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THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Report of House Committee in Favor of Hepburn Bill.

COST OF THE WATERWAY.

Estimates Range from $40,000,000 to a Possible $145,000,000.

AGREEMENT WITH ENGLAND.

It Looked to Joint Construction of the Canal, and Britain Has Permitted Her Interest to Lapse—Law of Self-Preservation.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—Chairman Hepburn, of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, today submitted the report of the committee in favor of the Hepburn bill for constructing the Nicaragua canal. The report says in part:

"If the provisions of the bill can be carried out, the United States will, within a few years (from six to eight), be in full ownership and control of a waterway connecting the oceans, that it can defend, and that it can use in the interests of its navy and its merchant-marine as wisdom may dictate.

"There seems to be but little doubt that the States of Nicaragua and Costa Rica will give their consent for the construction of this great work."

After reviewing the several surveys, the report continues:

"The reports above referred to, and the opinions of engineers and scientists believed to be entirely competent for their work, justify your committee in recommending the undertaking of the enterprise as one that is entirely practicable, and that can be completed for a sum of money the expenditure of which will be wise.

ESTIMATES OF COST.

"It is true that the estimates of cost are variable, ranging as they do from less than $40,000,000 to a possible $145,000,000. It is, however, proper to say that the size and character of the canal estimated for is as variable as is the cost. Fifteen feet depth and fifty feet width was the size of the earlier project. Thirty feet depth and 100 feet width are the dimensions of the more lately proposed canal.

"Your committee suggest, that in discussing the cash remuneration that will come to the United States from the ownership of this canal, estimates only can be made. Gentlemen connected with the Maritime Canal Company gave it as their opinion that five or six millions of tonnage would be the amount that would pass through the canal annually. At present, $1.55 per ton is the toll charged for the use of the Suez canal. If that rate were the rate charged at the Nicaragua canal, and four millions were the tonnage pasing through it, an aggregate sum of more than $6,000,000 would be the receipts. It is estimated that the cost of maintaining and operating the canal would be $1,000,000 annually.

ALLEGED PRIOR RIGHTS.

"Your committee are aware that there are a number of persons who claim to have concessions from the Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, investing them with rights to navigate the San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua. Others claim to be authorized to construct this great waterway connecting the two oceans. But it is believed by your committee that these rights have lapsed or are of inconsiderable value, or have been obtained for speculative purposes. However this may be, it should be the purpose of the government to deal directly with the Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica; those governments can adjust all questions growing out of these concessions much more easily than the United States.

"We want our share of the world's commerce, and to secure it we must have all the utilities that are possible. Nor can we expect to get our share without a struggle. There is now the most intense rivalry for this commerce on the part of commercial nations, and our rivals will use all political, commercial, and diplomatic influences to drive us out of the field.

CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.

"There are persons who say that we are bound by treaty stipulations with the government of Great Britain to refrain from carrying out this great enterprise. This statement we do not believe. We recognize the fact that fifty years ago the United States and Great Britain entered into an alliance to secure the building of the Nicaragua canal. Any person who dispassionately studies carefully that treaty must come to the conclusion that the primary stipulations in the Clayton-Bulwer convention looked to the immediate building of a canal under the influence that might be exerted by the two governments, rather than to a prohibition of either's building it."

After quoting the treaty the report goes on:

"No one can read that article without concluding that the Nicaragua canal contemplated was an undertaking early to be completed through the kindly aid of the two governments. Great Britain has allowed fifty years to elapse without any movement on her part to carry out the provisions of that article. It has been a dead letter from the day the treaty was signed to the present time.

CHANGE IN FIFTY YEARS.

"The last fifty years has wrought a remarkable change in our relation to a waterway crossing the isthmus. Eighteen hundred and fifty was only four years removed from our first occupation of California. Not more than 10,000 inhabitants were on the Pacific coast. Our trade coastwise with that coast was insignificant in value and amount. Now we have millions of citizens living on that coast; we have hundreds of millions of commerce; we have tens of millions of wealth; we have acquired Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands. There is no comparison between the meagre interests of fifty years ago and the colossal interests of to-day. The situation has so changed, the interests of our people now and then are so diverse, and the necessity of responding to these changed conditions are so overwhelming that the more serious of those who lead in the formation of the world's judgment would say that our present action must be in harmony with these new conditions, rather than with the old. There is a law of self-preservation that should control the action of communities, no less than of individuals.

