

GUN RETURNED IN MANCHESTER

Squire Cheatham Has His Trusty Rifle Once More.

NEW METHODIST CHURCH.

Cornerstone to Be Laid Early in January—Captain Puller's Foot Mashed—In a Faint—Personal and Notes.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, 1112 Hull Street, Beattie Block.

Several weeks ago the front window to Squire Cheatham's furniture store, on Hull street, was broken and a double-barreled shotgun taken. That gun was returned yesterday by Officer Wright, who, assisted by Detective John Hall, found it at the pawn shop of Mr. Sam Stern, in Richmond, where a little negro had left it broken if there to get money, but Mr. Stern would not advance the money, as he suspected that the gun had been stolen. The little negro has not been caught, but the police are laying for him.

DR. STARR. Rev. Dr. Starr, president of Randolph-Macon College, will preach at Fifth-Street Methodist church Sunday night. Special music will be arranged for the service.

CORNERSTONE.

It is probable that the cornerstone of the new Central church will be laid on Tuesday, January 10th. The work on the foundation has been progressing satisfactorily, and the weather has been most favorable through the fall. The programme for the occasion has been arranged for some time. The Masons will have charge of the service.

MISS BAXTER KILLED.

It was reported yesterday morning that Mrs. Baxter, who lives on Hull street between Fourth and Fifth, had dropped dead.

Mrs. Baxter is quite an old lady and is subject to fainting. Her condition stepped out and left Mrs. Baxter in a faint. In the meantime a delivery boy came in with the groceries and just as he entered he saw Mrs. Baxter fall from her chair, which was enough to give the alarm and soon had Coroner Brodnax, with a black death certificate, and the police, who were revived and was as well as usual when the coroner arrived.

LITTLE CANNON.

Henry Gill, 11 years old, son of Mrs. Hammond Fisher, was badly burned Thursday with powder. The same old did; he was firing his little cannon and didn't think it was going off, so he got down to blow the fuse. The powder burst and his eye is swollen and quite seriously injured.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. Wm. Topham left yesterday for Williamsburg to spend the holiday with his parents. Mr. Harry Du Val, of Selma, Ala., arrived Thursday night and will spend the holidays with friends and relatives in the city. Mr. Du Val is connected with the Southern road at Selma. The motion for bail of Kyle, will be made to-day before Judge CLOPTON instead of Justice Hancock as previously reported. Kyle returned to the County Court for new trial. James White colored was sent to jail for ten days by the Mayor yesterday morning. James was a suspicious character.

LUCKY SPORTSMEN.

Dr. Thomas Cheatham, Messrs. Archie and Stonewall Jackson Cheatham, and Mr. Charles Macgill Drewry, all of Chesterfield county, had rare good luck Thursday, while deer hunting, not far from the county seat. One large buck fell before Dr. Cheatham's gun and Mr. Drewry secured another. A third was started but made his escape.

Miss Gertrude Walsiger arrived yesterday from Powhatan county, where she has been teaching for the last five months, and will spend the holiday at her home. The several churches of the city are preparing for their Christmas entertainments. Meade Memorial church will entertain the Sunday School next Thursday night.

MISS JULLA SCAGGS, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of Miss Ethel Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilkinson, of 719 McDonough street, left yesterday to spend Christmas with Mrs. A. L. Hamner, of Amelia county.

MISS MABEL ARREDS, of Petersburg, is visiting Miss Frederica Lamb.

Miss Martha Patterson and Miss McRae have gone to Farmville, Va., where they will make their future home. Mr. Chas. Fisher will leave to-morrow for Amelia county, where he will enjoy several days' hunting.

EASTERN LEAGUE.

Richmond May Be One of Eight Cities in It. Richmond may enter the proposed Eastern League. There is a move on foot in the National League to reduce the number of clubs in the circuit to eight, cutting out New York and Washington and throwing them into the Eastern League. If this plan is carried through, it is probable that Richmond will enter this combination, by so doing completing a splendid circuit. For the southern half of the league, Baltimore, Washington, New York and Richmond. The northern end and the league would be represented by Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Toronto.

Manager Wells is of the opinion that this proposed combination of the clubs and the entering of Richmond in the Eastern League is practicable, and stated last night that he would be heartily in favor of the arrangement.

