RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.

The thermometer ranged as follows at the Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 80; 12 M., 82; 3 P. M., 80; 6 P. M., 75; 9 P. M., 74; midnight, 72. Average, 77.1.

The Times.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Virginia—Fair Friday; warmer in northern and western portion. Saturday, fair; light east to southwest winds. North Carolina—Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday, with occasional showers; light easterly winds.

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PROCLAIM IT; SAY MOST OF THEM

This Class Ahead in Letters to The Times.

A STRONG SENTIMENT

General Through State and Seems to Grow.

ANSWERS ARE POURING IN.

Delegates from All Sections of Virginia Give Their Views as to Submitting or Proclaiming the Constitution. It Was a Discussion of Great Public Interest.

The advocates of proclaiming the Constitution have now on their side nearly a majority of the delegates elected to the State Democratic Convention, recently held at Norfolk, who have replied to The Times' letter.

Up to last night 575 delegates had been heard from. Of this number 275 were outspoken in favor of proclaiming the new organic law.

Following is a summary of yesterday's mail:

For proclaiming	101
For submitting to new electorate	41
For submitting to present electorate	36
In doubt as to best course	2

It will be seen that those in favor of proclaiming the Constitution made a great gain over the figures of the day before.

The following shows the views of the delegates heard from up to date:

For proclaiming	275
Submitting to new electorate	148
Submitting to present electorate	133
In doubt	19

The letters received yesterday came from prominent Democrats in every part of the State. Extracts from them are printed and are well worth the perusal of members of the Constitutional Convention as well as of our readers generally. It will be observed that a very large number of delegates from the so-called white counties are uniting with those from the "Black Belt" in advocating the proclaiming of the Constitution.

The following are the delegates heard from yesterday and their views as to what should be done:

For Proclaiming Constitution.

W. M. Holman, Goochland.
C. F. Litsey, Greenesville.
T. E. Peete, Southampton.
Dr. Eugene C. Powell, Dinwiddie.
J. S. Montgomery, Jr., Mecklenburg.
W. G. Mathews, Rockbridge.
B. R. Cowherd, Fluvanna.
J. J. Woodard, Southampton.
Dr. J. C. Hyde, Rockbridge.
C. T. Callender, Rockingham.
W. P. Leake, Albemarle.
N. H. Crawford, Jr., Louisa.
Dr. T. J. Wooldridge, Hanover.
N. W. Brown, Louisa.
J. S. Craig, Rockbridge.
W. D. Norwell, Jr., Mecklenburg.
Henry Easley, Halifax.
J. T. Waddill, Lunenburg.
Julian A. Salle, Chesterfield.
E. S. Hobbs, Dinwiddie
W. A. Bryson, Mecklenburg.
Dr. Robert D. Tucker, Powhatan
R. C. Daughtrey, Nansemond.
E. B. Thomason, Richmond city.
J. S. Brockenbrough, Richmond city.
James M. Barbee, Prince William.
John R. Edmunds, Halifax.
A. C. Ogburn, Mecklenburg.
J. A. Downing, Fauquier.
Colmore E. Byrd, Accomac.
P. Moncure, Fauquier.
C. C. Taliaferro, Orange.
Chambers Sisson, Orange.
W. H. Moran, Prince William.
Walter DeJarnette, Halifax.
W. B. Barham, Southampton.
W. S. Rogers, Orange.
William M. Gary, King William.
D. H. Barbour, Pittsylvania.
J. R. Hutcheson, Loudoun.
W. A. McFarland, Loudoun.
T. D. Moncure, King William.
William M. Ellison, Fairfax.
H. B. Dalton, Pittsylvania.
Robert W. Burke, Staunton.
John H. Bowman, Middlesex.
Delaney Bruin, Loudoun.
H. B. Sprouse, Augusta.
W. B. McChesney, Staunton.
P. M. Argenbright, Rockingham.
Frank T. Glasgow, Rockbridge.
G. W. Thomas, Bedford.
W. P. Thurman, Bedford.
Ex-Congressman P. G. Lester, Floyd.
W. T. Shields, Rockbridge.
Dr. E. T. Brady, Washington.
O. S. Marston, Roanoke.
O. A. McHugh, Roanoke.
John Archer Wilson, Roanoke.
C. A. Heinckee, Prince William.
James P. Jenkins, Westmoreland
John L. Beale, Westmoreland.
C. H. Savage, Northampton.
C. J. George, Pittsylvania.
James P. Mason, Washington.
A. R. Venable, Prince Edward.
D. J. Chapman, Giles.
Walter Fauntleroy, Campbell.
W. K. Adkins, Pittsylvania.
L. C. Giles, Pittsylvania.
F. S. Smith, Accomac.
F. A. Byerly, Rockingham.
Dudley R. Boston, Fluvanna.
R. T. Gregory, New Kent.
H. T. Fauntleroy, New Kent.
George W. Dillard, New Kent.
N. T. Lipscomb, New Kent.
William W. F. Jones, Gloucester.
W. L. Sanders, Lancaster.
C. W. Dickinson, Cumberland.
John L. Farinholt, Gloucester.
George W. Olivier, Charlottesville.
E. E. Walker, Appomattox.
T. J. Arvin, Lunenburg.
S. Goddin, New Kent.
Dr. R. T. Ramsey, Pittsylvania.
C. W. Throckmorton, Henrico.
Fred Pleasants, Richmond city.
R. F. Gaskins, Richmond city.
R. B. Cullers, Warren.
John A. Moore, Albemarle.
William Sale, Rockbridge.
William G. Alvey, Augusta.
T. F. Fry, Halifax.
Paul McRae, Cumberland.
J. Thompson Brown, Nelson.
J. E. Cooke, Augusta.
P. J. Miller, Shenandoah.
Charles S. Barrow, Brunswick.
Roy B. Smith, Roanoke.

