

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. W. H. Pilson has returned from a month's visit to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helms have been visiting in Clifton Forge.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Granbery have returned from Richmond and Ashland.

Mrs. Reeves Cat has returned from the Natural Bridge.

Mrs. D. M. Kyle is in Highland visiting her mother, Mrs. Gibson.

Prices reduced on Jewel Ranges at Eskey's.

Mr. John W. Cline is in Roanoke visiting his daughter, and taking in the fair.

Miss Laura Peake has returned to Hampton, after a visit to Mrs. A. G. Eifer.

Mr. R. R. Berry has bought from Mrs. M. M. Dull her farm of 185 acres near Greenville for \$7,000.

Mrs. J. S. Arbutnot has returned to Nashville, after spending some months with her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Bell.

Hon. J. S. Craig and Miss Mary Kemper were in the city Tuesday, returning to Goshen from Richmond.

Mr. H. W. Hilleary of Charlottesville, was in the city this week on business.

Mrs. Hugh W. Henry, Jr., and children have returned to Lake Weir, Fla., after visiting Mrs. O. B. Trout.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Campbell of Raphine, have returned from a visit to relatives in Indiana and other States.

Mr. J. Lewis Bumgardner of Beckley, W. Va., was a visitor here this week.

Rev. Geo. W. Stover has returned from Manassas, where he had been assisting in a series of meetings.

One Cameron Range fitted up with water front. Price away down, at Eskey's.

Miss Bessie Franklin has gone to Dayton to resume her studies in the Shenandoah Collegiate Institute.

Mrs. H. G. Eichelberger has gone to Petersburg to join Mr. Eichelberger, who is engaged in the hotel business there.

Mr. W. H. Urquhart of Richmond, is in the city on business, connected with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical works.

L. H. Stephenson, Esq., and J. C. Bishop of Monterey, came in Monday and spent a few days at the Hotel Augusta.

The Big Millinery Opening of the Racket Stock Co. takes place next Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 29th and 30th.

Hon. John W. Churchman was in Norfolk this week attending a meeting of the board of the government experiment station.

Mrs. A. H. Jones was taken to Richmond last week by Dr. S. H. Burton, to undergo an operation at the hands of Dr. Stuart McGuire.

Mrs. Katie Walton of Craigsville, was lodged in jail here Monday to serve a sentence of thirty days for stealing money and jewelry from A. T. Roane.

Mr. Hampden Herring, brother of Mr. C. O. Herring, died here on Wednesday and the remains were taken to Louisiana county for burial. The funeral took place yesterday.

Col. H. J. Williams of near Greenville, has received the news of the death of his son, Martin, who two years ago went to Boea, Cal. He was buried there.

Mr. Edward Shuff, who met with a serious accident at Stockton's foundry several weeks ago, when a heavy piece of iron fell on him, is about again, although he has not entirely recovered the use of his limb.

Eskey's store is putting out lots of goods. The reduced prices are drawing the people. See their line of heating and cooking stoves, ranges, etc. Prices will suit you.

Mr. Frank C. Smith and family left last week for Bolar Springs, Bath county. Mr. Smith having purchased a hotel and mercantile business there, where they will make their future home. Their many friends regret to see them leave.

Jared Jones, Esq., of Crabbottom, treasurer of Highland county, was a visitor in Staunton last Friday when he came to bring a son who is to be a student at Washington and Lee, and pay a visit to his son, Dr. C. C. Jones of this city.

Mr. Albert Tucker, son of Hon. H. St. Geo. Tucker, well known here through his early life spent, recently passed his examination at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., and will be commissioned a second lieutenant. Mr. Tucker is a great-grandson of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson, the Confederate hero of Shiloh.

The Washington Herald's interesting "Popular Conductor Contest," which has been conducted for several weeks has just come to a close with Capt. Arthur B. Rogers of Clifton Forge, in the lead. Mr. Rogers received 198,377 votes. Capt. G. J. Gooch of Charlottesville, another very popular C. & O. conductor received 146,965 votes. Capt. W. J. Harnsberger of Thurmond, W. Va., got 145,087, and Capt. Jas. F. Smith got 114,260 votes.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Deborah Baer Ridgley of Relay, Va., and Mr. J. Lewis Gibbs of Washington. The wedding is to take place October 15th.

