

## NOW FOR THE ROOTERS.

EVERYTHING GETTING IN READINESS FOR THE SEASON.

Manager Wells Will Soon Be Here—The Richmond Club Will Report the Last of the Month.

Now that the Virginia State League has been organized, the prospect for a good season is bright. The players are getting in shape, and it will not be many weeks before the citizens living in the west end of the city will hear the old familiar noise that so frequently rent the air last year.

Manager Wells, who is now in Cincinnati, will arrive in this city in the near future, and will report the last of the season. The season commences and to consult with the management as to the exact lines upon which the team will be run. The players will get in a week's practice before the opening game.

It is not known where Manager Wells will board the team, but he will probably engage lodgings for them near the West End Park. He will be with the team himself, to see that they behave themselves. Lounging around bar-rooms, keeping late hours and dissipation of any kind will be strictly prohibited. It will be an excellent idea to have the men near the grounds, and no doubt Manager Wells will see that they conduct themselves properly.

ABOUT THE EMPIRES.

There will be a called meeting of the League as soon as the first game commences, on March 12th, at 8 o'clock. At this meeting the committee will recommend to President Witt, from the applications already received, to report the last of the season. The committee will examine closely into the character of the men whom they recommend.

The National League rules in regard to umpires will be adopted by the committee. One of the rules provides that the umpire shall be fined himself if he does not live a player who misbehaves. Also any club that shall pay its players' fine, shall be liable to pay fine of the amount of the fine. These rules will have a wholesome effect upon the game.

THE OPENING GAMES.

The following are the opening games so far arranged for:

Washington vs. Richmond, April 4th, Houston, Texas, vs. Richmond, April 6th.

Boston vs. Richmond, April 6th, Philadelphia vs. Richmond, April 8th and 9th.

Richmond vs. Richmond, April 10th, Baltimore vs. Richmond, April 11th and 12th.

In addition to these games, New York will be here on the 25th and 26th of the month. They will play the Richmond team, and will be in shape for their opening games in the North.

WHAT THE SPOILERS ARE DOING.

The prospects for a good ball team at Richmond College are very bright this season. Although only four of these year's team have been named, the committee applicants than ever before. Lockett, Lunsford, Elyson, and Phillips are the old men.

Captain Phillips has had the team at out-door work nearly two weeks, and the boys are showing up wonderfully well. The other applicants for the team are Edwards, McNeil, Duke, Kaufmann, Gordon, Wilson, Elyson, and Mercer. Edwards has been from Franklin, Va., where he played last season. He is a good thrower and a fine fielder. McNeil is from Greenville, S. C., and played second base on that team. He is very agile and reminds one of Jimmy Gilman. He is a left-handed hitter and a good fielder.

Duke, a brother of Frank and Willie Duke, of last year's team, shows up rather poorly at present, being slow in fielding fast balls. At the bat, however, he has a good eye, and lands them out safely quite often.

Leonard is a tall, thin boy, and like most of the ball-players from that end of the city, he knows the game. He is the most promising candidate for short-stop, and is also quite a good fielder.

Wilson is a Richmond boy. He is a fast outfielder, a good thrower, and a fair hitter. He is one of the promising fielders.

Wells is from Accomac county. He attended William and Mary last season, and is said to have been the best player in the college. He is a great base-runner, exceptionally accurate, and long thrower, and a heavy hitter.

R. Binford shows up to good advantage. He throws and fields well, but at the bat he is somewhat weak.

Gordon, who is from Northampton, is a fine thrower. He has great speed and the best of control.

Trice shows up well, both in the field and at the bat.

Kaufmann is a young man, but he has the makings of a good ball player in him. He bats from Portsmouth.

Harris is a good fielder, but weak at the bat.

G. and P. Winston are both good throwers, but the former is not much of a hitter, while the latter is quite handy with the stick.

Harrison fields well and throws creditably.

Lockett will be used as a utility man. He catches and can play in the in and out field.

University of Virginia and Yale have a game here April 13th.

Ladies will only be allowed in the grandstand this year.

The "Stars" organize.

At a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. building yesterday afternoon "The Stars" Base-Ball Club was organized for the season. Mr. B. H. Marsh was elected manager, and the players are as follows: Thorpe and Harrison, catchers; Davis, Wilson and Anthony, pitchers; Ford, first base; A. L. Richardson and W. Richardson, second base; Cox, third base; Brock and Crockett, short-stops; Holland, Binford and Lunsford, in the field. Marsh told me last night in all probability the Richmond League Club would give them the first practice game of the season.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

How It Will be Celebrated by the Sons of Erin in This City.

