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ONE YEAR FOR EUGENE BARNES.

He Pleaded Guilty and Asked the Mercy of the Court.

STATEMENT FROM HIS COUNSEL.

The Prisoner Was at Once Taken to the Penitentiary and Entered Upon His Term—A Pardon May Be Asked.

Eugene Barnes, who was charged with the larceny of various amounts, aggregating a little over $50, from his employers, Messrs. John T. Powers & Co., was arraigned yesterday morning in the Hustings Court, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary.

The proceedings were short, there being no difficulty in securing a jury and no evidence taken.

There was a very large crowd in the court-room when the young man came in accompanied by his father, and also by his counsel.

A PLEA FOR MERCY.

After the reading of the indictments by Clerk Christian, to which the prisoner plead guilty, counsel for young Barnes made a short statement to the court and jury. He acknowledged that the prisoner had been guilty of the offence with which he was charged, but explained that after having left the city and gone as far as Augusta, Ga., he had become conscience-stricken and returned to Richmond, giving himself up to expiate his crime.

He closed his statement with an appeal that justice be tempered with mercy.

The jury then took the case and retired, but were only absent a very short time, returning with a verdict of one year in the penitentiary.

His counsel then requested that he be at once taken to the penitentiary to begin his term, and the request was complied with early yesterday afternoon.

It is said that an effort will be made before very long to secure a pardon for the young man. He fell into evil ways, it is said, on account of bad associates, having previous to that time borne a most exemplary character.

Much sympathy is expressed for his family in their affliction.

BIG DEED RECORDED.

A deed was recorded in the Chancery Court yesterday morning by the National Linseed Oil Company conveying to the American Linseed Oil Company, of New Jersey, a lot 111 feet deep and fronting 61 feet on Seventeenth street, at the south corner of the Wesley chapel property. The consideration was $7,500.

James L. Botto, administrator of Edward Solomon, yesterday morning instituted suit in the Law and Equity Court against the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; damages, $200.

The same party qualified in the Chancery Court as administrator of Edward Solomon.

The Chancery Court will not be in session to-day.

ELECTRIC COMPANY SUED.

Suit was instituted in the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon by C. F. Atkinson against the Richmond Traction Company for $5,000. The declaration has not yet been filed.

Four motions for judgment were filed in the Law and Equity Court by R. W. Brooke against M. W. Cutshall, lately doing business as the Charlottesville Builders' Supply and Manufacturing Company, for $625, $968.43, $250, and $75.20, respectively.

THEY WERE DECEIVERS.

But Justice John Proved More Than a Match for Them.

John Blake and Frank Hayes, two young white men, were before Justice John yesterday morning on the charge of begging on the streets and being vagrants. One claimed to be a carpenter and song writer, the other a moulder and machinist, and both said that they were in quest of work.

At the request of the Justice Messrs. James Disney and Walter Amos examined the pair as to their respective abilities, and pronounced them imposters, whereupon Justice John fined them $5 each, and in default of payment were sent to the rock-pile for fifteen days.

Charles Primus, colored, charged with receiving a lot of cigars knowing the same to be stolen, will be tried on the 21st.

Arthur Rose, colored, charged with making an assault, throwing rocks, and attempting to cut Charles Onesty with a razor, was fined $20 and costs.

Nivola Renodi, charged with being disorderly on the street, was fined $2.

Henry Jones, on suspicion of being a suspicious character, was asked to give $100 security for ninety days.

Sam Johnson trespassed on the premises of the R., F. & P. Railroad. He was fined $5, and in default of payment went down to labor for fifteen days.

John Lewis, colored, was fined $20 and costs for raising a disturbance in the bar-room of Charles Onesty.

Bettie Hudson, charged with being disorderly, was set free.

Arthur Rose (colored) charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was fined $20.

Willis Chiles, also charged with raising a disturbance in Charles Onesty's bar-room, was fined $20 and costs, and required to give $50 security for twelve months.

S. Narducie was charged with keeping a vicious dog, the same having bitten E. Clayton. The dog was ordered to be shot if found in the city at the end of twenty-four hours.