"Irrepealable statutes are not tolerated. Even the most solemnly enacted legislations must give way to the demands of later generations, when it is found that their provisions are harmful to the public welfare, and we know of no other form of enactment, having sanctity above law and legislation, that the overwhelming needs of the people may not, with consistency and morality, demand the repeal of."

BINDING NATURE OF TREATIES.

The report quotes Professor Lawrence, in "Principles of International Law," where he discusses the extent to which treaties are binding.

"It is doubtless true that in 1850 Great Britain and the United States contemplated the speedy completion of the Nicaragua canal. They proposed to have joint interests, by joint contributions to it, but the possibilities of Suez canal, that followed years after 1850 dawned upon the maritime world, changed the interests of Great Britain. She no longer desired the Nicaragua route for her own uses. She directed her conduct with reference to the new condition, yet still uses this ghost of a dead treaty to frighten the people of the United States from securing the great advantages continuing to flow to us from the successful completion of this great undertaking."

CURRENCY BILL CONFERENCE.

House Representatives Object to Senate Bimetallic Proposition.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—The Republican members of the Conference Committee having charge of the finance bill held a protracted session to-day, beginning at 11 A. M., and lasting until shortly before 6 P. M. During part of this time Secretary Gage was present, having been invited to give his views upon certain features of the measure.

At the close of the day's session, it was stated by members of the conference that no conclusion had been reached on the bill as a whole or on any single proposition, the entire time being given to preliminary discussion of the general principles involved.

Secretary Gage was called in to give information concerning administrative features of the bill, the issue of notes, and other matters of a technical nature, relating to carrying out the provisions of the bill when it should become law.

The conferrees went over both the House and Senate bills, and it was found that differences exist all along the line. The House conferrees insisted that their measure best met the requirements of the situation, and the senators were equally firm in standing by their bill. Strenuous objection is made by the House conferrees to the bimetallic section of the Senate bill, and they also oppose the refunding section of the measure. The conference did not reach a stage where any proposition to adjust any of the differences was favorably considered. It is not meant that there is a deadlock, because the consideration has not reached that stage. The conference will continue on Monday.

POWHATAN.

Festivities—Personal A Good Sale of Tobacco.

POWHATAN COURTHOUSE, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—Carlisle, the beautiful home of Dr. William H. Hening, was the scene of a most delightful affair on St. Valentine's night, when the youth and beauty of Powhatan gathered in festive mood to congratulate one of the doctor's sons. The occasion was the celebration of a most important anniversary of the birth of Marion Ashmore Hening.

The Powhatan Dramatic Club gave its first entertainment in the public school hall last night, and, notwithstanding the blinding snow-storm, a goodly number of the villagers attended, while several from a distance were here to enjoy the entertainment. The exercises were opened by a banjo solo—"The Mockingbird"—rendered by Miss Gertrude Saxe, of New Albany, Pa., to whom is also due much praise for assistance in selections and artistic stage decorations. The plays were "Madcap," "Mistake," and "Dr. Baxter's Great Discovery." "The Crooked-Mouth Family," a recitation by Professor Sinclair, of Gloucester, won much applause. The programme ended with brilliant tableaux.

Judge T. M. Miller has been somewhat indisposed for the past few days.

Mr. Noble Jordan, of Michaux, has registered for the week at the Atkinson Hotel.

Mr. P. H. Atkinson, of this place, recently sold in Richmond his crop of tobacco, weighing 4,800 pounds, for $9 per hundred, it averaging $125 per acre.

OVERDUE STEAMSHIP IN.

Inspected the Ship-Yard—The Young Men's Christian Association.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—The British steamship Evandale and the Italian steamship Vincenzo, which were long overdue here, have arrived in port. The Vincenzo was twenty-five days out from London and the Evandale twenty-two days out from the same port. Both are under charter to the Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Company. The captains report rough weather and strong head seas. Neither ship was damaged.

The committees on Public Institutions of the State Senate and House, accompanied by other legislators, arrived here this afternoon from Old Point, after inspecting the Hampton Normal Institute, and went through the ship-yard, spending two hours in the big plant. In the party were Senators Blakey, Gold, Keezell, Le Cato, Lyle, Johnson, Opie, Shands, Tate, and Tyler, and Delegates Barclay, Clark, Churchman, Cowan, Donohoe, Dupuy, Early, Featherston, Galleher, Leech, Madison, Moss, Musgrave, Priddy, Ware, and Warthen.