Submission to Abridged Electorate

F. W. Nelson, Bedford.
J. N. Miller, Madison.
Roger Martin, M. D., Rockbridge.
S. P. Henson, Louisa.
S. M. Glenn, Halifax.
J. B. Fisher, Chesterfield.
William L. Ficklin, Fauquier.
Joseph K. Irving, Albemarle.
M. Frank Winder, Mathews.
E. H. Jackson, Warren.
H. H. Aldhizer, Rockingham.
John E. Quarles, Fauquier.
J. F. Wheat, Prince William.
M. A. Rightsell, Manchester.
R. Marshall, Amelia.
T. A. Henley, King William.
E. P. Duncan, Culpeper.
J. N. McFarland, Staunton.
W. H. Sutherland, Carroll.
J. O. Susong, Washington.
Charles Bennett, Pittsylvania.
S. F. Lawrence, Montgomery.
R. O. Harvey, Floyd.
D. M. Cole, Grayson.
J. Ashby Armistead, Prince William.
S. R. Donohoe, Fairfax.
J. H. Klepstein, Fauquier.
Roy D. White, Accomac.
S. T. Naples, Accomac.
Henry E. Lee, Nottoway.
J. M. Bloxom, Accomac.
S. H. Love, Lunenburg.
R. H. Drummond, Amherst.
Nat Mathews, Lunenburg.
George W. Warren, Alleghany.
C. J. Terrell, Hanover.
Le Grand Donohoe, Elizabeth City.
John P. Beard, Amherst.
S. A. Day, Amherst.
O. V. Hunger, Amherst.
William C. Schraede, Powhatan.

Submission to Present Electorate.

A. A. Gray, Fluvanna.
G. H. Taylor, Madison.
J. M. Hooker, Patrick.
W. A Conrad, Fluvanna.
John W. Buchanan, Richmond
J. J. Faison, Sussex.
M. Bernard, Newport News.
Philip Cogbill, Chesterfield.
Jno. T. Angle, Richmond.
Charles Gunst, Hanover.
P. Whitlock, Richmond.
F. H. Floyd, Richmond.
W. H. H. Cocke, Pittsylvania.
Eugene J. Watson, Richmond.
J. J. Kilgore, Staunton.
J. H. Candoff, Floyd.
N. W. Watts, Staunton.
R. A. Anderson, Grayson.
W. L. Hopkins, Lexington.
Sam'l G. Brent, Alexandria.
W. C. Fitzpatrick, Nelson.
A. F. Thomas, Lynchburg.
John Anthony, Henry.
John F. Nelson, Jr., Accomac.
R. B. F. Hudgins, Mathews.
W. E. Fitchett, Mathews.
S. L. Ferguson, Appomatox.
N. M. Rhodes, Saumsville.
W. F. Tinsley, Alleghany.
J. D. Snidow, Giles.
C. Walton Saunders, Richmond city.
W. F. Pierson, Rockbridge.
R. F. Mitchell, Rockbridge.
P. E. Anderson, Amelia.
W. D. Weisiger, Richmond city.
Frank Buford, Brunswick.

