

The thermometer ranged as follows at The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 74; 12 M., 80; 3 P. M., 81; 6 P. M., 73; 9 P. M., 70; 12 midnight, 70. Average, 74.3.

Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia and North Carolina—Cloudy, with rain and rising temperature Wednesday; clearing and warmer Thursday; fresh southeasterly winds.

VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION

THE OLD WHITE

Large Attendance at Thirtieth Annual Meeting.

JUDGE LEWIS' ADDRESS

Able Paper on Some Notable Cases in Supreme Court.

THE SUFFRAGE ILLUMINATED.

The Association Met in the Ball-Room and Adjourned to the Church—Twenty-three New Members Admitted—Reform of Judiciary Now in Hands of Constitutional Convention and No Report Made.

(Staff Correspondence.)

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. VA., August 6.—The thirtieth annual session of the Virginia State Bar Association opened at 11 o'clock this morning in the spacious ball-room of the hotel. There is a large attendance and the meeting will prove an interesting one despite the disappointment of the members at the absence of Mr. W. D. Guthrie, whose sickness prevented his coming to deliver the annual address.

There was a deluge of rain all last night and the day opened as gloomy as possible, so far as weather conditions prevail. But towards noon the sun gained mastery, and when the morning session adjourned the old place never looked prettier.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. R. S. Thomas, of Smithfield, in the absence of State Senator B. B. Munford, called the meeting to order and briefly introduced Judge L. L. Lewis, who made his annual address. Judge Lewis was in fine voice, and his address was listened to attentively throughout. He announced his theme as some notable cases in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The paper was a masterly effort and was well delivered. When the speaker referred to the powers of the courts to issue injunctions and deprecated any move looking to its revocation there was hearty applause, and at the end of his address Judge Lewis was given an ovation. There were quite a number of ladies in the audience, and they evinced as much interest as did the men. Judge Lewis' address was interesting throughout and at times eloquent.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

After a few prefatory remarks he announced as his subject, "Some Notable Cases in the Supreme Court of the United States," saying in part: I have spoken of the court as a unique feature of the constitution, and so it is. There is, indeed, when the nature and extent of its jurisdiction is considered, nothing like it in the world; for besides the great and far-reaching jurisdiction which it exercises in the United States, it is also subject to its jurisdiction, and like private individuals, are obedient to its decrees. It is an institution purely American, without a prototype in history. As Chief Justice Taney once said in Florida vs. Georgia, which was a suit to settle the boundary line between those States, "A suit in a court of justice between such parties, and upon such a question, is without a parallel in the jurisprudence of any other country."

The unhappy condition of the country after the Revolution, due largely to the inefficiency of the Articles of Confederation, which led to the adoption of the Federal Constitution, was alluded to, and the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Supreme Court were quoted. Reference was also made to the Washington influence, in a sense, which the court was organized by John Jay as the first Chief Justice, of whom Mr. Webster at a later day beautifully said that "When the spotless crime of the touched robe fell upon John Jay, it touched nothing less than the nation."

The principal cases decided between the time of the organization of the court and the appointment of Chief Justice Marshall, eleven years afterwards, were then mentioned, and the case of Chief Justice Marshall vs. Georgia, which was the case that led to the adoption of the Eleventh amendment of the Constitution.

CHIEF JUSTICE MARSHALL.

Speaking of Chief Justice Marshall it was said: "The character and career of Chief Justice Marshall will ever be a subject of interest and pride to the American people. No other man has impressed himself upon the Constitution as he has done, nor has any man save Washington influenced in a decisive way the destinies of the country. One expounded the Constitution, which without the other would never have been adopted. One called himself a disciple of the other, and hence his name is inseparably associated with the name of the Constitution."

