

GOV. MONTAGUE MUCH PLEASED

Enjoyed His Southern Trip and Praises Soldiers and Cadets.

CHALLENGED FOR A DUEL

Capt. "Buck" Fry Wants to Measure Swords with "Uncle Ned" Williams. Old Pictures Framed. Capitol Notes.

Governor Montague and party returned yesterday morning from Charleston and his Excellency spent most of the day in his office at the Capitol, answering letters and dispatching of routine business.

Governor Montague expressed himself as well pleased with his trip, and when asked as to the rumor that he was paid little attention by South Carolina people, he only said:

"I have no complaint to make of the treatment accorded me while in South Carolina."

The Governor then launched into the praise of the behavior of the Virginia soldiers and the cadets while in the Exposition City. He said the drilling of the latter was especially fine and deserved the highest commendation.

He praised the soldiers and the cadets without stint, and said their behavior throughout, so far as he had been able to ascertain, was both soldierly and gentlemanly.

The Governor said he enjoyed his visit to Fort Moutrie very much, and was accorded the most courteous treatment by the United States officers there.

"Uncle Ned" Williams, who operates the Capitol elevator, has been challenged to mortal combat on the field of honor by Captain "Buck" Fry, of Bedford county, who spends most of his time in Richmond during the sessions of the Legislature and the Constitutional Convention.

The challenge came from Captain Fry, and was torn up and ignored by Captain Williams.

It seems that the other morning the elevator was crowded with City Committeemen and Captain Fry entered the waiter.

He was told by Captain Williams he would have to wait, as the elevator would not bear so many. "I am going to ride down," said Captain Fry. "Why don't you walk as you have been doing," replied Captain Williams.

He did walk, and a little later appeared down stairs and formally and personally made his challenge for a duel.

The challenge was declined, and when "Uncle Ned" returned of his work yesterday he found a letter reiterating the challenge and inviting him to choose his own weapons. He paid no attention to it, and said this morning that he had no idea of fighting. The incident is probably closed.

Librarian W. W. Scott has found two rare and valuable old pictures in the State Library and they will be framed and hung on the walls along with other State portraits of value.

One is a handsome steel engraving of General Washington, in which the great patriot was clothed in the insignia of a Royal Arch Mason.

It is likely that the picture was made when the Father of his country was master of ceremonies at the laying of the corner-stone of the National Capitol at Washington.

The original plan for old Monumental Church and was made in 1811. The plan set forth was not followed, for the probable lack of funds. It is that of a beautiful structure and the building would have been much prettier than at present.

The Final Revision Committee of the convention met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, in which the great recess until 1 o'clock P. M. to allow a subcommittee to redraft some portions of the suffrage ordinance, without changing their substance.

At the latter hour the full committee reconvened and went on with its work. Senator Dan it was with the committee for the first time yesterday. It looks as if it would require several weeks yet to complete the labors of the committee. The body will continue to hold two sessions daily until the work assigned them is completed.

GOOD LIQUOR CHEAP.

United States to Auction 500 Gallons of Unstamped Goods.

Five hundred gallons of corn liquor, apple brandy and rye whiskey, seized by the revenue officers at the last year, will be sold at public auction at the Custom House about the middle of May.

This amount of illicit goods is rather a large year's accumulation. It is now stored in the vault beneath Bank Street in the rear of the Federal building.

Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal Morgan Treat is in Washington.

Postmaster Knight is receiving daily congratulations upon his reappointment.

A Great Meeting for Men.

The greater men's meeting will be held in the M. C. A. Hall to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and will be addressed by Rev. J. W. Forter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Newport News, Mr.

TRIED TO GET TIRED

In Order to Bring On Sleep.

When people are kept awake by coffee drinking and get into a nervous condition, it is they try all sorts of ways to overcome the trouble, but generally endeavor to stick to coffee.

A lady says in part of a long letter: "He only way I could get any sleep at all, at that time, was by walking at night in the yard until I got so tired I would fall asleep as soon as I touched the bed, but after a little I would commence rolling around and could not lie or sit in one place for any length of time."

