

CATLETT HAS OPEN FIELD FOR SENATE

Major Barclay Strong Candidate for Return to the House. FINE FARMS CHANGE HANDS. Scholarships Awarded by Washington and Lee—Splendid Rains Save the Corn Crop Without Having to Work It.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LEXINGTON, VA., Aug. 8.—The Democrats of the Seventh Senatorial District, composed of Rockbridge, Bath, Highland, Alleghany and Botetourt, will hold a convention in Clifton Forge, on September 15th, to nominate a candidate for the Senate.

Col. Robert Catlett, Commonwealth's attorney, of Rockbridge, is the only candidate mentioned.

The Democrats of Rockbridge and Buena Vista will hold primaries for the election of delegates, August 31st, to this convention, and also to the county convention to be held September 4th at Lexington, to nominate candidates for the House of Delegates. Thirty-one delegates will be sent to the Senatorial convention and sixty-seven to the county convention, according to the apportionment of the last election.

Major Elihu H. Barclay, the editor of the Lexington Gazette, a lifelong Democrat, and a member from Rockbridge in the last House of Delegates, is being put to the front by his friends and has perhaps the largest following. He did excellent work at the past session.

SALE OF FARMS.

Mr. A. J. Lemon has sold his farm, near Falling Springs Church, known as "the old Morgan farm," to H. T. Lunsford, of near Greensville, Augusta County, for \$25,000. Mrs. A. J. Lemon has in turn purchased of Mrs. P. F. Lynch, of Jefferson County, Va., a farm at Buffalo Forge, containing 24 acres. The consideration was \$3,000. This was a part of the C. A. Brady farm.

The Iron furnace at Buena Vista went into blast last night. For several weeks extensive repairs were being made at the furnace.

The Alumni Association of Washington and Lee University in Augusta County have awarded the scholarship within their gift to John C. Scott of Staunton. At the meeting resolutions were adopted endorsing the proposed plan set forth at the past Alumni Association meeting in June at the University to have a representation on the Board of Trustees elected by the Alumni Association.

Kenneth L. Morrison, son of Capt. James D. Morrison, of Winchester, has been elected to the editorship of that district by the Alumni Association of the University, which it is allowed.

FINE CORN CROP.

Prior to yesterday evening a rain of forty-two hours' duration extended over Rockbridge County and the smaller streams were greatly beyond their banks. Cedar Creek, under the Natural Bridge, was a river in proportions. The farmers state that thousands and thousands of bushels of corn is remarkable, owing to the fact that it has two full ears on each stalk.

Witherspoon—Wicker.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) FARMVILLE, VA., Aug. 8.—The home of Assistant Postmaster A. O. Wicker was the scene of a pretty but quiet home marriage at 9 o'clock last night, the contracting parties being Mr. J. C. Witherspoon, of Rock Hill, S. C., and Mrs. Wicker's daughter, Miss Lizzie Wicker. Rev. Dr. Harding, of the Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony.

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PRIZE FIGHTERS TO BE ARRESTED Promoters of Point Breeze Bout Have Given Bond.

DR. PORTER'S CONFLICTING TIES. Perhaps Three Hundred Thousand Will Be Spent in Improvements at Fort Monroe. John Mitchell Refused Pardon by the President.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Aug. 8.—Justice Jones, of Warwick county, issued warrants this morning for the arrest of all parties connected with last night's prize fight. Robert Haley, on whose premises the fight occurred, and Tom Kelson, one of the promoters, were arrested and will be tried before His Honor Saturday morning. They are now out on \$500 bonds. Dick Davis, the Phoebe boy, who won the fight in the eighth round, and Jim Wood, his opponent, and their seconds, will be arrested as soon as they can be caught.

There have been a number of prize fights in this section during the past year, under the alias of boxing contests. Squares have expressed his determination to deal severely in this case, if he can get the evidence to support him.

CONFLICTING TIES.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Porter, the new pastor of Newport News Baptist Church, is having a good deal of trouble getting disconnected with the Mayville, Ky., church, of which he was pastor before coming here. The Mayville church refused to accept Dr. Porter's resignation, the congregation claiming that he should have remained with them for the year. They wrote him a letter telling him that they would not accept his resignation and that they would extend the call extended from this church be withdrawn.

FORT MONROE IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements contemplated at Fort Monroe are of an extensive character and will necessitate an outlay of probably \$200,000 or \$300,000, including also the rehabilitation of the Rip Raps. In the first place the barracks at the fort will be greatly enlarged and improved. Several large buildings and a number of small ones will be erected, it is said.

MILITARY PRISON WILL BE ESTABLISHED HERE AND IT WILL BE THE FIRST ONE IN THE SOUTH.