The principal speaker at to-day's session of the Young Men's Christian Association, in convention at Hampton, was C. L. Gates, of Chicago, International Field Secretary of the organization. L. E. Brown, of Chicago, State Secretary of Illinois, was the speaker at the afternoon session.

The police of Hampton and Phoebus are still investigating the mysterious death of Mrs. W. J. Garland, in Phoebus. Up to this time, it is said, little or no evidence has been secured against the imprisoned husband.

Benefits Cattle-Dealers.

Mr. Ben. P. Owen, Jr., private secretary to Governor Tyler, has succeeded in securing an order from the Board of Control of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which will be the means of greatly benefiting cattle dealers of Manchester and vicinity.

The order provides that cattle from Manchester and immediate neighborhood, intended to be slaughtered at once, may be allowed to cross the free wagon bridge over the James river between Manchester and Richmond for the purpose of being delivered to the quarantine yards for the above stated purpose; provided, however, that the party or parties desiring to deliver cattle as above stated apply to J. M. Turner, Federal stock examiner, Richmond, for a permit in accordance with this order, and that the cattle shall be found free from ticks.

No Reward for Taylor's Apprehension.

Commonwealth's-Attorney A. H. Sands and Mr. C. W. Childrey visited Governor Tyler Friday and requested him to offer a reward for the apprehension of T. F. Taylor, the fugitive, who is wanted for embezzling State funds while serving as Deputy Clerk of Henrico County Court. The Governor declined to offer the reward.

"BUT KEN HE TRINK DER SHOP OUDT?" —*New York World.*

RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED IN NORTH CAROLINA'S CAPITAL.

THE STATE TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY.

An Attractive Programme—The Persecution of Mr. Laughinghouse—Examination for Iron Ore—The Democratic State Ticket.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 17.—(Special.)—The State to-day chartered the "Grand Associated Order of Pilgrim Travellers," with headquarters at Edenton. It is intended to inculcate the principles of love, purity, and fidelity.

The Supreme Court will devote next week to the hearing of appeals from the Third District. It is expected that next Tuesday it will file the first opinions of the term.

A very attractive programme for the next session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly is being prepared. If Wilmington offers inducements it appears reasonably certain the session will be held there.

Much interest is felt here in the robbery of Mr. Joseph J. Laughinghouse, in Pitt county, yesterday by negroes. He is well known here as a delegate to political conventions, and was prominent in the recent State Tobacco-Growers' Convention. It seems that ever since the assassination of General Bryan Grimes, nearly twenty years ago, and his zealous prosecution of the assassin, he has been menaced by dangerous enemies. His house was burned, his barns burned several times, he was shot at, and his well was poisoned. For the last-named crime a negro woman is now serving a long term in the penitentiary.

The aldermen will consider the matter of the sale of the City Hall, but will not act unless the people decide by vote. An alderman says nine out of ten people will vote for a sale. If one is made there will be a new market, and also an auditorium, the latter to take the place of the present useless City Hall.

The State Board of Agriculture is notified to meet March 7th.

It is as yet impossible to tell whether there will be much increase in the cotton acreage in this State. Opinions conflict regarding it.

A careful examination of the iron-ore bed in Johnston county is being made. Ore is being mined on part of the property. It is asserted that the bed is of large extent. The quality of the ore seems good. It is said this week's tests showed magnetic ore 55 to 60 per cent. iron.

Postmaster Clyde Chuk, of Hillsboro', has small-pox, and is in quarantine there.

It is quite probable that the Democratic State ticket will be arranged with great care so as to include farmers as well as professional men. It is to be a strong ticket and a winner. While the matter of candidacy is being very properly subordinated to the vital issue, the constitutional amendment, yet the most particular care will be taken to put out men who will lend strength to that great measure.

DRANK PEPPERMINT,

And It Killed Him—"Tacky" Party—Personal.

MONTEREY, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—A peculiarly sad and shocking death was that of Mr. Minor K. Marshall yesterday morning at Franklin, just across the line in West Virginia, to which place his sister, Mrs. W. E. Wilson, of Monterey, has just been summoned by special messenger. Mr. Marshall was a handsome, industrious young businessman, of good family. Three days before his death he took a young lady out buggy-riding, and went into a country store for the purpose, as he said, of getting some matches. Here he bought and drank several bottles of peppermint, and soon gave evidence of being poisoned. He became almost totally blind and was in a most distressing condition until a few hours previous to his death, when convulsions set in, despite the ministrations of three physicians. Mr. Marshall was only about 28 years old and had many friends in Highland, where he was well known.

