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HARRISONBURG CHOSEN AS NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Virginia State Firemen Elect Officers and Dispose of Their Business for Year at One Session.

TWENTY-FIRST CONVENTION BEGINS

Mayor Welcomes Visitors and Gives Them Possession of the City, for Three Days—Big Street Parade This Morning—Keystone Chiefs Arrive—Arrangements for Championship Reel Race.

PROGRAM FOR TODAY.

10:00 a. m.—Street Parade.
12:00 m.—Visitors inspect plant of Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company.
4:00 p. m.—Visit plant of Old Dominion Brewing and Ice Company. Firemen assemble at the city hall at 3:30 o'clock.
8:00 p. m.—Clam Bake on River Road between Twenty-third street and Twenty-fourth street. Firemen assemble at city hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Business for the year was disposed of last night by the Virginia State Firemen's Association, which began its twenty-first annual convention in Newport News yesterday afternoon. When the final meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by President W. K. Stow, nearly three hundred firemen were gathered in the city hall and the session proved to be one of the most harmonious and successful in the history of the organization.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows:
President—Col. O. B. Roller, mayor of Harrisonburg.

Senior Vice-President—John P. Fraley, Eagle Engine Company No. 3, Newport News.
Secretary—George G. Cummings, Chambers Company, Portsmouth.

Treasurer—Thomas J. Williams, chief of the Charlottesville department.
Statistician—J. H. Dwyer, of Harrisonburg.

At Harrisonburg Next

Harrisonburg was selected as the meeting place for the twenty-second convention of the association in August, 1908. Mayor Roller, of that city, extended the organization a cordial welcome to his city and promised a royal entertainment to the visitors. His invitation was greeted with a burst of applause.

The final business session lasted for more than two hours, numerous reports of committees and resolutions being adopted. Secretary Cummings made a lengthy report on the conditions of the association and announced that the East Covington Fire Company and the Colonial Beach Company had been admitted to the association. He also reported that the Waynesboro and Basic City companies had been suspended during the past year.

Old Committee Retained

By unanimous vote, the association decided to retain the old legislative committee on the two per cent. insurance rate bill for the benefit of the sick and injured firemen of the state at the coming session of the Legislature of Virginia. Captain John H. Redford, of Richmond, tendered his resignation as chairman of the legislative committee, but it was tabled.

Resolutions of the Eagle Engine Company, this city, expressing the regret of the association at the untimely death of R. Eddie Eddings, of this city, who was killed during the fire at the shipyard last Christmas Day, were adopted by the convention and a copy of the resolutions will be forwarded to the mother of deceased.

The convention also adopted resolutions expressing the regret of the association on the death of Chief Puller, of Richmond, and Mr. J. Bristol Brathwait, of Harrisonburg.

Dr. George G. Williams and Alderman L. Sumpter Davis, of this city, were elected honorary members of the association.

W. K. Stow for the pleasant entertainment arranged for the association. "Whereas, The citizens and firemen of the city of Newport News have arranged a pleasant program for the entertainment of the Virginia State Firemen's Association, be it

Resolved, That the Virginia State Firemen's Association in regular convention assembled this day do hereby tender its thanks and assure its hosts of its heartfelt appreciation.

Resolved further, That the thanks of this association be tendered Chief W. K. Stow for taking such good care of the racing reel so kindly presented this association by its Richmond friends.

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the proper Newport News committees and Chief Stow and a copy be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Afternoon Session.

When the afternoon session of the convention began at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon about seven hundred firemen were in this city and many of them were gathered at the city hall.

The convention was called to order by President Stow and Mayor Samuel R. Buxton was introduced as the first speaker. The mayor welcomed the visitors to the city in a graceful little speech. He eulogized the firemen and uttered many words of praise and encouragement for the members of the Virginia association. His speech was greeted with a thunder of applause.

