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NO USE FOR PETITIONS.

We learn to our astonishment that our city council invariably refuses to notice petitions sent in by the people—that petitions are regarded by some as an unwarranted intrusion on the rights of that body and an insult to their intelligence.

Shot by His Father-in-Law.

A fatal shooting affray occurred at Pedee, a small settlement on the out skirts of Shenandoah City, on Saturday evening.

Train-Robber Seary.

Governor Tyler has received a letter, which shows that the noted train-robbing Seary, who is now serving a term in the penitentiary for holding up and robbing the train on the Richmond and Fredericksburg and Potomac road at Aquia Creek in 1894, is of a good Texan family.

STATE EXPENSES TO BE CUT DOWN.

There is an opinion that there will be a deep cut in the expenses of the State by the convention. This is sorely needed. The tendency of today is to make State expenses heavier and heavier each year.

From a Distant City.

Capt. Waters has received the following letter from Capt. Chas. S. Arnall, of Atlanta, Ga., who for many years resided here and has always taken a warm interest in his old home and friends.

Roanoke College.

The forty-eighth year of Roanoke College was a prosperous one with a considerably increased number of students from forty-two States and countries.

Died in California.

Intelligence was received at Winchester Tuesday of the death in San Bernardino, Cal., of Mr. William H. Eichelberger, aged 77.

Sunday Excursion Rates.

Effective Sunday, July 7, and continuing each Sunday to and including Sunday, September 29, 1901, C. & O. train, No. 13, which usually leaves Charlottesville 5:30 a. m., will leave at 8:30 a. m., Sundays, passing other stations three hours later than usual time.

COST OF COURTS.

One thing should be remembered when the salaries of our judges are fixed, and that is, that the position of Commissioner in Chancery is often a better office than that of Judge. In one circuit where a judge must decide thousands of cases we have known a commissioner to receive in fees more money by nearly three times for work done by him on a dozen or so of cases than the judge's whole salary amounted to.

Washington Letter.

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