Henry Jones was asked to give $100 security for thirty days as a suspicious character.

WALKER CONVICTED.

Detective Schleif's Clever Work Lands a Thief in the Penitentiary.

The case of Henry Walker, the colored waiter at Burgess's Hotel, Culpeper, in which Detective Walter Schleif, of this city, figured prominently, was disposed of Tuesday.

The negro was given three years in the penitentiary. He took the sum of $1,350 belonging to the proprietor, on November 28th, and his wife, Kate Walker, carried it to Washington, where it was recovered by Detective Schleif after some clever work.

The case against the woman was continued to the next term of the Culpeper Court.

GEORGE HITE WILL HANG.

Governor Tyler Will Not Interfere with Sentence of Court.

Governor Tyler was unable to go to Washington yesterday. A press of official business kept him here. He will leave at noon to-day for the national capital.

The Governor has accepted an invitation to attend the banquet to be given by the Virginia Democratic Association at Washington on the 22d of February. President Harper writes that this banquet will be made memorable in the history of the association.

No formal petition has been made to the Governor for commutation of the sentence of George Hite, under sentence to be executed in Mecklenburg county on the 27th of this month, but a citizen of Clarksville has written the Executive urging him not to let Hite hang. The correspondent says he does not believe the crime of which Hite was convicted was premeditated. A number of people of Mecklenburg have written protesting against any interference with the sentence of the court. The Governor has no idea of commuting the sentence.

Mr. W. W. Brand, member of the Board of Agriculture from the Sixth District, has resigned and the Governor will appoint Major J. T. Cowan, of Mecklenburg, to succeed him.

Capitol Policeman W. M. Dillard's condition was worse yesterday and he is critically ill.

SWEET "ROSEMARY."

Mr. Skinner's New Play—Sousa and His "The Bride Elect" Coming.

A hearty welcome will doubtless greet Otis Skinner, who makes his annual appearance at the Academy to-morrow night and Saturday matinee and night. He will present Murray Carson and Louis N. Parker's brilliant comedy of "Rosemary," which he secured by special arrangement with Charles Frohman after the extended run of the play at the Empire Theatre, New York. Mr. Skinner brings with him a company that is reputed to be the finest organization that has ever toured with him through the country and an entire scenic and costume production of the comedy. The story of the play is laid in the first half of the present century in England.

Miss Maud Durbin, well and delightfully known in Mr. Skinner's plays for the last three years, is his leading lady.

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The sale of seats for the concerts on next Monday of Sousa and his band begins to-morrow morning at the box office.

The programme to be given here will include some of the newest music of the day, and a number of the standard favorites of Sousa and other popular composers.

Mr. Sousa will present Miss Maud Rose Davies, soprano; Miss Dorothy Hoyle, violinister; Arthur Pryor, trombone, and Herbert L. Clarke, cornet.

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Sousa's comic opera, "The Bride Elect," comes to the Academy on Monday and Tuesday, January 30th and 31st. Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger and B. D. Stevens have expended more than $10,000 upon this production. In the all star cast are Albert Hart, Hilda Clark, Christie MacDonald, Mabelle Baker, George Lyding, Melville Stewart, Harry Lackstone and Charles H. Drew. There is to be a chorus of sixty, a ballet and the entire production is to be exactly the same as that which had so long a run at the Knickerbocker Theatre, New York, last spring.

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Seats for the engagement on next Tuesday and Wednesday of Yale's "Forever Devil's Auction" will be on sale to-morrow morning.

A Narrow Escape.

An accident occurred on the Broad street line of the Traction Company Tuesday morning shortly before noon by which Mr. Michael Gunst, of New York, was slightly hurt, and ran a narrow escape from serious injury. But for the care of the motorman Mr Gunst might have been killed.

