TO ERECT A MONUMENT TO THE WOMEN OF THE SOUTH

Object and Purposes of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans.

TALK WITH COMMANDER COLLIER

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., Sept. 14.—Memphis is headquarters until the reunion at Dallas next year for the Departmeent of "The Army of Tennessee," United Sons of Confederate Veterans—which is comprised of the six States of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida. These States were well represented at the last reunion at Memphis, when the election of officers for the ensuing years was held. The choice of the convention for commander of this department was Mr. W. Armistead Collier, Jr., the son of a prominent lawyer of Memphis, who fought in Company "B," Seventh Tennessee Cavalry, under General Forrest.

Mr. Collier is a young man of marked energy, as well as culture and refinement, and is a descendant of the best old Southern families—among them the famous Nelson family of Virginia, which was prominent and influential in colonial and Revolutionary times. He attended college at the University of Virginia, and after several years of ravel and study returned to Memphis to go into business.

It was mostly due to Mr. Collier's labor as adjutant, with the assistance of that magnetic orator and man, Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, as commandant, that the N. B. Forrest Camp of Memphis came into existence and was made the largest and most powerful camp in the Confederation—numbering over 500 members; and most of the success of the Sons of Veterans' Reunion at Memphis can be attributed to his foresight and interest.

Commander Collier is now engaged in organizing the work of his department, with a view to putting it on a business basis; and he hopes to interest the best young men of the South as he has already interested the best young men of Memphis in the movement.

ITS PURPOSES.

He has made the following statement:

"The Confederation of Sons of Veterans has a high and patriotic object, and no young man whose father fought for the righteous cause of constitutional liberty need feel ashamed to join the ranks of an organization designed to do honor to the bravest men that God ever made. Every man who is the son of a Confederate soldier is proud of it, and it seems to me that we all ought to join ourselves together—and thus erect a living monument to the fallen heroes of our native land, and give all honor and praise to the grand old army of veterans, whose ranks are growing thinner every year.

"It is objected to by some that we are keeping alive a sentiment which ought to be allowed to die out, as productive of no good. Are we, then, ashamed of the blood that gave us birth? Are we the sons of traitors and afraid to face the truth of history? Or is it that the patriotism and chivalry of the South went down with the fall of the Confederacy; and we, ignoble offsprings, are deterred from the expression of the sentiments that we cherish—or ought to cherish—by contemptible and petty considerations of self-interest? The worship of Mammon is the death of all sentiment. We endeavor to acquaint ourselves with the history of all past times; why should we pass over, in ignominious silence, the deeds of our own fathers, who took part in the most tremendous conflict the world has ever seen? The thoughtful student can foresee that the South's heroic struggle will be the inspiration to the highest poetry and art of future ages.

"But this objection is more forcibly answered by the following words, taken from a letter which I had the good fortune to receive from President Jefferson Davis a short while before his death. That great statesman wrote:

"'The deed of your ancestors will bear the test of critical examination; the institutions they established bore a rich harvest of prosperity and thereby taught the great blessings of community independence. If the futre shall produce men wiser in council or more efficient in the field than those the old South gave to the earlier service of the common country, then let the murmuring lamentations over the change be hushed; but until then let the honor without qualification be paid where honor is due.'

MONUMENT TO WOMEN.

"The objects of our organization are historical and benevolent, mainly to preserve to posterity a true and complete record of the great Civil War, and to render material aid and comfort to ex-Confederate soldiers in need. One important undrtaking of the Sons of Veterans is to build a fitting monument to those unrecognized heroes, the women of the Confedracy—to whose devoted memory no monument of any consequence has ever been raised. About $5,000 toward this object was subscribed by the camps in our last convention at Memphis.

"The formation of camps is being encouraged through the division and brigade commanders of this department, and a strict adherence to the Constitution enforced. The requirement for admission to membership in the camps is regarded by many as too rigid in its present form, and I think some slight changes will be proposed in our next convention at Dallas.

"Aother matter of importance at this time is the growing custom of assigning rank and title to the officers of the Confederation of Sons of Veterans. I am very much opposed to the use of such titles among us, and I will not sanction it in the Army of Tennessee Department. it is without authority under our constitution; and I undersand from Mr. Colquitt, of Georgia, the chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, that no provision therefor will be recommended in the rejort of the committee.

