

AN ELEVATED CAR LINE.

PERMISSION ASKED TO ERECT ONE ON BROAD STREET.

To Keep the State Library Open.—Mr. Epps Offers a Resolution.—Safeguards at the Dock.—Other Council Business.

The Common Council held an adjourned meeting in the Council chamber last evening. President Glover called the body to order promptly at 8 o'clock, but only ten members being present at the time the transaction of business had to be suspended for ten minutes until the necessary number of members had arrived.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the ordinance was laid over so that it might be printed. The committee also recommended the adoption of a resolution providing for an appropriation of \$1,800 for the increasing of the capacity of the crematory, for the raising of the smokestack and other repairs. This resolution was temporarily laid on the table.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ordinances, the Council adopted an ordinance which confers certain powers on the committee on James River Improvement.

The Council concurred in the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen appropriating \$250 for the construction of a sewer in the alley east of First from Brown to Grace streets.

Similar action was taken in regard to the city's part of the salary of the judge of the Law and Equity Court; appointing the State Bank as one of the depositories of the city.

When the resolution came up for concurrence which grants the Richmond Bar Association the use of Room No. 16, on the fourth floor, as law library, Mr. Epps thought that the committee had made a mistake in recommending the passage of the resolution. On his motion the matter was postponed indefinitely.

The Council concurred in the adoption of the resolution in regard to the printing of the revised ordinances as amended by the Board of Aldermen.

Upon a resolution recently adopted by the City Council a report was read from the City Engineer in regard to the proper guarding of the dock. Colonel Cutshaw recommends the construction of a movable iron fence at a cost of \$12,000, or the erection of iron posts with chains between them for \$4,000.

An Elevated Railroad.—President Glover presented a petition from the Central Trade and Labor Council, asking that a room be set aside for that organization in the City Hall. The matter was referred to the Committee on Grounds and Buildings.

A petition from the Virginia Electric and Railway Company was referred to the Committee on Streets. It asks permission for the construction of a double-track elevated railway from the Boulevard to the Exposition building, on Broad street, to Chimborazo Park.

President Glover also submitted certain papers in reference to the new State Library building. Section 11 of the Constitution provides that the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall appoint a suitable citizen of Richmond as clerk in his office, his duty to be that of an assistant librarian, so that the State Library might be kept open at certain hours in the evening.

In connection with these papers President Glover submitted a resolution providing for an appropriation of \$1,200 to pay the salary of an assistant librarian for one year, in order that the State Library might be kept open during the evening at such hours as might be agreed upon between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Mayor of this city. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Another Park.—Mr. Carter presented a petition signed by members of the Sacred Heart church, asking that the triangular piece of property in front of that church, on the corner of Floyd street, be transformed into a public park.

In connection with this petition, Mr. Trower offered a resolution appropriating the sum of \$1,000 for the purchase of the piece of property by the city, for the indicated purpose. The resolution was unanimously adopted, after the rules had been suspended.

Mr. Carter next presented the bond of City Treasurer Craig, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Davis offered a resolution appropriating \$4,000 in order to carry out the recommendation of the City Engineer as to the erection of iron posts with connecting chains, as a safeguard along the dock.

After some little discussion the resolution was laid on the table, with the consent of Mr. Davis, for the purpose of securing the opinion of the City Engineer, at the suggestion of Mr. Landerkin, as to whether the city should have the work done or the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, on whose property this safeguard is to be erected.

Epps Resolution.—Mr. Epps presented the following: "Resolved, by the Council of the city of Richmond (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That his Honor the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and requested to request the City Central Democratic Committee, that at the next municipal Democratic primary election is held, to submit to the voters at said election the question of electing the City Engineer, Superintendent of the Gas Works, City Attorney, and Superintendent of the City Almshouse by direct vote of the people, instead of by the Board of Aldermen and Common Council in joint session. And if at said election it shall appear that a majority of the voters are in favor of electing these officers by a direct vote of the people, the City Attorney is instructed to prepare and present to the next meeting of the Legislature of Virginia a bill embodying an amendment to the charter of the city of Richmond, which shall provide that said officers shall be elected by a direct vote of the people.

In connection with the resolution of Mr. Epps, sent to the desk of the clerk, a letter from City Attorney Meredith stating that inasmuch as the submitting of the question of a popular vote would involve the expenditure of money, it could not be submitted at a State election. He suggested two ways in which the purpose could be attained. The judges of election might receive the ballots on the subject as a favor, or a special municipal election might be ordered.