Views of Others.

Messrs. Frank T. West, of Louisa, and Hubbard Williams, of Nottoway, favor proclaiming the Constitution under certain conditions.

Capt. Cunningham Hall, of Richmond, whose letter was published yesterday, desires to be classed with those in favor of

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MASONS TO BUILD FINE CLUB-HOUSE

Movement on Foot to Erect a Modern Structure Here—Only Masons Can Join.

Richmond is soon to have another modern, up-to-date club-house, which, it is said, will rank well up with the Commonwealth in beauty of structure as well as in equipments.

It will be exclusively for the Masons, however, and none but members of that high order will be eligible to membership.

The matter of building a fine club-house and of forming a strong Masonic club here has long been contemplated by some of the most enterprising members of the craft in this city, but it was only a short while ago that it was determined to push the scheme, and it now looks as if it will have an early consummation.

Indeed, a call has been issued for a conference to be held in about two weeks to appoint a committee to provide ways and means for raising the necessary funds and for considering the question of location, etc. None of these matters have been yet determined upon, but those who are prime movers in the enterprise are men of great push and energy, and it is safe to say that they will lose no time in making plans and putting them into operation.

One of these gentlemen said last night that the Masons of Richmond had long felt the need of a club room, and that many of the leading members of the order here were deeply interested and would co-operate with each other in every way to make the scheme a success. Among the Masons here, as well as wnerever the craft is found, are some wealthy and enterprising men, and when they "put their shoulders to the wheel" they may be relied upon to go forward with whatever they undertake.

Another modern club-house will be a great addition to Richmond, and the one proposed will supply a long felt want among the Masons of the city. "You may put it down," said one of the moving spirits in the new enterprise last night, "that the club-house we propose to build will be no ordinary affair, but it will be an ornament to the city and will contain everything necessary to the comfort and pleasure of its members."

A PRINCE'S SON CONDEMNED.

Dorys' Book So Enraged the Sultan That He Demands Execution.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Aug. 29.—Mr. George Dorys, son of the late Prince of Samoa, a former minister of the Sultan of Turkey, and formerly governor of Crete, has been condemned to death by the Sultan's court, at the direction of Abdul Hamid II. This action was taken in Constantinople because of the publication of Mr. Dorys' book "The Private Life of the Sultan."

The book so angered Turkey's ruler that he exerted his influence in diplomatic channels to have it suppressed in all European countries. His efforts succeeded in Sweden, but the popular outcry against such action in Paris was so strong that the Government declined to exert itself.

Mr. Dorys secretly left Constantinople some time ago and is now residing in Paris, where he has identified himself with the Young Turks Party.

MANY INJURED IN RAILROAD WRECK

Two Dead and Others Not Likely to Recover.

TRAIN WAS DITCHED.

Engine Turned Completely Around and Passengers Thrown Out.

TWENTY-EIGHT PERSONS HURT.

Cause of Wreck Unknown, but it is Thought That the Rails Spread—Pullman Car Upset in Colorado, Killing One Person and Injuring Two Others.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 29.—The accommodation train leaving Sodus Point over the Northern Central Railway and which arrives in this village at 6 o'clock was derailed to-night at the station at Fairville, about ten miles north of here. Engineer rWilliam Meagher, of Sodus Point, was killed, twenty-eight persons were injured, one of whom, Howard Tubbe, the ticket agent at Lake Shore, died on the hospital train, and Libbie Ford, of Newark, will probably die.

The train was made up at Sodus Point and consisted of four coaches, a baggage car and engine with William Meagher at the throttle. The train was running at nearly forty miles an hour. Approaching the station at Fairville, there is a curve and gravel pit. For some unknown reason the engine jumped the track while passing the gravel pit. The force of the accident turned the engine completely around, throwing the five cars on their sides. The train load of some 150 passengers was thrown into the ditch and the engine and all the cars were badly broken up.

Help was quickly summoned from the neighboring houses and all the assistance possible was rendered. Word was sent to Sodus and Newark for physicians and a special containing five doctors left Newark at 6:45. Upon its arrival the Newark passengers were placed aboard and hastened to Newark. Five were sent to Rochester hospitals.

