AFFAIRS IN MARYLAND

NOMINATIONS FOR CONGRESS ALL GOING A-BEGGING.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 28, 1906.

It will soon be in order for the democratic managers to advertise for candidates to carry the party banner in the congressional fights in the third, fifth and sixth districts of Maryland. Up to the present time it looks as though the nominations would go a-begging. The only activity noticeable is the side-stepping done by gentlemen who have been "mentioned" for what seem to be regarded as empty political honors in the three districts. And the party leaders do not appear to be one whit concerned over this situation. General apathy seems to be in the saddle all over the state, except on the eastern shore, where former Representative Jackson will enter the lists against Thomas A Smith. In that section alone the democrats are active and already are hard at work fixing fences and stringing wires for the campaign next fall. At republican headquarters here the leaders are in a most optimistic frame of mind regarding the approaching campaign and predictions are freely made that the republicans will certainly carry four and possibly five districts this fall.

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The so-called revolt against Bonapartism in Baltimore county has practically petered out, as was forecast in The Star last Sunday. The object of the "revolt," which it is still claimed was inspired by the henchmen of Representative J. F. C. Talbott, was to drive Mr. Robert Garrett from the field as the republican congressional candidate. But the plan fell flat. Mr. C. Ross Mace, who was indorsed for the nomination at the meeting of the "bolsters," has declined to run for Congress and Mr. Garrett during the past week has reaffirmed his willingness to accept the nomination and again wage a campaign against Mr. Talbott. The democrats of the second district realize that they have a hard fight ahead and are resorting to many measures to bring about discord within the ranks of the republican party in Baltimore county. Up to this time all their efforts to sidetrack Mr. Garrett have failed, and it now seems certain that the well-known young banker-politician will receive a unanimous noniation when the convention meets.

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Much interest is being manifested here over the probable outcome of the charges preferred by the Secretary of the Treasury against David E. Dick, deputy surveyor of the port of Baltimore. The charges are neglect of duty and continued absence from his office and for introducing two men as secret service operatives, knowing them not to be such. Mr. Dick warmly resents the charges, says they are part of an intimidation scheme and that he is being persecuted because he supported Lloyd Lowndes and opposed Col. Pearre in the recent primaries in the sixth congressional district. "You can say for me," said Deputy Dick, "that threats were made against me by some politicians, presumably high in the councils of the republican party, prior to June 30, the date of the Allegany primaries. I was informed through the same sources that there had been some complaints against me, but that if I would support Col. Pearre I would not be disturbed in my office. This I could not manfully do, and smarting under the treachery to which I was subjected in the state senatorial campaign last November my sole duty was to support Lloyd Lowndes and this course I pursued. I have performed my duty as deputy surveyor to the best of my ability. I fear no charges of any kind whatsoever, and I care not who in the state of Maryland inspires them."

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At a meeting of the Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association held here this week it was decided to make vigorous efforts to improve the quality and increase the price of tobacco planted in Maryland. A new set of by-laws were adopted, under which any person interested in the cultivation of Maryland tobacco may become a member of the association on the acceptance of his name by the secretary and treasurer, the membership fee to be fifty cents a year. The by-laws provide, however, that only bona-fide tobacco growers shall be elected to office in the organization. It was also decided that one meeting shall be held each year in the counties which the following directors represent: W. Frank Chancy, Anne Arundel; Elisha E. Berry, Prince George; Philip Briscoe, Calvert; J. J. Jenkins, Charles, and G. T. Hutchins, St. Mary. The possibilities of Maryland for raising tobacco have never been fully exploited, because the low price it brought did not make it profitable for farmers to experiment. Owing to the great diversity of the soil in southern Maryland the United States Department of Agriculture has made a recent study of its possibilities and the results in this line promise much, if raising high-grade tobacco can be made profitable to the farmer in that vicinity. Great interest is being taken in the matter by producers of southern Maryland and excellent results are anticipated from the coming campaign.

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A letter has been received by Mayor Timanus from Marshall O. Leighton, chief of the hydrographic bureau of the United States geographic survey, and Horatio N. Parker of the same bureau, asking that they be allowed to work in conjunction with the local sewerage commission during the carrying out of the extensive plans mapped out for installing the city's sewerage system. The letter set forth that Messrs. Leighton and Parker desire to make an exhaustive study of the effect of the effluent from the city sewage upon fish, oyster and other marine life in the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries. In discussing the request the mayor said that the sewerage engineers and experts having the work in charge are confident that the effluent will be perfectly clean, clear water and that there will be no effect whatever on the food products in Maryland waters. The mayor, however, will welcome the federal officials, as he is confident that an official report by United States government experts would go far in silencing the opposition to the city's plans which was raised by certain interests on the ground that very great damage would be done to the vast oyster interests of the state in the Chesapeake bay.

