

MILITARY COMPANY ORGANIZED HERE.

Captain H. W. Devant, of Roanoke, and Captain W. E. Tribett, of Staunton, spent the whole of last week here in looking after the organization of a proposed Military Company. The boys themselves got busy and by Friday night they had 83 names on the petition asking the Governor for permission to organize. This was considerably more than enough, the minimum number being 58 men besides the three officers. However, some of the boys who signed were minors, and the parents of a few of them refused to give their consent to their enlistment, and some others who signed did not show up for enlistment, so upon the whole there were not many more than enough. The Governor wired permission to organize and accordingly the meeting for organization was held on Friday night. It resulted in the election of the following officers, namely: J. F. Bullitt, Captain; James B. Ayers, First Lieutenant, and Mayo Cabell, Second Lieutenant.

The two Captains congratulated the company upon its splendid material and predicted for it great future success. Captains Devant and Tribett are themselves to be congratulated on the fine work they have done in assisting in the organization. The company includes in its membership, laborers, bankers, civil engineers, clerks, bricklayers, merchants, doctors, lawyers, ministers, and also, has one very distinguished author, namely, Mr. John Fox, Jr. On the whole, the material is most excellent, and if the boys will get busy they will soon make the other companies in the State sit up and take notice.

Successor Elected

To President Finley of the Southern Railway Company.

New York, Dec. 5.—Fairfax Harrison, formerly vice president of the Southern Railway Company and for the last three years president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway Company, of which the Southern is part owner, was today elected president of the Southern Railway Company to succeed the late William Wilson Finley, a special meeting of the board of directors being held for the purpose of

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filling the vacancy caused by Mr. Finley's death.

Mr. Harrison is a Virginian, his home being at Belvoir, Virginia. He is peculiarly identified with the South, as his father was private secretary to Jefferson Davis while president of the Confederate States, and all his railroad experience has been with the Southern and its associated lines. Mr. Harrison was born in 1869, and was graduated from Yale with the A. B. degree in 1890, and from Columbia with the A. M. degree in 1890, and from Columbia with the A. M. degree in 1891. He was admitted to the bar in New York in 1892 and continued the practice of law in this city until 1895, when he entered the service of the Southern Railway in the legal department as solicitor. In 1903, he was made assistant to the president, and in 1906 became vice president, which position he held until 1910 when he resigned on being elected president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, Indiana, and Louisville, Mo., however, continued as a director of the Southern Railway so that his service with the parent company has been uninterrupted.

Mr. Harrison was one of Mr. Finley's closest and most trusted advisors and is thoroughly in sympathy with the policies which made Mr. Finley's administration so successful both for the Southern Railway Company and the territory served by its lines. Through Mr. Harrison entered the service of the Southern in the legal department, his experience has not been confined to that branch of the service. He has given much study to financial, traffic and operating problems and is intimately acquainted with conditions on the Southern Railway and throughout the section which it traverses. As president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, he was actively in charge of the operation of the railway, so that he comes to the Southern Railway prepared by practical experience as well as the most detailed of its affairs to take up the duties of chief executive. Mr. Harrison today was also elected president of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and Virginia and Southwestern Railway.

Resolutions deploring the death of Mr. Finley and paying a high tribute for his work for the railways he headed and the territory they served were adopted by the board of directors of the Southern Railway, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, the Alabama Great Southern Railroad and the Virginia and Southwestern Railway. These resolutions will be printed throughout the South. Immediately following his election, President Harrison gave out the following statement:

"I am in entire accord and sympathy with the policies of my lamented friend, Mr. Finley, under whom I have worked for seventeen years. I hope to continue to build the Southern as he built it by promoting and enhancing its usefulness to and its cordial relations with the people of the South. I count on the support of the entire present working organization of the Southern, rank and file. Having grown up in the service with most of them, I know how to value them and I am proud to believe that they are my friends."

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Weight Increased, Rates Lowered

Important Changes Are Approved by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Important changes in parcel post regulations, including general reduction in rates and increase in maximum weights, were approved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The revisions were made upon recommendation of Postmaster General Barleson, and in a majority of cases are effective January 1, 1914.

Books are admitted to the parcel post; weight limits are increased in the first and second zones from 20 to 50 pounds, and in all zones beyond the second, from 11 to 20 pounds; and rates are reduced in the third, fourth and sixth zones.

Change in Rates.