Mrs. J. C. Boggs, who has been operator at Monterey's central telephone office since it has been established, has resigned on account of ill health, and Miss Maggie Jordan has been appointed in her stead. The office will be moved to Mrs. Jordan's residence.

Mr. William J. Maloy, a former Highland boy, now principal of a school at Madison, Fla., is dangerously ill. His brother, Dr. J. E. Maloy, of Lorentz, W. Va., has gone to him.

Mr. C. M. Berry, who for several months has been employed by the Monterey Milling Company, has returned to his home, in Amherst county.

On Friday evening a "tacky party" was given by Misses Helen, Eva, and Sallie Campbell, at their home, on Sieg avenue.

Numerous cases of measles are reported from almost every section of the county.

Mrs. George Koogler and little daughter, of Augusta county, are on a visit to Mrs. C. G. Cross and W. A. Cunningham, of Monterey.

C. C. Arbogast spent last week at Warren Springs in the interest of his business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Crammett, of our town, made a trip to Franklin, W. Va., this week.

THE CITY BY THE SEA.

Released on Nominal Bail—Chesapeake and Ohio Matters.

NORFOLK, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—Peculiar circumstances surround the case of Charles Gregory, 45 years old, an employee of the Princess Anne Hotel, Virginia Beach. He has been sent on to the grand jury of the Princess Anne County Court, on the charge of attempted criminal assault upon Fannie, the 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. George Hale. The murder of her husband some time ago left Mrs. Hale and her children without a home, and Gregory offered them shelter under his own roof. Recently, it is stated, Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Gregory became estranged, and Mrs. Hale took her departure. Some time afterward she secured a warrant for Gregory's arrest, naming January 22d last as the date of his alleged crime. At the preliminary hearing the Hale child supported her mother's charge, and the prisoner was sent on to the grand jury. Subsequently he was released in nominal bail.

The City League of Good Government has decided to put up a full ticket for all offices to be filled at the spring municipal elections. It is left the Executive Committee of the league to decide whether the fight against the present regime is to be made within the Democratic organization or not.

Joseph Grissett, 27 years old, fell overboard from a row-boat, between this city and the quarantine station at Craney Island, and was drowned. His father, who was accompanying him in another boat, looking up suddenly discovered the accident, but could not render his son no assistance.

A part of the crew of the new battleship Kearsarge, who have been quartered aboard the receiving ship Franklin, at this yard, will be sent to the battleship immediately, preparatory to placing her in commission next Tuesday.

Mr. Burrell, uncle of Thomas Landis, the 15-year-old runaway from Washington, D. C., who was taken in custody by the Norfolk police yesterday, arrived from Washington this morning for his ward. Mr. Burrell says that young Landis is quite a bad boy, and ran away from Washington to meet a woman. He will take the boy back to Washington.

It is rumored that Mr. S. Edmund Krumbhols, of Pittsburg, Pa., who formerly managed the Princess Anne Hotel, at Virginia Beach, will purchase that hostelry from the Virginia Beach railroad management. Mr. Krumbhois arrived in Norfolk last night.

President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, and a party of the other officials of that line, were tendered a reception by Norfolk merchants at the Board of Trade to-day. The road purposes largely increasing its facilities here, by introducing barge and tug equipment, for the purpose of readily handling the Norfolk business. It was also learned that in Richmond Monday a conference will be held between representatives of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway and the Norfolk and Western railway, looking to an equalization of rates on grain from Indiana and Illinois, coming locally through Louisville, and reaching destination by lines through Virginia gateways.

TAZEWELL TIPS.

Jail Boarders—Death of a Venerable Horse—Briefs.

TAZEWELL, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—The regular February term of the County Court opens next Tuesday, the 20th instant, Judge J. H. Stuart presiding.

There are sixteen prisoners now confined in the jail at this place, one being a United States prisoner. This is about the usual number of boarders at that resort. Fourteen of the number are serving terms for small thefts, and two are in on charges of murder.

The old white horse of 'Squire Yost, which has been cared for by Mr. John C. Yost since the decease of the former, about ten years ago, died the other day at the advanced age of 34.

William C. Pendleton, Esq., editor of the Republican, left yesterday for Marion, whence he has been summoned to the bedside of his sick brother, Major A. G. Pendleton.

