CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEET

Delegates to the Congressional Convention Apportioned.

WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN.

Captain Wright Killed—Death of a Famous Old Colored Woman, County Levy—News, Personal and Brief.

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A meeting of the City Central Committee was held last night in the office of Mr. Robert S. Rives, there being present Messrs. Rives (chairman), Cousins (secretary), Farley, Rudd, Gallagher, Osterbind, Randlett and French. The committee appointed to apportion the delegates to the congressional convention to be held in Richmond on August 1st reported as follows: Three from the Fourth Ward; two from the Third Ward, one and a half each from the First and Second Wards. These delegates will be elected at ward meetings, which will be held next Friday night.

COUNTY LEVY.

The July meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield county was held yesterday at the courthouse. There were present Messrs. John S. Taylor (chairman), A. A. Phaup, J. W. Nunnally, R. A. Bowen, Thomas A. Howlett and Ben. Johnson (colored). The main business transacted was the laying of the county levy, which was made the same as during the past twelve months. The claim of Dr. Lawrence Ingram against the county for services rendered in small-pox cases was amicably adjusted. After the transaction of routine business the meeting adjourned.

CAPTAIN WRIGHT KILLED.

In the wreck which occurred Saturday night on the Southern Railroad, at 11:30 o'clock, just north of Randolph station, ninty miles from this city, Captain Thomas J. Wright, in charge of the train and a resident of this city was killed, and his flagman, Mr. S. J. Owen, also of this city, was badly injured.

Captain Wright's remains were brought to his home Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, and were interred in Maury Cemetery that evening at 6 o'clock. The funeral service was conducted from the home by Rev. Mr. Baldy, assisted by Rev. J. C. Reed. Captain Wright was a member of Bainbridge-Street Baptist Church. He was forty years of age and had been running on the road for several years. Capt. Wright was a true Christian gentleman and one of the most devoted members of his church. He leaves a widow and three children.

Mr. S. J. Owen, who was flagman on the train, was also brought to this city Sunday morning, and he is under the treatment of Dr. George Ross, of Richmond. He is said to be resting as comfortably as possible, considering his serious injuries.

His left arm is broken, right wrist badly sprained, and has sustained injuries about the head and face. It is thought he will recover.

The engineer's story is as follows: He was running on a straight track when the flagman signalled to stop, the front brakeman passing the signal on to him. He immediately applied the brakes and as his train stopped, he felt a jar and remarked to the fireman that the train must have parted. Leaving the fireman in charge, he went back to investigate and found Conductor T. J. Wright on a gondola badly mashed from his hips down. He tried to talk to him, but could get no reply. Mr. Wright died about two hours later. Physicians were secured as soon as possible, one coming from the neighborhood and one from Keysville, but before their arrival, the conductor was dead.

The flagman, Samuel J. Owen, was on top of a box-car and was thrown forward on to a flat loaded with car-wheels.

COLORED WOMAN DEAD.

Esther White, one of the oldest and most respected colored citizens of Manchester, died Sunday night at her home in New Town, in the eighty-second year of her age. Her husband, Jake White, a free man, died about ten or twelve years ago, owning quite a valuable estate, both real and personal, accumulated in the brick business many years before his death. A part of his real estate was located near Manchester crossing, and being needed in late years for railroad purposes, became very valuable, one portion of which now known as "The Smith's Hall Lot," sold a few years ago for something over $4,000 to Mr. George E. Fisher.

The ownership of this money has been the subject of close and earnest litigation in the Hustings Court of Manchester for several years past, Esther White claiming it as life-tenant, her claim thereto being disputed by the heirs-at-law of Wm. Smith, deceased, Mr. Fisher in the mean time denying his liability. Half a dozen or more most prominent lawyers of Richmond and Manchester have been engaged in this litigation and many interesting and perplexing questions have been presented to the judge for investigation and decision during the trial. A large sum of money has been lately obtained in this suit and is now under the control of the court and the death of Esther White, the claimant, will no doubt relieve the suit of much trouble. Esther was formerly owned by the estate of James L. Bradley and on account of her character and politeness, always commanded great respect among the white citizens, who have known her from her early life to her death.

