SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE

PAST WEEK AS SPENT IN FASHIONABLE RICHMOND.

Many Private Entertainments—The Woman's Club—The Kirmess—Personal Mention.

Ellen Terry, with conquest behind her, has gone, but remains a brilliant and seductive memory to all who witnessed her personation of Portia, Nancy Oldfield, etc. There are a number, too, of prominent Richmonders, who, meeting the gifted English woman socially, find the memory of a specially strong and vivid kind.

Through a mutual friend, Miss Fairchild, of Boston, Miss Lutie Pleasants, her sisters and mother, met Miss Terry on the ground of a common friendship and interest. Miss Terry's courtesy to the first of the ladies' expressed itself in the gift of a box for the Irving-Terry stay in Richmond, and on each night numerous social lights shone in the box within easy sight of the audience. Miss Terry made herself charming to all, at her own request, she visited Mrs. M. F. Pleasants, and left with her, as with all the others, a fragrant impression.

Her delight in her grand-children, whose pictures she showed with typical grandmotherly pride, was an agreeable proof that there is humanity of a pretty deep kind behind the footlight, and one of the sweetest things attaching to her visit here was her genial charm for children. She could not accept Miss Pleasants invitation to informal lunch, coffee and a slice of buttered bread being all that the rules of her profession permit before a performance.

But it is said she carried away with her some memories of Richmond as pleasant and as hard to efface as Richmond's of her.

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The Board of Managers of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia held a meeting on Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. James Lyons, the outcome of the meeting was the appointment of Mrs. Wm. Royall as Chairman of a committee to arrange for an entertainment to be given in February at the Commonwealth Club; and the election to membership in the Society, of Mrs. Robert Atkinson Gibson, Mrs. Wm. Oppenhimer, Mrs. W. A. Hardaway, Mrs. Henry B. Mason, Mrs. Peter J. Otey, Mrs. Henry Darneal, Madame G. De Sibour, and Miss Mary Mobia Lyons.

In connection with the entertainment it must be said that the Society is most appreciative of the Commonwealth's courtesy, in offering the club-rooms for the entertainment. Mrs. Royall will appoint her own committees.

Mrs. James Lyons, (who presided) Mrs. Wm. T. Robins, Mrs. M. F. Pleasants, Mrs. H. A. Claiborne, Mrs. George Mayo, Mrs. Lucy Carter Trent, Mrs. Reginald Gilham, Mrs. Charles Chalkley and Mrs. Joseph Bryan.

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Mrs. H. A. Claiborne will be informally at home for the three next Wednesdays, from 4 to 7. The first of these Wednesdays was that of last week, when, in spit of skies which gave ominous promise of Thursdays emphatic, if moist programme, was enjoyed by about twenty-five delightful people.

Mrs. Claiborne and Mrs. J. Alston Cabell were assisted in receiving by Miss May Burnett Claiborne, of Petersburg, and Misses Louise and Ellen Claiborne, of Richmond.

Mrs. J. Alston Cabell will be informally at home on Fridays (the three next) from 4 to 7.

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Mrs. Randolph Tatum and Miss Tatum will be at home informally on Tuesdays after three, until Lent.

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Col. and Mrs. R. E. Withers, of Wytheville, celebrate their golden wedding on February 3d, and on that day day, also the wedding of their youngest daughter, Miss Virginia Secessia Withers, and Mr. John Young Terry, of Seattle, Washington, son of the late Gen. Wm. Terry, will take place. A family reunion at Col. Withers' handsome place will mark the day, in recognition of a combination of highly satisfactory circumstances. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Putney leave on Tuesday for Wytheville.

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Miss Patton, of Lexington, Va., and Miss Anne Meade, of Clarke county, are the guests of Misses Rachel and Hallie Cooke.

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Mrs. Hugh Taylor's Wednesdays have taken their place as among the most enjoyable promises of the ante-Lenten season. The introductory to the series was that of last week, when the large and finely appointed parlors presented equal testimony to Mrs. Taylor's popularity and her taste. The logs in the broad, old-fashioned fireplaces crackled away with hospitable animation, and sustained the Rev. Sidney Smith in all that he ever said about bright fires and good spirits. The growing flowers, lilies and azaleas, were Mrs. Taylor's foster children, and had reached their perfect growth under her eye. Mrs. Taylor was assisted in receiving her many callers by her guests, the Misses Foster, Miss Margaret Winn, and Mrs. Thos. Symington, of Staunton.