At the time of the accident he was crossing Broad street near Fourth. A mule car was going west and as he passed in front of this he did not observe a trolley car going in the same direction until it was almost on him. The motorman saw the danger and reversed his current at once. The car was not moving rapidly at the time, and the fender struck Mr. Gunst lightly, knocking him to one side. His right hand and knee and leg were slightly bruised, but otherwise he was unhurt. No blame was attached to the motorman who did everything in his power to avoid the accident.

Bank Officers Elected.

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Metropolitan Bank held yesterday, the following directors were re-elected: Messrs. Thos. N. Carter, F. S. Valentine, Jas. N. Boyd, I. H. Kaufman, H. L. Cabell, Andrew Pizzini, Jr., P. Whitlock, Thos. Atkinson, Chas. T. Loehr, G. C. Jackson, Rev. T. Crump, Ro. S. Bosher, J. W. Rothert, F. C. Ebel.

The president, in his annual report stated that after paying all expenses and dividends quite a round sum was added to the reserve funds, and that the bank was in excellent condition.

The directors met after the stockholders' meeting and re-elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Thos. N. Carter, president; F. S. Valentine, vice-president; H. A. Williams, cashier.

St. Andrews' Reading Room.

The St. Andrew's Chapter of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood has established a free reading-room at 525 south Cherry street.

This room is open to the public every night from 7:30 to 10 P. M. and fills a much-felt want in that community.

Though entirely new in that vicinity, it is being quite well patronized.

The public are cordially invited and will find daily secular papers, religious papers, magazines, books, &c., with which to spend the evening.

This chapter will give a musical concert on this evening at 8 o'clock in the hall of the church on Beverly street in rear of church. An interesting programme has been arranged for the occasion and a pleasant time is assured to all.

Prize for a Virginia Breeder.

At the National Poultry Exhibition, held last week in Washington, a prize was won by a Virginia breeder of fancy fowls.

Mr. George Harrison Morris, who raises Plymouth Rocks at his poultry farm, near Ashland, captured the prize with his fine specimen, "Hanover 26," being second only to Mr. Bright, of Boston, the most noted Plymouth Rock breeder in America.

This is the best, but by no means the first, winner Mr. Morris has produced.

To Vaccinate the People.

The Board of Supervisors of Henrico county held a meeting yesterday and passed a resolution to have the people of the county vaccinated, and allowing 20 cents to the physicians of the county for each person vaccinated. The work of general vaccination will commence in a day or two.

The Board also decided to award the contract for sanitary work in the county to Mr. Douglas Temple, who lives on Maddux Hill.

Officers Elected.

At a meeting of the Weyanoke Machine Company, held at 1006 east Main street yesterday, the following officers and directors were elected for the year:

W. H. Walker, president; R. Lecky, Jr., vice-president; directors, C. V. Carrington, T. M. Carrington, H. M. Tyler, G. H. Hilgartner, C. K. Willis, W. H. Walker and R. Lecky, Jr. G. H. Hilgartner superintendent and John H. Worsham secretary and treasurer.

THE WORK GOES SMOOTHLY ON.

The People of Richmond Being Rapidly Inoculated.

REPORTS TO BE MADE SATURDAY

The Work Will Probably be Almost Finished by February 1st—The City in Fine Condition Financially and Otherwise.

The work of vaccinating the people of Richmond, which was begun last Monday by twenty physicians, is progressing favorably, and the chances are that practically the greater portion will be finished by the 1st of February.

Dr. W. T. Oppenhimer, president of the Board of Health, has as yet received no specific report from the physicians, but they will assemble next Saturday night, and at that time will make known what they have accomplished.

BEST VIRUS MADE.

Dr. Oppenheimer, to prove that the virus used may be above suspicion, has purchased the very best that money can buy. Each portion of the vaccine matter is enclosed in a hermetically sealed glass tube, which is not opened until the moment that it is used. Both ends of the little tube are then broken off, a rubber put on one end, and the charge injected into the arm. The operation requires a very short time, and there is little pain connected with it.

The prompt action of the Board of Health in asking for an appropriation to be used in vaccination, and the equal promptness of the Council in granting its request, has been generally commended, and has, no doubt, been worth much to Richmond in a business way.