The celebrated cases in which Chief Justice Marshall spoke for the court were briefly outlined, and in regard to Gibbons vs. Ogden, it was said: "In that case the commerce clause of the Constitution was first construed, and nowhere perhaps has the great Chief Justice expressed in a more striking manner the rule to be applied in construing the Constitution. The Constitution, he maintained, was that the Constitution be construed strictly, but reasonably, so as to give due effect to the words employed, taking them to have been understood in the sense in which they are generally understood by those for whom it was adopted. Powerful and ingenious minds," he said, "taking as postulates that the powers expressly granted to the Government, and those which are to be construed by construction, and the narrowest possible compass, and that the original powers of the States are retained, if any possible construction will retain them."

Of Chief Justice Taney it was said: "It was fortunate that Chief Justice Marshall's successor was a great lawyer and a great judge, and such Roger B. Taney undoubtedly was, and he is now generally recognized and acknowledged." The principal cases decided during Taney's chief justiceship were then mentioned, and coming down to a later day, a good deal of attention was given to

CONDUCTOR MATT'S CASE.

No meeting of the street Railway Employees' Association has been called to conduct the case of Conductor W. C. Matt, who was discharged from the employ of the Passenger and Power Company.

The committee appointed appointed at Sunday morning's meeting to wait upon General Manager Dimmock in reference to this, and certain other cases has not done so.

Norfolk Instructs for Groner.

NORFOLK, VA., August 6.—The Norfolk Republican City Convention here tonight elected twelve delegates, and six alternates to the State Convention to be held at Roanoke. The delegates were then instructed to vote for D. Lawrence Groner, of Norfolk, for Attorney-General. No other instructions were given.

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GENERAL STRIKE

IS NOW ORDERED

Effective at Last Turn of Mills on Saturday.

SHAFFER ISSUES CALL

Must Fight or Forever Give Up Personal Liberties.

GREAT ARMY WILL BE IDLE.

The Order Expected to Swell the Number to One Hundred Thousand—General and Prompt Response Expected.

The Positions of the Two Sides Defined.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, PA., Aug. 6.—The die is cast. The battle of the giants is on in earnest, whether to ignominious defeat of one side or to the other remains to be seen. Up to this evening each side has been trying to find the vulnerable spot in the other's armor. Now it is different, brought about by the actual issuance by President Shaffer of the long-talked-of general strike order.

This order was promulgated this evening to take effect after the last turn of the mills August 10th. What the result will be no man can foretell, but judging by the expressed determination of both parties to the controversy, the battle will be waged fast and furiously. Much money will be lost, thousands upon thousands of men will be idle, much suffering is looked for, even bloodshed and death are possible and feared.

TEXT OF THE CALL.

"Brethren: The officials of the United States Steel Trust have refused to recognize the union men who are now striving for the right to organize. The Executive Board has authorized me to issue a call upon all Amalgamated and other union men in name and heart to join in the movement to fight for labor's rights."

"We must fight or give up forever our personal liberties."

"You will be told that you have signed contracts, but you never agreed to surrender those contracts to the United States Steel Corporation. Its officers think we were sold to them just as the mills were, contracts and all."

"Remember, before you agreed to any contract you took an obligation to the Amalgamated Association. It now calls you to help in this hour of need."

"Unless the trouble is settled on or before Saturday, August 10, 1901, the mills will close when the last turn is made on that day."

"Brethren, this is the call to preserve our organization. We trust you and need you. Come and help us and may right come to a just cause."

(Signed) "J. SHAFER." NO NOTICE TO MANAGERS.

President Shaffer adds this statement: "I call upon the vice-presidents of the districts in which there are mills owned and operated by the National Steel, National Tube and Federal Steel Companies, as well as to the officials of the lodges in other mills. No notice has been given to the managers of the mills. We think their notice has come from the other side and that they have had warning of this ever since the inauguration of the strike. That ought to be sufficient."

OVER 100,000 MEN IDLE.

The order given above is expected to swell the number of idlers to over 100,000 at the end of the week.