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On Friday night Mrs. Randolph Tatum and Miss Tatum entertained a number of friends most enjoyably at cards, a courtesy to their guest, Miss Causey, of Delaware. The table was finely appointed, pink and green being the colors prominent in decoration.

The prizes were quite handsome—a silver match safe, a cut-glass smelling bottle, and a silver letter stamp. Those present were Misses Elizabeth Grant Cameron, Alice Carpender, Kellogg, Mary Hayes, Carrie Talbott, Lucy Cocke, Berta Wellford, Kathleen Anderson, Ella Cocke, Mary Saunders, Mary Binford, Marianne Meade, Rebe Glasgow, Mary Face, Mary McCaw, Nannie Gilliam, Julia Morton; Messrs. E. V. Williams, J. M. Valentine, Murray Dill, George Reid, W. H. Blair, Coleman Wortham, Philip Bruce, Horace Hawes, Mayo Binford, Julian Binford, Lee Bragg, P. H. C. Cabell, W. C. Noland, Hogue Gilliam, A. R. Holladay, R. B. Campbell, E. T. Harrison, K. Mitchell, Blankenship, Dr. Williams, Henry L. Cabell, and E. T. Robertson.

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The fashionable interest concerned itself chiefly on Thursday evening with Mrs. Howard Hoge's tea, for which three hundred invitations were out. The fashionable interest, too, proved of a pretty stiff consistency of the kind, which is not materially hurt by rain. The floral decorations of the house were of the most lavish kind, in ferns, carnations, and mignonette. The last is somewhat less familiar in this connection than its essentially sweet qualities warrant, but it was delightfully present this time, making itself felt modestly but distinctly, as a background for carnations.

The receiving party was thus: Mrs. Howard Hoge, white brocade, American Beauty roses; Mrs. Charles Chalkley, pink silk shot with gold; Mrs. Dana H. Rucker, her wedding gown of ivory white satin, old point lace; Miss Kate Harrison, white organdie; Mrs. Wm. T. Robins, black satin; Mrs. Wm. Bentley, black satin; Miss Kate Hoge, of Staunton, white organdie with pink ribbons; Mrs. Sam Martin, exquisite light waist and black satin skirt, Mrs. Edmund Harrison, who wore black brocade, served the chocolate; Miss Marian Robins, looking particularly charming in black satin, presided at the punch bowl.

Misses Fannie and Gussie McGuire, Daisy Winston, Mary Rogers, Nina Randolph, and Carrie Coleman, made the dining room a specially attractive place.

