THE PETERSBURG ELKS

HOLD A PUBLIC SOCIAL SESSION.

The Great Prosperity of the Order—In the Course of the Past Year it Has Paid Out Thirty Thousand Dollars in Charity.

PETERSBURG, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—Petersburg Lodge, No. 237, Order of Elks, held their first picnic and public social session to-day at Ellerslie, on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, in Chesterfield county, two and a half miles from Petersburg, and was quite largely attended. Among those present were Mr. Solomon Weil, of Richmond, Lodge, No. 45; C. Evensen and Charles Angle, also of Richmond.

The address of welcome was made by Hon. Charles F. Collier, mayor of Petersburg, and was responded to by Grand Exalted Ruler E. B. Hay, of Washington, D. C. In the course of his speech Mr. Hay stated that during the past year the order had paid out $30,000 in charity and that six thousand new members had been admitted into the order and fifty new lodges organized. The music was furnished by Professor Reiss' orchestra. During the day there was singing, base-ball, tennis and dancing.

Mr. James T. Ashby, a former young merchant of this city, but who has recently been residing in Richmond, has lost his voice entirely, and now carries on conversation by means of pencil and paper. He is at present living at Ellerslie, in Chesterfield county.

The thermometer at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, at Farmers' tobacco warehouse on Sycamore street, registered in the shade 103 degrees, and at other places 98 degrees.

Mr. A. E. Brown, a young man residing on Halifax street and employed at the trunk factory of Romaine Brothers in Blandford, was overcome by the heat yesterday afternoon and this morning died from the effects. The deceased was a member of Washington Council, Jr. O. U. A. M.

The peanut market is steadier with good demand; receipts nominal. Very liberal sales prime, 2½c. to 2⅝c.; extra prime, 2⅝c. to 2¾c.; fancy 3c.; Spanish in good demand at 3c.

Another car was put on the electric street railway this afternoon.

Large Crops—District Conference.

HAGUE, VA., July 23.—On yesterday there was a cloud-burst immediately around the Hague such as was probably never seen here before. The roads were filled with water and the corn in the fields was laid almost flat on the ground.

The threshing has proved that the wheat crop is better than was previously supposed. Mr. W. F. Wright, near Oldham's, made forty-one bushels for one sowed. Other large crops averaged twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre.

The District Conference of the Rappahannock District, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, closed its session at Whitestone, Lancaster county, on yesterday at 5 P. M. The pastors of fourteen out of sixteen charges were present and twenty-eight lay delegates. Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., of the Richmond district, was present as the representative of the Richmond Christian Advocate and Professor W. A. Shepard as the representative of Randolph-Macon College. The conference was bountifully entertained and the session was a very pleasant one. The following were elected lay delegates to the next session of the Virginia Annual Conference: L. Cockrell, Major R. O. Peatross, Dr. W. J. Newbill and G. J. Gouldman. Alternates—W. R. Stoaks, J. W. C. Davis, H. W. Treakle and T. A. Jett.

Democrats generally are well pleased with the presidential prospect. There is no Third party to speak of in the lower Northern Neck.

Professor W. A. Shepard and wife, of Ashland, Va., are visiting their relatives near here and Mrs. Shepard is getting up a "Midsummer Musicale and Fete," to be held at Hickory Hill, the residence of Mr. J. W. C. Davis, on Tuesday, August 2d, for the benefit of Carmel Methodist church.

Indicted for Selling Orange Cider.

HOUSTON, VA., July 25.—[Special.]—Yesterday was the regular grand jury term of the county court. Six parties were presented for selling orange cider, a beverage said to be intoxicating. Twelve presentments were made against surveyors of public roads. Saddler and Throckmorton, who attacked Captain M. French, county surveyor, several weeks ago near Dryburg, in this county, were indicted for assault with intent to kill. The trial of these cases is set for Friday next.

The Dan River Baptist Association convened at Scottsburg to-day. Judge Barksdale is the moderator of the Association.

The thermometer has been fluctuating between 96 and 100—being 98 to-day.

A murder was committed near Mayo, in this county, a few weeks ago, one colored boy shooting another, pretending it was an accident, and then making his escape.

The political campaign was opened yesterday by an address from Mr. A. Montague, of Danville.

The county Democratic committee held a meeting to-day and decided to have district mass-meetings on Saturday, August 6th, to elect delegates to the congressional convention to be held in the city of Lynchburg August 24th. Halifax will send a solid delegation for Hon. Paul C. Edmunds.