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As the result of the necessity to employ unusual methods to accomplish an orderly legal execution of William Lee, the negro convicted of felonious assault upon two women in Somerset county, the next legislature will be called upon to pass a law designating some central point in the state where capital punishment shall be inflicted for crimes committed throughout Maryland. Gov. Warfield is heartily in favor of such a plan, which also has the indorsement of many state's attorneys throughout the commonwealth. It is argued that executions in the counties attract morbid crowds and are always accompanied by more or less disorder. The case of Isaac Winder is also cited as another argument in favor of a change in the law. When he was executed at Towson last May a mob tore down the fence surrounding the jail yard and thousands of men, women and even children witnessed the demoralizing spectacle of the negro fighting with his executioners on the scaffold. In view of these recent events the governor has practically decided upon one change. At present it is customary for the governor to set the date for the execution of a murderer at least a month in advance. In the future the death warrants will command that the condemned man shall pay the penalty on some day between the 1st and 15th or the 30th of the month, as the case may be. The exact date will then only be made known by the sheriff to the legal witnesses of the execution and members of the press.

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"It is our plan to run the first electric train between Washington and Baltimore on July 4 next and to make the starting of the intercity service a gala event," said Mr. C. K. Gladfelter, an official of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis railway, to The Star correspondent today. "The construction work is progressing as rapidly as possibly, about 70 per cent of the grading now being completed and seven miles of tracks laid. By the middle of next week there will be two steam shovels in operation, one excavating in the vicinity of Odenton and the other at Westport, where the line will enter the city. We now have on hand about 2,500 tons of steel rails and there will be no delay in the delivery of the steel for bridge construction over the county roads and streams. Our engineers after a careful survey of the work report that the line will be ready for operation on July 1, which is two weeks earlier than was calculated when the work of building the road was begun. We are calculating on running express trains at the maximum speed of sixty-five miles and give the traveling public of Washington and Baltimore the best service ever enjoyed between the two cities. No, the schedule of rates has not been decided upon, but the matter has been informally discussed. Yes, we will sell commutation and excursion tickets just as the steam railroads with which we will be in competition and a fifteen-minute schedule will be put in operation between the two cities. It is our plan to run express trains from the heart of Baltimore to the Treasury Department in Washington in less than an hour." J. M. D.

NEWS FROM LAUREL.

Arrangements for State Prohibition Convention—General Matters.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

LAUREL, Md., July 27, 1906.

Mr. E. J. Walter, a merchandise broker, died yesterday at a sanitarium located near here, where he has been suffering from heart trouble and nervous prostration for several months past. Thirty years ago he entered business for himself. He was about fifty years of age and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Walter; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Walter; two brothers, Messrs. Charles J. Walter, sr., and George W. Walter, and a sister, Mrs. Oscar Weems, all of Baltimore. The body was forwarded to Baltimore today, where the funeral services will be held.

The Laurel Volunteer fire company No. 3 has arranged to give a moonlight trolley party to Luna Park Tuesday, August 14.

Messrs. William E. Padgett and Charles Whitmore have leased the bakery formerly owned by August Ludtke, and are operating the plant.

The Sunday school of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church will give an excursion to River View next Friday.

Mrs. Ulysses Arnett Clayton of Fairmont, W. Va., left yesterday, after a visit of several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kelley, near Laurel. Mrs. Clayton was accompanied by her mother, who will spend the remainder of the summer months at the former's cottage at Mountain Lake Park, Md.

The picnic given by the Laurel base ball club on Wednesday was a very successful affair. Music was furnished by the Laurel Military Band.

Mr. Findley C. Hendrickson, state chairman of the prohibition party, has issued a call for a state convention of that party at Laurel September 12. Preparations are being made for the convention, which will be held in the Academy of Music on Washington avenue. Mr. William E. Gilbert, the prohibition mayor of Laurel, will deliver the address of welcome, and some speakers of national reputation have promised to be present. One of the featuures will be a trolley ride for all the delegates to Washington. As Laurel several months ago voted against permitting saloons within the city limits and elected a full ticket pledged to prohobition, its selection as the meeting place is regarded as highly fitting. A large number of delegates from all over the state are expected to attend.

CHILDREN BITTEN BY DOG.

Animal Killed and Body Sent to Baltimore for Examination.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

HYATTSVILLE, July 28, 1906.

Elsie, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Casey, and her six-year-old sister, Teresa, were bitten by a small pet dog belonging to the Casey household today about noon, while the family was at luncheon. Elsie was bitten in the leg and Teresa, in attempting to drive the dog away, was bitten in the hip. The skin was broken in both instances.

It is feared the animal had rabies, and it was killed. The body was sent to the Pasteur Institute, Baltimore, for examination. The children's wounds were cauterized by Drs. Perry, Willis and Birdsall, and nothing further will be done until the result of the animal's malady is known.