President Shaffer was asked if the call was not intended to go to the union men in the Carnegie Steel Company. He said he could answer no questions on that score. The Amalgamated Association has lodges in the upper and lower union mills of the Carnegie Steel Company, and a foothold in the Homestead, Duquesne, and Braddock mills, the great bulwark of non-unionism. In conformity to statements that have been made by President Shaffer before, these men will be expected to join the strike as will all Amalgamated union men and sympathizers in all plants of the United States Steel Corporation.

It had been the purpose of President Shaffer to give the operating officials of the remaining constituent companies of the steel corporation time to anticipate the call of their men. If it was intended to give these managers any formal notification this plan was waived to-day, although they will still have till the closing of operations on Saturday to prevent the striking of their men.

GENERAL RESPONSE EXPECTED.

The call to the men of the three companies in the mills of which the Amalgamated Association is strongest is expected to be generally and promptly responded to on Saturday. The move will, it is said, practically suspend operations of the Federal Steel Company and cut off half of the production of the National Steel and the National Tube, and throw upwards of 40,000 men idle.

The most extensive plant of the National Tube plant at McKeesport the organization is new and the effect of the strike order is uncertain. The works employ upward of 8,000 men.

STAND BY THEIR OFFICIALS.

The attitude of the men of the United States Steel Corporation is far from affected by the strike has been carefully canvassed since the futile effort to arrive at terms of peace in New York last Saturday. Most of the nine vice-presidents of the different districts have been among the men and their reports have reached headquarters. In a general way the tone of these reports indicate that the men will support the stand of their officials. An aggressive movement on Carnegie mills is intended and will be taken promptly.

President Shaffer said to-night: "We want no one to come out with us unwillingly. If our people are not in full accord we will not strike."

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NORFOLK STRUCK

BY A CYCLONE

Wrecks Twenty Houses, But Nobody Injured.

RIPPED OFF ROOFS.

A Mile-Wide Cloud With a Three Foot Tail.

NOT KNOWN TO THOSE NOT IN IT

The Report Coming from Brambleton Ward to Newspaper Offices Was at First Taken For a Hoax—The Cloud Cut Queer Antics and Passed Over Berkeley into Country Laying Barns Low.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 6.—Rain fell heavily here to-day at intervals of an hour or so before the tornado came and afterward. Once, while the sun shone brilliantly, a rain so heavy as to cause the gutters to overflow many streets, fell. People said they had never seen such queer weather.

At half past one o'clock this afternoon, just after a heavy shower, it was uncommonly sultry down-town; not a breath of air was stirring. Just then somebody telephoned a newspaper office saying that a cyclone was passing over Brambleton ward, tearing things to pieces. "What are you giving us?" the newspaper man said, and he laughed.

ONLY A HOAX.

Then he told the others in the office that somebody in Brambleton was trying to hoax him, and they laughed. Then one man telephoned the Weather Bureau that it is the highest velocity recorded to-day. "Each mile an hour," said Observer Gray.

Then they called the Brambleton man up again and told him. He did not laugh. He said: "If you come out here you will see a story a big story." The correspondent went. On the corner of Camp Street and the Virginia Beach Railway stands a block of six substantial brick houses. In the street and in various directions for 150 feet was scattered the roofs and contents of the large block, some of the pieces probably weighed five tons.

TIN LIKE FURLED SAILS.

The tin was rolled up like furled sails, and the roofless houses all occupied, in which rain poured and soaked the people, the papered walls, the carpets and the furniture.

These houses were occupied by Messrs. William Perkins, E. M. Simmons, Tolley, Morrison, W. T. McDonald, W. F. McLaughlin and Moses Woodhouse and their families. The occupants said they did not know just what to do. They had no plans, and they did not know where to go, but seemed cheerful and glad because no one was hurt. This seemed almost miraculous when one looked at the street, filled with debris.