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day will be somewhat changed from the usual order this year. This is owing to the fact that the Saint's Birthday will be on Sunday. It is customary to have a parade on the morning of the day, but this year there will be neither parade nor banquet on Sunday night. The celebration will be quiet and altogether religious, as becomes a Sabbath function.

At a quarter to eight o'clock on Sunday morning, the members of the various Catholic societies will assemble at the school house of St. Patrick's church, and under the marshaling of Mr. Thomas J. Sheehy, attend mass at the church. Mass will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. At the mass all the members of the society will receive Holy Communion. It is believed by those in charge of the arrangements that several hundred Catholics will be present, and that it will be the most imposing religious spectacle ever witnessed in a Catholic church in this city.

At night the societies will again assemble at the school house and attend service in St. Patrick's church. At this service the panegyric usual on this day will be delivered by Father Wilson, of Fredericksburg.

On Sunday morning the societies will form in the following order:

First, Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Second, Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Third, St. Patrick's Beneficial and Social Society.

Fourth, McGill Catholic Union.

Fifth, Catholic Beneficial Society.

Sixth, Catholics not members of any society.

Seventh, St. Patrick's Branch, No. 12, Catholic Knights of America.

Eighth, St. Peter's Branch, No. 13, Catholic Knights of America.

Ninth, West-End Catholic Beneficial Society.

Tenth, Catholic Benevolent Society.

The following gentlemen have been appointed judges to the chief marshals: Messrs. J. C. Martin, J. T. Roach, C. J. Thelmer, J. J. Blake, J. P. Sullivan, T. H. Davis, M. L. Smith, G. H. Parater, H. H. McKinley, Colonel John Murphy, Hon. Thomas Elyson, T. S. Edgar, J. Kelley, W. P. Kelly, W. J. Quigley, J. H. Higgins, James E. Grady, William J. Jordan, William Duffon, William Rankin, John M. Higgins, James Hayes, J. J. Kelly, John Teefe, James O'Connell, Paul Keegan, John Taylor, John Murphy, J. P. Taylor, M. Carmody, M. Hogan, M. Sullivan, Dr. D. C. Coleman, P. M. O'Donnell and P. J. Bagley.

The banquet will be held on Monday at Murphy's European Hotel. It will begin at 8 o'clock, and will, like its predecessors, be in Murphy's best style.

The list of toasts and speakers is as follows:

"The Day We Celebrate," Father Wilson, of Fredericksburg.

"Our Southland," His Excellency, Governor O'Ferrall.

"Robert Emmet," Hon. D. C. Richardson.

"The City of Richmond," Hon. R. M. Taylor (Mayor).

"Home Rule," Wyndham R. Meredith.

"The Press," John S. Irby, of The Times.

The committee in charge of the celebration is: Thomas J. Sheehy, chief marshal; J. J. Kelly, chairman; Thomas R. Keegan, John Taylor, John Murphy, J. P. Taylor, M. Carmody, M. Hogan, M. Sullivan, Dr. D. C. Coleman, P. M. O'Donnell and P. J. Bagley.

MADE AN ASSIGNMENT.

Bennett Bros., Proprietors of a Livery Stable in the West End, fail.

A deed of assignment was filed in the clerk's office of the Chancery Court yesterday by A. J. Bennett and A. W. Bennett, doing business under the firm-name of Bennett Bros., of 101 West End street, named in the deed as trustee, and the liabilities are estimated at \$8,000, while the assets are not known.

The property transferred consists of six teams of double harness, and six sets of double harness; two victorias, with four horses and two sets of double harness; one coupe, with one horse and set of single harness; one surrey, with one horse and set of double harness; one dray, with two horses and one set of double harness; two phaetons, four box buggies, one set of rubber hose, four sets of single harness, and various other horse and carriage and other property, and is said to have been the best player in the college. He is a great base-runner, exceptionally accurate, and long thrower, and a heavy hitter.

Out of the proceeds of the sale of the property in question shall be paid all the debts and liabilities caused by the execution of this deed, including a commission of 5 per cent. to the trustee and \$250 to L. O. Wendenburg for professional services. Out of the balance to be paid in full or pro rata: one note drawn by Bennett Brothers, payable to order of Jesse S. Bennett, for \$1,000; one note drawn by Bennett Brothers, payable to Malinda Bennett, for \$1,000; one note drawn by Bennett Brothers, payable to the same for \$1,000; one note drawn by A. J. and A. W. Bennett to the order of Malinda Bennett, for \$2,000.

These debts have been paid by a note drawn by Bennett Brothers, payable to their own order, for \$425, and endorsed by A. E. Donnan, held by the National Bank of Virginia, to be paid on the 1st of April next.

The firm formerly conducted the broom factory of the Goodman Manufacturing Company, Nineteenth and Cary streets, but the factory property was absorbed some time ago by the American Broom and Brush Company, an Ohio corporation. At the time it is understood that the factory is in no way involved in the receivership.