ABSURD TITLES.

"To give a beardless boy a title and rank that his father risked his life a thousand times to win is, in my opinion, absurd, and tends to bring undeserved ridicule upon a worthy movement, besides being a great injustice to the brave men who wore the gray.

"In this time of prostitution of titles, there is no more honor to an old soldier who won a glorious promotion on the field of battle to be called 'Colonel.' Generals and Lieutenant-Generals are becoming as thick as leaves in Vallambrosa, as numerous as sponsors and maids of honor; and it will soon be a distinction to be a 'Mister.'

"I think that these titles should be sacredly reserved to the dear old souls who won them on the battle-field or during the war; for it is all that many of them have left in the world."

SOME FUNNY LITTLE STORIES THAT ARE WELL WORTH READING

Each Has Been Selected With the View of Amusing Everybody.

Is he the Meanest Woman?

"I've heard a good many stories about the meanest man," said Mr. Peckham, as he looked furtively around to make sure that no one was present who might carry tales to his wife, "but nobody has ever had anything to say about the meanest woman. I know her."

His companion, being a man of sound judgment, preferred not to take any part in the poor fellow's domestic affairs and pretended not to be interested. But Mr. Peckham went on:

"She lives around the corner from us and makes her husband send word to the office that he's sick about once a week, so he can stay home and look after the babies while she goes shopping. Then she finds fault with him because he isn't working his way up and getting his salary increased."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Proctor Knott's Rabbit Story.

Since the Sampson-Schley controversy has grown acute again, there has been considerable reference to Proctor Knott's "rabbit story" in connection with the credit for the victory of Santiago. It is here reproduced:

Ex-Governor Proctor Knott and John Yerkes were discussing the claims of Sampson and Schley to the credit of smashing Cervera at Santiago. Mr. Yerkes took the ground that all the honor of that memorable conflict belonged to Admiral Sampson, and was inclined to entirely ignore Commodore Schley's part in the affair.

The Governor listened until his companion had finished and then with that characteristic twinkle in his eye, said: "My dear sir, it is exceedingly gratifying to me to hear you take the position you have in the matter. It is like a balm to my conscience and settles a point that has worried me many a day. I was walking through the woods once with a boy friend of mine when we saw a rabbit run into a sink-hole. We stood around the hole awhile; then I told the boy to keep watch while I went to get some fire to smoke the rabbit out. When I returned he boy had the rabbit. I took it away from him, claiming that it belonged to me because I told him to catch it if it came out. That was over fifty years ago, and you are the first man who has ever agreed with me that the rabbit was mine. I feel now that I was right in taking it, and my conscience is at rest."

Mr. Yerkes looked solemn for a few moments, then smiled a feeble smile and changed the subject.—Kentucky Journal.

Its Use.

While a certain infantry regiment was stationed at Aldershot it had among the recruits a country yokel who was such a great duffer that the drill sergeant could not beat anything into him.

One day, while the recruits were being inspected by the officers, the countryman seemed more awkward than ever. At last the angry drill sergeant shouted to him:

"Man, what is your head on for?"

"Why to keep my collar from slipping off!" was the ready retort.—London Spare Moments.

Got What He Deserved.

"You know Throggins? Smooth fellow. Great jollier. Tries to keep on the good side of everybody. Well, he went to church last Sunday morning and slept through the whole sermon. Then he had the gall to tell the Rev. Dr. Fourthly, after the congregation had been dismissed, that he had never enjoyed a discourse so much in his life, and he would like to borrow the manuscript of it and take it home with him, so he could read it again during the day. What do you suppose the doctor did?"

"I can't imagine."

"Well, sir, I think he'd seen Throggins nodding, and knew he hadn't heard a word. At any rate, he took Throggins by the arm, led him into his study, made him sit down, and then he read every blessed line of that sermon over again to him before he would let him up. O, you don't get ahead of Dr. Fourthly—not much!"—Chicago Tribune.

COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

A Lexington Photographer Has Fine Success in the Art.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., September 14.—Mr. M. Miley, photographer, is experimenting in and bringing color photography to a high state of perfection. The method usd by him is his own discovery. Unlike other methods, which require a special light or a special glass through which to see the colors, Mr. Miley's method brings out the natural colors of the object photographed.