A Nonogenarian Dies.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—Mrs. Sarah Maddox, with probably one exception the oldest person in Albemarle county, died at the residence of her son, Mr. James Maddox, in this city. She was ninety-four.

Wheat threshing is pretty well over in this county, and the yield is reported to be the best for many years past. The oat crop is fair, while the corn thus far is in a splendid condition. Tobacco is looking fairly well.

General Thomas L. Rosser, of this place; Captain C. E. Vawter, of the Miller Manual Labor School, and George Perkins, of Charlottesville, will deliver addresses at a church festival at North Garden on the 5th of August.

The annual barbecue of the "Old Vets" of this county will take place at "Sunny Side," the residence of Colonel R. T. W. Duke, on August 11th.

The Rev. John B. Turpin, of the Baptist church in this place, will represent the centennial committee of Virginia at the Dan River Association, and left for Scottsburg Halifax county, yesterday.

The Brunswick Alliance.

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—There was a meeting of the Alliance here yesterday to hear Mr. Beverly, the State lecturer, and there were about one hundred and fifty people present, including Democrats, Republicans and Third-party men. There were more Republicans present than Third-party men, and it was amusing to see the zeal they appeared to manifest for the Third party, but no Democrat here believes that they will vote that ticket on the day of election. Mr. Beverly made a speech that caused very little enthusiasm and then called on Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Hobson has made several speeches here in the past few months, and as there has been no person to reply to him it is thought that some of the members of the Alliance are disposed to vote the Third party ticket and it will require some good work on the part of the Democrats to prevent them from doing so. It is thought, however, that a proper discussion of the issues of the canvass will cause a decided change for the better and that the Third party men on the day of election will be very few.

Professor Elected—W. H. Watson Dead.

LYNCHBURG, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—The board of trustees of the Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sidney at a meeting in this city to-day elected Rev. Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, of Wilmington, N. C., to the vacant chair of "the English Bible and Pastoral Theology" in the seminary.

The members of the board present were as follows: From Virginia—Dr. Alexander Martin, Danville; Dr. H. M. White, Winchester; Dr. W. T. Richardson, Richmond; Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Richmond; Dr. Thomas L. Preston, Lexington; Rev. P. D. Stephenson, Abingdon; Lieutenant-Governor J. Hoge Tyler, Radford; Colonel J. P. Fitzgerald, Farmville.

From West Virginia—Rev. A. C. Hopkins, Charleston, Jefferson county.

From North Carolina—Dr. F. H. Johnston, Dr. Jethro Rumple, Dr. H. G. Hill, Professor J. L. Martin of Davidson College, Rev. Mr. Hall, Rev. Peyton H. Hoge.

A meeting was held yesterday, but no decision was reached. To-day the board met again and Dr. Hoge was chosen for the position.

The newly elected professor is about thirty-five year of age. He is a nephew of Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge, the noted Richmond divine. His first pastoral charge was in Richmond, and he has been pastor of his present charge in Wilmington, N. C., for about six years. Dr. Hoge, is a man of ability, and in North Carolina he ranks with the best as a preacher.

Mr. William H. Watson died this morning at 8 o'clock after an illness of about ten days from inflammation of the bowels. Mr. Watson was about forty years of age and was a native of Lynchburg. During the latter part of his life he was a merchant, doing business at the corner of Eleventh and Polk streets. He leaves a wife and five children.

It is thought that Mr. John B. Baskerville, now assistant cashier in the internal revenue office, will be promoted to the clerkship just made vacant by the death of Captain L. A. Buckingham. Captain Buckingham's son, R. T. Buckingham, assistant postmaster at Radford, will probably be appointed to the position of assistant cashier.

Meeting of World's Fair Managers.

NORFOLK, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—The meeting here to-morrow of the board of World's Fair managers of Virginia was preceded to-day by a meeting in the parlor of the Atlantic Hotel of the executive committee of the board. President, A. S. Buford, of Richmond; M. Glennan, Norfolk; W. I. Jordan, South Boston, Va.; Dr. A. Brockenbrough, Chesapeake, Va.; T. C. Morton (secretary), Staunton, and Dr. John S. Apperson, of Marion, business commissioner of the board. Captain John L. Roper, of the North Carolina Pine Lumber Company, appeared before the committee and made the formal offer to furnish handsomely a wing of the Virginia building at the World's Fair in the lumber manufactured by his company. The matter was taken under consideration. The question of whether it will be cheaper to transport donated lumber to Chicago with which to construct the Virginia building or buy it there was discussed without action.

