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PARALYSIS SUFFERER BETTER

Mt. Sidney, Va., Aug. 17.—Joseph, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kauffman, of the Mt. Sidney neighborhood, who has infantile paralysis, is improving slowly under the skillful treatment of Dr. F. H. Crawford, assisted by Miss Agnor, of Hot Springs, Virginia.

GOODEN-BADER

At the home of the bride in McGaheysville, Miss W. G. Bader, a niece of Prof. J. H. Bader, formerly of the Staunton Public Schools, was quietly married to Mr. J. Edward Gooden, of the same place, on Tuesday evening, the 15th. They are now on a tour of Southwest Virginia.

MRS. C. B. TYMAN

Mrs. C. B. Tyman and daughter, of Norfolk, are spending a few days with Mrs. B. M. Smith.

MRS. JACOB SWORTZEL DIES AT MINT SPRING

Middlebrook, Aug. 17.—Mrs. Jacob Swortzel passed away last night at her home near Mint Spring, after an illness of about eight weeks. Mrs. Swortzel was a devout Christian lady, a faithful wife and a kind mother.

MRS. SWORTZEL WAS 64 YEARS OF AGE

Mrs. Swortzel was 64 years of age. She is survived by two sons and one daughter: Mr. Oscar H. Swortzel of Middlebrook; Mr. Frank Swortzel, of New York, and Mrs. John Lucas, of Mint Spring.

PLANNING STATUE OF DAVIS

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 17.—The Jefferson Davis Home Association is planning the erection of a statue of the former President of the Confederate States on an eminence in Todd county, overlooking the park which now marks the site of the Davis farm. It is expected that the Kentucky legislature will be asked to make an appropriation for the purpose. The association also is working on a plan for a memorial highway to connect the Davis and the Lincoln homesteads.

MOOSE IN CONVENTION

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 19.—Detroit is putting on holiday attire in honor of the members of the Loyal Order of Moose, who are to hold their national convention and encampment here during the coming week. Though one of the youngest among fraternal orders the Moose have increased rapidly and it is expected that between 25,000 and 30,000 visitors will attend the gathering. New York, New Orleans, Denver, San Francisco and other distant cities will be represented by large delegations. An attractive program of entertainment has been prepared.

ESPERANTISTS MEET

Antwerp, Aug. 19.—Two thousand delegates representing nearly all the leading countries of the world have arrived in Antwerp to attend the seventh annual International Esperanto Congress, which will be formally opened tomorrow under the patronage of King Albert. Edwin C. Reed, secretary of the Esperanto Association of North America, is here as the official representative of the United States.

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Total cost of session of nine months, including tuition and other fees, board, washing, uniforms, medical attendance, etc., \$233.85. Cost to Virginia students, \$233.85. The next session opens Wednesday, September 20, 1911.
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MANY NOVEL FEATURES

Arranged for Staunton's Big Labor Day Celebration

FAIR MISSES TO COMPETE IN HOBBLE RACE

Indications Point to Grand and Glorious Success This Year

With Labor Day not quite two weeks off, preparations are nearly complete for the biggest celebration the city has ever witnessed. From the time the Workingmen's Fraternal Association first took hold of this thing, it has each year been more of a success than the year previous and very often exceeded the expectations of the promoters themselves. It is planned that this year shall prove no exception to the rule. Merchants and business men generally have united in the strongest effort yet made to boost the festivities of a national holiday which by their material support the Workingmen have been enabled to establish on a sound basis.

General Manager Haines is authority for the statement that ten young ladies have already entered for the Hobble Skirt Race, one of the features of the athletic events to be held at the Fair Grounds on the afternoon of September 4.

Instead of numbers, it has practically been decided to designate the different contestants by the color of their attire. Needless to say the galaxy of gorgeous gowns will furnish a rare sight but nothing equal to the speed offered by the hobble. Honors will be honestly won. Those who lose out will go down with colors flying.

The Workingmen have also closed with W. W. Bryan & Co. of Petersburg, for an elaborate decorating service similar to that furnished by the same company last year.

They will have a force of experienced men here on next Monday, the 28, just one week ahead of time. The cost of this is necessarily heavy but in view of the high grade bunting and effective decorating furnished by a properly equipped company, has been found the most economical and satisfactory method of bedecking public buildings. The banks and many other business houses have also signified their intention of draping their buildings in gala attire.