Mr. R. W. Withers, of Suffolk, responded to the mayor's speech on behalf of the association, thanking the city, its firemen and its citizens for the elaborate entertainment and the genuine hospitality accorded the visiting fire fighters.

Big Parade Today.

Incoming boats and trains this morning will bring many more firemen to this city and when the parade is underway the entire city will be in a state of excitement. The parade will start at 10 o'clock this morning, between twelve hundred and four hundred fire fighters will be within the city's gates. Phobias will come one hundred strong and will bring all of its apparatus and the band of Fort Monroe, rampart will bring between eighty and a hundred men.

The parade is expected to be one of the best ever held in Newport News and the city will no doubt be out in force to witness it. The procession will form on West avenue between Thirtieth street and Thirty-fifth street and will move south on West avenue to Twenty-third street, east over that street to Washington avenue, north on Washington avenue, to Thirty-eighth street, east on that street to Huntington avenue, north on Huntington avenue to Forty-seventh street. There the parade will counter march and return on Huntington avenue to Twenty-fifth street, east on that street to Chestnut avenue, north on that avenue to Twenty-sixth street, west on that street to Roanoke avenue, south on that avenue to Twenty-fifth street, west on Twenty-fifth street to Jefferson avenue, north on that avenue to Twenty-eighth street, west on that street to Huntington avenue, and south on that avenue to Twenty-fifth street, where the parade will disband.

Formation of Parade.

The following formation for the parade was announced last night:
First division—Marshal W. C. Harris, division to form at Thirty-fifth street and West avenue—Fort Monroe band, Phobias department and apparatus; Massanutten Company Strasburg; Clifton Forge company, Clifton Forge.

Second Division—Marshal A. A. Moss, division to form at Thirty-fourth street—Alexandria band, Reliance company, Alexandria; Shenandoah company, Woodstock; Phoenix company, Suffolk; and Lexington department.

Third Division—Marshal J. E. B. Stuart, division to form at Thirty-third street—Norfolk navy yard band, Portsmouth Hook and Ladder company No. 4; Columbia company, Alexandria; Colonial Beach company; Bedford City company; Danville company.

LAWYERS REFUSE TO CRITICISE PRESIDENT

Resolutions Censuring Mr. Roosevelt Veto! Raise a Row in American Bar Association Meeting.

FINALLY WERE LAID ON TABLE

Alton B. Parker, President of the Association, Asked the Mover of the Resolutions to Withdraw Them, But He Would Not—Echo of the Beef Trust Case.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, ME., Aug. 28.—A resolution criticizing President Roosevelt for commencing upon the trial of the beef trust case in the Northern district of Illinois, a year ago, and adversely criticizing the presiding judge and his rulings, was introduced at the final session today of the American Bar Association, by Geo. Whiteclock of Baltimore. It met with instant disapproval from all parts of the hall and President Parker repeatedly asked Mr. Whiteclock to withdraw it, but Mr. Whiteclock insisted that it be acted upon. A motion to lay it on the table was carried.

The event of the convention was the annual address of British Ambassador James Bryce on "The Influence of National Character and Historical Environment on the Development of the Common Law."

During a business session after Ambassador Bryce's address, Arthur Stewart, of Baltimore, presented the report of the committee of the proposed copyright bill.

The following officers were elected: President, J. M. Dickinson, Chicago; secretary, John Hinkley, Baltimore; treasurer, Frederick E. Wadhams, New York; executive committee, the president, secretary and treasurer, Alton B. Parker, New York; Charles Monroe, Los Angeles; Ralph W. Beckenridge, Omaha; Charles E. Libby, Portland; Walter George Smith, Philadelphia and Rome G. Brown, Minneapolis.

TROLLEY CRASHES INTO AUTO; FOUR ARE DEAD

Horrible Accident Overtakes Party Out on a Little Pleasure Ride. Bodies Fearfully Crushed.