The courtesies of the Virginia Beach railroad were tendered by Superintendent Dickey and to-night the visitors are at the seashore.

Mr. Wallace P. Ashburn and Lena D. Wright, of this city, were married this afternoon at Centenary Methodist Episcopal church by Dr. R. N. Sledd.

The thermometer resistered 99 here to-day, causing great suffering, but no casualties.

The Norfolk District Conference convened to-day at 11 o'clock at Bay View church, Nansemond county, with Bishop J. C. Granbery in the chair. Rev. George W. Wray, of Portsmouth, was elected secretary. Rev. Dr. W. G. Starr, of Cumberland-street church, this city, preached the opening sermon. Text: "As for Me and My House We Will Serve the Lord." At the afternoon session the call of the churches was ordered and the reports were of a satisfactory character, showing great activity in the Church extension work.

The various committees were appointed and will present their report to-morrow at the close of the afternoon session. Bishop J. C. Granbery preached.

During the morning session the thermometer registered 98 inside of the church. The conference will be in session three days.

The Case of Spiller Foster.

PULASKI, VA., July 26.—[Special.]—The case of the Commonwealth against Spiller Foster, charged with murder, was called in the Circuit Court for Pulaski on yesterday, and continued until the next term on account of the absence of material witnesses for the defense. At the former appearance of the prisoner in court he exhibited great distress of mind, in fact moved the crowd with his sobs and cries, but this time he looked as little like a man charged with grave crime as any other man in the courtroom. Mr. J. C. Wysor volunteered for the defense during the preliminary struggle for a continuance. After this criminal case had been disposed of the Judge commenced calling the civil docket, and this will occupy the court for the next three weeks.

General Walker will go to Romney, W. Va., next month to meet with surviving members of two companies of the regiment which he commanded in the late war.

The ladies of the Young Men's Christian Association auxiliary gave another entertainment at the Opera-House last evening for the benefit of the Association.

There was an interesting meeting of the Society of the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

Pulaski bicyclists have arranged a pleasant programme for the coming County Fair.

The apple crop of this section is a great failure and this means a heavy loss.

Late J. G. McIver—Caprices of Lightning.

APPOMATTOX, VA., July 26.—[Special.]—Mr. J. G. McIver was in his seat at church Sunday morning and went home feeling better than usual. Just before dinner he was taken with his third stroke of paralysis and died a few hours later.

Lightning was busy in the Stonewall district of this county last week. It killed a fine family horse for Mr. Joseph Bondurant, then flashed upon Mr. George Drinkard's large oat stack and burned up the last straw of it. It next appeared at the home of Mr. James Martin, ran down one of the chimneys and set fire to the wood on the hearth. Before leaving it leaped upon a large oak just in front of the house, peeled off much of the bark and scattered it over the porch. The family had gone in only a few minutes before.

A severe drought is in progress through this section. Tobacco and corn are suffering greatly.

Ice and Water Famine.

STAUNTON, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—Staunton with its splendid water works is to-night suffering from a water famine with the thermometer away up in the nineties. The water supply is from a reservoir giving a maximum pressure of 110 pounds. The water is pumped into the reservoir from a splendidly equipped house supplied with two engines. Last night the engine in use broke down, and for the first time to-day the citizens were appalled by the information that the second engine has been broken for more than a year. Where the fault is has not been determined, but an official investigation will no doubt be had. With the water cut off the ice factory cannot run, so that we have the double trouble of an ice and water famine. A slight rain to-day has cooled the atmosphere somewhat, but the dry condition of everything would make a fire extremely disastrous.

Fatalities in Scott County.

LOCUST LANE, SCOTT COUNTY, VA., July 26.—[Special.]—An altercation occurred on Sunday between Haston Johnson and Ep. and John Cox, which resulted in Ep. Cox being shot in the shoulder slightly and John Cox being shot in the mouth, the ball knocking out his teeth on one side and then going into his neck, making a very dangerous wound, which may prove fatal. The fight occurred at Johnson's distillery.

Mrs. John Owens, of Fort Blackamore, died suddenly a few days ago.

Henry E. Burres is very low with flux and his friends despair of his recovery.

Miss Lelia Quillen, of Nickelsville, is thought to be dying.

Third Party in Bedford.

LOWRY, VA., July 23.—[Special.]—There were very few persons present at the Alliance meeting at Pollard's to-day. Among those in attendance were a sprinkling of Democrats and Republicans. I counted thirty-four voters, with about twice as many women and children. Rev. J. W. Overstreet, a prominent People's party man in this section of Bedford county, was the principal speaker. He was followed by Mr. J. W. Patterson, who has for years been a Republican but claims that he has not voted any except the county ticket since the days of Buchanan. There was very little enthusiasm until Mr. J. F. Little proposed three cheers for Cleveland.