Mrs. Joseph S. Moss, wife of Delegate Moss, left for Richmond this week, where she will spend the rest of the winter with Mr. Moss. She was accompanied by Miss India Moore.

DEATH AT GORDONSVILLE

Of a Popular Chesapeake and Ohio Locomotive Engineer.

GORDONSVILLE, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—Mr. J. C. McAlexander, a popular and efficient engineer of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, died at this place, in his 46th year, this morning, after an illness of about nine weeks from diabetes. Mr. McAlexander had been an employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio for a number of years. The deceased leaves a wife and six children—four girls and two boys. The burial will take place at Maplewood Cemetery at 2 o'clock Monday, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Mr. McAlexander had been a resident of this place for quite a number of years, and the community at large deeply mourn his death.

FIRST-HONOR PUPILS.

LIST OF SCHOLARS DISTINGUISHED AT INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

OTHER NEWS FROM MANCHESTER.

Union Meeting of Baptists in Interest of State Missions at Bainbridge-Street Church—Death of Mr. Andrews—Police-Court News.

The second half session of the Manchester schools began last Monday. The excellent work of the first half session is proven by the large number of promotions, as a result of the intermediate examinations. In fact the number of pupils in the entire Bainbridge school who were not promoted is exceedingly small. The school awards first and second honor certificates. The first honor certificates are given to those pupils who receive an average of 90 per cent. or more on all their examinations. Second honor certificates are given to pupils who receive an average of 80 per cent., or between 80 and 90 per cent. average on all examinations. Many of the pupils who are entitled to the first honor certificates received 100 per cent. average on all examinations.

The Dispatch prints to-day a list of the first honor pupils. It follows:

High School, Mr. Crenshaw and Miss Lyons, teachers—Lois Bass, Mabel Brandis, Pearl Hunamant, Bessie Page, Emma Perdue, May Lipscomb, Arthur Winner.

School No. 1, Miss French, teacher—Marsden French, Carter Turpin, Hilda Tatum, Virgie Craze, and Ruth Hines.

School No. 2, Mrs. Woodward, teacher—Virgie Roberts, Evelyn Sampson, Bertie Goodman, Mary Walker, Heflin Latham, Eva Hey, Bessie Sampson, Rose Worsham, Eula Bowman, Carrie Bayley, Verna Bass, Pauline Beattie, Eva Davidson, Alma Andrews, Fannie McGee, Ola Sims.

School No. 3, Miss Hall, teacher—Willie Caudle, Stephen Jenks, Elliott Wallace, Percy Walton, Nella Cheatham, Clarence Darden, Perry Green, Myrtle Baughan, Ethel Duval, Lizzie Fahr, Roxie Gooding, Roxie Skiles, Helen Weisiger, Ruth Evans, Annie Allen.

School No. 4, Miss Mayo, teacher—Mamie Reynolds, Russell Jewett, Ruth Blanton, Xilia Fitzgerald, Louise O'Brien, Lucia Owen, Garland Fitzgerald, Hammond Crooks, Edna Bowman, Sadie Johnson, Elsie Ingram, Lynn Tillery, Norman Blankenship.

School No. 5, Miss Folks, teacher—Clarence Avery, Ashton Blankingship, Everett Godsey, William Godsey, Henry Snellings, Harry Sandidge, Willie Wright, Arthur Wilkinson, Robert Wilkinson, Grace Betty, Effie Cheatham, Alma Hines, Myrtle Jewett, Reatha McGee, Prudence Purcell, Louise Reams, Alma Robinson, Nellie Smith, Mamie Smith, Ruth Webster, Annie Wilkinson, Ruth Wright, Novella Reynolds.

School No. 7, Miss Bronaugh, teacher—Louise Reams, Nellie Liggon, Lida Cheatham, Ruby Lipscomb, Louise Owen, Christine Becker, Margie Moles, Leslie Bass, John Williams, Richard Burruss, Elmore Grimes, Ashton Walton, Russell Garber.

School No. 8, Miss Brown, teacher—Ruby Adkins, Carrie Archer, Helen Adkins, Ellen Bass, McPhail Conley, Marie DuVal, Cleve Gary, Bessie Jenks, Cora Kent, Ethel McGee, Flossie McGruder, Virgene Marshall, Margaret Owen, Katherine Spencer, Mary Vaden, Safford Walker, John Arrington, Alonzo Atkins, Harold Branch, Ralph Baugh, Roland Brandis, John Ingram, Walter Reams.

