NORFOLK REFORMERS WIN

NEW REGISTRATION TO BE ORDERED AND GOOD JUDGES NAMED.

These Things Promised Last Night by the New Electoral Board—Situation Discussed by Many Democrats.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—The meeting held in the Corporation court-room this afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the instance of the electoral board of the city, was very largely attended by Democrats of various shades of opinion. Chairman J. Frank East, of the electoral board, presided, and stated that the meeting had been called to discuss the dissatisfied faction in the ranks of the party, and, if possible, to bring about harmony. Chairman Young made a statement, in which he said that there was serious discord, which he had made an effort to heal. The question was discussed by those favorable to machine politics and those opposed. Mr. Barton Myers presented the bill now before the Legislature to legalize primaries in Norfolk. Certain matters of minor importance were objected to by Major A. J. Dalton, of the new electoral board, and the meeting, after declaring in favor of a legalized primary, appointed a committee, composed of Messrs. W. A. Young (city chairman), Barton Myers, M. Glennan, T. L. Dornin, A. J. Dalton, R. B. Cooke and A. P. Thom, to meet with the gentlemen who drafted the bill and make certain alterations thought advisable.

It was stated in the meeting that all of the candidates for city offices in the spring elections desire that the bill shall pass the Legislature. The electoral board agreed to select gentlemen for judges and clerks above reproach, also to order a reregistration of voters at once.

Before the meeting adjourned a resolution was adopted that the breach of the Democratic party is forever closed. The result is a great victory for those who desire reform in elections. Everybody is happy to-night, especially the candidates.

HER SON'S FLESH ENGRAFTED.

Mrs. Wilson Undergoes This Operation. Visit of Pennsylvania R. R. Officers.

CAPE CHARLES, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—Mrs. Margaret S. Savage, aged eighty years, a very highly respected lady, died at the residence of her son, Mr. James A. Savage, at Wachapreague, Va., a few days ago, leaving four sons, the oldest of which is Mr. G. G. Savage, editor of the Cape Charles Headlight.

Mrs. W. B. Wilson, of this city, who has been in the hospital at Norfolk for some time, was compelled to undergo an operation a few days ago, and on account of her weak condition the wound would not heal satisfactorily, and it became necessary to ingraft a piece of flesh from another more healthy person, and her son Claude consented to have a piece taken from his left arm. The operation was performed without the use of choloroform or ether, and both are getting along very nicely at present.

Mr. F. L. Sheppard, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad, Altoona, Pa., and party; Mr. W. J. Latta, general agent Pennsylvania railroad, Philadelphia, and party, en route to Old Point Comfort, stopped over at Cape Charles yesterday as the guests of Mr. H. W. Dunne, superintendent New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad.

The annual metting of the stockholders of the N. Y., P. and N. Railroad Company will be held at the company's office in Cape Charles, Va., March 20th.

CHASE CITY CHARTER.

The Liquor Question in the Hands of the Council—Tobacco Market.

CHASE CITY, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—Tobacco sales have been heavy, and prices good. Mr. Sarvey, of Vaughan & Sarvey, Richmond tobacconists, is here.

Our people are much pleased that the Legislature has passed an amendment to our town charter, which is to the effect that application for liquor license must be approved by the town council before the license can be granted. We will now make the fight at home in the election of town officers, and not have the expense and worry of going to court. This is practical local option.

Our people are not pleased by the action of the Post-Office Department in giving us Sunday mail. The majority of the best people do not want it. We are Democrats, and propose to remain Democrats, but we propose to "kick" against this wrong, as also against the great wrong of "fraud in elections," against which you are so manfully fighting.

AFTER MOONSHINERS.

Many of them in the Southwest to be Prosecuted—Pulaski Fire.

PULASKI, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—Mr. Thomas Jones, one of the most accomplished of the zinc experts in this section, and who did much to give fame and fortune to the Bertha Company, has gone to Philadelphia with the hope of making satisfactory arrangements with the Pulaski Land and Improvement Company whereby he may control what is known as the Rolling-mill property. His object will be to convert it into a furnace for the manufacture of zinc, and for this he purposes to use material which heretofore has been thrown away from our iron furnaces as useless.

Deputy Marshal I. H. Buford has been busy of late making work for the United States District Court at Abingdon. He has fallen upon a lot of fellows who are violating the national law against the sale of liquor, and when they appear at court with their prisoners, their name will be legion.

KAUFMAN FARM SOLD.

Two Fires Near Fredericksburg—Religious Matters.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—The residence of Mr. John Newman, at Unionville, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Most of the furniture was saved. There was no insurance.

Mr. P. Barbour, of Philadelphia, has purchased the Kaufman farm, near Unionville, in Orange county. The historic hotel property at Spotsylvania Courthouse has been sold to Mr. Thomas H. Harris, of this county, for $3,600. During his absence a few days ago, the dwelling of Mr. William Thorn, near Morrisville, was entirely destroyed by fire.

Miss Virginia Payne, daughter of Mr. Thomas Payne, of this county, was married to Mr. Judson Payne, of West Virginia, Rev. Mr. Ryland officiating.