Mr. Epps spoke at considerable length in favor of his resolution, saying that he believed that seven-tenths of the voters of Richmond would vote for the change. Mr. Carter spoke against the proposition, saying that he thought the dignity of the body would be somewhat lowered by dealing with the question in that way. He would prefer to "take the bull by the horns" and have a special election, if necessary. A discussion of the matter in a general way, Mr. Stratton moved to amend so as to embrace every officer of the city receiving a salary of over \$1,500 a year.

President Glover offered an amendment to the amendment that the City Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council be exempted from the provisions of the resolution.

Headwinked It.—Both amendments were lost, and Mr. Epps resumed his remarks upon his motion, and stated that he believed that a few, having some object in view, were trying to defeat the measure. He said that the Board of Aldermen had once headwinked it.

A vote was finally reached, and the resolution making the request of the City Central Democratic Committee, through the Mayor was lost as follows: Ayes: Messrs. Davis, Epps, Ferriter, Grimes, Groves, Mann, Murphy, Noble, Page, Seay, and Trower—11. Noes: Messrs. Brauer, Carter, Curtis, Garber, Gibson, Landerkin, Jackson, Smith, Stratton, Thomas, Vaughan, Royal White, and President Glover—13.

Mr. Epps then changed his vote from "aye" to "no," to the great astonishment of the Council. The member from Jefferson ward called up his horse and buggy resolution, and spoke for nearly half an hour on it. Mr. Epps urged the adoption of the resolution, as the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform had not submitted a report on this matter as requested. Mr. Carter moved as a substitute that the several committees of the Council furnishing heads of departments with vehicles, be requested to refer the Council to the ordinance or ordinances giving them authority so to do. Mr. Carter's motion was voted down, and Mr. Epps' resolution tabled away. The teams was lost by a vote of 12 ayes and 7 noes.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the crematory resolution was referred to the Finance Committee. The same disposition was made of the preamble and resolution submitted by Mr. Landerkin appropriating to the First Virginia Regiment the sum spent by that organization on the regimental armory, amounting to about \$7,000, for the purpose of supplying the military with new gray uniforms.

The Curbing Stone.—Mr. Noble offered a resolution providing that all stone for curbing and flagging shall be purchased by the Committee on Streets under the supervision of the City Engineer. The stone to be cut by resident stonecutters of this city, provided not more than thirty-five cents shall be paid for the cutting per lineal foot. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Noble offered another resolution, providing that the proper officers shall request the Judge of the Hustings Court to order a special election to be held on the day of the next general election, when the question as to the election of certain city officers (as named in Mr. Epps' resolution) shall be submitted to a popular vote without any expense to the city. Mr. Carter opposed the resolution, saying that a special election should be called for that purpose, and he offered as an amendment that the date of June 19th be substituted for the fourth Thursday in May.

A charge of housebreaking and larceny. Alexander Jones, housebreaker and larceny, pleaded guilty in two cases, and sent to jail for three months and fined one cent in each.

Jim Thomas, alias James Thompkins, housebreaker and larceny, pleaded guilty, and was sent to the penitentiary for a term of two years.

John Cook, petit larceny, fifteen days in jail, and the same punishment was awarded John T. Kehor, Joseph Williams, alias Walter Jones, and William Godfrey for similar offences.

John Seaman was sent to jail for six months and fined one cent for shooting at George Patterson with a pistol.

The clerk of the Hustings Court yesterday issued marriage licenses to Henry T. Hawkins and Sarah V. West, and John W. Smith and Mary E. Burnett.

THE PERMANENT EXHIBIT. The Idea is Taking Firm Hold in Every Section of the State.

The idea of a permanent exhibit of the resources of the various counties of Virginia is taking firm hold in many of the sections of the State, and some of the counties will make an exhibit this fall with that purpose in view.

Much of the material sent for the annual exhibit, if left, will make a nucleus for the permanent exhibit, which, if added to a little every year, would in a short time make a valuable permanent exhibit and advertisement of the counties' resources.

All freight coming to the Exposition this fall, when prepaid to Richmond, will be returned to the owner free of charge. At the meeting of the railroad traffic managers in this city a few days ago they decided to transport material for the permanent exhibit free of charge, if arrangements could be made with connecting lines, which they thought would not fail of consummation.

The committee will offer over \$2,000 this year for county exhibits, and this feature will be the finest yet attempted.

The premium lists will be out in three weeks or less, and there are all more liberal and attractive than usual.

Mr. "Harry" Wood, the president, and Mr. W. G. Owens, the secretary, are both young men, full of push and energy, and the results this year will show the effects of the new blood infused into the management.

A SAD CASE. A Poor Woman to Plead for the Liberty of Her Husband.