Among those invited to be present were: Mrs. Chas. Todd, Mrs. Lewis Wheat Littell Wilson, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Luther Warren, Miss Wortham, Mrs. Wm. Wade, Winslow, Irvin Watkins, Henry Watkins, Mrs. Wm. White, Mrs. J. A White, Misses Weddell, Mrs. Jno. Skelton Williams, Mrs. Chas. H. Winston, Mrs. Samuel Winston, Mrs. E. Wortham, Mrs. A. Judson Watkins, Miss Barney, Mrs. Joseph, Mrs. Bosher, Mrs. Conway Barksdale, Lelia Blair, Gillie Cary, Claiborne Judith Deane, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Goodwin, Misses Guy, Glasgow, Mrs. Wm. Hinson, Mrs. Janney, Misses Pollard, Miss Rutherfoord, Mrs. John Taylor, Misses Talbott, Mrs. Edward Valentine, Misses Wallace, Misses Ball, Miss Burnley, Miss Barksdale, Mrs. J. L. Conquest, Mrs. Jos. Estes, Mrs. Chas. O'Ferrall, Mrs. Hawes, Mrs Herbert Lefebvre, Miss Lefebvre, Mrs. Ellie Powers, Mrs. Stephen Putney, Miss Putney, Mrs. F. D. Steger, Mrs. Jack Temple, Mrs. Jacob Michaux, Mrs. John Armstead, Mrs. Wm. Frances Powers, Mrs. P. S. Powers, Mrs. Wm. Powers, Miss Josie Pollard, Mrs. T. Wm. Pemberton, Miss Randolph, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Mrs. Richard Reynolds, Mrs. Webster Rhoads, Mrs. John W. Riley, Miss Riley, Mrs. Russell Robinson, Mrs. C. E. Runyon, Mrs. Bland Smith, Mrs. Edmund Strudwick, Mrs. Georgia Steger, Mrs. Thomas Symington, Mrs. Southall, Miss Mazie Scott, Mrs. Chas. Selden, Mrs. Carter K. Scott, Miss Mary Saunders, Mrs. W. Bailey Saunders, Mrs. Philip Taylor, Misses Tinsley, Thomas, Mrs. F. C. Tucker, Mrs. Wm. D. Thomas, Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Mrs. Christopher Tompkins, Mrs. Edgar Taylor, Mrs. Seaton Tinsley, Miss Todd, Mrs. Robert A. Lancaster, Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. Egbert Leigh, Mrs. Maria Moon, Mrs. Hunter McGuire, Misses McGuire, Misses Mayo, Mrs. M. McIntire, Miss McIntire, Mrs. Charlotte McVeigh, Mrs. Geo. Mayo, Miss Annie Merrill, Mrs. Warner Moore, Miss Louise and Lina Mayo, Miss Carrie Minor, Mrs. R. B. Munford, Mrs. Gordon McCabe, Mrs. E. C. Minor, Mrs. Wm. A. Moncure, Mrs. Edward McGuire, Mrs. J. P. McGuire, Miss Patterson, Mrs. R. W. Powers, Misses Powers, Mrs. Amelia Powers, Miss Alice Archer, Mrs. James Anderson, Mrs. Clarence Boyd, Mrs. C. A. Blanton, Misses Moore, Mrs. T. L. Moore, Mrs. Hill Montague, Misses Bessie Moore, Mrs. Wm. T. Oppenhimer, Miss Parton, Mrs. James Scott Parrish, Miss Bessie Bentley, Mrs. Austin Brockenbrough, Mrs. Hannah Breeden, Mrs. Chas. G. Bosher, Mrs. Grayson Burruss, Mrs. George Barksdale, Mrs. Robert Blankenship, Mrs. A. Belthe Blair, Miss Binford, Mrs. A. B. Camm, Miss Mildred Carrington, Miss Cowardin, Mrs. Allen Chambert, Mrs. Wm. M. Coulling, Mrs. Gertrude Colston, Mrs. Beverley Crump, Mrs. J. Alston Cabell, Mrs. Mary Caskie, Mrs. Edward Crump, Mrs. Dabney Crenshaw, Mrs. Herbert Claiborne, Mrs. Ernest Chalkley, Misses Cooke, Mrs. Oscar Cranz, Mrs. L. Cosby, Mrs. Clay Drewry, Mrs. Adolphus Dill, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Frank Deane, Mrs. Chas. Davenport, Mrs. Parker Dashiell, Mrs. Harrison Donnan, Mrs. Minor Dashiell, Miss Ellett, Mrs. Harry Frazier, Elizabeth Fisher, Mrs. Chas. T. O'Ferrall, Mrs. James C. Hiden, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, May Jones, Ellen Jackson, Mrs. Paulus Irving, Mrs. Ellie Powers, Miss John Armstead, Jas. L. Anderson, Harrison Blair, Pelham Blackford, Edward Benson, Lewis Brander, Dr. Chas. Brock, Henry Catlett, Aug. Drewry, Herbert Claiborne, J. W. Hinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hobson, Arthur Mayo, Geo. Mayo, Lorraine Ruffin, John and Edmund Harrison.

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The wise gentlemen of the "Tuesday" Club announce that, owing to the Kirmess, the german down for the 28th will be postponed until the evening of the following Friday, January 31st.

During the seven days ending on yesterday the Woman's Club programme has presented some delightful things—"Virginia Day," etc., on Saturday, the 18th; Dr. John Henry's admirable lecture on "Hypnotism" on Monday, and Mr. Wyndham Meredith's equally admirable one with Thomas Jefferson as his subject on last night.