Hot Weather—Exchange of Superintendents

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—Mrs. E. D. P. Williams, a highly esteemed lady, died at the City Park Hotel, aged eighty years. She was the mother-in-law of Mr. K. E. Herndon, of this city. Her remains were taken to "Orchard Forest," her former home, in Stafford county, where they were interred.

The weather for the past three days has been the warmest known here for years. Yesterday at 4 o'clock P. M. the thermometer registered 97 degrees in the City Hall. There have been no serious results as yet, but the sick and young children are suffering from the excessive heat.

The Goshen Baptist Sunday-School Convention will hold its eighteenth annual session at Salem church, three miles from this city, in Spotsylvania county.

Major A. J. Birdsall, the superintendent of the national cemetery here for the past ten years, has been transferred to the national cemetery at Hampton, Va., and Major J. D. McAlpbin, at present stationed at Hampton, will succeed Major Birdsall here.

Mrs. Victoria Wallace, wife of Major Thomas P. Wallace, of this city, died at the residence of her father in Orange county, Monday night. Her death was not unexpected, as she had been in bad health for some time.

An independent reform club was organized here last night with the following officers: J. W. Harris, president; W. S. Perry, vice-president; J. E. Reed, treasurer; M. McDonnell, secretary; George W. Mills, sergeant-at-arms; W. T. White, door-keeper.

A mass meeting of the Democratic party of this city was held last night at the court-house for the purpose of electing delegates to the Congressional Convention to be held at Tappahannock August 2.

Captain T. McCracken, chairman of the city committee, presided, and Mr. F. M. Aldridge was chosen secretary. The following delegates and alternates were elected:

Upper Ward—E. D. Cole, John T. Brauer, R. B. Merchant, delegates; A. P. Rowe, Jr., E. Rode, F. M. Aldridge, alternates.

Lower Ward—J. W. Rodgers, G. A. Walker, W. B. Goolrick, delegates; W. H. Hurkamp, T. C. King, B. J. Marshall, alternates.

A resolution indorsing Hon W. A. Jones, the present congressman from this district, was unanimously adopted.

A committee of ten was appointed to recommend to a subsequent meeting of the party a new executive committee. Congressmen Patterson, of Tennessee, and Jones, of this district, were advertised to address this meeting, but the speaking was postponed on account of the excessive heat. The delegation selected is unanimously in favor of the renomination of Congressman Jones, and it is probable that he will have no opposition in the convention.

Hon. M. B. Rowe lost a valuable horse to-day. The animal was overcome with heat and died in about an hour after the attack.

Some of the factories have suspended work until there is a change in the temperature.

Mr. E. D. Cole, a staunch Democrat of this city, received to-day a Cleveland and Stevenson pole, about one hundred feet tall, which will be raised to-morrow.

The Farmville Team Wins.

FARMVILLE, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—In a game of base-ball at Pamplin City yesterday between Pamplin City and Farmville teams the Farmvilles won by a score of 10 to 5.

A Peddler Commits Suicide.

HARRISONBURG, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—J. W. Alexander, a peddler, committed suicide here to-day by taking strychnine which he had bought, pretending it was for rats.

A Prominent Merrin Lady Dead.

MERRIMAN, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—Mrs. Robert L. Bruce died very suddenly last evening.

Virginia Notes.

Extensive improvements have been made to the Cape Charles quarantine service.

Senator and Mrs. Daniel will spend the greater part of August at the Warm Springs of Virginia.

General Wade Hampton and daughter have engaged rooms for the summer at Hotel Royal, Front Royal, Va.

The Villa Maria Convent, under charge of the Sisters of the Visitation, will not be removed from Abingdon, as was recently reported.

George Burke, of Alexandria, an old colored man ninety years old, who had been an inmate of the almshouse for twenty-five years, died at that institution Tuesday night.

William Martin, mail carrier between Lexington and Rockbridge Alum Springs, has been arrested on the charge of robbing a peddler of a considerable sum of money and sent on to the grand jury.

It has been proposed by a Philadelphia syndicate that a new company be organized with a cash capital paid in of $250,000, or $200,000, to carry out the purposes for which the Rockbridge Company was originally formed.