At present Mr. Wells is giving his time and attention to the improvement and advancement of the State League, which he feels will make a good showing next season.

John E. Bass, the young ball player who pitched for the Nonpareils last season, will play in the Virginia League next year.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

as he has just signed a contract with Manager Harvey Cunningham, of Norfolk, Crescent City Races.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The weather was rainy and disagreeable to-day and the track heavy.

First race—seven furlongs, Trobora (2 to 1 and 4 to 1) first, Agitator (11 to 2 and 2 to 1) second, Estaca (8 to 1) third, Time, 1:34.

Second race—six furlongs, Inlook (9 to 2 and 8 to 1) first, Avalara (8 to 1 and 4 to 1) second, Magic Light (4 to 1) third, Time, 1:29.

Third race—one mile, Curassier (2 to 1 and 7 to 1) first, J. J. to 2 and 1 to 1) second, Pablo Lead (7 to 2) third, Time, 1:50.

Fourth race—six furlongs, Tom Collins (7 to 1 and 5 to 1) first, Judge Wardell (even and 1 to 1) second, Retard (8 to 1) third, Time, 1:38.

Fifth race—one mile, Strangest (9 to 5 and 2 to 1) first, Prospero (4 to 1 and 6 to 1) second, Colonel Duke (2 to 1) third, Time, 1:49.3-4.

CROWDED STREETS.

Thousands of Sightseers and Buyers Form the Throng.

The ideal walking and shopping weather of the past week has afforded opportunity for thousands and thousands of Christmas purchasers and sightseers to throng Broad street and the palatial stores lining that thoroughfare. As compared with former years, the crowds are the equal of the largest in the past.

And an important difference, according to the testimony of the merchants, is that there is more money in the purses of their patrons.

Two weeks ago the buying was on a comparative holiday. There were thousands out to view the tempting wares, but few at that time made selections and purchases.

"Business has been steadily picking up," said a prominent dealer yesterday without any purpose to be jumpy or funny, "and now we are simply overwhelmed with purchasers."

The endless variety of articles suitable for Christmas presents bewilders the buyer. With half dozen presents articles to select from, he is a level-headed man or she a wise woman, indeed, who does not hesitate.

The annual crop of "waiters" shows no decrease this year. These are they who defer purchasing until the last moment, expecting to reap the reward of bargain prices on "left-over" articles. Sometimes this class is disappointed, for many lines of wares are sold out entirely every year before Christmas.

The business office of the greatest activity prevails. A score of extra clerks do not begin to handle the business at rush moments, when people, packages, baskets, drymen and expressmen mingle in a jostle in the aisles. Still, in the course of time, everybody is waited on, and everybody breathes a deep, sincere sigh of relief.

LEE CAMP C. V.

Important Meeting and Election of Officers Last Night.

R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, C. V., held their regular meeting last night; Commander A. C. Peay presiding.

A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Edwin H. O'Brien, of Alexandria, Va., acknowledging the receipt of a donation from this camp to the Bull Run Chapter 29, U. D. C., to aid in enclosing the Bull Run cemetery.

A letter was received from Comrade N. J. Randolph, enclosing one from Comrade James Tanner, of Washington, D. C., presenting through Comrade Randolph about ninety handsome steel engravings of distinguished Confederate soldiers. In presenting it Comrade Tanner wrote a beautiful fraternal and eloquent letter. The fraternal spirit of his letter was highly appreciated by the camp and thanks directed to be returned to Comrade Tanner.

They were turned over to the Portraiture Gallery Committee, who were directed to have them handsomely bound in an album.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the year 1900: Commander, D. C. Richardson; First Lieutenant, Commander, Joseph C. Dickerson; Second Lieutenant, Commander, George Steers; Third Lieutenant, Commander, Rev. Dr. James Power Smith; Adjutant, J. Taylor Stratton; Quartermaster, David A. Brown, Jr.; Surgeon, Dr. R. B. Stover; Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Landon B. McCreary; Officers, J. H. Henry; Treasurer, Treasurer, James T. Ferriter; Sergeant Major, B. M. Parham; Vidette, Fred B. Elliott; Color Sergeant, L. L. Lacy; Color Guard, Dr. G. Smith; Color Guard, John E. Owens; Executive Committee, D. Hardy Eyle.

