# HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

## MERCHANTS FEAST AT THE CHAMBERLIN

### First Annual Banquet of County Association Proves to be Notable Success.

### PLEASANT EVENING FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

**Goodfellowship and Co-operation Keynotes of Informal Gathering—Distinguished Men Send Cordial Notes Regretting Inability to be Present—Latitude Given the Speakers.**

Gathered together for the first annual banquet of the Retail Merchants Association of Elizabeth City county, the members of that association and a party of invited guests spent three pleasant hours in delightfully informal fashion in the dining room of the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point, last evening. Kecoughtan urbs antiquased progressa est" was an appropriate inscription upon the menu card, for while the present generation knows Hampton, the city and center of Elizabeth City county, as a hustling, progressive municipality of modern ideas and appearance, it is a fact that this same community is the oldest Anglo-Saxon settlement in the Western Hemisphere, the home of George Wythe, the first American chancellor, and the site of the Syms-Eaton Academy, the first public school in the new world.

S. Gordon Cumming, to whom the business men and public of the county feel particularly grateful just now on account of the distinguished service he has rendered in assisting Commonwealth's Attorney Montague in the defense against annexation proceedings through when an attempt was made to take a considerable part of the county from its borders and control, presided as toastmaster, sharing with President H. R. Booker, of the association, the center of the speakers' table.

**Co-operation Central Theme.**

Goodfellowship was the order of the evening, and co-operation for the common good the central theme of everything said by the speakers.

The menu:

Little Neck Clams on Half Shell
Crab Gumbo, En Tasse
Stuffed Olives Celery Salted Nuts
Broiled Chesapeake Bluefish, Maitre D'Hotel.
Saratoga Potatoes
Patties A La Chamberlin
Broiled Spring Chicken on Toast
Asparagus, Hollandaise
Combination Salad
Neapolitan Ice Cream
Macaroons Petit Fours
Assorted Cake
Roquefort Cheese Toasted Crackers
Cafe Noir

**Regrets from Notables.**

When the delicious repast had been discussed and cigars were lighted, the toastmaster rapped for order and announced the purpose of the gathering in characteristic style. He read letters from Governor Mann, Senator Martin, President Umstadter, of the State Retail Merchants' Association; President Stevens, of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway; Col. C. P. Townsley, commandant of Fort Monroe; President W. J. Payne, of the street railway company; Dr. H. P. Frissell, principal of Hampton Institute; Rev. Reverdy Estill, rector of St. John's church; Judge C. W. Robinson, of the Circuit Court; Hon. A. C. Braxton; and Governor T. T. Knox, of the Soldiers' Home, and a telegram from Hon. William A. Jones. All of these gentlemen, who had been invited to attend the banquet, responded cordially, but said that they were prevented by previous engagements from accepting.

Introducing the speakers, the toastmaster said that regardless of any subjects that might be assigned, the gentlemen were at liberty to discuss anything from Halley's comet to the Panama canal, and that if necessary the five-minute limit, which he had deemed it advisable to fix, would be raised.

**Advantage Taken of Latitude.**

Full advantage of the latitude given was taken, and a variety of subjects received attention. A. B. Meyers, president of the Retail Merchants' Association of Newport News, congratulated the association upon its splendid organization, and spoke of the value of and necessity for co-operation among the business men; H. L. Schmelz, president of the Bank of Hampton, told something of the stupendous task undertaken in the construction of the Panama canal, Mr. Schmelz having recently visited the Canal Zone; W. W. S. Butler, general manager of the Peninsula street railway system, discussed co-operation between public utility corporations and the communities they serve; W. S. Copeland, editor of the Newport News Times-Herald, paid a striking tribute to sentiment; Mayor L. P. Furness, of Phoebus, gave a brief historical sketch of his city, and Mayor Thornton F. Jones, responded on behalf of the city of Hampton. Others who responded briefly when called upon by the toastmaster were C. E. Cheyne, the Hampton photographer; E. M. Tennis, a well known merchant of Hampton; Marshall Von Shilling, cashier of the First National Bank of Hampton; Horace Epes, managing editor of the Newport News Daily Press, and Col. Nelson S. Groome, cashier of the Bank of Hampton.