The Whipspring Valley Company is a bank and lumber company, of which James A. Whipspring is president. The company's claim is for \$1,000. Other suits against Goodman Bros. & Co. are pending in the Chancery and Circuit courts.

The liabilities of the firm are said to be about \$8,000.

IN THE HANDS OF A RECEIVER.

Mr. Chas. W. Grynner takes charge of the affairs of Goodman Bros. and Co.

An order was entered in the Law and Equity Court yesterday appointing Mr. Charles W. Grynner, a well-known lawyer, receiver of the Goodman Manufacturing Company, Nineteenth and Cary streets, but the factory property was absorbed some time ago by the American Broom and Brush Company, an Ohio corporation. At the time it is understood that the factory is in no way involved in the receivership.

## SENT TO THE GRAND JURY

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR EXAMINED IN THE POLICE COURT.

Orders From the County Courts of Culpeper, Prince William, Dinwiddie and King, William Pronounced Forfeited.

After disposing of his regular docket in the Police Court yesterday morning Justice Crutchfield called the case of the Commonwealth against Bunley Taylor. The court-room was densely packed with a curious crowd, who were anxious to see the defendant in the case that had been surrounded by so much mystery.

It was well known that while in jail a second warrant had been served on Taylor, charging him with entering and attempting to pass a bogus claim against the Commonwealth for the sum of \$45, purporting to be a lawful account for the maintenance of the Francis Johnson, a lunatic. During the proceedings in the afternoon, however, it appeared that two more similar charges on bogus court orders, for \$150 and \$154 respectively, had been preferred.

The prisoner was represented by Colonel William F. Wickham, Judge Edmund Waddill and Messrs. Hill Carter and W. D. Carlwell. The prisoner's counsel were prepared to go into the examination of the Commonwealth's Attorney Smith asked for a postponement. He stated that all the witnesses for the Commonwealth would be present, and at his request the examination was postponed until that hour.

At 3:10 P. M. the court was again opened, and the list of witnesses for the Commonwealth was called as follows: Morton Mayne, H. S. Wallerstein, W. Coons, J. E. Herrell, H. Southwood, J. N. Harris, B. C. Garrett, E. Nelson and J. C. Spain. They all answered to their names, with the exception of Messrs. Southwood and Harris, who had not yet arrived.

FOUR WARRANTS ISSUED.

Commonwealth's Attorney Smith stated that he had before him four warrants against the accused, which all contained similar charges, and suggested that they all be tried together. This was agreed to by counsel for the defense, and the witnesses were sworn.

Mr. W. E. Evans, the clerk of the County Court of Culpeper, was the first witness called. He testified that he had seen Bunley Taylor, who was known to him by the name of Jane Mills. Witness stated that such an order was issued by his court, and that its signature was not the name of his deputy.

Mr. H. S. Wallerstein was the next witness. He stated that he was personally acquainted with the accused, and identified him in court. Witness also identified the order purporting to have been issued by the Culpeper County Court for \$150, which was paid by the Commonwealth on February 18th, the same day when he received it. The order was handed to him by Taylor, in person, and he placed the balance of \$150 to the credit of Bunley Taylor, who was arrested, with the title and trust company.

The following additional court orders of a similar character were also identified by witness as those which he received from Bunley Taylor, who was arrested, with the title and trust company.

Another order purporting to be signed by the clerk of the King William County Court for \$45 was received by witness in a letter, written by Taylor, and handed to witness by the clerk of the accused. Witness paid to bearer \$30 in cash on the same day, March 1st, and the order was given to him to the depot, but as soon as witness was informed by Major Poe on that day about the suspicion against Taylor witness recalled the goods.

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mediately sent back after him, but they arrived too late.

In view of the fact that under the existing law it is a comparatively easy matter to forge court orders, which at present only require the signature of the clerk of the County Court or his deputy to become legal, it is expected that during the coming session of the Legislature a bill will be introduced throwing additional safeguards around the issuance of such orders by requiring the judge to sign them as well as the clerk.

JUSTICE JOHN'S COURT.

The complainant failed in an attempt of compromise.

James Bland (colored) was brought before Justice Crutchfield, in the Police Court, yesterday, on the charge of assaulting, beating and attempting to strangle a woman named Fannie Wade. He was also charged with unlawfully assaulting and attempting to strangle Frank Hardin, the first charge that the complainant had been prevailed upon to compromise at the request of the defendant's brother, advanced the money to pay the costs of the case.

Justice Crutchfield did not feel like listening to a compromise, and fined Bland \$100 on the first charge, and sent him to jail for sixty days in default of \$100 security. The second charge was dismissed.