Rev. Dr. Burgess, one of the injured, was for twenty years pastor of the Park Presbyterian Church at Newark. He is 73 years old, and it is doubtful whether he recovers. His right leg is broken and he is badly scalded. Mrs. Burgess is also among the seriously injured.

Coroner E. P. Thacker took charge of Meagher's body and will hold an inquest.

The cause of the wreck is not known, but it is thought the rails spread. There have been heavy rains recently and probably in this way the rails were loosened.

ONE KILLED.

Two Others Injured by Upsetting of a Pullman Car.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, COL., Aug. 29.—A special from Durango, Col., says:

By turning over of a Pullman car on the westbound Rio Grande trian to-day Mother Baptiste, of Denver, mother superior of Colorado, was killed, and Sister Mary Nora and Harley McCoy, also of Denver, and Pullman Conductor Whan were injured.

The accident occurred at Lobate side track.

The railroad men and passengers alike are unable to explain why the car turned over. Mother Baptiste was sitting on the left side and the car turned to the right. She was thrown across the aisle and half way through an open window, her head and shoulders being dragged between the side of the car and the ties. She was dead before any one reached her, her head being split open.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

Workmen Burned to Death by Bath of Molten Copper.

(By Associated Press.)

DUCKTOWN, TENN., August 29.—A frightful accident occurred this afternoon at the furnace plant of the Tennessee Copper Company. The converter, which contained several tons of molten copper, was accidently turned over. The molten metal fell upon Allen Richards, a workman, burning him to death. George Fortner and Sam Kay were also frightfully burned and it is not probable that they will recover.

MINE WORKERS ADJOURN.

Officers Given Power to Declare Steike if Contracts Are Violated.

(By Associated Press.)

HAZELTON, PA., Aug. 29.—With the adoption of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, the United Mine Workers this evening practically finished their work. The convention will adjourn at noon to-morrow. The resolutions recommend written instead of verbal agreements with all the coal companies, strict compliance with the present contract, continuation of the card inspection system as now conducted, and instruct President Mitchell and the district presidents to confer with the coal companies regarding card inspection and violation of agreements and to arrange for a joint conference.

These officers are vested with power to declare a strike if contracts now in force are not lived up to.

ANACONDA BEATEN.

Prince Alert Took Free-for-All Pace in Straight Heats and Slow Time.

(By Associated Press.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 29.—In the card of three races at Narragansett Park to-day, two drivers were charged by the judges, when favorites failed to win, but the showing of the horses was not altered with new men up. Prince Alert sprung a surprise in winning the Free-For-All pace from Anaconda and Connor in three straight heats in slow time. Summaries:

Free-For-All pace—Prince Alert won three straight heats and race; Anaconda, second; Connor, third. Best time, 2:03 3-4.

2:19 trot—Baron Belr, won three straight heats and race; Sallie Simpson, second; Re-Elected, third. Best time, 2:14.

2:15 pace—Matin Bells won second, third and fourth heats and race; Cincha, second; The Hero, third. Terrace Green, won first heat. Best time, 2:08 3-4.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Temporary Organization Effected for Proposed Federation.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 29.—Bishop McFaul, of New Jersey, opened the convention of Roman Catholic Societies which was called to meet at Long Branch to-day to effect a federation of the societies throughout the United States.

A temporary organization was effected, plans were offered for a constitution, and officers and committees were appointed to hold office until a permanent organization is effected. The meeting was well attended by delegates from most of the Eastern and Middle States, representing organizations having a membership of over 300,000.

It was decided to hold the convention for permanent organization in Cincinnati December 10th. After the election of the following officers the convention adjourned:

President, Henry A. Frics, of Erie, Pa.

Vice-President, Thomas W. Fitzgerald, of New York.

Secretary, John J. O'Rourke, of Philadelphia.

Treasurer, H. H. Mooney, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Spiritual Director, Right Rev. A. J. McFaul, of Trenton.

Executive Board, T. J. Coyle, of Pennsylvania; E. D. Reardon, of Indiana; J. C. McGuire, of New York; L. J. Kauffman, of New York.

COLOMBIAN GUERILLAS.