**Affair Notable Success.**

At the close, the toastmaster announced that the occasion had been a notable success, and the sentiment was echoed by members and guests.

The banquet committee of the association is composed of David Frankel, W. W. Richardson and C. S. Kaufman.

The officers are as follows:
President—H. R. Booker.
Vice-president—P. I. Nicholas.
Treasurer—W. V. Wood.
Secretary—C. M. Pace.
Directors—Segar Whiting, E. M. Tennis, J. S. Wyatt, Jr., C. S. Kaufman, James Grant, C. E. Cheyne and W. W. Richardson.

**Those Present.**

Those present last night were:

H. R. Booker, H. L. Schmelz, S. G. Cumming, Mayor T. F. Jones, Mayor L. P. Furness, W. W. S. Butler, W. S. Copeland, Horace Epes, A. B. Meyers, A. L. Wyatt, F. C. Rees, R. F. Slaughter, C. R. Todd, T. H. Wilson, Maurice Eisenman, David Frankel, Charles Kaufman, W. W. Richardson, A. T. Hull, D. J. Busky, George Wilson, T. C. Patterson, M. F. Diggs, David Lee, P. I. Nicholas, George Beintall, R. E. Wilson, James Grant, E. M. Tennis, J. F. Rowe, M. C. Ransone, C. E. Cheyne, J. C. Cognelli, Claude Phillips, Louis Heffelfinger, F. W. Moore, C. M. Carey, R. L. Gardner, Ashley Hudgins, N. S. Groome, Marshall Von Schilling, J. H. Smith, T. S. Beintall, W. A. Pleasants, J. D. Wyatt, F. L. Carmines, C. C. Mugler, C. M. Pace, T. S. Enright, A. H. Katz, J. E. Moore and Segar Whiting.

Cook With Gas.





## STOCK BUYING MEAGRE

### Practically no Sales are Offered on Market.

### DEALINGS ARE CONGESTED

**Special Causes Are Assigned for the Strength Shown by Few Holdings and Have Large Sympathetic Effect on the Narrow Side.**

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 19.—The professional element in the stock market defined it as sold out today, meaning that practically no stocks were offered for sale. The buying was meagre to the point of stagnation, but bids had to be advanced nevertheless to secure stocks. The neglect was partly due to the fact that the stock exchange will not open tomorrow until noon and the London exchange not at all in observance of the funeral day of the late king of England. The day's small dealings were congested in a few stocks and some special causes were assigned for the strength shown by these which had a large sympathetic effect upon the dull and narrow market.

Reading was most conspicuous and the operations in that stock were ascribed to a speculative party lately concealed assests in the Reading treasury in the form of equities in securities held which are said to be undervalued in the company's balance sheet.

The Canadian Pacific rise was accompanied by rumors of intended increarse in disbursements to stockholders. Some of the general developments were in favor of the advance.

More confidence was felt in the success of negotiations for the sale of bonds abroad. Positive announcement of the placing of $10,000 of Cincinnati, Cleveland & Chicago debentures in France conduced to this feeling. There were intimations also that official announcement was to be made regarding the St. Paul transactions.

The banks are gaining cash both from the sub-treasury and on the interior movement.

Reports from leading authoritives in the iron and steel trade showed an improved tone which was due more to belief that a turn in conditions for the better was imminent than to any actual change. New orders for railroad equipment were amongst the news iems from the trade. The better sentiment in the copper trade was sympathetic. The day's crop advices also were hopeful. The postponement of the Chesapeake & Ohio dividend meeting and a rebound in foreign exchange rates were instrumental in the rather heavy closing tone of the market.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales par value, $1,152,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales for the day, 219,700 shares, including: Tobacco, 100; A. C. L., 400; C. & O., 3,900; L. & N., 300; N. & W., 1,900; Reading, 68,100; Sloss Sheffield, 100; Southern Railway, 100; V. C. C., 4,900.