It is reported that a mad dog in the neighborhood of Branchville recently bit several dogs and cows, and it is feared that Mr. Casey's dog might have been bitten by the same animal.

DOWN AT POINT PLEASANT.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

POINT PLEASANT, N. J., July 28, 1906.

One of the novelties of summer entertainments here was a baby party which a number of young women held at the Pine Bluff Inn the other night. The participants all dressed in infants clothing, or at least the smallest clothes they could wear, cut and fashioned after the manner of those worn by the extremely young. Miss Summerville represented a French baby and Miss Juhring, a Japanese baby.

A card party at the Leighton on Thursday entertained upward of forty people. The handsome prizes were won by Miss A. Phelan, Miss D. W. Arrison, William E. Wert and Charles Wilder.

Guests of this hotel held a shore dinner at Scottie's, on Shark river, Belmar, a few nights ago. They were served with a delicious clambake.

A card party at the Pine Bluff Inn this week resulted in prizes being won by W. F. Juhring, Miss Elizabeth Summerville, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence and Theodore Todd. The guests of this house also enjoyed a clambake this week.

A tennis tournament was brought to a conclusion at the Leighton courts early in the week. A racket was won by Mrs. Fred Hillier and Mrs. Margaret Fren was also a prize winner.

At the Warwick Arms one of the largest dances of the season is planned for this evening. Invitations have been sent out to all the guests of other hotels and cottages hereabouts.

There was a delightful dance early in the week at the Leighton.

Washington is represetned at the Warwick Arms by Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ryle, Lawrence Ryle and Miss Elizabeth Ryle. They have come for an indefinite stay.

The Pine Bluff Inn is entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Cummings of Washington.

Among the late arrivals at the Leighton include Mrs. James D. Wright, who registers from Washington.

AT SEA GIRT, N. J.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

SEA GIRT, N. J., July 28, 1906.

The 5th Regiment of New Jersey has not had many chances of welcoming the sun this week, and has been having a hard time of it on water-soaked grounds. The soldiers here have grumbled very much on account of the unfavorable weather, and it has put a quietus upon much of the social life of the camp. A few parties have gotten away to Asbury Park and other nearby resorts, but all appetite for such larks has for the most part been lacking.

At the hotels there have been many little social affairs, smacking of interest to the soldier boys. A card party was held at the Parker house the other day. An automobile party from the Parker House went to Barnegat Bay Thursday. They got a yacht at Barnegat and spent the day fishing, returning home with a catch of a hundred. Croquet has again interested a large party of adult vacationists at the Tremont.

Registered at the Parker House from Washington are Mrs. Thomas D. Dowling and Mrs. Joseph T. Elbertson. They have come for the remainder of the season.

The register at the Tremont contains the signatures of a number of Washington residents. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. George O. Shaw, who have registered for a month's stay.

Rout of Pretender's Forces Confirmed.

MELLILLA, Morocco, July 28.—The rout of the pretender's forces, under Caid Azus, is confirmed. Among the killed was a son of one of the pretender's chiefs. The sultan's troops captured the entire camp of the rebels, including their artillery. The caid escaped and sought refuge at Zeulan. The pretender personally assumed command of his remaining forces and ordered his followers among the Gehlaya tribes to join him in avenging the defeat. Signal fires are observable along the extended front of the pretender's forces. Another engagement is expected to take place soon.

IN THE OLD DOMINION

NEGROES PLAN TO NAME CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

RICHMOND, Va., July 28, 1906.

The republicans of this district are preparing to renew the war which has been carried on for the past two or three years. In the past it has been the office-holders against the disappointed office-seekers. This time it is the office-holders arrayed against the "outs," and the negroes against both the white factions. The negroes appear to be determined to show the strength of the republicans in the district, claiming that they do nine-tenths of the voting and the whites get all the offices. In the campaign for governor last fall the negroes in the cities held aloof from the polls, and the result was that the republican vote fell off almost 50 per cent.

The negroes are said to be preparing to hold a convention to nominate a candidate for Congress and let the "lily whites" do the same. The white republicans—those affiliated with the "ins"—are to hold a meeting here August 2 to determine whether a candidate shall be placed in the field for Congress. The meeting is called for the purpose of debating the question. It looks now as though George A. Hanson, a lawyer, will be offered the nomination and will make the race. He is well known and stands well.

In the fifth district the republicans are making good their claim to put up a man in opposition to Judge E. W. Saunders of Franklin, who has been nominated by the democrats. Dr. John Simmons of Martinsville has been placed in the field and will make an active campaign. He is a practicing physician, popular, and is generally esteemed. Judge Saunders will retire from the bench August 1, and will go at once into the fight for the seat which was filled for many years by Gov. Swanson. Senator Garrett of Henry county, who was in the city a day or two ago, says that while Dr. Simmons is a strong man and one of the best the republicans could find, he will not carry his own county in opposition to Judge Saunders. Gov. Swanson, always a power in that district, has announced his intention of supporting Judge Saunders, and will make a canvass of the district during the fall.