Various advertising schemes will be seen here for their first time during this big event.

Principal among these is an aerial hand bill distributor. Tissue paper balloons, sixteen feet in diameter, will be sent skywards, probably from the open field on Sears Hill. To these are attached a large number of dodgers which are released at a specified altitude. Balloons of this type have been seen here before but few of them even a third this large have ever been used.

NEARS 81st MILE-STONE

Vienna, Aug. 17.—The venerable Emperor Francis Joseph will be eighty-one years old tomorrow. Beyond receiving the customary congratulations he will make no special observance of the anniversary, but will pass the day in quiet at Ischl, where he has resided the most of the time since his recent illness. His subjects throughout the dual empire, however, will celebrate the day as usual with national rejoicings.

COL. EDWARDS RETIRES

Washington, Aug. 17.—After more than thirty-seven years' service, Col. Frank A. Edwards of the cavalry, was transferred to the retired list of the army today on his own application. He is a native of Pennsylvania, but was appointed to the service in 1873 from the District of Columbia.

RADFORD DRY BY 146

East Radford, Va., Aug. 18.—In the local option election held here yesterday, the "drys" won by a majority of 146 out of a total vote of 396. Two years ago the "drys" majority was 105.

The election was marked by good order, although large numbers of workers were near the polling places and many votes were challenged on various pretexts.

NEBRASKANS PRESENT CUP TO "BUFFALO BILL"

North Platte, Neb., Aug. 19.—"Buffalo Bill," who arrived here today on his farewell tour as a showman, was presented with a handsome silver loving cup by citizens of North Platte. Among the subscribers to the testimonial were a number of old-time residents who were friends of the famous plainsman when he made his headquarters here while employed as a Government scout against the Indians.

Mrs. G. P. Baker, Mrs. J. C. Foster and children have returned from Brooklyn, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Felter.

WILL RETAIN DR. WILEY AND RETIRE McCABE

Washington, Aug. 18.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is to retain his place as the government's pure food expert, Solicitor McCabe, of the Department of Agriculture, is to be retired and Secretary Wilson is to be warned to see that Dr. Wiley is not hampered in the administration of his office hereafter.

This outline of President Taft's probable action in the Wiley case was secured from a reliable source today.

The President will not hand down his decision until he reaches Beverly, but he is said already to have made up his mind on his future action.

Mrs. J. B. Woodward, who had been with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Woodward, in Baltimore reached home last night.

SOME QUEER STUNTS OF LIGHTNING BOLTS

This Summer Remarkable for the Number of Its Freak Performances

The frequency and intensity of electrical storms this summer, affecting not only this vicinity but the country at large, have been the source of comment by more than one city newspaper. Strange and freakish pranks are recorded daily in some sections of the country, the whole summing up as varied a list of performances as was ever ascribed to one particular agency.

The lamentable death of Tristram Burgess Johnson, the former New York Alderman, occurring on the Chevy Chase links, near Washington, furnishes an instance of lightning coming practically too near to clear sky.

As is well known, these are the links that the President uses, and it was rather a matter of luck that otherwise what Mr. Taft did not play that day. An extraordinary feature of the Johnson killing was that the bolt came without warning. The heavens were clouded, but there was no storm.

At Columbus, Ind., occurred the remarkable case of a woman who had lost the power of speech having her voice restored. Likewise, Mrs. Jane Decker, a deaf woman 65 years old, living in Canaan, Conn., was miraculously recovered her lost hearing.

In Sussex county, New Jersey, one man lost his entire herd of 22 kine and a neighbor his horses.

There are many cases of lightning stripping persons of their clothes, sometimes without otherwise injuring them. A man near Vallores, France, was struck and stripped nearly naked. All that could be found of his clothes were a shirt sleeve, a few other shreds and some pieces of his hobnailed boots. Ten minutes after the stroke he regained consciousness, opened his eyes, and complained of the cold.

Even miners underground are not immune, casualties being not uncommon. In the Hudson aqueduct tunnel, David Emery and Thomas Brown survived a premature explosion of dynamite set off by a bolt of lightning which entered through a shaft where the men were working.

Lightning may be as playful as a kitten or as brusque and vicious as an old tomcat. It is as unreliable as ever was any member of the feline tribe. Its vagaries are so numerous one may use it as an illustration of extreme freakishness. This capriciousness has kept the scientists as much in the dark regarding what it would do next as ever did a coquette maid an anxious lover. Its flash, like the gleam from the aforesaid lady's eye, may be killing or deliciously refreshing and stimulating to the blood.

