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FACTIONAL FIGHT BEFORE JURY

Investigation of Alleged Election Fraud Being Made.

MANY WITNESSES SUMMONED.

The Grand Jury Has Given No Hint Whether it Will Find for Treby or DeY.

Faction in Norfolk Controversy.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, Dec. 9.—The DeY-Treby Democratic faction fight has reached the Corporation Court grand jury. The jury this morning took the case under consideration and during the forenoon took steps to secure many witnesses, other than those already before them. Commonwealth's Attorney Venable and Deputy Clerk Henneley at 2 o'clock this afternoon were the sole occupants of the Corporation Court room. Judge Hancock having adjourned court and retired. Mr. Venable expressed his belief that the jury may be two or three days engaged in this matter. It is sought by the DeY faction leaders, of whose counsel Mr. R. W. Mallett is, to secure the indictment of Treby faction officers of election alleged to have committed fraud in the recent legislative election.

Bars on Contest.

From the present outlook anybody can guess at what the grand jury will do with the full assurance that his guess will be either right or wrong. In other words, the grand jury are giving no hint of what their action will be. This investigation bears on the contest for the seats in the Legislature, now held by Messrs. John Whitehead and C. A. Woodard, which seats are coveted by their opponents at the late election, Messrs. S. S. Lambeth and W. Lindsay Bibb, of the DeY faction. Little interest is manifested here in the grand jury investigation, as the presence in the Corporation Court room of only two persons while the investigation proceeds attests.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES.

Methodist Minister Warmly Received in Gordonsville.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
GORDONSVILLE, Va., Dec. 9.—Mr. S. T. Hitt and family, of Scottsville, the new pastor of the Methodist Church, arrived at the parsonage to-day. The ladies of the church had prepared a sumptuous dinner for them. In the evening they were heartily welcomed and welcomed by all the members. Mr. George Traubm of Melton, was married to Miss Bessie Dickinson Sneed, the daughter of Mr. E. C. Sneed, of Spotsylvania county on Wednesday at 5 o'clock P. M. The marriage took place in the parlor of the officiating minister, Rev. I. N. May. Mr. William J. Sacer and Miss Willie Roberta Carter were recently married at the home of the groom, two miles from Gordonsville, by the Rev. E. R. Perry. The bride is Mr. Sacer's third marriage, he being about sixty-five years old and the bride forty years his junior.

STILL A MYSTERY.

No Explanation of Attempts on Life of Negro Teacher.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LEXINGTON, Va., Dec. 9.—A meeting of Mr. Carmel (Presbyterian) congregation reluctant consent was given to their pastor, Rev. A. H. Hamilton, to take a leave of absence for twelve months, during which time he will devote himself to the raising of a fund for building Lehigh College. He was assigned this work by the Lexington Presbyterian Rev. J. E. Booker, of Lexington, will supply Mr. Hamilton's pulpit during his absence. The attempts on the life by shooting of Isaiah Bollin, principal of the Lexington colored school, remains a mystery. Bollin is now in Baltimore, where he is at work. A few days ago a negro detective came to Lexington and made inquiries as to whether a reward had been offered for the discovery and apprehension of the guilty parties.

NOLLE PROSSED.

Case Against Miss Ola Nell and Her Father is Passed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WYTHEVILLE, Va., Dec. 9.—On calling of Commonwealth's special rate in the County Court, the case against Miss Ola Nell and B. H. Nell, her father, for shooting J. J. Waxelbaum, some months ago, was nolle prossed, Waxelbaum, the principal witness for the Commonwealth, not being present and residing out of the jurisdiction of the court. The case against Henry L. Ratcliff, for murder of his mother-in-law last month near Rural Retreat, was called and passed until to-morrow on account of the indisposition of one of the attorneys for the prosecution.

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Rev. W. H. Book preached again to-day to a very large crowd in the courthouse yard, and he held them spellbound for

WILL TAP RICH DEPOSIT.