The President announced that as the next meeting of the camp would be a very important one, that all members who can attend this meeting will do so, as arrangements will be made for memorial night on second Friday night in January.

Want Good Roads.

The good roads bill was introduced into the House yesterday by Delegate Martin, the author, has been assured by the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Dunlop, that that body would extend the measure, and if it met with favor, give it hearty support. The bill will be submitted to a committee for examination.

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BOARD ADOPTS THE ORDINANCE

Upper Branch of Council Makes No Change in Document.

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE NEEDED.

Then the Ordinance Becomes a Law. Contract Agreement as to Acceptance of Ordinance—Amendments Proposed and Defeated.

The Board of Aldermen last night adopted the ordinance granting street railway franchises to the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, just as it passed the Common Council. A contract agreement on the part of Messrs. M. M. Martin and E. L. Bemiss was filed, in reference to acceptance of the ordinance.

Only the signature of the mayor is needed to give the ordinance the full force of law. The mayor's signature will be attached without unnecessary delay.

The members present were: Messrs. Allen, Bahen, Burton, Cutchins, Donahoe, Drewry, Ferriter, Gordon, Hardwick, King, Lawder, Mosby, Montgomery, Smith, Whitte and Turpin (president).

Mr. Cutchins moved to dispense with the reading of the ordinance, and the motion was adopted, Major Allen voting in the negative.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT. President Turpin was about to put the question on concurrence, when Mr. Hardwick rose and said he had an amendment to offer. He yielded the floor to Major Allen, however, who submitted the following contract, which was offered in lieu of amending the first section:

"We, the undersigned, representing, severally, the persons named as incorporators of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, do hereby agree for said persons that upon the question of accepting or rejecting the said ordinance they will be bound by a majority of themselves.

(Signed) "M. M. MARTIN, "E. L. BEMISS."

This paper was read for the information of the Board, and filed.

AMENDMENTS DEFEATED. Mr. Hardwick then moved to amend section 4—the taxation clause—by changing the percentage to be paid by the company on its gross receipts up to and not exceeding \$20,000, from 3 1/2 per cent. to 4 per cent. The motion was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

A further motion, from the same source, to change the tax on all earnings in excess of \$20,000 from 10 per cent. to 5 per cent. on the gross receipts, met a similar fate.

A recorded vote was called for, with the following result: Ayes—Messrs. Allen, Drewry, Gordon, Hardwick, and Turpin—5. Nays—Messrs. Bahen, Burton, Cutchins, Donahoe, Ferriter, King, Lawder, Mosby, Montgomery, Smith, and Whitte—11.

Mr. Whitte then moved that the Board concur in the action of the Common Council.

President Turpin ruled that such a motion is unnecessary, and he put the question. A recorded vote was called for.

EXPLANATIONS OF MEMBERS. Major Allen made a personal explanation. He said he felt that the city ought to have made a better bargain, but he did not wish to appear as unfavorable to the measure as a whole. Mr. Hardwick followed. He said he had given no subject the most careful consideration. He was convinced that the city ought to have made a better bargain, and he could not vote against his belief.

The ordinance was passed by a vote of 14 to 2. Messrs. Hardwick and Turpin alone voting in the negative. The session only lasted fifteen minutes, and the Board adjourned.

Royal Trade of Joseph.

At the regular meeting of Richmond Lodge No. 1, Royal Trade of Joseph, held last night at Elliott's Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:

W. Partrich, P. H. Noel; Worthing Partrich, James P. Fourney; Vice Partrich, Thos. B. Heles; Priest, Joseph H. Shepherd; Scribe, Joseph H. Shepherd, Jr.; Treasurer, H. P. Gray; Escort, Edw. Conway Valentine; Insignia, Charles Markley; Outer Guard, Joseph B. Nunnally; Trustee, O. F. Wise.

The lodge is now in a prosperous condition and is steadily increasing its membership.

WORK ACTIVELY PROGRESSING.

Trains Are Running Over Portion of Mt. Airy and Eastern Railway. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 22.—Railway work is actively progressing on the Mount Airy and Eastern railway, which will extend from Mount Airy, N. C., to the Dan river. Trains are running on portions of the road. The road is a rich undeveloped section of the State, including a virgin forest of 30,000 acres of hard wood.