Messrs. E. S. Moorman & Co., of Lynchburg, have dispatched another batch of seventy-five colored laborers to Avoca, Pennsylvania, to work on a railroad contract the firm has at that point. The firm has sent several hundred similar laborers to the point named.

Mr. Williams, a workman at the Norfolk navy yard, while chipping a few days ago on the Texas, was struck in his left eye by a flying chip of steel and received a very bad wound. The chip struck the eye on the ball and may possibly cause him to lose the eye.

Mr. Richard Schooler, who for a number of years was night watchman at the depot in Culpeper, committed suicide in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday last by cutting his throat with a razor. Mr. Schooler was a native of Stafford county, where his parents still reside.

Baldwin Fairfax, a prominent citizen of Preston county, has passed away. He was a son of the late General Buckner Fairfax, who was the largest land-owner in that county. He was a direct descendant of Thomas Fairfax, sixth Baron Fairfax, who died in Winchester in 1782.

Jeff Murrell, a colored man, aged between seventy-five and eighty years, died last Thursday night at Bristol from old age and hard service. He had been in the employ of the Southern Express Company for over twenty-five years. He was on the first survey made for the Norfolk and Western road.

The unveiling of the beautiful marble lyre erected in the Freemason-street Baptist church, in Norfolk, to the memory of Miss Julia Lee McKenney, formerly organist and musical directoress of the church, took place Sunday night, the memorial being the result of the efforts of the King's Daughters.

Tuesday afternoon, while Miss Nannie Hutter, a prominent belle of Lynchburg, was driving with a young man along Court street, near Eleventh, the buggy in which they were seated collided with a passing wagon. Both were thrown out and sustained some bruises, but neither was seriously injured.

On the arrival of the train at Round Hill, Loudoun county, Tuesday night a white child about two weeks old was found under a seat in one of the coaches with a bundle of clothes and a note requesting whoever found the child to take it to Mrs. Sam Rusk. The child, it is thought, was put on the car before the train left Washington.

A large audience was present at Court-House Hall in Winchester last Monday night to listen to the lecture of Captain Randolph Barton, of the Baltimore bar, and a native of Winchester. Captain Barton entered the Confederate service with the Twenty-seventh Virginia regiment, in the famous Stonewall brigade, and was subsequently assistant adjutant-general.

Among the gentlemen advertised to speak at Warrenton Tuesday was Congressman C. J. Boatner, of Louisiana. He started from Washington to fill his appointment, but not being familiar with the country he made a mistake and went to Fairfax Court-house, where no speakers being expected, no crowd had assembled to hear him. He returned to Washington in the afternoon.

William Raines, who was arrested on suspicion of having been implicated in the murder of J. G. Leech near Goshen on the night of the 3d instant, has been released from imprisonment, having established that he was elsewhere at the time of the murder, and has returned to the home of his father, several miles east of Port Republic, in Rockingham county, leaving the mystery of the murder as profound as heretofore.

Many strong complaints have been made this summer to the Treasury Department that steamers running on the Potomac river to Marshall Hall, River View and other resorts have been endangering the lives of passengers by overcrowding the boats and racing on Sundays. The steamboat inspectors in Baltimore were notified of these complaints and ordered over to Washington on Sunday to look out for violations of the law by steamers carrying more than their licenses allowed. All of the passengers were carefully counted by the inspectors, but the steamboat managers were afraid to run any risk while the inspectors were about, and chartered additional steamers to carry the passengers, so the result was that everything went along peacefully and safely on the Potomac.

IS IT CONSTITUTIONAL?

DISTRIBUTING SCHOOL FUND LAW.

An Important Suit to be Instituted—A Convict Overcome by Heat—Serious Railway Accident Near Winston.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 27.—[Special.]—One of the colored convicts at the penitentiary here was overcome by the heat to-day and died within an hour after being stricken. He was working in the brick-yard at the time.

An important suit is about to be instituted by the county of Duplin to test the constitutionality of the present mode of distributing the school funds. The State now levies 15 cents on the one hundred dollars' worth of property, but requires the money raised by this tax to be left in the counties where collected. In the wealthier counties it makes a larger per capita for the school children than in the poorer counties. The question to be tested is whether the State in providing school facilities is not under a constitutional obligation to provide as long terms in one county as in another, or the same length of time in each county, giving every child the same amount of money so far as the fund provided by the General Assembly is concerned. The counties have authority to levy taxes for schools additional to those of the Legislature and all fines, forfeits and penalties are required to be left in the counties where raised. These county funds will not be affected by the suit.