Albert Granger was charged with unlawfully abusing Mrs. J. Manning and with assaulting and beating her little son, James Manning. The evidence was partly heard, and the case then continued until next Wednesday.

Samuel Harris (colored) was fined \$250 and costs for being drunk and disorderly in the street.

E. J. Bradley was charged with being drunk and disorderly, trespassing on the premises of the Westmoreland Club and abusing John Lockett, but the case was dismissed for the lack of evidence.

Della Atkinson was charged with abusing John Lockett, but the case was dismissed for the lack of evidence.

Charles Henley and James Carter were charged with assaulting and beating a woman named Kate Finney. All parties concerned were colored, and the somewhat complicated situation was cleared up by the testimony of the witnesses.

Charles Henley (colored) was charged with assaulting and beating Martha Richardson. During the proceedings it appeared that Henley had also maltreated his seventy-year-old mother. He was fined \$30 and costs and sent to jail for six months in default of \$30 security.

Emma Foster failed to pay \$250 and costs for being drunk in the street.

Porter Perkins (colored) was charged for being drunk in the street, and for assaulting and threatening to kill a woman named Fannie Wade. His case was continued until next Tuesday.

Toney Stensdorf was charged by Mr. C. R. Turner with being drunk and disorderly in the street. The complainant stated that the accused had attempted to collect money from various parties on the representation that he was about to receive employment by the firm named. Stensdorf was fined \$100 security.

Henry Woodson (colored) was sent to the grand jury on the charge of stealing a knife from a woman named Fannie Wade. He was also charged with stealing a knife from a woman named Fannie Wade.

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## DIED FROM STARVATION.

C. E. Arthur Came to Richmond Locked Up in a Box Car.

HE WAS TRYING TO EAT COAL.

Discovered by a Policeman in a Delirious Condition and Was Taken to the Almshouse Where He Expired.

Died from starvation and exposure! Such is, in brief, the sad story of a nice-looking white man about twenty-five years old, whose body now lies at the City Hospital awaiting the merely formal action of Coroner Taylor.

His name is almost unpronounceable. He is believed to be a resident of Ohio. Affectionate letters from his sister, who signs herself "Clara," and asks tenderly after his health, after the manner of a playful way all the trivial incidents at the home circle since the brother's departure, and begging him to come home to his loved ones, were found on his person. These letters were dated: "Frazier's Bottom, St. Valen, this day," and were addressed to the young man as "Carey E. Arthur, Middleport, O." Frazier's Bottom, it seems, is a little village nestled on the Kanawha river.

On the young man's person was also found a card of advertisement, bearing the words: "University Free Dispensary, Baltimore, Md., and an affectionate letter dated "Spokane, Washington, January 18, 1895," from his cousin, Katherine Kirkpatrick, No. 325 Eighth street. The letter indicated that the young man had come East to seek employment. Further than this, nothing could be learned as to his condition in life.

THE DESCRIPTION.

Young Arthur was about twenty-five years old, pleasing countenance, regular features, dark, wavy hair, dark eyes and weighs about 150 pounds. He is about five feet 10 inches in height, and was dressed in a suit of dark material, dark trousers, and soft hat—quite a nice-looking young man. His appearance indicates that he was much higher in the social scale than a tramp.

A PITIFUL SIGHT.

An officer of the Third district, while passing a freight train standing at the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac tracks, on Broad street, just below Hancock, yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock, heard a groan in the car, and immediately went to investigate. The car was locked and was partially loaded with coal. Upon further examination, he saw the young man inside, trying to eat some of the coal, and performing other very unusual acts. He gave notice to the R. F. and P. local freight office, and the car was unlocked. It was soon learned that the unfortunate prisoner was delirious. He was pale and haggard in the face, and evidently bore the marks of keen suffering.

An urgent call was made at the City Hospital, and in a few minutes the ambulance, in charge of Dr. Whitcomb, came rumbling up to the scene. All the indications pointed to the conclusion that the unfortunate young man was at the point of death from exposure and starvation. To all appearances, he had been confined in the car for several days, possibly a week. It is believed that he entered the car at Baltimore, or some of the mining districts in Pennsylvania for the purpose of coming South. How long he was a prisoner in the car could not be ascertained. To all appearances, however, his critical condition was due to starvation and exposure. The physician who attended him said that such was the case.

LIVED ONLY A FEW HOURS.

The poor man was carried to the City Hospital in that critical condition, and there everything possible was done for him. Dr. Worthington, the physician in charge of the hospital, worked faithfully and patiently all day, and nothing was overlooked to restore him. The patient was too far gone, however, and after much suffering, during the night he expired. How long he lived after he was brought to the hospital, he died at 8 o'clock last night. During the day efforts were made to secure an intelligible statement from the patient as to his experience