RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.

The following was the range of the thermometer at The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 47; 12 M., 53; 3 P. M., 59; 6 P. M., 61; 9 P. M., 60; 12 midnight, 63; average, 57 1-6.

The Times.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:
Virginia—Rain and somewhat warmer Tuesday, fresh north to east winds; Wednesday rain.
North Carolina—Rain and warmer Tuesday, variable winds, becoming fresh to brisk easterly; Wednesday probably fair with colder in western portion.

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NOTHING TO SAY FOR THE PRESENT

Mr. Arents Will Not Discuss Rebuilding.

MR. JEFFRESS IS BACK.

Returns From Florida and Goes Home at Once.

WILL HAVE CONFERENCE TO-DAY

No Doubt but That the Hotel Will Be Restored Without Delay—But Few Rooms Inhabitable — Contents of Safe in Good Condition—Full Insurance — Action of Council.

Mr. George Arents, president of the Jefferson Hotel Company arrived in Richmond yesterday morning. He visited the ruins of the hotel and later held an informal conference with Messrs. Fry and Miller. He refused to make any statement whatever concerning future plans.

Last evening Mr. Thomas F. Jeffress reached Richmond from Daytona, Florida. He went immediately to Meadow Brook, his country place. All efforts to communicate with him here proved futile. Mr. John G. Miller, auditor of the Jefferson was also at Meadow Brook. It was stated that a conference would be held last night, but so far as can be learned no conference was held either in this city or at Mr. Jeffress' residence.

It is understood that Mr. Arents and Mr. Williamson Talley had an informal talk regarding the insurance. Just what the result of this conference was could not be learned.

The insurance carried on the Jefferson aggregated $565,000. There were no clauses in the policy relating to "three quarter," as has been rumored, and discussed by those not familiar with the facts. The amount of insurance carried outright was for the amount above mentioned.

MR. ARENTS HERE.

On his arrival here, Mr. Brents, accompanied by Mr. T. H. Thiermann, drove to the Franklin-Street side of the once magnificent structure. Alighting he and Mr. Thiermann entered the Franklin-Street side and made some examination of that part of the building left standing. Leaving the building, he was driven to the temporary offices of the hotel, at Main and Adams Streets, and there held an informal conference with Mr. P. M. Fry, the manager of the Jefferson, and Mr. John G. Miller, the auditor. This conference was held behind locked doors.

No official statement as to the result of the interview could be obtained, but it was learned, on good authority, that from some portions of the conversation it is not improbable that the grand hotel structure will be restored. Though the building may not be duplicated, it will, in all probability be partially restored.

Mr. Arents was seen immediately after the conference was ended.

"I have nothing to say. I cannot tell what will be done," he answered in response to an inquiry.

"There is no statement to be made now," reiterated Mr. Arents, as he and Mr. Thiermann entered the carriage and drove away.

THINK IT SIGNIFICANT.

Though the most absolute reticance is maintained by all of those connected with the destroyed hotel and all others who would likely know, yet it is known that Mr. Arents inquired as oo the safety of the standing walls. It was a remark dropped by one in conversation with Mr. Arents that led to this.

Mr. Arents was told that the Richmond Passenger and Power Company had complained to the city authorities, declaring the Main-Street walls were unsafe. He is reported to have replied in effect that the proper thing to do was to have an expert examine the walls and determine as to just how unsafe they were. The wall on the Main-Street side has not yet been torn down and in all probability will not be for some days. Whether the entire wall will be taken down is questionable. The stacks, however, and that portion of the wall above the third floor will be removed in a short time.

NO PROVISION MADE.

It was reported that Major Lewis Ginter had made provision in his will for any disaster that might befall the Jefferson. There is no provision in reference to the Jefferson Hotel specifically.

The only section that may be construed to include the hotel in its provisions is a sweeping one—that refers to his property undeveloped and in progress of development. The section is No. 2 of the 16th clause of the will and reads as follows:

"Secondly—The said trustees are hereby authorized to continue such developments and improvements of said property as shall be already commenced by me and not completed at the time of my decease, and to pay for the same out of said rents or out of said sales, and shall not in anywise be responsible for any sums of money expended by them in carrying out said developments and improvements commenced by me, as I leave such expenditure entirely to the discretion of my said trustee."

BRIDAL SUITES NOT INJURED.