The officers of the road are: President, T. A. Houston, of Chester, Pa.; Vice-President, W. H. Tunis, of Baltimore; Secretary and Treasurer, W. W. White, of West Virginia.

FOREFATHERS' DAY DINNER.

Secretary Lyman J. Gage the Principal Speaker. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The annual Forefathers' Day Dinner of the Orange New England Society was held to-night in Upper Music Hall, at Orange, N. J. The hall was decorated with the national colors and Christmas greens. About 200 persons sat down at the tables.

President C. J. Kidder presided and acted as toastmaster. The principal speaker of the evening was Secretary of the Treasury Gage, whose topic was: "Some aspects of the public finances."

Large Reward Offered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The directors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company have offered a reward of \$25,000 for information leading to the discovery and conviction of the author or authors of reports recently circulated concerning the company's affairs with intent to affect the market price of its stock, an offence punishable under the laws of the State.

Subornation of Perjury.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A special from Lockport says: The Grand Jury here has returned a verdict against John Charles Piper, of Niagara Falls, who has been arrested on a sealed indictment, charging subornation of perjury. He gave bail in the sum of \$100.

He is accused of encouraging Eugene Ramstein, executor of the Crane Collins estate, to make a false statement to the surrogate in accounting Ramstein in Auburn on his own confession.

TO CURE LA GRIPPE IN TWO DAYS Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 2c.

Declared Sale Void. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 22.—The trustees of the University of Alabama, in session at Tuscaloosa, today declared void the sale of 4,480 acres of university land to the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company void and authorized the Executive Committee of the trustees to take the same to be sold.

Charleston New Englanders. CHARLOTTE, S. C., Dec. 22.—The eightieth banquet of the New England Society of Charleston was given at the Charleston Hotel here to-night. A large and brilliant company was assembled. The response to "Forefathers'

"I Wonder if It Will Fit Him."



A Useful first, last, and all the present time—besides being of practical benefit to him. Could he keep back the grateful thoughts that would present themselves as he sat back, comfortably, in one of our luxurious Smoking Jackets?

Holiday Umbrellas Are most appropriate gifts. We've all the novelties in handle shapes and mountings, with fine silk coverings—

Suit Cases Were never so much used. Their extreme usefulness seems only to've been discovered. Folks tell us we've the best lines on the market.

Prices, \$4.50, \$7.50, \$10 to \$20. Are most appropriate gifts. We've all the novelties in handle shapes and mountings, with fine silk coverings— \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.00, \$10 and \$12.

Any small packages our customers can conveniently take with them to-day will be considered a kindness.

O. H. Berry & Co. Main and Eleventh Sts.

KIMBERLEY ON FULL RATIONS

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"Many fought until late in the afternoon, and a party of Bohemians running British to surrender. Munsters from hiding places along the Tugela River bank would not be made prisoner.

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Afterward the enemy gave our wounded water and cordials.

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The motion was rejected on the ground, as asserted by the principal speaker in opposition, that the message contained nothing new, but merely reiterated a former promise.

Southern College Athletics. ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 22.—The Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association met here to-day. Dr. W. L. Dudley, of Vanderbilt University, was re-elected president of the association.

The protest filed by Auburn against the decision in their game of football with Georgia, in which the referee called the game and declared the score nothing to nothing, was referred to the Executive Committee.

Mercer University, which was dropped from the association on account of professionalism, was reinstated.

Mortgage Recovered. BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—A first income mortgage from the Mount Vernon-Woodberry Cotton Dock Company to the International Trust Company, of Maryland, was recorded to-day. The mortgage is to secure the first income mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds of the company to the amount of \$600,000.

The property of the company conveyed by the mortgage includes a number of mills in Maryland and some of the shares of the Columbia, E. C., and Tallahassee Falls Mills, of Alabama.

Run on a Portland Bank. PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 22.—A rumor of unknown origin concerning the solvency of the Portland Savings Bank, started a run on the bank to-day. Deposits were turned over as fast as the banks were presented, most of the payments being in gold. The crowd reached such proportions early in the afternoon, however, that officials of the bank concluded to guard against running short of ready cash by taking refuge behind the means provided by law.