She is the daughter of the Ridgley, and is said to be a most attractive young lady, holds a responsible position in the Southern Railway, is a nephew of Mrs. J. L. this city. Both were of Lexington.

There will be a meeting of Stonewall Jackson Camp tonight at 7:30 to receive a portrait of the late Capt. T. C. Morton, presented the camp by his family. During his life Capt. Morton did as much for the success of the camp as any one. The public as well as the veterans are invited.

Rev. H. M. Roane, pastor of the Methodist church at McDowell, had his knee injured by his horse kicking the dash-board of his buggy and a piece cutting a tendon below the knee cap. The accident occurred near Parnassus, and Mr. Roane was brought here to King's Daughters' hospital.

At the annual meeting of the Augusta Sunday School Association at New Hope held Friday the following officers were elected: Rev. D. W. Files, president; W. D. Hoge, secretary; H. M. Lewis, treasurer; W. E. Skelton, Wm. Buckley, H. H. Blaine, A. L. Knowles, Rev. John H. Taylor, vice-presidents.

Mr. C. S. Campbell, who has been in Texas for some time for his health, is visiting his old home, and will spend some time here before returning to his new home. Mr. Campbell till recent was the business manager and partner of the Augusta State and Heading Co. at Greenville.

Capt. Geo. H. Moffett and wife of Washington, D. C., are at the Virginia Hotel. Capt. Moffett has not been the best of health for some time and is here drinking Seawright Spring water. He has improved since he came. Capt. Moffett's ancestors are all from Augusta, and he has many relatives living in the county now.

J. E. B. Stuart Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, have chosen the following delegates to the State meeting to be held at Manassas, October 14. Delegates—Mrs. George Holmes Smith, Mrs. John Baldwin Eifer, Mrs. J. W. Bonner and Miss Katherine Hoge. Alternates—Mrs. H. M. McElhany, Misses Kate Hutchinson, Elizabeth Hoge and Sallie Kinney.

The opening of the store of the I. K. Roby Furniture company Saturday was largely attended and each lady was presented with a pretty framed picture. Mr. O. B. Hopkins, the president of the company, came up from Richmond for the occasion, and was kept busy welcoming the visitors, and he and all of the store force showed the stock and sold many articles in the various departments.

CHANNING POLLOCK.

COLLABORATES WITH THOMAS DIXON'S JR. IN WRITING "THE TRAITOR."

The dramatization of "The Traitor," the last of the reconstruction trilogy by Thomas Dixon, Jr., was made by Channing Pollock and the author of the original play, "The Little Gray Lady," which met with quite a measure of success. Still more successful was "Clothes" in which Grace George was the heroine. His dramatic talents in "The Bishop's Carriage" and "The Secret Orchard" are well-known not only in this country but in England where they were successful. Pollock's work on "The Traitor" far surpasses all his former efforts in the dramatic field. The Traitor plays the Beverly, Thursday, Oct. 8th.

Hearst and Haskell.

(Richmond News-Leader.)

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, treasurer of the national democratic executive committee, has all the appearance of an innocent man, just as poor Foraker has all the aspects of a guilty man. While Foraker was first silent and then reticent in the face of the first accusation, Haskell answered promptly, frankly and defiantly. He denies absolutely and vigorously the truth of Hearst's charges and challenges proof. He suggests a way to secure an immediate hearing of the case on its merits and proposes to present all the evidence to a volunteer jury of representative newspaper men and to submit their verdict. No better jury and one that would command the confidence of the public more thoroughly could be found than the composites of newspaper men of high class and responsible position. They are accustomed to weigh the value of evidence. They are trained to be keen, incisive and quick to consider men and questions with judicial minds. Haskell, if he was guilty, might be very well content to invoke the courts, knowing that a hearing and trial would be delayed until after the election or until the matter had passed from the public mind; but he wants an immediate hearing and suggests a fair and competent tribunal.