Mrs. Emma R. Ball was chairman for "Virginia Day," and introduced the participants in the programme. These were Mrs. John Enders Robinson, who presented an excellent paper on "Virginia Statesmen"; Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler, who read an admirable essay on "Virginia Heroes"; Miss Maria Blair, who paid high tribute to Matthew Fontaine Maury—his achievements, his nobility of character, etc., and Mr. Charles Washington Coleman, who rendered his fine Jamestown ode, "Westward, Ho," with vigor and fire. The rooms were decorated with reference to the character of the day, and the efficient superintendence of Mr. W. L. Sheppard. A bust of Maury, in a setting of evergreen, stood in conspicuous place, and on the southern wall of the reading room a portrait of General Lee was draped in the Confederate colors. In the front room the colonial colors prevailed, and a portrait of Washington was conspicuously placed. A social programme supplemented the literary one, refreshments being served by Miss Claire Guillaume, assisted by Mrs. W. L. Sheppard, Mrs. S. W. Travers, Misses Mary Anderson, Mary Lewis, Mary Cameron, Berta Wellford, Georgie Blankenship, and Louise Williams.

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Mrs. J. R. V. Daniel was chairman of the meeting at which Dr. Henry delivered his interesting lecture on hypnotism. The general interest in the subject to be discussed was expressed in one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the club-rooms.

"Hypnotism, as applied to the amelioration of pain, in the training of character, and for other beneficent purposes," was the direct subject of Dr. Henry's discourse, with a number of amiable young gentlemen by way of illustration, whose submission to the hypnotist was abject.

Some fine music by Master John Powell supplemented the lecture. The chairman's guests were Mrs. Barton Haxall Wise, Mrs. W. W. Henry, Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. J. Skelton Williams, Madame Guillaume, Mrs. M. S. Valentine, Rev. and Mrs. John K. Mason, Mrs. J. R. V. Daniel, and Dr. Robert F. Williams. Mrs. Lewis Wheat presided at the tea table, and was assisted by Mrs. Keith, Miss Mary Lewis, Mrs. Robert Munford, Miss Guillaume, and Miss Goodwin.

On last night, the character and work of that great Democrat, sublime in a simplicity which the gentlemen who have succeeded him in various offices have not invariably emulated, were brilliantly presented by Mr. Wyndham Meredith.

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The Tuesdays of Mrs. S. H. Hawes and Miss Hawes grow no less delightful as they succeed each other.

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The Richmond german was a repetition of the successes for which the club is famous.

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Mrs. W. Mason Miller, of Staunton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Harper Anderson, east Franklin.

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General and Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson, of Baltimore, are at Mrs. Duval's to remain for the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Seldon Bruce have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Sallie Archer Bruce, to Rev. Arthur Barksdale Kinsolving, on Wednesday, February 5th, at 12 o'clock, at St. Paul's church, Bishop Whittle officiating, assisted by Rev. Hartley Carmichael.

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The dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Starke, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoge, was prominent upon the social programme of the week.

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On Tuesday there was a particularly large attendance upon Miss Maria Blair's literature class, and spirited discussion of the questions arising out of readings from Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra." The decline in Antony's character, the development, with Antony's misfortunes, of something like womanliness in Cleopatra, the strength of Enobarbus' character, and, last and chiefly, the moral, as well as the physical, defeat of Antony in his realization that he had wrought his own ruin, were the principal subjects discussed.

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Interest in Mrs. Caskie Cabell's current events classes shows no abatement. On last Wednesday she paid her further and delightful respects to the Transvaal matter; the Armenian question, and the Cuban insurrection; recent inventions in the field of photography; the exhibition of Dore's pictures in Chicago; the potteries of Vallaurie, in southern France, and new books.

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The engagement of Mr. Harold Randolph and Miss Gary, of Baltimore, is announced.

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Six people enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Waller Morton's hospitality last week in a dinner at the Jefferson, whose completeness and elegance was in inverse ratio to the number entertained. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Branch, Miss Martha Bagby, and Mr. Carter Branch.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Briggs have returned to the city, and are stopping at Mrs. Spilman's, Second and Franklin streets.

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Mrs. Joseph Bryan's hospitality found cordial and elegant expression in the luncheon given at "Laburnum" on Thursday, at which the guests of honor were Misses Davis, of Charlottesville; Carpender, Barney, and Elizabeth Grant Cameron.

Two teas divided the attention of fashion on Friday. One was by Mrs. Dallam Barksdale, at which there were some one hundred and sixty present. The house wore a festive dress of green (Maiden-Hair fern, palms, and smilax) and flowers (yellow roses in profusion). The dining-room decorations were of pink, the pink satin table scarfs being edged with smilax.