The Baptist revival still continues, and the interest is growing. The Methodists are making active preparations for the general conference, which commences in this city March 30th.

POWHATAN BOND LITIGATION.

Judge Hancock Dissolves the Injunction. Virginia State League.

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—Judge B. A. Hancock presided in the Circuit Court of Chesterfield to-day, and was engaged partly in the trial of railroad damage cases. He decided an important chancery suit that has been removed from Powhatan county, bearing upon the county bond litigation of the latter county, now pending in the Court of Appeals. The bond suit was conducted in the name of the two individual tax-payers, who allowed the use of their names in the litigation, simply for the purpose of testing the validity of the bonds. Other tax-payers, friendly to the railroad interest, obtained an injunction to prevent the payment by the county supervisors of the costs of the bond suit, which amounted to some $800 or $900. Judge Hancock holds that under an agreement with the tax-payers the suit was virtually the suit of the county, and not an individual suit, and that it was competent for the board of supervisors to pay the costs. He dissolved the injunction and dismissed the bill of complaint against the county board.

The county bond litigation is the same suit that was decided by the Circuit Court of Petersburg a year ago.

Mrs. William Wells, while coming out of her front door yesterday, stepped upon a piece of ice and slipped and fell. She fractured her arm near the wrist in a very painful manner.

Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., pastor of Washington-street Methodist Episcopal church will, by special request, deliver a sermon before the Petersburg Grays on next Sunday night week.

Mr. T. P. Sullivan, manager of the Atlanta base-ball team, was in the city to-day, en route to Richmond, to organize a team there. From Richmond he will go to Norfolk. Mr. Sullivan wishes to organize a Virginia State League, to be composed of clubs from Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk and Manchester.

Miss Mamie J. Lawrence and Dr. George F. Bagby, Jr., will be married to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock at Market-street Methodist Episcopal church. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. G. F. Bagby, of Farmville, father of the prospective groom, assisted by the Rev. H. M. Hope. The ceremony at the church over, the couple will leave for Danville. The prospective bride is a daughter of Mr. W. T. Lawrence, of this city. Dr. Bagby is a popular physician in Danville.

Mr. David Roberts and Miss Mary Sykes, of this city, left this morning for Weldon, N. C., to be married.

The Clyde Line Steamship Company will discontinue their office in this city after to-morrow. Steamers will occasionally stop at City Point to receive freight for Philadelphia and other points North.

EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The New Academic Building Near Alexandria—Its History.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 27.—There has just been completed at the Episcopal High School, near this city, one of the handsomest and completest academic buildings to be found in the State, and a valuable addition to the extensive group which crown the Seminary Hill.

Mrs. Laura Colman Liggett, on the death in December, 1892, of her husband, Hiram Shaw Liggett, Esq., of St. Louis, signified to Mr. L. M. Blackford, principal of the High School, and, as such, his teacher, in 1874-76, her wish to erect as a memorial of her husband, a commencement hall of approved plan, and ample equipments, and placed in his hands, ten thousand dollars for the purpose.

The gift having been gratefully accepted by the trustees, and site and plan selected, work on the building was begun in July last. It is a picturesque edifice of dark brick, with stone trimming, in Romanesque manner, and consists mainly of a spacious hall, with vestibule and band gallery at the west end.

The eastern end is occupied by a stage, with all accessories requisite for commencement and other exercises, lectures, readings, concerts, etc. The building stands on the road leading from the school into the Theological Seminary premises, and facing the south play grounds. The audience room is 34 by 56 feet, and nearly 20 feet high, and has floor seating for 225 persons. The furniture is of oak, contrasting prettily with the terra cotta walls and Pompeiian red wood-work; the stage being supplied with handsome drop curtains and portieres. Everything is of the best quality.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED.

Judge Paul Names Messrs. Letcher and Bumgardner for the Rockbridge Co.

LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—The Rev. Emmett W. McCorkle delivered an eloquent and able address on the principles of Pythianism here to-night in the Methodist church before the Lexington Lodge, No. 66, K. of P., and the general public.

At Harrisonburg, Va., yesterday, Judge Paul, of the United States District Court, appointed Frank T. Glasgow, of Lexington, and J. Lewis Bumgardner, of Staunton, receivers for the Rockbridge Company, upon the motion of Letcher & Letcher, attorneys for northern creditors who made the motion Saturday last for a receiver. This is the parent company in the development of Glasgow. No opposition to the appointment of receivers was made.

MORE ROANOKE LIQUOR CASES.

Messrs. Kelly and Ran Fined $100 and Ordered to Jail for Selling without License

ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—In the Hustings Court to-day the counsel for M. J. Kelley and D. S. Ran, fined $100 each for selling liquor without a license, moved for a new trial. The court refused the motion, and ordered that the accused be confined in jail thirty days each as an additional punishment. An appeal was taken and a stay of execution granted, conditional upon a satisfactory bond of $300 being executed by defendants. Kelley and Ran were proprietors of the Piedmont Social club, convicted of the same offence, and fined $365.