(By Associated Press.)
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 28.—An automobile run by Dr. Geo. Waldron of Rochester, was struck by a Rochester and Eastern trolley car at a crossing near Canandaigua, this afternoon and four persons, Dr. Waldron, Mrs. William Scamlin and Mrs. Jane Hobbs, of Hopewell and Mrs. Katherine Farnsworth, of Rochester, were instantly killed.

Dr. Waldron went to Hopewell this morning with his daughter, to visit at the home of Mrs. Scamlin and had the three women, all of whom were more than 65 years of age, on for an automobile ride. Witnesses of the accident said that as the machine approached the trolley tracks it was seen by the motorman. According to them the motorman made a signal and Dr. Waldron slowed up, but started on again. The bodies were frightfully crushed.

Rev. R. T. Wilson Dead.
PETERSBURG, VA., Aug. 28.—R. T. Wilson, presiding elder of the Richmond District, died at 10:25 o'clock this morning at his country home, in Dinwiddie county, near this city, aged fifty-nine years. Dr. Wilson had been in failing health for some time and recently was under treatment at a Richmond hospital. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Bessie Garland, of Annapolis county, and eight children—Mrs. L. B. Martin, of Berkeley; Richard, Jr., Garland, Samuel, and Misses Reate, Daisy, Leigh and Helen Wilson, all of this city.

Lived in Style on \$55 a month.

UNIONTOWN, PA., Aug. 28.—John H. Beard, agent for the Adams Express Company at this place, at a salary of \$55 a month, has been arrested on the charge of embezzlement. According to the officials of the company Beard has misappropriated \$1,700 in the last three months. Beard occupied an elegant suite of apartments. When the officers searched the place they found a piano, an oil painting of Beard, sixty neckties, twenty-two hats, twelve suits of clothes, scores of pairs of socks and many suits of silk underwear.

Cleveland Still in Bad Health.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Attention has been again attracted to ex-President Grover Cleveland by an announcement from Princeton, N. J., that he had given up all hope of leaving his home there for his customary summer vacation in New Hampshire, because of the state of his health. Mr. Cleveland has been troubled with attacks of acute indigestion for a

number of years, and each attack has been more severe than the one that came before.

Stop Collection of Inheritance Tax

WYTHVILLE, VA., Aug. 28.—Mrs. Nannie Wadley, by her attorney, Frank Buchanan, of Marion, has asked the circuit court of this county for an injunction restraining the treasurer of Wytheville from collecting an inheritance tax from her, Mrs. Wadley, by the death of her aunt, Mrs. Emma Johnston, some months ago, because her title to property in Wytheville amounts to some \$4,000. The town seeks to collect this inheritance tax, which amounts to over \$200.

Runyon Blames the Woman.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Chester B. Runyon, the former paying teller who stole nearly \$100,000 in cash from the Windsor Trust Company, last June, told in the court of general sessions today the story of his downfall. He charged that Laura A. Carter, committed for trial for receiving the money, led him astray.

Teddy Let's Loose a Peace Dove!

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—President Roosevelt and President Diaz simultaneously have telegraphed notes to the presidents of the five republics of Central America offering the good offices of the United States and Mexico in bringing about a conference of the republics for a discussion of plans to maintain peace.

Aged Woman in Victim of Fire.

FLOYD, VA., August 28.—W. Scott's large storehouse and dwelling was totally destroyed by fire about midnight, with stock of goods and household and kitchen furniture. Mrs. Susan B. Lawrence, an aged lady who was sleeping in the second story of the building, was burned. She was aroused by some one of the inmates and answering the call, said that she would lie down in a minute, but failed to get out.

Earthquake in Martinique.

FORT DE FRANCE, ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE, Aug. 28.—A strong earthquake shook the town here at 10:50 p. m. yesterday. No damage has been reported.

Rev. Robert Smith Dies at Age of 89

MOKESSVILLE, VA., Aug. 28.—Rev. Robert Smith, 89 years old, one of the oldest ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, died in his home in Manassas yesterday of heart failure.

Today's Exposition Program.

