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THE CASE OF JOHN E. POINDEXTER. It will be remembered that John E. Poindexter killed Chas. C. Curtis in Richmond on the 3rd of March last, by shooting him five times with a pistol, and that in the trial of the case in the Hustings Court of Richmond, Judge Christian presiding, he was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to the penitentiary for the term of two years, and that, on exceptions taken to the ruling of Judge Christian, the case was taken before the Supreme Court of Virginia. On Thursday last, the decision of that court was rendered—Judge Monroe delivering the opinion sustaining Judge Christian in every point, so that the verdict of the jury in the Hustings Court will stand, and Poindexter will be required to serve two years in the penitentiary, unless his punishment shall be commuted by the Executive to imprisonment in jail, as his friends are circulating petitions for signature for him to do.

EX-GOV. SEYMOUR ANSWERS A QUESTION.—A correspondent, who recently visited Ex-Gov. Seymour, says he put the following question to him: "Suppose, Governor, when our convention shall meet and the democracy of the United States, after comparing views, should find that you are not only the choice of the democracy for President, and you should be nominated unanimously—you would not refuse the nomination?" To this question Mr. Seymour is represented as responding, without hesitation, as follows: "I would not do for me to say now that I would refuse the nomination under such circumstances, for if I did it might be claimed I despaired of the success of my party in advance, and thus an injury might be done, should some one else be nominated."

ACCIDENT IN GREENSBORO, VA.—We learn from the Greensboro Independent, that, on Sunday last week, Dr. Robert McChesney of Lewisburg was thrown from his horse and injured. "It seems that the Doctor was riding his horse to water, and when turning the corner at the Market house, near the county jail, his saddle girth broke, the horse became frightened and threw him with great force to the ground, upon a pile of rocks, rendering him insensible for some time. Fortunately he escaped with a few bruises and a severe shock to his system. He is now able to be about again and to attend to his professional duties."

MURDER IN WASHINGTON CITY.—On last Wednesday night, in Washington City, Geo. Phillip Hirth was murdered on the street by four negroes and his person robbed. A lady saw the negroes beating him, but it was too dark for her to recognize them. Hirth was a moral young man. He was supposed generally to carry money with him, though that night he left it all but some change, several dollars, at his store. The police, have suspicion, and think they will be able to secure the murderers.

SCIDUE OF A MILLIONAIRE.—On Tuesday morning last, Leonard Case, a wealthy merchant of Cleveland, Ohio, was found under circumstances which indicated that he committed suicide. He was found lying on the floor and near by was a saucer which contained chloroform. Case was a bachelor, nearly 80 years of age, and was worth between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. He was noted for his charitable gifts, having donated some years ago a large block of ground to the Cleveland library.

THE NEW COUNTY JUDGES.—The constitution provides that terms of office of County Judges shall commence on the 1st of January next following their appointment, from which it would seem that the terms of those recently elected before the 1st of January will commence on the 1st of January of this year, but that the terms of those who shall be elected after the 1st of January this year will not commence till the 1st of next January, because that will be the 1st day of January next following their appointment."

A PRISONER KILLED.—George Williams, a negro thief, knocked down the jailor at Brownsville, Tenn., Monday last week and escaped. He was recaptured, but while being handcuffed snatched the jailor's pistol, fired two shots and attempted to get away, but was tripped by a negro and fell, firing at his pursuers. Henry Oppenheimer returned the fire, killing him.

REMITTANCES TO IRELAND.—The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank of New York last year remitted to Ireland, in drafts of \$1 and upwards, nearly \$120,000, (\$200,000). The cashier of that institution says that this sum does not represent one-tenth, and probably not one-twentieth, of the whole amount sent from America to Ireland during the year 1879.

QUEEN OF SPAIN.—A despatch from Paris to the London Daily News says that "it is stated in medical circles that the health of the Queen of Spain has received a severe shock owing to the attempted assassination of King Alfonso. She has been attacked with epileptic fits, to which she was not previously subject."

COLLISION OF RAILROAD TRAINS.—On Friday week there was a collision of two freight trains on the Ches. & Ohio Railway between Hinton and New Richmond. The engines were badly damaged, and Capt. Farley and Mr. John Flanagan were injured, but not fatally.

POST-OFFICE ROBBED.—On the 23rd of Dec., Cesar Sexton, colored, entered the Postoffice at Hinton, Va., and stole therefrom the sum of \$13. He has been arrested and sent to Charlestown, Va., to await the indictment of the Federal Grand Jury.

DEATH OF W. H. WINT HARRISON.—Maj. Wm. Harrison, ex-Sergeant-at-Arms of the Virginia Senate, after a protracted illness, died Friday morning at his residence in Richmond city, in the forty-second year of his age.

The Arcadia Iron Works in Loudoun county, Va., with 24,000 acres of land, have been purchased by Pennsylvania capitalists.

Rockbridge Items. The following are from the Lexington Gazette of last Thursday: The Lee Memorial Association still needs \$4,800 to complete its building. A small son of Mr. William Sterrett cut his foot off with an axe a few days ago.

