

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.
The following was the range of thermometer at the Times office yesterday: A. M., 70; 12 M., 75; P. M., 71; 3 P. M., 68; 12 midnight, 65; average, 69 1/2.

CONVENTION AT NEWPORT NEWS

How it Appeared to a Looker-on in Vienna.

SHUMAKER'S NOT IN IT

The Henrico Precinct Tame in Comparison With It.

MR. MONTAGUE THE FAVORITE.

The Swanson People Realized in the Start That They Were Beaten and Decided to Take Chances on Having Their Delegates Seated—Disgraceful Scenes at Ward Meetings. How it Was Done.

(Staff Correspondence.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., June 7.—According to the Montague people the proceedings at Shumaker's Precinct were tame in comparison with those of the Swansonites that culminated here to-day in the election of rival delegations to the Norfolk Convention. On the other hand, the Swanson supporters say they have acted within the bounds of the rules that usually govern meetings of the election of delegates to Democratic Conventions. The political atmosphere in Newport News is sulphurous. After talking with leaders on both sides, with newspaper men, with policemen, and with many other citizens, I am fully convinced that a very large majority favor Montague for Governor. It looks very much to me as if the Swanson people realized in advance that they were beaten and decided to take chances on having their delegates seated at Newport. In the first place, there was a split, and a full delegation for each one of the candidates was elected. Mr. Charles R. Hoskins, the harbor-master of the city, and a brother-in-law of Mr. Montague, told me that in his judgment the Democrats here about three to one favor Montague. "The machine," he said, "was used for all it was worth for Swanson." The City Democratic Committee held a hastily called meeting Saturday night, when it was known that some of Mr. Montague's most influential supporters were out of the city. It was not then announced by what method delegates would be chosen. The only way I learned of the plan adopted was from a newspaper reporter. Tuesday night the Swanson people held a conference. Then it was announced that there would be ward meetings Thursday night to elect delegates to a City Convention to convene to-day. We hustled around and got out our vote. WARD MEETINGS. In the First Ward Swanson had a majority. In the Second Montague people greatly outnumbered their opponents. Montague had ninety-five per cent. of the votes in the ward and no contest was made there. The Fourth Ward went for Montague and a contest was made. There were 158 Montague people to thirty Swanson men in the Fifth Ward. It was decided not to contest. While Montague had three to one in the Sixth Ward, the Swansonites contested. The Seventh Ward went for Swanson by about 135 to 55. The result was Montague had thirteen and Swanson nine uncontested delegates in the City Convention. THEIR ONLY HOPE. When that body met to-day, realizing their only hope of success lay in a contest, the Swansonites after recognizing Dr. R. B. Bagby, who had been elected as chairman, went to another part of the hall, organized a convention and elected delegates. We elected ours. That is the whole story. Shumaker's and Howard's Grove are willing to leave the matter to be settled by any body of fair-minded men, and believe they will decide that this thing was a high-handed piece of political outrage. THE SWANSON SIDE. Mr. E. W. Miltstead, the city sergeant, and the recognized Swanson leader, said the Swanson delegates had been elected from elected and ward committees from elected and ward committees, and the Montague delegates would be the contestants. In the absence of City Chairman Hazan the secretary of the committee called the meeting. We organized it. There was great confusion in the hall. The Montague people retired to another part of the hall, and after we had made our elections they held their own convention. Mr. Miltstead was asked to give his candid opinion as to the sentiment of the people of Newport News for Governor. He said that in his judgment he considered that Montague was the favorite, nor would he claim that Swanson had a majority of the Democrats on his side. IMPORTATIONS. The Montague people assert that people were brought here from Norfolk and voted for Swanson. Mr. Hoskins states that he can produce affidavits to prove this. Mr. Miltstead states that he has investigated this report and has been unable to get proof of a single case where a Norfolk man voted. A policeman states that after one of the ward meetings was over he saw many Norfolk people sneak out the back door for the boat, but he did not know whether they were Swanson or Montague sympathizers. Each side charges the other with voting Republicans. AN AWFUL MACHINE. A newspaper man, who is a strong Swanson supporter, said that there was a question about the Montague having a large majority of the Democratic voters here, but that every tactic possible was used to keep his friends from expressing their choice. "The machine here," he said, "is an awful thing. It sticks up against Wm. I. Taylor Swanson, and disapproves of some things his unwise and indiscreet friends have done, and I don't believe Mr. Swanson would approve of them."

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To-Day's Elections Will Make it Over Half HIS LEAD INCREASING.

MONTAGUE HAS MORE VOTES THAN THE ENTIRE FIELD.

BOTH LEADERS ARE SANGUINE.