New Railroad Building in Southwest Virginia.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MARION, Dec. 9.—Saturday a party of capitalists and railroad contractors from New York, New Jersey, and Virginia came to Marion and went over the line of the Marion and Rye Valley Railroad, which now has its terminal at Curran Valley, eight miles southeast of Marion. An interest in this road has been bought by these capitalists and it is their purpose to extend the Rye Valley, a distance of ten miles, where a large deposit of rich limonite iron ores are being developed.

Rye Valley is an extension of the famous Cripple Creek Valley, which now furnishes most of the ores for Southwest Virginia furnaces. The new road will open up a country rich in mineral and timber and furnish a fine field for investments and make Marion an ideal place for a furnace or other large iron plant. Among the local parties interested in this enterprise are Prof. George W. Miles, Dr. J. S. Apperson, W. B. Jackson, and E. F. Buchanan.

Another party of capitalists, from Williamsport, Pa., are now in the country looking out a route for a railroad to reach a tract of several thousand acres in Smyth and Grayson, purchased by these capitalists several months ago. This road, as proposed, will start from some point on the N. & W. R. R. at or near Marion and will open up in part the same section as the proposed extension of the Marion and Rye Valley Railroad, and it is not impossible these interests may combine, or use the Marion and Rye Valley as far as Rye Valley, and build an extension from that point into Grayson county.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Commissioner Kolner and Others Lecture in Blackstone.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
BLACKSTONE, Va., Dec. 9.—A Farmers' Institute was held here to-day, conducted by Commissioner of Agriculture Kolner, assisted by Professor Heiges, of the State Test Farm, and Mr. R. S. Barber, of Pennsylvania. The address was addressed not only to farmers of this section, but representative agriculturists from several of the adjoining counties, all of whom took a keen interest in the remarks of the lecturers, and the expressions heard from them afterwards were very gratifying. It is believed much good will be accomplished by this gathering of the farmers and the enlightenment given them by these experienced men in their lectures. Resolutions were passed thanking Mr. Kolner and his associates for their visit, with an earnest appeal to repeat it in the future.

WILL BUILD NEW CHURCH.

Boy Played With a Revolver, but Really Wasn't Killed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WINCHESTER, Va., Dec. 9.—On Sunday a commission of the Winchester Prebytery, headed by Rev. Dr. James R. Graham, organized a Presbyterian Church at Stephenson, this county, among a number of wealthy people. A church will be built, and Rev. D. H.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES SEASON 1901-1902.

On account of the above, the Southern Railway announces special rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip between all points on its lines ad to all points on connecting lines south of the Potomac and east of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1901, and January 1, 1902, with return limit January 3, 1902.

For students and teachers of schools and colleges presenting certificates signed by presidents or principals of such institutions, may purchase tickets at the above rate December 18th to 23rd, inclusive, with return limit January 8, 1902.

SOUTH CAROLINA INTERSTATE AND WEST INDIAN EXPOSITION.

Charleston, S. C., December 1, 1901 to June 1, 1902.

On account of the above, the Southern Railway announces very low rates from all points to Charleston, S. C., and return. From Richmond to Charleston and return tickets on sale daily, with return limit ten days, \$32.00 round trip.

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TANGIBLE CLUE TO NELLE CROPSEY

Belief Strengthened That She Was Abducted.

THE CITIZENS HOLD MEETING.

Money Subscribed to Continue the Investigation—Reference to Wilcox Answered by Thunderous Applause—The Norfolk Theory Exploded.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 9.—The Citizens' Committee of Five issued a call for a mass-meeting of citizens of the County on Monday night. Over one thousand prominent citizens were present. Chairman H. T. Greenleaf said the committee had been working day and night following up clues, investigating reports, chasing shadows and rainbows, and after sitting the whole night on the chair, that they had brought to light something tangible, a clue that they were assured would, if followed up, clear up the mystery, but they could go no further without more funds, the previous amount subscribed having been exhausted.

CITY'S PRIDE AT STAKE.

Prof. Hinton followed in a brief speech, in which he urged the importance of liberal subscriptions. He spoke of the necessity for the welfare of the community and those having wives and daughters, as well as the city itself, that the matter be sifted to the bottom.

In the midst of the meeting some one yelled out: "Let's make the one who knows all about this affair disclose it." (Thunderous applause.) "He is right," some one else shouted. (Thunderous applause again.) He of course referred to Wilcox.

