

THE RAIL ROAD BUILDERS COMING

Finish Grading Near Petersburg and Will Move to Richmond.

THEY WANT A DOG TAG LAW.

The Dinwiddie Delegate Will Come Instructed to Vote on the Question. New Market Races Will Have Many Entries.

PETERSBURG, VA., Sept. 19.—Special. The Methodist ministers of Petersburg and Estlin have arranged for union meetings. The first will occur on the 25th instant in West-Street church.

The force of hands which have been at work on the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroad, just across the Appomattox river from this city, have gotten through with about three miles and a half of the grading of the road. The force will be moved next week to Manchester to do the grading this side of James river.

Much interest is felt in Dinwiddie as to the action of the Democratic convention to be held at the county courthouse on next Friday in nominating a candidate for the House of Delegates from that county. At this convention the following preamble and resolutions will be offered:

Whereas, the sheep industry is becoming one of the chief industries of Virginia, and the chief hindrance to the same in Southside Virginia being the worthless wool.

Resolved, that the delegate to the Legislature from Dinwiddie county is instructed to vote for any reasonable dog tag law that may come before the Legislature.

The September term of the Hustings Court will open Thursday. The felony cases on the criminal docket are those against John Carter, Herbert Oliver, Austin Mitchell and J. Knox. The following have been summoned to serve as grand and petit jurors: William Williams, E. Venable, Geo. W. Caldwell, S. E. Whitehouse, Wm. T. Dummer, O. H. Moran, Emory E. Tins and T. P. Kidd.

FOOT MASHED. A negro named William Johnson was brought to Petersburg this morning over the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroad, suffering from a badly mashed foot. Mr. Wm. R. McKenney sent him to the Home for the Sick for treatment. The race to be held at the New Market race course next month promise to be the best that have taken place in this section for years. The purses amount to over two thousand dollars. There will be some ten or more entries from Richmond and it is expected to have entries of some ten horses from Baltimore.

The schooner "Bill Nye" for Baltimore which was sunk some days ago near Jordan Point Light, House of Refuge, has been raised and is now afloat again. She is now awaiting to be loaded with lumber.

STREET PAVING. Mr. T. B. Hastings, representing the E. P. Myers Company, Independent Cement, which has the contract for paving Second, Adams, Henry and Fifth streets, with cobble stone, is in the city today. Mr. Hastings says that they will begin the paving about the 15th of October and will use a large force and push the work right ahead.

About 1 o'clock this morning the confectionery store of Hewlett & Harrow, on Synamore street, was broken into through the rear door, but the burglar, who had been taken off by George B. Bowman, whose residence adjoins the store, as he came home about the hour indicated. An attempt was made by the burglar to set fire to the store, but the flames were extinguished by Mr. Bowman before any damage was done.

HY STEELE. Nothing has as yet been learned of the whereabouts of Hy Steele, the convict who escaped from the Central State Penitentiary early Sunday morning. It is supposed that he has gone to North Carolina. Steele's escape was not a surprise to the medical officers of the hospital. As he had not shown any real symptoms of insanity since his admission, the hospital authorities had expected to return him to the penitentiary this week.

I learned this morning from a gentleman from Templeton District, Prince George, that the permit crop in that section of the county, would be a very short one. The shortage is due to the drought.

DANVILLE'S NEW DEPOT.

A Heavy Rain Breaks Up a Fine Programme and Parade.

DANVILLE, VA., Sept. 19.—Special.—An almost constant rain today seriously interfered with the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone of the new depot. The business men's association, backed by the citizens generally, had arranged to make it a grand gala day, and a monster parade in celebration of the event had been arranged for. The rain, however, began to pour from the central part of the city to the depot, for the cornerstone was to have been laid by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia, and this ceremony was to have been followed by speeches by distinguished men.

Members of the Grand Lodge and two scores of railway officials reached here last night and this morning to take part in the celebration and everything was in readiness for a big day's doings.

But this morning heavy clouds hung over the city, and by ten o'clock the rain commenced to fall and continued all day. The programme was changed so that only the Masonic service of laying the cornerstone took place in the forenoon, and then the Grand Lodge and all the attendants hurried through the heaviest shower of the day to the Academy of Music, where the balance of the programme was carried out under shelter from the storm.

The street tracks were quickly abandoned. The Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia met at 1 o'clock with all the officers save one present, and repaired to the depot in carriages. Because of a heavy black cloud arising the Masonic ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new thirty thousand dollar passenger depot was hurried, and being completed, all hastened to the Academy of Music. There a musical and oratorical programme entertained a large audience for two hours.

The speakers were Judge R. T. W. Duke, Jr., of Charlottesville, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia; Hon. Eugene Withers, of Danville, and Col. William A. Henderson, representing the Southern Railway.

The night at Hotel Burton a banquet given by the business men of Danville in honor of the visitors was a grand affair. The toast orators were E. A. Neil and M. V. Richards of the Southern Railway; W. F. Hodnett, J. H. H. C. W. Frayley, James P. Harrison and J. A. Overbay, of Danville. The last named gentleman is president of the City Council.