The receiving party was as follows: Mrs. Dallam Barksdale, white brocaded satin, Duchesse lace; Mrs. C. R. Barksdale, black satin and lace; Mrs. Henry Cannon, black velvet and jet; Mrs. Randolph Cannon, white satin and lace; Mrs. Henry Cannon, lilac silk, Mrs. Fred. Pleasants, pink Persian silk and chiffon. Mrs. Pleasants served the chocolate and coffee. Miss May Barksdale, white organdie over satin.

In the dining-room were Misses Mary Fox, of Albemarle, lilac silk; Miss Smith, of Baltimore; Elizabeth Cannon, white silk; Margaret Cannon, white organdie; Campbell, white silk; Ellen Claiborne, white organdie; Louise Claiborne, white silk.

At the conclusion of the tea proper, Mrs. Barksdale entertained the receiving party and a number of gentlemen at whist. Among the gentlemen were Messrs. Thomas Cannon, Fred. Pleasants, Rutherford Rose, James and Henry Cannon.

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On Monday a meeting of the Sketch Club was held at the residence of Miss Adele Williams, at which arrangements were made for an exhibition to be given in the spring. Miss Adele Williams is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements. It is anticipated that the club will take possession of its rooms at Fourth and Franklin, the first week in February. Notice of the first meeting of the members will be given in the papers.

On Friday evening Miss Elise Parkinson entertained a number of little friends very delightfully.

Mrs. L. M. Cowardin's tea was one of Friday's two. About three hundred were present. From 5 to 7, the affair was in the nature of a tea, and at 9 a number of gentlemen were entertained, together with the receiving party. Red was the prevailing shade in the handsome and profuse decoration of the front parlor; of the three other rooms, pink, and of the hall yellow. In all, there was abundant green—ferns, palms, and smilax serving at once as background and emphasis for the flowers.

The receiving party was as follows: Mrs. L. M. Cowardin, black satin, Duchesse lace, Persian embroidery; Miss Alice Cowardin, white satin, silk muslin, pearl passementerie; Mrs. Smythe Brockenbrough, white organdie over blue; Mrs. F. T. Crump (at the punch bowl), yellow silk, lace, violets; Mrs. M. E. Carrington, black silk, Duchesse lace; Mrs. J. D. Crump, black satin, Duchesse lace; Mrs Taylor Ellyson, black satin; Misses McGuire, Guy, Mary Carrington, Julia Ryland, Ellie Frayser, Michaux, Sarah Harrison, Berta Nolting, Anna Tatum, Marian Robins, Isabel Pigman, and Carneal Willingham.

The gentlemen were Dr. Stuart McGuire, Dr. Charles Brock, Dr. Robins, Dr. J. C. Harrison, Lewis Harvey, Dr. Randolph, E. O. Nolting, Fred. and Carl Nolting, Evan Chesterman, James Graves, Lorraine Ruffin, Williams, Long, Harrison, Frayser, and Barney.

In a novel contest among the gentlemen as to the best button-hole worker, Dr. Charles Robins won the first prize, a working basket. The booby, a large needle and a spool of thread, to Mr. Fred. Nolting, who found threading his needle too much for him.

Miss Julia Ryland won the first ladies' prize—a souvenir spoon—for preparing the best map of Virginia; Miss Mary Carrington the booby.

It was the evening of the new man as well as the new woman, and at a chord upon the piano, struck by Miss Cowardin, each girl present proposed to the gentleman setting next her, with the result that numerous engagements are, it is said, on.

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On Friday Mr. Alexander Cameron entertained twenty-five gentlemen at cards, a fine supper, with some superb English pheasants in the foreground, a gift from friends in England. Among Mr. Cameron's guests were Judge Keith, Judge Staples, Lieutenant-Governor Kent, Capt. Knight, Major Ginter, Major Archer, Major Stringfellow, and Captain Haxall.

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On Saturday evening Mrs. John Lottier entertained a number of friends at luncheon in honor of Mrs. J. Alston Cabell.

Miss Annie Broaddus has returned to Reidsville, N. C., after a very pleasant visit to Richmond. She was accompanied by two of her violin pupils, Miss Mary Rominger, aged seven, and Miss Ima Allen, aged nine, who performed at several entertainments, two of which were at church. They were highly complimented by all who heard them. Some of the numbers rendered were composed by their teacher.