Gen. Rufus A. Ayers of the ninth district, on whom the democrats were relying to stand for Congress in opposition to Representative Slemp, has finally determined not to enter the contest. The democrats will hold a convention at Bristol August 16 to name a candidate, and at this time it looks as though Judge Duncan of Lee county will get the honor. Politicians from that section of the state say that the democrats are united and are pulling together this year, a thing which they have not done since Representative Rhea was defeated by Gen. Walker. It is contended that the chances are exceptionally good for the democrats to take the scalp of Col. Slemp this fall, and all the party machinery is to be centered in that effort. In the meantime Col. Slemp is organizing his forces and getting ready for the fray.

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The contest between Col. Joseph Button, elected to the office of state insurance commissioner by the general assembly, and the state corporation commission, which body declined to allow him to qualify, alleging that there was uncertainty as to what power should name the commissioner, is attracting much attention. The supreme court will hold a special term here Tuesday to take up the case on mandamus proceedings to compel the commission to allow Col. Button to qualify. There comes an interesting phase of the matter. The attorney general is the legal adviser of the governor and has to defend the acts of the general assembly. The election of Col. Button was an act of the general assembly. The constitution at the same time makes the attorney general counsel for the corporation commission in all cases of appeal from the decisions of that body. It is difficult to see just how the attorney general will be able to represent both sides of the controversy at the same time. The commission has not announced who would represent it in the court proceedings. From all that can be learned at this time the attorney general will hold hands off and let the commission select counsel and represent itself as may seem best.

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At last the debates of the constitutional convention, which completed its labors and adjourned more than four years ago, are ready for delivery to the surviving members of that body. There are two volumes of the debates, and each member of the convention is to receive two copies. All the state institutions, libraries and courts are to receive copies, and several sets are to be placed on sale. The price of the valumes has not yet been fixed, the secretary of the commonwealth to have the matter in charge.

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The chamber of commerce has employed Allen Caperton Braxton to represent that body and the business men of the city in the matter of coal rates over the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. The contention is that the manufacturers of this city are discriminated against by the company, and that coal is delivered for less at other points, necessitating longer hauls, than it is in this city. Mr. Braxton is now in charge of the freight rate hearings before the corporation commission, in which all the railroads of the state are defendants. The hearing has been on now for more than six weeks, and as yet only two of the roads have been heard.

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The first of the English farm laborers sent here by Commissioner G. W. Koiner of the Agricultural Department, who is now in England, arrived here the last week. They are men of unusual intelligence, and come here to work on farms and to make their homes here. They say they want several years' experience, and that it is their desire to own lands and to farm for themselves after they have gotten familiar with conditions. The men say they have no intention of accepting the conditions and mode of living practiced by the negro farm laborers, but are willing and anxious to get to work. They are ready to do any sort of farm labor, and demand only decent wages and comfortable accommodations and fare. They say that several thousand laborers will come here if they are able to get work and earn enough to enable them to get homes of their own after they have "served their apprenticeship" and shown themselves to be good citizens. Among the applicants for work here, in response to Mr. Koiner's efforts in England, is a woman who desires a position as barmaid or waitress. She has not been engaged.

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Several days ago a man giving his name as Burt Frank, claiming to be from St. Louis, appeared in this city and began a systematic tour of the dental offices of the city. He was buying old gold from the practitioners, and was doing a thriving business. He carried his own scales, and in them he made his own weights. They were short nearly half a pennyweight in each pennyweight. A piece of gold was tested, and whereas at a jeweler's the weight was found to be eighteen pennyweight, by the scales of the purchaser only eleven could be found. The man was arrested and bailed for his appearance. When the case was called in the Police Court the man failed to show up, and his bond was forfeited. It is believed that he went to Baltimore from this city.

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Gov. Swanson has accepted the invitation of the committee on plan and scope of the reception to be given William Jennings Bryan when he arrives in New York. The invitation came to the governor from Lewis Nixon. Gov. Swanson served in Congress with Mr. Bryan, and is a close personal friend of the Nebraska statesman. The governor, in accepting, said that it would afford him very great pleasure to attend and to do all he could to honor his old friend and former colleague in Congress.

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The State Bar Association will hold its annual meeting August 7 to 9 at Hot Springs. So far about 200 members have signified their intention to attend. The program arranged is for addresses by several members of the state bar and by distinguished jurists of other states. All the railroads of the state have given a special rate to the meeting, and it is expected that at least 500 lawyers will be on hand.