"I became despondent and unhappy. My stomach was all out of order and my nerves absolutely broken down. One day a lady friend when calling said, 'My dear, I believe it is coffee that makes you so sick and nervous.' I don't know of anyone. My physician knows that I use coffee and he has never said anything about its being hurtful. She replied, 'I can't help that; they don't tell me either, but I found out for myself when I quit coffee and began to use Postum that I got well.'"

"I will never forget that October evening three years ago when I had my first cup of Postum. It was made right, and tasted, oh, so good. In less than a week I could get on my feet, and a real improvement. In the second month I was well and happy and peaceful again. I have kept so ever since, and am now the picture of health and do lots of hard work when I want to." Name given by Postum Co., Middle Creek, Mich.

Porter is a speaker of great power, and a natural force. His theme will be unique, "Bring Me Up, Samuel," full of interest and suggestions to men. The Virginia Glee Club and Mrs. Sallie Montgomery Brown will sing. Mr. Porter has not been in the State long, and his likeness to William Jennings Bryan, the presidential candidate and orator, has been a source of common remark. He has a strong personality and is exceedingly attractive to men.

A special meeting for boys will be held in the parlors at 2:30 o'clock, and the Bible classes will meet at 5 o'clock.

Dr. Pell will continue his interesting talks on the International Sunday-school lessons this (Saturday) afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

DAY IN THE POLICE COURT.

Young White Woman Discharged for Striking a Negro Woman.

Miss Annie Melton was before Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court yesterday on the charge of assaulting Frances Holcomb, a negro. According to the evidence the negro woman had abused and cursed the mother of the young woman, and then tried to strike Miss Melton with a plank. Miss Melton picked up a stick and brought it down with all her force across the head of the negro. The mother, who was abused, is an invalid. Justice Crutchfield discharged Miss Melton.

Leslie Hawkins was accused of being a suspicious character. He was accused of climbing in the second story window of Charlie Hill's home with the intention of beating a woman, and then, abandoning that idea, to steal a pair of shoes. This case was continued.

Robert Coleman confessed to slapping Kate Coleman, and was fined \$10. Lewis Shields, swearing, was fined \$2.50; George Sims, carrying a revolver, \$50 and thirty days; George Hunter, attacking Harry Brown with a brick, was sent to the Hastings Court; James Pleasants, selling furniture on the installment plan, four months.

Richard Clay, the seven-year-old highwayman, was discharged with a warning to his mother.

HOLD-UPS IN HENRICO.

Four Negroes Doing a Rapid Business News from the County.

The officers of Henrico county are making a diligent search for four negroes who are suspected of complicity in three or four hold-ups which have occurred within the past week on Fulton Hill. Thursday night Mr. Clarkson, who resides on Fulton Hill, was held up by four negroes at the foot of Louisiana Street. Mr. Clarkson was returning home about 10:30 o'clock and when he passed Marshall Street two negroes masked sprang from behind a fence and thrust two revolvers in his face, simply saying "Hands up!"

At that moment two others stepped out and began a search of his person. Money was their object, but fortunately Mr. Clarkson only possessed eighty cents, which they promptly relieved him of, also his pocket knife. He was told then: "Move on, and if you look back there will be trouble."

Mr. Clarkson continued his journey homeward, being satisfied with his luck. Monday night Willie O'Connor, a young man, was held up and beaten at the same place.

Wednesday night a young lady, Miss Clyde, was chased several squares by four negroes. She sought safety in a residence nearby.

In the court of Squire J. T. Lewis yesterday morning were several cases of interest. First of all was Millburn Crouch, white man charged with shooting the dog of Z. C. Patisia. He was fined \$5 and costs. An appeal will be taken. Charles Marshall (colored) for breaking into a car of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad was given thirty days in jail. On the charge of assaulting Ella Clesken, John Martin was discharged.

William Booker and Ed. Coleman two negro men, were tried in the County Court yesterday and sent to the penitentiary for three years each. They plead guilty to the charge of stealing brasses from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road.

MUSTN'T ATTEND ST. JOSEPH'S

Confessions of White Persons Must Not Be Heard at St. Joseph's.