REV. T. E. REYNOLDS.

Services in memoriam of the late Rev. T. E. Reynolds, were held Sunday at Red Lane Church, Powhatan county, by Rev. J. R. Harrison, of Richmond.

There were present many persons from the counties of Chesterfield and Powhatan, in which Mr. Reynolds spent many years of his ministry.

For a number of years he was pastor of Red Lane church, and, when compelled to resign, on account of old age, was succeeded by his son, Rev. J. W. Reynolds, who is now the pastor.

FRANKLIN-FOWLKES.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Browning Franklin, of this city, and Miss Fowlkes, of Winterpock, Va.

Miss Fowlkes is the daughter of Dr. E. J. Fowlkes, of Winterpock, and is an attractive and popular young lady. She has many friends in this city, where she has visited several summers.

Mr. Franklin, the eldest son of Mr. L. B. Franklin, is well known here and is an employee of the Southern shops.

CHURCHES UNITE.

During the next six weeks a series of union meetings will be held by the Bainbridge-Street Baptist, First Presbyterian and Central Methodist Churches.

Beginning next Sunday night, Rev. Mr. Baldy will fill the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church.

The following Sunday Rev. Charles N. Van. Houten will preach at Central Methodist, and the third Sunday Rev. J. C. Reed will conduct the service at Bainbridge-Street Church.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Susan Foster (colored), charged with stealing $10.00 from John Wright (colored) was discharged.

Robert Owens and John Ross, for fighting The case was continued.

An attachment was issued for Henry Richardson (colored), who failed to appear to answer the charge of abusing his wife.

John Preel (colored) was before the Mayor, charged with using a horse belonging to Mr. C. V. Mays, without his permission. He was given thirty days in jail.

PERSONAL AND BRIEF.

Mrs. J. W. Craig is seriously ill.

Mrs. Virginia Snellings, who has been very ill for several weeks, is now improving, being much stronger yesterday than for several weeks past.

Mr. D. L. Pulliam is out again.

Judge and Mrs. Clopton have returned from Old Point.

Little Carlisle Gregory is somewhat better.

Mr. S. L. Fulks remains quite sick at his home on Bainbridge Street.

Mr. J. E. Norvell, of Swansboro, left Sunday night to visit friends and relatives in Roanoke, Bedford City and Lynchburg.

The regular meeting of the Manchester Lodge of Pythians was held last evening at 8 o'clock.

The remains of Mr. W. A. Whitley, who died Saturday morning at his residence, Twenty-first and Everett Streets, aged about sixty years, were buried Sunday morning from his late home at 9 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. A. Sullivan. Burial was in Maury Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neal have the sympathy of their many friends in the loss they have sustained by the death of their infant child, Elsie, aged twelve months. This little one died Sunday morning at 4 o'clock.

The funeral took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. N. Van Houten. The burial was made in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond.

The meeting of the Missionary Society of Clopton-Street Baptist Church Sunday was highly enjoyable. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, Rev. A. J. Berryman, Rev. Mr. Hall, of Richmond, Mr. Hunter Beazley, of South Boston, and Judge B. A. Hancock made short addresses. Miss Emma Clair Burke recited very nicely a piece selected for the occasion.

Rev. W. W. Sisk left yesterday morning for Jetersville, where he will assist all this week in a protracted meeting with Dr. John R. Bagby.

Mr. L. A. Atkisson and son, Carroll, of Greensboro, N. C., is visiting his mother in Swansboro.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter Beazley, of South Boston, Va., have returned home, after spending a few days with Mr. H. J. Bolton, of Swansboro.