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Henrico farmers are puzzled over the appearance of an immense bug in the lower end of the county, which is said to be attacking the growing crops and destroying them. The bug is about two inches long, an inch wide, has a hard shell and is a yellow-brown in appearance. It has two horns immediately on the front of its head, semi-circular and very hard. The bugs were placed in a cigar box, and in their efforts to get out they had torn the paper lining almost entirely away. They have been sent to the entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, for classification.

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Gov. Swanson has received from Mrs. C. B. Surgent, Bordeaux, France, $500, which is to be used to pay for paintings by John Linton Chapman, and which are to be presented to the state. Chapman was a New York artist of note, and his brother, C. W. Chapman, is desirous of having all his paintings placed in the state library.

It is understood that Gov. Swanson will appoint Former Senator B. J. Harvey of Patrick, judge of the eighth circuit, to succeed Judge E. W. Saunders, a candidate for Congress.

State Senator William Shands, who came here on business a few days ago, is very ill with typhoid fever at the Virginia Hospital.

William Ford, colored, is under arrest at Danville on the charge of attempted criminal assault on Mrs. F. A. Sides several days ago. Several ladies have appeared to make complaints against the man, saying he has been acting indecently near their homes for some time, and making suggestive remarks.

The tobacco farmers of Pittsylvania are declaring that they will not sell a pound of tobacco in the warehouses controlled by the trust, but will "dry-prize" and hold it till they get a fair price. In many sections of the county picnics are being held, and the farmers are standing solid to fight the tobacco trust.

AT FREDERICKSBURG

EXERCISES AT CLOSING OF STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 28, 1906.

The state Summer Normal School, which has been in session in this city for the past month, closed yesterday with informal exercises. Mr. E. H. Russell, who has had charge of the school, made an address expressing his gratification at the good work done by the teachers and instructors during the session. Mr. H. L. Bridges, superintendent of the public schools of Gloucester county, presented a set of resolutions, thanking the instructors and teachers for their efforts and thanking Dr. J. W. Rosbro for allowing the free use of the Fredericksburg College building, in which the sessions were held. He also highly commended the citizens of this place for their hospitality to the visitors. Prof. J. P. Neff, president of Lafayette College, Alabama, in behalf of the instructors and teachers, presented Conductor Russell with a handsome bookcase in appreciation of his work done during the school term.

Prof. Wm. Thornton, of the University of Virginia, delivered a lecture on the subject of "The Conditions of Southern Literature" Thursday night in the study hall of Fredericksburg College.

The town was in total darkness Friday night, the trouble being caused by damage to the city electrical plant by the heavy storm which passed over this city earlier in the evening.

Crissy Chilton, the five-year-old son of Ernest Chilton, had its lower lip bitten off by a horse some days ago on the farm of Mr. Whit D. Peyton, in Stafford county. The child was brought to this city, where medical attention was rendered.

Much disorder occurred Thursday evening on the special excursion train over the Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont railroad en route to this city from the Orange horse show. The trouble began among several youngsters soon after leaving Orange. A free fight ensued, the train crew being unable to separate the combatants. Arriving at their destination the fight was resumed on the platform of the station, when pistols were brought into action. One bullet passed through one of the windows of the cars and narrowly missed several of the passengers. Arrests are expected to follow.

FLOOD AT WINCHESTER.

Followed a Cloudburst—Great Damage to Property.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

WINCHESTER, Va., July 28, 1906.

A flood following a cloudburst, surpassing the heavy rains in this section on the same day as the Johnstown flood in May, 1888, swept through the downtown business part of Winchester yesterday afternoon and caused damages which will approximate at least $5,000, in addition to flooding scores of cellars and ground floors. It was the worst flood in the history of Winchester, and while no more than three inches of rain fell, the precipitation was confined to this immediate section, and the people here received the cloudburst in full. Water street, which extends from east to west through the city, was converted into a raging torrent.

Business men in Water street suffered great damage by water, and in the turbulent stream could be seen many watermelons, canteloupes and green groceries of all kinds and descriptions, while small boys, in their efforts to grab some of the melons, were caught in swift currents. They were rescued by policemen and others. The first floor of the post office building, corner of Market and Water streets, was flooded, and Postmaster Kern's office force was ready at a moment's notice to move mail matter and furniture higher up, which, however, did not become necessary. Printers in the Evening News-Item building next door, in order to get out Friday's paper, worked in water up to their knees, while employes of various other establishments labored in like manner.

At the Winchester water works, situated along the town run a mile south of the city, Engineer Carroll Carver was compelled to shut down the engines and pumps when the rushing water flooded the ground floor to the height of twelve inches on the big flywheels. The reservoir, being nearly full, prevented a water famine among the inhabitants.

SUIT OVER GAS WELL LEASE.