HENRICO COUNTY NEWS.

Both Courts Were in Session Yesterday. Want the Fare Reduced.

The Circuit and County Courts of Henrico, were in session yesterday, but no business of public importance was transacted.

Judge Wellford disposed of several civil cases.

The School Board of Fairfield, was in session and transacted routine business.

A mass-meeting of citizens of the county will be called for some night next week for the purpose of taking steps to prevail upon the Seven Pines Railway Company to reduce the fare on that line from ten to five cents. Odd-Fellows' Hall, Highland Springs, has been engaged by the committee having the arrangements in charge. A petition will probably be drawn up at the meeting, to be presented to the directors of the road.

Warrants have been placed in the hands of the county police by Justice G. W. Thomas for the arrest of Richard Jackson, who struck Walter Crenshaw in the head with a half a brick on Friday night, an account of which was published in The Times of yesterday.

Jackson has not yet been arrested.

The Bells.

(With plentiful apologies to Poe.)

Hear the patrol bells—
Brazen bells!
What a joyous jag their jangling foretells!
In the wee small hours of night,
How they yell out their delight
At the thought of one more fight,
Or another vag. to-night!
They can only clang, clang, clang,
Out of tune,
In a clamorous accompaniment
To the billy of the cop.
Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of Runic rhyme,
On top
Of the man with the jag on,
As they throw him in the wagon;
To the wrangling and the jangling of the bells!
And his head—how it swells, swells,
swells, swells, swells!
Oh, the moaning and the groaning in the cells!

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CONGRESSIONAL ASPIRANTS.

Members of the General Assembly Who Are Probable Candidates.

SEVERAL OF THE SENATORS MAY RUN.

Col. R. E. Boykin and Mr. H. L. Maynard in the Second District and Mr. Jas. Hay in the Seventh—Messrs. Ryan and Mason in the Eighth.

The congressional bee is now busily buzzing in the bonnets of many of the members of the General Assembly of Virginia, and, according to general report, there will be aspirants from that body for the seats of nearly every one of the ten representatives of Virginia, who will come up for election this fall.

For the seat of Hon. W. A. Jones, in the First district, it is reported that Senator William A. Little, of Fredericksburg, will make a fight. Senator Little is an able and popular representative and would make a good run for the nomination.

SENATOR WILLIAM A. LITTLE, of Fredericksburg.

In the Second, Hon. D. Gardiner Tyler's district, according to reports, there are several applicants for congressional honors, among the senators being Senators H. L. Maynard, of Portsmouth, and R. E. Boykin, of Isle of Wight, while Delegate Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth, is mentioned as a dark horse.

DELEGATE CHARLES T. BLAND, of Portsmouth.

For Hon. Tazewell Ellett's seat from this (the Third) district no candidates among members of the Legislature have as yet formally announced themselves, but it has been stated that Colonel John S. Harwood, one of the most popular representatives of Richmond city in the House of Delegates, has been several times pressed to make the canvass.

COL. JOHN S. HARWOOD, of Richmond.

Two candidates are mentioned for the seat of Congressman McKenney in the Fourth district. They are Senators W. B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg, and Thomas N. Williams, of Mecklenburg. Both are able and astute men, and either would make a strong candidate. They have not yet officially announced themselves.

SENATOR W. B. McILWAINE, of Petersburg.

The seat now held by Hon. Claude A. Swanson, in the Fifth district, is said to be coveted by Hon. Eugene Withers, of Danville, who has made his mark in the Senate of Virginia. Mr. Withers is very popular in his district, and would make a good candidate. He has not yet confirmed the report of his intention to run.

SENATOR EUGENE WITHERS, of Danville.

In the Sixth district the indications seem to be that Hon. Peter Otey will have no Democratic opponent among the members of the General Assembly.

The indications are that Hon. S. S. Turner, in the Seventh district, may have several opponents. Senator James Hay, of Madison, has authorized the statement that he will be a candidate, and Senator George W. Morris, of Albemarle, is mentioned as a possible aspirant.

SENATOR JAMES HAY, of Madison.

It is said that there will be a lively fight in the Eighth district for the nomination. The opponents of Mr. E. E. Meredith in that district, it is stated, will be Senators Mushbach, of Alexandria; John E. Mason, of King George, and Speaker John F. Ryan, of Loudoun. These gentlemen will make a strong team, and it is hard to say where the nomination will be placed.