Lightning's playful and tragic tricks this summer furnish (as has been said) an extraordinary record. The South and East generally have witnessed such dreadful storms this summer that self-congratulatory being distant from the Kansas cyclone belt is at least premature. It has been hot enough to sizzle one and cold enough to remind the New Yorker of chilly Octobers. Long drought, much rain and, sandwiched between, these storms have helped to make the weather god unpopular. Out in the Ohio Valley it has actually snowed! Hereabouts we have had hail.

Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, gives illustrations of what he terms ascending lightning, that is a bolt rising from the earth. A stroke of lightning struck a thatched house at Glen-sur-Cure and set it on fire. At the same time a woman who was in a house 10 yards away felt a shock and saw the tiled roof fly sheen and her. Her sabots were broken on her feet, and a bottle of holy water, with which she was blessing the house, was broken in her hand, only the neck remaining in her fingers. She did not suffer from the shock, although 19 tiles were thrown in all directions.

About all that the scientists have learned regarding lightning is that it is electricity, obeying the laws of that element, and that there are three kinds, ball zigzag and sheet. The first of these is especially mystifying in its action. It moves slowly through the air, or even rolls along the ground, or short rolls along the ground itself, disappearing with an explosion. Many instances of the remarkable freakishness of ball lightning have been reported.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 21.—With an attendance of thousands of delegates from all over the United States and Canada, the annual grand lodge convention of the Loyal Order of Moose met in Detroit today for a five days session. Edmund E. Tanner of Columbus, Ohio, supreme dictator of the order, presided at the opening session this morning. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected tomorrow. The convention parade will take place Wednesday night.

WELCOMES TOMO

Montreal, Aug. 21.—Admiral Tomo received a cordial welcome upon his arrival in Montreal this morning. He was the guest of the Canadian Club at a luncheon given at the sailors' institute and later in the day was tendered a civic reception. Tonight the distinguished Japanese naval commander departs for Vancouver.

SWOOPE

Swoope, Aug. 17.—Dr. W. F. Hartman has purchased a new and up-to-date auto.

Mr. Hiram Coffman has gone to Bridgewater and Harrisonburg. Miss Harriet Wilson has returned from Basic where she visited her sister, Mrs. Dunlap.

Mr. George A. Brown, of Staunton, was in our town this morning on a short business trip.

Miss Nannie Crawford is entertaining the Misses Bell from Staunton.

Little Marie Crawford McClung entertained some little friends the 11th inst. in honor of her seventh birthday.

Mr. C. W. Brown and wife are on a visit to Atlantic City and will also take in Niagara Falls before returning.

Mr. Eugene Blanton is up from Richmond to spend a few days with his family who are with Mrs. Henderson.

Mr. A. G. Pifer was in our town this afternoon, looking to the interests of his business.

The pay car arrived today making glad the hearts of all C. & O. employees.

The railroad bridge over Middle River, one mile east of here, which has been under construction for more than a month, will soon be completed.

The many friends of Mrs. H. L. Wilson will be glad to hear she is convalescing.

GAYNOR MAY NEVER GO ON STUMP AGAIN

New York, Aug. 18.—Dashing the hopes of friends of Mayor Gaynor that his health might permit him to resume the course which he had mapped out for him in politics, an eminent surgeon has just declared that the mayor's voice is irreparably damaged and that, in his opinion, the mayor's days as a campaign orator passed with the attempt on his life. This noted doctor, who was associated from the first with the council of specialists attending the mayor, does not believe Gaynor will ever be able to make a campaign speech.

It is variously reported that the bullet had worked itself out of its lodgment in the back of the mouth and that the mayor was convinced the lead had been dissolved by natural chemical processes. The specialists declared that the bullet would never dissolve.

WEYER'S CAVE FARMER COMPLETES FINE SILO

Weyer's Cave, Aug. 18.—Mr. D. A. Cline has about completed his silo. The farmers in this neighborhood have been slow in taking hold of this convenience for some reason, this being the first one to be built near here, but several others have been recently bought and will erect them in the near future.

Mrs. L. R. Fogle, of Mt. Sidney, is visiting friends in this neighborhood.

Mr. C. K. Holsinger, of Bridgewater, was in town last evening.