With a few exceptions no room in the Jefferson escaped more or less damage. The carpets in all of the halls and in nearly all of the rooms are water-soaked and burned or cut. In the extreme Franklin Street end, however, there are some apartments that have escaped, notably the two bridal suites, which comprised rooms Nos. 150 and 152 and Nos. 156 and 158. The last named is the handsomest suite of rooms in the Jefferson, and among the handsomest of any in the modern palace hotels in the country. The other bridal suite compared favorably with it and both opened out to the Franklin Street balcony. These two suites were furnished in the most magnificent manner, and in the parlor of the first mentioned was the beautiful diamond clock, valued at several thousand dollars. This clock was saved by Mr. J. B. Booker, the chief clerk, who did much valiant work in aiding guests to escape and save property. Mr. Booker was, with Watchman Tom Griffin, the first to locate the fire. Fortunately these two suites escaped with practically no damage. Some of the other apartments on the Franklin Street front on the other floors also sustained little or no loss. Most of the rooms facing on the court were more or less seriously damaged.

INSPECTION OF THE ROOMS.

Mr. Booker made a thorough examination of the rooms in the building yester-

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MR. GEORGE ARENTS.

HIGH RANK WILL BE NO SHIELD

Orders Have Been Issued to Probe Fraud to Bottom and That No Guilty Man Escape.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, April 1.—The sensational frauds in the Commissary Department, which were developed yesterday by the arrest of Captain Fred. Barrows and others, will be probed to the bottom. Orders have been issued that no guilty man escape. The number of men implicated in the frauds is undetermined, and high rank will not suffice to shield delinquents.

Colonel Woodruff, the chief commissary at Manila, said to the representative of the Associated Press that the irregularities were exaggerated and that troops were always well supplied with stores.

Colonels of the returning volunteer regiments wrote to Colonel Woodruff in praise of the Commissary Department.

Lieutenant Warren Dean, with thirty men of Troop C, of the Sixth Cavalry, was almost surrounded at Malabar by 200 insurgents from the Sunga mountains, in Cavite province. During the ensuing action 18 insurgents were killed and two Americans were wounded. The insurgents then retired.

No new announcements have been made concerning Aguinaldo.

BOOZ INVESTIGATION.

Findings of Military Court of Inquiry Made Public.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The findings of the Military Court of Inquiry, which investigated the treatment of the late Oscar L. Booz at the West Point Military Academy, have been made public at the War Department.

The findings are summed up in a letter written by Secretary Root:

The findings of this Court of Inquiry, which are sustained by the evidence, show that the statements that Cadet Booz came to his death by reason of injuries received by hazing at the Academy were not true. They show that hazing was prevalent to a deplorable extent; that the present officers of the Academy have shown commendable energy, zeal, and efficiency in detecting and punishing offenses of this character, and that they greatly decreased the practice and improved the public sentiment upon the subject.

MANY MEETINGS IN VIRGINIA

Delegates Selected to Constitutional Convention.

CANDIDATES SPEAK.

Mr. Massey Addresses a Great Gathering.

VIEWS OF MR. GEORGE PERKINS.

Thornton Elected in Prince William and Crismond in Spotsylvania—A Number of Delegates Have Been Elected to the Nominating Conventions in a Number of Counties.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MANASSAS, VA., April 1.—A big Democratic mass-meeting was held here to-day and nominated by acclamation J. B. Thornton as delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Westwood Hutchison presided. Robert A. Hutchison then nominated Mr. Thornton, and A. W. Sinclair, G. C. Gallagher and S. M. Janney seconded the nomination, each delivering a strong and appropriate address.

MUCH MIXED IN GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER C. H., VA., April 1.—A mass-meeting of Democrats was held here to-day to elect delegates to the Gloucester-Mathews Convention, which will meet here on April 9th. The meeting was largely attended.

The general meeting divided into districts.

Petsworth district elected seven delegates and instructed them for Hon. J. N. Stubbs.

Ware district elected six delegates and left them uninstructed. The presumption is that they are for Judge Garnett, of Mathews.

Abington district elected ten delegates, who are not instructed, but are said to favor Mr. L. C. Catlett.

Petsworth nominated Mr. R. P. Gray, present incumbent, for supervisor, and also other district officers. Abington nominated Mr. E. H. Rowe, present incumbent, for supervisor, and also other district officers.

Ware decided not to nominate any district officers.

Mathews will elect her delgates next Monday.

SMALL INTEREST MANIFESTED.