A poorly-clad mother and four children, whose ages ranged from about two to twelve years, appeared at the Capitol yesterday looking for Governor O'Ferrall. One of the two boys, who is probably six years old, is a badly deformed cripple, and all the children were scantily attired.

The woman is the wife of Wade Robbins, one of the convicts whose attempt to escape from the penitentiary several days ago was frustrated by the guards. Robbins was received at the penitentiary February 28th from Lee county to serve two terms of two years each for housebreaking and grand larceny, respectively.

His home was in Tazewell county, and since his arrest his family have been in a helpless condition. They came upon the train this morning and went direct to the Capitol.

The mother was sadly disappointed when she learned that the Governor, whom she will plead for her husband's release, was not in the city. She was entirely without support, and President Dickerson, of the Board of Aldermen, who happened to be at the Capitol at that time, sent her to the city almshouse, where Superintendent Carter cared for her for the time being.

The Governor said last evening, after his arrival from Harrisonburg, that he had not seen Mrs. Robbins, and that he had not yet taken any action in the matter.

SPRING MATRIMONY. A Full-Dress Wedding on Church Hill and a Reception and Dance.

A pretty spring wedding took place at 5:30 o'clock last evening at St. James Methodist church, in which the participants were all in full dress.

The contracting parties were Mr. John A. Savage and Miss Anna L. Coultis. Miss Electra Clayton and Miss Verna Richardson, in handsome evening gowns, acted as bridesmaids, and the ushers were Alfred L. Coultis (best man), George T. Coultis, Dan C. Hogan, E. M. Bandy, John R. Parker, and Charles Q. Powers.

The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. J. W. Moore, the pastor. The bride wore a handsome white satin gown en train, and carried a cluster of Moreschal Nell roses.

The usual bridal tour was omitted and a reception and dance was tendered the friends of the happy pair at the home of the bride.

The groom is a well-known and popular young man, connected with the accounting department of the Singer office in this city, and the bride is a most attractive young lady and the favorite of a large circle on Church Hill.

THE LEE MONUMENT. It Presents an Ugly and Dilapidated Appearance.

Several citizens have written communications to The Times at intervals of several months in regard to the condition of the pedestal and base of the Lee monument.

The stones are much disfigured by discoloration, and they stay wet so long that water settles on the inside of the pedestal and soaks through the cracks.

The earth has washed away around the base on the north side, showing the rough foundation work below the bottom step, and while it does not threaten injury to the structure, the appearance is unsightly and dilapidated.

The condition of the monument causes an amount of criticism creditable alike to the city and the memory of Lee.

A Good Minstrel Show. W. S. Cleveland's All United Minstrels played a return engagement of two performances at the theatre yesterday.

When here earlier in the season Cleveland's company was not up to the standard. This fault threw a damper on his engagement this time, and the audience was as large as usually seen at a minstrel show.

The first part has been remodeled and a new specialty in a clever dance by Carmody and Hyland has been introduced.

In the second part the remodeling appears to more advantage. In it is included the Crawford brothers, a well-executed high-kicking specialty, a marvelous tight-rope artist, Frank Appel, who did some remarkable dancing, and balancing on the rope, and the burlesque laugh-provokers, Ned Benedict and Charles Goodyear, who never fail to produce a hearty laugh.

Trust and company, in "Wang," closed their engagement at the Academy of Music last evening.

The United States District Court was in session yesterday, and the grand jury returned indictments in the following cases: D. B. Garrett, for illicit distilling. W. R. Perry, violation of pension laws (two indictments). Lofton Paize, for stealing letters. David Anderson, three indictments for violation of pension laws.

FROM THE CAPITOL.

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES AGAINST CAPTAIN READ.

The Board of the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries go to Tangier Island.—Facts in the O'Neill-Joy Election Contest.

Governor O'Ferrall returned last evening at 7:45 o'clock from Harrisonburg, where he had been since Saturday on private business, as he told me when I called at the Executive Mansion about an hour later. He will leave here this afternoon for the Chesapeake and Ohio railway for Old Point, accompanied by Colonel Morton Marye and probably Major A. W. Harman, the other two members of the Board of the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries. A telegram has been sent to Captain Read, of the steamer Chesapeake, requesting him to meet the board with his vessel at that point. The Governor and party will from there go to Tangier Island to investigate the charges preferred recently against Captain Read. It is probable that the board will at the same time look into other matters in connection with the trouble with Maryland oyster thieves in Tangier sound.

Under the regulations which have been in force until little over a month ago, the term of office of the commandants of the steamer Chesapeake and the sailing vessels Tangier and Pocomsoko expired on March 1st, but at one of the last regular meetings of the board it was decided that the expiration of the term of office should take place on April 1st. It had been the intention of the board to visit the oyster grounds before that date, the trip had to be of more important business, or postponed. The new appointments, or reappointments, will not be made until after this proposed investigation of the charges against Captain Read.

