THE APRIL SKIES

Six Planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus Are Visible This Month---Circumpola Constellations.

(By WILLIAM GATHRIGHT.)

The surface of the moon, like that of our earth, is diversified by hills and plains, mountains and valleys. The plains on the moon were once thought to be lakes or oceans, but in the clearer lights of science they are now regarded as level tracts of land. Indeed, it is now thought that there is no water at all on the moon, and that she does not possess vegetable or animal life of any kind; but that desolation and a death-like silence reigns supreme.

That there are mountains on the moon has been proven by the most indisputable evidence. For instance, when she is increasing, certain places on her surface are illuminated sooner than the surrounding regions, appearing like bright spots within the dark portions of her surface, and then after the terminator (the terminator is the line which separates the dark from the enlightened portions of the moon's surface) has passed over these bright spots, they cast their shadows upon the enlightened portions of her surface opposite to the sun. These shadows correspond in shape to the form of the mountain or mountains which cast them.

There is one remarkable feature in the moon's surface which bears no resemblance to anything to be seen on this earth. These are the great circular cavities which appear on every part of her surface. Some of these tremendous caverns are about forty miles in diameter and four miles deep.

It is now generally conceded that the moon has but very little, if any, atmosphere, and in support of this theory several very strong reason can be advanced. For instance, there are no indications of twilight, a phenomenon that implies the presence of an atmosphere. For if she had a twilight, there would be gradual transition from the light to the dark portions, but no such transition occurs on the surface, but there is a well-defined line between the light and dark portions.

It is an interesting contemplation for us to try to realize how the earth would appear as viewed from the moon. The surface of the earth would appear about thirteen times as large as that of the moon viewed from the earth. This fact would add immensely to the beauty of the starry heavens, as viewed from our faithful lunar companion. However, we must not suppose that because the earth appears so large that her physical features become more distinct. Indeed, it is just otherwise; for, owing to the dense atmosphere of the earth, it would render a clear view of her surface a matter of great difficulty, if not of absolute impossibility.

OUR BEAUTIFUL MORNING STARS.

The morning skies during April are honored by the presence of the six planets—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus—which is an occurrence by no means common. The first one of them to make his appearance on the eastern horizon is Uranus, which now rises about 10:30 in the evening, and is consequently high up in the heavens before daylight. Under favorable circumstances Uranus may be seen with the naked eye by those who know exactly where to look for him. It is, however, only with a telescope that we can get a good look at him.

Saturn rises about 1:30 in the morning, and is distinctly visible to the naked eye. He is now situated in the constellation Sagittarius, and may be easily distinguished from the fixed stars by his pale, feeble and steady light. The rings of Saturn, which distinguish him from every known planet, are now distinct and growing more so every day; so those of our friends who possess telescopes will make a great mistake if they do not take occasional peeps at this great and wonderful world.

About one hour after the rising of Saturn we see the mighty Jupiter just looming up above the eastern horizon, but at a point a few degrees to the north of where Saturn first appeared. Both this planet and Saturn are now daily rising earlier, and appearing higher and brighter in the morning. The volume of Jupiter is about thirteen hundred times larger than the earth, and he exceeds both in bulk and mass all the other planets combined. No wonder he is known as the king of the planetary host, and that the ancient Romans called him the god of the air. Jupiter now honors with his royal presence the constellation Capricornus, or the goat. Nothing is easier than to trace his journey through the stars, for he passes at a mean rate over just one constellation of the zodiac in a year. As he is now in the constellation Capricornus, we must look for him next year this time in the constellation Aquarius; two years hence in the next constellation Pisces, and so on. Therefore, it takes just twelve years to make one complete journey around the sun.

Venus now rises about 3:30 in the morning, or about one hour after Jupiter. The point on the eastern horizon where she rises is about ten degrees to the north of the point where Jupiter first appeared to our view. Venus, Jupiter and Saturn are now at almost an equal distance from each other, and, if a straight line be drawn from Venus to Saturn, it will pass just a little to the north of Jupiter. Venus is now the most beautiful object in the morning skies, rising nearly two hours before the sun. She will be highest above sunrise on April 25th, or to use a technical expression, will be at her greatest elongation west of the sun. She is now so bright that we may even get views of her during the day moving on ahead of the sun.