Miss Mattie Mullens died yesterday morning at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. W. F. Bishop, at Ninth and Maury Streets. Miss Mullens had been ill for the last year, and her death came not as a surprise. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from Oak Grove Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Sullivan, assisted by Rev. Mr. Baldy.

Mr. F. C. Mayo, of Porter Street, is spending the summer at Mineral Hotel, Chase City, Va.

SALVATION ARMY

Praise Dr. Hartman's Free Advice For Afflicted Women.

Captain Clara Ward.

Miss Clara Ward, Captain in the Salvation Army, in a letter from Ogden, Utah, writes:

"As a tonic I find that Peruna is much to be recommended. It is certainly the best medicine I know of to build up anyone worn out with work or broken down in general health."

Mrs. J. A. Bashor, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "My health was completely broken down and has been for almost a year. I could not rest day or night, but suffered constantly untold misery. Tried remedy after remedy but found no relief until Peruna was recommended to me by a friend. I have taken one and a half bottles and am to-day well and hearty. I shall always praise Peruna, for I feel it saved my life."

Mrs. Sarah Gallitz, Luton, Ia., writes as follows in regard to Peruna and Manalin: "I was suffering with the change of life. I had spells of flowing every two or three weeks, which would leave me nearly dead. I had given up hope of being cured, when I heard of Dr. Hartman's remedies and began to use them. I am entirely cured, and give all the credit to Peruna and Manalin."

It is at this time of the year that the weak nervous woman is most prostrated and least able to perform the daily routine of duties that falls to her share. She has no ambition and her work drags upon her at every step. It seems never to be completed, and she never feels able to go on with it.

As a rule she keeps bravely at it, often uncomplaining and patient until she breaks down completely and can go no farther. It is to these tired, listless, unhappy women that Dr. Hartman offers advice and encouragement free. If all such women will write to Dr. Hartman giving a full account of their troubles, he will answer promptly free of charge and tell them what to do and what to take to make a new woman of themselves.

His advice costs nothing and the medicines are not expensive. Every woman who follows his advice is greatly benefited, and the great majority are completely restored to their youthful health and strength.

A book entitled "Health and Beauty" will be sent free to any woman by Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING.

Carried Beyond the Breakers at Ocean View.

Five hundred people stood upon the shore, and for fifteen minutes watched with almost breathless interest the exciting rescue of a man at Ocean View, on Sunday.

The gentleman was one of the bathers in the water, when a storm came up suddenly and rather unexpectedly. He was not far from shore and, though a good swimmer, was swept out some distance by an undercurrent and followed a wave several feet high. He realized his danger and yelled for help. Three men went out in a boat to rescue him, one of them being Mr. Harry B. Hartman, of this city.

When the vessel was within a few yards of the drowning man it capsized and sank. The three occupants had a narrow escape.

A Richmond man, whose name is said to be Wade, startled the multitude by jumping into the water with his clothes on and swam out to where the man was battling against hope. He rescued the man and got him to shore. He was nearly exhausted, and but for the timely aid of Mr. Wade, he would certainly have lost his life.

The rescued man said he was a commercial traveller from Chicago, and was not accustomed to swiming in the surf.

One of the men who went out in the boat came very near to drowning. He was rescued by a negro fisherman, who reached him in a boat. As the negro left the shore two or three persons tried to jump into the vessel with him.

"I'll shoot de fus man dat gits in here," he said, and that settled the matter.

THE OLDEST DUELLIST DEAD.

Dr. Oswald B. Finney, Who Fough Roger A. Pryor.

News was received here yesterday of the death at Onancock, in Accomac county, of Dr. Oswald B. Finney, one of the most noted men in that section of the State. He was eighty-one years old on the 18th of this month.

Dr. Finney fought a duel shortly before the war with General, now Judge, Roger A. Pryor, of the Court of Common Pleas, in New York. Finney was a Whig and was serving in the Legislature at the time. Pryor was a Democrat and was editing a newspaper in Richmond. Some editorial criticism of Dr. Finney's course in the General Assembly led to a challenge. The men met on the Manchester side of James river and fought. The Doctor was wounded in the hip.

