

# GOES TO HOUSE WITH A FAVORABLE REPORT

## Chief Stow Confident That Bill For Protection of Disabled Firemen Will Become a Law.

### TAX ON INSURANCE PREMIUMS

One Per Cent. of All Money Paid in Premiums in State to be Set Aside For Fund, Which Will be Handled by Local Relief Association in Various Cities and Towns.

Fire Chief W. K. Stow yesterday received a telegram notifying him that the House committee on banking and insurance had decided to report favorably upon a bill requiring that one per cent. of all the money collected in this state in fire insurance premiums shall be set aside for a fund for the relief of the disabled firemen, and the widows and children of firemen who lose their lives fighting flames. It is said that the Senate committee certainly will make a favorable report upon the bill, and Chief Stow is confident that it will become a law.

Chief Stow, as a member of the legislative committee of the Virginia State Firemen's Association, spent the greater part of last week in Richmond working in the interest of this bill. The other members of the committee who assisted in the work were Chief McFall, of Roanoke; Chief Farley, of Petersburg; Chief Herbert, of Portsmouth; Chief Pearly, of Charlottesville; Chief Kogobin, of Norfolk; and Captain Redwood, of Richmond.

The committee had the bill drawn so as to provide that two percent of the premiums should be set aside, but it was amended so as to cut the amount in half.

**Local Relief Associations.**  
Under the provisions of the bill, relief associations will be formed in every city and town in the state, which has a company with as much as \$500 worth of apparatus. The associations will receive one per cent. of the fire insurance premiums collected in their respective cities or towns. Five per cent. of the total received by such relief associations will be paid to the State Association, which will have a reserve fund. This latter provision was inserted at the suggestion of Chief Stow, and is designed to protect small towns, in which collections may not be sufficient to cover expenses in the event of serious accidents.

**Senator Holt Presided.**  
Senator Saxon W. Holt, of this city, as chairman of the Senate committee on insurance and banking, presided over the joint meeting of the House and Senate committees held last week for the purpose of discussing this bill.

In addition to the protection afforded the members of the fire departments, it is believed that this bill will result in the rebuilding of the departments in smaller towns and cities. The fact that a town having \$500 worth of apparatus may organize a relief association and reap the benefits of the bill should be an incentive to the purchase of apparatus.

### LARGE NUMBER OF PUPILS ENROLLED FOR NIGHT SCHOOL

Fifty-five Boys Will Enter in North End, and a Like Number in East End.

With a total enrollment of 110 pupils, the two city public night schools will be opened in the Twenty-eighth street and North End school buildings at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night for the present half of the current school term. The schools were opened for the enrollment of pupils Friday night, and 55 boys were admitted to each school.

The enrollment was greatly in excess of what had been anticipated and the statement was made yesterday that the present staff of two teachers was entirely inadequate to meet the demands of the schools. Only 40 pupils can be seated in one room of either of the schools and thus an overflow of 15 pupils remains in each school. It is expected that the school board will elect another teacher to relieve the situation.

### Birthday Party.

Mr. William H. Higginbotham gave a delightful birthday party Friday evening at his home, 227 forty-fourth street. Those present were Misses Lizzie, Susie and Dora Froudt, Sallie White, Lizzie Brown, Mary Karp, Elsie Welkel, and Messrs. W. H. Moore, B. Kuban, P. Price, J. E. Jordan, C. H. Yates, G. H. Hatcher, W. G. Futrell and H. McC. Clements.

### Meeting of W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Howard Haze, State President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, will deliver an address tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Second Baptist church. Special music will be rendered.

### Chief Reynolds Returns.

Chief of Police J. W. Reynolds has returned from Africa, where he was called by the news of the death of his wife's mother, Mrs. Goodloe. Mrs. Reynolds will remain at Africa for the present.

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### BASKETBALL AT Y.M.C.A.

Winter Tournament Ends With Two Fast Games.

### MOHAWKS FINISH WELL IN LEAD

First Victory for Choctaws Comes at the Finish—Another Tournament Arranged, the Games in Which Will be Played on Thursday Nights

With two of the fastest and most hotly contested matches of the season, the basketball tournament that has been in progress at the Young Men's Christian Association for two months, was brought to a close last night. Both games were decided by one point, the Choctaws defeating the Black Hawks by a margin of 38 to 37, and the Mohawks winning over the Redwings by the score of 30 to 29. This was the first and only match the Choctaws won during the tournament and when the victory perched on their banner the enthusiasm of their supporters knew no bounds. Quite a large crowd witnessed the matches and cheer upon cheer greeted the many fast and sensational plays that were made by the five.

	W.	L.	P. C.
Mohawks	9	0	1.000
Black Hawks	5	4	.555
Red Wings	3	6	.333
Choctaws	1	8	.111

**New Tournament Organized.**  
A new basketball tournament has been organized at the association and the first match will be played Thursday night. Six teams will take part in the tournament and each team will play one game with all the others. As the tournament will close the latter part of March, six double headers and one triple header will be played. All the matches will take place on Thursday nights, instead of Saturday nights.

### CITY SUES RAILWAY.

Balance Due on Hampton Roads Traction Company Deal Wanted. City Attorney Massie yesterday filed suit for the city against the Hampton Roads Traction Company, the Citizen's Railway, Light & Power Company, and the Newport News & Old Point Railway & Electric Company, for \$8,000.