Mr. Britz, at the mouth of Buffalo, had his store robbed, during the holidays, of considerable quantity of goods. Col. Jas. H. Paxton had a valuable horse stolen from his stables on Friday night last. The thief took the direction of Lynchburg. On the same night a horse was stolen from the stables on a neighboring plantation.

A rumor is prevalent that an attempt will be made to amend the charter of Lexington curtailing its corporate limits, lopping off all south of the Fair Grounds road. Result—children deprived of the free schools—water shut off—and a depreciation of the property.

The pig metal made some years ago at Anderson's furnace in Arnold's Valley, is being shipped to New York, where it sells at thirty-five dollars a ton. The metal made by Jordan's Amherst furnace from Rockbridge ore is selling in Baltimore at the same price. This ought to pay well.

We regret to announce a serious accident at Collierstown on the 30th of December. Mr. Robt. McLeod and wife and Mrs. D. B. Horner were thrown from a wagon, by the running off of the horse, and precipitated down an embankment. Mr. McLeod and wife were both severely hurt, and Mrs. Horner dangerously. At last accounts she was still unconscious and great fears were entertained of fatal consequences.

W. B. Dowdy, who lives near Summers, found a bee tree several days ago on the farm of John McD. Alexander, which contained 128 lbs. of honey. He supposed at least 30 or 40 lbs. were lost to the tree splitting. Mr. B. is one of the most successful bee hunters in the county, besides a "stalwart" as a game hunter. Some time since he killed a wild cat 6 1/2 feet in length, and a few days ago bagged two wild turkeys at one shot.

COLORADO DOORKEEPER.—The colored Doorkeeper of the House of Delegates, G. W. Cooke, who was elected by the Readjusters over the one-legged soldier, A. O. Sullivan, having resigned, the Readjusters, in caucus last Friday night, nominated another colored man, Jas. A. Field of Hampton, as the man to be elected to that position. He will, of course, be elected as the majority, colored doorkeeper.

KING CAUCUS REIGNS, and his obedient subjects servilely do his bidding. DIED OF PARALYSIS.—We learn from the Winchester News that Mr. Jno. N. Meade, a worthy and prominent citizen of Frederick county, residing near Newstown, died at his residence, on a stroke of paralysis, on Tuesday morning last, of the late Bishop Wm. Meade and nephew of Mr. N. Meade, of Culpeper, Va., and had reached his 69th year. He formerly resided in Clarke county, but had lived in Frederick county, since the war.

LEGISLATION.—On Christmas day near Martin's Bottom in Pocahontas county, W. Va., a young man, Geo. Y. Barlow, son of N. G. Barlow, and his three running his horse was thrown, and his thigh badly broken. On Thursday week, a son of Mr. King, about 12 years of age, living in Greenbrier county, W. Va., about two miles below Ronover, whilst assisting his father in his clearing, had his leg broken by a log rolling upon him.

KILLED BY JUMPING OFF A TRAIN.—At Lynchburg, last Thursday, a young man named Charles Fitzgerald got on a train with a ticket to Concord depot, on the South Side railroad. He concluded to go on to Spout Springs, below Concord, and there jumped off while the train was running at full speed, sustaining injuries from which he died in a few hours.

SUICIDE IN PRINCE GEORGE.—On last Wednesday night, Mr. Frank Harrison, aged about 30 years, a single gentleman of respectable ability and fine intelligence, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol at his residence in Prince George county in this State. Supposed cause, mental and physical suffering.

DEATH FROM LOCK-JAW.—At Dublin, Pulaski county, a few weeks ago, Burkett Wells, a young man, died of lock jaw resulting from a pistol-shot wound in the hand received about a month before in an affray with Hamilton Shields, the bar-tender of the Banner House.

ROBBERY OF A STORE.—On Christmas night, in Pinesville, Botetourt county, the store of J. P. Spessard was robbed of goods to the amount of \$50. A portion of the stolen goods have been recovered, and several negroes suspected of the crime have been arrested.

Petitions have been numerous signed in Salem, Roanoke county, praying the Legislature to enact a law empowering the trustees of that town to grant or refuse licenses to sell liquor as they may in their wisdom determine. Counter petitions are also in circulation.

On last Thursday night there was a heavy rain with thunder and lightning at Augusta, Georgia.

Judge Harris is one of the Virginia constitutional delegates. He has recently returned from their holiday recess. In a talk with him this morning he expressed his opinion that he had "just in the cool" original idea of making a stump speech in his district, but was interrupted by one of his constituents, who said to him, when the latter replied, "I'm not opposed to Judge Harris, and if he'll say he's a Readjuster I'll support him," which is the Judge's reply. "I'm a Readjuster in the cool." This was the reply, and it was soon after set by an opposition speaker in another part of the district, who said that the Judge had adjusted the cool and a Readjuster in the heat he would prefer the latter.

The Legislature. After taking a holiday recess, the General Assembly convened on last Tuesday.