Not only this community but the people of the State at large now understand that smallpox can find no lodgment here if human skill and energy can prevent it.

In this connection it may be said that extra care is being used in cleaning the debris from the streets and alleys. The citizens, also, are urged to see that their premises are kept clean and are thoroughly disinfected, which may be accomplished by the use of small quantities of lime.

The Committee on Light, with this in view, have recently placed at the disposal of the Board of Health 5,000 bushels of lime now at the gas works, and which will be used where necessary.

IN SPLENDID CONDITION.

All in all, it may be said that the city was never in a better condition from a sanitary or a financial point of view, and conditions are growing better as time goes on.

Should the Finance Committee see fit to grant the Committee on Health the amount it has asked for this year, much will be accomplished. The department of street-cleaning will be considerably enlarged, and the city will be kept as neat as a new pin.

It is the opinion of all who have been heard to express themselves on the subject that there is no manner in which money could be better spent than in sanitary improvement, and there is no doubt that an increase in the appropriation for that purpose will meet with popular approval.

Conwell Before Lyceum.

Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, one of the ablest, most popular and expensive lecturers in the country, will tonight appear before the Richmond Lyceum for the second time.

Mr. Conwell has been in the lecture field for more than thirty years, and has delivered in America and abroad over 2,000 lectures. He is pastor of the largest church and congregation in America, and president of The Temple College which enrolls 6,750 students.

The speaker will be introduced by Rev. William Alexander Barr.

CAPTAIN CAMPBELL'S LECTURE.

He Will Tell All About Hawaii and the Philippines.

Captain H. E. W. Campbell, of San Francisco, will deliver his illustrated lecture, "Beautiful Hawaii," at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall to-morrow night, giving at the close a thirty-minutes' description of the Philippine Islands. Captain Campbell has been an extensive traveller, and his lecture will be superbly illustrated with 150 beautiful colored views. This lecture is not only interesting and popular, but exceedingly instructive and enjoyable. Reserved seats can be secured at the association building.

For the benefit of school children and young people, as well as parents who would like to come out in the day, the lecture will be repeated Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Association Hall being darkened for the purpose. The lecture will be the same in every particular and the same views will be used.

Secretary McKee has received word from the Redpath Bureau that it will be impossible for the Tremont Male Quartette to be here next Thursday night, therefore the sixth number of the Star Course will necessarily be postponed. A new date will be secured for this attractive organization or an acceptable substitute secured. Full announcements will be made within a few days. Star Course season ticket holders will kindly preserve their coupons, as they will be good for admission on the new date.

PROQUERENTE COMPANY.

A New Enterprise Chartered Late Yesterday Afternoon.

A charter was granted late yesterday afternoon in the Circuit Court to the "Pro Querente" Company, the promoters of which are Messrs. Newton Lockwood, J. Herbert Mercer, V. Mercer Hartman, Robert C. Harris, and Warren H. Mercer.

The company is formed to do a general collection, mercantile, and credit business, collection agency, general creditors, credit men, collections, claim forwarders, commercial lawyers, bank and bankers' association and agency business, a general printing, binding, publishing, and reporting business.

The capital stock is to be not less than $500 nor more than $5,000, and the real estate held is not to exceed in value $5,000.

The officers are Newton Lockwood, president; John F. Fanner, vice-president; J. Herbert Mercer, treasurer; R. Mercer Hartman, secretary and general manager, and Warren H. Mercer, general counsel.

All of these connected with this company are well-known young business men of this city. They will begin operations on the lines laid down to-morrow morning.

Orders in Bankruptcy Cases.

Judge Waddill has entered orders of notice for the discharge of the following bankrupts: A. J. Wood, of Richmond; Harry Hirshberg, of Richmond, and R. M. Glazebrook, of Richmond. Quick work was done in all these cases.

Treaty May be Defeated.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Lawless has returned from Washington where he spent a few days. He was surprised to learn from some of the most influential Senators that it is quite likely that the treaty of peace will be defeated. Its opponents have gained strength in the last few days.

