

THE NORTHERN NECK.

THE STORY OF A VERY EARLY PRIZE FIGHT.

Victor Lived to Be One Hundred and Eleven Years Old—Mission Sunday School—Personal and General Notes of Interest.

COMMON, KING GEORGE COUNTY, APRIL 23.—(Special.)—Mr. Thomas Lee, four score years of age, who owns and resides at "Office Hall," the old King George homestead of Governor ("Extra Billie") Smith, has just given, in course of conversation, some interesting bits of history relative to this section of Virginia "in old times." Mr. Lee is blessed with a remarkable memory, and relates in charming detail many important incidents told to him by his ancestors "away back yonder." This fine old Virginia gentleman informed the "present generation" the other day that King George was once the home of prize-fighters, and the scene of prize-fights. Just prior to the Revolution William Lee (this Mr. Thomas Lee's grandfather, and Richard Alesh, two of King George's big guns, engaged in the most notable pugilistic contest of that day, and the contestants were so nearly equal in physical powers that the two first fights were pronounced "ties," so that the judges required a third, which resulted in William Lee winning the championship and prize (or wager), which was the sum of \$30—the largest amount "bet" on a prize-fight these times.

At that time King George consisted of a narrow strip of land extending from and including the town of Palmouth, opposite Fredericksburg, to a point below Lexington, in Westmoreland county, that "Canning," the old court-house site, was the most central point, being some twenty or more miles from each end of the county. It appears that immense crowds gathered at the county seat on all public occasions in those old days, and that the number who witnessed the noted contest between Lee and Alesh was no exception to the general rule.

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On the next day Captain Henry Endors set his wagon, drawn by two very fine four-year-old colts, to this place. The two men in charge of the team left the wagon and went into the woods, where the colts became frightened and dashed frantically off over a perpendicular bank 5 feet high, with one to the ground, and the other to Potomac church, a distance of two miles, when they collided with a large tree, instantly killing one of the horses and considerably damaging the wagon. Mrs. Sallie Muse, of this county, left some days ago for Washington, D. C., for the purpose of having her eyes operated on by an oculist. Mrs. Lucy D. Pollock, of Washington, is visiting in this neighborhood. Mr. C. A. Arnold, of the Port Conway neighborhood, this county, is in Washington this week. Mr. Wesley Butler, hospital steward for the United States soldiers camped just outside of Washington, visited friends here this week. Mrs. William Rollins, of Dogue, this county, is on a visit to friends in Maryland. Mrs. George W. Sorrell, of Washington, is here this week looking after her nice summer home and visiting relatives.

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL. A mission Sunday school was organized at the Lamb's Creek church last Sunday. An effort is on foot to raise sufficient means to build a chapel in that immediate vicinity for Sunday-school and prayer-meeting purposes. The heavy frost and cold "snap" this week will be a good deal of a trial to the fruit trees and late strawberries were killed outright, while the early fruit survives, being too far advanced to be affected by frost and cold.

There are already three candidates for the office of Supervisor in Shiloh District, of this county, and it is probable that the other is the result of the Populistic persuasion. The people of the Northern Neck are delighted at the decision of State-Superintendent Massey to hold the summer normal at Irvington this year. And the people from a distance who attend the normal will be just as highly pleased with Irvington and Irvington folks, as the people are with the promise of the normal.

One of the most interesting relics in the Northern Neck is old Christ church, in Lancaster county, and one of the most beautiful in the State. It is the fact that this old Colonial edifice is to be repaired right away by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Antiquities. It will be remembered that \$50 was appropriated for this purpose.

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An Old Letter. Collier's Weekly.

To-day I found a letter dim with age. Yes, breathing hope and trust in every line. And bearing on its blurred and yellow page. A token of thy faith, O friend of mine! Strong in its deathless love each tender word.

Stirred my heart-deeps with a mystery spell. Vague as the first sweet notes of spring-time, heard In some secluded dell.

And when I walked in dreams, O friend of mine! Across the grave of long-forgotten years— Once more my longing eyes looked into thine.

Dimmed with the mist of sad, regretful tears: Then swift from happy summer fields were blown the flowers of thy love. The mystic songs that Love and Sorrow knew.

The while thy soft, warm fingers clasped my own In welcome fond and true.

I saw the crimson light of morning shine Across the valley and the lonesome plain. As this at last we stood, O friend of mine. Then suddenly the world grew dark again; For old mad dreams by fevered longings brought Swept their strange shadows o'er the dawning day. And the white meadow lands of Peace I sought.

Faded in gloom away. O joyful thought, yet sweet, O friend of mine. That in a land beyond the ocean-wave The same blue skies that bend above me shine Upon thy lonely grave.

ADELAIDE D. ROLLISTON. Horrid Torture. This is often felt in every joint and muscle of the body by turns, by people who, experiencing the earliest twinges of rheumatism, neglect to arrest the disease as they may easily do. The letter's friend writes, a professionally authenticated remedy for the agonizing twinges. Recollect that rheumatism unchecked often leads to Heine's or other equally fatal results. When the milder attacks cease, the patient is often attacked with Heine's or other equally fatal results.

INSURANCE STATEMENT.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.) THE GERMAN-AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK. ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAW OF SAID STATE.

President—EMIL OELBERMANN. Vice-President—ERNEST L. ALLEN. Secretary—WILLIAM N. KREMER. Principal Office—No. 115 BROADWAY, NEW YORK. Organized—MARCH 1, 1872. Commenced Business—MARCH 7, 1872.