Special Features of the Day.

8 to 10 a. m.—Drill Twenty-third Infantry.
10 a. m.—Heptasoph Day exercises at Auditorium.
10 a. m.—Special Piano and Violin Recital, Mr. Shonert and Mr. Pouts, Convention Hall.
11 a. m. to 12 m.—Concert, Exposition Band, Pure Food Building.
1 p. m.—Violin and Piano Recital Mr. Earl J. Pouts and Edwin M. Shonert, Auditorium.
4 p. m.—Basket Ball, Athletic Field.
4:30 p. m.—Withington Zouaves, War Path.
4 p. m.—Organ Recital, Mr. T. M. Mueggler, Auditorium.
5 p. m.—Drill Battery D, Third Artillery.
6 p. m.—Drill Twelfth Cavalry.
9:30 p. m.—Withington Zouaves, War Path.

Stated Program Every Day.

7:30 a. m.—Gates open.
9:30 to 10:30 a. m.—Concert Exposition Band, Main Gate.
10 a. m.—And hourly thereafter Exhibition of weather bureau, Earthquake recorder, Government Building A.
10:30 to 11:30 a. m.—Concert, Phinney's United States Band, Raleigh Square.
11 a. m.—Preparation of large weather map from reports from all sections of this country, Government Building A.
11 a. m. to 4 p. m.—Session of Children's School Farm.
11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Mexican National Band Concert, Raleigh Court.
12 m. to 2 p. m.—Session of Model School.
1 p. m.—Biographic and Stereopticon Exhibition, Scenes on Indian Reservation with lecture, Interior Department, Government Building A.
2 p. m.—Biographic exhibition and lecture, scenes in Yosemite Valley, Government Building A.
2 to 4 p. m.—Phinney's United States Band, Auditorium.
2:30 p. m.—United States Life Saving Service Drill at station.
3 p. m.—Illustrated lecture "Reclaiming the Desert" by Mr. C. J. Blitchard, U. S. R. S. Interior Department, Government Building A.
4 p. m.—Illustrated lecture "Yellowstone National Park," by Mr. E. C. Culver, Interior Department, Government Building A.
5:30 to 6:30 p. m.—Mexican National Band Concert, Reviewing Stand.
7 to 9 p. m.—Combined Bands, Reviewing Stand.

WILL LEGISLATION HURT THE RAILROADS?

Probable Adverse Effect on the Prosperity of Roads Feature of the North Carolina Hearing

WANT TO BLAME OLD NORTH STATE

Comptroller Plant Expresses Belief That if There is a Panic North Carolina Will be Responsible—Southern Cannot Make Necessary Improvements.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—The probable adverse effect of state legislation on the prosperity of the railroads and the people of the country, was the feature of the testimony today of Comptroller Plant of the Southern Railway in the North Carolina rate hearing case. He pointed out that if a panic should result from the lowering of passenger rates, the State of North Carolina would have to share the burden of responsibility.

Discussion of this phase of the controversy was brought about by a question asked Mr. Plant by Mr. Justice, speaker of the North Carolina Legislature, as to whether there was congestion on the Southern Railway lines in North Carolina.

Mr. Plant replied that congestion had been relieved to some extent during the last six months by means of improvements to the Southern system. Asked if he attributed the congestion to the recent act of the North Carolina Legislature reducing passenger rates, Mr. Plant replied that the more rate legislation the less congestion there would be because legislation would have a tendency to decrease business in the country as a whole.

What Mr. Plant Meant.

"I mean to say," added Mr. Plant, "that the greater the agitation against the railroads of the country, the greater the probability of a decrease in general trade."

The reason why the Southern Railway does not increase its facilities for moving traffic faster than now, Mr. Plant explained, was that the Southern has not the cash to pay for such additional facilities. To get the money for these improvements, it must go into the money markets and sell its securities.

"It cannot," he said, "find a market for securities in the face of state legislation tending to reduce its rates below the point where it can earn the money to pay for the necessary improvements."