J. B. Traynham, city sergeant, has resigned. His successor will be elected at the March term of the City Council.

CARS THROWN OFF THE TRACK.

An Accident on the Atlantic and Danville Near Milton.

DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 27.—Special.—There was an accident on the Atlantic and Danville railroad at Milton, N. C., twelve miles from here, this morning. Seven cars of an east-bound freight train were thrown from the track by spreading rails. Three flats and one box-car went down an embankment. One brakeman was slightly injured. The east-bound passenger train was delayed ten hours.

Pastor Forty-Nine Years.

The quarterly reception at the Second Presbyterian church last night was well attended, and Rev. Dr. Hoge, the pastor, was present for a short while during the evening. Yesterday was the forty-ninth anniversary of his pastorate, and the occasion was doubly interesting for that reason. The eminent divine, who has had but this one charge in his long and celebrated career, was congratulated by warm friends in and outside of his congregation.

Mr. Jacob Wurtz

Made a New Man

"I have been made a new man by Hood's Sarsaparilla. I had pains in my back, felt languid and did not have any appetite. I have taken

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twelve bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and cannot praise it enough." JACOB WURTZ, cor. 15th St. and Portland Av., Louisville, Ky.

HOOD'S PILLS Cure all Liver Ills. 25c.

ALL TALK AND NO ACTION

SENATORS DO NOT MINCE WORDS IN THE TARIFF CAUCUS.

Sugar Still a Bone of Contention—Senators Brice, Hill, and White Very Emphatic in Their Demands.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The Democratic senatorial caucus on the tariff bill, which adjourned shortly before 6 o'clock to-night, until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow, was rich in talk but poor in action. Some plain and rather emphatic English was spoken but no action was taken on any item in the bill.

After the adjournment a member of the Finance Committee said it was hoped that now the speeches had been made all around, action would follow and something definite be accepted to-morrow. It was thought by this that the conference would to-morrow send the bill back to the committee, with instructions to amend in some particulars as a result of the conference on certain schedules. Under this plan the details of the arrangement of the changes agreed upon would be left to the Finance Committee, and two or three days would elapse before the corrected bill could be laid before the full Committee on Finance. It is dobtful, however, if the caucus can reach any conclusion to-morrow.

Fight Over the Sugar Schedule.

Sugar was not the only topic demanding attention to-day, although much depends upon the action taken on that schedule. The committee offered the caucus what might be called a "flat" rate on sugar of one cent a pound, based upon the pure saccharine matter. This would fix the duty on sugar testing, but eighty degrees at eight-tenths of a cent, and would, therefore, show the refiner a very slight favoritism. The sugar men believe, however, that they will be able to get the one-eighth clear they have claimed, and some go as far as to claim a quarter of a cent. It is understood that the majority of the Democratic members of the Finance Committee expected to see refined sugar get the extra one-eighth for which the friends of sugar have been contending. No expression as to how senators stood was heard in the caucus to-day sufficient to indicate what the result will be. There appeared to be no further uncertainty as to coal, and it is conceded that fifty cents a ton will be given it.

Up to within the last half hour there seemed to be a spirit of concession abroad, but after that time the committee and its followers stood out more firmly for the bill as laid before the caucus.

It is understood that a scene somewhat sensational in its features took place during the morning session. Yesterday Senator White, of Louisiana, made a very vigorous speech, while on the subject of sugar, in which he bitterly denounced the attitude of some senators. No reply was made until this morning, when, it is said, two or three senators replied in language that was decidedly personal and unpleasant. It is also said that Mr. White has declared that he would not send his resignation as senator to the Governor of Louisiana until he knew what was to be done with sugar. Mr. White's attitude was described by one senator as that of a man who stood with his commission as a Supreme Court justice in one pocket and his resignation as a senator in the other, waiting to see when he could serve his constitutents and the people best.

The caucus went into the speech-making business to-day in a systematic manner by calling the roll of the States and asking the senators to give their views on what should be done. Many of those who have spoken before spoke again, and many senators who have, up to this point been listeners, turned pleaders and expounders to-day.

Senator Brice's Pi in Words.

Senator Brice, of Ohio, who was the prime mover in calling the caucus, made a forcible and vigorous speech to-day. He is said to have criticised the wisdom that placed the construction of the tariff bill in the hands of three senators, whose status as a sub-committee had been attacked on the floor of the Senate, and gone unchallenged, and who were not apparently in sympathy with any of the manufacturing centres of the country which were most affected by the bill. It was evident, he said, that the party was rent by dissensions and the questions for the conference to decide in connection with the tariff bill, was what should be done to save the Democratic party. "If," said Mr. Brice, "you are going to frame this bill in accordance with the platform of the Democratic party, as adopted at Chicago, that is one thing. If, on the other hand, you intend to frame it on the lines of the platform that was not adopted, an entirely different view of the case is given us, but if you intend to frame it so that you protect the sugar interests alone at the expense of the great industries of the North, and you intend to ignore them entirely, then I propose, for one, to have something to say."