School No. 9, Miss Bohannon, teacher—Frank Walton, Lillian Miller, Gussie Nosikovsky, Ellis Kelly, Ingram Taylor, Norman Clark, Willie Wilkinson, Annie Ferguson, Mariame Jones, Lucy Owen, Ruth Fitch, Harold Lewis, Ernestine Walker, Margie Bayley, Francis French, Charles Cook, Mazie Strader, Henry Marshall, Alberta Martin, Carrie Craze, Kenneth Utz, Virgie McCann, Claude Satchfield, Cleveland Nunnally, Edward Royall, Creed Davis, Henry Gill, Estelle Talley, Nellie Deltrick, Otis Hennant, Clarence Wright, Inez Avery, Ellie Davison, Frances Wells, Linwood Carter, Walter Atwell.

School No. 10, Miss O'Brien, teacher—Gracie Hey, Lelia May Hooper, Hazel Kidd, Josie McCarthy, Myrtle Robinson, Maggie Totty, Nannie Vaden, Leo Howard, Royall Saunders, George Wilkinson, Richard Arrington, Nelson Ingram, Linwood Jones, Frank Owen, Harvie Wilkinson, Robert Williams, Neva Brooks, Rose Nosikovsky, Minnie Oppeman, Isabelle Saunders, Norma Wright, Hattie Mountain, Estelle Bass.

School No. 10, Department No. 2, Miss Reed, teacher—Lynwood Boothe, Roy Bowman, Howard Bohanan, Hugh Hubbard, Blanch Carter, Maud Childress, Alma Davis, Irene Baber, Louise Francisco, Mollie Bass, Kenneth Bass, Otis Andrews, Walter Bethel, John Crostic, Claude Cook, Arthur Eastwood, Eddie Dollings, Bernard Elam, Robert Brunning, Zuleime DuVal, Anna Bear, Lucy Hines, Hattie Hines.

School No. 11, Miss Brandis, teacher—Alyas Angel; Ora Cook, Lucile Crooks, Mamie Donald, Bessie Fergusson, Ada Fleishell, Elise Goode, Ora Harris, Louise Jones, Lucile Lumpkins, Ethel Smith, Dora Starke, Elsie Williamson, Royall Brown, Joseph Dorsett, Norman Haddock, Clarence Hines, Raymond Jackson, Willis Moore, Thomas Munn, Frank Nicholson, Ingram Robertson, William Sykes, Alvin Stewart, Dudley Tignor.

INTEREST OF STATE MISSIONS.

Interesting services will be held at the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church this evening at 7:45 o'clock, in which all the Baptist churches of the city will unite. This meeting is held in the interest of State missions. Mr. William Ellyson, corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, and Rev. C. J. Thompson, the field secretary, will be the principal speakers. A large attendance of the congregations of all the Baptist churches of the city is earnestly desired.

DEATH OF MR. L. C. ANDREWS.

Mr. L. C. Andrews died Friday evening at 7 o'clock, at the residence of Captain T. J. Wright, No. 902 Decatur street, after a long illness. Deceased was aged 33 years. He was a brother-in-law of Captain Wright. He came here from Broadnax, Va. to have an operation performed on him for cancer of the liver. But he was never able to stand the ordeal. He leaves a wife and two small children. The remains were prepared for burial by B. H. Morrisett & Son, and shipped to Brodnax yesterday for burial. This will be to-day.

WITH MAYOR MAURICE.

Mayor Maurice held a session of his tribunal yesterday morning.

Charles Lewis was charged with stealing from the store of S. Ullman's Son. His hearing was continued until to-morrow morning.

Richard Morton, a mean-looking colored man, was charged with beating his mother and sister. His Honor sent Morton to jail for ten days in default of a fine of $2.50.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. Sam. Attkisson is detained at his residence, Nineteenth and Bainbridge streets, by sickness.

Mrs. C. A. Jones, who has been quite ill for the past week, was reported as not so well yesterday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of West-End church will meet Monday evening at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mr. C. A. Raines, opposite the church.

Rev. A. C. Berryman, who has been detained at home by sickness, is able to be out, and will fill his pulpit both morning and night to-day at West-End church.

A meeting of the Light and Ordinance committees of the Council will be held Monday night for the purpose of considering the petition of the Council for a franchise of the proposed gas-plant.