The suit is brought to recover the balance of \$7,500 due on the deal by which the Hampton Roads Traction Company was permitted by the city to surrender its franchises and remove its property from the city. Of the \$20,000 the company agreed to pay, \$12,500 has been paid and the remainder was due on December 12. The companies asked for an extension of four months for the payment, and this was granted, on the condition that security approved by the mayor and city attorney be secured. The security offered was not approved, and the city attorney proceeded to bring suit.

## ANOTHER NORTHWESTER

### Violent Gale Raging Along the Virginia Coast.

### FEARS FOR SAFETY OF THE UPLAND

Swedish Steamer Which Ran Down and Sank the Schooner Taft is at Sea and Heavily Loaded With Great Hole in Her Bow.

Commenting yesterday morning, another violent northwest gale is sweeping the coast of Virginia and North Carolina and, although no reports of accidents to shipping had been received up to an early hour this morning, it is feared that vessels in the path of the storm feared badly.

Grave apprehension for the safety of the Swedish steamship Upland, which was damaged in a collision with the schooner Helen E. Taft Thursday, and which at last reports was anchored north of Cape Hatteras, was felt by local shipping men last night. The steamer had her bow stove in during the collision and all the way down the coast. It is feared that she might not have been able to weather the heavy seas. This vessel was bound to Newport News for bunker coal when she ran down and sank the Taft.

### A Fifty Knot Gale.

While the temperature was not as low, the storm yesterday and last night was equally as violent as that of early last week and the previous week. At midnight last night the velocity of the wind here must have been at least 50 miles an hour and it probably was much greater than that along the coast. No damage was done in this harbor by the storm, but several vessels dragged anchor in the harbor and at one time it was feared that one or two of them would go ashore.

### Social-Personal

Mr. J. E. T. Hunter left last night for Washington, D. C., to attend the wedding of his cousin, Mr. E. Madison Hall and Miss Ann Stephenson. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride, 2016 Fifteenth street, N. W., at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and owing to the recent death of the bride's father it will be very quiet.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall will spend their honeymoon in the South. They will arrive at Old Point Wednesday morning and will spend several days at the Chamberlin Hotel.

Mr. J. R. Cooke, who has been at his home in Arkansas for the past month, returned to the city yesterday.

Mr. John Branch, of Kentucky, was the guest of Mr. R. E. Marable this week.

Miss Lucy Anderson, of Richmond is visiting Miss Isabelle Richardson in East End.

Mrs. James Hughes left yesterday for Philadelphia, where she will visit relatives. On February 10 she will leave for San Francisco, where she will join Mr. Hughes to make their home.

Die Liebe Tasse will meet with Mrs. Worthington in Hampton Thursday afternoon.

Miss Edna C. Lee, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of Mrs. William Ross Aylett on Thirty-first street.

Mr. Robert Barlow, who was recently operated upon at the St. Francis hospital, has been moved to his home.

### Ouida an American.

A dispatch from Florence, Italy, says that an American woman, widow of Col. George Roy Giddo, who fought in the Confederate army, and died twenty years ago, told a remarkable story of the parentage of the now list Ouida, at her funeral yesterday.

According to Mrs. Giddo, Louisa D. la Ramee, which was the novelist's supposed real name, was none other than Col. Giddo's sister. The sister left her home in America at a tender age under the care of a woman who adopted her as a daughter.

Mrs. Giddo explained that she came from America for the purpose of adding Ouida after writing several letters which the novelist had failed to answer. Her husband, she said, never spoke of Ouida without weeping. A photograph of him, which she showed, bore a striking resemblance, in the high forehead, penetrating glance and other family characteristics, to Ouida.

## TRY THIS MIXTURE FOR RHEUMATISM

A Simple Mixture Anyone Can Prepare. Makes the Kidneys Filter Out Acids.

Recent hospital reports show that the dread disease, rheumatism, is steadily increasing throughout the country. All known means of relief are being suggested to save the great amount of suffering this winter, especially among those who are not in a position to pack up and visit the noted health resorts to be treated. Recent tests prove rheumatism not exactly a disease in itself, but a severe symptom of kidney trouble, a condition caused by clogged up pores of the eliminative tissues in the kidneys which fail to filter the poisonous waste matter and uric acid from the blood, permitting these substances to remain in the veins and decompose, usually settling about the joints and muscles, causing the intense pain, swelling and stiffness of rheumatism.

A well-known specialist, who has probably treated more cases of rheumatism than anyone else, and who is also the most successful, gives the following simple treatment, which is harmless and inexpensive, so simple that anybody can mix it at home. The ingredients are: Fluid Extract Eucalypti, one-half ounce; Compound Kergon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sassafras, three ounces. Go to any good prescription pharmacy and get these vegetable ingredients and mix them by shaking in a bottle, taking as a dose a teaspoonful after each meal and again at bedtime.

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<b>Black Taffeta Silk.</b> 36-inch wide brilliant lustre, fine rustling finish <b>\$1.00.</b>	<b>Invincible Cambric.</b> 36 inches wide, pretty, even thread, 140 quality, special <b>12 1/2c.</b>
<b>French Lawn.</b> Sheer even thread, very much used for shadow embroidery, 46 inches wide <b>17c.</b>	<b>Ladies' Kid Gloves.</b> Special Sale of ladies' two clasp kid gloves in the popular shades <b>75c the pair.</b>
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Chimney Afire.  
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