Damages Awarded in Peculiar Case in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 28.—Damages to the amount of $10,000, instead of $1,069,813 recommended by the master commissioner, were awarded today by United States Judge Thompson in a peculiar suit over a gas well near Bellefontaine, Ohio. The Logan Natural Gas and Fuel Company leased the well from a man named Conrad, who, when he found that after four years the well was not used, leased to the Great Southern Gas and Fuel Company, believing that the first lease had been abandoned.

The Logan company then began to use the well and used it for five years, gas being taken into its pipes with that from numerous other wells. The Great Southern sued for an injunction against the Logan company. The injunction was secured, as well as an order for an accounting for the gas used.

The master commissioner held that the defendant, having mingled the output of various wells so that division was impossible must pay as damages the value of the total output of all the wells. The federal court, however, held that the Logan company had not acted maliciously, but according to what it believed was its right.

The court therefore put the damages at the figure estimated for the output of the one well in question, at the same time declaring that the well belonged to the Great Southern company.

Terrific Storm in Western Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 28.—A special from Birdsland, in Renville county, says: "A terrific storm passed here yesterday afternoon. Many think that there was a tornado near here, but as telephone and telegraph wires are out of order no news is obtainable. Many small buildings in town were blown down."

NEWS OF CHAUTAUQUA

HAPPENINGS AT NEW YORK RESORT DURING THIS WEEK.

Prominent Clergymen Delivered Lectures—Some Washington People Who Are There—Notes.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CHAUTAUQUA, July 28.—Two of the greatest of oratorios were rendered at Chautauqua this week under the direction of Mr. Alfred Hallam. "The Elijah" was sung Monday night and "The Messiah" Friday night by a chorus of 500 voices, together with the soloists, Mrs. Genieve Clark Wilson of Chicago, soprano; Miss Clara Taylor of Pittsburg, second soprano; Miss Genieve Wheat of Pittsburg, contralto; Mr. Cecil James, tenor, and Mr. Frank Croxton, basso. In the opinion of competent musical critics these were the most finished productions yet given at Chautauqua, and indicated that the season of 1906 will be the high-water mark in Chautauqua music. The climax will come on August 4, at which time Rossini's great oratorio, "Moses in Egypt," will be presented. This oratorio is arranged for nine soloists, and in order to secure this unprecedented number the singers for the first period have been engaged to remain until after this performance, combining with the singers of the second period, and including with them one of the faculty of the music school already on the grounds. On account of the length of the oratorio, which Director Hallam is reluctant to cut, the first part of the oratorio will be given in the great amphitheater between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and the remainder of the program will follow at 8 in the evening. This is the most ambitious work ever attempted at Chautauqua.

President Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee Institute addressed a Chautauqua audience of 8,000 people on Sunday afternoon upon "The Education of the Negro." He made a strong plea that neither the white people nor the negro of the south should be judged by their worst types, but that both should be judged by their best. "It is only the stories of crime and passion, manifested by the lower elements in both races, that are telegraphed throughout the country. We hear of the fiendish assaults, the low lust, the mobs and the lynching, but we never hear of the educated, cultured, industrious negro and the great majority of the southern whites who are working earnestly for the uplifting of the negroes and the solution of the problem of the two races." The audience was in evident sympathy with President Washington's sentiment and several thousand people insisted upon having an opportunity to shake hands with him at the close of the address. Before leaving Chautauqua he spoke to several hundred negroes in Higgins Hall and urged them to be industrious, to keep away from the cities and to learn agriculture and work a farm as the only means of making themselves and their race respected.

Under the captaincy of Otto F. Monahab, the Chautauqua base ball team is having an unbroken series of victories, having defeated the Prospects of Buffalo, Jamestown Y. M. C. A., the Pleasantville semi-professionals and the Collins Center nine. The first of these was the only one scoring against the locals, the Buffalonians securing one lone run. Among the members of this year's Chautauqua team are such well-known college athletes as Sharpe and Rockwell of Yale, Whittemore of Brown, Parry of Chicago, Bender of Nebraska and Wallace of Dartmouth. Capt. Monahan would be glad to arrange games with any New York state teams.

Dr. Hillis Speaks.

Rev. Dr. Howard Dwight Hillis, successor to Henry Ward Beecher in the pastorate of the Plymouth Church of Brooklyn, has been the principal speaker at Chautauqua during music week, conducting the devotional hours each morning and giving a popular lecture in the afternoon. In his lecture of Thursday Dr. Hillis particularly discussed the present-day industrial situation, arguing that the trade unions should forthwith fully recognize the right of non-union men to work, and the great corporations should be placed on basis of absolute integrity and fair dealing, if the whole industrial fabric is not ta be demolished by the persistent attacks of the state socialists.