At Central Methodist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a mass-meeting of the Methodist churches of Manchester in the interest of the twentieth century fund. Rev. Dr. S. A. Steel will deliver the address of the evening.

A very enjoyable dance was given Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. W. H. Webb, in Powhatan county. Quite a number of people from Manchester and Richmond were in attendance. Dancing was kept up until morning. An elegant supper was served at 12 o'clock.

Rev. Harry Minnick will preach at the Cowardin-Avenue Christian church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A large attendance of the members is desired.

Mrs. J. C. Donnelly continues very sick at her home, on Perry street.

HOLD FAIR IN THE FALL.

Street-Fair Executive Committee Changes Date of the Carnival.

The Street Fair Executive Committee on yesterday reconsidered the vote fixing the date for the fair, and decided to have the great industrial and spectacular exhibition in the fall. The principal arguments advanced in favor of the fall of the year were that farmers and residents in the country would attend in larger numbers at that season, and that a greater variety and abundance of flowers suitable for decoration would be available.

The meeting was held at 1 o'clock in the Chamber Commerce. Mr. A. H. Meyer (chairman) presided. Mr. H. L. Valentine moved a reconsideration of the vote fixing the date of the fair in the spring. Mr. B. S. Hume, of the Floral Committee, argued for a reconsideration. The vote to reconsider was followed by a motion by Mr. Morgan R. Mills to fix the date in accordance with the wishes of a majority of contributors. Mr. Bryan offered a motion that the one week between September 23d and October 28th be chosen for the fair. The motion was amended so that the extreme dates are September 16th and October 28th. As amended, it was adopted.

Captain John H. Redwood was added to the Committee on Parades, and Mr. G. Watt Taylor to the Executive Committee. Mr. B. Stewart Hume was made chairman of the Floral Committee in place of Mr. W. S. P. Mayo, who declined to serve in that capacity.

PROHIBITIONISTS' CONVENTION.

This Body to Meet Here on Thursday—Meeting Wednesday Night.

The Prohibitionists will hold their State convention in this city on next Thursday. It will be a mass convention of those who propose to support the Prohibition ticket in the next general election. Plans for the campaign will be discussed and arranged, and likely the names for the electoral ticket will be agreed upon and delegates selected for the national convention.

State Chairman W. T. Bundick, of Accomac, will preside. Mr. Bundick has quite a reputation as a temperance orator and has made a successful tour of several States. Among the well-known champions of the Prohibition cause who will be present is Rev. L. A. Cutler, of Louisa, known as one of the ablest and most zealous prohibition advocates in the county.

There will be a public meeting in Smithdeal Hall on Wednesday evening, the 27th, at 8 o'clock, at which Mr. Bundick, and others, will make addresses. The convention will meet in Smithdeal Hall, corner of Ninth and Broad streets.

ACQUIRE JUSTIS ISLAND NOW.

Mayor Signs the Resolution Providing Necessary Purchase Money.

Mayor Richard M. Taylor on yesterday signed the resolution appropriating $26,480 for the acquirement of Justis Island. In accordance with an understanding previously reached, City-Attorney Pollard will shortly institute friendly condemnation proceedings, and when he is satisfied that an absolutely clear title is obtainable will inform the Council, which in turn will direct that the purchase money be paid into the court.

A portion of the property will be sold by the city to the W. R. Trigg Ship-Building Company. The concern needs for its purpose of enlargement about one-third of the island. That portion remaining in the possession of the city will be disposed to the best advantage in carrying out extensive harbor improvements.

Mayor Taylor also signed the Bloomberg resolution, which requires theatres and public halls to be provided with ample means of egress in case of fire.

Frances Willard Commemorative Meeting.

The Woman's Christian Temperance unions hold annual meetings, commemorative of the life and labors of Miss Frances E. Willard, the late leader of the White Ribbon Army. The several unions of this organization in this city will engage in this service on next Thursday afternoon, February 22d, at the residence of Mrs. W. M. Bickers, president of the East-End Union, No. 410 Twenty-seventh street. There will be an address by a prominent minister, essays, and good music.

THE CITY ON THE DAN.

Well-Known and Popular Young Man Killed.

THROWN FROM A VEHICLE

While Trying to Break a Vicious Horse.

HE WAS DRIVING AT NIGHT.

The May Elections—Prospects of a Very Lively Fight—Want Good Roads Into Town—A Street Railway Complication.