THE CYCLONE, after wrecking the roof of this building, rose in the air, passed over intervening frame houses and alighted on a square of frame tenements, one hundred feet or so northward. The roofs of several of the houses were blown off, and several chimneys broken, some chimneys blown down and the glass was blown from many windows.

TERRIBLE WIND.

Here the people said the wind blew with frightful velocity for about three minutes. Had it lasted as long again, they believed their tottering houses would have been blown away. All agreed that the black cloud of top-shape, which appeared about a mile wide above, and only about three feet in diameter as it swept the street, leaving havoc in its train, was something like the like of which they had never seen.

The track of the tornado was not over fifty feet wide. Houses on one side of the street were unroofed, while frame buildings across the street were untouched. A row west of the tornado's track the rain was still, and no one, save those who saw it, knew that it was passing by. East of the tornado the rush of it was felt for some 200 feet, and the street, from Sheldon to the Elizabeth River, passing over Berkeley without alighting, passed out in the county.

STRUCK A BARN.

A barn on the Ballentine farm was demolished, and one field at least was devastated.

More than this nothing is now known of the twister. Fourteen houses were unroofed or badly damaged, and perhaps half as many more were less seriously torn up. No lives were lost and no one was hurt, save a few who received scratches.

The streets were deserted, nearly every one in Brambleton being at dinner. To this fact their escape is to be attributed. A few people in the street during the tornado swept by.

BOARD ELECTS SUPERINTENDENT

Miss Underhill, of New York, Will Succeed Miss Randolph at Virginia Hospital.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Hospital, held last night, Miss Elmore Underhill, of Port Richmond, Staten Island, was elected superintendent of the hospital to succeed Miss Agnes D. Randolph, who has recently resigned on account of ill health.

Miss Underhill comes with the highest recommendation of the American Journal of Nursing of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of two training schools, and has taken the course of hospital economies at Columbia College, N. Y. She has also held the position as assistant superintendent in a New York hospital for two years.

About five years ago Miss Underhill was in Richmond and at the Virginia Hospital for a short while on a private case. Miss Underhill will report for duty on the 14th of the month, and at that time will take charge as the head of the institution.

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GREAT DOWNPOUR

ALL OVER STATE

Heavy Rains Throughout Virginia Yesterday.

STREETS FLOODED.

Overflows on Main at Madison and Ninth, But Little Damage.

NO SERIOUS FRESHET IS FEARED.

The River Was up Seventeen Feet at Columbia Last Night—Norfolk and Western Suffers Almost as Much as it Did During the May Floods—Rain-fall at Several Points.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

Heavy rains fell throughout Virginia yesterday. In Richmond the streets in several places were flooded. There was the usual overflow at Main and Madison Streets. The water rose about two feet, and the street-cars were stopped for half an hour. Two or three basements of residences suffered some damage.

The culverts at Ninth and Main failed to carry off the water promptly, and street-cars were stopped at that point for about fifteen minutes.

The damage in the city is very slight. RIVER WILL BE HIGH.

Mr. Evans, of the Weather Bureau, reports that the rain was quite heavy in all parts of the State. There is no present prospect, however, of a serious freshet in James River, though warnings were sent out last night for the benefit of those in the exposed section.

At Columbia last night at 11:30 o'clock the river was up seventeen feet, but it is clearing. Still there is no fear of serious results. There must be twenty-eight feet of water at Columbia before Main and Franklin Streets in Richmond are flooded.

No apprehension was felt at the Chesapeake and Ohio offices. The officials stated that no damage had been done on their system and all trains were being run on schedule time. It is not thought the freshet will affect the running of the trains on the James River Division.

RAINS HEAVY AND GENERAL.

The rains were heavy and general throughout the State. The downpour here for a short while in the afternoon was terrific. Yet the volume of rain here was not near as great as through the central and southwestern parts of Virginia. The fall here was 2.13 inches and the figures at other places were as follows: Columbia, 2.70 inches; Lynchburg, 2.20; Charlottesville, 2.30; Clifton Forge, 3.50; Buena Vista, 4.10; and Buchanan, 4.50.