He has now on exhibition at his gallery, a photograph of a basket of large, rich-colored peaches, in which the shading of the peach in yellow, pink, and red is strikingly brought out. Another fine illustration of work in colors is his photograph of Peale's Washington as the Father of his Country, appeared in 1765, clad in the gold, red and blue uniform of a Virginia Colonel. The original painting was presented to Washington and Lee University by General G. W. Custis Lee. It once adorned the walls at Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Amole, of Buena Vista, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daugater, Miss Marve Rubye Amole, to Mr. James A. McCormick, son of Mr. Joseph L. McCormick, of near Wesley Chapel. The marriage will take place Wednesday evening, September 18th, at 8 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church at Buena Vista.

Entertainment at Tuckahoe.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

TUCKAHOE, VA., Sept. 13.—The entertainment given by Miss Evelyn Nash Tuesday evening, September 10, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Nash, at Tuckahoe, Va., was well attended by her merry friends. Miss Nash is a charming and beautiful girl of sweet sixteen. Miss Nash is a resident of Hanover county, across the Chickahominy River, just opposite Tuckahoe, Va. Number of parlor games were played by the gothered friends. After several hours of enjoyment, the guests were taken to a wide spread table of ice cream, fruits and confectionery. Among the partakers of this grand and noble feast were: Misses Lula Spiller, Iola Holman, Grace Holman, Sue Bowles, Sue Tinsley, Minnie Taylor, Bertha Harris; W. Z. Powers, T. O. Powers, Jno. Boschen, W. Lame, Bernard Boschen, Clifton Henley, Robert G. Nash, Leslie Harris, Grover Taylor, Winfree (Buck) Holman.

BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS.

The Second Week in September Finds a Goodly Colony.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, Sept. 14.—Again this little budget of Blue Ridge gossip finds its way to The Times, to let our friends know that we are all here, all gay and all "sassy." If any one doubts it let him ask our "long suffering" host, Mr. Whit. Brown.

The second week in September finds the Blue Ridge colony a goodly number and many more coming, while every mail brings letters asking for accommodations. So we feel as if we were starting on a new season; and, indeed, we are, for September marks a change in diversions as well as in nature. The sojourners from the far-away South are loath to leave the cool, invigorating air of the mountains for the heat and mosquitors of the tropics; while our Virginia friends put off the evil hour of departure as long as possible.

Florida is still represented by the Randolphs and Winthrops, two interesting families from Tallahassee.

Georgia prides herself on the Presslys and the Dugas, who have made a host of friends in their short stay.

Mississippi sends as her representatives General Billups, the commander of State militia, and his attractive daughter, Miss Ida Billups, of Columbus.

Alabama is well looked after by Mrs. and Miss Duesberry and Mrs. Bidgood, of Mobile.

The Lone Star State has the lone star colonel in Colonel A. W. Spaight, of Galveston; also one of the most active club and patriotic women of the South in Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, also of Galveston. Mrs. Stone has gained quite a wide reputation as a parliamentarian.

Sherman, Texas, has a fair representative in Mrs. and Miss Mills.

North Carolina came to the front on Thursday with two able representatives, also old friends of Blue Ridge, in Mr. and Mrs. Gooch, of Weldon.

Virginia sustains her reputation for charming people by sending us the Todds, of Smithfield; the Tatums and Franklins, of Richmond; Dr. and Mrs. Barksdale, Mrs. Osborne, Miss Mason and Mrs. Morrison, of Petersburg; Miss Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and two sons, and Mr. Kennedy, representing Norfolk; but to mention all would be impossible.

Massachusetts sends us Mrs. Butt and little daughter from Boston.

Mountain climbs, morning and afternoon, are the chief diversion; cards and tennis are still drawing cards, and the ballroom, with its music and its lights, brings us all together in the evening. A "Virginia Reel" often forms a pleasant diversion.

THE HOT SPRINGS.