I.—CAPITAL. Whole amount of joint stock or guaranteed capital authorized, \$1,000,000.00. Whole amount of capital actually paid up in cash, 1,000,000.00.

II.—ASSETS. Value of real estate owned by the company, 15,000.00. ACCOUNT OF BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

Table listing various bonds and stocks owned by the company, including United States registered 4 per cent. bonds, United States coupon 4 per cent. bonds, New York city Adl. water 3 per cent. bonds, etc.

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, STATED AT THEIR ACTUAL VALUE, \$7,970,423.43.

III.—LIABILITIES. Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses, due and to become, 61,879.72. Gross losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reported and supposed losses, 187,022.25. Losses resisted, including interest, costs, and other expenses, 39,777.40.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL LIABILITIES INCLUDING PAID-UP CAPITAL STOCK AND NET SURPLUS, \$7,970,423.43.

IV.—RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR. Fire. Gross premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year, \$41,792.23. Deduct amount of same not collected, 4,907.83. Net collected, \$36,884.40.

INSURANCE STATEMENT—Continued.

V.—DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR. Fire. Gross amount actually paid for losses (including \$292,542.29 losses occurring in previous years), \$1,594,700.19. Deduct all amounts actually received for salaries (whether on losses of the last or of previous years), \$12,182.32; and all amounts actually received for reinsurance in other companies, \$27,283.97. Total deductions, 252,008.58. Net amount paid during the year for losses, \$1,342,691.61.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR, IN CASH, \$2,518,215.26.

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR. Fire, marine, and inland risks written, \$1,715,585.00. Gross premiums received, \$5,301.19. Losses paid, 7,514.82. Losses incurred, \$1,703.63.

D. N. WALKER & CO., AGENTS, 1014 EAST MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA.

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President—LEO H. WISE. Vice-President—GEORGE C. CLARKE. Secretary—E. E. HALL. Principal Office—No. 41 AND 43 CEDAR STREET, NEW YORK. General Agent in Virginia—GEORGE D. PLEASANTS; residence, Richmond, Va. Organized or Incorporated—JUNE 15, 1866. Commenced Business—JULY 15, 1866.

I.—CAPITAL. Amount of capital stock paid up in cash, \$300,000.00.

II.—ASSETS. ACCOUNT OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF THIS STATE, AND OF OTHER STATES, AND ALSO OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ALL OTHER BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

Table listing various bonds and stocks owned by the company, including United States Government bonds, New York City bonds, Erie railroad bonds, etc.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, STATED AT THEIR ACTUAL VALUE, \$451,412.35.

III.—LIABILITIES. Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses, due and to become, \$4,828.27. Gross losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reported and supposed losses, 7,768.50. Net amount of unpaid losses, 12,596.77.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL LIABILITIES INCLUDING PAID-UP CAPITAL STOCK AND NET SURPLUS, \$451,412.35.

IV.—RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR. Fire. Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year, \$220,573.73. Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at this date, 34,526.67. Entire premiums collected during the year, \$186,047.06.

V.—DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR. Fire. Gross amount actually paid for losses (including \$19,575.56 losses occurring in previous years), \$19,575.56. Deduct all amounts actually received for salaries (whether on losses of the last or of previous years), \$12,182.32; and all amounts actually received for reinsurance in other companies, \$27,283.97. Total deductions, 252,008.58.

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR. Fire Risks. Risks written, \$1,715,585.00. Premiums received (gross), \$5,301.19. Losses paid, 7,514.82. Losses incurred, \$1,703.63.

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS. RISKS AND PREMIUMS. In force on the 31st day of December of the preceding year, \$42,897,743. Written or renewed during the year, \$1,524,623. Total, \$44,422,366.

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President—W. W. UNDERHILL. Vice-President—S. M. CRAFT. Secretary—W. H. GRIFFIN. Principal Office—66 FINE STREET, NEW YORK. General Agent in Virginia—JOHN W. GORDON. Residence—RICHMOND, VA. Organized or Incorporated—APRIL 1, 1824. Commenced Business—APRIL 5, 1824.

I.—CAPITAL. Amount of capital stock subscribed, \$250,000.00. Amount of capital stock paid up in cash, 250,000.00.

II.—ASSETS. Loans on mortgage (fully recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple) upon which not more than one year's interest is due, \$431,500.00. Interest due on all said mortgage loans, \$75; interest accrued thereon, \$1,729.24.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, \$677,532.27.

III.—LIABILITIES. Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses due and to become due, \$4,828.27. Gross losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reported and supposed losses, 14,356.25. Losses resisted, including interest, costs, and other expenses thereon, 14,129.73.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL LIABILITIES INCLUDING PAID-UP CAPITAL STOCK AND NET SURPLUS, \$677,532.27.

IV.—RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR. Fire, Marine and Inland. Gross premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year, \$55,892.01. Deduct amount not collected, 204.65. Net collected, \$55,687.36.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF RECEIPTS ACTUALLY RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR IN CASH, \$318,874.09.

V.—DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR. Fire, Marine and Inland. Gross amount actually paid for losses (including \$18,943.32 losses occurring in previous years), \$18,943.32. Deduct all amounts actually received for salaries (whether on losses of the last or of previous years), \$12,182.32; and all amounts actually received for reinsurance in other companies, \$27,283.97. Total deductions, 252,008.58.

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