The O'Neill-Joy Election Contest. While in conversation with the Governor I naturally had some questions, whether he would have any objection to give me some information in regard to the O'Neill-Joy election contest, which had been decided in the House of Representatives on Tuesday in favor of the Democratic contestant by a vote of 155 Democratic to 28 Governor O'Ferrall, in his well-known affable and cordial manner, kindly acceded to the request, and at once related the facts in the case. As a member of the Seventh congressional district from Virginia, the Governor was the chairman of the Committee on Elections when the contest was referred to that body. The facts in the case, as told by the Governor last evening, were the following:

At the congressional election in 1892, Mr. Charles F. Joy, the Republican candidate in the Eleventh district of Missouri, had been declared duly elected upon the certificate from the judges of election from that district, a majority of whom were Democrats. After having taken his seat in the House, the Democratic competitor, Mr. John J. O'Neill, submitted his papers, wherein he contested Mr. Joy's seat, and which were referred to Col. O'Ferrall's committee.

Mr. O'Neill made a number of charges, some of which could be proven. The election had been held under an Australian ballot law, which provides that the ballots, after having been presented at the polls, had to be marked on the outside with the initials of the several judges of election at the various polling places. It was subsequently discovered by Mr. O'Neill's friends that in a number of instances the judges had failed to comply with this provision of the law. The ballots affected in this manner proved to be cast partly in favor of Mr. O'Neill, but a majority of them were for Mr. Joy. When these ballots were subsequently contested, it appeared that a majority of them had been cast for Mr. Joy.

Col. O'Ferrall held, as did other members of the committee, who subsequently presented the minority report, that the voters who cast these ballots, which did not have the signatures of the judges did not violate any provisions of the law. The duties of the voters in these instances were not mandatory, but merely directory, and the fault as to these defective ballots was therefore with the judges, and not with the voters. For these reasons, the Governor says, Mr. Joy was entitled to his seat, having received a majority of the votes, and he would have voted for Mr. Joy retaining his seat had he been a member of the House of Representatives at the time.

Looking for a Rich Uncle. A Mr. Otto Hackradt, of No. 136 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., has addressed a letter to Governor O'Ferrall, wherein he asks for information as to the whereabouts of a wealthy uncle, who came to this country about fifty years ago. The writer deems it his duty to inquire in that the Governor of Virginia resides in Norfolk, for he addressed his communication to that city. In his letter Hackradt says:

"I have learned that a certain person by the name of Hackradt should be living in or some where near the capital of your State.

"Said Hackradt is reported to be very wealthy, a man well up in years and without any family or relatives. It is said that some time ago he inserted in some of the eastern and German papers an advertisement for the purpose of ascertaining the probable existence of some relatives bearing his name. This advertisement has escaped my notice, and I am now anxious to find out the whereabouts of said Hackradt.

"The person in question must have left Germany some fifty years ago, and is said to have been a resident in the Southern States of this country ever since.

"As his name is exactly as I do mine, I have every reason to suppose that he is a brother of my deceased father, who about that time came to this country, and of whom they never had any tidings."

Rich Contents of a Box. A gentleman, who lives in Europe, called on the Second Auditor at the latter's office yesterday morning with a medium-sized Japan tin box under his arm. To make the object of his calling, however, he opened the box, which contained State consols amounting to \$8,250. He asked Mr. Hyland to exchange them against the new century bonds, which the latter, of course, readily consented to do. The stranger will receive for them new bonds amounting to \$8,995.

Visited the Capitol. Among the visitors at the Capitol yesterday were the United States Senators Thomas S. Martin, Hon. C. C. Murray, of the Norfolk Landmark; R. O. Peatross, of Caroline county; O. F. Flippen, treasurer of Cumberland county; State Senator Thomas H. Barnes, of Nansemond; Dr. T. T. Williams, of Northampton, and Rev. W. R. D. Moncure, of Prince Edward county.

Rev. Moncure is a brother of Colonel George V. Moncure, one of the clerks in the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts, who is at present sick at his home in Stafford county.

Contract for Printing. Captain J. H. O'Bannon, Superintendent of Public Printing, has awarded Mr. James E. Goode the contract for the reprinting of volumes II, III, VII, of the Grattan reports of cases decided by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. This is the third edition of volume II, which had a large sale, and the second edition of volume VII. The contract is to be completed in ninety days.