About \$200 was raised in a few minutes. One of the amounts in a private interview said he thought the girl was kidnapped and they would succeed in finding her. Developments are expected in forty-eight hours.

Norfolk Theory Exploded.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
SUFFOLK, Va., Dec. 9.—According to reliable information received from another town to-night, the theory advanced by Police Chief Vellies of Norfolk, Va., vanished into nothingness. The Miss S. Baker, whom Edward E. Kelley, on whose information Chief Vellies bases his theory, died with, is not Ella Maude Cropsey, otherwise Nell, but an expert milliner who until recently was engaged at a millinery store in Franklin, Va.

The only thing lacking to make the contradiction complete is the date. Kelley told Chief Vellies that he saw the girl November 23d, whereas the milliner was with a man named Kelley some days earlier. By the testimony of a commercial salesman, most of whose story is verified at Franklin, Miss Sara Baker, who signed a note to young "S. Baker," the name first given by Kelley, left Franklin some time previous to the Cropsey disappearance from Baltimore.

A well-known man, who knew the girl previously, and who met her on the boat, says she told him she met Kelley in Norfolk, took a meal at Lynn's Cafe, saw him at a Norfolk boarding-house, and that Kelley accompanied her to the steamer. The traveling man, who was Miss Baker's friend, walked with her to North River, Curran hook counter, Va. An investigation prevented the rumor untrue, which the Citizens' Committee still believe Nell was murdered or abducted.

FANOTHER CROPSEY THEORY.

Revenue Cutter Lay Off the Pier She Was Supposed to Have Left.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
GREENVILLE, N. C., Dec. 9.—A gentleman here from Newbern reports officer of a revenue cutter, anchored off Newbern, as saying: "His boat on the night of the disappearance of Miss Cropsey was anchored at the Passenger's wharf, and it was traced, and that his 'watch' declares nothing unusual occurred from that pier the night in question. Had any one plunged into the water, or took boat, this watch would most assuredly have known it."

This explodes the idea of self-destruction or abduction from off that pier, and helps to explain the fruitless dragging efforts made in the river there.

General Lee Talks About Cuba.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Dec. 9.—General Fitzhugh Lee addressed the University Book Club at Prof. C. W. Graves' residence Saturday evening on the subject of "Cuba."

The speaker gave many interesting facts concerning the island, making one of the best addresses ever heard by the club.

Lodge of Elks Organized.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 9.—A lodge of Elks was organized here last evening with a charter membership of twenty-five. The following were elected temporary officers: George F. Bradley, president; Dr. M. D. Delaney, secretary, and Edward J. Quinn, of Washington, treasurer. Permanent officers will be elected at the next meeting.

Secretary for Sweet Briar.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 9.—The Board of Trustees of Sweet Briar Institute to-night elected Miss Anna L. Jones, of this city, secretary and treasurer. Miss Jones for some years has been cashier for the law firm of Blackford, Horsely & Blackford.

Dropped Dead.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WAYNESBORO, Va., Dec. 9.—John Holly, foreman of the finishing department of Alexandria Brothers' Furniture Factory, of this city, had dropped dead at his home at 3 o'clock this morning of heart failure.

Charged With Killing a Horse.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MARTIN, Va., Dec. 9.—Three men, accused of killing the horse of Mr. Olinger on Mr. Creed Carter's farm, have been arrested and are now in jail.

Licensed to Marry.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
KING GEORGE, Va., Dec. 9.—A marriage license was issued here to-day to George H. Guthridge, from Westmoreland county, and Mrs. Emma J. Jenkins.

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WAS COMPLETELY DECAPITATED

Negro Coal Dumper Met Horrible Death at Newport News.

THE SMUGGLED TOBACCO SOLD

German Cruiser Reported Hovering Around Venezuelan Coast is in Dry Dock at Newport News—Celebrate Lee's Birthday.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 9.—Andrew Woodson, a negro coal-dumper, fell under a car at pier No. 10 at 12:30 o'clock this morning, and was completely decapitated. One arm was also cut off. It is supposed that the man was trying to get on the car and slipped beneath the wheels. He was married and had two children.

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