The changes in rates to be in effect January 1, 1914, follow:

To reduce the rates for the third zone from seven cents for the first pound and five cents for each additional pound to six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound;

To reduce the rates for the fourth zone from 8 cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound to seven cents for the first, pound and four cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fifth zone from nine cents for the first pound and seven cents for each additional pound to 8 cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the sixth zone from ten cents for first pound and nine cents for each additional pound to nine cents for the first pound and 8 cents for each additional pound.

Will Promote Service.

"It seems obvious," says a statement by the commission, "that the service to the public will be promoted by these changes, provided the revenue from the service is not less than the cost thereof. Experience seems to show clearly that the revenue will not be less than the cost of the service.

"We can conceive of no opposition to the increased weights and reduced rates, except from the carriers that transport the mails. We have heard some objections from them on the ground that the increased weight should not be permitted until provision for addition compensation to the carriers has been made."

It is provided by the postmaster general with the consent of the commission, "that the rate of postage parcels containing books weighing eight ounces or less, shall be one cent for each two ounces or fractional part thereof, and on those weighing in excess of eight ounces, the zone parcel rates shall apply." This is to be effective March 10, 1914.

Gold Admitted

Consent also was given to admission of shipments of gold, gold bullion and gold dust in Alaska and to and from Alaska in packages, weighing not more than eleven pounds. The rate of postage fixed is two cents an ounce or fraction thereof for all distances.

"The postmaster general issued an order effective August 15, last, increasing the weight

limit in the first and second zones from 11 to 20 pounds and materially reducing the rates of postage for these zones, and stated at that time that this step was in the nature of an experiment," said a statement issued tonight by the postoffice department.

"After these changes had been in operation for some time a record was kept of the number of parcels handled in a large number of representative postoffices throughout the United States and the reports received from these officers show that the changes in the service have been greatly appreciated by the public."

The statement says of the change relating to books that it "has strangely been urged by circulating libraries, schools, colleges and publishers ever since the establishment of the parcel post service, as the present restrictive limit and rates on books are prohibitive to a great extent in the case of catalogues," and that it was "not deemed advisable to place the order changing the classification of books in effect on January first as it was desired to give at least three months notice to firms whose catalogues were now being printed."

Honor Roll.

In Big Stone Gap Public School for October.

GOLDEN HONOR ROLL.

First Grade—Arlene Alsover, Hazel Chesby, Altha Dingus, Hazel Fuller, Gilberta Knight, Ernestine Olinger, Bertie May Patton, Vera Pettit, Hazel Sherman, Minnie Tomlinson.

Second Grade—Mary Lile, Annie Bounds, Verda Clay, Maggie Roach, Roney Sampson.

Fifth Grade—Georgia Seaton. Sixth Grade—Ewing Bishop, Elizabeth Sprinkle and Pebble Stone.

HONOR ROLL.

First Grade—Evelyn Alsover, Beatrice Beaman, Edna Bowman, Edie Catron, Grace Masters, Louise Nickels, Ethel Sherratt, Lucile Taylor, Margie Witt.

Second Grade—Stewart Mahaffey, Eugene Burchette, Clara Baker, Jemima Willis, Florence Johnson, Mollie Collier, Velma Bunn, Mona Shelton, Charles Gilly, Bettie Gilly, Lavada Giles, Hascoe Hurley, Oliver Pippin, Billy Aikeus, Catharine Barrow, Roy Mahaffey, Caroline Goodloe, Mattie Burke, Eugene Mahaffey, Virginia Seaton, Amber Wheatzell, Lillian Bailey, Ella Johnson, Pearl Sargent, Mary Bryant, Mary Wallace, Mary Wedge, Callie Bledsoe, Morris Reese, Dora Patton.

Third Grade—Trula Beaman, Philip Weaver, Carl Wilson, Willie Burke, Robert Marrs, Earl Wilson, Benson Taylor, LeRoy Seale, Carl Crowder.

Fourth Grade—Mary Johnson, Myrtle Bryant, Carl Knight, James Gilly, Gladys Garrison, Margaret Gilly, George Goodloe, Denny Carter, Ralph Lane, Jean Marrs, Anna Cawood, Irene Draper, Lucile Draper, Betty Reeder.

High School—Gladys Lile, Bruce Skeen, Bertha Mahaffey, Ella Cawood, Dewitte Wolfe.

Christmas Shoppers.

Mr. Moore will be glad to have his Big Stone Gap friends, when in Bristol, to call and see his magnificent line. He will be at the Bristol Typewriter Company, next door the Western Union office, State Street, during December.