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No one can tell how bad blood in the system will show itself. In one person it will break out in the form of scrofula; in another person, repulsive sores on the face or ulcers on the leg, started by a slight blow. Many persons show bad blood by breaking out of pimples, sores on tongue or lips. Many persons' blood is so bad that it breaks out in terrible cancer. To effect a cure you must get bad blood out of the bones and body and strengthen the system by new, fresh blood. B. B. B. does all this for you thoroughly and finally. Here are a few wonderful cures by B. B. B. These are genuine cures and honest statements

Boils Scattered, Carbuncle Cured and Bad Blood Cleaned Out by B. B. B.

Mrs. W. J. Steed, of Augusta, Ga., states, October 15, 1898: "For a number of years previous to 1895 I had a terrible attack of boils and a carbuncle over my right eye. I tried a good many blood remedies, but none of them seemed to reach my case, but instead I got worse. I became feeble, my constitution was shattered; loss of appetite and disturbed slumbers only added to the tortures of the boils. But in the spring of 1895 it was suggested that I try the three B's, as that was a stronger blood remedy than any other. I used two or three bottles of B. B. B., and I am happy to say that B. B. B. cured me sound and well. At the present time (October, 1898) I am as well as can be. My appetite is fine, my strength has come back. The B. B. B. drove the boils and carbuncles from my system, and I have never had any blood disease since. Botanic Blood Balm is the greatest blood purifier ever made. I take it once in a while as a tonic, as it tones me up wonderfully.

Yours truly,
MRS. W. J. STEED."

Rheumatism and Catarrh are Due to Diseased Blood in the System.

If you have used liniments and salves, sprays and other remedies, and doctored for rheumatism and catarrh, and have not been cured, then remember it is in just such cases that B. B. B. makes permanent cures. These two diseases are outward painful evidence of diseased blood in the body. The diseased blood takes this way to assert itself, just as diseased blood in other persons asserts itself in boils, ulcers, pimples, etc. Only Botanic Blood Balm, B. B. B., can successfully tackle and cure these diseases, because B. B. B. drives the bad blood out of the body, and in this way your catarrh and rheumatism are cured. Thousands of patients have been cured by B. B. B., and thousands of other sufferers can be cured if they will only give B. B. B. a trial. So if you have aches and pains, swollen joints, backache near the kidneys, excruciating pain when lifting the arm or moving the leg, or any other symptom of rheumatism, then buy a bottle of B. B. B. and get the diseased blood out of your system and a cure will result.

If you have catarrh in any form, such as enlargement of the soft bones of the nose, thickening and ulceration of the lining membrane, with its constant discharge of unhealthy mucus and pus; breath tainted, hawking, expectorating, nosebleeding, headaches, partial loss of hearing, noises in the head, deafness and impaired vision, then take B. B. B. and it will cure you, because the trouble is in the blood.

Cancer on Face Cured by B. B. B.

Mr. James A. Greer, of Athens, Ga., indorsed by the editor of the Athens Banner-Watchman), makes the following statement: "For ten years I have been a sufferer from a cancer on my face, which grew worse until the discharge of matter became profuse and very offensive. I became thoroughly disgusted with blood purifiers and pronounced them humbugs, as I had tried many without relief. Finally I was induced to use Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) as it was held out as stronger than any other Blood Remedy. After using B. B. B. the offensive discharge decreased at once, and the hardness disappeared as I continued to use B. B. B. The cancer became less and less in size until nothing remains except a scar. I gained flesh and strength as all who have seen me bear testimony. I cannot say too much in its praise."

B. B. B. is a powerful Blood Remedy. Discovered by Dr. Gilliam, the Atlanta specialist. B. B. B. is perfectly safe to use by old or young, and cures when all else fails.

B. B. B. cures because it literally drives the poison or humor (which produces blood diseases) out of the blood, bones and body, leaving the flesh free from blemishes, and leaves no bad after effects. It is this kind of a cure that counts.

Send for Free Trial Bottle.

