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TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1879.

WEATHER REPORT. INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, warmer southerly winds, shifting in the interior to cooler northerly, followed by rising barometer, clear or partly cloudy weather.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY WAS clear and warm. At night it was cool and pleasant.

MEAN TEMPERATURE, 74 P. M., 74; 9 A. M., 81; noon, 92; 3 P. M., 93; 6 P. M., 90; midnight, 75.

WIND, S.W. by S. 10 to 15 miles.

MOON, 10:15 P. M.

RAIN, none.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY, 75.

WIND VELOCITY, 10 to 15 miles.

WIND DIRECTION, S.W. by S.

WIND FORCE, 10 to 15 miles.

WIND EFFECT, clear or partly cloudy.

WIND STATE, 10 to 15 miles.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

CHURCH NOTES.—At St. Paul's church on Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Roller officiated.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.—A REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen, at a meeting held on Monday evening last, received a report from the Committee on the Public Schools.

The report was read by the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Harrison, and was highly commended.

The Board then proceeded to discuss the report, and to make such amendments as they might see fit.

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TRIAL BY A NEGRO JURY.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE CASE OF LEWIS, THE CHESTERFIELD MURDERER.—A NOVEL SIGHT—THE EVIDENCE ENDED AND THE VERDICT COMMENCED—THE PROBABLE ARGUMENT, &c., &c.

A large number of spectators were in attendance at the Chesterfield county court-house yesterday to witness the trial of George Lewis (colored), charged with the murder of his grandnephew, J. W. Robinson, an old woman nearly eighty years of age, on Sunday the 1st of January last, at Middlebrook, in the heart of the great coal-fields of Chesterfield.

The great crowd present were attracted chiefly on account of the fact that a negro jury had been summoned to try the case.

The court-room was packed. Many who were unable to gain admittance crowded on the outside near the windows, and remained patiently during the progress of the trial.

As it was generally known that the prisoner would object to being tried by a negro jury, much interest was manifested as to the result.

The court convened at 11 o'clock. Lewis was brought into the court-room in custody of two constables, Philip Gossett and a guard.

The prisoner was allowed to sit within the bar with his counsel, Charles Page, Esq., of Manchester.

The venire-list being called by the sheriff, twenty-four negroes answered to their names. The original list contained forty-two names, only twenty-four being summoned.

THE PRISONER'S OBJECTIONS.—The counsel for Lewis, in raising his objections to the prisoner being tried by a colored jury, read the following to the court:

"This day—to wit: Monday, July 14, 1879—came the Commonwealth by her attorney, W. H. Harrison, and came also the prisoner and a panel of twenty-four jurors duly summoned by order of Court, consisting solely and exclusively of colored men; and the said prisoner having been arraigned to the premises and pleaded not guilty to the indictment exhibited against him, and doth challenge the array of said jurors, and for cause of challenge sheweth that the said panel of jurors, consisting solely and exclusively of colored men; and have been summoned that a jury for the trial of him the said prisoner might be selected therefrom, consisting solely and exclusively of colored men; and that said panel of jurors was summoned as and because they were such colored men, and the Court well knew that they were, one and all, such when ordering them to be summoned; and summoned them on that account when issuing his venire-list to that end. Wherefore the prisoner says that the said panel of jurors is not such an one as the law of the land countenances, recognizes, or allows in the premises, and that he is therefore prejudiced in his trial; and he prays the judgment of the Court and that the said array be quashed."

THE MOTION OVERRULED.—After listening to the reading of the affidavit the Judge decided that colored men were eligible to be jurors, and overruled the motion made by counsel objecting to the prisoner's being tried by a negro jury.

While selecting the jury the usual questions were put to each of the jurors, and not any of those examined had any conscientious scruples to rendering a verdict in the penalty of which is death. This question somewhat perplexed some of the veniremen, and several explanations had to be given before a satisfactory answer was obtained.

The following are the names of those who were chosen as jurors.

