

Forecast for Friday and Saturday... Virginia—Rain Friday; Saturday fair and not so warm; brisk to high southeast winds Friday, becoming west Saturday.



RANGE OF THERMOMETER.

The thermometer ranged as follows at The Times office yesterday: At 9 A. M., 54; 12 M., 60; 3 P. M., 64; 6 P. M., 69; 9 P. M., 54; 12 midnight, 50. Average, 57.5.

HONORED MEMORY OF WILLIAM M'KINLEY

The Distinguished Gathering Heard Touching Eulogy.

SECRETARY HAY ORATOR

Paid High Tribute to the Murdered President.

PRINCE HENRY AN AUDITOR

Set Beside the President While the Secretary Spoke—Senators, Diplomats, Representatives and Judiciary, Dressed in Sombre Black, Listened in Silence to the Eloquence of the Secretary of State.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—At noon today in the great Hall of Representatives, in the presence of President Roosevelt, Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the German Emperor, the members of the Cabinet, the justices of the Supreme Court, the general of the army and officers of the navy, who have received the thanks of Congress; the ambassadors and other diplomatic representatives of foreign countries, the Senators and Representatives in Congress and a large number of distinguished guests, Hon. John Hay, McKinley's premier, pronounced a eulogy upon his dead chief.

COL. BUTTON RESIGNED OFFICE, BUT AFTERWARDS RECONSIDERED

The Secretary of the Convention and Mr. Goode Had Some Unpleasantness, but Explanations Set Matters Aright.

Colonel Joseph Button yesterday resigned as secretary of the Constitutional Convention, but later on he was permitted to remain in office. The resignation was not presented to the convention. Had it been Colonel Button's friends would have vigorously opposed an acceptance of it.

FLORODORA CO. IN COLLISION

Cars of Special Wrecked and Several of Company Were Seriously Injured.

(By Associated Press.) WILMINGTON, DEL., Feb. 27.—A special train carrying the Florodora Theatrical Company from Norfolk, Va., to Wilmington, Del., on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, was wrecked today at Eastville, Va., and several members of the company were seriously injured. A heavy fog prevented the train from observing a freight train ahead and a rear-end collision occurred. The engine, baggage car and two forward cars of the special train were completely wrecked.

STATE PLUMBERS WANT EXAMINER

Say Lives of Many Are Endangered by Lack of Proper Regulations.

Mr. C. H. Perry, of Norfolk, representative of the plumbers of the State, is in the city on an important matter, in which all the plumbers of the State are deeply interested.

QUIT COTTON FOR TOBACCO.

The Venable Cigar Factory Draws Girls From Mills in Ettrick.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ETTRICK, VA., Feb. 27.—The Blue Ridge Cotton Mill, on the Petersburg side, has taken on a night force, and is now running night and day. Quite a number of young ladies and girls are leaving the cotton and silk mills and going to the Venable cigar factory to stem Cuba tobacco, from which will be manufactured fancy cigars.

HAS DECLINED THE PRESIDENCY

Mr. James Caskie Will Not Be President of the Carnegie Library Board.

Mr. James Caskie, Councilman from Monroe Ward, who was elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Library at the recent meeting of the board, sent a letter to the acting secretary of the board yesterday evening respectfully declining the honor.

DR. HATCHER'S LECTURES.

His Talks on Sunday School Work in Louisville Most Interesting.

Dr. William E. Hatcher is now in Louisville, where he is delivering a series of lectures at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The subject of the lectures is Sunday-school work, upon which he is thoroughly posted and as well fitted as any man in the Southern Baptist Convention to discuss.

MISS HELEN GOULD.

Visits Navy Yard in Street Car, But Returns in Admiral's Barge.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 27.—Miss Helen Gould, accompanied by nine women friends, arrived here today and visited the Norfolk Navy Yard and later proceeded to Hampton on a visit to the Normal School there.

RIVER'S FLOOD CREEPS HIGHER

Water Claims Other Ground. James River Division of C. & O. Tied Up.

The high water in the James did not recede yesterday as was promised by the slight fall Wednesday night, but rather crept higher by a foot or more than on the previous day. The rise yesterday morning was slow but sure, continuing steadily through the day and the early part of the night.

GULF STATES UNDER A DELUGE OF RAIN

Streams Out of Banks and Traffic Stopped.

BRIDGE IS SWEEPED AWAY

One Connecting Columbus and Girard, Ga., Snapped in Two.

THE RAIN FELL IN TORRENTS

Washouts Reported on the Southern, Seaboard and Other Lines, and Schedules in Many Places Have Been Annulled—Press Wire the Only One Now in Operation Toward North.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 27.—The South-eastern Gulf States were deluged by rain last night and today. The precipitation was very heavy and at Columbus, Ga., a bridge was swept away at 5 o'clock this evening. The rainfall there was almost a cloud-burst, the Chattahoochee River rising at the rate of two feet an hour. Several washouts were reported on a number of roads and trains out of Columbus were annulled. There has been no other bridge, which crosses to Girard, Ala., and it also would have been carried away had not the fall over the Eagle and Phoenix dam demolished the floating bridge before it reached it. The electric light and telephone wires running over the bridge, and the water pipes which supplied the city with water were also on this bridge, and they, too, were broken like sticks and carried away, leaving the city without water for a time.

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YOUNG ROBERTSON MISSING.

Has Been Mysteriously Absent From Home Since Monday—Canal Being Dragged.

A young man by the name of Robertson, residing in the neighborhood of South Pin Street, may have been drowned in the canal about a mile above the city. The man, who was missing from his home since Monday, and nothing has been heard from him. Several negroes say that on Monday afternoon they saw a young man jump into the canal near Haxall's station, and that they saw the man, whoever he was, jumped into the canal, and nothing more was seen of him. Parties were last night dragging the canal in an effort to find the body. The unexplained absence of Mr. Robertson was reported to the Third Police Station last night.

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(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 27.—Dr. Joseph A. Booth, who died in his home in New York yesterday, had lived at Blair, Md., with the family and also in this city at his home on Exeter Street. Dr. Booth was the last of the four sons of Junius Brutus Booth, the tragedian, and the two daughters have also passed away. Dr. Booth was the youngest of the family; the other brothers being Julius Brutus Booth, Jr., John Wilkes and Edwin. One of the sisters, Asia, married John H. Clarke and left two sons, well known to Baltimoreans—Creston and Wilfred Clarke—and also daughters, now in England. The other sister, Rosalie, never married. Junius Brutus was a son by the elder Booth's first wife, and the other children were by the second. The first wife was a Frenchwoman.

DR. M'IVOR TO SPEAK.

He Will Address the Educational Association To-morrow Evening.

There is so much speculation concerning the higher education of women, its use and abuse, that those interested in the subject will be glad to know that Dr. Charles D. McIvor will talk before the Richmond Educational Association on "Elevated Women's Opportunity for Service as Citizens" at Old All-Saints' Church on Saturday evening, March 1st, at 8:30 o'clock.

INSURANCE COVERS ALL LOSS

Stock and Buildings Fully Protected—Richmond Companies Lose, Over \$5,000, the Other \$2,500—Will Not Have to Give Up Building, and Business Will Go Right On—In Business Twenty-One Years.

The wholesale grocery store of Mr. L. C. Younger, Nos. 102 1st and 106 Virginia Street, was damaged by fire to the amount of \$10,000 early last night. The loss of stock is estimated at \$5,000 and the damage to the building \$5,000. The entire fire department, except a reserve, was called out. The insurance on the stock will aggregate \$60,000. The loss on the building is also fully covered.

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