The above statements of facts prove enough for any sufferer from Blood Humors that Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) or three B's cures terrible Blood diseases, and that it is worth while to give the remedy a trial; so if you are satisfied you will find the medicine is for sale by druggists everywhere at $1 per large bottle, or six large bottles for $5, but sample bottles can only be obtained of Blood Balm Co. Describe your symptoms and personal free medical advice will be given. Address plainly, BLOOD BALM CO., 106 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Georgia, and sample bottle of B. B. B. and valuable pamphlet on Blood and Skin Diseases will be sent you by return mail.

GEN. SHIPP TO HAVE HIS WAY.

The Visitors will Approve of His Recommendation.

BOARD WILL MEET NEXT WEEK.

No Foundation to the Talk of a Meeting of the Local Alumni to Protest Against Taking the Expelled Cadets Back.

The Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute will meet on the 25th at Lexintgon to consider the matter of the cadets expelled for violation of the rules of discipline.

A great deal of interest is felt here as to the outcome of this trouble. There has been some talk of the local Alumni Association of the Institute being called to meet and protest against cadets expelled being reinstated. Members of the association seen yesterday said the meeting certainly would not be held. "It would simply be ridiculous for us to make recommendations in this matter," said he. "We may not have all the facts before us. General Shipp, the superintendent, and the Board of Visitors are amply able to deal with this matter."

VIEWS OF A VISITOR.

A member of the board who was seen by a Times reporter, said he had no idea what the action of the visitors would be. "I know but little more about this matter than what has been printed in the newspapers," said he. "It is true that I have received some letters in behalf of the boys, but these give no new information about the trouble. I should say that whatever General Shipp may recommend will be approved. He is a man of fine judgment; a disciplinarian without being harsh and a man who has the interests of the institute at heart. I think we may be safely guided by whatever he shall suggest."

GENERAL SHIPP'S POSITION.

It is reported here that General Shipp will make no recommendations to the board unless pressed to do so. He will lay all the facts before the body and it is his wish that the board reach a decision without a suggestion from him.

General Shipp is said to be anxious for the cadets to come back if they can be reinstated without endangering the future discipline of the institution. If he should be called upon to make a recommendation to the board he will probably advise that all the cadets who shall make ample apology be taken back and be reduced to the ranks for the remainder of the session.

THE COUNCIL CALLED.

It Will Pass on the Finance Committee's Request—City Jail Water.

A meeting of the Common Council has been called by President James Caskie for next Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

This meeting is called for the purpose of concurrence in the resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting, permitting the Committee on Finance to borrow from time to time sums not exceeding $200,000 to tide over until the approval of the budget.

This resolution came up at the last meeting of the Council and was defeated through the efforts of Mr. Ebel, who claims that the city this year has enough money on hand without borrowing, and that the introduction of this resolution is but a habit into which the Finance Committee has fallen, which should not be encouraged.

It requires twenty votes to pass the resolution, and it seems doubtful whether they can be secured.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings meet at 7 o'clock this evening, and there is likely to be an interesting discussion.

Some time ago Mr. H. Claiborne Epps, City Sergeant, appeared before the Committee, and asked to be relieved from paying water bills at the jail. He showed that the same amounted to about $18 a month, and that it was necessary to use a very large quantity of water to preserve the health of the inmates, the fixtures being in a condition which is a disgrace to a city of any size, or even to a country town.

The Committee sent Mr. Epps to the Water Committee, which body adopted a motion to the effect that the Grounds and Buildings Committee must in future pay for all the water used at the jail.

The Grounds and Buildings people are much opposed to this solution of the question, and they will make their views known to-night.

THE CONDUIT SYSTEM.

The Idea of Putting Wires Underground Heartily Endorsed.

The movement on foot to put all of the electric wires, which now disfigure the streets of Richmond, in conduits, meets with the hearty approval of the people of this city, and is particularly strongly endorsed by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the chief of the Fire Department.

The company, which is now applying for a charter to construct conduits, is composed of some of the best citizens of Richmond, and are actuated in the movement by a double object. They expect, of course, that the venture will prove a paying one, and also that it will be a direct benefit to all property-owners, as, in consequence, there is little doubt that the value of property will be greatly enhanced.