From this proposition Hearst skirts. With the enjoining of an habitual criminal, the cowardice of a conscious slanderer, he meets a fair and manly defiance with sneer and insult. Haskell, in default of some proof additional to that already presented, will stand before the country vindicated by his own prompt and straightforward methods of meeting the attack against his integrity.

BRYAN CLUBS.

THREE TO BE ORGANIZED THIS WEEK.

The Democrats of Mt. Sidney and vicinity will meet tonight to organize a Bryan and Flood Club. Mr. R. S. Turk and other speakers will be on hand to address the voters, and all Democrats should turn out.

The Democrats of Stuart's Draft will organize a Bryan and Kern club at Stuart's Draft tonight Friday at eight o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by Capt. R. S. Ker and Mr. J. A. Glasgow.

A Bryan club at Greenville will be organized tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Some good speakers will be on hand, and it is hoped all Democrats will be on hand to enter their names on the roster of the club.

The Beverly Next Week.

Tuesday night, Sept. 29th, Henrietta Crossman, in "Mistress Nell."

Thursday night, Oct. 1st, "The Runaways," a big, bright musical comedy.

Saturday night, Oct. 3rd, "The Great Divide." This play ran in New York city two seasons without an adverse comment.

Thursday night, Oct. 8th, Thomas Dixon's "The Traitor."

DEATHS DURING THE WEEK.

MISS WINONA CUPP.

Miss Winona Cupp, daughter of Rev. N. F. A. Cupp, pastor of the United Brethren church at Elkton, died on Thursday last week, aged 20 years and 3 months. She was stricken with typhoid fever about six weeks ago, only a short time after the death of her mother, and her physical condition following loss of rest in nursing her mother, left her in such a condition that she could not stand the strain and fell an easy victim. Miss Cupp was a most estimable young lady and had a host of friends, and her bereaved father has the heartfelt sympathy of all in his second great bereavement. The funeral took place Friday from the parsonage on to Salem Lutheran cemetery and interred in the family lot there. Miss Cupp was a niece of Mrs. George W. Slover of this city.

MR. MATTIE HOY.

Mrs. S. Mattie Hoy died on the 17th inst. at Deerfield, after an lingering illness, aged about 63 years. She was a most estimable lady, and before her marriage to Mr. Hoy, was Miss Mattie Haldeman, and was born in this county. Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Sallie B. Smith, of near this city, and Mrs. D. B. Carroll, of Rockbridge, and six sons, Messrs. Walter, Elmer, William, of Deerfield, John L., of this city, Lester, of West View, and Robert L. of Clarendon, W. Va. The funeral took place Friday at Deerfield, and the remains were brought to Staunton for interment.

MRS. WM. B. HANGER.

Mrs. Wm. B. Hanger died at her home near Hebron church, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The funeral was held at Hebron church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, interment in Thornrose cemetery. Mrs. Hanger was a most excellent woman, and will be greatly missed in the community.

MR. JOHN VIA.

Mr. John Via, for many years postmaster at Sangerville, died on the 15th inst., of heart trouble, aged 74 years. He was a communicant in good standing of the Methodist church. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter.

Moffett's Creek Items.

Moffett's Creek, Sept. 22.—Dr. James Louis Howe, of Lexington, filled the pulpit very acceptably at New Providence, Sunday, Sept. 20. He spoke in behalf of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. About forty (\$40) was paid in just after the address.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Nancy Campell Wright, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright to Mr. James Spillman of Columbus, Va. The ceremony to take place at New Providence church Thursday morning, Oct. 1st, at 10 a. m.

Quite a number of boys and girls are leaving this week for school.

Misses Louise Martin and Florence Turk to Kleinburg, Russell George to Washington College, Richmond.

Wade to Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Va., Genevieve Miley to Virginia College, Va., Mr. Pryor Wilson to Plum Tree, N. C.

Mr. Elmer H. Wade, who has been visiting relatives here for the past three weeks, has returned to her home in Marlinton, W. Va. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Virginia Wade.

Rev. Dr. G. A. Wilson had the misfortune to run a nail almost through his foot last week, which will disable him for some time.