About \$125,000 was paid out to-day, and the bank will reopen in the morning prepared to meet any and every demand.

Will Go to Paris. ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 22.—Mrs. William D. Love, of Atlanta, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has received notice of her appointment as honorary president from America to the Woman's Board at the Paris Exposition.

Prayed for the Boers. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Board of Aldermen of New York city adopted a resolution praying "The God of Battles" to make the Boers successful in the war against England.

"Silver Dollar" Smith. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charles Smith, better known as "Silver Dollar" Smith, died to-day at his home in this city.

THE CLAIMS OF THE SHIPPERS

New Classification of the Railroads Said to be Illegal.

ASK ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ACT

Hearing Resumed Before Interstate Commerce Commission—New Rates on Petroleum Would be Ruinous to Small Shippers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission, called on account of the complaint made by shippers against the proposed new classification of freight by railroads operating under the "official classification," was resumed to-day.

By agreement, Mr. Frank Harriot, general traffic manager of the Erie railroad, and a number of the "official classification" committee, went on the witness stand to testify as to the new classification. He reiterated Mr. Gill's statement of yesterday that the new classification was adopted because the railroads absolutely needed the increased revenues.

It developed that at a meeting of the shippers and those representing their interests, former Attorney-General of Ohio F. S. Monnett, Hon. J. H. Bromwell and Mr. Mortimer Matthews, of Cincinnati, committed the activity of the shippers. Mr. Monnett presented a set of resolutions directing attention to testimony adduced at the present hearing, showing the unfairness of the new classification in favor of the large shippers and to the fact that the railroads had declined to extend the time for the new classification to go into effect.

BEFORE ATTORNEY-GENERAL. The resolutions were supplemented by a petition by a large majority of the shippers in attendance upon the hearing asking that the commission lay the testimony before the Attorney-General of the United States, with a view to having him bring action under the Sherman anti-trust law against the railroads to prevent the new classification from becoming effective on January 1, 1900.

For some time the attorney of the shippers argued in favor of the commission making the suggested action, Chairman Knapp, of the commission, maintaining that the commission had no more authority to make recommendations to the Attorney-General than had representatives of the shippers. The commission finally agreed to furnish a transcript of the evidence to the Attorney-General.

The shippers then offered some testimony, and B. W. Brown, representing Scott, Scherer and Seagle, of Cleveland, Ohio, was sworn. He said the new classification of petroleum would be absolutely ruinous to small shippers. On less than car load lots the increase of the rates would be 25 per cent. in some instances as much as 25 per cent., and in no case was it less than 25 per cent.

Mr. G. H. DeGolyer, a carriage manufacturer of Cincinnati, Ohio, testified that the classification of the vehicles would limit Ohio and Mississippi Valley carriage manufacturers to territory adjacent to the factories.

This closed the testimony and the hearing was adjourned.

MARRIED IN APPOMATTOX.

Two Ceremonies on the Same Day in That County. PAMPLIN CITY, VA., Dec. 22.—Special, Mr. H. W. Glenn, of Prospect, and Miss Pearl E. Innes, were united in matrimony, both at the residence of the address, the bride, near Evergreen.

Mr. Thomas L. Page and Miss Roberta Doss were married on the same day at the latter's home. Rev. P. T. Warren, of this place, officiated on both occasions.

CHARGED WITH MURDER. Two Negro Boys Thought to Be the Slayers of Jackson. WELDON, N. C., Dec. 22.—Special—Alfred Neville and Willie Bailey, two negro boys, 20th inst., were charged with the murder of a man Jackson, who was found Tuesday morning near the residence of the address, taken to Northampton county, as the murder occurred in that county. The boys protest their innocence, but it is said that the authorities have strong circumstantial evidence against them.

HOTEL LOBBIES. Visitors Here and What Some of Them Say. Captain Boyd-Smith, of Washington, D. C., is registered at Murphy's. Despite the fact of his metropolitan address, the gentleman is a native Virginian, and during the civil war served in Mosby's command. Captain Smith told a story last night which was related to him a year or two ago by a northern gentleman. He related that the speaker, the extreme phase of bluff which is a part of the Quaker nature. In '63 or '64, he said, F. H