In discussing the question a few days ago Captain John H. Frischkorn, president of the Board of Fire Commissioners, expressed the opinion that there was nothing which would be of greater benefit to Richmond than putting the wires underground. The beauty of the city would be greatly enhanced, for one thing, but, viewed from his standpoint, the most important object achieved would be the removal of the wires out of the way of the firemen.

They have been found on numerous occasions, according to Chief W. G. Puller, to retard the firemen in their work, prevent them from raising their ladders, and often men have been injured by live wires while attempting to extinguish flames.

BIRTHDAY OF R. E. LEE.

Banks and Public Offices to be Closed Camp Fire To-Night.

This day is the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee. Had he lived he would have been ninety-two years old, having been born in 1807. The Legislature at the session of 1889-'90, passed an act making Lee's birthday a legal holiday in Virginia. For a few years after that date the day was celebrated here with parades of military and veterans in the afternoon and camp fires at night. During recent years there has been no parade.

The celebration to-day will be of a quiet and simple character. All the banks will be closed as usual and the Governor has directed that the capitol and library offices be closed. The public school children will be given a holiday.

Mayor Richard M. Taylor issued an order closing the various municipal offices to-day, and suspending work in the various departments so far as it can be done without detriment to the interests of the city.

The veterans at the Soldiers' Home will fire the customary salute. To-night there will be a camp fire at Lee Camp Hall. No programme has been mapped out but there will be speeches, songs and stories of the war.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Richmond: John M. Butler and wife to John M. Butler, Jr., 15 feet on east side Cherry street, 183 feet north of China, $5.

Littleberry Carter's administrator and Mary J. Carter to A. W. Baker, 20 3-8 feet on west side Twenty-sixth street, between O. and P., $5.

National Linseed Oil Company to American Linseed Company, 61 feet on Seventeenth street, corner Wesley Chapel property, $10.

S. J. Potts, Allen Potts, wife and Robert and Netta P. Randiett, widow and heirs of Thomas Potts to Hunter and Stuart McGuire, 50 feet on Grace street northwest corner Harrison, $5,500.

Henrico: Francis Berry's devisees to Wm. C. Gayle, 30 feet on Spring street, corner Centre, $300.

Thomas Dandridge, wife, Prince and Ella Dandridge to L. M. Gill, 12 acres on Osborne turnpike, six miles below Richmond, $160.

Juliet L. Fitz and J. L. Fitz and wife to Mary Alice Fitz, all of their interest in two lots of land fronting on south side O street, between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth, and their interest in all of the property of which their father, J. E. Fitz, died seized, $166.67.

Larkin M. Gill to Thomas Dandridge, 30 feet on north side Nicholson street, $500.

S. B. Ginn, special commissioner, to Louis P. Whitlock, 89 17-100 acres adjoining lands of Gleason and others, $200.

John Lindsey, Jr., wife, Mary V. Currie and Alice G. and George W. Epps, to Mattie Louisa Ruskell, 46 1-2 feet on east side Brook Turnpike, 26 feet on Brook turnpike, 46 1-2 feet on west side High street, and 26 feet on west side High street, $5.

John Lindsey, Jr., wife, Mary V. Currie, Mattie L. and W. F. Ruskell to Alice Gray Epps, 26 feet on east side Brook turnpike and 26 feet on west side High street, $5.

John Lindsey, Jr., wife, Mattie L. and W. F. Ruskell, and Alice G. and George W. Epps to Mary V. Currie, 26 1-6 feet on east side Brook turnpike, 48 1-2 feet on east side Brook turnpike, 48 1-2 feet on west side High street and 26 1-6 feet on west side High street, $5.

Mattie L. Ruskell and W. F. Mary V. Currie, Alice G. and George W. Epps to John Lindsey, Jr., 26 feet on east side Brook turnpike, 52 1-2 feet on east side Brook avenue, 52 1-2 feet on west side High street and 26 feet on east side High street, $5.

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