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|---|---|
| Allis Chalmers pfd | 32 |
| Amalgamated Copper | 70⅝ |
| American Agricultural | 46¼ |
| American Beet Sugar | 36⅝ |
| American Can | 9½ |
| American Car & Foundry | 61½ |
| American Cotton Oil | 63¼ |
| American Hide & Leather pfd | 32⅞ |
| American Ice Securities | 24½ |
| American Linseed | 13¾ |
| American Locomotive | 48 |
| American Smelting & Refining | 79¾ |
| Amn. Smelting & Refining pfd | 104¼ |
| Amn. Steel Foundries | 55½ |
| American Sugar Refining | 123 |
| American Tel. & Tel. | 136¼ |
| American Tobacco pfd | 95⅛ |
| American Woolen | 34½ |
| Anaconda Mining Co. | 44 |
| Atchison | 109⅝ |
| Atchison pfd | 101½ |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 123½ |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 111⅝ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 27¼ |
| Brooklyn Rapid Transit | 81 |
| Canadian Pacific | 195¼ |
| Central Leather | 41½ |
| Central Leather pfd | 107 |
| Central of New Jersey | 270 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 86¾ |
| Chicago & Alton | 45¾ |
| Chicago Great Western | 27¼ |
| Chicago Great Western pfd | 58½ |
| Chicago & Northwestern | 151 |
| Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul | 139¼ |
| C., C., C. & St. Louis | 85 |
| Colorado Fuel & Iron | 37⅞ |
| Colorado & Southern | 59¾ |
| Consolidated Gas | 137⅝ |
| Corn Products | 16¼ |
| Delaware & Hudson | 172 |
| Denver & Rio Grande | 40⅝ |
| Denver & Rio Grande pfd | 79½ |
| Distillers' Securities | 30½ |
| Erie | 28¼ |
| Erie 1st pfd | 46¼ |
| Erie 2nd pfd | 35½ |
| General Electric | 150 |
| Great Northern pfd | 135½ |
| Great Northern Ore Ctfs | 62½ |
| Illinois Central | 134½ |
| Interborough Met. | 20⅝ |
| Interborough Met. pfd | 54⅝ |
| Inter-Harvester | 96¼ |
| Inter-Merine pfd | 18¼ |
| International Paper | 11 |
| International Pump | 48¼ |
| Iowa Central | 20½ |
| Kansas City Southern | 34 |
| Kansas City Southern pfd | 67 |
| Leclede Gas | 103½ |
| Louisville & Nashville | 146 |
| Minneapolis & St. Louis | 33 |
| Minn., St. Paul & Sault Ste. M. | 140 |
| Missouri, Kansas & Texas | 42 |
| Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd | 69 |
| Missouri Pacific | 70¼ |
| National Biscuit | 105 |
| National Lead | 78½ |
| National Rys. of Mexico 2nd pfd | 29⅛ |
| New York Central | 120⅝ |
| New York, Ontario & Western | 45⅝ |
| Norfolk & Western | 103½ |
| North American | 73½ |
| Northern Pacific | 131¾ |
| Pacific Mail | 26½ |
| Pennsylvania | 134¾ |
| People's Gas | 107⅜ |
| Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis | 101 |
| Pittsburg Coal | 19 |
| Pressed Steel Car | 139 |
| Pullman Palace Car | 161¼ |
| Railway Steel Spring | 39½ |
| Reading | 163¾ |
| Republic Steel | 33½ |
| Republic Steel pfd | 97½ |
| Rock Island Co. | 44⅝ |
| Rock Island Co. pfd | 89 |
| St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd | 48 |
| St. Louis Southwestern | 31 |
| St. Louis Southwestern pfd | 73½ |
| Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron | 74½ |
| Southern Pacific | 126⅝ |
| Southern Railway | 26¼ |
| Southern Railway pfd | 62¾ |
| Tennessee Copper | 27⅛ |
| Texas & Pacific | 32⅛ |
| Toledo, St. Louis & West | 37½ |
| Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd | 63 |
| Union Pacific | 182⅞ |
| Union Pacific pfd | 94 |
| United States Realty | 73 |
| United States Rubber | 43 |
| United States Steel | 82⅛ |
| United States Steel pfd | 117⅝ |
| Utah Copper | 46¼ |
| Virginia Carolina Chemical | 60⅝ |
| Wabash | 21 |
| Wabash pfd | 46¾ |
| Western Maryland | 47⅝ |
| Westinghouse Electric | 63 |
| Western Union | 68 |
| Wheeling & Lake Erie | 4½ |