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AGREED ON ONE POINT. Councilman Doherty, a Swanson delegate from the Seventh District, insisted that the delegates to the convention should be present in the hall during the deliberations of the body, whereupon Mr. Burcher and Mr. Doherty shook hands. This was about the only time any moment of the evening festivity occurred, one thing during the scramble, Dr. Bagby was taking part in the discussion and for a time it looked as if speakers for both sides were addressing him. He asked Mr. Swanson, a Swanson delegate from the Third Ward, to make a motion to the effect that only the delegates with credentials should be allowed to remain in the hall. Here Mr. Holt shouted to Mr. Holt not to address Dr. Bagby and Mr. Holt said that he was addressing the secretary of the city committee who was standing in a "chair." Dr. Bagby asked all who were present without credentials from either side to retire from the hall, but immediately the storm was renewed. Mr. Lett succeeded in restoring quiet for a minute and urged everybody to leave who were without credentials. WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO? Mr. J. Etzler, a Swanson delegate from the Fourth Ward, interrupted Mr. Lett with the question, "Who are you addressing?" "I am addressing the Democratic voters of the City," Mr. Lett replied. Mr. Etzler replied Mr. Lett, and then the Montague men broke loose and cheered wildly. Mr. W. T. Moss, a Swanson delegate from the Sixth Ward, commanded attention. Order is Heaven's first law, he said. "The Fourth Ward has gathered here none but delegates with the credentials permitted to remain in the hall. Now gentlemen it seems to me that the quickest way of reaching an agreement is for all those present to observe this suggestion. After that, we can get down to business."

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GEORGIA SHERIFF HELD MOB AT BAY

Defended Negro Murderer at Cost of Blood.

ONE MAN WAS KILLED

Two Others Wounded by Sheriff and Posse.

MILITIA WERE ORDERED OUT.

Negro Had Been Found Guilty of Murdering a Little White Boy and Was Sentenced to Hang To-day—An Appeal to the Supreme Court Irritated Crowd and They Tried to Lynch Negro.

(By Associated Press.) CARROLLOTTON, GA., June 7.—The nerve of a Georgia sheriff, whose name is Joseph Merrill, to-day upheld the law of the State and saved the life of a negro from a mob. In protecting the negro, who was saved from the gallows only a few hours before through the efforts of his lawyers, one life was lost and two men were wounded. The arrival of the State militia averted threatened trouble to-night, and at 9 o'clock a special train bearing the negro—whose crime was the murder of a little white boy whom he found fishing alone—and his guard, was speeding toward Atlanta. The man killed in attacking the jail was George Bennett, of Carrollton, and the wounded men are Thomas Smith and an unknown man, presumably a farmer. Thomas S. Word, father of the murdered boy, who was in the crowd, said he would have been lynched, was, strange to say, not hit. After Bennett fell Mr. Word jumped upon the window and exclaimed dramatically: "Shoot me, Mr. Sheriff, I would as soon die now as any time." Only nine shots were fired, and the wails of the mob showed the marks of the bullets. None of the sheriff's posse were hit. SENTENCED TO HANG. Williams, the negro, was tried and found guilty of murdering Otis Word on January 1st, this year, and sentenced to be hanged to-day. Being refused a new trial by Judge Harris this morning, his attorneys, Reese, Smith & Boykin, filed a bill of exceptions and carried the case to the Supreme Court. A large crowd of people had come to town to witness the hanging, and when it was learned that an appeal had been taken to the Supreme Court, delaying execution, there was much talk, which led soon after to the formation of a mob. At noon the mob made an assault on the jail. They entered the corridor and despite the warning of the sheriff, and entered the building. They made a demand on the sheriff for the key to the negro's cell, but were refused. With the refusal they began their advance upon the sheriff and the few deputies whom he had been able to summon to his aid. They were told to stop or they would be fired on, but the order was not obeyed. The sheriff fled down the corridor towards the sheriff's office, and was given to fire. Bennett fell, dying almost instantly. Thomas Smith, who was in the front of the mob, was badly shot, as was also an unknown countryman. The unexpected fight of the sheriff and his posse frightened the mob, and they retreated outside the jail. Here they broke and ran and were soon divided into little groups, discussing the event. Sheriff Merrill had once consulted Judge Harris, of the County Court, and it was decided to call upon Governor Chandler for aid. The Governor was communicated with by telephone and said he would send two companies from Atlanta as soon as possible assembled. PROCLAMATION READ. During the afternoon the mob telephoned the situation to friends in the adjoining towns of Villa Rica and Temple. They made an appeal for more men to effect the capture of the negro, and this was communicated also to Governor Chandler and he soon wired a proclamation to the people of the county. It was read from the steps of the courthouse at 4 o'clock by the Mayor, the Governor commanded the people to disperse, and said the entire military and civil forces of the State would be used to enforce order, if necessary. The reading of the proclamation apparently had a sobering effect, as many people were seen to mount their horses and leave town. Much apprehension was felt for the night, and the sheriff and city and county officials, after a consultation, decided to take the prisoner out of the county for safe-keeping. The Atlanta militia, under command of Major Barker, arrived about 6 o'clock and one hour later escorted the negro and sheriff to the train, which was soon speeding southward for Atlanta. Safe in Fulton County Jail. (By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., June 7.—The special train bearing the two companies of militia and the negro Williams returned to Atlanta at 11 o'clock to-night. The convicted murderer was quickly escorted to the county jail, where he will be kept until the Supreme Court acts on the appeal. Sheriff Merrill, who accompanied the party, said the leaders of the mob were Bennett and Mr. Word. Both of them had assumed that there would be trouble, but they found it impossible to restrain their friends. Sheriff Merrill was the last to leave the jail, and was probably the only one who was unarmed. All Have Left for Home. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—A cablegram was received at the War Department to-day from General MacArthur, at Manila, announcing that all the volunteers have left the Philippines en route for the United States. Left to Commander. (By Associated Press.) BERLIN, June 7.—It is semi-officially announced that the selection of Count von Walderssee as successor as commander of the international forces shall be left to the commanders of the forces in China. Young Will Relieve Shafter. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, June 7.—Major-General Young will assume command of the Department of California on the 9th instant, relieving Major-General Shafter. A commission as major-general of volunteers expires on that date.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Virginia—Partly cloudy Saturday, probably showers Sunday; fresh westerly winds, becoming variable. North Carolina—Fair Saturday; Sunday, showers in the interior, showers on the coast; northwesterly, shifting to fresh southerly winds.