The Republican State executive committee meets here to-morrow. Quite a number of prominent Republicans were here to-day. Mr. J. G. Cowie, of the secret service United States Treasury, was also here to-day.

Fatal Railway Accident—Other News.

WINSTON, N. C., July 27.—[Special.]—The caboose attached to an incoming freight from Roanoke, Va., on the Winston-Salem division of the Norfolk and Western road jumped the trestle across Dan river near Pine Hall and rolled over into the river at 1 o'clock. Flagman J. B. Hamilton, a married man aged about thirty-one years, of Virginia, was instantly killed. A brakeman named Mack Cockran, unmarried, and about twenty-two years old, of Grayson county, Va., was seriously injured. Both were white. They were the only two men on the car at the time. The conductor happened to be riding on the engine. The accident is supposed to have been caused by wood falling from a flat car. Hamilton and Cockran were both in the caboose, and it is thought were asleep. The railroad company's surgeon, Dr. C. L. Summers, went out on a special to Pine Hall about 2 o'clock this morning and brought Cockran back on the train to Winston and placed him at his boarding-house. One leg was broken, besides injuries internally. The wounded man continued to grow worse until 11 o'clock, when he breathed his last. The remains of Hamilton will be taken to his home in Virginia for interment.

The case of M. F. Trotter, of Charlotte, against the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Company was concluded in the courts of Forsyth to-day by the jury returning a verdict allowing Trotter $3,500 damages sustained in a wreck on the above road near Rural Hall on the night of January 21, 1892. Trotter sued for twenty thousand. He claimed he was injured for life, and that on account of the accident he had to give up a position that was paying him ten dollars per day.

Hon. James W. Marshall for Congress.

NEW CASTLE, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—The Democratic mass-meeting held here on Tuesday was called to select delegates to the Congressional Convention at Richlands on the 17th of August, and was one of the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the county. After electing delegates and passing resolutions strongly eulogizing Hon. James W. Marshall the meeting was addressed by him in a vigorous and resounding speech.

The Third party appears to have a small following in this county, but will not poll a large vote.

G. W. Layman, Alliance lecturer of this county, was selected as chairman of the Democratic mass-meeting, and says that the majority of the Alliance will fight under the old and tried banner of Democracy.

Raising Dogs for Their Skins.

Dog farming is not unknown in civilized countries, though the dogs there are bred for petting and hunting. In the extreme north of China they are bred for their skins. In Mandchoury the skins are very beautiful; the hair is long, thick and silky, and of a remarkably fine texture. This is explained by the climate of the Mandchoury, which is exceedingly cold, and the dogs must of necessity be protected by thick, heavy fur. Connoisseurs declare that finer skins of this kind have never been found. The animals are killed by strangulation in the winter, because at that time the hair is longest and thickest, but none are killed that are not 8 months old.

The price paid for this fur is ridiculously small. A large mantle measuring about 120 inches is sold for $3.50. About eight skins are needed to make such a mantle. The skins must not only be assorted and matched in color and quality, but the mantle be made as well, certainly a curious industry that deals with profits which seem to us abnormally small. It would certainly be a novelty in America to see a parlor rug of dogskins—for instance, a centerpiece of "big yaller stray dog," surrounded by patterns shading off in gray, black-and-tan and spitz, the whole finished with a variegated border of assorted puppies.

A Wealthy American Diplomat.

Since Minister Grubb returned to his New Jersey home American affairs in Madrid have been in charge of Harrie R. Newberry, who is far better known to Spanish dignitaries generally than any American inister for man years. Indeed, he did most of the work of a minister during the incumbency of General Grubb, who was unfamiliar with the duties of his office and the language of the country. Mr. Newberry is a son of the late Congressman John S. Newberry, of Michigan, and is thirty-five years old. His father left him a fortune something over $1,000,000, his mother got at least twice as much, his brother Truman is worth at least $1,500,000—in short, the whole Newberry family is very rich. Harrie R. married Miss Hattie Dudgeon, daughter of a wealthy miller of Kalamazoo, and he and his wife became leaders in society as soon as he entered the diplomatic service.

H. R. NEWBERRY.

He was in early life a noted amateur athlete, is a sixfooter, broad shouldered and vigorous, which counts for a good deal in diplomacy, as the principal business of American officials abroad is to make a good appearance. He has been in Spain long enough to be familiar with its language and literature, is looked upon by Spaniards as virtually the minister, and he and his accomplished wife are at the head of American society in Madrid.