General Ospino Says He Has Destroyed Nearly All of Them.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 29.—The Associated Press has received the following dispatch dated Bogota, August 24th, from a Colombian official of high rank:

"General Pedro D. Ospino, acting Minister of War, who has prepared an excellent and extensive plan of campaign, confirms the report that within the last fifteen days he has destroyed nearly all of the Colombian guerillas.

"A party of Venezuelans, surrounded near Cucuta, are about to return to their country. They are commanded by Rangel Garbiras.

"The position taken by the Government of Colombia is one of peace and neutrality. Colombia feels certain that she can maintain her rights and repel whatever foreign invasions may offer."

THE SHAMROCK OVERHAULED.

Running Gear and Sheet Blocks Replaced With Heavier Ones.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The Shamrock was overhauled above deck to-day. The running gear was unrove and was replaced with heavier manila, and the sheet blocks were changed for heavier ones. The sail-makers were at work also, removing one whole cloth and a portion of another from the main sail along the luff, close to the tackle.

The spinnaker pole which is to be used to-morrow is estimated to measure 110 feet. This is an immense spinnaker boom and within seven feet of the yacht's main boom.

MUST KEEP HANDS OFF.

Pickets Must Not Touch Non-Union Men to Request Conversation.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 29.—Union pickets may be arrested without warrants and held to the Criminal Court for unlawful interfenence, if they touch a non-union man and request the privilege of a conversation. This was the purport of a decision rendered here to-day by Justice Doyle, when he held to the Criminal Court James Brown and Herman Vogelsang, two of the strike committee of the Iron Moulders' Union of North America, who on August 22d pulled the sleeve of Anton Nelison, a moulder, and said: "Can I speak with you."

NORTH CAROLINA POPULATION.

Females Have a Majority—One-third Colored People.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—According to a bulletin, issued by the Census Bureau to-day, of North Carolina's total population, 1,893,810, there were 938,677 males and 955,133 females, the percentage being 49.6 males to 50.4 females.

In that State there were only 4,492 foreign born people, or a percentage of only one-fifth of one per cent. There were, however, 630,207 colored people, of whom 624,469 were negroes. Of the remaining colored people 5,687 were Indians and 51 Chinese. The percentage of the colored population was 33.3.

TRIED TO END HER LIFE.

Young Woman Takes Laudanum and Morphine, but Lives.

Gladys Holt, a young woman living at No. 225 Mayo Street, took a double dose of laudanum and morphine late last night in the effort to end her existence, but she failed.

The ambulance was called to the woman at 12:25 o'clock and Dr. Harrison carried her to the almshouse, where he treated her successfully. By 2:30 o'clock she was out of danger and talking.

It was in the house in which Gladys lives that a young man committed suicide a few nights ago by taking poison.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION.

Committee on Revision Has Made Considerable Progress.

(By Associated Press.)

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 29.—The Presbyterian Committee on the Revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith held two sessions to-day and made considerable progress. It is probable that the sections may to-morrow report to the full committee.

Ordered to Fort Monroe.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—Acting Quartermaster-General Kimball has ordered the big army tug Reno, now engaged in the transport service at New York to Fort Monroe, Va., for duty in connection with the artillery schools at that post. The Reno was formerly attached to the Havana station, and is one of the finest tugs in the Quartermaster's Department.

CHARLES W. MORSE MAKES AN OFFER

Will Buy American Telephone Company

FOR TWO MILLIONS.

Directors Recommend That the Proposition be Accepted.

ONLY BIG RIVAL OF THE BELL.

The Company Was Incorporated in 1899, With a Capitalization of $30,000,000. Mr. Morse, Who is Director in Two Big New York Banks, Represents Only Himself in Deal.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 29.—Charles W. Morse, a director in the Garfield National Bank, and the Bank of New Amsterdam, has made a proposition to the board of directors of the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America to purchase that corporation outright for $2,000,000 in cash. This is the only formidable rival of the Bell Telephone Company.

Confidential circulars announcing the offer made by Mr. Morse were mailed to the stockholders of the company to-day, in which the board of directors recommended the acceptance of the offer in view of the fact that a large number of stockholders are not willing to advance additional funds.

REPRESENTS HIMSELF ONLY.

Mr. Morse represents himself only in the proposition. This company was incorporated with a capital of $30,000,000 under the laws of New Jersey on November 9, 1899, when the papers of incorporation were filed at Trenton, N. J.