The new depot will be completed by December 1st.

Young Convicts.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Sept. 19.—Special. A death guard of the Richmond penitentiary, arrived here this morning from Leesburg, Va., having in custody William West, Eugene Cooper and Henry Jackson, colored youths. West and Cooper had been from Leesburg and are sentenced

Great Chair Bargain. A HIGH BACK HARD-WOOD CHAIR. 29 Cents.



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A WASTED LIFE.

A Bright and Versatile Man Dies Without a Home.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Sept. 19.—Special.—Some seven or eight years ago there dropped into Newport News a strange character. He came from New Kent county and his name was Frank Gordon.

He was a bright, versatile, cultured, refined, a bit of a specialist in chemistry and expert accountant, a man who had read everything worth reading and remembered it, a member of one of the oldest and best of the fine Virginia families, jovial, kind, generous, warm-hearted and honorable, incapable of making an enemy or losing a friend. This man was sure to be better than any other man that befell for better things than that befell. He possessed, too, the uncomparable elements of failure. He lacked ambition, he lacked firmness. He was a drinking man.

So it was that Frank Gordon, who might have been a leader, remained in the rear. The bar-rooms knew him better than the churches. He made enough money by odds to keep him alive, to buy books and to buy whiskey. He held a bookkeeper position as a bookkeeper. Looking straightening up accounts. Toward the end this work was mostly done for friendly barkeepers.

When he died, he did not have a place of his own in which to receive the grim visitor. The end came at 2 o'clock this morning. Death found him at the home of a man who had befriended him. He was found without suffering, peacefully, after five years of ungraced opportunity. Kind friends took charge of the body and at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon forwarded it to Richmond for burial.

The dead man's connections were among the best in the State. Colonel W. W. Gordon, of Richmond, now dead, was his father-in-law. He had a brother, Dr. Gordon, of Richmond, who achieved fame as a lawyer, and whose Virginia debt question is still well-remembered.

Another brother, James Gordon, of Richmond, is still living. T. C. Gordon, a young Richmond attorney, is a nephew. There are other relatives all over the State. Frank Gordon was never married.

AN IMPRISONED JURY.

One Prisoner Convicted and Another's Bail Pledged High.

SUFFOLK, VA., Sept. 19.—Special.—After being closely confined for seven days and six nights, the jury which heard the murder case against James Brittle, at Isle of Wight Courthouse, brought in a verdict about 10 o'clock last night, fixing the defendant's punishment at five years in the State prison.

A motion was made for a new trial, and while waiting the verdict, the bail bond of Sam Beale, another defendant in the same case, was raised from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Edward White, a negro, and Brittle are kept in jail, being unable to give bond.

Beale has caused more excitement than any which has been tried in Isle of Wight for many years. The lawyers for defense of which there are four, may move for a change of venue. Beale, local prejudice against the accused. Beale and White will be tried in October. The three men are charged with clubbing to death Patrick McDonald, a white tramp, last April, and placing the corpse on a railroad track to hide murder.

PROBABLY FATAL CUTTING.

A Young Man Nearly Kills His Companion and Flees to the Mountains.

LURAY, VA., Sept. 19.—Special.—A serious and probably fatal cutting affray occurred at the home of Joseph Runion, near Oak Hill, this county, on last Friday night, the participants being Hyrd Rickard and "Bud" Nichols, both of the Rileyville section in this county.

Rickard and Nichols had gone to the home of Runion where an apple butter boiling was in progress. A difficulty arose between the men at a late hour in the night, it is said over a bottle of whisky. When Rickard drew his pocket knife with what is said may prove fatal results, cutting Nichols in the arm and abdomen, almost disemboweling him.

Immediately after the affray Rickard fled to the mountains. He has secured all that part of the country, he has so far eluded arrest.

Both Nichols and Rickard are young men, neither being more than twenty-one years of age. Whiskey is said to have been the cause of the trouble.

Killed by Machinery.

LEXINGTON, VA., Sept. 19.—Special.—James Helmore, aged three years, son of William Helmore, of Donaldsburg, was engaged Saturday in washing ore at the Midvale Mining Company, and lost his balance and fell on the band by which the machine was turned.

He was carried on the band to the driving-wheel of the engine, causing his death instantaneously. His body was only slightly mangled. The engineer and assistant endeavored to stop the engine, but before they could do so the young man had been carried to his death.

The funeral services took place from his father's residence Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. H. Mauze, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

WANTED TO BRIBE TWO DETECTIVES

A Man Caught With Stolen Property in His Possession.

TOOK TWO PINS FROM KOHLER'S

An Attache of the Circus Whose Friends State He Has Never Been in Trouble Before. Not Baited.

Southampton. Fifty dollars was appropriated to hire a band.

There will be a public dinner at the park. Captain Wells is chairman of the Dinner Committee. It was authorized to appoint its many assistants as provided. Timothy E. of Franklin will be formally invited to take part in the proceed.

