

NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

VIRGINIA FARM LABORER.

He Doesn't Work as Hard as Agricultural Worker in Other States.

Washington, March 28.—Wages of farm laborers in Virginia have advanced from \$15 to \$16.10 per month with board and from \$21.11 to \$23.50 without board between 1909 and 1913, according to a statement issued by the agricultural department.

The scale of wages is higher in the West and North than in the Southern negro-labor states.

The agricultural department's bulletin says that in 1893 the Virginia scale was \$9.48 per month with board, and \$14.40 without board; in 1899, it was \$10.43 with board and \$14.82 without board; in 1909, it was \$15 with board and \$21.11 without board, and in 1913 it was \$16.10 with board and \$23.50 without board.

The Virginia farm laborers have much shorter hours than those in other states. In spring the average working day is nine hours and forty-five minutes; in the summer, ten hours and in the winter, eight hours and thirty-five minutes.

Wages average highest in the far Western states and lowest in the South Atlantic States. The monthly rate, without board, is \$58.50 in Nevada, \$54 in Montana, and \$51 in Utah; but \$17.90 in South Carolina, \$19.60 in Mississippi, and \$20.20 in Georgia.

MISS TYLER IN WASHINGTON.

Deposed Virginia Woman Visits the White House.

Washington, March 28.—The pathetic side of the operations of civil service rules in connection with fourth-class postmasters was personally and forcibly illustrated in the appearance at the White House yesterday in an effort to make a final appeal for herself, of Miss Mattie R. Tyler, seventy years old, granddaughter of former President Tyler, and postmaster at Courtland, Va., for seventeen years. She has been succeeded by B. A. Williams, who was named upon the recommendation of Representative Holland and other democrats, after passing an examination, as required by civil service rules.

Courtland is a town of less than 900 inhabitants, but the postoffice pays a salary of about \$700 a year, and has meant very much to the aged woman who is fighting to have President Wilson become personally interested in the matter.

Miss Tyler, whose father, John Tyler, was private secretary to former President Tyler, arrived in Washington yesterday morning on the Norfolk steamer, accompanied by the Miss Sadie Cole and several friends. Miss Tyler's first day on a railroad train in twenty-five years was spent in going from Courtland to Norfolk, and her first ride in an automobile was taken when those with her engaged a taxi and drove to the White House.

Miss Tyler was received by Assistant Secretary Brahany, who suggested that she write her request for an interview and state her case fully, when the matter would be placed before the President, and she would hear from the matter.

Postmaster General Burleson, on reaching the White House for the cabinet meeting was told about Miss Tyler's case. "I do not know anything about her case," said Mr. Burleson. "It comes under the civil service regulations. We have had many sad cases, and instances have been called to my attention of old soldiers, Confederate and others, losing their places through the new rules. We do not make exceptions however, no matter what the conditions are. If the meaneast republican stands the best examination for a postoffice and is qualified through character and standing, he gets the postoffice. President Wilson, so far as I know, has not made a single exception and we insist upon the law being fairly carried out."

Assistant Postmaster General Roper, who handled the case from the beginning, said civil service laws regulations had been fully complied with and that the case was closed, the commission of Mr. Williams having been sent to him March 24.

CAN'T PAINT THEIR FASES

Frank E. Guttridge, superintendent of the Patchogue Manufacturing Company, of New York, has issued an order barring paint and powder from the faces of girl operatives.

Steamed Hard Shell and Deviled Crabs, and Cherrystone Clams at the Rammel Cafe daily.

NEGRO TEACHER KILLED.

Shot by Young Colored Man With Whom He Boarded.

Bedford City, Va., March 28.—John Langhorn, teacher of the colored school at Cifax, was killed a few days ago by colored youth named Thompson, at the home of the latter where Langhorn boarded.

The nature of the difficulty between them could not be learned. Langhorn was shot in the neck with a .32-calibre gun while standing on the porch of the house and died in a short time. Thompson was brought here and lodged in jail to await trial. The remains of Langhorn were sent to his home at Hollins for interment. He was about 40 years of age, and a most respectable, intelligent man.

It is rumored that Thompson accused Langhorn of attempting to take advantage of his sister and the quarrel issued which resulted in the killing of the school teacher.

STRUCK BY BASEBALL.