Says Road Wants to be Fair.

"If the rates in North Carolina are exorbitant do you think the Southern Railway Company ought to criticize the State of North Carolina for making an investigation and fixing the rates to what it thinks are proper," asked Mr. Justice.

"If the rates are exorbitant," replied Mr. Plant, "and can be shown to be, I do not believe the Southern would hesitate to consider their reduction."

Asked if he thought the railroads and not the North Carolina Legislature ought to fix the rates, Mr. Plant replied that personally he believed there should be a mutual understanding between the railroads and the public, as he felt that the railroads and the public were co-partners.

"When one prospers," he said, "the other should prosper, and there should be a mutual understanding and an equitable arrangement as to rates."

JUDGE PARKER WANTS TO HEAD TICKET AGAIN

Former Governor James Campbell, of Ohio, Hears That Such is the Fact.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 28.—"So what to my astonishment, I learned while in New York last week that Judge Alton B. Parker was considering being a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President again," said former Governor Governor James F. Campbell in an interview here. "At first I believed there was nothing serious in the news, but later I was assured that it was entirely so, and that Judge Parker is possessed of the opinion that he will be once more chosen at the head of the party in the nation."

Governor Campbell made no comment upon the situation, save to say that he got the information from a source that was indisputable as to veracity.

LOSES LIFE TO SAVE BROTHER.

MISS LAURA POULSON NURSES FEVER PATIENT, CONTRACTS DISEASE.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Aug. 28.—Miss Laura Poulson, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Poulson, died last Saturday in the home of her brother just west of the city.

Miss Poulson, who was a young lady of beautiful character, had nursed her brother through a spell of fever, contracting the disease from him, and feature of the case is that her mother is in Europe and knew nothing of the death of her only daughter.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at four o'clock from the Methodist church and was largely attended. The Rev. G. S. Kennard conducted the services.

One Woman Tries to Kill Another.

BRISTOL, VA., August 28.—Roxie Ferguson, a young woman, made desperate attempt to kill Mrs. James Ferguson in her own house on State Street. While endeavoring to break through the door, which was being held by Mrs. Ferguson, the intruder fired three shots into the house, two of which struck Mrs. Ferguson, one lodging in her elbow and the other striking in her left hip. Roxie admits having tried to kill Mrs. Ferguson, saying that it was because the latter had robbed her of the affection of a young man who was in the house at the time. Mrs. Ferguson denies having received any attention from the man.

Graded School to be Opened at Toano

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Aug. 28.—The James City county board of supervisors met here Monday and made the levy for the fiscal year. In Powhatan and Stonehouse districts, the levy for school purposes was placed at the maximum to enable those districts to build and maintain a graded school. The new school will be located at Toano.

Williamsburg Buys \$2,100 Fire Engine

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Aug. 28.—The city council at its meeting last night purchased a new engine for the fire department, paying for the same \$2,100. The Williamsburg volunteer fire company has just been reorganized by Colonel J. T. Christian chief and Jerome Casey assistant.

Shooting Affray on Train.

ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 28.—Norfolk and Western Freight Conductor Sidney Bolton was shot and probably fatally wounded Monday night by a negro, who was beating a ride on Bolton's train, near Willmore, Va. The negro was probably mortally wounded by Bolton. The conductor ordered the negro off the train and the negro fired on the conductor, wounding him in the arm and stomach. Bolton fired on the negro, shooting him through the body.

Missing Boy Dead Under Lumber.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Aug. 28.—Frank Berry, who mysteriously disappeared from his home last night, was found dead this morning about ten o'clock under a large pile of lumber, the property of W. S. Embrey. It is supposed that the little boy had been playing about the lumber, which is placed near the railroad depot, and that the lumber fell over on him and crushed out his life.

Serious Charge Against Lover.

ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 28.—Miss Ida Persinger, of Botetourt county, came here yesterday and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Grover Volt, her lover, on a serious charge. Volt was arrested and lodged in jail. He will be taken to Fincastle for a preliminary hearing.

Gambling Crusade Brings Conviction

DANVILLE, VA., Aug. 28.—J. Edward Williams and J. H. McDaniel, who were charged with being connected with the gambling business in this city, have been discharged.

Leo Childress, who was arrested in the gambling raid, was fined \$100 and costs.

FLEET TO ENGAGE IN BATTLE TARGET TEST

Autumn Practice off Cape Cod Will Be Under Conditions of Actual Warfare.

NEWBERRY SOLVING COAL PROBLEM

Work of Selecting Fuel Supply Vessels for Cruise to the Pacific Is Taken Up—Believed That Hospital Ship Will be Necessary on the Voyage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—Before the Atlantic battleship fleet starts its long cruise via the Straits of Magellan for the Pacific coast it will have the most arduous task to which it has been subjected since the battleships were mobilized in the Atlantic. This will be the battle target practice which will begin in Cape Cod bay on September 15th. It was to have started September 9th, but owing to delays in the preparation of targets it was postponed.

Battle target practice, in which the fleet never before has indulged approaches the requirements of actual battle more nearly than anything yet attempted in the yearly routine. Under competitive conditions each spring has been at stated ranges with buoys to mark the distance. The autumn target practice has been more diversified.

The battle target practice will be undertaken without buoys to indicate the distance. The officers will have to estimate the range at which they are to fire, and instead of guns firing singly or by pairs in turrets the ships will fire all guns at the sight just as if the target were an enemy. This will put officers, men and guns to a greater strain than ever before.

To Take Up Coal Question.

Acting Secretary Newberry is about to open negotiations for the coal and the colliers needed to supply the fleet with fuel during its cruise. The department already has received offers of many vessels, but no selection yet has been made.

Attention has been called by some officers of the fleet to the fact that the navy is without a hospital ship, which would be most desirable on this cruise. The enlisted personnel is somewhat susceptible to occasional epidemics of mild diseases, such as measles and scarlet fever. Last winter the Connecticut had a large number of cases of typhoid fever. It became necessary to send the ship north with the patients. Had the Atlantic fleet at that time in West Indian waters been accompanied by a hospital ship the cases simply could have been transferred and treated in those waters or they could have been brought north without requiring a battleship to leave the winter work.

Secretary Metcalf, who has been spending the summer in California, will visit the Puget Sound navy yard before his return to Washington. Rear Admiral Cowles, chief of the bureau of equipment, will return here on September 1. The improvements already authorized at the navy yards at Mare Island and Puget Sound will be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible, in order that such repairs are needed by the battleships upon their arrival may be given.

No Plans for the Return.

Absolutely no thought is being given by Acting Secretary Newberry to the route by which the battleships may return from the Pacific, and this strengthens the conviction of the well informed that they will not return. President Roosevelt announced at the conference at Oyster Bay last Friday that the question of the return of the ships was one which it was not wise to discuss at present, and it would be determined only by circumstances following their arrival upon the Pacific coast.

It can be stated that if the ships do return it will not be by Cape of Good Hope but by the Suez route. The President has made up his mind as to that. The course the vessel will follow in cruising from the Pacific coast to the Philippines is also a matter not considered, but they are undoubtedly will touch at Honolulu.

While the changes in command of the battleships of the Atlantic fleet have not yet been ordered, it is generally understood that those captains who will have only two years or less in the grade of Rear Admiral will be replaced by younger captains, who will have a greater period to remain on the active list and who will be therefore better able to give the service the benefit of the experience they will gain in this cruise. Captain W. W. Kimball, now commanding the New Jersey, is one of these.

Give School Building to Wise

BRISTOL, VA., Aug. 28.—Henry K. McHarg, the New York railroad magnate, has just announced a gift of a \$12,000 public school building, which will be erected at Toms Creek at once and presented to Wise county.

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