A military prison will be established here and it will be the first one in the South. At Fort Monroe there is more room than on any fort reservation in the east and for this reason it was decided to locate a prison there. Then, too, it is central.

SIX ADDITIONAL COMPANIES OF ARTILLERY, IT IS STATED, WILL BE ORDERED TO THE FORT IN ORDER TO AFFORD THE NECESSARY PROTECTION REQUIRED BY THE PRESENCE OF A PRISON. THIS WILL MAKE SOMETHING LIKE FIFTEEN COMPANIES STATIONED THERE.

The fort buildings throughout will be thoroughly renovated and improved where necessary and no expense will be spared to bring the fort up-to-date in the matter of habitation as has been done in the matter of defense works.

GUN CLUB SHOOT.

All-Day Contest Between Lynchburg and the University. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., Aug. 8.—The second annual shoot of the Charlottesville and University of Virginia Gun Club, held yesterday at the club grounds, near Jefferson Park Hotel, was a complete success.

The shooting began at 9 o'clock A. M. and continued until it was too dark to see the birds. When the entries were closed, over fifty shooters from Lynchburg, Richmond, Staunton, Charlottesville, Clifton Forge, Norfolk and Newport News had entered the lists.

In addition to the above there were present three experts: L. D. Thomas, a representative of the Laffin and Hand Powder Company; H. P. Collins, of the Dupont Powder Company, and A. H. Fox, a representative of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company.

SOUTH SECURES NUMEROUS BANKS

Necessary on Account of Industrial Development in These States. MUCH NEW BUILDING GOING ON. Immense Lumber Interests Show Great Activity, and the Opening of Oklahoma Lands Has Made a Great Demand for Lumber.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BALTIMORE, August 8.—The South has shared liberally in the impulse given to national banks by the act of March 14th, 1900, according to an analysis made this week by the Manufacturers' Record. Of the 85 banks organized since then 170 are in the fourteen Southern States, with an aggregate capital of \$2,105,000, more than a quarter of the total capital, \$34,267,000, represented in all the new banks.

The group of these Southern banks ranks second in number and capital of all the groups in the country, eight middle western States north of the Ohio leading. Texas is the first State in the country in the number of new banks, 35, and third in the amount of capital involved, \$3,245,000. Pennsylvania's 37 new banks representing a capital of \$4,357,000 and Ohio's 42 banks representing a capital of \$3,500,000.

IST LIEUT. HARRY N. CORTES.

A Deserving Officer Secures Recognition Stone-wall Band to Go With the Blues.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) STAUNTON, VA., August 8.—Harry N. Cortes has received his appointment from the President as First Lieutenant of Cavalry, and been assigned to the Twelfth Regular Cavalry, which will shortly be sent to Manila. Lieutenant Cortes has seen much service, both in Cuba and the Philippines. Staunton is very proud of Lieutenant Cortes.

MAJOR T. C. ELDER, OF STAUNTON, HAS BEEN CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association of Washington and Lee University the alumni scholarship was awarded to John C. Scott, Jr., of Staunton, with David T. Moore, of Massy Creek, as alternate.

STROCK THE WHISTLE POST.

A Negro Caught Stealing a Ride Jumps from the Train and is Killed. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 8.—Tom Lewis, a negro hobo, jumped from the north-bound passenger train on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad last night between Magnolia and Warsaw, and met with instant death by striking his head against a whistle post.

Baggage Master Branch discovered two negroes stealing a ride on the blind baggage and made them come into his car expecting to collect fares or put them off at the next station. One of the negroes, seeing an open door on the side of the car, made a dash for it and before he could be stopped leaped wildly into the darkness outside. The train was running a mile a minute at the time. Captain Clark, of the train, stopped at a section house and told the section master to go there and see if a lifeless body lying near the track, with his neck broken and the skull crushed from the effects of striking the whistle post, which was nearby and showed signs of the contact. The other negro remained on the train and was put off at Warsaw.

The coroner's inquest will be held tomorrow. It is not thought that any blame will be attached to the railroad employees.

IT IS ALL TALK, AS YET.

Movement Looking to Steel Plant Here Has Not Taken Shape. The report that Messrs. John L. Williams & Sons will establish a big steel plant in Richmond is denied by Messrs. R. Lancaster Williams and Langbourne M. Williams, the only members of the firm now in the city.

Mr. Lancaster Williams said the purchase by his firm of the controlling interest in the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works had no business significance further than that it was regarded as a good investment. He stated that the matter of establishing a steel plant had not been considered or discussed. Mr. Langbourne Williams made practically the same statement.