Suffolk Boy, With Only One Good Eye, Victim of Tragic Accident.

Suffolk, Va., March 28.—Reginald Wright, Jr., the 17-year-old son of Reginald Wright, of Hill Point, was brought to suffolk a few days ago by his father, his eye terribly injured by a baseball.

The ball, after being batted, struck a tree, rebounded, and glancing off, struck young Wright square in the eye.

The tragic part of the whole affair is that, two years ago, the boy was struck in the other eye by a piece of dynamite cap, and blinded. He bore his loss at that time with manly fortitude, but when the good eye was struck with perhaps the worst to fear, he suffered intensely from the shock.

NEGRO KILLS MURDERER.

Victim Was Wanted to Answer the Charge of Murder.

Norfolk, Va., March 28.—Wanted for the murder of Tom Archer, colored, early Thursday morning, Luther Collins, also colored, was himself killed yesterday. His slayer was Arnold Walker, a colored employe of the Chesterfield Veneer Works, in Norfolk county, who afterward gave himself up to the police and is being held for the Norfolk county authorities at the Second Precinct station. Eye-witnesses say that Walker shot Collins in self-defense, after Collins had fired three shots at him.

\$50,000 FOR EXHIBIT.

Mansion at Mount Vernon is to be Reproduced at San Francisco.

Richmond, Va., March 28.—A reproduction of the historic mansion house at Mount Vernon will be one of the features of the Virginia exhibit at the Pan-American exposition at San Francisco. The bill which recently passed the State legislature appropriating \$50,000 for Virginia's exhibit at the exposition has been signed by Governor Stuart.

Within a short time the Governor will name three commissioners who will be in charge of the construction of the Virginia building and installation of exhibits therein.

Opium smuggling netted \$170,000 to 16 customs men under charges in San Francisco, it is charged.

WILL PROBE POLICE FORCE.

Norfolk Mayor to Begin Investigation Monday.

Norfolk, Va., March 28.—Mayor W. R. Mayo will begin Monday an investigation of the Norfolk police force. Charges against Chief of Police Kizer, Captain Ford and Captain Mayo and several patrolmen are to be probed. One of the charges made at an investigation conducted by a committee from the Board of Aldermen, was that a 14-year-old girl was dragged into a place of bad repute against her will, and the police refused to interfere because there was no warrant in the case.

Captain Ford is accused of accepting "presents" from a man for recovering stolen property and is also alleged to have sought information relative to the organization of railway clerks in the interest of several corporations. Several members of the organization lost their positions when their employers learned they were members of the organization, and it is charged that Captain Ford was responsible.

The officers deny the charges and say they are inspired by political enemies.

TWO ENTIRE FAMILIES HELD.

Eight Men and Women Arrested as Chicken Thieves.

Wytheville, Va., March 28.—Dick Halsey and three sons, S. C., Frank and String; Mrs. Lizzie Felty and daughter, Daisy, and two sons, Kent and Edward, who live near here, are under arrest, charged with stealing corn and chickens from R. C. Kent, a farmer near here. Clifton Hogan, a Roanoke detective, worked up the case. He is said to have accompanied String and Frank Halsey when they robbed Mr. Kent's chicken house Thursday. Sheriff's Davison and Umberger were on hand to arrest them.

The prisoners are alleged to have confessed to various thefts, implicating the others. All gave bonds this afternoon for appearance at a preliminary trial today.

Dick and S. C. Halsey are merchants at Crockett Cove.

DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF LEG.

Former Employe of Chesapeake and Ohio Given Verdict for \$25,000.

Charlottesville, Va., March 28.—Asa P. Carnahan, of this city, has received a verdict in his suit against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company for \$25,000. Mr. Carnahan was injured in a collision at Doswell on March 27, 1913. He was fireman on the engine which collided with some freight cars left unguarded on the main track. His leg was caught between the boiler head and the tender, and so severely bruised and burned as to make amputation above the knee necessary. Suit was instituted in December last in the Circuit Court of Hanover county under the employers' liability act of Congress, for \$35,000 damages. The case was tried on March 24, and Mr. Carnahan received a verdict on which judgment has been entered for \$25,000. This is perhaps the largest verdict for a single similar injury that has ever been recovered in Virginia.

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