**Chicago Grain Market.**

CHICAGO, ILLS., May 19.—Longs bulled the market and made a square stand up fight when September wheat today sold down to one dollar a bushel. News of the purchase of 10,000 barrels of flour at Milwaukee helped put the bears to rout late in the day. The close was steady with September options ⅛ net higher. July finished at exactly last night's figures and May ⅜ lower. Final quotations for corn were unchanged to ½ off; oats a shade to ½ lower and provisions 7½a11½ down.

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wheat—** | | | | |
| May | 112 | 112½ | 111½ | 112 |
| July | 102⅛ | 102⅞ | 102 | 102⅝ |
| Sept. | 100 | 100¾ | 100 | 100½ |
| **Corn—** | | | | |
| May | 59¾ | 59⅞ | 59⅝ | 59⅝ |
| July | 61⅛ | 61⅜ | 60⅞ | 61¼ |
| Sept. | 61¾ | 62⅛ | 61⅞ | 62 |
| Dec. | 57⅛ | 57¼ | 57 | 57¼ |
| **Oats—** | | | | |
| May | 41⅞ | 42 | 41⅝ | 41½ |
| July | 40 | 40⅛ | 39¾ | 39⅞ |
| Sept. | 38½ | 38⅝ | 38⅜ | 38⅝ |
| Dec. | 39 | 39⅛ | 38⅞ | 39 |
| **Mess Pork, per bbl.—** | | | | |
| July | 23.00 | 23.10 | 22.95 | 23.02½ |
| Sept | 22.87½ | 22.97½ | 22.80 | 22.92½ |
| **Lard, per 100 lbs.—** | | | | |
| July | 12.65 | 12.67½ | 12.60 | 12.60 |
| Sept | 12.55 | 12.57½ | 12.50 | 12.50 |
| **Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—** | | | | |
| July | 12.62½ | 12.62½ | 12.55 | 12.57½ |
| Sept | 12.50 | 12.55 | 12.42½ | 12.47½ |

**Treasury Statement.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

**Trust Funds—**
Gold coin, $854,231,869.
Silver dollars, $489,745,000.
Silver dollars of 1890, $3,720,000.
Silver certificates outstanding, $489,745,000.

**General Fund—**
Standard silver dollars in general fund, $2,289,912.
Current liabilities, $94,807,958.
Working balance in treasury offices, $18,833,642.
In banks to credit of treasurer of the United States, $36,603,081.
Subsidiary silver coin, $21,422,365.
Minor coin, $1,372,622.
Total balance in general fund, $81,524,205.

**Cotton Market.**

NEW YORK, May 19.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet 20 points decline, middling uplands 15.20; middling gulf, 15.45. Sales, 11,600 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed steady.

| | Open | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 14.98 | 15.06 | 14.71 | 14.93 |
| June | — | 15.04 | 15.04 | 14.93 |
| July | 15.05 | 15.15 | 14.72 | 14.98 |
| Aug. | 14.76 | 14.85 | 14.48 | 14.74 |
| Sept. | 13.60 | 13.66 | 13.44 | 13.59 |
| Oct. | 12.79 | 12.79 | 12.62 | 12.77 |
| Nov. | — | 12.67 | 12.60 | 12.60 |
| Dec. | 12.51 | 12.63 | 12.48 | 12.60 |
| Jan. | 12.56 | 12.57 | 12.46 | 12.56 |
| Mar. | 12.61 | — | — | 12.61 |

**New York Money Market.**

NEW YORK, May 19.—Money on call easier, 2a3¾ per cent; ruling rate 3½, closing bid 2¾, offered at 3. Time loans easy and dull; sixty days 3¾ per cent and 90 days 3¾a4 per cent; six months, 4a4¼. Prime mercantile paper 4¾ to 5. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.84a4.84.25 for 60 day bills and at 4.87.25 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83¼a4.83¾. Bar silver, 53⅞. Mexican dollars, 44.