THE ROBERT MORRIS GRANT. Judge Paul instructs the Jury in Favor of the Plaintiff and They so Decide.

ABINGDON, VA., Sept. 19.—Special.—The special term of the United States Court at this point will be concluded tomorrow. The case of Henry C. King against J. N. Watkins and others involving the title of the Robert Morris grant for five hundred thousand acres of land, which has been on trial for three weeks, was decided today in favor of the plaintiff.

The decision virtually turned on the instructions given by Judge Paul to the jury. The plaintiff insisted that the boundary lines of the grant, except one which both parties admitted to be established by courses and distances. The defendants contended that they should be established by certain monuments mentioned in the grant. The evidence showed that Taylor, who made the original survey, was mistaken or ignorant of the monuments he designated. The court held that while the general rule is that while monuments prevail and the law is construed accordingly, the regular term of the United States Court will begin here on the 31 day of October next. The United States Attorney, Judge T. M. Anderson, is now in Lynchburg, where the celebration case of the United States against Berry and Mosby, charged with making false oaths to the Controller of the Currency of the condition of the First National Bank of Bedford City, is now being tried in the United States District Court of North Carolina, owing to the detention of Judge Paul by the great length of the great ejection case above alluded to.

NATIONAL EXPOSITION. Philadelphia, Penn., September 14 to November 30, 1899.

On account of the above occasion Southern Railway will sell tickets from all coupon stations on its line to Philadelphia and return at rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip, plus 50 cents for one admission fee to the Exposition and Tuesday and Thursday of each week until November 22, 1899, with return limit thirty days from date of sale. In no case will return limit extend beyond December 2nd. The rate from Richmond to Philadelphia and return via the York River Line including one admission to the Exposition, \$15 with out Baltimore transfer, \$25 including Baltimore transfer.

C. W. WESTBURY, T. P. A., Richmond, Va.

Birds of every tropical hue are to be worn this season. At the Meyer Store Millinery Opening today the latest of these will be shown.

SUMMER EXCURSION TICKETS To Northern and Eastern Resorts Via R. F. and P. and Pennsylvania Railroad.

Tickets to all the principal Northern and Eastern resorts at reduced rates; on sale from September 20th, good to return until October 31st.

Good schedules by a variety of routes. Full information can be obtained at Richmond Transfer Co., 903 east Main street, Ticket Office Hyrd-station, or from W. P. TAYLOR, Traffic Manager.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher.

One Wife Surely Enough, Margherita Arlina Hamm, the well-known traveler and author, called when in China upon the wife or rather the wives of a great Mandarin. Her visit partook of the nature of a festival, and was the experience to the Chinese women, whose lives are passed almost entirely within the walls of their yamen. They examined her clothing, and were partly pleased and partly astonished at the fact that she wore a dress, and especially by the fact that her feet were not confined by bindings.

Finally one of them said, through the interpreter, "You can walk and run just as well as a man?" "Why, certainly!" "Can you ride a pony as well as a man?" "Of course."

"Then you must be as strong as most men."

"Yes, I think I am."

"You wouldn't let a man beat you, not even your husband, would you?" "Not at all."

The Chinese women paused, laughed, and then said: "Now understand why foreigners never take more than one wife. They are afraid to!"—Philadelphia Post.

Crystallized Violets. Sugared violets we have for some time accepted as one of the products of the end of the century, but they are in reality an inheritance from the affected and artificial time of the Second Empire. It is quite inconceivable that any one should think of eating them, and indeed they are eaten in syrup for the purpose of eating them, but a handful in a shallow crystal bowl or small silver dish looks very charming on the table. Crystallized rose leaves may be used for the pretty office, a few ounces of them having done duty in fascinating green Japanese bowls for more than a year, and they are still in active service. They help things out beautifully when flowers are scarce or have been forgotten.

Handsome Wedding Dress. At a recent fashionable wedding the bride wore a dress of rice-white satin with a plain and simple, but beautifully made. The long, round trained skirt was quite untrimmied and fell in artistic

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Whereas, the effect of the aforesaid resolution if complied with generally by the supply houses of the country, would be to bring hardship upon many retailers and financially responsible master plumbers who are not members of the National Association; or compel them to seek other sources of supply, which they are unduly secure, thereby limiting the trade of the supply houses in accord with such resolution and encouraging the establishment of competitive houses to take care of the outside trade; and

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Resolved, that the members of the Central Supply Association will not become parties to a plan of trade oppression as required by the New Orleans resolution referred to, and while they are willing to maintain the principles of the National Association, they are equally as anxious to support the National Association as outlined at the time of its organization, they recognize the right of every legitimate manufacturer and jobber of plumbing supplies, and every master plumber who has an established place of business and represents the industry of plumbing, and who is qualified under State and local enactments regulating plumbing and plumbers, where such exist, or where no license is required, an individual or firm with an established place of business and representing the industry of plumbing (the usual trade exceptions holding as heretofore) to secure the material necessary to do business, and that the members of the Central Supply Association shall govern themselves accordingly.

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