Astronomers are inclined to the belief that Venus has a hard crust like that of the earth, and that she also possesses a dense amosphere and cloud formations, the latter of which is largely responsible for her marked brilliancy, as they are a good medium for reflecting the rays of the sun.

Mars, which up to the 29th of last month was evening star, has now become our morning star, but is still too near the sun to be seen. Mercury will also be too near the sun to be visible. He and Mars are traveling close together all during this month, and on the 23d will be in close conjunction, Mars being only about one-half degree to the north of him.

THE CIRCUMPOLAR CONSTELLATIONS.

In one or two previous articles I have spoken at some length of a number of the various constellations of tht heavens, but have not said as much about the circumpolar constellations as they probably deserve.

By circumpolar constellations is meant those constellations which are strung in a circle around the North Star and never set. I will first take up Ursa Major, the Great Bear. Looking skyward about 9 o'clock in the evenings of April, we behold this great constellation high up in the heavens. It is easily distinguished by means of a cluster of seven bright stars forming what is called the Dipper. In some countries it is called Charles' Wain or Wagon. The Dipper, which is now near the meridian above the North Star, lies with its bottom towards us and its handle on the right. Climbing up behind the Great Bear is Draco, the Dragon, which, with its many contortions, occupies a large space in the polar regions. North of Draco is situated Ursa Minor, the Little Bear.

This constellation, which contains but few prominent stars, is, however, much distinguished because of the advantages which its position in the heavens affords to surveying and navigation. Its principal star is so near the true pole of the heavens that it has been known for several thousand years as the North Polar Star. The seven principal stars in this constellation form a figure very much like the Dipper in the Great Bear, but the Dipper in this constellation is reversed, and only about one-half as large as the Dipper in the Great Bear.

Below the North Star we see Cepheus and Cassiopeia. Cepheus contains no star above the third magnitude. Cassiopeia is nearly at the same distance from the North Star as the Great Bear, and is easily distinguished by five stars of the second and third magnitudes in the form of the letter W. This constellation is otherwise memorable as having once contained a very bright star, which subsequently disappeared.

It may not be amiss to make a remark or two here upon its extraordinary appearances. About three hundred years ago this star all at once shone out with great splendor. It was brighter than any planet, and could be seen at noonday. Its light, which was at first of a dazzling whiteness, turned into a reddish yellow and then into an ashy paleness, in which light it expired after being visible for about sixteen months.

THE CONSTELLATIONS NOT CIRCUMPOLAR.

Of the other prominent stars and constellations visible last month, Castor, Pollux, Procion and Sirius, which were then just a little past the meridian, when viewed now at about half past 8 o'clock in the evenings, are seen about half way between the meridian and the western horizon, while Orion and Taurus are on the point of setting. Regulus in the Lion, which has been gradually getting higher and higher in the heavens, has now reached the meridian. Due east of Regulus and a little more than half way between this star and the horizon, we see a very bright star which cannot fail to fix the attention of the star gazer; this is Arcturus in Bootes, which shines with a reddish light very much like that of Mars. Bootes, otherwise known as the Bear Driver, early excited the admiration of the ancients, and many were the verses composed in his honor. Claudian says that

"Bootes with his wain the north unfolds;
The Southern gate Orion holds."

NEW POLICE OFFICER.

Mr. Richard C. Duke Elected to Fill the Vacancy—Several Names Presented.

Mr. Richard C. Duke, of No. 818 West Marshall Street, at this time employed in Ashton's grocery store at Seventh and Marshall Streets, was yesterday elected a member of the police force by the Police Board, to succeed Officer Marion B. Sutton, deceased.

The board met in special session at six o'clock. The election of a new policeman was the only business before it. All six members and the Mayor were present.

