up and that they are now at work upon it.

Deaths: At Creswell, aged 78, Mr. Giles W. Payne; in Charles City county, Mrs. John D. Otey; at Lebanon, Shenandoah county, aged 85, Mr. John W. Hockman, a prominent cattle dealer; at Roanoke, aged 35, Mrs. J. T. Martin; at Oiga, Amelia county, Mr. H. Meade, County Superintendent of Public Schools; at Salem, aged 79, Mr. John Dent, father of Editor C. D. Dent, of the Salem Times-Register.

The Patterson divorce suit will be opened in Richmond next week, when a second series of depositions will be taken in the case. Mrs. Patterson has declined all offers on the part of counsel to bring about a compromise and will carry the matter through the courts.

The Board of Trustees of the Woman's College will meet to-morrow afternoon for the consideration of the proposition to remove the institution to a site in the West End and enlarge it sufficiently to accommodate five hundred girls. The present quarters are recognized to be totally inadequate to the present needs of the college and some scheme for a betterment of existing conditions is deemed absolutely necessary.

A quiet but pretty marriage was solemnized last night in the parlors of the Rev. J. B. Watson, when Miss Annie G. Granger became the wife of Mr. Frank H. Stringer. The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. Philip Winn. The bride entered with her father, who gave her away.

Governor Montague to-day removed the political disabilities of George E. Plaster, Jr., sentenced January term, 1902, Loudoun County Court for unlawful cutting and fined \$500 and ten days in jail.

The school book contracts of the State expires on July 31st. It is likely that the existing contracts may be extended instead of making new ones.

GERMAN WEEK AT THE EXPOSITION.

New York, April 24.—The directors of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition at Charleston, S. C., have set apart the week beginning May 21st and closing May 28th as "German week" at the exposition. All German societies in the United States are most cordially invited to participate in the festivities of this week, which will consist of turning contests, shooting contests and singing contests, for each of which valuable prizes will be offered.

The president of the exposition company, Captain F. W. Wagner, is a native of Germany and one of the most public-spirited citizens of the South. The chief promoters of the exposition enterprise at Charleston are Germans. They take a very great pride in the success of the enterprise and hope for the co-operation of the German people of the United States. Captain C. G. Ducker will act as chairman of the committee charged with the arrangement for "German week" at the exposition.

THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Dallas, Texas, April 24.—A spirited meeting of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans to-day resulted in amending the constitution of the organization and the election of Thomas P. Stone, of Waco, Tex., as commander-in-chief. Other commanders were elected as follows: Army of Northern Virginia, James N. Gathright of Louisville, Ky.; Army of Tennessee, N. D. Forest, of Memphis, Tenn.; Army of the Trans-Mississippi, Dr. W. D. Buckner, of Arkansas.

The constitution was amended to exclude the use by officers of the organization of military titles used by Confederate veterans.

That Mr. Stone is commander-in-chief but will not be allowed the title of general.

A motion to amend the constitution in a new way to be made, would practically be to give the vote to resident non-residents.

A uniform of Confederate gray, with shoulder knots on a field of white, was adopted.

WANTED BY VIRGINIA AUTHORITIES.

Charles, N. J., April 24.—David R. Bennett, a negro, was arrested here to-day on a warrant issued in awaiting extradition from Virginia. The Virginia authorities say that Bennett was seen in the city about a month ago. Bennett is a native of North Carolina and is now in Trenton for the papers.

Miscellaneous.

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