There has been much talk of a steel plant in Richmond, and the people would like to see one here. But the movement, which eventually he manufactured, seems not to have taken shape. There are some who think a plant for the manufacture of rods and billets and the like would pay, and some predict that these articles will eventually be manufactured here, but there is no immediate prospect. It is regarded as possible, indeed, quite likely, that a steel rolling plant may be established on Belle Isle.

THIRD DISTRICT A HOT MEMBER

Her Convention at Norfolk Will be Lively. SEVEN MEN FOR COMMITTEE. Only Five Can Be Elected—Delegates Urged to Go to Norfolk Early—Old House Members Coming Back—Political Notes.

The meeting of the Third District Convention at Norfolk may not be altogether harmonious, and there are indications of a hot fight over the members of the State Committee to be chosen by that body. It will be recalled that some time ago the Montague delegates from this city held a meeting and endorsed Messrs. John S. Harwood and John J. Lynch for the committee, to succeed Messrs. Clyde W. Saunders and Henry L. Carter.

For some days there has been talk of friction and apparently some opposition has developed to the action of the Montague conference. It was rumored yesterday that Colonel Harwood, one of the candidates endorsed, would decline to stand for the honor at Norfolk, and that he would leave the field to others who might desire to go on the committee. Colonel Harwood denied this, however, last night, and said that while he had not the pleasure of being mentioned as a candidate for it by the Montague delegates, he would go to Norfolk and make the fight and confidently expected to win. The names of Messrs. Phil B. Shield and Henry L. Valentine were mentioned as other Montague nominees from this city, should the latter gentlemen decide not to be a candidate. Mr. W. B. Bradley, of Manchester, will be pressed by his political friends to stand for the committee, of Chesterfield, will, it is thought, be presented to the convention for reelection. It looks as if the following names will go up, only five of whom can be elected:

Richmond city—John S. Harwood and John J. Lynch. Manchester—W. B. Bradley. Hanover—E. L. C. Scott and Dr. L. Winston. Chesterfield—Phil V. Cogbill. Henrico—John C. Easley.

Standard members in the district are managing the fight in opposition to the Montague committee, and they may be able to capture something by centering their forces on one or two men. It is understood that several of the delegates mentioned for the committee are acceptable to the friends of the other candidates, but on the other hand they have declared eternal war on some others. The outlook now is for a hot fight at Norfolk, though there may be some adjustment before next week.

The friends of all the candidates are urging the delegates and alternates from this city to go to Norfolk not later than the 15th inst., in order to be on hand to attend the session of the Third District Convention, which will meet promptly at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The convention will be held in Central Union Hall, corner City and York streets, and on the 17th inst. the wish of the leaders on all sides that every delegate from the Third District shall be present promptly at that hour. Mr. H. M. Tyler will very likely be made chairman and a Senatorial contest is expected if anything like harmony prevails. Mr. J. Samuel Wilkinson is the only candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms.

As soon as the Norfolk Convention is over the attention of the politicians will be turned toward the nomination for the House of Delegates. So far there have been eleven nominations made by the Democrats in the various sections of the State for the House. Out of this number six are present incumbents. It is possible that this number will be remarkable, as usually only about 25 per cent. of the members come back.

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There is much interest among the political leaders concerning the outcome of the great struggle for Attorney-General to be settled at Norfolk. The friends of the two leading candidates—Messrs. Anderson and Jeffries—are equally active, while those of the other aspirants are not inactive. Colonel Robert Catlett, of Rockbridge, who is the very able leader of the Anderson forces, is in the city, and is receiving encouraging reports from all along the line while Secretary Lawless and other strong supporters of Senator Jeffries claim that gentleman's nomination on the first ballot beyond question.

The Richmond delegation will be split by the conservative judges give the big end of it to Major Anderson.

It is estimated by good judges that the race between Messrs. Anderson and Jeffries for lead on the first ballot will be close, and that the other candidates will stand as follows: William, Robertson, Parks.

Senator Jeffries will have a conference with some of his leaders at the Monticello Hotel Monday night. Joseph Williams has written a friend here that he will probably be in this city on his way to Norfolk tomorrow and will go down Monday. Major Anderson will pass here on his way down Monday and by Tuesday morning all the candidates will probably be on the ground and at work.

There are several propositions offered which will bring on great fights upon the resolution of the day. Although the Convention is not in session, the people continue to take a lively interest in some of the most important of the ordinances proposed.

The resolution of Mr. Joseph Stebbins, of Halifax, against free passes to public officials is creating more interest than is generally supposed. It is claimed that State and city officials, from the highest to the lowest, are accepting free transportation on steam and street railways.

It is not thought that the railroads will take any open part in the fight, it is believed.

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