Mr. Brice, it is understood, called attention to the fact that there must be more done than merely to conciliate the sugar senators, whose constituents would be injured by prospective legislation, and that a very important question for Democrats to consider is what they can do to keep in the party the great States of Ohio, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland, which were full of industries that, he asserted, the proposed bill sought to cripple. The great States of Ohio, New York, and New Jersey, with their representation in Congress aggregating many times more than the southern delegation, should not be ignored. The Democrats, Mr. Brice believed, should frame a bill that would yield sufficient revenue to run the Government, but they had failed to do it. If the bill was not carefully considered Mr. Brice warned the caucus that the States to which he had referred would become, so far as Democracy was concerned, as barren as a desert. If concessions were to be made, he said, they must be made on general lines, and toward those industries that produce the greatness of the States which the Democratic party were now threatened with losing. Mr. Brice wanted the party removed from the place where it laid itself liable to the suspicion of engaging a sectional consideration of the measure. For that reason he believed it better that the bill be referred to a committee to be suggested by the caucus, to be made up of representative men, representing States where these aggrieved industries were known and understood, and that such a committee should make up the bill. Even if they reported the same bill, it would be free from the objections that are now leveled at the bill before the caucus.

Mr. Brice spoke freely and his remarks had much weight with senators. He is counted as one of the six "conservatives" in whose hand the fate of the bill appears to rest. These men are Messrs. Brice, Hill, Smith, Murphy, White, of Louisiana, and Caffery.

Hill Denounces an Income Tax.

Senator Hill made his first speech in the caucus to-day. His chief assault was on the income tax, which he denounced as inquisitorial and iniquitous. He believed the party that passed it would pay the penalty for the commission of such a crime. It was, he argued, against the principles of the Democratic party and contrary to its platform, which declared that all taxes should be raised from imports. Democracy did not look with favor upon the building up of a system of internal taxation such as was contemplated by the income tax. It was only put in the bill, he said, to help make good the deficit caused by the great reduction in duty and the placement on the free-list of such articles as should contribute towards the customs revenues. There were a hundred items in the bill, Mr. Hill said, that affected his State, that could properly be incorporated in a bill framed for "revenue only," but which seemed to have been ignored by the committee.

Senators Smith and McPherson spoke in behalf of the numerous industries in New Jersey, and insisted that the industries which had been cut should be, partially at least, restored.

Mr. Vilas was in favor of reporting the bill with the disputed schedules, such as wool, coal, iron, cotton and silk fabrics, leather, and lumber on the free list, but he was willing that a small duty be paced on sugar.

Mr. Palmer (Ill.) favored putting them all on the free list. Further argument was made by the senators from the ore-producing States, favoring a duty on iron and lead ore, but these two items received little attention as compared with other matters.

It was thought that a night session would be held, but the conclusion was reached, after almost four hours' talk, that it would be better to take a fresh start to-morrow morning. A few senators met at Senator Brice's residence this evening, and the result of this caucus within a caucus may manifest itself in the proceedings to-morrow.

FUNERAL OF JAMES ALFRED JONES

The Bar Association Takes Action and will Attend the Services.

The Bar Association met yesterday and passed resolutions of respect to the memory of the late James Alfred Jones. C. V. Meredith, president of the association, called the meeting to order, and Judge Staples was called to the chair and Mr. James Lyons acted as secretary. The chairman appointed the following committee to prepare resolutions in respect to the memory of Mr. Jones: Messrs. Charles S. Stringfellow, H. H. Marshall, John Dunlop, John Howard, Jackson Guy, J. R. V. Daniel, William Wirt Henry, B. B. Munford, Frank W. Christian, and James Caskie.

These gentlemen retired and on their return presented through Mr. Charles S. Stringfellow, a series of resolutions fittingly eulogizing his memory, his character as a Christian gentleman and his learning and ability as a lawyer.

Touching remarks were made by Maj. Stringfellow, Mr. John Howard, Mr. Richard G. Pegram, and Judge Joseph Christian.

The resolutions were then unanimously adopted, and it was ordered that committees be appointed to present them to the State and Federal courts. The chair appointed the following gentlemen for this purpose:

To the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, Judge Joseph Christian; to the Chancery Court, Mr. F. H. McGuire; to the Circuit Court, Judge William J. Leake; to the Court of Law and Equity, Judge George L. Christian; to the Hustings Court, Mr. J. Ran. Tucker, Jr.; to the United States Courts, Mr. John Dunlop.

It was further resolved that the proceedings be published in the press, and that the bar attend Mr. Jones' funeral in a body.

For this purpose the bar will meet at St. Paul's church at 11:45 o'clock this morning.

The funeral will take place from St. Paul's church this morning at 12 o'clock. The following gentlemen have been requested to act as pall-bearers: Active—Otway S. Allen, W. W. Archer, C. W. Branch, F. H. McGuire, S. G. Wallace, George Barksdale, A. Rufus Yarborough, and John P. George.