Heavy rains fell in the up country districts last night and indications are that there will be more rain to-day.

Yesterday's downpour was especially heavy at Roanoke, where the streets were flooded. Something like a cyclone struck Norfolk and considerable damage was done.

The telegrams that follow tell of the heavy rains in various parts of the State.

ROANOKE STREETS FLOODED.

Roanoke and Southern and Norfolk and Western Much Damaged.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 6.—Roanoke and this section was visited for the third time this year with heavy rain storms, which have done considerable damage. The Roanoke River is higher than it has been for years. A long trestle on the Belt Line in the west end, which is used for freight to the cotton mill, was washed away to-day and the river covered a considerable area of streets in the southern section of the city. The street car line was covered for some distance, and a portion of the Roanoke and Southern track was washed out.

This division of the Norfolk and Western suffered much damage. Several bridges crossing the track washed out. West of here 2,000 feet of track at Vicksburg was covered with water and freight cars had to be run on the bridge to hold it down. Much track at Ball's siding was covered with water, delaying the train due here at 12 and 1 o'clock to-night.

Much damage was done to crops along Roanoke River, Glade Creek and other streams in this section. The main line of the Norfolk and Western will be in good shape by morning.

Several work trains have been sent out.

GREATER THAN MAY FLOOD.

Norfolk and Western Again Suffers Heavy Damage.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., Aug. 6.—Not within memory of the oldest citizens has this section been visited by such a flood as the one which began to fall Sunday night and continued without ceasing until 5 o'clock to-day, when it abated only a few inches. The street was flooded between here and Radford in a deplorable condition and no trains have passed over it to-day. Little and New Rivers are higher than they were in May and still rising, doing great damage to crops and fences.

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DAMAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Railroad Track Washed Away and Other Damage Done Near Albemarle.

(By Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., August 6.—A special to the News and Observer from Albemarle, N. C., says: "The most destructive rain fell at and around this point last night that has fallen here in forty years. Little Long Creek washed out a fill on the Yadkin Railway and swept away about two hundred feet of the track. Trains have been stopped here for several hours."

"Great damage was also done to crops. Several bridges and water mills were washed away. "The rainfall was about fifteen inches."

Rising at Lynchburg. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Aug. 6.—At 8 o'clock to-night the James shows eight feet above last water and is rising slowly. The rain has stopped and it is now clearing.

MARYLAND REPUBLICANS

Make Nominations and Adopt Platform Scoring Senator Gorman.

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., Aug. 6.—The Republican State Convention held here to-day placed in nomination the following ticket: For State Controller, Hermann S. Platt, of Baltimore City.

For Clerk of the Court of Appeals, Thomas Parran, of Calvert county.

Both nominations were made by acclamation, no other names coming before the convention. Interest, therefore, centered mainly in the platform and the speeches, all of which teemed with denunciation of the purpose of this conspiracy by defeating the election to the United States Senate of the Democratic leader who declared this one-sided election adopted by them at last week's convention was "more in fact than in name" the Republican platform.

"We appeal to all good citizens to unite in defeating the selfish political bosses in their conspiracy begun with the extra session to perpetuate themselves and their methods by one-sided elections, and to thwart the purpose of this conspiracy by defeating the election to the United States Senate of the Democratic leader who declared this one-sided election adopted by them at last week's convention was 'more in fact than in name' the Republican platform."

The platform upholds the administration of President McKinley and refers to Mr. Gorman as a "traitor" upon whom "We appeal to all good citizens to unite in defeating the selfish political bosses in their conspiracy begun with the extra session to perpetuate themselves and their methods by one-sided elections, and to thwart the purpose of this conspiracy by defeating the election to the United States Senate of the Democratic leader who declared this one-sided election adopted by them at last week's convention was 'more in fact than in name' the Republican platform."