ABINGDON, VA., April 1.—The Democratic primaries were held for this county Saturday. The Democratic vote of the double Abingdon precinct is some 600. The attendance was about 40.

This apathy may have resulted from the fact that the Republicans do not intend to participate in the election. No prominent Democrat of the county aspires to a seat in the convention.

Two of the most prominent men of that party have declared that they will in no case permit the use of their names as candidates for the nominations that are to be made on Thursday next.

CANDIDATES' VIEW.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 1.—The candidates for the convention addressed a large crowd who attended court to-day in the courthouse.

William H. Boaz and John E. Massey adhered to their views already published in The Times. Mr. Massey was in favor of letting every white man vote and cutting out every ignorant negro vote so far as it could be done without conflicting with the United States Constitution. He defended his position in favor of dividing the school fund between the races in proportion to the taxes paid by each, and gave several illustrations to prove that such a division could and should be made.

The third candidate, Mr. George Perkins, followed Mr. Massey and disagreed with him on many points. He favored a property or educational qualification, an exception as to property of all who were voters in 1867 and their descendants. He wanted to see all Confederate soldiers vote, regardless of all qualifications. He favored a reduction of State and county expenses. He wanted to see all school officers elected by the people; was bitterly opposed to the election of the judges by the people. He was opposed to a division of the public school fund between the races. The meeting did not adjourn till nearly 5 o'clock.

CRISMOND NOMINATED.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 1.—The Democratic Convention to nominate a candidate for the Constitutional Convention from Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania county was held at Spotsylvania Courthouse to-day. J. H. Biscoe was chairman, L. M. Smith secretary, and H. F. Crismond, former legislator, was nominated. The pomination was made by acclamation and Mr. Crismond accepted in a strong speech.

LYNCHBURG PRIMARY.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 1.—The Democratic Executive Committee a few days ago decided to have one primary for the Constitutional Convention and one for the City Council. Mr. Randolph Harrison, who is opposing Mr. Carter Glass for the convention, asked the committee to reconsider its action, and, at his request, another meeting of the committee was held.

The body, however, declined to alter its plans, and consequently the primary for the convention will be held on April 11th.

CHARLOTTE PRIMARY.

SMITHVILLE, VA., April 1.—The Democratic Executive Committee to-day appointed the 20th of April for a primary.

The delegates will be elected by precincts to a convention to be held on the 27th to nominate a candidate for the Constitutional Convention.

POWHATAN MEETING.

POWHATAN, VA., April 1.—Sam Reed, charged with the burning of Mohememco postoffice and W. E. Swann's store, is on trial in the County Court.

The county convention met here to-day and selected the following delegates to the Manchester Convention, April 11th, to elect delegates to the Constitutional Convention: Dr. R. D. Tucker, E. P. Dahl, W. W. Michaux, W. W. Palmore, W. U. Kennon, C. H. Harrison, W. C. Schroeder, S. Lee Dance, Milton McLaurine and John E. Crowder.

The delegates go uninstructed, but are thought to be for Judge Ingram and Judge Hancock.

RICHMOND AND LANCASTER.

WARSAW, VA., April 1.—At a Democratic mass-meeting here to-day the following were selected delegates to the district convention, to nominate a candidate to represent Richmond and Lancaster counties in the Constitutional Convention: R. Carter Wellford, Dr. B. A. Middleton, F. M. Hutchinson, R. J. Pullen, G. P. Balderson, R. B. Davenport, T. N. Oldham, P. Y. Barber, Dr. L. G. Mitchell, J. M. Lyell, Clarence Motley, J. B. Rains, W. Y. Morgan, G. M. Sydnor. It is believed J. W. Chinn, Jr., is the choice of this county.

HAMPTON HOGE FOR GOVERNOR

The Republicans Will Nominate Him—Judge Phleger for Convention.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., April 1.—The Constitutional Convention is just beginning to receive its due amount of attention of the voters of Montgomery county. The Democratic chairmen of the county and Radford have called district meetings for to-morrow to select delegates to a joint convention which will assemble here on the 6th to nominate a candidate to represent Montgomery county and the city of Radford in the Constitutional Convention. Judge Archer A. Phlegar will be the unanimous choice of the convention, and it is now assured that he will accept the nomination.

The Republicans have not yet called a convention, but in all probability will do so immediately after the Democrats nominate their candidate, though if Judge Phlegar is nominated it is more than likely that they will adjourn without making a nomination, as his views on the convention are quite conservative, and many of the leading Republicans in the county are opposed to running a candidate against him if he is nominated.