Honorary—Judge W. W. Crump, Judge Waller Staples, Judge W. J. Leake, Judge E. C. Minor, Judge George L. Christian, Judge Roger Gregory, Messrs. W. W. Henry, John Howard, R. G. Pegram, James Pleasants, George Lee, H. E. C. Baskerville, J. W. Lockwood, John P. Branch, Alexander Cameron, Dr. F. T. Willis, J. L. M. Curry, Robert Archer, T. G. Peyton, Joseph Bryan, B. W. Richardson, Dr. J. B. McCaw, Dr. Hunter McGuire, Dr. E. T. Robinson, R. D. Wortham, and Samuel Bolling.

POST-OFFICE MATTERS.

Mr. W. H. Cullingworth and His New Assistants.

Mr. Cullingworth will take charge of the post-office this evening. He said yesterday that the only appointment he had determined upon was that of Mr. L. D. Crenshaw, Jr., as assistant postmaster. It is pretty well understood that the following gentlemen will be appointed: Mr. G. R. Tenser, superintendent of carriers; Captain E. H. Levy, superintendent of registered-letter division. Mrs. Donnan will be retained, and Mr. S. A. Ellison, Jr., will be appointed to a clerkship.

The salary of the postmaster is $3,600, and that of the assistant postmaster is $1,700, and that of the superintendent of carriers is $1,400. The assistant postmaster's salary is expected to be increased this year.

Propositions and Grievances.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances yesterday reported the following bills. There were a great many warm discussions in the committee over the insurance bills.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 1496 of the Code of Virginia, relating to exclusion of persons with contagious diseases, or who have not been vaccinated.

A bill to repeal chapter 741, Acts of Assembly 1891-'92, an act for the appointment of an inspector of staves for the city of Norfolk.

Senate bill to incorporate the Eastern Shore Game Protection Asociation of Virginia.

Senate bill to incorporate the Mutual Beneficial Association of Richmond.

Senate bill to regulate the sale of seed cotton in the county of Brunswick, Va.

Senate bill to provide for the protection of Antwerp and Homing pigeons and to punish their wilful destruction or detention.

Bill to regulate and control insurance companies and firms, individuals and associations. Requiring deposit by all such. Reported with amendment exempting from its operation Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd-Fellows, and all such beneficial associations, and also all companies doing business in only a few counties.

Bill to regulate and control insurance companies. Amending law in relation to tax. Reported with recommendation that it do not pass.

Purifying Contracts.

In accordance with the action of the Committee on Light Monday night, Messrs. Grimes, Mann, and Davis, with Superintendent Adams, held a meeting yesterday morning and opened the proposals for the purifying house at the lower gas works.

There were fourteen bids in from concerns in different parts of the country. The subcommittee did not fix on any one bidder, and decided to submit the following to the consideration of the general committee:

Talbott & Sons	$26,847 74
Tredegar Company	25,255 00
Chamblin, Delany & Scott	26,841 00
Davis Farnum Manufacturing Company	24,360 00
Western Gas Construction Co.	27,934 00

Shakespearian Lectures.

The people of Richmond are promised a rare treat in the lectures to be given by Horace Howard Furness, Ph. D., LL. D., L. H. D., of Philadelphia, at Richmond College, beginning Thursday evening, March 1st. The title of the lecture for this date is "The Merchant of Venice." Friday evening Dr. Furness will lecture on "Macbeth;" Thursday, March 8th, on "Henry V.," and Friday, March 9th, on "Hamlet."

Dr. Furness is one of the most famous Shakespearian critics of our time. He is a son of Rev. Dr. Furness, a venerable Unitarian clergyman and author, and a brother of Mrs. Wistar, the celebrated translator of so many German novels.

The lectures will be delivered in the Thomas Memorial Hall.

To Report to the Governor.

A telegram from Washington received by The Times last night says:

"Second Lieutenant R. G. Paxton, Tenth cavalry, has been ordered to Richmond, Va., to report in person to the Governor of Virginia for temporary duty pertaining to the militia of that State."

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

THE TRIAL OF DR. SAPP BEGINS AT WINSTON TO-DAY.

The Stokes County Tobacco Warehouse Burned Sunday Night—A Forsyth Man Makes His Own Coffin.

WINSTON, N. C., Feb. 27.—The grand jury has returned a true bill for murder in the first degree against Dr. L. L. Sapp, of Kernersville. The defendant appeared in court and pleaded "not guilty." The Court instructed the sheriff to summons a special venire of fifty to try the case, which is attracting great interest, owing to the prominence of the defendant. The The trial begins at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The Stokes county tobacco warehouse and eight thousand pounds of leaf tobacco were destroyed by fire at Walnut Cove Sunday. The building was insured for $1,200. A storehouse near by was also badly damaged. Sheriff Fulton at Stokes managed to save a number of valuable papers and money left in his father's store.

Ex-Sheriff A. Fogle, of Salem, has made a beautiful walnut coffin for himself. It was made from a tree planted by his mother in 1814. He has also made several handsome pieces of furniture from the same tree.

