



WOODSTOCK, VIRGINIA.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1904.

Geo. W. Murray, a former negro Congressman from South Carolina, was convicted, at Sumter, of forgery and was sentenced to three years on the chain gang and to pay a fine of \$250. His service on the chain gang will doubtless be worth more to his country than his service in Congress. He however, seems unwilling to save his country in his new role, and has taken an appeal.

The Virginia Episcopal Council which adjourned last Friday evening at Richmond, made one important change in the rules of the church by abolishing that portion of Canon 19 which specifically places dancing and attendance upon racing and theatrical performances among the things forbidden. The amendment to this rule was unanimously adopted.

In the Methodist General Conference similar action was proposed and it was referred to a committee that was almost equally divided, the majority opposed the change of rule. Two reports will be made to the Conference and it is not known which will be adopted.

Without expressing an opinion upon the merits of this question, it is very evident that change in forms of worship as well as in the rules of the church is becoming popular. The effort seems to be to tear down the ancient landmarks, and to have church rules and church worship that the populace will approve. The Catholic Pope has called a halt in the Catholic Church. Protestant churches might with profit follow the Catholic in adopting the recommendations of his Holiness.

An objection to Mr. Gray of Delaware as a candidate for President is that he did not support Mr. Bryan in 1896. The democratic party is not aware of the fact that a great blunder was made in adopting Mr. Bryan's financial vagaries and they are willing to drop them. The fact that Mr. Gray recognized the great blunder before the mass of his party did, should be no objection at this day, when he stands firmly upon democratic principles. He has not changed. The party changed when it followed the financial will of the wisps into the sloughs of defeat and a few of the party would to day make their standard of democracy the mad stunts upon the clothes of the followers of Mr. Bryan, in his wanderings through the wilderness. Mr. Gray is a good man. He would be an honor to his party and his defeat would be a National calamity.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

In another column is published the list of Delegates to the State Convention, selected by the County Committee. Their choice among the candidates named for the nomination as President is not known. So far as we have been able to judge from the few expressions upon the subject, Parker, we think, would be the choice of the democrats of this county. The action of the County Committee in assuming the power of appointing the delegates will probably be questioned. There are, however, some very good grounds for their action. The fractional troubles which have disrupted the party for some years, would probably be again renewed by any other mode of action. The Primary plan is cumbersome, costly, and in some respects very objectionable. Very little interest has been taken by the members of the party in the selection of delegates. The greatest objection to the action of the committee is that they are treading in the footsteps of the Constitutional Convention that usurped the prerogatives of the people. The action of the convention will cost the democratic party many votes in the State, and may result in the loss of the party's control of Virginia. A bad example should not be followed, if it can possibly be avoided.

John Sisel, of New York, a "human ostrich" in a museum, was cut open at a Morgantown hospital and several pounds of nails, tacks, pins and a watch and chain were removed. He may recover.

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c, at J. B. Irwin's.

WAR SITUATION.

NO CONFIRMATION OF JAPANESE DISASTER.
The great battle reported to have taken place at Port Arthur in which fifteen thousand men, seems hard to verify, or even locate. Now the Russians claim it took place, not at Port Arthur but at Feng Wang Cheng. It probably did not take place at all.

The Japanese are evidently laying their plans to strike a powerful blow, their movements being kept entirely secret.

London, May 24.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Central News wires that advices from Liao Yang, Manchuria, state that cholera has broken out at Feng Wang Cheng, and that hundreds of Japanese are dying daily.

REPORTED RUSSIANS CAPTURE ANJIA.
London, May 24.—According to a dispatch from Mukden the Russians attacked and captured the town of Anjia, a hundred miles south of Wiju, Korea, May 16. The Japanese retired in order, burning the principal buildings before they left.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN CLAIM.
St. Petersburg, May 24.—Russian correspondents at Liao Yang telegraph that according to Chinese reports Russians under General Fok surprised and massacred seven Japanese batteries near King Chang.

Mosby as Assistant Attorney-General.
Washington, D. C., May 23.—Colonel John S. Mosby was today appointed an assistant attorney general of the United States, and immediately took the oath of office. His future home will be in this city, and his office will be in the Department of Justice.

Three are Killed and Ten Injured.
Camden, N. J., May 23.—Three persons were killed and ten others were injured, two of them probably fatally by an explosion today in the factory of the Independent Fireworks Company, on the outskirts of this city.

Insurance of \$1,000,000.
Macon, Ga., May 22.—Robert H. Platt, who committed suicide at his home here yesterday, had an insurance of over \$1,000,000, of which nearly \$800,000 was for the benefit of his creditors.

Big Portsmouth Blaze.
Norfolk, Va., May 22.—Lindsay & Co.'s mattress factory and three large stores, all belonging to the same firm in Crawford street, Portsmouth, were destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning, with a loss of \$50,000.