The Franco-Russian relief committee has requested Premier Loubet to try to influence banks to assist in the issue of lottery bonds, enabling the committee to raise 20,000 francs for the relief of distress in Russia. Premier Loubet, in promising to co-operate with the committee, expressed the wish that a similar plan be adopted to relieve distress in France.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

Professor Edmund Harrison still continues very ill.

Mr. Charles Gilliat is the guest of Mr. W. Palmer Gray.

Judge Hanley, of Williamsburg, was a visitor at the Capitol yesterday.

Miss Annie D. Tuhle, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Lucy A. Bigger, at 902 east Leigh street.

Mrs. Adam Diacont and children, of Church Hill, are spending the summer in Hanover county.

Miss Jennie Woods, of Durham, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, on east Grace street.

The Old Dominion Club meets to-night at 8:30 o'clock in their rooms, Nineteenth and Main streets.

Mr. J. H. C. Walker, of 2605 Q street, after a very severe spell of sickness, has recovered sufficiently to go about.

Mrs. J. W. Parker and her son Eddie have left the city to spend the summer at Mr. D. R. Connard's, near Lorraine, on James river.

The Blues will go down the river to-night, the boats leaving at 7:30 sharp. The band will accompany them, and all who go will spend an enjoyble evening.

Mrs. John N. Gordon, of this city, is spending the summer at her father's residence, at Catskill-on-the-Hudson. Miss Eugenie and Master Douglas are with her.

Miss Emelie Wherry, who is one of the favorites of the youthful circle of society, expects to leave Monday to spend the rest of the summer with relatives in Culpeper.

Mr. James B. Morgan, of Gerrarstown, W. Va., is in the city. He is grand secretary of the Independent Order of Good Templars of his State. He is having a book of poems published in Richmond.

Branch 313, Order of the Iron Hall, will hold a private picnic at Bienner Park this afternoon. An enjoyable menu of refreshments has been prepared. This branch always has a pleasant time on these occasions.

Mr. George A. Wilks, who accidentally shot himself Tuesday by dropping his pistol while in discharge of his duties as one of the penitentiary guards, was much improved yesterday and is now thought to be out of danger.

Rev. A. J. Ramsey, of Paris, Ky., and Rev. Otis H. Hughson, of Lexington, Ky., both of whom were recently students at Richmond College, passed through the city yesterday en route to Old Point. Both have numerous friends in this city.

Mayor Ellyson yesterday received an inquiry from Eveline Davis, of Marysville, Ky., concerning the whereabouts of Lucy Ann Harris Jones (colored), supposed to be in this city. He will forward any information furnished him.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther E. Traylor, of Jackson, Tenn., are guests of Mr. A. W. Traylor at 301 north Twelfth street. Mr. Traylor formerly resided here while in the service of the Richmond and Danville and Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Companies and is well remembered in Masonic circles. He is now in charge of the division shops of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company at Jackson.

GERMAN SONGS WERE HEARD.

The Young Men's German-American Association Met Last Night.

A regular monthly meeting of the Young Men's German-American Association was held last evening at Sanger Hall. Following a business meeting, in which more than a dozen members were elected, a social reunion took place, which proved to be one of the most pleasant and interesting that this splendid organization has ever held. Wit, humor and repartee were rife and German songs rang out with unusual heartiness. I was forced to acknowledge the most graceful compliments to THE TIMES, and the "Salamander" was then sung in my honor as the best and highest compliment to a guest. This organization is one which preserves to a high degree the close fellowship of its members, and the expressions of good will and sympathy expressed for a sick member in Norfolk was worthy of its good works. Mr. John C. Siebert, president, wielded the gavel with master hand, and Mr. Aug. Dietz, the secretary, kept all in good humor with his apt appreciation of every situation arising. The most wholesome expressions of combined American and German sentiment were heartily applauded.

Among the Firemen.

At a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners last night there were present Mr. J. A. Frischkorn, president, and Messrs. F. P. Burke, J. L. Levy, J. R. Sheppard, C. F. Taylor and G. W. Taylor. After adopting rules governing the new assistant chief the board transferred Mr. G. D. Burroughs, extra station man of Engine Company No. 7, to Truck Company No. 2, and filled the vacancy in No. 7 by promotion of Ladderman J. F. Kersey, of truck No. 3. Substitute Hoseman J. M. Sack succeeds Mr. Kersey, and is, in turn, succeeded by Mr. James Brock.

The Tuckahoe Club.

The Tuckahoe Farmers' Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at "Laburnum," the home of Joseph Bryan, Esq., to-day. Besides the regular members of the club a number of distinguished guests have been invited.