A Pastor Whose Flock is Largely Itinerant Will Resign.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HOT SPRINGS, VA., Sept. 14.—Rev. Robert M. Mann, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at this place, is in attendance upon the Presbytery, which is now in session in Franklin, West Virginia. It is Mr. Mann's purpose during this meeting to tender his resignation as pastor of this church. Whether or not he will be succeeded by a regular pastor is not now known, as this church is dependent for its funds, to a very large extent, upon the visitors of this place; and, since the burning of the homestead and the consequent falling-off in the number of visitors, it has been extremely difficult to raise funds sufficient to pay the necessary expenses.

Mr. Vaughan and family, of Norfolk, Va., who have been occupying Dr. C. N. Brandt's cottage for several months, are returning to their home this week.

Of the young men who passed the bar examination in Staunton last week were Alexander H. McDonnald, Houston Byrd and George Richardson, of this county.

Judge Lyman Chalkley, of Staunton, Va., held court here on Tuesday for Judge George K. Anderson, whose duties as a member of the Constitutional Convention prevented his being here.

An informal dance was given at the house of Dr. Edgar Pole on Tuesday night, at which there were present a number of young people of the neighborhood, all of whom had a most enjoyable evening.

Cottage No. 5 is now occupied by Mrs. Castleman and family, of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. C. E. Hubbard and family, of Long Branch, are now in Cottage No. 1.

Mr. John E. Tappan, manager of the Alphin Hotel, is now away on a much-needed and well-deserved vacation. He will probably be absent for about three weeks.

Ambulance Call.

Tom Allen (colored) was cut on the hand at Twenty-seventh and M Streets at 9:20 o'clock yesterday morning. He was treated by Dr. Harrison of the Ambulance Corps and left.

Vigorous But Futile.

Wealthy Patient—What is your bill for amputating my leg?

Eminent Surgeon—Three hundred dollars, sir.

Wealthy Patient (filling out a check)—That's a brave effort, Doctor, but it will never restore the leg to its normal length.—Chicago Tribune.

A PRETTY RACE IS ON FOR SECRETARY

Six Candidates Want Mr. Lawless Place.

ARE ALL POPULAR AND CAPABLE

Messrs. Hankins, Gooch, Eggleston, James, Ailworth and Drummond Will Ask for the Position—Sketches of Their Lives.

There is a pretty contest in progress for Secretary of the Commonwealth, to succeed Hon. Joseph T. Lawless, who declines to stand for re-election.

Six candidates have entered the race, and they are men of much ability and popularity. The office will be filled by the coming session of the Legislature and the term is for two years. Those who have announced themselves as candidates for the position are Assistant Secretary John G. Hankins, of Halifax; Hon. D. Q. Eggleston, of Charlotte; Judge W. S. Gooch, of Louisa; Colonel B. O. James, of Richmond; Messrs. R. L. Ailworth, of Northampton, and Richard H. Drummond, of Amherst.

Four of the applicants are lawyers, one

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is a druggist, and the other is a farmer and deputy clerk of his County Court. Two of them are from the Sixth Congressional District, one from the First, one from the Third, one from the Eighth and the other from the Tenth.

Mr. R. L. Ailworth, of Northampton, who only formally announced his candidacy a short while ago, is a druggist at Eastville and has long been a prominent figure in the politics of the Eastern Shore section of the State. He is and has been for a number of years a member of the State Committee from the First District and has rendered valuable services to his party. His friends say he will have strong support and that he is in every way capable to fill the office to which he aspires.

Mr. R. H. Drummond is a prominent figure in the politics of Amherst county. He is a long-time friend and supporter of Judge Clarence J. Campbell and has fought in many hard battles for the success of the party. Mr. Drummond was a candidate for Register of the Land Office in 1897, but was defeated by Colonel Richmond, the incumbent of that office. He was for a number of years one of the commissioners of the revenue of his county and was last year appointed dep-

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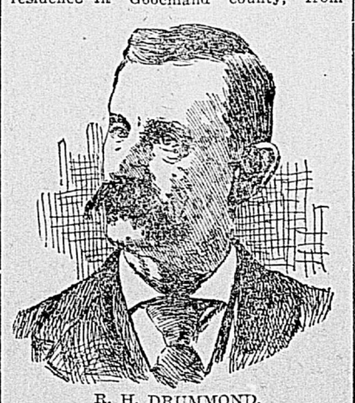
uty clerk of his county court, which position he now holds.