Two More Convicts. Sheriff Wilson Hallbrook of Wise county, called at the office of the Auditor of Public Printing yesterday, after delivering at the penitentiary two colored convicts, Thomas Jackson and Pat Fugate, who were sentenced to two years imprisonment each for housebreaking.

Who Can Answer? The Capitol Square gates, after con-

stantly swinging for many years, have reclined at ease against the fence, to one side of the scene of their former activity, ever since Governor O'Ferrall, with an appreciation of the fitness of things, ordered their removal last winter.

Like a drunken man against a lamp-post, they lean on the railing in a very dilapidated way, resting and rusting.

They are as unsightly now as they were ungraciously and useless when revolving in their places.

The question is asked forty times a day, Why are those ugly old gates left there? Who can answer?

Female Club Goers. The Commonwealth Club threw open its doors to the fair sex yesterday. Between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock yesterday the handsome Commonwealth Club was entirely deserted by the sterner sex, while the gentler influence of the fashionable dames and maidens of the West End reigned supreme within its hospitable walls.

From basement to garret they wandered and chatted, discussed the latest bit of gossip, lounged on the comfortable divans with as much ease and grace as the oldest club member, and many hidden mysteries of the wonderful club life of loving husbands were unveiled by the prying eyes of the matrimonial dames, and many will be excused that will be shattered when hereafter related.

hubby endeavors to explain his "how came you so?" condition.

A beautiful luncheon was served in the handsome dining saloon on the second floor. The decorations were potted palms, ferns and roses. Every delicacy of the season was prepared in the most approved manner possible, and the dainty epicureans did full justice to the well-laden board. From the first cold entrée to the crisp salted almonds and the black Java dripped coffee, the feminine followers of Lucullus "plied the early feast" minus the "late carouse" in high spirits.

Fashion was present, bedecked in her finest feathers. Indeed, I do not speak extravagantly when I say that a handsome array of women were never gathered around any other festive board than were assembled in the Commonwealth yesterday. Nothing but praises were heard for the club, and the hospitality of the entertainers. With only bright memories of the few pleasant hours the female contingent of Richmond left the club.

About That Delay. Culpeper, Va., April 2, 1894. Editor Times: The statements in The Times of March 27th and 31st, concerning a recent report made by the colonel of the Second Regiment of Infantry, may have produced the impression that the report in question was delayed at brigade headquarters, the only headquarters through which it had to pass before reaching the

Adjutant-General's office, and that it was not transmitted promptly, as it should have been. Permit me, therefore, to state that that report, which was made by Colonel Baker, commanding the Second Regiment, under date of March 15, 1894, in compliance with the orders of the Governor, as communicated through the Adjutant-General's office, under date of February 13, 1894, and promulgated through General Orders No. 4, headquarters First Brigade, February 21, 1894, was received at brigade headquarters March 15, 1894, and forwarded by mail to the Adjutant-General March 20, 1894. In this connection, it is proper to state that the Adjutant-General explains in a letter to the brigade commander, dated March 31st, that the statement in The Times of March 27th probably arose from the reporters writing 2d and 4th, when he was told "Second battalion (colored), and Fourth," and that "Colonel Baker's report came duly to hand." &c.

Very respectfully, W. HALLIE, Colonel commanding First Brigade, Virginia Volunteers.

Known From Experience. The Teacher—"Johnny, you may tell us what you know about the season of spring."

The Chicago Boy—"Spring is a short season coming between the first and last parts of winter."—Chicago Record.

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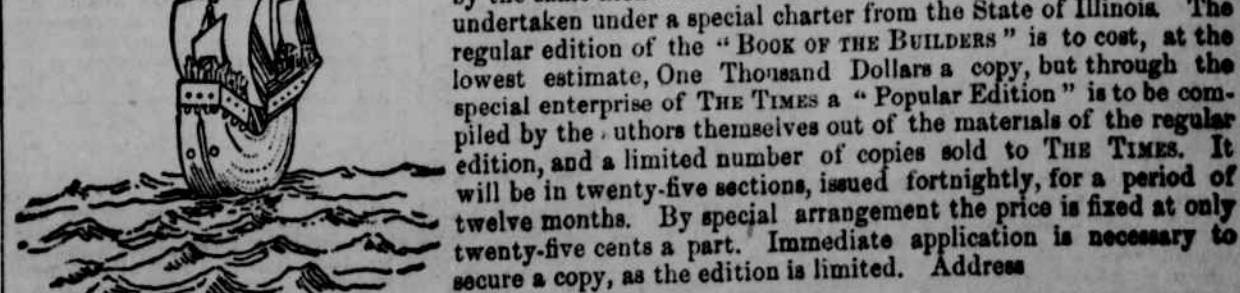
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