New Providence Sunday School will hold its annual picnic Saturday, Oct. 3rd, on the grounds adjoining the church.

The public school here will open Oct. 5th, under the management of Miss Bessie Ruff.

Therolley line from Staunton to Lexington is again the subject of conversation. How we wish that it could be gotten into actual existence.

Mr. Preston A. Arhart fell from a ladder while picking apples last week and received painful injuries from which he is slowly improving.

Misses Florence Turk and Louise Martin have gone to the Kleinburg Female School for the coming session.

Miss Mae George has returned to her school near Richmond to resume her duties as teacher.

Miss Willie Lantz after visiting her sister, Mrs. T. M. Smiley, has returned to Frederick, Md.

Mrs. Dr. James George is on a visit to relatives in Celpeper and Fauquier.

Miss Nannie Berry is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Bratton in Bath county.

Mr. W. M. Arion of Roman has leased the store room of D. H. Clemmer at McKinley and will conduct an up-to-date store. He has purchased the stock of Mr. Arhart, who will retire from the mercantile business.

Emigration to Virginia.

Hon. George W. Koener, Commissioner of Agriculture, is authority for the statement that immigration in Virginia has increased seven per cent. within the last five years—a record no other Southern State has made. Mr. Koener attributes this increase to the activity of his own department, which is constantly pointing in an effort to induce settlers to locate here.

The statement given above it should be understood, includes people from other States as well as foreigners.

Mr. Koener is just back from a farmers' meeting held Thursday at Herndon, Fairfax county, where he delivered an address on improvement of the soil.

At this well-attended meeting were agriculturists from New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Louisiana, Kentucky, Canada and England, who had settled here.

Within the last year several hundred Fairfax farms have been sold to farmers from other States, who have adopted the Old Dominion as their home.

Many planters who formerly operated in the Valley have also come to Fairfax and neighboring counties, as they find the price of land in the Valley too high.—Richmond Journal.

"MISTRESS NELL."

HENRIETTA CROSSMAN AT THE BEVERLY. SEPT. 29.

When Miss Henrietta Crossman fills her engagement at the Beverly Theatre, on September 29th, it is safe to make the prediction that she will begiven the largest attendance at the theatre so far this season. The reputation this eminent comedienne has made is well known to our theatre-goers. This artist is coming, it is stated, with a splendid company, a large output of scenic requirements and a desire to meet every requirement on the part of the public.

She is to appear in "Mistress Nell." Seats on sale at the Beverly Bookstore.

MR. BRYAN REBUKES PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Democrats Honorable Treatment For Democrats in the Campaign.

Mr. Bryan has sent President Roosevelt the following telegram in which he demands that the charges made by him of Gov. Haskell be given a fair hearing. The telegram is as follows: "Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States.—Dear Sir:—In a statement given out by you yesterday and published in this morning's paper you endorse a charge made against Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, to the effect that he was once in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and as such employ was connected with an attempt to bribe or influence Attorney-General Moody of Ohio, to disburse suits pending against the Standard Oil Company. In endorsing this charge you attack the democratic party and its candidates. Governor Haskell stands high in the councils of Mr. Bryan and is the treasurer of his national campaign committee. And you, as a candidate, are guilty of correspondence not merely justifies in striking fashion the action of the administration, but also casts a curious light on the charges made upon the administration, both in the Denver convention which nominated Mr. Bryan and in the course of Mr. Bryan's campaign.

"Your charge is so serious that I cannot allow it to go unnoticed. Governor Haskell has denied that he was ever employed by the Standard Oil Company in any capacity, and also the treasurer of the democratic national committee, and I am sure you will agree with me that, if he is innocent, he deserves to be exonerated from so damning an accusation.

"I agree with you that if Governor Haskell is guilty as charged he is unfit to be connected with the democratic national committee, and I am sure you will agree with me that, if he is innocent, he deserves to be exonerated from so damning an accusation.

"As the selection of Governor Haskell as chairman of committee on resolutions of the United States.—Dear Sir:—The treasurer of the democratic national committee had my approval and endorsement. I feel it my duty to demand an immediate investigation of a charge against him endorsed by the president of the United States.