The incorporators were William J. Latta, of the Pennsylvania Railway Company; Martin Malony, of Philadelphia, and James E. Hayes, of Camden, N. J., who was known as the legal representative of the Whitney-Widner-Elkins Syndicate. The company was the outgrowth of the Continental Company. At the present time the company at an expense of $9,000,000 has arranged for the building of trunk lines between this city and Boston, which will probably be ready for use at the end of a year or two. Since the offer of Mr. Morse, which was made about ten days ago, the board of directors of the various subsidiary companies of the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America have held meetings and approved of his proposals, until a day or two ago the directors of the organization met with the result that the circular of to-day followed.

BURNS WILL TRY AGAIN.

Has Another Proposition to Submit Looking to Arbitration.

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Aug. 29.—Simon Burns, who arrived here to-day, announced that his plan for settling the steel strike by arbitration had been rejected by President Schwab, of the United States Steel Corporation.

Burns' declared that another proposition would be submitted to-morrow to President Schwab. He explained that his first plan of arbitration, which was made public last night, was submitted to President Schwab on August 21, but that he received no reply to it until yesterday, when Mr. Schwab's secretary telephoned him from New York that his chief would not consider the proposition.

"I submitted my plan to Mr. Schwab merely as a suggestion," said Mr. Burns, "and if there is anything in it that is objectionable to the trust officials, it can be modified. When I return to Pittsburg to-morrow I shall take the matter up again with Mr. Schwab in the hope of making some kind of an arrangement whereby the strike question can be submitted to arbitration. I think a start toward a sentiment of the strike should be made somewhere at once, as it is hurting business."

Mr. Burns further expressed the belief that the entire matter, as far as the steel corporation is concerned, had been left in the hands of President Schwab and that it will depend on him whether or not the strike shall be settled by arbitration.

FALSE ROOF FELL THROUGH.

Three Colored Workmen Injured and Tourists Have Narrow Escape.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—The false roof over the United States Court room, at the Capitol, which had been placed in position in connection with repairs to the building, fell in a few minutes after noon to-day, precipitating three workmen to the floor of the room twenty-five or thirty feet below.

The break in the roof was caused by the accumulatin of debris, a great deal of which fell through. The most serious injury sustained by any of the workmen was a disiocated arm. The injured men are all colored.

A party of tourists, who were being shown through the Capitol, had stepped out of the court room only a minute before the accident occurred.

WITNESSES ORDERED HOME.

Those Who Will Testify in Schley Inquiry Are Sent For.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—Ensigns W. F. Cronan, J. Halligan, Jr., R. N. Marble, Jr., and U. S. Macey, who have been named as witnesses in the coming Schley court of inquiry, have been ordered to proceed to their homes immediately. With the exception of Ensgin Macey, who is attached to the Atlanta, these officers are now serving on the Asiatic station. Ensign J. T. Bowers, on the Ranger, and Ensign C. H. Woodward, on the Isla de Luzon, also have been ordered home, presumably with a view to using them as additional witnesses.

The judge advocate of the Schley court of inquiry has been trying for some time past to discover the whereabouts of Gustaf E. Claeson, who may be wanted as a witness in the case. Claeson was the man at the wheel on board the Texas during the battle of Santiago. The records show that he named Gertrude Swanson No. 3, Tovggaten Torllhatten, Sweden, as his next of kin. A cablegram to Sweden, however, fails to elicit any response.

Claeson enlisted at Boston and was discharged from the receiving ship Vermont while at New York, July 8, 1899.

FARMVILLE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Many Improvements Made at This Splendid Institution.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FARMVILLE, VA., Aug. 29.—Attorney-General A. J. Montague has written to the fair committee expressing his intention to be present on the first day of the fair.

Many improvements have been made at the State Female Normal School during the present vacation. In addition to a well-equipped steam-heating plant and steam laundry, an up-to-date electric light dynamo is being put in place, and large filters are being installed for the purpose of purifying the water used for drinking and culinary purposes. The campus has been beautified and the entire inside of the school buildings thoroughly repaired, painted and otherwise improved. The school will open with its usual number upon the rolls September 20th. Last year there were more than 400 students at this school, and they came from every part of Virginia, there being scarcely a county not represented.

The Cumberland county jury acquitted M. H. Smith, the white man who was charged with scattering poison in a corn field, causing the death of a negro's mule. It seems that it was in Smith's own corn field that the strychnine was applied, and that the mule was a trespasser and that the negro had been frequently warned against allowing his stock to come on Smith's place.