Negro Ex-Congressman A Forger.
Charleston, S. C., May 22.—The motion for a new trial at Sumter, in the case of Geo. W. Murray, colored, former Congressman from this State, convicted of forgery, was denied by Judge Purdy. Murray was sentenced to three years on the chain gang and to pay a fine of \$250. Notice of appeal was given and Murray was released on \$2,000 bail.

Confederate The Orator.
Winchester, Va., May 22.—At the Decoration Day exercises at the National Cemetery here on May 20, Rev. Chas. T. Weede, pastor of Market street Methodist Episcopal Church, who during the war served on the staff of General Ransom, in the Confederate Army, will deliver the oration over the thousand of graves of Federal soldiers.

Making Future Timber.
The Dr. rington (Ky.) Bee, for the encouragement of the planting of black walnuts on vacant lands, recites the fact that during the 10 or 12 years before the fall of 1903 Mr. Jno. B. Atkinson planted between three and four millions of black walnuts on the waste places and unoccupied acres of the company. These walnuts have sprung from the seed and grown with great success, and now are fine, thirty young trees. The roadside fences are lined with them, and the public roads will before long be handsome shaded avenues. But last year the record was broken in the fall of 1903. Mr. Atkinson planted full 250,000 walnuts on 60 acres of land. This makes the aggregate planting enormous and sets one wondering at the future value of the value of the timber that is growing in these fine trees.

The Supreme Court of the United States laid down the principle that a telegraph operator for a railroad company and a fireman on a railroad engine are "hollow servants," and that the negligence of the former causing the death of the latter in the operation of the train was a risk the fireman assumed and was not a ground for damage against the railroad company.

The following graduates of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute have been appointed to places on the construction corps of the Panama canal work and will sail for Panama on June 1st: Captain Lindsay, of Albion; J. L. and J. W. Hortenstine, of Abingdon; W. R. Crute, of Farmville; H. L. Archer, of Richmond; D. Wright, Winchester; S. W. Williams, of Wytheville.

Senator Daniel authorizes the statement that the talk of his candidacy for the vice-presidential nomination "is entirely without my knowledge and will be attended to in my own way at the proper time."

A Cure for Piles.
"I had a bad case of piles," says G. F. Carter of Atlanta, Ga., "and consulted a physician who advised me to try a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. I purchased a box and was entirely cured. It is splendid for piles, giving relief instantly, and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for healing qualities. Eczema and other skin diseases, also sores, cuts, burns and wounds of every kind are quickly cured by it. Sold by L. R. Irwin, druggist.

MAURERTOWN.

Scott Fainestok and daughter Miss Pearl of Winchester visited S. J. Fainestok several days last week.

Miss Lizzie Ambrose of Mt. Jackson, visited the family of Mrs. Ida Goehneur last week.

Misses Lizzie Coffman and Mary McClanahan were visiting the family of W. McInturf, on Saturday and Sunday.

Samuel Boyer and wife of the Fort valley were here last week visiting relatives.

S. B. Thompson of Dayton, came here on Monday morning and went to Dry Run, to fresco and paint the pulpit and recess of the new Brethren church of that place. Mr. Thompson is an artist of quite a good reputation.

Mrs. Abram Beydler who had been quite sick last week, is slowly improving, much to the gratification of her family and friends.

The following persons are in attendance at the annual Conference of the Brethren church at Dayton, Va. Rev. E. B. Shaver, and Geo. A. Copp, Jno. W. Hoekman, Harry L. Rosenberger, Emanuel Beydler, Dr. D. L. Shaver, and Mrs. Mollie Shaver, Miss Ada Beydler, and Miss Nellie Copp, Miss Annie Hoekman, and George Shrum.

Horses and vehicles of all kinds will be in demand here on next Sunday, as a number of our people, will go to the Fort valley to attend the dedication of the Brethren church. Rev. I. D. Bowman of Philadelphia, will preach the dedication sermon.

TOM'S BROOK.
Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins visited John Leichter of near Strasburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ritenour were in Mantertown Saturday.

Miss Ida Rau, of near Woodstock, is visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. Ham.

Ennandel and Andy Jenkins were in Woodstock Saturday.

Charles White, of Strasburg, spent a few days here this week.

Mrs. F. P. White, of Cragville is visiting friends in this place.

Mr. Frank Bushong returned the first of this week from a visit to his parents at Manassas.

O. G. and C. D. Borden were in Strasburg Tuesday.

Walter Hottle, son of Daniel Hottle met with a painful accident Tuesday, while peeling bark for Borden Brothers, on the mountain. Just as Charles Krouk was about to hit on a log to loosen the bark Hottle slipped and in trying to catch himself threw his hand under the ax, lacerating several fingers one of which had to be amputated at the second joint. Dr. Sager performed the operation.

HI. OLIVE.
The good roads movement in this County appears to be wanting, whose fault is it the people or the Road Board? The responsibility rests somewhere every other interest is looked after with a zealous eye, why should this important question be overlooked. Every state has declared for good roads, counties doing the same Shenandoah has the money the brains and the material, with which to construct good roads. Why procrastinate? Procrastination used to be the thief of time, what point will be gained by further delaying. This question must be met sooner or later.