The annual tennis tournament will take place during the week of August 5-11, and will bring together some of the best racquet experts in the east. Inquiries and entries should be addressed to the Chautauqua Athletic Club.

The old picket fence, which was a distinctive feature of early Chautauqua, is giving way to a new and more artistic fence of wrought iron. Thirteen hundred feet of the new fence is already in position and the cottagers and others are subscribing the necessary funds to complete the line along the entire length of the highway boundary.

Chautauquans are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Dr. S. C. Schumaker of Westchester Normal School, who will deliver a series of interesting nature study talks on the Chautauqua platform on July 30, 31 and August 1, 3 and 4. Dr. Schumaker has a wide fund of knowledge in connection with his subject and an unequaled charm in the popular presentation of genuinely scientific knowledge. His audiences are always large and always increase as his series continues.

Water base ball has become popular at Chautauqua. A series of platforms have been erected in about four feet of water in front of the athletic club. The game is played with a rubber ball and light bat and forms an exciting afternoon diversion.

The entire collection of the world-famous Tissot pictures illustrating the Old Testament are on exhibition at Chautauqua throughout the season. In order to produce these, Tissot found it necessary to study the Jew and the Arab at home in Palestine and in the desert, and he spared no pains to gather every detail of scenery of types of character and of architecture that his pictures might be as nearly true as possible. His interpretations of the Bible are reverent, but individual. The opportunity to see at first hand the results of his enormous labors has never been equaled at Chautauqua.

Perhaps the strongest lecture combination ever offered at any American assembly is that for the week of August 5-11 at Chautauqua, including Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, Mr. Edward Howard Griggs, Bishop John H. Vincent, Prof. S. H. Clark, Prof. F. H. Green and Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

The annual baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle will be preached by Bishop John H. Vincent on Sunday, August 12. On Wednesday, August 15, is Recognition day and the graduating exercises of the class of 1906 of the C. L. S. C. will be held.

The Recognition day address will be by Edward Howard Griggs on "Public Education and the Problem of Democracy." On Recognition day will also take place the formal dedication of the new hall of philosophy.

The first reception to the members of the C. L. S. C. was held in the parlors of the Athaeneum Hotel Thursday evening at 9:15 o'clock. The class of 1910 recently organized for the four years' course of study was represented by Mrs. Thomas MacMillan of Mobile, Ala., in the line of class officers.

Mr. N. J. Corey of Detroit, Mich., has given a series of entertaining and instructive lectures in the amphitheater on the different composers, and their greatest productions, illustrating the latter by means of the talking machine. The selections, including arias and ballads, duets, solos and trios, from the Metropolitan opera singers, were heard to good advantage, and added much to the pleasure of the hour.

Mr. Carey W. Hartman, manager of the troupe of Indians who are presenting the drama of "Hiawatha," in the park near Jamestown, N. Y., brought his braves, squaws and papooses to Chautauqua for a short visit Wednesday. They attracted much attention because of their native costumes.

Rev. Martha A. Bortel, a Universalist minister of Washington, D. C., who has made herself very popular because of her bright comments upon all subjects at the Woman's Club, gave a most interesting talk on the "Sunny Side of life" at Higgins' hall one afternoon last week, and preached at the Unitarian headquarters on Sunday morning, July 22.

The Woman's Club meets in the Hall of Philosophy every morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. B. T. Vincent is president and presides in a most gracious way. Dr. Bainbridge of New York city, who spends most of the season on the grounds, addressed the four hundred women on "Home Sanitation" one morning last week. Mrs Topping, a missionary from Japan, spoke of the eagerness with which the women of that country are responding to the stimulus of western thought and methods. A young Japanese lady who is studying here made a short but interesting speech.

Washington Visitors.

The following Washington people have registered during the past week:

Mrs. Ellen K. Hooker, Miss Agnes Hooker, Mrs. Cora V. Miller, Annette Searle Miller, Mrs. B. A. Allen, Mr. G. W. Lullinger, Mr. Wm. G. Foote, Mr. Leland C. Snow, Miss Judith L. Steele and Miss Rice of the Fairmount Seminary.

IN THE BERKSHIRES.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

LENOX, Mass, July 27, 1906.

A week of unusually warm weather has resulted in a quiet week at Lenox. It is not often that Berkshire is troubled with humidity for any length of time, but the past week has been an exception, so much so that people have abandoned all that called for physical or mental effort and have politely and conventionally loafed. The opening of the Aspinwall Boat Club the last of the week was most timely. The many guests at Hotel Aspinwall have the common love of boating, and literally panted for an opportunity to enjoy aquatic diversions. They welcomed, therefore, the announcement that the boat house on the shores of Laurel Lake was to be opened and went down en masse to help the thing along. It is a drive of about four miles over a smooth state road, and the location of the boat house is ideal. It sits in a grove just at the water's edge, and it is seldom indeed that one fails here to find a refreshing breeze. The hotel four-in-hand was loaded with the children and the young people, while carriages and automobiles transferred the older guests. The party had a delightful afternoon. There are numerous fine boats at the place, every accommodation for fishing and bathing, and these were taken full advantage of. Lunch was served, and the guests were very much pleased at this addition to the attractions of the hotel.