The County Court, which was in session all last week, will likely consume most of this week, as there is a heavy docket. Warren Musselman was acquitted of the charge of malicious assault on Jack Calimore. Frank Vaughan was fined $25 and given sixty days in jail for shooting at James Gleaves. James Walters qualified as administrator of James L. Taylor, deceased.

For this week the trials of the Wade negroes, of Blacksburg, for breaking into Stanger & Co.'s store and stealing about $100 worth of clothing will be one of the most stubbornly contested cases tried here in many months. Colonel J. Hampton Hoge and Messrs. Moore & Harless will appear for the defense, while the Commonwealth will be represented by R. I. Roop, Commonwealth's attorney, and Messrs. Dunlop & Ellett.

The Republicans of this county will send a delegation instructed for Colonel J. Hampton Hoge for Governor next summer, and all the counties in this section will follow suit, and it is believed that he will undoubtedly be the nominee. He is one of the best stump speakers in the country and won a great many laurels in the national campaign last fall, speaking continuously in several northern States, beginning in Maine in August and closing in West Virginia on the night before the election, making his last speech in Bluefield for the national and State ticket.

The Third West Virginia District was then represented by a Democrat, but when the votes were counted it returned a Republican by a majority of 3,500. If nominated Colonel Hoge will make a vigorous speech-making campaign in every county in the State and will challenge the Democratic nominee, whoever he may be, for joint discussions of the issues of the campaign.

Thomas L. Moore, of this county, is receiving very flattering endorsements from the bar and prominent men of the Western District of this State in his canvass for United States District Attorney. Judge Phlegar gave him a very strong letter of endorsement, which it is considered will have a wonderful influence among the legal fraternity of the State. Mr. Moore is the Republican county chairman and a member of the State Central Committee, and one of the ablest lawyers in Southwest Virginia. He was Commonwealth's attorney of this county four years, and an abler or more vigorous prosecutor the county never had. Although quite a young man, he has been one of the most successful lawyers in this section, and with his dozer years' experience would make a strong district attorney for this district.

MONTAGUE IN NORFOLK.

Two Men Sentenced for Eight Years for Highway Robbery.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., April 1.—Attorney-General Montague was here to-day in conference with City Democratic Chairman W. W. Dey, main cog in the local machine wheel. The knewing say that Mr. Montague will have in his candidacy for Governor the "organization's" support. He left for Princess Anne county to-night.

Lem Angel and Joseph F. Richardson, two white nomads, who recently knocked down here and robbed George Bishop, an Eastern Shore man, of $15, were each given eight years in the penitentiary today on the charge of highway robbery.

The Boston baseball nine, numbering sixteen men, arrived here to-day. They will practice here some ten days, and will play Yale here Saturday next.

ROSS RAYMOND SENTENCED.

Must Serve Four Years in Prison for Frauds.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 1.—Ross Raymond alias James E. Sandys, a former newspaper man, who pleaded guilty last week of getting $200 fraudulently from Henry . Clarke, paying teller of the Lincoln National Bank, on January 28th last, was sentenced to four years in prison to-day.

ON 'CHANGE.

Mr. R. Lancaster Williams a Member of Baltimore Exchange.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BALTIMORE, MD., April 1.—R. Lancaster Williams, of John L. Williams & Sons, Richmond, was to-day elected a member of the Baltimore Stock Exchange.

Movements of Vessels.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The North Atlantic squadron, the Kearsarge, Alabama, and Massachusetts, arrived at San Juan Saturday. The Leonidas has left Pensacola for Lambert's Point, and the Eagle and Key West for Havana.

The Mayflower, with Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, on board, left San Juan to-day for Hampton Roads.

Brooklyn to Take Part.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The Navy Department has sent orders to Admiral Remey, the commander-in-chief of the naval forces on the Asiatic station, to proceed aboard his flagship, the Brooklyn, to Melbourne, Australia, in time to take part in the exercises commemorative of the opening of the first Federal Parliament from May 6th to May 9th next.

Practically All.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 1.—It was announced to-day that practically all the stockholders in the constituent steel companies have turned over their holdings to the United States Steel Corporation, the extension of time having expired Saturday.

IS LITTLE SHORT OF ULTIMATUM

Russia Insists on China's Signing

THREATENING NOTE.