Death of a Leading Mason.

LOUISA COURTHOUSE, VA., July 27.—[Special.]—Mr. H. M. Cullen, master of Day Lodge, No. 58, A. F. and A. M., died at this place this morning.

Excursion to Niagara Falls via Royal Blue Line.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad will run a special train of Pullman parlor cars and day-coaches to Niagara Falls on Thursday, July 28th, leaving Washington at 7:35 A. M. and Baltimore at 8:45 A. M., arriving at Niagara Falls at midnight. The route will be through the Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys, Mauch Chunk and the anthracite coal-fields, and as it is out of the beaten track of Niagara tourists from Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia the excursion cannot prove otherwise than interesting, instructive and pleasant. Round-trip tickets from Washington, good for ten days, will be sold for $10 and on return journey will be good to stop off at Buffalo, Elmira, near which city is Watkins Glen, and at the romantic Glen Onoko and Mauch Chunk. Tickets can be purchased on July 27th and will be good to stop off at Washington or Baltimore, where the night previous to the excursion may be spent.

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DEATHS.

FOIZEY.—Entered into rest July 27th at 7:05 P. M., at the residence of her father, George Savage, 403 east Cary street, LIZZIE C., wife of A. M. Foizey; aged 23 years.

Funeral from above residence at 5 P. M., THURSDAY, July 28th.

Friends of the family invited to attend.

Norfolk (Va.) and Raleigh (N. C.) paper please copy.

CHALKLEY.—Died, Tuesday, July 27th, at 3 P. M., Mrs. HENRIETTA O. CHALKLEY.

The funeral will take place from the residence on Grove road, in Lisbon, at 9 o'clock THIS (Thursday) MORNING.

POND.—Died, at his residence, No. 613 north Twenty-seventh street, July 27, 1892, at 1:30 o'clock, MARCELLUS POND, father of A. B. Pond.

The remains will be taken on the Chesapeake and Ohio train THIS EVENING, July 28th, for interment in Charles City county.

HANCOCK.—Died, at her residence, 2803 east Marshall street, on Tuesday morning the 26th instant at 12:25 o'clock, MOLLIE G. HANCOCK, daughter of the late Augustus and Sarah Duval Hancock.

HANCOCK.—Died, at Pueblo, Col., on July 11, 1892, at 4:45 o'clock A. M., A. D. HANCOCK, son of the late Augustus and Sarah Duval Hancock.

HUBAND.—Died, in Manchester, Tuesday morning at 8:20 o'clock, LULA, youngest child of George W. and Josephine Huband, in her fourth year.

LANDRUM.—Died, at 9:10 P. M. Tuesday, July 26th, at the residence of her husband, 1824 Floyd avenue, LIZZIE D., wife of C. Y. Landrum.

SCHILLING.—Died, at the residence of her parents, No. 3904 Williamsburg avenue, July 25th, at 3 o'clock P. M., CLARA, beloved wife of Mr. Fred. Schilling and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaundiach, in the twenty-first year of her age.

WITTKAMP.—Died, July 26th, at 6:45 P. M., at his residence, No. 1535 west Cary street, JULIUS T. WITTKAMP, in the thirty-fourth year of his age.

The funeral will take place from St. Mary's church, corner Fourth and Marshall streets, THIS MORNING at 8 o'clock. Requiem mass will be sung. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

OETERS.—Died, yesterday morning, at the residence of her parents, No. 231 south Linden street, BESSIE, beloved daughter of D. and Nannie Oeters, in the third year of her age.

Funeral from the Church of the Sacred Heart TO-DAY at 9 A. M. Interment at Hollywood.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—For Virginia: Showers, followed by clearing weather in north; generally fair in southern portion; slightly cooler; west winds.

For North Carolina: Generally fair; southwest winds.

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.

Range of the thermometer at THE TIMES office yesterday, July 27, 1892:

9 A. M., 92; 12 M., 95; 3 P. M., 96; 6 P. M., 96; 9 P. M., 96; 12 P. M., 84. Average, 93 1-6.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, JULY 28, 1892.

Sun rises.....5:12 | Moon sets..10.09 P. M.
Sun sets.....7:19 | Day's length..14h. 6m.

HIGH TIDE.

Morning.....8:02
Evening.....8:47

PORT OF WEST POINT, JULY 27, 1892.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Baltimore, from Baltimore, Murphy, passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Steamship Baltimore, for Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

LAMBERT'S POINT, JULY 27, 1892.

COALED.

Steamships Deerhill, Port