SENATOR GEORGE A. MUSHBACH, of Alexandria.

There will be several aspirants, it is said, for the seat of Harry St. George Tucker, in the Ninth district, among those mentioned being Senators Buchanan, of Smyth, and St. Clair, of Tazewell. Representative Morgan, of Smyth, is also spoken of.

SPEAKER JOHN F. RYAN, of Loudoun.

General James A. Walker, the only Republican representative from Virginia, will have several opponents in the Tenth. Those prominently mentioned are Senators Flood, of Appomattox; Echols, of Augusta, and Jones, of Highland.

SENATOR B. F. BUCHANAN, of Smyth.

SENATOR CHARLES P. JONES, of Highland.

A good many of the above-mentioned gentlemen have avowed their candidacy, but the majority of them are still silent on the subject.

SENATOR H. D. FLOOD, of Appomattox.

SENATOR EDWARD ECHOLS, of Augusta.

THE LE CATO BILLS.

Explanation of His Measures in Regard to the Crabbing Industry.

The bills introduced some time since in the Senate by Dr. LeCato, of Accomac county, amending the crabbing laws of Virginia, seem to have been misunderstood.

His amendment provides that scrapes and dredges for taking oysters shall not be used on public oyster rocks or the private rented grounds of individuals by any one.

The bills also provide for the confiscation of the boats of non-resident violators who forfeit bail. The present laws require the conviction of non-resident violaters before the boats and tackle can be confiscated, and the effect has been that the boats have been thrown on the hands of the State until they have become useless, as it has been found impossible to catch and convict such violators.

The Elevator Ran Away.

The elevator at Ford's Hotel got out of gear on Friday while John Christian, the colored boy, who attended to it was engaged in carrying a lady to the second floor. It hung up getween the floors and refused to move.

Christian tried to lower it, when the elevator acted like a crazy thing and bobbed up and down several times. Christian saw that the situation was serious, and with great presence of mind opened the doors on the second floor as he passed, and on the return, jumped out. He then turned his attention to his passenger and succeeded on the return trip in rescuing her without accident. It was an heroic act, for which he has received just praise. This is the only time in five years that the elevator has gotten out of order. It was running all right yesterday.

A Delightful Surprise Party.

Last Tuesday night a surprise party was tendered the Misses Schutte, at their home on south Pine street, by a number of their friends. Parlor games and other amusements were indulged in, and several musical selections were rendered by some of those present. At the close of the evening, it was declared by all to have been a most enjoyable one. Those present were: Misses Olivia Schutte, Estelle and Marie Schutte, Helena Wigger, Theresa Kuster, Lily Brameyer, Agnes and Emma Hucher, Katie Landers, Lula Edelbult, Nellie Hulcher, Alice Nowlan and Mrs. Richard Schutte.

Messrs. Eugene Schutte, H. Brannon, J. Apperson, B. F. Franck, F. Hulcher, F. Newheiser, H. Wesgo, A. Ross, J. C. Govern and Richard Schutte.

Railroad Men in Suspense.

From an Atlanta newspaper of recent date it is learned that the employes and officials of the freight department of the Southern railway are in great suspense.

This state of mind is caused by the reported reduction of expenses of operation of the railway, and it is said that the freight department will feel the axe in the cutting down of salaries and number of officials and men.

So far as can be learned, the new policy has not affected the employes of the Southern at this point. It is reported that the expenses in the freight department of the road will be reduced $30,000.

To Have New Quarters.

The German-American Choral Association held a meeting at Mr. L. Reuger's residence, on north Sixth street, Friday night, at which time it was decided to give up their old quarters at Sanger Hall. This action was taken on account of some personal differences between the members of the Gesangvereln Virginia and the Choral Association.

In future the association will meet and rehearse in the hall over M. B. Ramos' music store, 119 east Broad street.

To Discuss the Monroe Doctrine.

Under the auspices of the colored Young Men's Christian Association Lyceum, a debate will be held at True Reformers' Hall Monday night. The subject, "Resolved, That the Monroe Doctrine Should be Supported." The affirmative will be argued by W. W. Ryan and G. W. Blue, of the Richmond Theological Seminary, and the negative by T. H. Watts and S. B. Stewart, of the Young Men's Christian Association Lyceum.

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