In the Senate, the bill to incorporate the Stanton and West Augusta Railroad Company was passed by an motion of Mr. Kolander to incorporate the Virginia and North Carolina Mining and Transportation Company was passed. Mr. Daniel presented a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to report a bill repealing the statute known as "the Moffett-punch law," and substituting therefor some other measure for raising revenue from the sale of liquor. Agreed to.

In the House, Mr. Frazer of Rockbridge offered the following bill, which were referred: Bill providing that in the county of Rockbridge the annual allowance of the Commonwealth's attorney, County and Circuit clerks, and clerks payable out of the county treasury, shall be \$200 each.

By same: Bill limiting the pay of Rockbridge to \$1,500 per annum, in case his commission from the State amounts to that sum, then he shall collect county levies for nothing. Nothing of general interest was done on Wednesday in either house.

In the Senate, on Thursday, Mr. Fulkerson presented a bill imposing a tax on the privilege of selling liquor, &c., which is similar to the law in force before the passage of the Moffett liquor law.

In the House, Mr. Hanger offered the following: That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to arrange the seats of members as they were before the recess, except that one row of desks shall be placed near the railing.

Mr. Ellis offered the following amendment: "And that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to devise some arrangement for the better accommodation of the reporters."

The resolution was then adopted. On motion of Mr. Echols it was resolved that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed, if possible, to improve the ventilation of the hall of the House.

House bill allowing the James River and Kanawha Company further use of the conflicts now in their possession came up as unfinished business, and, after considerable discussion, was ordered to engrossment by a vote of 72 to 18.

On Friday the House passed, by a vote of 65 to 24, the bill to allow the James River and Kanawha Company further use of the convict-labor now employed on the Buchanan and Clifton Forge Railroad.

In the execution of the joint order, the General Assembly elected the following county Judges: For county of Dinwiddie, R. C. Shell; Bedford, Micajah Davis; Campbell, John R. McDaniel; Elizabeth City and Warwick, W. R. Willis; Essex, H. W. Daingerfield; Fairfax and Alexandria, Judge James Sangster; Fauquier, W. D. G. Shumate; Floyd, M. C. Dickerson; Frederick, Judge Geo. H. Sherrard; Shenandoah, Geo. P. Hughes.

Both Houses adjourned to Monday. Bishop Haven, whose death has just been announced, says the Lynchburg Freeman, was a firm Grant man, and sincerely desired to see the grim specter of slavery driven from our shores.

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GREAT INCREASE OF BUSINESS IN BALTIMORE.—From a well informed Baltimore correspondent, we learn that "the growth of the business of that city has been simply marvelous. In 1865, the total receipts of wheat and corn were 4,823,916 bushels while last year the quantity was 57,790,000 bushels. It is an important fact to New York and her foreign exports of wheat and corn in 1879 amounted to some five millions more bushels than the combined exports from Philadelphia, Boston and New Orleans. The quantity of wheat last year the shipments of wheat increased twelve and one-half million bushels and corn about four and one-half million bushels. The gain at New York was only about twenty-two per cent. The total number of vessels cleared for foreign ports was 314, an increase in number of 117, and of tonnage 256,739. The increase was principally in the number of steamships, the total being 276, against 154 in 1878."

Petitions for and against the Moffett liquor register are in circulation in Rockingham county. It would not surprise us if the present Legislature should repeal the Moffett register. It is a good law if properly enforced.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED.—On Saturday week, Mr. A. N. Campbell of Union, Monroe Co., W. Va., had his shoulder dislocated by being thrown from his horse which stumbled and fell.

The Presidential Contest. HOW SHALL VIRGINIA ACT? With the opening of the year 1880 the curtain is drawn upon a Presidential struggle in which the interests and liberties of the whole country are deeply involved.

Will the people turn their backs upon the principles they have cherished in the past and which have guided them in the present contest? Is it possible that personal or local issues can so absorb the minds of those who are called upon to cast their votes in the direction of political sentiment as to blind them to the vital significance of the struggle, or cause them to act recklessly and without regard to the consequences?

These are serious questions and they press upon Virginians at this time with unwonted force. It is not only necessary to be told why this is so. It is also necessary to be told why this is so. It is not only necessary to be told why this is so. It is also necessary to be told why this is so.

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HORRIBLE ORAGE IN AMHERST.—A NEGRO FRENCH LYNCHING.—Last Monday evening a bright mulatto, who called the name of "Mr. Columbus Miles," was called at the house of Mr. Miller, a poor but highly respected citizen of Amherst county, and familiarly known as "Well-digger Miller," and told Miller's daughter that he had been sent escort her to a party the next Sabbath.

It seems that she agreed to accompany him on a horse, and after going a short distance he made certain advances, which she indignantly repulsed, and finally escaped from him and returned to her home. The negro followed her back home, and producing a pistol frightened the lady's father, an old man, and a little brother, so that they made no resistance, and then forced the young man to accompany him to a neighborly house, some distance away, where he brutally outraged her person.

His father, who was awakened and captured near Lexington, brought back and tried before Justice Goodrich, who ordered him to be sent to jail, and placed him under the guard of seven or eight men to secure his safety.

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