Judge Whitaker, who has created several sensations in the State by threatening to indict county commissioners, is here holding court this week. His charge to the grand jury was lengthy. He read it from a manuscript, and asked that the city papers publish it in full in order that he might be fully understood. He rasped the county for its discreditable court-house.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Blanche Williamson, of Graham, and Mr. J. Harrison Spencer, of Martinsville, Va. The event will be of interest to society people in Virginia and North Carolina. It will take place April 18th. Miss Williamson is a niece of ex-Governor Holt.

A REMINDER OF THE KIRK WAR

The Suit Against Ex-Governor Holden's Estate—Interesting History of It.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—Special.—Considerable interest is being manifested in the case of Josiah Turner against Mrs. S. V. Holden and C. S. Sherwood, administrators of ex-Governor W. W. Holden, for damages for false imprisonment. The jury was yesterday selected and all the preliminary points discussed and disposed of. Depositions of a number of men prominent in the State just after the war have been taken, and a large number of witnesses will be examined. There is a strong array of counsel on both sides, and the trial of the case will probably occupy several days.

The basis of this suit is an unwritten but interesting chapter in the history of North Carolina. It originated during the days of reconstruction in this State, the time of the Kuklux movement and the Kirk and Holden war. At this time W. W. Holden was military Governor, and ruled the State with a high hand, and few men dared own that their souls were their own. The judiciary was powerless, and martial law was the law of the land. But Josiah Turner, who was then editor of the Standard, denounced in strong language Holden and his methods. As a result he was in 1870 arrested in Orange county by Colonel Kirk's men and thrown into a foul prison, where he was denied the ordinary comforts of life. His cell was shared by a negro under sentence of death.

False Imprisonment.

After his discharge he brought suit against Holden for damages for false imprisonment. The suit was first instituted in Alamance, afterwards in Warren, and finally in Chatham county, where judgment was rendered in favor of plaintiff for $8,000 and interest and costs. From this judgment Holden appealed to the Supreme Court, but before it was argued the case was, by consent, remanded to Chatham in order that the case on appeal might be properly stated, as Turner claimed that the case, as sent up, did not do him justice. Here it remained in statu quo until the spring term of 1886, when judgment of non-suit was entered, Turner having failed to prosecute in due time as required by law.

A Gift of Bonds.

In 1889 Turner again instituted suit against Holden, this time in Wake Superior Court, his action being based upon the Chatham county judgment. Here another judgment was recovered for about $13,000, being the interest on $8,000 and costs. Holden was then insolvent. He died in March, 1892, and his administrator was required to file only a nominal bond of fifty dollars.

Although Governor Holden had no property at the time of his death, yet in October and November, 1869, he had made his wife a present of $30,000 in United States bonds. Turner was aware of this fact, and claims that the gift was void, and made by Holden in order that he might not be troubled by suits growing out of the Kirk war. He also claims that Holden exercised control over the bonds u, to the day of his death, and used the proceeds for his own comfort and the support of his family. Turner, therefore, sues the widow for $14,000, and seeks to declare the gift fraudulent and unfair to creditors.

John Young Shoemaker, who recently removed from Whiteville, Columbus county, to Marion, S. C., has been committed to jail for killing Ham Capps, a farmer living near Marion, with whom he had an altercation Saturday.

The steamship City of Birmingham, just arrived at New Berne from New York, picked up four sailors who had been shipwrecked off Hatteras in the storm last week. They belonged to schooner Calumet Club, which was en route from Baltimore to New Berne, loaded with guano. One sailor was drowned.

Asheville Gleanings.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 27.—Special.—The latest advices from Senator Zeb. Vance, who is now sojourning in Florida, are to the effect that his health is improving beyond his expectations, but that he will not run any risks by resuming his seat in the Senate until after March.

Rev. R. Heber Newton, rector of All-Souls, New York, with Mrs. Newton, is spending some time at Kenilworth Inn.

No Changes to be Made.

The special committee from the Council to report on the advisability of redistricting the city met last night at the City Hall. Present: Messrs. Mann and Mountcastle from Marshall ward; Hardewick, Jefferson ward; Carter, Clay ward; Thomas, Monroe ward. Mr. Hardewick moved to recommend to the Council to make no changes in any of the wards, and the motion prevailed. The only action taken was to direct the clerk of the committee to obtain as early as possible from the registrars of the city the number of white and colored voters at each of the various precincts in the city.

The Drews.

Another fashionable audience greeted Mrs. John Drew and her excellent supporting company at the Academy of Music last evening in Holcroft's comedy, "The Road to Ruin." So free of exaggeration is the simple story of an ancient and conceited widow, who is bound to have a husband at any cost, and a prodigal son, who, by his excesses, brings his father to the verge of bankruptcy, and then turns penitent and seeks to marry the vain old widow as a punishment for his misdemeanors.

Committee on Schools.

There was a meeting of the Council Committee on Schools held at the office of Col. John B. Cary yesterday, at which a number of bills were ordered to be paid. The committee will turn over the new Central school building to the authorities in a few weeks.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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NEW CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

Interesting Feature Added to National Base-Ball Contests.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The annual schedule meeting of the National Base-Ball League in the Fifth Avenue Hotel adjourned to-night after finishing the revision of the playing rules, establishing the office of chief of umpires, and appointing Harry Wright to fill it, and offering a trophy cup to be competed for by the clubs getting first and second place at the end of each season.