Dr. Finney was very fond of politics, and after the war there was no more intense Democrat in the State than he. The Doctor was a member of the State Senate about twenty years ago.

He was very fond of race-horses and was a great whist-player. Every summer, until the present one, he journeyed to the Virginia Springs, where he met many of his ante-bellum friends and they spent many happy days together. Dr. Finney was a man of strong prejudices, but was steadfast in his friendships. He was a devoted Episcopalian and contributed largely to the erection of the beautiful Episcopal church at Onancock, of which he was senior warden. The Doctor never married.

Mr. Miller's Views.

Editor of The Times:

I notice in Sunday's issue of your paper a long article headed "Druggists to Organize," and after discussing the one feature, that of raising prices, you say that I am in sympathy with this move. I did not utter a word of sympathy, but on the contrary, the questions which I asked would indicate opposition to the plan, and besides, when asked to serve on a committee to propose constitution and by-laws, I asked to be excused, as I feared my views might be contrary to the plan and might thereby cause confusion and delay. They insisted upon my serving and the chairman of the committee stated that he expressly wanted me on the committee, as he wanted my views (and I am sure that he knows my opposition to the plan). Besides this I have just returned from a meeting of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, where the plan was discussed fully and rejected, and the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association withdrew its membership from the National Association of Retail Druggists. This action was brought about largely by my efforts. I am heartily in sympathy with and in favor of the organization of professions or trades that do so to promote social relations—general interest of the trade or profession—but when the organization seeks to abridge my personal rights and undertakes to dictate prices to me, or such other matters that interfere with the personal conduct of my business, then I oppose it. The present plan of the National Association of Retail Druggists in brief is: If I don't agree to sell all patent medicines at the price stipulated by them that I will be cut off from my supplies; that the manufacturer and jobber both will decline to sell men any goods of that class. This is the plan that I have been fighting for twelve months.

Yours truly,

T. A. MILLER.

May Erect a Natatorium.

A natatorium and gymnasium will probably be erected near the New Reservoir within the next few months.

The plan has been under consideration for some years and is just now assuming tangible form. The street-railway companies are interested in the scheme, the Passenger and Power Company having already intimated that they would liberally contribute to it.

When President Bemiss, of the Traction Company, was seen yesterday, he said that he knew nothing of the scheme, nor had any one approached him concerning it.

"Our company is always ready to enter into any enterprise that may prove of benefit to the community," he said, "and when we are approached on the subject, we will give it our most careful consideration."

Sends Regards.

Capt. Frank W. Cunningham has received a letter from Mr. George A. Farnham, a Saratoga Elk, who made himself so pleasant at Richmond headquarters at Atlantic City.

Mr. Farnham sends his regards to the Richmond Elks, whom he met at Atlantic City, and invites them to partake of his hospitality at his American—Adelphia—Hotel, Saratoga.

Back to Her Old Home.

On Thursday morning a horse belonging to Mr. B. R. Catlin, of Chestnut Hill, wandered away, and was not found until Sunday morning. The horse had gone to Hunlett's, Hanover county, from which place Mr. Catlin had secured her, and was peacefully browsing among the scenes of its early days, when she was recovered and brought back to Chestnut Hill.

Praise Well Given.

The News, of Bristol, Virginia and Tennessee, under date of July 20th, prints the following well-deserved tribute to Miss Gay Ragland, of this city:

"The Harmeling opera-house was well filled last evening by one of the most cultured audiences that has ever gathered there. The occasion was the concert by Miss Gay Ragland, of Richmond, assisted by the best local musical talent obtainable.

"Miss Ragland's voice, a clear, brilliant soprano, is undoubtedly one of the finest ever heard in Bristol. Paradoxical as it may seem, her notes fall upon the ear of the listener both forcibly and gently. Under perfect control and well-modulated. Miss Ragland's voice falls little short of perfection. Her trills were especially beautiful and wonderful. Her every number was heartily applauded, and twice she responded to encores.