The first ballot, after each member of the board had presented several names, was as follows: Doke, 1; Gary, 1; Goldsby, 1; Thompson, 1; Gorman, 1; Wiley, 1.

Mr. Manning then placed in nomination Mr. Herbert F. Miley, and thep on the second ballot Mr. Duke was elected by the following vote: Duke, 4; Wiley, 1; Miley, 1.

Mr. Duke is a married man, thirty-three years old, was born in Hanover and has been for years in the grocery business. He will be the first new man on the force under the new rule that $10 a month for the first year and $5 a month for the second and third years are to go the Police Benevolent Association.

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DOG TAXES.

Delinquent Tax List Being Prepared for Publication—Commissioner's Office.

The City Treasurer's office continues to be crowded with persons getting dog and goat licenses. The dog wagon will be on the streets in a short while, and all dogs without medals will be carried to the dog pound.

Mr. T. C. Walford, collector of delinquent taxes, has now nearly completed his list for publication. Parties paying their city taxes for 1901 in the next few days will avoid the publication of their names on this list.

The Commissioner's office is still busy delivering tax blanks to citizens. These blanks must be filled out and returned to the office promptly. The city taxes are payable in June and the State taxes in November, but this does not mean that the blanks may be returned until that time. Immediate returns will aid the Commissioner in his work.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Margaret E. Bethel to Maggie L. McCartney, 15 feet on the west side of Pine Street, 159 feet south of Albemarle Street, $1,500.

Robert H. Crump and wife to Littleton Fitzgerald, 34 11-12 feet on the south side of Main Street, 15 5-6 feet east of Twenty-sixth Street, $1,650.

Walter Christian, clerk of the Hustings Court, to John D. Thomas, 14 3-4 feet on the west side of Thirtieth Street, between O and P Streets, $8.53.

Same to same, 21 1-2 feet on the north side of Cabell Street, 86 feet west of Tyler Street, $8.53.

Same to same, 15 1-2 feet on the north side of Orange Street, between St. James and St. John Streets, $10.33.

Same to same, 15 feet on east side of Twenty-eighth Street, between O and P Streets, $10.60.

Same to same, 30 feet on the south side of Chaffin Street, $9.02.

Same to same, 90 feet on the north side of Balding Street, between Valley and James Streets, $10.25.

Same to same, 24 feet on St. James Street, between Charity and Federal Streets, $2.73.

Same to same, 33 feet on the west side of Buchanan Street, between Loundes and Baldwin Streets, $5.98.

Same to same, 20 feet on the west side of t. Peter Street, 97 feet south of Calhoun Street, $2.73.

Same to same, 15 1-2 feet on the north side of Orange Street, between St. James and St. John Streets, $8.17.

Same to same, 23 feet on south side of Leigh Street, between Smith and Munford Streets, $8.26.

Same to same, 30 feet on the east side of Thirteenth Street, 240 feet north of Clay Street, $9.44.

Same to same, 17 1-4 feet on the north side of O Street, 52 1-4 feet east of Twenty-eighth Street, $13.75.

R. F. Gaskins and wife to Willie Ann Bates, 20 feet on the east side of Harvie Street, 129 1-2 feet north of Floyd Avenue, $800.

Same to Emma C. Atkins, 30 feet on the east side of Harvie Street, 149 3-4 feet north of Floyd Avenue, $1,200.

Same to Annie M. Gaskins, 49 feet on Floyd Avenue, northeast corner of Harvie Street, $5.

W. L. Jennings to Mary L., Emily S., William L., Aline, Robert M. and Julia Jennings, interest in 20 4½-12 feet on east side of Fourth Street, 14 5½-12 feet north of Jackson Street, $5.

Henrico: John G. Fulton to John M. LeHaye, 208 71-100 feet on Williamsburg Road, $56.

J. T. Lawrence, special commissioner, to Louis J. Mountz, 30 feet on the north side of Green Street, 30 feet east of James Street, $725.

R. A. Throckmorton and wife to Lizzie B. Taylor, 30 feet on the west side of Thirty-third Street, 102 5-6 feet south of Clay Street, $1,750.