Bishop Van de Vyver, of the Diocese of Virginia, has taken steps to discourage the attendance upon St. Joseph's Church by white Catholics of the city. He has left orders that no confessions are to be heard at St. Joseph's to white people.

St. Joseph's Church is a mission for the colored people of the city, and is directly controlled by the Josephite Order, of which Father Fahey, of Baltimore, is the head. It is located on North Third Street, and is an exceptionally attractive house of worship. Until very recently it has been a common thing to see a large number of white people in the congregation at the Sunday services and on other occasions, particularly at confession. The church is conveniently located, and members of other parishes would frequently go there, occupying seats apart from the colored people.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Important Plans on Foot with Reference to the Woman's College.

The Board of Trustees of the Woman's College will meet next Thursday to give further consideration to the question of moving the institution to another site. It is reported that important matters will develop, though just along what lines cannot be learned.

When seen a day or two ago, Dr. James Nelson, president of the college, admitted that a big movement is on foot, but would not go into details. He was willing to state, however, that the plan is to spend at least \$150,000 on the new college at the outset. Further, he said that before the new school was finally gotten into shape at least \$500,000 would have been disposed of. The building will be erected on a large scale and will be designed to accommodate 500 girls. The site will be found in the West-End, probably on the property of Richmond College. It is reported that the committee from the Woman's College has already approached Richmond College on the matter.

Examination in Y. M. C. A. Night School.

The final examinations in the Evening College of the Young Men's Christian Association will begin to-night and will proceed during the coming week according to the following schedule:

Senior-Arithmetic, elementary, Monday, April 21st; English, immediate, Tuesday, April 22d; English grammar, Friday, April 25th; book-keeping, Thursday, April 24th; electricity, Thursday, April 24th; mandolin and guitar, Saturday, April 19th; mechanical drawing, Tuesday, April 22d; penmanship and correspondence, Friday, April 25th; Stenography, Wednesday, April 24th; telegraphy, Friday, April 25th.

Junior-Arithmetic, Monday, April 21st; business, Friday, April 25th; penmanship, Thursday, April 24th; spelling, Tuesday, April 22d; stenography, Friday, April 25th.

Upon these examinations will be based the awarding of distinctions and merits at the commencement, which will be held about the middle of May. Every student should take them and be in his place promptly. The schools have had a very successful season.

Dr. Witherspoon Leaves.

Rev. Dr. Jere Witherspoon left yesterday for Norfolk and Newport News.

To-morrow he will occupy the pulpit of Rev. T. E. Wellford, at Newport News, and return home on Monday.

"I am not Well enough to Work."



To Women who Work. From Women Cured by Mrs. Pinkham. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. \$5000 REWARD

LADY TAKES LAUDANUM. A Jeweler Mysteriously Disappears and His Wife Dies. RURAL RETREAT, VA., April 18. Miss Cora Jones, a popular young lady of this town, aged about twenty-five years, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by taking six ounces of laudanum.

WOMAN'S BOARD; ANNUAL MEETING

First Day's Services at Centenary Methodist Church Yesterday.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church met yesterday at Centenary Methodist Church in annual session. The attendance was fairly large for the opening, but is expected to be increased by fresh arrivals to-day. The first day's session was given over chiefly to the opening exercises.

Miss Bennett, the president, led the opening services, reading Ps. XV. and John 18:1. She encouraged the body to believe that we can do the work of the Lord without stumbling, if they have the presence and the power of the holy spirit, directing the thought to the wonderful promises contained in 1st, 15th, 16th chapters of John.

After prayer by Dr. Tudor, Miss Bennett declared the body ready for business. All the general officers are present, and Mrs. Yarbrough, superintendent of supplies.

All the conferences are not yet represented, but quite a number of visitors are present.

Dr. Tudor, presiding elder of Richmond District, delivered the first address of welcome, recalling important historical data and the many points of interest in the city, giving the special characteristics of the Methodist churches. He touched beautifully upon the work of the Home Mission Society in building homes for the preachers, cheering the poor, lifting the lowly.