"Miss Ragland's personality is equally as attractive as her singing. She possesses a charm and an indefinable magnetism that indelibly impress themselves upon one's mind."

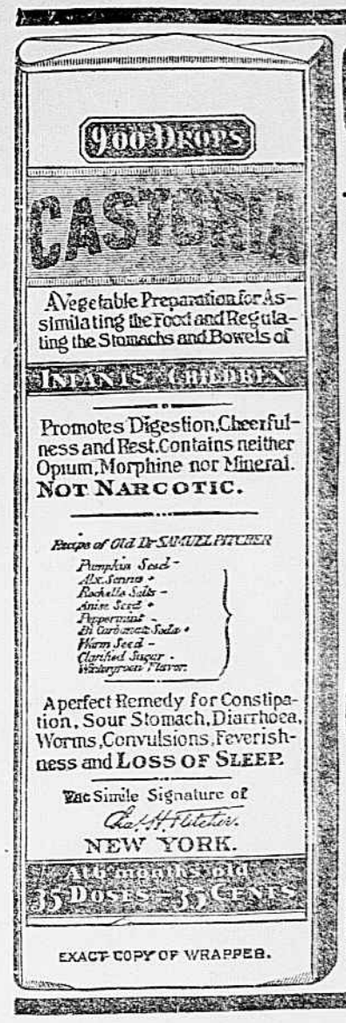
Miss Ragland, yielding to the wishes of many in Bristol, consented to a return engagement next fall.

A Hay Ride to Forest Hill.

One of the most delightful hay rides of the season was given by the young people of Providence neighborhood Saturday evening to Forest Hill Park. The crowd went down in two large wagons.

Those present were Misses Etta Adkins, Lelia Adkins, Annie Adkins, Eva Adkins, Elfrida Crump, Flossie Crump, Bessie Martin, Daisy Neister, Hazel Dunfry, Maria Brice, Helen Howlett, Over Aldrich and Geulah Foster; Messrs. Johnnie Baugh, Jr., P. S. Blankenship and C. L. Pollard, of Bon Air; Sam Martin, Ashton Adkins, Floyd Hughes, James Anderson, Kengero Masdero, James Waters, Steven Waters, Horace Brown, Floren Brown and Winston Howlett.

She—"Love laughs at locksmiths."
The Cynic—"But he wears a sickly smile when the plumber comes around."



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Ask to see testimonials. One purchaser writes us: "The Automatic seems to freeze instead of melt the ice."

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711 and 713 East Broad Street.

City Hall Courts.

A judgment was rendered in the Law and Equity Court yesterday in favor of Robinson & Co. against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for $888.32 for alleged damages to a lot of fruit.

The railway company will be paid back this amount by the party who is in default.

Mr. R. L. Montague represented the plaintiff company, while Mr. Henry Taylor appeared for the defendant.

Only civil cases were tried in the Hustings Court yesterday.

The jury in the Law and Equity Court will probably be discharged for the term on Friday.

Will be Tried.

Prince Howard, the negro convict who was shot through the breast and wrist on Saturday afternoon by Assistant Superintendent Morgan, was resting quietly yeserday, but is not yet considered out of danger. It is not yet known whether he can recover or not, as the wound is near the heart and through the left lung.

If Howard should recover he will be tried on the charge of assault in the City Circuit Court.

Free Band Concert.

Iardella's Band will give a free concert at Jefferson Park this evening from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock.

A Woman Tries Swindling.

A female swindler called upon Mr. Charles W. Hardwicke yesterday morning and represented herself as the duly authorized solicitor for the Kings' Daughters of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. She gave "Mrs. Williams" as her name.

Mr. Hardwicke denounced her as a swindler and had the case reported to Chief-of-Police B. F. Howard, who has instructed the police to lookout for the woman.