ALL BEING FROM MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP: Mat. Ezgizton, William Evans, Jacob Hancock, William Harris, Wilson Howland, Thornton Hughes, T. J. Jeter, Richard Johnson, Charles Taylor, Esq., of Manchester, and Alfred Munford, and Henry Rawson. Those examined and stricken from the list by Lewis's counsel were Robert Archer, Giles Haden, Charles Logan, and Daniel Brown.

Several witnesses for the Commonwealth were examined after the jury had been selected, and the Court adjourned for dinner.

The jury were taken to Bladen's Hotel, near by, in charge of the sheriff and deputy, and dined in a separate room from the one used by the regular guests.

After the dinner a jury was sent out to their dinner to adjournment of the court at night that jury was "observed of all observers." A negro jury was a novel sight in old Chesterfield, and they were so besieged by spectators that they were hardly allowed to eat their dinner.

THE LITIGANTS OF MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, occupied the head of the table, and presided on that occasion with the gusto and dignity peculiar to himself when officiating in his judicial capacity in his own district.

When the court convened after dinner other witnesses for the Commonwealth were examined. After the usual questions were asked, Lewis made a free confession. In making the confession Lewis stated that the devil got the upper hand of him and he could not resist the feelings that impelled him to commit the crime for which he was being tried.

The confession was read to the jury, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The sentence was death by hanging.

During the progress of his trial Lewis seemed to be utterly careless as to his fate. Frequently he would catch the eye of an acquaintance, and a smile would light up his countenance.

The scene between the prisoner and his father in the jail, before he was conveyed to the court for trial, was very touching.

The prisoner's father is a very old man, and in ill-health. In fact, disease shows its progress on every feature. He leaned upon the bars of the old prison close to the cell where his son was confined and wept like a child while talking to his recent son.

THE FIRST NEGRO JURY TO TRY A CAPITAL OFFENSE.—The jury which was yesterday empaneled to try Lewis is said to be the first that ever sat in this State to try a prisoner for a capital offense, and the first colored jury that Chesterfield has had.

The crime of which Lewis is charged is a most revolting one. He was not content to slay his victim, but fairly blew off her head by a heavy charge from an old army musket, and scattering her brains over the wall.

The evidence in the case was concluded late in the afternoon, and was followed by the argument of counsel. The argument of the Commonwealth was presented by the clerk of the Chesterfield County Court, as follows: First district, comprising Manchester, Bermuda, and Middlebrook, \$84,623; Second district, comprising Dale, Matton, and Clover Hill, \$44,823—total, \$129,446.

THE EVIDENCE AND VERDICT.—As to the verdict in the case, it seemed to be the general opinion last night that it would be one of murder in the first degree. The evidence, which has heretofore been briefly reported in the Dispatch, was strong and circumstantial testimony, which was well linked and joined with Lewis's confession of the crime, the latter being admitted as evidence closing this account the writer desires to return his thanks to Sheriff Flournoy, his deputy, Mr. Phillip Cogbill, Mr. Bladen, and others not less courteous, for their kindness to him during the trial.

A SLOTH FIRE.—At 1:54 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was sounded from Station 45, corner St. James and Duval streets, caused by the partial burning of the roof of a dwelling-house, No. 119 Duval street, owned and occupied by Richard Hampton. Damage about \$10. Origin of the fire unknown. Insured in the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia.

TROUBLES AT BRYTON, WEST VIRGINIA.—NAT. COLONEL'S PROPERTY WRECKED BY REGULATORS.—The town of Bryton, Va., in the county of Summers, and immediately on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, was the scene of considerable excitement on Saturday and Sunday.

L. M. Peck, a youth employed by the railroad company as watchman, had some difficulty with a negro Friday night. The result was that the negroes about the town became much excited against him, and bearing in mind the recent lynching of one of their own color at Coal Valley, threatened to treat Peck in similar style. Peck, it seems, was really apprehensive of danger, and a telegram from Hinton, Va., had to call upon his friends to guard him from violence during Friday night.

Saturday the negroes about the place continued their manifestations of displeasure against Peck. They were seen, with arms and talking excitedly in groups about the outskirts of the town. Peck's friends becoming alarmed—perhaps needless, for the whites of the town largely outnumber the blacks—telegraphed to the miners at Coal Valley and Cannelton to come to their aid.

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