Mr. Drummond is a man of about the middle age and is a most courteous and affable gentleman.

COLONEL B. O. JAMES.

Colonel Benjamin O. James was born in Goochland county June 4th, 1852. He was prepared for college in the schools of the county and completed his academic education at Hampden-Sidney College. Having decided to enter the profession of the law, he entered Washington and Lee University, where his preceptors were the late John Randolph Tucker and Professor Charles A. Graves. He then settled in the county of his nativity, where for several years he practiced his profession and filled the office of Commonwealth's Attorney for two successive terms. He was a member of Governor Fitzhugh Lee's staff during the administration of that distinguished officer. While filling his second term as Commonwealth's Attorney for Goochland county Colonel James removed his law office to the city of Richmond, still retaining his residence in Goochland county, from



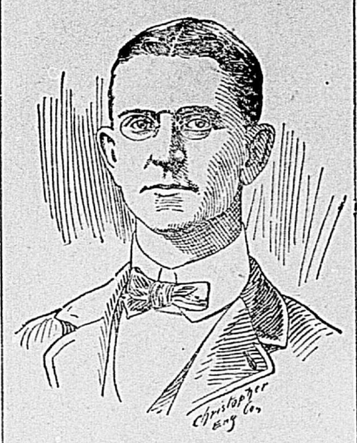
R. H. DRUMMOND.

which he was elected the representative of that county in the House of Delegates for the session of 1891-'2, during which session he held a prominent position. While in the Legislature Colonel James was an active supporter of the Kent Railroad Commissioner bill. He has been a member of many of the State Democratic conventions and was chairman of the Third Congressional District Committee during the canvass of the Honorable P. W. McKinney for Governor.

Colonel James has been an earnest supporter of the Democratic party ever since he attained his majority and has made able and effective speeches in behalf of its principles and its nominees in many portions of the State.

D. Q. EGGLESTON.

David Quinn Eggleston is a native of Charlotte county, where he has lived all



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his life. He is about forty-five years of age and is a lawyer by profession, having graduated at the University of Virginia in 1879. Mr. Eggleston received his academic education at Hampden-Sidney College, where he took high rank in his classes.

Upon his return from the University he immediately took up the practice of law in Charlotte and has followed it with much success ever since.

In 1897 Mr. Eggleston was elected to the Virginia Senate from the district composed of the counties of Charlotte and Mecklenburg, and is now just finishing out a term of four years in that body.

Mr. Eggleston took high rank as a legislator and was placed on the Committees on the Judiciary, Finance and Public Institutions. He is one of the members of the Penitentiary Commission, appointed at the last Legislature, to examine into the conditions at the penitentiary and report to the next General Assembly.

Mr. Eggleston has long been prominent in party affairs and since 1897 has been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee from the Sixth Congressional District. He is a leading member of the Constitutional Convention and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance with public men throughout the State. His friends claim for him eminent fitness for the position to which he aspires.

JUDGE W. S. GOOCH.

Judge W. S. Gooch was born in Louisa county in 1858 and is therefore forty-three years of age. He was educated principally at Norwood High School, in Nelson county, and at the University of Virginia. He was admitted to the bar in 1879 and followed the legal profession for about fifteen years. In 1883 he was the Demo-

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cratic nominee for the House of Delegates from Louisa, and, although defeated by a small majority, he polled the largest vote received in a similar contest up to that time, and is considered to have broken the backbone of Republican strength in that county. He was elected judge of the County Court and took his seat on the bench January 1, 1886, but resigned before the expiration of his term of office to go to Roanoke City to live, of which place he was at one time Commonwealth's Attorney. He returned from Roanoke to his old home, in Louisa, in 1895, and has resided there for the most part since that time. He was enrolling clerk of the House of Delegates under the late Colonel John Bell Bigger for the sessions of 1895-'96 and 1897-'98, and prizes very highly the commendation received from that official as to the manner in which he discharged the onerous and delicate duties of that responsible position. He is now engaged with the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, of this city, where he has been for almost two years.

Judge Gooch has a natural fondness for politics and has figured in the political arena in many sections of the State and mostly for personal friends. His acquaintance throughout the Commonwealth is wide and popular, while his personal, family and political connections are numerous and strong. He is never happier than when mingling with the public throng, and knows how to "give the glad hand" to those he meets.