MURDER OF MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Zachello, Who Went to This Extreme, Pays the Death Penalty.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 29.—Joseph Zachello, who stabbed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Caroline Muccio, to death at Tompkinsville, S. I., January 10, 1900, was put to death to-day in the electric chair at Sing-Sing prison. Three shocks were given before he was pronounced dead.

Zachello married Mary Louise Muccio, a young girl, according to the civil law, but the bride insisted upon having the religious ceremony performed. Zachello thought she was influenced by her mother and other relatives.

On the night of the murder he met his wife's brother and they quarrelled and fought. Muccio used a knife, and Zachello was sligtly wounded. Afterward he went to the home of his wife, declaring he would take her away with him. He met Mrs. Muccio and slashed her with a knife, inflicting fatal wounds.

Virginians in Washington.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Virginians registered here to-night are: Joseph E. Sorg, George Sorg and C. P. E. Burgwyn, Richmond; A. P. Kelly, Berryville; M. J. Carney and J. C. Warren, Jr., Norfolk; William M. Atkinson, Winchester; H. W. Lane and T. W. Judkins, Newport News; J. N. Gentry and daughters, Staunton; J. F. Crocker, Portsmouth; T. H. VanDervanter, wife and sister, Loudoun county, and Joseph Amorne, Lynchburg.

HORSE SHOW A SOCIAL AFFAIR

The Grand Stand at Warrenton Contained Many Fashionable Ladies in and Out of Virginia.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WARRENTON, VA., Aug. 29.—The second day of the horse show here more than fulfilled the promise of yesterday, as there was fine weather and a brilliant assemblage of more than 3,000 people and the performances were excellent. The grand stand presented more the appearance of a private function than a public gathering. It would seem that all the fashionable and sporting element of the country, far and wide, was represented.

It was truly a gala day in the annals of this association, which has now firmly established itself as the most fashionable social function of this character in the south. The beautiful gowns of the women and the handsome equipages added to the attractiveness of the occasion. An unusual number of prominent people were present. General Fitzhugh Lee, who was seen in the private box of General Wm. H. Payne, received quite an ovation from his many friends.

Among those occupying boxes were: Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Wyeth and party, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Westmoreland Davis and party, of New York; C. H. Cohrs, of Milwaukee; W. G. Newman, of Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Murriing, of New York; Mr. Chas. Hurkamp and Miss Hurkamp, of Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. K. Maddux, Mr. Courtland Smith and Mr. Ewald Pyzel, of Holland; Dr. and Mrs. James Kerr and party, of Washington; Mrs. Conway Spilman and party, Mrs. E. B. Slater, General and Mrs. B. Day Spilman, Sir Harcourt and Lady Lees, Miss Julia Magruder, of Va.; Miss Graves, of Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carter, of Richmond; the Misses Ludman and Mr. Symington, of Baltimore; Mrs. Holt Page, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mullikin, of Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Downman, of Texas; Mr. Robert E. Lee, of Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Potts, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walch, of Washington; Mrs. Ryan, of St. Louis; Mr. E. Ryder, of Va.; Mrs. W. S. Taylor, editor of Rider and Driver; Rev Dr. Wm. Derries, of Md.; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Primrose and Mr. Kirkwood, of Baltimore.

The most interesting feature of the day was the class for ladies' hunters, which brought out 20 hunters, and the sport was capital. There was much diversity of opinion among the critics as to the best horsewomanship among such well-known riders as Mrs. Jas. K. Maddux, Mrs. F. A. B. Portman, Mrs. Allen Potts, Mrs. Blair Johnson and Mrs. Frank Barker.

Mrs. Blair Johnson captured the blue ribbon on J. P. Dulaney's Kathleen. Mrs. Jas. K. Maddux, on her famous ring horse, Searchlight, took second honor, and Mrs. Portman, on C. C. West's Blackbird, was given third place. In the final event for hunters, in competition for the prize offered by Dr. A. McKenzie, of Washington, the saddle and bridle was awarded Jas. K. Maddux's Searchlight.

A Fatal Family Row.

(By Associated Press.)

WALLHALLA, S. C., Aug. 29.—As a result of a family row to-day in Cashiers, N. C., Evan Pell was killed, Javan Long, Sr., fatally shot, and Javan Long, Jr., and a man named Bryson were seriously shot.