The championship cup, which is an innovation in professional base-ball, is the gift of a friend of the League whose name was withheld. Its value is $500. It is to be competed for at the end of the regular season in a series of games between the clubs getting first and second places. The gate receipts at this series of games are to be divided between the members of the two competing clubs. The cup is to be won by the same club three seasons in succession before it becomes the property of the club.

Harry Wright Given a Place.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the office of chief of umpires be hereby created to assist the president in the selection and control of umpires and the regulation and interpretation of their duties.

Resolved, That, in view of his long and honorable connection with base-ball, and the desirability of continuing his official connection with the national game, Harry Wright is hereby elected as the chief of umpires, said office, unless renewed by a vote of the league, shall be vacated and discontinued at the expiration of one year from this date.

The dispute with the Philadelphia club about gate receipts was amicably adjusted, as Philadelphia accepted the proposition to take 50 per cent. of all that goes in at the gate. This is considered a victory for Philadelphia.

The secretary was instructed to issue an official bulletin weekly, showing the standing of the clubs during the season.

Further Changes in the Rules.

The new bunt-hit rule, which was adopted yesterday, was reconsidered, and the following substitute was adopted:

"A bunt-hit is a fair hit to the ground within the field."

This change was made in accordance with the protest clubs managers, as the new rule previously adopted did away with one of the scientific points of the game.

New rule 50 was amended so that players are not allowed to use language reflecting on the umpire.

Section 5 of rule 56 was amended to allow the umpire to remove a player for improper lag without first fining him.

GOOD WEATHER AND BIG CROWDS.

Results of the Races at the Roby, New Orleans and East St. Louis Tracks.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Three favorites, two heavily-played second choices, and one third choice were winners at Roby to-day.

There was no raid made on the track, and it was said there was little foundation of the report from Hammond. The attendance was the largest of the meeting, due to the weather and the fact that favorites are winners. Summary:

First race—selling, three-quarters of a mile.—Mockahi first, Cynosure second, Wandering Nun third. Time, 1:22 3-4.

Second race—selling, nine-sixteenths of a mile.—Halcyon first, Tommy Tucker second, McGinty third. Time, .59.

Third race—selling, three-quarters of a mile.—Critic first, Panhandle second, Extra third. Time, 1:22 3-4.

Fourth race—selling, five furlongs.—Dalsyrian first, Con. Lucey second, Gomer third. Time, 1:07 1-4.

Fifth race—selling, nine-sixteenths of a mile.—Nance first, Mary second, Tom Karl third. Time, .59.

The Results at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Weather fair and cool and the track good. Summary:

First race—five furlongs, selling.—Clara White first, Regal second, Iron Heart third. Time, 1:03 1-2.

Second race—scant six furlongs, selling. Tia first, Artist second, Zemeie third. Time, 1:14 3-4.

Third race—seven furlongs.—Lonnie B. first, Oakland second, Joe Murphy third. Time, 1:29 3-4.

Fourth race—half a mile.—Venus first, Sea Spray second, Sunlit (filly) third. Time, .51.

Fifth race—scant six furlongs.—Rose Clark first, Silver Plate second, True Briton third. Time, 1:14 3-4.

The Winners at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 27.—Weather pleasant and track heavy. Summary:

First race—three-quarters of a mile.—Lengthy Dickerson (seven to one) and Bolster (four to one) ran a dead heat, Slight Draft third. Time, 1:23 3-4.

Second race—five-eighths of a mile.—Sam Farmer (seven to two) first, Mollie V. second, Katydid third. Time, 1:11 1-4.

Third race—seven-eighths of a mile.—Henry Owsley (seven to five) first, Outcry second, Rover third. Time, 1:43 1-4.

Fourth race—three-quarters of a mile.—Rancocas (twelve to five) first, Wedgefield second, Wigwam third. Time, 1:27.

Fifth race—five furlongs.—Dixie V. (even) first, Jack Welch second, Cerro Gordo third. Time, 1:12 3-4.

Entries at Madison, Ill., for To-Day.

First race—nine-sixteenths of a mile.—Viola C., 102; Voldora, 102; Zana, 102; Dot Dimple, 102; Boutonnierre, 102; Deserter, 102; Gabe Riley, 102; Maggie McCann, 102; Paxton, 102; Abie W., 102; Bayview, 102.

Second race—eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling.—Anna B., 101; Costa Rica, 115; Mollie L., 104; Jewel, 94; Straightout, 109; Irregular, 106; King Faro, 111; Mandy Brooks, 104; Larue, 97; Laurestan, 106.

Third race—five-eighths of a mile, selling.—Barker Harrison, 99; McDermott, 96; Nehawka Girl, 99; Jennie Cottrell, 98; Fannie D., 99; Van Zandt, 107; Sir Jim, 96; Sligo, 100; Doubtful, 112; Sunbeam, 101; Censor, 107.