D. B. Ryland & Co., The Lynchburg Jewelers adv.—49-52.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL.

In going up Wood Avenue at night you will see a beautiful electric sign at the third story of the new building recently erected by J. M. Willis & Co. If you are a Mason you can tell what is going on in the new lodge room without climbing two flights of stairs. This sign was the conception of Past Master A. D. Owens, one of the committee who had charge of the furnishing and fitting of the new masonic hall. And so well has he wrought his work that we hail him as "RABONI" which is the Hebrew for, (not raw bones,) but Most Excellent Master.

But you will be well rewarded for a trip up those flight of steps, for at the top you are ushered into the beautiful new home of Big Stone Gap Lodge No. 208 A. F. & A. M. To the left is the magnificent Banquet Hall, fitted with the proper furniture and fittings, with convenient cafe fitted with range and ice box, and all other necessary appurtenances for preparing and providing the feast when the Lodge is called from "labor to refreshment," or it can be used as a "chamber of reflection." With your heels on the sill of the large south window you can gaze at the star and crescent and reflect upon the harmony of the heavens, the brotherhood of worlds, the unity of the universe, all governed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER of all creation.

Passing through the ante-room, and leaving the box stall of the festive goat to the left, you enter one of the prettiest Masonic halls in the State. In its furniture, fittings and lighting fixtures it is a model of harmony, taste and beauty. If any particular feature is more striking than another it is the beautiful Brussels carpets. It will delight the eye of the most critical housewife, and the ladies of the town are cordially invited to inspect it.

The committee of Past Masters, to whom the work of supervising the fitting up of the hall was committed, were A. D. Owens, G. F. Jones and J. H. Mathews, and they have discharged their duty with the same faithfulness and fidelity which so distinguished the first three Most Excellent Masters who had charge of the building of King Solomon's Temple.

In the latter part of the year 1889, a few Masons met in the law office of Duncan and Mathews, in what was known as the "Intoden Cottage", and took steps towards applying for a dispensation for opening a Masonic lodge in this place. Those present were W. H. Suthers, who was afterwards elected as the first Worshipful Master, and who is now a rich land owner in the State of Oklahoma, G. E. Dutton, afterwards W. M., and who is now a prominent and prosperous citizen of the State of Florida. Dr. C. D. Kunkle, a distinguished physician of Pulaski; Judge C. T. Duncan, the boy hero of Port Republic, who is now peacefully practicing his profession in Lee County; Jerome H. Duff and J. C. Maynor, both of whom have passed over the "border line", and the writer. A charter was granted in 1890. The Lodge and met in the building on Shawnee Avenue, where it had its home until in 1909 when it moved in-

to the Minor Building, on Wood Avenue, and thence to its new home.

Many Masons have received the degrees in this lodge, and it now numbers over 100 members.

Stevenson Royal Arch Chapter No. 19 was organized in 1892 and has been in a flourishing condition ever since. It now numbers 102 members.

Both these Masonic bodies will occupy this new hall, of which they are so justly proud.

The order is in a flourishing condition, and the recent acquisition to its membership of some of the most substantial and prominent citizens of the town and community has given it a boost that speaks well for its future.

W. S. M.

New Literature On Old Diseases

State Board of Health Issues Bulletins on Familiar but Dangerous Ills of Childhood.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13.—Within the next few days the State Board of Health will begin the distribution of new bulletins on three familiar but dangerous ill of childhood,—measles, whooping cough and scarlet fever. These will be sent to parents all over the State in an effort to reduce the mortality from these diseases.

The Board was led to the publication of this literature not only to meet a constant popular demand but to sound a Statewide warning against the present unconcern as to the dangers from the diseases of childhood.

It is the opinion of the Board as expressed in the weekly bulletin issued today, that many of the fatalities from measles can be traced directly to neglect. Parents regard the disease as so trifling that they will not employ a physician when a child is stricken, and often they permit the child to leave the sick-room before it has recovered. From such neglect, the Board points out, result numerous cases of pneumonia and other serious complications.

The chief effort of parents in cities should be to keep their children from contracting measles until they are at least five years of age, declares the bulletin. After that time risks from the disease are greatly reduced and the danger of disastrous complications is much lower. To give children the protection that comes with increasing years, they should not be allowed to play with children who have not had the measles when that disease is prevalent.

The new bulletins on measles, whooping cough and scarlet fever complete the fifth volume of the Board's publications. All these bulletins can be had free upon request.

Notice.

The penalty on Town Taxes has been extended to January 1st. Call and pay your taxes and save 5 per cent.
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