"Your high position, as well as your sense of justice, would prevent your giving credence to a charge of such a nature without proof, and I respectfully request, therefore, that you furnish any proof which you have in your possession, and if you do not, I will request that you indicate a method by which the truth may be ascertained.

"Without consulting Mr. Haskell, I will agree that he will appear before any tribunal, public or private, which you may indicate, and I will further agree that his connection with the national committee is a stain upon the reputation of the party in the event that the decision of such tribunal connects him in any way with this charge or in case you, after an investigation of the facts, find that you believe him guilty of the charges made.

"As the candidate of the democratic party, I shall not permit any responsible member of the committee to acquiesce in misrepresentation of the attitude of the democratic party in the present campaign. I have assisted you to the extent of my ability in remedial measures, and I am sure you will understand good which you have undertaken, I have urged democrats to support such measures and I have advocated more radical measures than private individuals than either you or your associates have been willing to undertake.

"The platform of the democratic party is clear and specific. This subject as on other subjects will give the better evidence of its freedom from connection with, or obligation to the predatory interests. Our committee has not knowingly received a cent from an official of any corporation known as a trust, and it will not receive any money from such. If any money is contributed by such persons without the knowledge of the committee it will be returned as soon as the fact is discovered. The democratic party is making an honest and an honorable fight in defense of the principles and policies enunciated in its platform, and it expects and will demand fair and honorable treatment from those who are in charge of the republican campaign.

With great respect,  
"Very truly yours,  
"WILLIAM J. BRYAN."  
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 22.

Trouble in Camp, Hitchcock Kicked Out.

Washington, D. C. Sept. 21.—The practical removal of Frank H. Hitchcock as chairman of the Republican National Committee and the election of Senator Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, to have charge of the campaign started Washington.

This swapping of horses in the middle of the race is not regarded with special satisfaction by Republicans here, although they have realized for some weeks that Mr. Hitchcock was not making things move as fast as was expected of him.

But the party is likely to be embarrassed very greatly by the appointment of Senator Crane to take charge of the campaign, since he is one of the electrical magnates who are about to be prosecuted by the Department of Justice under the Sherman anti-trust law. Attorney General Bonaparte admitted today that the department was proceeding against the electrical combine, although he depreciated publicly being given that fact. It is admitted that representatives of the Department of Justice have been at work on the case against the electrical trust in New York, and that a grand jury there has examined fifteen witnesses.

Senator Crane is not the only one of the Republican national managers about to be indicted. Representative William B. McKinley of Illinois, treasurer of the Republican congressional committee, and George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican national committee, are also members of this combine likely to be prosecuted.

Senator Dupont, head of the speakers bureau of the Republican national committee, is one of the largest stockholders and very nearly the head of the powder trust, which is now being prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

It is understood that a number of influential friends of Senator Crane and other Republican campaign managers, who are now under Government surveillance, have journeyed to Oyster Bay to urge President Roosevelt to call off the Department of Justice. The President has not indicated that he will do so but it is admitted at the department that indictments can hardly be returned before election day.

GOV. SWANSON.

TO SPEAK HERE NEXT MONDAY.

Governor Claude A. Swanson is bill to address the Democratic voters of Augusta next Monday, (Court-day) in Swanson Hall at 10:30 a. m. Gov. Swanson is a fine speaker, and our people should turn out in large numbers and give our Governor a rousing reception.

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Crozet Bank Burglarized.

Crozet, Va., Sept. 22.—Burglars broke into the bank at Crozet, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, early this morning, blew open the safe, and skipped with \$850, practically all the ready cash that could be found. Nitroglycerin was used and two explosions were made. Not only was the safe blown open, but one side of the building was wrecked. R. E. Wayland, the cashier of the bank, was at the scene half hour after the burglary and immediately set out hunting a clue to the identity of the safe-crackers. No arrests have been made yet. Insurance fully covers the loss.

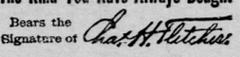
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