HORSESHOE JAKE AND HIS CARD.

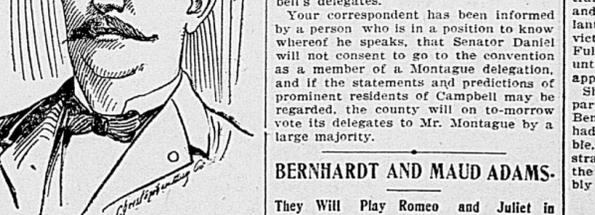
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DANIEL MAY NOT BE A DELEGATE

It is Said That He Will Not Come if He Has to Lead a Montague Delegation From Campbell. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) LYNCHBURG, VA., June 7.—The primary for the selection of gubernatorial delegates in Campbell county takes place to-morrow, June 8th, and from all indications a large vote will be polled. The unit rule was adopted, and the candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast will secure the county's delegation. As has been stated, more than one effort has been made to arrange the selection of delegates so that Senator Daniel could be sent to the convention regardless of his personal preferences, but thus far these efforts have proven fruitless, and it now seems absolutely certain that unless Swanson carries Campbell county Senator Daniel will not be one of Campbell's delegates. Your correspondent has been informed by a person who is in a position to know whereof he speaks, that Senator Daniel will not consent to go to the convention as a member of a Montague delegation, and if the statements and predictions of prominent residents of Campbell may be regarded, the county will to-morrow vote its delegates to Mr. Montague by a large majority.

BERNHARDT AND MAUD ADAMS.

They Will Play Romeo and Juliet in America. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, June 7.—Sarah Bernhardt will play Romeo for a hundred nights in America, to Maud Adams' Juliet. This important theatrical event was arranged last evening at a supper given by Sarah Bernhardt to Charles Frohman, at which Maurice Grau, her manager, was also present. Mme. Bernhardt will play in English, and after the American tour the two actresses will appear here and on the Continent. Mme. Bernhardt has taken Mr. Frohman's prompt-copy in manuscript, and will study the role in English during the summer. It is the desire of both managers to have Mme. Bernhardt appear as Romeo following her coming production of "Thaïs" at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre in Paris. Before Miss Adams returns to America she will meet Mme. Bernhardt in Paris and go over the scenes of the first act.



LIEUT.-GOV. JOHN A. LEE, of Missouri.

of a resolution to increase the secretary's salary and the bitter attack on the Southern Railway by the Brazilians. The social feature was this evening, when a moonlight to the capes was made and enjoyed by some six hundred people. HONORS TO VIRGINIANS. To the Virginians two honors were conferred. Mr. C. Walton Saunders being elected a national director, and Colonel John S. Harwood again chosen chairman of the National Legislative Committee, both with no opposition. Indirectly Virginia won more laurels, inasmuch that Mr. Saunders was chairman of the committee on the revision of the Constitution. For the first time in the history of the T. P. A. was the report of this committee presented to a National Convention in which every recompendation was con-

As to the convention to-day, it was quite evident that both sides were terribly wrought up. The Swanson people were unwilling to have the contested delegates to settle the contest. An eye witness gives the following account of the

to confer with some of his friends who

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