Mrs. Maybree brought greetings from the Home Mission Auxiliaries in the city. Beautiful thoughts, eloquently expressed, in a quiet, but inspiring, manner, increased the home feeling already borne in the hearts of the visitors.

Mrs. Young also assured the body of kindly welcome, saying Virginia was glad to entertain the board within its borders.

Mrs. Robert Somerville, from Mississippi, responded for the body in a short, pointed address.

The review of the work by Miss Bennett was encouraging—the best work ever done by the society. Her talk was suggestive pleading for loving patience with those who differed in opinions, and outlining plans for the future.

The general treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, of Nashville, Tenn., made her report, showing an increase of more than \$2,000 in dues, a very gratifying growth in all departments.

Mrs. MacDowell, general secretary, gave the callent points of her report. The full printed report was distributed among the members of the board.

Standing committees were announced by the secretary.

A telegram from Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, president of the Home Mission Society of M. E. C., now in session in Cincinnati, brought greetings from that body.

Resolutions of sympathy for Centenary Church, so recently bereaved of its Sunday-school superintendent, for the family, relatives and friends, were read and approved. The closing devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Helm, editor of "Our Homes."

The society was entertained at lunch in the Sunday-School room of Centenary Church.

This afternoon was given to committee meetings. Last night there was a public opinion lecture at Broad-Street Methodist Church.

The programme for to-day and to-morrow is as follows:

To-day: 8:45 A. M.—Scripture lesson and prayer, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Little Rock, Ark.

9:40 A. M.—Reports of superintendents and editors.

12 M.—Prayer and Bible reading, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Louisville, Tex.

1:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

2:40 P. M.—Committee meetings.

Sunday: 11:00 A. M.—Sermon, Bishop J. C. Cranberry.

8:00 P. M.—Devotional exercises.

Address: "The Factory Problem of the South," Dr. J. A. Baldwin, Covington, N. C.

EXPRESS AGENTS' STRIKE.

Causing Great Deal of Inconvenience to the Public.

The strike of the express agents at a number of stations along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway has resulted in the closing of the offices and consequent inconvenience to its patrons. The agents refused to work for the amount allowed them by the company, and the company ordered the offices closed, and refuses packages destined for such points.

The agents are also the telegraph operators of the Chesapeake and Ohio, but there has been no trouble between them and the railway company. They simply declined to represent the express company at the remuneration given. The company claims that it cannot afford to pay more, as the business done does not justify it.

The matter has grown to be a serious one to Richmond merchants and the Chamber of Commerce has been requested to take it up.

Mr. W. D. Huddleston, superintendent for this division, was out of the city and there was no one at the express company's office in this city to give an authoritative statement as to what the outcome will be. The offices are simply closed and matter for them is declined. There are upwards of thirty offices affected, and the strike is causing a deal of inconvenience to shippers and consumers.

It is thought that the strike is under the management of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, as the men who have gone out are members of this organization, and of no other of the kind, so far as is known.

The public is the sufferer and is anxious for an early settlement of the differences.

PARENTS GAVE CONSENT.

Mr. Montgomery and Miss Pond Were Determined to Marry.

Mr. Ira G. Montgomery and Miss Mattie A. Pond were married by Rev. R. B. Peedies, of Hasker-Memorial Church at 8 o'clock Monday, the 14th. They were so engaged on the way to Washington, but preparing to leave Easter Monday, but were caught on the way to Washington. Mr. Montgomery had been visiting Miss Pond for about two years. She is eighteen and he is twenty years of age. He is a valuable employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio shops, and she is a very beautiful girl. They were determined to wed, so their parents acted as arbitrators and fixed the date. They were married at the bride's residence, No. 2514 O Street.

They will reside with the groom's stepfather, Captain W. A. Cole, North Twenty-third Street.

The Feast of Passover.

The Feast of the Passover will begin next Monday and continue eight days. This is one of the most important festivals of the Jewish Church, and commemorates the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. The service will begin Monday evening in the synagogue, and will be conducted by Rabbi E. N. Calisch.