Virginia C. Turner to F. E. and Lennie C. Dingman, 44 1-2 acres twelve miles west of Richmond, $274.32.

M. A. Wackerly and wife to A. Pasedog, 36 acres near Highland Springs, $536.76.

Vestry of All Saints.

The following gentlemen were elected to serve as vestrymen of All Saints Church for the next twelve months:

Messrs. James N. Boyd, T. N. Carter, Jno. R. Cary, Dr. John Dunn, Capt. M. T. Dimmock, P. H. Mayo, Charles R. Skinker, Dr. Hugh M. Taylor, Robert G. Thornton, John Tyler, Fred. S. Valentine, H. D. Whitcomb.

Chief Puller Well.

Chief W. G. Puller, of the Fire Department, is out again after being confined to his room for several days.

DAN TATE MAY BE THE ASSAILANT

Detectives Expect to Connect Him With Mills' Hold-Up. Police Headquarters.

Officer Farley, who was shot in the foot by a negro last Saturday night, is suffering some pain, although his foot will not be permanently disabled. Dr. Brock said yesterday evening the wound was not serious, but that it would a week or two before Mr. Farley would be able to be about.

Detective Wren has recovered a letter written from Philadelphia to "Dan Tate," the negro who shot Officer Farley on Saturday night, and who gave the name of Williams. The letter was addressed to Tate at a house on East Leigh Street, which is very close to the scene of the shooting, and also to the scene of the Mills assault.

The letter discloses the fact that a brother of Tate's was shot and killed in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, on the 14th of last November. He was employed by the Philadelphia Clay Manufacturing Company, and got in a row in one of the shanties occupied by the negro workmen. He then left and broke into another shanty, and attempted to break into another. Then he went to the residence of Mrs. J. A. Minn, at Hunter's Run, Cumberland county, Pa., broke into the front door, and was confronted by Mr. Minn. He said: "Your money or your life," when he was shot and instantly killed. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide, and the body was turned over to the County Home.

This circumstance leads the detectives to the conclusion that Tate is a bad man, and the theory that he may have had something to do with both the Clayton and Mills affairs will be closely followed.

Mills was badly beaten on the very spot at which Officer Farley was shot, and it is the impression that he, in company with his companion, was lurking at that point in readiness to waylay any one who happened to pass the alley.

The alley offers two chances of escape for assailants. It passes through to Seventh Street, and from Clay Street, between Seventh and Eighth, almost midway of the block, there is a small vacant lot, across which a fugitive could get into Clay Street. This is a typical place for the hold-up artist.

The case against the negro was postponed in the Police Court yesterday morning to the 30th instant.

Detective Hall yesterday arrested a young white lad, aged fourteen years, on the charge of entering the residence of Mrs. J. M. Davis, No. 2706 East Clay Street, on April 2d, and carrying off a gold watch, a pistol and two pocket-knives. The watch, the pistol and one knife were recovered. The boy confessed to his guilt.

Detective Gibson requests any one having recently lost a pair of blankets to call at police headquarters, where information concerning them may be obtained.

S. Pailet, a junk dealer, of Union and Franklin Streets, was arrested yesterday morning by Detectives Gibson and Wren on the charge of buying stolen property from Jim Simpkins. He is alleged to have purchased a dayton that was stolen from McDonough's stables, on Eighteenth Street, several months ago. Pailet was carried to the First Police Station.

The Chief of Police of Milwaukee offers a reward of $50 for the arrest of Edward O'Brien, alias "Kid," an expert sneak thief. He escaped from the Home of Correction on March 31st. He is twenty-six years old, five feet eleven inches tall, weighs about 140 pounds, slim, smooth face, freckled, black hair, hazel eyes, small cuts on upper lip and right thumb.

Major Howard has received a letter from Weldon, N. C., dated Sunday, in which it is stated that some one broke into a store at that place on Saturday night and carried away fifteen pistols. Suspicion rests on a negro named "Iver Johnson, a mulatto with a mustache." Chief S. M. Dickens asks Major Howard to look out for him.