DANVILLE, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—Mr. J. Hunter Trotter, book-keeper for a wholesale grocery firm, and a well-known young man, aged about 30, was thrown from a vehicle by a vicious horse about 10 o'clock last night and, apparently, was instantly killed. He was alone, and his body was found an hour later with life extinct and the horse standing quietly over the prostrate form. Mr. Trotter had started out, accompanied by a small negro boy, with the purpose of taming an unmanagable roadster. Soon after starting he lashed the horse, causing the animal to run at a furious gait over rough ground. The stable boy was soon thrown out, but escaped injury, and returned to the stable, ignorant of the accident that occurred soon after his own mishap. Mr. Trotter, not returning, his cousin, Mr. J. E. Swanson, became uneasy and went in search of him. It was he who first learned of the fatality. The body was prepared for burial and sent to Reidsville, N. C., the former home of the deceased, for interment.

Mr. Trotter was an industrious young man, greatly esteemed by his employers and by many friends.

The contest for municipal offices to be filled by the election in May is already on, and promises to be a very spirited one. Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., who was elected Commonwealth's Attorney to succeed the late W. H. Massie, has declined to stand for re-election, preferring to devote himself to his law practice, which is more remunerative than the office. His father, ex-Congressman George C. Cabell, senior member of the firm of Cabell, Cabell & Custer, is now aged and growing infirm. He is in Florida, seeking to recuperate his health. Mr. Thomas Hamlin has announced his candidacy for the Commonwealth's attorneyship, and it is not yet certain that he will be opposed.

Colonel William Rison, though an octogenarian, has announced that he will stand for re-election as Clerk of the Circuit and Corporation courts. There is considerable talk of other candidates. Colonel Rison is the veteran clerk in active service in Virginia. Captain Harry Wooding will be a candidate for re-election to the mayoralty. He, too, will probably be opposed.

The Danville Street-Car Company has discontinued work on its extension in North Danville, owing to legal complications. An old company now has a track on the same street and a franchise, and the city would not mark the line for the new track. Unless the contest over the right of way is ended by concession to the new company, it is improbable that the street railway will be extended to that quarter of the city.

The bill now pending in the Legislature to amend the charter of Danville is designed to permit the city to issue bonds for the improvement of the roads entering the city. In co-operation with the county, it is expected that this will soon be done.

The Ann Eliza Johns Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, gave a successful entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Mary W. Cosby, in aid of the movement to erect a monument to Jefferson Davis.

Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., of Randolph-Macon College, is in the city, and will make several addresses here in the interest of the twentieth century educational fund. Dr. Starr is very popular in this city.

Rev. J. A. Spencer, recently of Manchester, but now pastor of the Disciples' church here, has removed his family to this city, and they are now established on Grove street. On Wednesday evening they were the beneficiaries of a pound or donation party. Mr. Spencer has made an excellent impression in Danville.

Mr. John C. Neal, brother of the Messrs. Neal, of Richmond, and for many years a prominent citizen and auctioneer, is seriously ill at his home, in this city. He is a victim of cancer of the throat, and is probably hopelessly ill.

Snow, the first of the winter here, began falling early this morning, and is now nearly two inches deep.

SHOT BOTH.

A Serious Affair in Dickenson County.

FREELING, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—Your correspondent learns that two of the Newberry boys, who live in the vicinity of Tarpon, in this county, and William Mullins, became involved in a serious altercation a day or two since. It is said that the Newberry boys went to Mullins's place, and he retired into the house, presumably to avoid trouble with them, but they followed him, and cut two women who were in the house rather seriously. Mullins got hold of his gun and shot them both, one in the hip and the other in the arm. Reports are to the effect that they are rather seriously wounded, but little information as to details has been received here.

Matthew Dotson, a farmer of near Clintwood, lost a mule the other day. The animal was taken out of the stable to water, and the creek being frozen, one of its feet broke the ice, and it began to make vigorous efforts to free itself, when its leg was broken and it sustained other injuries, which resulted in its death.

FREDERICKSBURG.

Died in Atlanta—The Snow-Storm—Trains Delayed.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 17.—(Special.)—A telegram received here this evening from Atlanta, Ga., announced the death in that city of Mrs. Virginia Hart, widow of William T. Hart, of this city. Her remains will be brought here for interment.

The snow-storm which began here yesterday morning still continues. To-night a high wind prevails, and street traffic is practically stopped. All trains are also several hours behind time. The storm has resembled very much the blizzard of last year.