Judge Gooch and his friends are much encouraged at the prospects of his success in the fight.

J. G. HANKINS.

John G. Hankins was born thirty-four years ago in Halifax county and spent his earlier days on his father's farm and attending the schools of the neighborhood. He received his higher education at Prince Edward Academy and at Hampden-Sidney College. He was appointed the clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by the Honorable Henry W. Flournoy, beginning his service there in October, 1886, when he was just nineteen years old. In December, 1890, he resigned his position to accept a more lucrative one. At this time there was only one clerk in the office, but the work had grown so much that at the session of 1891-'92 the Legislature made an appropriation for an additional clerk, soon after which a vacancy occurred and Judge Flournoy at once telegraphed his old friend, Mr. Hankins, and offered him the position. He accepted and has filled the position of chief clerk in the office since that time. When Mr. Lawless succeeded Judge Flournoy in 1891, he retained Mr. Hankins in charge of the office and the conduct of its affairs.

Mr. Hankins is a lawyer by profession and is widely known in Richmond and by prominent men throughout the State. He has served under all the Governors, beginning with general Fitzhugh Lee, and has high tributes from them all as to his faithfulness and efficiency; and it is well known by those around the State buildings that he is frequently, in fact, as a rule, detained by the duties of his position late in the afternoon and often into the night, when his office hours, under the law, should be only from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. He keeps the papers and records of the Governor's office, the Executive journal and the books and accounts of the taxes and fees received by the office to be paid into the treasury, the contingent fund of the office and the Library fund. In fact, during all temporary absences of the Secretary of the Commonwealth he is authorized to act in his place.

WAS MADE ELECTOR.

In the absence of Hon. A. P. Staples, Democratic elector for the Sixth District in 1896, Mr. Hankins was chosen and served as a member of the Electoral College of Virginia; and, after the last election of president, he prepared all the forms and papers and acted as secretary for the Electoral College, which was so long done by the late Col. J. Bell Bigger.

Mr. Hankins has a wide family connection in his native county, and they have always been active and influential in the politics of the county. His father, Hon. J. D. Hankins, was for a long time the sheriff of the county—in the days when the sheriff was also treasurer—and a member for the House of Delegates during the session of 1889-'90; and was one of the census enumerators last year. Hon. Wm. O. Lovelace, his maternal uncle, served in the House in 1897-'98; while another uncle, Nathaniel Lovelace, was a commissioner of the revenue for a number of terms.

Mr. Hankins' fathr was born near Keysville, in Charlotte county, but went to Halifax as deputy sheriff when only a youth; and his mother, Mrs. Nannie Lovelace, belongs to the old English family of that name.

Mr. Hankins has taken an active interest in politics from his early youth, and, though he is kept closely confined by his official duties here, he never fails to get to old Halifax before election days to look after the interests of his party and his friends.

Mr. Hankins was last week named by Mr. Ellyson to succeed Col. Joseph Button as secretary of the State Democratic Committee, and his entered upon his duties in that capacity.

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WILL NOT ARREST.

Serious Charge Against a Young Man Will Not Be Pushed.

Criminal proceedings will not be pushed against a young man now living in North Carolina, who formerly lived in Henrico county, on the charge of obtaining jewelry from a Richmond merchant and selling the same to his own advantage. This decision was reached at the request of the boy's father, and because no extradition papers can be secured on the charge, as it does not amount to grand larceny.

The young man, upon three occasions went to John Sheer's jewelry shop, at No. 1809 East Main Street, and told him he had secured orders for certain rings and watches, which he could dispose of to advantage to all concerned.

Arrangements were made by which the young man secured jewelry to the amount of $82. He carried the goods away, disposed of them and then left the city.

In the meantime, Detective Hall started to work. He located a part of the jewelry, and secured it for the jeweler.

The young man's father, who lives in Faison, N. C., was communicated with. He was pained and astonished, and wrote to the jeweler that he had heard from his son where the remainder of the stuff could be found. This information was also given. The father expressed the wish that no criminal proceedings be taken, and said he would settle the full amount of expenses entailed in the matter.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL.

Seven of the Prisoners Ironed for Being Implicated.