A reward of $25 is offered by Chief L. E. Davis, of Smithfield, for the arrest of P. Weinberg and George Frank, card sharps. They are said to have lived in Wilson and Goldsboro, N. C., and Norfolk.

Major Howard requests that all applicants for positions on the force call on him in reference to certain matters relating to their applications on Wednesday, or later, this week.

GOVERNOR SORRY OVER LYNCHING

Would Have Sent Troops Had He Known.

WAS GREAT SURPRISE TO HIM

New Board of State Medical Examiners Named—Many Callers at the Capitol—Doings of Day Tersely Told.

"I am very sorry to hear of the lynching in Amherst," said Governor Montague yesterday. "I had hoped," he continued, "that there would be nothing of the sort in the State during my administration."

The Governor, however, heard nothing of the affair until long after it was over, and had there been any notice whatever given him, he would have ordered the Lynchburg military to prevent trouble, if possible.

He deeply regrets the affair, which is the first lynching that has occurred anywhere in the State during his administration.

He has received no official notice concerning the matter as yet and as no further trouble is anticipated, he will, perhaps, get none.

The Governor was busy in his office all day yesterday. He received a great many callers, among them being Congressman John Lamb. Other prominent callers were Mr. M. B. Crowelle, a prominent steamship man, and Dr. Charles V. Carrington, surgeon of the penitentiary. Colonel Eaton H. Grundy and Messrs. C. S. Campbell and C. W. Westbury called and talked with Governor Montague in regard to the Charleston trip on Virginia Day, which is April 16th. Definite plans have not yet been arranged, but they are being perfected and will be ready in a few days.

Governor Montague yesterday appointed the following members of the Medical Examining Board of Virginia:

State at large—Drs. R. W. Martin, Lynchburg, Va.; W. L. Robinson, Danville, Va., and A. S. Priddy, Marion, Va.

First Congressional District—Dr. W. B. Robinson, Tappahannock, Va.

Second Congressional District—Dr. H. M. Nash, Norfolk, Va.

Third Congressional District—Dr. J. E. Warriner, Brook Hill, Va.

Fourth Congressional District—Dr. O. C. Wright, Jarratt, Va.

Fifth Congressional District—Dr. R. S. Martin, Stuart, Va.

Sixth Congressional District—Dr. Samuel Lile, Lynchburg, Va.

Seventh Congressional District—Dr. Robert C. Randolph, Boyce, Va.

Eighth Congressional District—Dr. R. M. Slaughter, Theological Seminary, Va.

Ninth Congressional District—Dr. E. T. Brady, Abingdon, Va.

Tenth Congressional District—Dr. C. W. Rogers, Staunton, Va.

Homeopathic Members—M. R. Allen, Norfolk, Va.; E. C. Williams, Richmond, Va.

Mr. W. A. Wheeler, assistant secretary of the New York State Commission, has written a letter to Governor Montague tendering him the use of the New York State building at Charleston on the occasion of his visit to that city next week. The Governor and his party will leave here on the night of the 15th to visit the Exposition, and will be away several days. Virginia Day is fixed for the 16th.

Master Emmett B. Faison and Captain A. O. Sullivan yesterday planted in the Capitol Square a young oak tree sent the former by Congressman Harry L. Maynard.

The trees came from the United States Department of Agriculture and Mr. Maynard sent one of them to each member of the convention. The species is known as the "constitutional oak," and the planters did their work with much pride.

Captain A. O. Sullivan, the doorkeeper of the convention, was at the Capitol yesterday mailing checks to the convention members. He left for his home last night.

Messrs. J. N. Brenaman and B. L. Hawkins, of Colonel Button's staff, were at the Capitol winding up some official matters.

Colonel Robert E. Lee, Jr., of Fairfax, passed through the city yesterday on his way home from a visit to his uncle, Captain Robert E. Lee, of King William. Colonel Lee was in fine spirits after the tedious session of the Legislature.