Warning of Termination of Diplomatic Relations

UNLESS AGREEMENT BE SIGNED

Chinese Authorities Consider This a Subject of as Much Interest to the Powers as to China—Li Hung Chang is Said to Favor the Signing of the Note, While Others Oppose It Strongly.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—Information has reached here to the effect that the Russian Government, being seriously perturbed by the course of China in not signing the Manchurian agreement, largely because of the protest made by several Powers, has conveyed a distinct and unmistakable indication to China that if this course is persisted in there may be an interruption of diplomatic relations between Russia and China and a termination of the present intercourse between them.

This is little short of an ultimatum that China must sign or take the consequence of a termination of her friendly relations with Russia.

DIVIDED AS TO ACTION.

To what extent the United States will take cognizance of Russia's disposition to enforce the signing of the agreement has not yet been made apparent. It appears to be the policy of the Chinese authorities to consider this as a subject which concerns the Powers quite as much as it does China. The matter has become futher complicated by reports reaching Washington that the Chinese authorities themselves are divided on the course to be pursued, some of the influential, including Li Hung Chang, urging that acquiescence be given to the Russian proposals, while others insist on rejecting the agreement.

NOT YET SIGNED.

The attitude of Li Hung Chang is accounted for by his well known friendliness for Russian interests. In this case, however, there appears to be arrayed against him the strong influence of the Southern Viceroys, Chan Chi Tung and Lia Kun Yi, who oppose the signing of the treaty. The reports reaching here this morning showed that the agreement had not yet been signed.

WILL NOT SIGN.

Chinese Emperor Said to Have So Instructed Its Plenipotentiary.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 2.—"The Chinese Emperor, I am officially informed, has instructed the Chinese plenipotentiary," says the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, "not to sign the Manchurian Convention, even in a modified form."

JESSUP TO JACKSONVILLE.

Charter Granted for a Road Between These Points.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., April 1.—A charter for the Jacksonville, St. Mary's and Jessup Railway was issued to-day by the Secretary of State.

The road is to run from Jessup to Jacksonville, a distance of 100 miles. The capital stock is placed at $100,000. The incorporators are W. H. Whaley, Burwell Atkinson, Sam C. Atkinson, W. T. Williams, and W. A. Hawkins, of Georgia; L. J. Joyce and J. B. Bachel, of North Carolina; J. E. Strak, Roland Woodward, and Dr. G. Bauer, of Florida.

FINEST OF ITS KIND.

Plans Being Prepared for Newport News Federal Building.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—Supervising Architect Taylor is preparing plans for the new Federal building at Newport News, Va.

It will be recalled that the last Congress appropriated $200,000 for the erection of this building. When completed it is supposed it will be one of the finest of the kind in Virginia. Mr. Tayler is anxious to complete the drawings before July 1st.

DIAZ OPENED CONGRESS.

Health of Mexico's President Is Excellent. He Was Applauded.

(By Associated Press.)

CITY OF MEXICO, April 1.—President Diaz opened the April session of the 20th Congress this evening. The President was in excellent health and received the applause of the public.

The President, in his message, said foreign relations remain friendly.

The census shows the population of the Republic to be 13,546,700, an increase of 914,340 in five years.

TOLSTOI BANISHED.

Rumor Confirmed by Letter from Trustworthy Source.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, April 1.—It was rumored several days ago, but generally disbelieved, that Count Leo Tolstoi had been banished from Russia.

A private letter from an usually trustworthy source, in Vilna, capital of the Government of that name, says that Count Tolstoi was reported to have passed through Vilna March 26th, escorted to the frontier by two gendarmes.

Cuban Relations.

(By Associated Press.)

HAVANA, April 1.—A secret session of the Cuban Constitutional Convention was held to-day and attended by twenty-five delegates. Among the absentees were Senor Giberga, Senor Quilas and General Sanguilly, strong supporters of the Platt amendment.

A motion by Senor Monteagudo, to appoint a commission to go to Washington, was defeated by a vote of 13 to 12.

It was finally decided to hold a public session of the convention to-morrow, when an attempt will probably be made to consider the action on the Monteagudo resolution.

TRIAL OF PATRICK.

Woman Whom He Boarded With Refused to Answer Questions.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 1.—The first witness to-day at the hearing of Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer, charged with causing the death of William Marsh Rice, last September, was Mrs. A. M. Francis, who kept the house where Patrick formerly boarded.