Secretary and Mrs. Bonaparte are spending their time very quietly at this hotel. Last Sunday morning the Secretary attended services at the modest little Catholic church at the foot of the hill, ten minutes' walk from the hotel, and Mrs. Bonaparte was driven down town and attended the service at Trinity, the fashionable Episcopal church at which most of the cottagers are attendants. The Seretary is getting a fine rest and his wife is feeling the benefit of the higher altitude. They drive every day and are fast becoming familiar with all the region round about Lenox, a region of which both are very fond.

Friends of Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, are joking him over the cricket situation here. In both of the games in which Sir Mortimer has participated his team has been beaten, although it was in no way his fault, as he played fine cricket each time. Last Saturday the South Berkshire team played against the North Berkshire team, and Sir Mortimer was to have captained the former team. For some reason he did not play, and the team won in one of the closest and hardest fought contests ever seen on a Berkshire cricket field. Sir Mortimer is told that he was the Jonah that caused the two previous defeats—a joke which he takes with characteristic good nature. He avers, however, that he will break the spell of the hoodoo the next time he leads his team upon the field. He will probably play with the Lenox team Saturday afternoon in the game with the team from "Elm Court," Mr. William D. Sloane's estate. Mrs. Edward R. Wharton, the writer of the famous book "The House of Mirth," is much interested in cricket, and has offered handsome prizes for the best batting and bowling averages for the club for the entire season. Sir Mortimer stands an excellent chance of winning one, if not both, of the tropies.

Lenox society will turn out in force Saturday evening and pay $3 a seat—a Bernhardt price—to witness a vaudeville entertainment arranged by Mrs. Griswold of New York for the benefit of Miss Folsom's Mountain View Farm for Convalescents. It was suggested at first that the price of the tickets be placed at $5, and all the ladies on the committee, with one exception, favored it. The exception ruled, and the price was lowered. It might just as well have remained at the higher figure, for society would have paid just as readily, the home being a pet charity. Many prominent society people are to take part, and an original as well as very interesting program has been arranged.

Mr. John Hall McKay of New York is playing Lord Bountiful to the many children at the Hotel Aspinwall. He took them over to the Lebanon Shakers on the hotel coach the other day and gave them a delightful time among the quaint people of that region. Wednesday he chartered the parlor car of the Berkshire street railway and packed it with happy little ones. All sorts of refreshments were carried along, and the children were given a trip to North Adams, at the north end of Berkshire, where lunch was enjoyed at one of the hotels. The children of former Attorney General Griggs have been among Mr. Hall's guests on both occasions.

Much attention is being given to golf both at Lenox and Stockbridge just at present, because of the approach of the tournaments, which come early in September. The game cannot be said to have been as popular as in former years, but this week has seen a marked revival of interest. There are many good players among the cottagers, and they are practicing assiduously in anticipation of the tournament. Both clubs offer very handsome trophies and there is the additional incentive of beating out their friends. The illness of Dr. Charles McBurney of Stockbridge has seriously interfered with the game there this summer, as he has long been the moving spirit of the local club. Dr. McBurney was one of the physicians called to attend the late President McKinley at Buffalo, and is known the country over as one of the leading surgeons of America. His son Malcolm, who has held the golf championship of the county for several years, is not playing this season, being engaged in study.

Mrs. Edwards, wife of Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards of Washington, was the hostess at a dinner given a few evenings since at the Hotel Aspinwall. Dinner was served under subdued lights in the private dining room, the table decorations being scarlet geraniums. Mrs. Edwards' guests were Mrs. Giraud Foster, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Eustace Jaques, Mr. Grenville Winthrop, Mr. Havemith, Miss Kate Cary and Miss Amy Varnum.

Mr. John W. Griggs, former Attorney General, returned from Canada this week and is with his family at the Hotel Aspinwall. He has spent two weeks salmon fishing and reports a very delightful trip.

Gen. A. E. Bates of Washington arrived in Berkshire the last of the week and joined his wife at their villa at Windsor.

AVON-BY-THE-SEA.

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AVON-BY-THE-SEA, N. J., July 28, 1906.

The Saturday night hops here are looked forward to as the chief social recreative period of the week, and not only guests of the hostelries, but as full a representation from the cottage colonies attend. One of the large balls of the summer will be held tonight at the Avon Inn.

The children of the inn held a card party Thursday; and a tally-ho party went out last night to Allenhurst.

Prize winners at a Buckingham card party Thursday included Mi