Miss Mary Virginia Kagey is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Michael Lindon, of Mr. Crawford.

Miss Mary Roler returned yesterday from a visit in Richmond. She was accompanied by two sisters, Misses Sarah and Susie Roler.

Miss Virginia Kagey is visiting Miss Clara Eutuler.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Tutwiler left this evening for a trip to Indianapolis, Ind.

FUNERAL OF ROBERT M. BYERS

The funeral of Mr. Robert M. Byers took place Friday morning from the Old Stone church, the services being conducted by the Rev. J. N. VanDevanter assisted by Rev. C. D. Waller.

The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Active—Messrs. C. S. Roller, Jr., Wm. Roller, J. G. Fulton, Thomas Hoghead, Frank Walker, Bennett Beard, A. C. McCue and Dr. Frank Crawford; honorary—Messrs. T. J. Roller, W. B. Crawford, C. V. Parkins, C. P. Bowman, M. Dudley, Wm. Cline and Duncan Curry. Interment was in the Church cemetery.

GOES TO NEW YORK

Mr. Malcolm A. Holliday, of this city, has secured a position with a prominent New York consulting chemist and has already entered on his duties. Mr. Holliday has done some very creditable work in his chosen line and his friends will be very glad to know of his advancement.

INSANE PATIENT WANDERS AWAY

Pokey Jefferson, a female patient being brought to the Western State Hospital from Pittsylvania county and who was left in the C. & O. waiting room a moment while attendant Price helped a crippled male patient into a vehicle, strayed off with the crowd leaving the depot and was lost for a short time yesterday. Officer Davis, of the police force, found her looking for Mr. Price on South Augusta street and turned her over to the hospital authorities.

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REV. TAYLOR PRESIDENT

New Officers Named By County Sunday School As'sn.

SEVERAL STAUNTON MEN ARE ELECTED

Most Successful Meeting In History at End of Churchville

Friday was the closing day for the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Augusta County Sunday School Association which met this year on August 17 and 18 at Churchville.

At the close of devotional services conducted by the Rev. J. E. Purcell, Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., discussed very plainly the Boy Problem. Thirty minutes were then devoted to the Convention Round Table. Mission in the Sunday School was the subject of an instructive address by Rev. Wm. Denham.

The election of officers resulted in Rev. J. M. Taylor being made president, W. D. Hoge, secretary; W. S. Thomas, assistant secretary; and Harry M. Lewis, Treasurer. The vice-presidents are Messrs. W. W. Sproul, W. E. Skelton, H. H. Blease and Rev. Wm. Denham. The executive committee consists of Rev. D. W. Files, (chairman), Mr. H. G. Barnhardt, Rev. J. N. VanDevanter, Prof. C. T. Jordan, R. H. Dudley and A. Lee Knowles.

By reason of their continued membership since the association was first organized, 27 years ago, Messrs. Wm. E. Skelton, Chas. W. Fitch and Rev. J. H. Taylor were made life members.

State secretary Thos. C. Diggs delivered a special Sunday School address in the afternoon, following which the convention was closed with the singing of a hymn.

The church was crowded both days, the attendance being estimated at about three hundred.

BLOODHOUNDS ACCUSERS OF PROSPEROUS FARMER

Theory That Man Fired Fine Barn For Revenge on Neighbor

Franklin, Pa., Aug. 18.—Lowry Hoffman, a prosperous farmer of Irwin township, was charged with burning the barn of his brother Lewis last Saturday night. The structure was completely destroyed, together with its contents, including a horse worth \$250, four cows, and all the season's crops, the loss being \$3,000, with only \$1,000 insurance.

It is the theory of the prosecution that Mr. Lowry burned the barn in revenge for the action of Carlisle Hoffman, a son of Lewis, in testifying against Mr. Lowry in a criminal suit Saturday afternoon.

The principal evidence against Mr. Lowry is that two bloodhounds followed a scent from the door of the barn to Mr. Lowry's home, a mile distant. On the second trip Mr. Lowry came out of the house, and dogs are alleged to have smelled him on a second trip.

Mr. Lowry said that he would come to town and give bail for a hearing.

EVANGELIST WILEY CONVERTS MURDERER

Rocky Mount, Aug. 18.—This county has for three weeks had the greatest spirit of revival ever known in the Methodist churches at Ferrum and at Gogganville.

Evangelist George H. Wiley, of Richmond, with his wife, had upwards of 200 converts, and restored among the converts are leading citizens and the worst of citizens.