Other plans promise that the Republicans, if put in control of the Legislature, will repeal the new election law.

SESSIONS ALWAYS OPEN.

This is What a Member of the School Board Says.

"Our sessions are never secret," was the statement made by a member of the City School Board yesterday.

"Newspaper men and anybody else can come around and attend our meetings. There will be no need of the introduction of resolutions to have the sessions opened to the public. They have been always held open and never in secret."

MR. COURTNEY

DIES SUDDENLY

Former Well-Known Railroad Man Found Dead in His Room.

Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. Robert W. Courtney was found dead in his room, over Fox's Delivery offices, No. 610 East Cary Street, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Courtney was widely known in Richmond, having for several years been the district passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western Road, with headquarters at Ninth and Main Streets.

Mr. Courtney's health had not been good for some years, but the sudden termination of his life was a great shock to his relatives and friends.

Mr. Courtney for a short while had been in Mr. Fox's employ. He went to his room about the usual hour Monday night and died there. His family lived in the same house, for a match. His dog was with him. He locked his room when he went in and was not again seen alive.

His prolonged absence from his place of business, his peculiar habits, and Mr. W. C. Moore about 7:30 P. M. went up and knocked at his door. The dog barked, but that was the only sound from within. Mr. Moore got a step ladder and looked over the transom. He saw Mr. Courtney lying on his bed. The door was then broken open.

Sergeant Cosby was notified and Coroner Taylor was summoned. He deemed an inquest unnecessary. Death, it is thought, occurred from consumption of the brain. The remains were taken charge of by Funeral Director L. T. Christian and prepared for burial. They were then carried to the home of the father of the deceased, Major T. L. Courtney, superintendent of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Road, No. 403 West Gate Street.

"Bob" Courtney, as deceased was familiarly called by his many intimate friends, was an exceedingly popular man. Everybody who knew him liked him. He always had the glad handshake. His was a sunny disposition. Whether laboring under adversities or reaping the fruits of prosperity, he was to those who knew him best always the same "Bob" Courtney.

Mr. Courtney was born in Richmond on September 19, 1853, and was educated by the late S. G. Beach. Early in life he went into the railroad business and for some years was with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Company. Then he became identified with the Norfolk and Western. For many years he was with the latter as district passenger agent and was personally known to thousands of people from Norfolk to Bristol. It was only a few years ago that he resigned from the company's service and engaged in other business.

Mr. Courtney was a brother of Messrs. W. Deane Courtney, "Sandy" Courtney, Thomas Courtney, Jr., and Miss Carrie E. Courtney. He married Miss Sale, of Memphis, who died in 1897. They had no children.

Mr. Courtney was a Mason and belonged to Dove Lodge, No. 51.

Funeral services will be held from the residence of his father, No. 403 West Gate Street, this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. H. A. Bagby, of Calvary Baptist Church, will conduct the services.

ROANOKE RIVER ON A BENDER.

Many Truck Gardens Ruined, Bridges Damaged and Other Property Destroyed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SALEM, VA., Aug. 6.—The heavy rains of the last two days in Southwest Virginia caused an unprecedented rise in Roanoke River, much damage to bridges and other property.

Many beautiful truck gardens along its banks are almost a total wreck. The water entered the stock room of the Holstein Wooten Mills, but the stock was

GENUINE GOLD

BRICKS STOLEN

Robbers Made Rich Haul in California.

JOB WAS NEATLY DONE

Value of the Plunder is From \$230,000 to \$280,000.

MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE

Were at Work Tunneling Under the Selby Smelting Works for Possibly Three Months—An Employee Heard a Ghost—His Fellows Laughed at Him.

(By Associated Press.)

VALLEJO, CAL., Aug. 6.—Gold bricks valued at \$280,000 were stolen during last night from the Selby Smelting Works. The robbers evidently had been working on the job for two or three months. They had dug a tunnel from