The city jail officials are investigating what they believe to be an attempt to break jail, and as a result seven of the most notorious of the negroes confined there are in irons. Deputy Johnson noticed a few bricks in one corner of the temporary jail in a loose condition, and upon investigation saw that an effort had been made to make a hole through the building.

The negroes who are under suspicion are Charles Williams, Floyd Coles and "Napper," the alleged Bim-Bammer; Daisy Lawrence, Jim Young, Madison Jackson and Herbert Harris.

Very little progress had been made in the work when Deputy Johnson detected it, but had it been overlooked, there would probably have been a wholesale jail delivery.

The matter is being further investigated, and it may be carried to court.

Wants to Buy Land.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth has received a letter from Mrs. Sarah A. Coman, whose address is No. 217 West Twenty-third Street, New York, asking to be informed as to where she can purchase wood and coal lands in Virginia.

She says that she thought she had bought 3,000,000 acres, but was disappointed. She is buying the land for "a wealthy Englishman" who is now on his way over.

Colored Mass-Meeting

Lawyer J. Thomas Hewin will address a mass-meeting under the auspices of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association to-day, Sept. 15th, at 3:30 P. M., at the Fountain Baptist Church. The choir will render special music. This meeting is free for everybody. Subject, "Greater Opportunities for Young Men."

Not This One.

The Mr. Zimmer who was engaged in a fight at the boarding-house of Mrs. Rosa McCormick, No. 205 Ash Street, Wednesday morning, was not Mr. Edward Zimmer, of No. 3003 Lester Street, a machinist.

Off for School.

John S. Harwood, Jr., and Morton Lewis, Jr., will leave on Tuesday for Locust Dale Academy.

GRAIN TRAFFIC FROM NORTHWEST

The Baltimore and Ohio Hauling an Immense Quantity.

THOUSANDS OF CARS SENT OUT

Telephone Lines in the Valley Being Bought Up and Will Form Connection With the Virginia Long-Distance Lines.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINCHESTER, VA., Sept. 14.—What is said to be the greatest grain traffic in the history of the railroads of the United States is now passing over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The wheat famine in Europe has occasioned a phenomenal demand for the cereal, and the abundant crop raised this year in the Northwest is bound to supply the railroads with a prodigious traffic.

Owing to the shortage of box-cars suitable for grain transportation, the Western roads having traffic arrangements with the eastern roads, asked for equipment, and the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroads sent thousands of cars to the Northwest. These cars are coming back now loaded with grain.

TELEPHONE PURCHASE.

The Hanover (Pa.) syndicate, which bought the Winchester Telephone Company last week, has closed a deal with the Maryland Company, of Hagerstown. Extensive improvements are being made and connections will be established with the Virginia Long-Distance Company.

The Hanover syndicate owns the lines of the Cumberland Valley and has a direct line to Baltimore.

Lieutenant N. M. Cartmell, U. S. A., and Mrs. Cartmell, who have been spending some time in Washington, are now in Winchester. During the Philippine campaign Lieutenant Cartmell collected a large number of interesting and curious relics, which he brought home.

LAYMEN TO MEET.

The Shenandoah Association of Baptist Churches has arranged to hold a ministers' and laymen's meeting at the Baptist Church near Shepherd's Ford, Clarke county, on September 27th, 28th and 29th. A number of prominent speakers are expected.

Several Mormon elders, who have been holding meetings at different points in Western Frederick county, have made themselves quite useful to farmers by volunteering to assist them with their delayed work. They are said to be more successful with the hoe and rake than as expounders of the religion of Brigham Young.

Prof. Stein Back.

Prof. Moses Stein, Mrs. Stein and Master Flournoy have returned from the Healing Springs. Professor Stein will resume his place as wielder of the violin at the Academy of Music on Monday.

OFF FOR CALIFORNIA.

Several large parties forming who will take advantage of the very low rates offered by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway to San Francisco on account of the Episcopal General Convention.

The rate from Richmond and other Virginia points to San Francisco and return, going one route, and returning another, is less than half rate, with privilege of stopping over at points of interest in Colorado and West thereof. Write to or call on John D. Potts, A. G. P. A., C. & O. Railway, Richmond, Va., for full information and sleeping-car space. This is the most attractive trip ever offered for the money.

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