Fourth race—eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling.—Adjuster, 97; John R. (by Rebor), 111; Jim Head, 111; Governor Brown, 111; Brahma, 106; Sonoma Boy, 104; Colonel S., 105; Diamond Dick, 112; Ivanhoe, 107; Uncle John, 112; No Remarks, 107.

Fifth race—five-eighths of a mile, selling.—Cactus Blossom, 112; Mt. McGregor, 103; Barthol, 101; Piccadilly, 98; Mamie Duffy, 107; Electricity, 92; Little Fellow, Jr., 95; Dan Farrell, 95; Ianthe, 92; Alopathy, 101; Bessie Owens, 89.

Sixth race—three-quarters of a mile, selling.—Grass Widow, 91; Johnnie Weber, 100; Bonnie B., 98; Frank Ellis, 87; Vida, 101; Beeton, 99; J. B. Freed, 114; Oliver Twist, 116; Out of Sight, 109; Acllojam, 116; Pioneer, 108.

MINISTER SMYTHE VINDICATED.

Haytian Minister Haentjens Says He Is Thoroughly Acceptable.

A Washington special to the New York Herald says: The falsity of the reports about Minister Smythe was for the third time demonstrated to-day to the satisfaction of the State Department.

It was the Haytian Minister, Senor Clement Haentjens, who gave to the department this time a statement of our Minister's relations with his government, and he fully corroborated the report which Mr. Smythe himself submitted some weeks ago.

Senor Haentjens came over from New York under instructions from Hayti to fully explain the relations which our representative had with his government. Mr. Gresham being away, he saw Acting Secretary Uhl, and informed him that there had been no trouble between President Hippolyte and Minister Smythe, and that all reports to the contrary were false. Mr. Smythe is and always has been as acceptable to his government as any other minister who has ever occupied the position. So far as he was aware extreme courtesy and good will had marked the official acquaintance between the Haytian President and our Minister.

This effectually disposes of the Smythe charges, and prevents further talk about the recall of that gentleman.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

The Governor yesterday commissioned Dr. Robert L. Lewis as coroner for the county of Culpeper.

Capt. W. F. Hudgins, commander of the oyster steamer Chesapeake, was a visitor at the Capitol yesterday.

The March number of the Ladies' Home Journal contains a charming article by Mrs. Sally Nelson Robins, of Richmond.

Miss Minna Finney, after a sojourn of four weeks in Washington, has returned to her home, 905 east Leigh street, Richmond.

Major James R. Branch has announced himself as a candidate for the Common Council from Clay ward, subject to the Democratic primary.

The trustees of Richmond College will meet in the Foreign Mission rooms at 11 o'clock this morning to take action upon the death of James Alfred Jones, LL.D., a member of the board.

The ladies of the Aid Society of Trinity Methodist Church will give a Silver Tea at the parsonage, corner of Broad and Twenty-sixth streets, on Thursday night next from 6 to 10 P. M., for the benefit of the church.

The clerk of the Hustings Court issued marriage licenses to the following couples yesterday: James Blair and Rosalie B. Van C. de Dutzele, Minor D. Tyler and Kate Madison, John C. Baseler and Nettie G. Samuels.

Mrs. Walker and her children have presented to the parish of St. John's church a handsome bronze tablet in commemoration of Rev. Robert Rose, whose grave is the oldest in St. John's church-yard. The vestry have accepted the tablet in behalf of the church, and have given it a place in the eastern transcept, just opposite the tomb.

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Miss Rosalie De Dutzele the Wife of Mr. James Blair.

Miss Rosalie de Dutzele and Mr. James Blair were married yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at the bride's residence, No. 100 east Clay street, Rev. Dr. Newton performing the ceremony. Quite a large assemblage of the friends and relatives of the contracting couple witnessed the ceremony. The parlors were prettily decorated with palms and pink and white carnations.

The ushers on the part of the bride were Messrs. Jack Tignor, Eddie Separk, and Joseph Taylor—all old scholars of hers, as well as Mr. Reginald Walker, the organist.

The ushers representing the groom were Messrs. Gordon Blair, J. Blair Farrar, and Woodbridge Edmund.

The bride's dress was of lavender silk crepe, trimmed with white lace. She carried lilies of the valley.

The presents received were both numerous and very handsome. Among them was a great deal of solid silver and Dresden china.

Mr. Blair is a well-known druggist of this city. His bride was for many years French teacher at the High School, and is very popular among all who know her.

The Doctors' Meeting.

The regular meeting of the physicians of the Academy of Medicine and Surgery was held in the Young Men's Christian Association building last night, with First Vice-President Dr. W. S. Gordon presiding. Dr. W. V. Croxton was elected a member of the Academy.

After the transaction of regular routine business, a scientific paper on supaemia was read by Dr. Massie. After the reading of the paper, it was discussed by the doctors present. The meeting was a large and interesting one.

Senate Committees.

The Senate Committee on Fish and Game met in the Senate chamber last night and disposed of a few unimportant measures.

The Senate Committee on Roads met in the Senate chamber at 4:30 P. M. yesterday and reported a number of bills of local importance.

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