THROWS UP THE SPONGE.

Pressing Business Engagements Cause Mayor Stern to Retire from Politics

Mayor Sam Stern yesterday placed his resignation as president of the John W. Daniel Democratic Club in the hands of Mr. J. Hillkopf, secretary of the club.

In addition to thus severing his connection with the organization which he founded, and which has prospered under his leadership, it is understood that the popular Jefferson Ward Democrat at the same time placed in the hands of the secretary of the City Democratic Committee his resignation from that body, thus carrying out his original intention of retiring altogether from the active field of politics.

Here is his resignation as president of the John. W. Daniel Club:

July 23, 1900.

To the Members of the John W. Daniel Democratic Club:

I hereby send in my resignation as president of the John W. Daniel Democratic Club. I am compelled to take such action with the greatest regret, having decided to withdraw from politics, on account of the pressure of business. With best wishes,

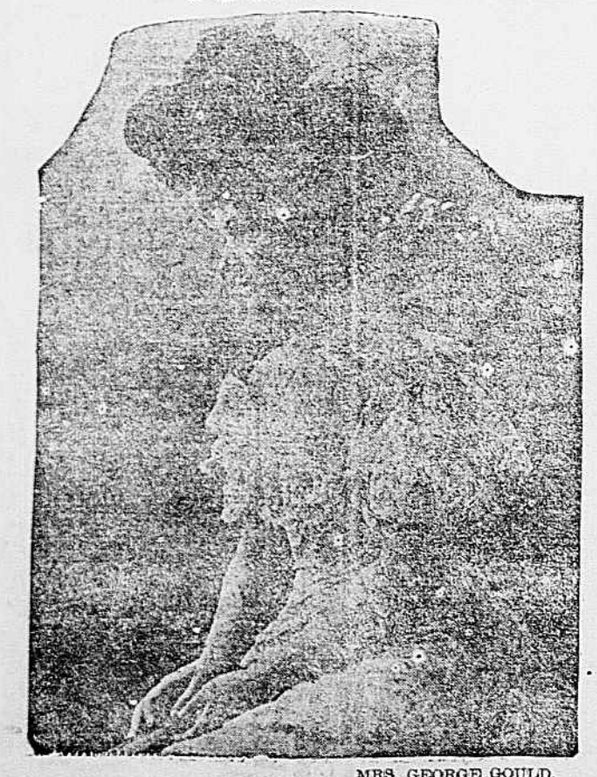
Yours truly, S. STERN.

Mr. Stern's friends tried hard to get him to reconsider his determination and remain in the committee and at the head of his club, but, for the reasons stated above, he thought it best that he should get out of politics.

It is said that Mr. E. J. Fagan, long a member of the committee from Jefferson Ward, will probably succeed Mr. Stern in that body, and it would not be surprising should the John W. Daniel Club be merged in the Old Dominion Club. The two would make a strong team if they decide to pull together.

The General Committee of the Virginia State Firemen's Association will hold a meeting at 8:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon in the offices of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

FOUR LOVELY WOMEN WHO LEAD AMERICAN SOCIETY IN THAT WONDERFUL SUMMER CITY, NEWPORT.



MRS. GEORGE GOULD.

MRS. O. H. P. BELMONT.

"It matters not where an American come from, she is sure to be witty," so said the Prince of Wales to an American [illegible]. At Newport, where gather the cream of society, there are cliques and clans, and the summer city has grown so large that a single leadership is impossible. The reins of social government are, therefore, held by four beautiful society queens who have but to nod or beckon and their slightest inclination becomes a law. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont represents the most aristocratic type of Southern loveliness; Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is queenly with the power peculiar to the West; Mrs. George Gould, Newport's latest addition, and Mrs. Ogden Goelet, belong more distinctively to the East. It is estimated that these four women control not less than $400,000,000 in money, perhaps more.