"When did Patrick begin to speak to you about Mr. Rice?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"I decline to answer on the advise of my lawyer," witness replied.

"On what ground?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"On the ground that it would incriminate me," Mrs. Francis answered.

It came out in the testimony that the witness had been told by a lawyer if she said anything favorable to Patrick, the district attorney would have her arrested.

"And do you believe, after my declaration in open court, that I would arrest you, though innocent?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"I do" she replied.

Justice Jerome interrupted her and said:

"The testimony of this witness shows that she is a woman previously held in high esteem in the community. I do not propose that she shall go out of this court-room with a stigma on her name for lack of time to consider this matter. We will take a recess. During the recess, Madame, I would advise you to see some friend—not necessarily a lawyer—but some man or woman with sound business sense who can give you counsel and advice."

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Francis answered some of the questions she had refused to answer before.

John S. Potter said that Patrick when told that Rice's body could not be cremated in less than twenty-four hours, had suggested that the body be embalmed.

The hearing was then adjourned until to-morrow.

MANY PROMOTIONS.

Officers Rewarded for Eminent Conduct in Enemy's Presence.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The President to-day made the following appointments:

Navy—Joseph N. Hemphill, Abraham H. Lillie, Henry N. Manney and William T. Swinburne, to be captains; Edward M. Hughes and Samuel P. Coomley, to be commanders; Roy C. Smith and Robert S. Griffin, to be lieutenant commanders.

Emery Winship to be advanced four members in rank on the list of lieutenants, junior grade, for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle; Colonel Robert L. Meade, to be brigadier-general by brevet in the Marine Corps for distinguished conduct and public service in the presence of the enemy at the battle of Tien Tsin, China; Lieutenant William G. Powell, to be captain by brevet in the Marine Corps, for distinguished conduct and public service in the presence of the enemy at Tien Tsin, China.

Receipts and Expenditures.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The monthly comparative statement of the receipts and expeditures of the Government, issued today, shows that the total receipts for March, 1901, were $49,891,125, an increase as compared with March, 1900, of $1,165,000. The expeditures amounted to $40,762,861, an increase of $8,550,000.

The surplus for the month is $9,128,264.

OHIO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD

Sam Jones Re-elected in Toledo on His Golden Rule Platform.

Large Vote Polled.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO, April 1.—Fair weather prevailed in Ohio to-day for municipal and township elections. The large vote for April indicated more interest than usual in these local contests. This was due to the fact that a full State ticket is to be elected next November, as well as members of the Legislature, who will choose a successor to Senator Foraker. In a few localities Legislative nominations were made by popular vote. None showed any opposition to Foraker among the Republicans, and there was not enough action to indicate any preference for John K. McLean, Tom L. Johnson, or any one else, as the Democratic favorite for the Senatorship.

There was no election in Cincinnati. Special interest was taken in the contest at Columbus, where the Republicans for the past two years have had all the city offices. Governor Nash and Former Congressman Lentz reside at Columbus, and both took great interest in the contest there. Democratic administrations were in control at Cleveland and Springfield, where the Republicans made hard fights to control the political machinery of as many cities as possible at the State election in November.

Same Jones made his race for the third term for Mayor of Toledo independent of all parties and on his Golden Rule platform.

CLEVELAND, O., April 1.—The most interesting municipal election held in this city in many years resulted to-night in the election of Hon. Thomas L. Johnson (Democrat) to the office of mayor over William J. Akers (Republican) by a plurality that may go as high as 6,000. Only the head of the Republican ticket was defeated, the candidates for the minor offices on that ticket being successful.

TOLEDO, O., April 1.—At 9 o'clock indications are that Mayor Sam Jones is reelected by 2,500. Liberty Centre, Pearsburg and Bowling Green elect the majority of Republican ticket. Holgate, Delphose, Leipsic and Buccyrus go Democratic. Grand Rapids, Pauilding, Wauseon, Bloomdale, Fayette and Norwalk go Republican. Bryan, Wapekoneta and Elmore go Democratic.

Will Rehearse.

The following rehearsals of those participating in the Carnival of Musical Romances will be held to-day: Japanese at 4 o'clock; Army and Navy, 8 o'clock; Lover's Gavotte, 8:30 o'clock, and the Queen's Lace Handkerchief at 9:30 o'clock. All rehearsals will be held in the Masonic Temple, lower floor.

MR. WEMPLE TO FACE CHARGE

He Will Appear Before Magistrate To-Morrow.