"Uncle Billy" Wilson, who has been ill at his home in Henrico county, was reported as some better yesterday. Master E. B. Faison is doing Mr. Wilson's work during the sickness of the latter.

The State Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners met yesterday and decided that they would buy no more bonds for the present, owing to the heavy drain on the treasury by the recent session of the Legislature.

Some one has taken the gavel of Speaker Ryan from the hall of the House of Delegates. It was highly prized by the Speaker, having been given him by Assistant Clerk of the House Thomas H. Bigger.

Assistant Secretary of the Commonwealth J. G. Hankins yesterday mailed the last of the commissions to the members of the various electoral boards chosen at the recent session of the Legislature.

The correspondence of the Commissioner of Agriculture is growing very heavy. He said yesterday that he was receiving many requests for information concerning various agricultural matters.

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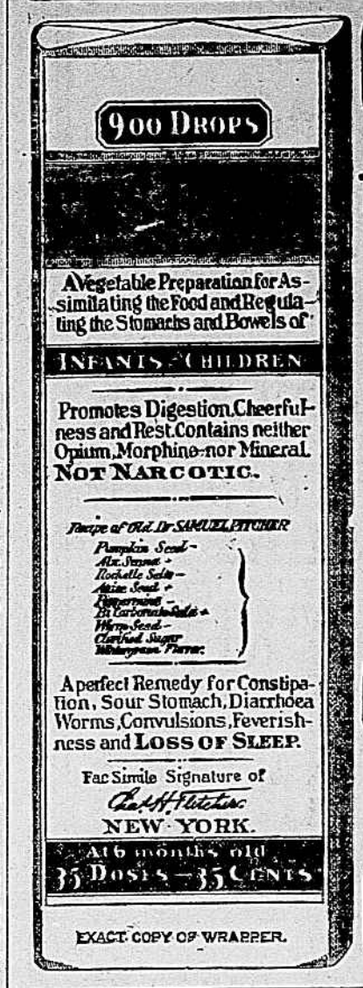

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BREAKING UP GAMBLING.

Justice Crutchfield Fines Three Proprietors and Announces His Policy.

In line with the policy of driving the gamblers of Richmond out of business, Justice Crutchfield, in Police Court, yesterday, fined three keepers of gambling places $30 each. They were John McCullough (white), who ran a place at No. 17 North Eighteenth Street, where boys in knee trousers, played poker; Mildred Dennis, who ran a "skin" game in Ram Cat Alley, in the rear of No. 5 East Marshall Street, and William Hill, alias "Speckled Dick," who ran a crap and "skin" game at No. 217 North Seventeenth Street. Incidentally, the court announced that in future keepers of gambling places will be fined $100 each and suggested to the police to take players in also, as they are liable to individual fines of $30.

When the case against McCullough was caled yesterday, W. B. Mitchell appeared against him as well as the arresting officer. From their evidence it seems that McCullough had conducted a poker-room for some time at his home, which is at the number given, and most of his patrons have been boys.

This case gained its chief interest from the fact that it was intended as a test case. Justice Crutchfield announced this intention in the beginning of the case and sent for Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson to hear the evidence. Then the court imposed a fine of $30, expecting an appeal. McCullough declined to appeal, stating that he would go to jail for sixty days in lieu of the payment of the fine. The court cheerfully acquiesced in this view of the case.

DAY IN THE POLICE COURT.

Many Minor Cases Were Before Justice Crutchfield Yesterday Morning.

For Monday, even, there was an unusually long docket before Justice Crutchfield, in the Police Court yesterday. Most of these were minor cases, but money rolled easily and rapidly into the city coffers as the fines were imposed.

Robert Black was accused of throwing rocks and a lamp at Martha Jefferson and was fined $10. Robert Black appeared as complainant against Lewis Reed, who, first accused of stabbing him, was released on a joint plea that they had been playing.

Mr. W. H. Dunn struck Fleming Woolfolk with a stick because Woolfolk called him a liar, and was discharged.

Rutherford Pollard, a small negro boy, threatened to shoot Louis Stutts, a small white boy, and got sixty days' security.