A man who had served a term in the state penitentiary for murder, is among the converts; two barkeepers were at the altar for prayers Sunday, while neighborhood and church quarrels have been in many instances settled and happiness has been brought to many hearts and homes.

On Sunday there were six services, beginning with a sunrise prayer service. At midday, when the crowd was the largest, there was a furious short-lived fight between converts of the community. At the next service the parties came to the altar as penitents.

The Rev. O. L. Haza is pastor of the churches, and the Rev. T. P. Duke is resident pastor.

His many friends here will be glad to learn of the great success which has attended a revival held at Rocky Mount, Va., by Evangelist George H. Wiley, who is so well known here.

The following dispatch tells of the great meeting:

JONES TO SPEAK HERE COURT DAY AUGUST 28

A change is announced in the date of the speech here of Congressman William A. Jones. Instead of speaking here on August 25, he will defer his visit until August 28, which is court day. He will speak at noon and at a place to be decided on later. Mr. Jones will make a speech in Waynesboro on the afternoon of the 26th.

Negro Pythians in Session

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BREEZE FANS FLAMES LOSS TOTALS \$60,000

Fire in Big Lumber Plant at Leesburg, Va., Yesterday Does Much Damage

Leesburg, Va., August 19.—Fanned by a brisk west wind, fire, which threatened for a while to spread to the Northern railroad yards and adjoining property, broke out suddenly at 1 o'clock this morning in the office of the Norris & Bro. Lumber yards, near the railroad tracks, resulting in \$50,000 to \$80,000 damage to the stock and buildings, and in the injury of Charles Norris, a member of the firm.

At noon today the lumber was still burning, despite the efforts of the fire department to put out the flames, and it was only after a hard struggle, aided by many citizens, that the department saved the Southern yards from being destroyed.

Aroused from their midnight slumbers by the loud ringing of the fire bells, the alarm having been given by the night watchman, half the population turned out and organized no bucket brigades to assist the firemen.

Charles R. Norris injured. Fire hose was spread from the main plugs, and the two companies, aided by the citizens managed to send several large streams pouring into the lumber piles.

While attempting to save some of the property from the burning office building Charles R. Norris, a member of the firm, received painful burns about the hands and face, but persisted in remaining on the scene and personally conducting a section of the fire fighting.

A small stream of water separated a portion of the lumber yards from the fire and a small party consisting of Harry E. Handie, Benston Smith and Harry Lester of Washington and John Hill Carter, a real estate man of Leesburg, who had just returned from an automobile trip, after desperate efforts, during which the hose broke on several occasions, succeeded in fighting the flames back, preventing them from spreading across the creek.

Despite the efforts of the fire department, it was two hours before the fire was under control, and not until after the flames had crept dangerously near the oil tanks of the Standard Oil Company.

The owners of the lumber yard are Lemuel Norris, an architect of Washington; Samuel Norris of Leesburg, who has charge of the business, and the heirs of the late Joseph L. Norris. Mr. Lemuel Norris today said the damage to the buildings and stock would reach between \$50,000 and \$80,000. Only part of this, he said, was covered by insurance.

GABBERT-GARBER

At the residence of the Rev. W. W. Coffman, Miss Mollie A. Garber and Mr. A. H. Garber were united in marriage on Wednesday, August 16. The bride is a daughter of Rev. J. C. Garber, of the county. The groom resides in Staunton where they will probably make their home.

MOTHER FINED FOR SPANKING HER CHILD

Winchester, Va., Aug. 17.—For spanking her 5-year-old son with her bare hand on his bare skin, Mrs. Baker Seabright was fined \$5 and costs today. The family had been at a lawn party and when they went home the boy refused to go in, saying he wanted to go back for ice cream and cake.

Becoming rebellious, he was partly stripped of clothing and vigorously spanked by the mother. His walls aroused the neighbors, including a policeman, who rushed into the street and restored order among the screaming women and quarreling men.

LAURIER IN QUEBEC

Montreal, Aug. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier opened his Quebec campaign today at Three Rivers, where he addressed a great demonstration of Liberals. Tomorrow he will go to the city of Quebec, returning thence to Montreal. The Premier attaches much importance to the campaign in this Province, owing to the wide prevalence here of the Nationalist sentiment, which is regarded as one of the most disturbing elements with which the Liberals have to cope in the present fight.

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