HERE ON BUSINESS.

Allowed to Come to Richmond in Custody of Offier.

IS DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT.

One of the Most Prominent Citizens of Prince George County, and He Married Into the Distinguished Harrison Family, Is Charged With Making an Improper Proposal to a Lady of His Community.

Mr. W. B. Wemple, deputy clerk of the courts in Prince George and a magistrate of that county, is in Richmond in the custody of Mr. J. W. Martin, the town sergeant of Waverly, in Sussex county.

Mr. Wemple is charged with having attemped to commit an assault upon a Mrs. Hoggard, who resides near Waverly. He denies the charge.

The offense is alleged to have been committed on Saturday. Mr. Wemple was taken into custody and placed in charge of Sergeant Martin. As the deputy clerk had business in Richmond the Sergeant decided to accompany him here. They stopped over in Petersburg at the Imperial Hotel Sunday night and came to Richmond yesterday afternoon. They registered at the St. Claire Hotel as "J. W. Martin and friend, Waverly."

In the evening the two went to the Bijou and afterwards had supper at a restaurant.

MARRIED IN VIRGINIA.

Mr. Wemple is a splendid looking man, apparently about thirty-five or forty years of age. He is heavily built and has a dark moustache. He is a northerner by birth, but has resided in Prince George for many years. He is widely known and exceedingly popular in that section. He married a daughter of Mr. James G. Harrison, one of the most lovable of the old Virginia gentlemen in all eastern Virginia. His wife belongs to the Harrison family so greatly distinguished in the history of the country. They have one child.

Mr. Wemple is known personally to nearly everybody in Prince George and Sussex. He could get at their hands almost any office he wanted.

Mr. Hoggard is employed at a saw-mill. He also married a Miss Harrison, of excellent family, but not a relative of Mr. Wemple's wife. It seems that the Hoggards rented a building belonging to Mr. Wemple, in which he reserved some rooms. Last week they left to take up their residence near Waverly.

THE ALLEGED TROUBLE.

Judge R. W. Arnold, counsel for Mr. Wemple, who arrived here last night, says Mrs. Hoggard got a little angry about some legal steps taken after their moving, and that Mr. Wemple went to her to make an explanation. The Judge says Mr. Wemple may have, for all he knows, partaken of too much liquor. Anyhow, Mrs. Hoggard charged him with making an indecent proposal to her. Mr. Wemple says he remembers nothing about this—that he only went to make an explanation, and does not recall having said or done anything amiss.

Judge Arnold says there was no undue excitement occasioned by the arrest, and that the town sergeant was simply allowed to come with Mr. Wemple to Richmond in order that the latter might attend to important business.

MAY LEAVE TO-DAY.

Mr. Wemple will return to Waverly this evening or to-morrow. His case will come up before a magistrate to-morrow.

There was a telephonic conference yesterday between representatives of each side and it is said to be probable that as the result of this the proceedings will be dismissed.

COL. TALCOTT TO DE HEARD.

Will Appear Before the Industrial Commission at an Early Date.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—Among the witnesses who will be heard at an early date by the Industrial Commission are R. R. Wright, president State Industrial College of Georgia, concerning the conditions of the negro, on April 10th, and Colonel T. M. R. Talcott, of the Seaboard Air Line, Richmond, Va., on transportation matters.

Titus Rewarded.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The President to-day appointed Calvin C. Titus to be a cadet-at-large at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Titus was the first soldier to scale the wall at Pekin.

Horses for the British.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, April 1.—The steamship Rossetti cleared to-day for Cape Town with 950 horses.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

Local.

—Mr. Wemple, of Prince George, in custody here on serious charge.
—Messrs. Arents and Jeffress here looking after the future of the Jefferson.
—The Stewart Company's plan for city jail recommended to Council.
—Death of Mr. William G. Richardson, the veteran railroad man.
—Grace-Street Church accepts Dr. Hatcher's resignation.
—Fire Commissioners commend work of firemen.

State.

—Mills in Danville are idle.
—Curfew-bill rung for first time in same city.
—Westmoreland case will be called to-day.
—Two bad accidents in Newport News.

General.

—Municipal elections held in Ohio.
—President makes promotions in navy.
—Trial of Patrick for murder of Millionaire Rice

Foreign.

—Russia sends practical ultimatum to China.
—Indemnity claims will be immense.
—Boers reappear in Cape Colony.