SPEECHES CAUSE MUCH TALK

Republicans Repudiate Col. Summers' Position.

WILL REPLY TO HIM.

One of the Leaders to Answer His Argument.

THE BACK-TURNING INCIDENT.

Remarkable Sight Rarely Witnessed in Virginia—Members Say Speeches Yesterday Helped Proclamation Side. Many Committee Meetings. Gossip About the Convention.

The bitter speeches of Messrs. Pedigo and Summers before the convention yesterday, and especially that of the latter, are receiving all sorts of criticism from both Democratic and Republican members. The latter openly repudiate the utterances of Mr. Summers, and it was stated on authority last night that one of the ablest Republicans in the body would reply on behalf of his colleagues to-day or in the early future, and would plainly state that Mr. Summers did not represent the wishes and sentiments of his party colleagues.

The Democratic members express great surprise at the speech, and say they had no dream that any man in the convention held to such ideas.

But the most striking incident in connection with the affair was the action of ladies in the gallery, to whom the speaker was addressing his remarks, when they deliberately turned their backs upon him. It was a spectacle rarely witnessed in a Virginia gathering, to say nothing of the highest council of the people of the State.

MAY NOT HEAR HIM.

Mr. Summers will conclude his argument to-day, and it may be that he will have but few Democratic members to hear him, as several of them said last night that they were seriously contemplating absenting themselves until the speaker had concluded.

While Messrs. Pedigo and Summers spoke for a submission to the present electorate, there is no doubt that their efforts did a great deal to augment the growing sentiment in favor of a proclamation, for several members stated last night that they had about concluded to change their positions in favor of the latter proposition.

THEY ARE CONFIDENT.

The advocates of proclamation do not believe that the work of the convention will ever be submitted, and it is evident that they and those who believe that it should go to an abridged electorate have the whip handle at present, and that they are steadily augmenting their forces.

One of those regarded as an able leader said last night that he was more and more of opinion each day that many of those who want the present electorate to pass on the new Constitution sincerely desire its defeat, and that he had come here on the other hand to help make a good intrument and put it into effect.

BREAKING AWAY.

It does not appear that all the members who are counted as favoring a submission of the new Constitution to the present electorate will ultimately vote that way. Indeed, the great question which seems uppermost in the minds of many of those who are classed under this head, is to do finally what is best to save the new instrument from defeat. If they believe when the time comes to act that the safest and best method is to vote for submission to an abridged electorate or even to proclaim the Constitution, some of them say that they will risk a violation of the so-called Norfolk pledge in order that the new instrument may not be defeated. One of them said so in plain terms last night, and contended that while he believed ordinarily the pledge should be carried out, yet in the event mentioned above, he thought the intelligence of the State, who wanted reform, would endorse the other course, when it was shown to them that it was the only one that would absolutely insure the success of the convention's work.

JUDGE GREEN ANXIOUS.

It is not known who, besides Mr. Summers, will address the convention to-day. It is probable, however, that Judge Marshall and Mr. Flood will speak. Mr. Glass may also speak to-day, but it is a matter of conjecture, as none of the three last named gentlemen have said positively when they would address the body.

Chairman Green urged those who desire to speak to go on yesterday when Mr. Summers took his seat, after unloading the first instalment of his praise for the negroes, and the Chairman said he did not desire to cut any one off, but he would have to bring the debate to a close shortly unless the speakers did proceed. An effort is going to be made to side-track all questions relating to submission until the work of the convention is completed, and it will probably succeed.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Conference of Black Belt Members—Interest on Literary Fund.

The meeting of the suffrage conference yesterday morning was not fully attended. Several prominent Democratic members were out on the street or in the Capitol while the secret conference was in session at the Library building. No reason was assigned for the absence of these members from the caucus, except that they were very busy about other matters. Nothing more than an informal discussion was had between the members present at the conference in the morning. A full conference is hoped for this morning. The committee proper has not held a session for several days, and will not have another until called by Chairman Daniel.

It seems that the side-conference stage has been reached again.

The members of the committee from the "Black Belt" counties are understood to have had a conference yesterday afternoon, with the view to making a recommendation to the full committee, which they trust will meet with favor and help bring all interests and conflicting views together. The plan which was practically settled upon, but which will be finally revised this morning and laid before the committee, provides, it is understood, for an understanding clause to

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