Rosa Bond was fined $5.50 for cursing Edith Claiborne. Ransome Clements hit Mary Johnson with a stone, but was discharged. He got sixty days for trying to beat an installment furniture house.

Here are the other cases: Walter Johnson, $10 for slapping Lena Johnson; Alex. Brent, $1 for throwing stones; S. L. Johnson and Louisa Johnson fought, paid the costs; Mr. Arthur Ray hit C. M. Dixon in the eye, but was discharged; Florence Johnson, twenty days, drunk; Walter Toler, drunk, discharged.

MURDERED CHILDREN.

Horrible Tale Told of Action of Australian Officers.

(By Associated Press.)

LIVERPOOL, April 7.—A former trooper of the Bush Veldt Carbineers, who has returned here, is quoted as saying that the convicted Australian officers belonging to that corps, since disbanded, murdered from 35 to 40 persons. As an instance of their cold-bloodedness, the trooper relates how three Dutch children, two brothers, ten and twelve years old, respectively, and their little sister, arrived at the Carbineers' camp to surrender, in order to be given food. The girl and one of the boys were wounded. The uninjured boy took his little brother on his back and was carrying him off, when a second shot killed both boys. The girl died shortly afterwards.

Commission Called

Dr. George W. Le Cato, who will in all likelihood be chairman of the Legislative Building Commission appointed to superintend the construction of the new cell-room at the penitentiary, has suggested a meeting of that body for April 14th, at 12:30 o'clock P. M., in this city.

The commission is composed of the following members: Messrs. Le Cato and Bryant, of the Senate, and Newhouse, Baker, of Chesterfield, and Harman, of the House. The members of the Board of Directors of the penitentiary have been invited to meet with the commissioners.

Missing Clover Man Returns.

Mr. W. T. Spencer, the gentleman of Clover, who came to Richmond last Monday, and about whom there was some anxiety felt by his wife when he did not return the next day, is now at his home. His wife wrote to a friend here telling him that her husband had arrived safe. He had been delayed by business in the city longer than she expected him to be and became uneasy.

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VIRGINIA DAY

At the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition, Charleston, S. C.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway anounces special rate of $6.50 for the round-trip from Richmond, Lynchburg, Norfolk and intermediate points south thereof, within the State of Virginia, to Charleston, S. C., and return, tickets to be one sale April 15th only, with return limit April 20th.

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RICHMOND TO DALLAS VIA SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY.

Confederate Veteran Reunion, Dallas, Tex., April 25-26, 1902.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway will sell tickes from Richmond and other points on its line to Dallas, Texas, on account of the above occasion, at a rate of one cent per mile in each direction for the round trip, short line mileage. Tickets on sale April 18th, 19th and 20th, with return limit May 2d, and holders of tickets may have their tickets extended until May 15th by paying to the joint agent at Dallas, on or before April 30th, the small fee of fifty cents. The rate from Richmond to Dallas and return, $28.65.

The Seaboard offers the choice of routes, going via New Orleans or via Atlanta, Chattanooga and Memphis.

There will be a special train out of Atlanta at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 20th, which will be run solid to Dallas, Texas. This train will consist entirely of tourist sleepers.

Passengers can leave Richmond at 10:37 Saturday night, and reach Dallas Tuesday morning at 5:45. One change of cars only.

For further information, apply to
W. J. MAY,
City Ticket Agent.
Z. P. SMITH,
District Passenger Agent,
No. 1006 East Main Street. 'phone 405.

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Norfolk, Va., April 15th. Round Trip $3.50, via Norfolk and Western Ry.

Tickets will be sold April 13th, 14th and 15th, good for return passage until April 19, 1902. Three daily trains each way. Leave Richmond 9 A. M., 3 P. M. and 7:23 P. M. Returning, leave Norfolk at 7:40 A. M., 9:25 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. For further information, apply to Richmond Transfer Co., Ticket Agent, Byrd-Street Station; John E. Wagner, City Passenger and Ticket Agent.

C. H. BOSLEY, Dis. Pas. Agent.