I note that the Rock Crusher purchased by Davis district some three years since is quietly resting at Topnot subject to last summer's rain and last winter's snow. It has been said that machinery will rust out faster than it will wear out. It is this a true saying and we don't doubt it, then it is a bad investment. This true machine did good work, maybe it deserves a good long rest, or a good rusting. Old Peter Turnbull would vote for the machine to remain where it now is. Perhaps this is a little presumptuous, I will close. Peter may read this.

MT. CLIFTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Pence visited relatives in Wardensville, W. Va., from Saturday till Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Tysinger spent several days in Woodstock the first of the week.

Lace Marshall returned from Cumberland, Md., where he has been in the hospital for the past 6 months on account of the accident he sustained to his foot. He is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coffman of Belgrade, were visiting the later's aunt Mrs. J. L. Osburn first of the week.

Mrs. Amos Peters and daughter Velliger visited the family of Peter Dellinger, near Hawkinstown, Monday.

R. T. Brown, will attend the Brethren Conference at Dayton, several days this week.

C. D. Stickle returned from Washington, first of the week, we have not learned how long he expects to remain here, prior to going west.

A little new black smith located in our quiet village one day last week. He is stopping in the family of J. L. Planger, and from present appearance he has come to stay. "Freck" is mighty tickled over it too.

Dr. J. V. Switzer, dentist will be here June 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Saumsville.
The young men gave a most delightful party to the young ladies on Monday evening at the home of Mr. Arch Keller's. Among those present were:-

Misses Alice Coffman, Katie Maphis, of Woodstock. Tirzah Crabb, Katie Spiker, Mary Myers, Vivian Hunt, Lenora and Constance Summ, Maggie Hottle and Annie Fainestok. The gentlemen were:-

Messrs. Frank Bauserman of Denver, Col., Earl Coffman, of Washington, D. C., Rev. T. C. Jones, Carl Shaffer and Eli Spitzer, of Woodstock, Boyd and Homer Myers, Silas Sager, Russell Borden, Russell and Carl Boyer, Rob. Clower, Jesse Sager, Clint Wisman, Chas. Coffelt, Carl Maphis, Glenn Sam, Bern Peer and George Boyer.

Robert Myers and wife of Brunswick, spent several days with his uncle John W. Myers.

Luther Hottle, wife, son, and daughter of New Market spent Sunday with Mrs. Ellen Wilkins.

Earl Coffman of Washington, D. C., spent several days in our town.

Miss Alice Coffman visited Miss Katie Maphis last week.

Frank Bauserman of Denver, Col., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Chas. Copp, we understand he will be accompanied back by his father Wm. Bauserman.

Mrs. H. L. Spiker is visiting Mrs. Jos. Doll of Alonzo, Va.

A number of our married folks spent Monday at the river fishing while our young people spent the day pleasantly at Pugh's Run.

NOTICE!

Now For Your STRAW HAT

Don't try to look pleasant in last year's Straw Hat. You can't do it. The hot weather has sent men scrambling for lighter head-gear. Luckily we had our Straw Hats all ready, and we got them out in a jiffy. Today every new style is out. We are not confined to any one maker's shape. We gather the best from all of them. The smart Hats this season are the new shapes in Sunnet and Split Straws, Mackinaws, Milan Braids, etc. We have all widths of brims and heights of crowns. Come here with your Straw Hat notions. We start our prices range at 25c and go by easy steps up to \$5 or \$6.

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Commissioner's Office,

Woodstock, Va., May 23, 1904.

To S. P. Loas, who sues for himself and all other creditors of Rebecca A. Estep, dec'd, and of the ten creditors of Levi H. Estep, who shall come in, take part in and share the proceeds of this suit.

1. The value, actual and annual of the estate of the said Rebecca A. Estep, dec'd, seized and possessed, and the estate now seized and possessed by Levi Estep.

2. An account of all debts binding the estate of said Rebecca A. Estep, dec'd, arranged according to priority, also an account of the liens binding estate of said Levi Estep, arranged according to their priorities.

3. The amount of any unpaid taxes on the said land.

4. Settle, state and adjust the accounts of Daniel Spiker, Sheriff Committee administrator of Rebecca A. Estep, dec'd, and of the ten creditors of Levi H. Estep, who shall come in, take part in and share the proceeds of this suit.

5. Any other matter deemed pertinent, or that any party in interest may require, required to be taken by the decree of Shenandoah Circuit Court rendered on the 15th day of May, 1904.

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Summer Underwear. Ladies under vests worth 25c for 15c. Ladies under vests worth 15c for 10c. Ladies under vests worth 10c for 5c. Mens underwear 25 and 40c pair worth 25 per cent. more.

Shoes SMART SET shoes worth 4.50 for 3.50. Shoes " 3.50 for 3.00. " " 3.00 for 2.50. " " 2.50 for 2.00. A pretty Patent Leather Slipper one that will wear 2.50. 2.00 kind for 1.50. 1.50 " for 1.25.

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