**Baltimore Grain Market.**

BALTIMORE, MD., May 19.—WHEAT—dull; southern on grade, 108.

CORN—nominal; spot, 54.

## BOY HAS NARROW ESCAPE

### Runaway Horse Drags Carlton Phillips Along Street.

### HIS FOOT HANGS IN STIRRUP

**While Student of Syms-Eaton Academy is Leaving for Home His Steed Takes Fright—Lad is Badly Injured, But His Recovery is Expected.**

Carlton Phillips, Jr., a pupil in the Syms-Eaton Academy, whose home is about three miles from Hampton, narrowly escaped death in a runaway accident in North King street yesterday afternoon. The youth received painful injuries and the physicians are unable at this time to say whether there are internal injuries. He is bruised about the left side, shoulder and arms and suffered considerably from the shock.

**Perilous Position.**

Young Phillips, following his usual custom, started for his home at 3 o'clock. He was riding a young colt and when the horse got near the office of Fay S. Collier, the animal became frightened and strated to run. The horse stumbled and the young fellow fell to the paved street. His left foot hung in the stirrup and he was dragged for about fifty yards before the girth broke on the saddle, which saved the boy from a terrible death.

Numbers of persons in King street saw the runaway and expected every minute to see the boy's head dashed against the curb stone, but Young Phillips succeeded in keeping his head from the ground until not long before the saddle dropped off.

**Picked Up Unconscious.**

He was unconscious when picked up and carried to the home of Mr. Thomas W. Keaton, which is just across the street. Dr. John W. Brown was the first physician to reach the boy, but later Dr. W. P. Isley was summoned. The physicians found that no bones were broken, but that Phillips was suffering from painful bruises.

He was made as comfortable as possible until Dr. J. Wilton Hope, the Phillips' family physician, took charge of the boy. Dr. Hope found that there is a slight congestion of the left lung and that the boy's injuries are very serious, although his recovery is now expected.

Carlton was later removed to the home of his parents.

### SOCIAL-PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gardner will leave today for North Carolina, where they will spend a week.

Miss Allie Curtis is visiting relatives in Williamsburg.

Mrs. William P. Isley delightfully entertained a number of her friends at whist in her home in Armistead avenue Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Walter A. Plecker, who has been visiting her parents in Botetourt county, returned home last evening.

Mr. Howard W. Saunders is attending the annual session of the South eastern Tariff Association in Hot Springs.

**Mr. Harrigan's Sister Ill.**

Mr. W. J. Harrigan left last night for Baltimore in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his sister.







## PRIZE FIGHTERS ARE SENT TO GRAND JURY

### Examination Waived in Case Against Alleged Boxers at Bay Shore

Following a request from Burdette A. Lewis, attorney for the accused men, Magistrate Martin Kenney yesterday held William Duran and Eddie Boyd for the action of the grand jury on warrants charging them with participating in a prize fight at Bay Shore. The cases were called before Justice Kenny at 10 o'clock and quite a number of spectators gathered at the jail office to hear the cases. As predicted in these columns yesterday the "many witnesses" were not examined and the spectators were disappointed.

Eddie Butts, colored, charged with being one of the "scrappers" was represented by Attorney Harrison, a negro lawyer of Norfolk, and his case was partialy aired. Roland Sinclair and J. C. Phillips, Jr., were placed on the witness stand, but when the witnesses were told that any statement they might make would incriminate them they naturally refused to testify. Magistrate Kenny held that the witnesses could be given immunity, but the lawyers thought otherwise.

Butts was bailed on his recognizance for his appearance as witnesses, as it was shown that he was asleep when the fight took place. Boyd also was bailed, but Duran went back to jail.

The cases will be heard at the June term of the grand jury.

Cook With Gas.