

BEATS THE MACHINE.

GAINESS IS RECOGNIZED BY THE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The result of the fight—Mary Disasters—In Search of a Fugitive—General Peterburg News Notes.

It is understood that the recognition of the State Republican Executive Committee as the Republican nominee for Congress in the Fourth district, having, as furthered recognized, received the proper and legal nomination of the district convention. Evidence of this fact Mr. Gaines is said to have in his possession. It is not known that the Executive Committee has ever held any meeting, and the production is that all proceedings have been conducted by correspondence. This is the more probable because Senator Mahone and Congressman Brady, two of the three members of the committee, are said not to be on speaking terms. The official recognition of Mr. Gaines's candidacy having been given, the Republicans of the district will be asked to vote for him, or rather he will be recommended by their suffrages. But that may decline to vote for him is a pretty well established fact.

If the Democratic Convention nominates a liberal man and one who is popular with the people, he will receive many Republican votes, unless opinion should be very much changed before that time. It cannot be foretold what will be the action of the Knights of Labor Convention, which adjourned over until the 4th of October. Many members of that order are opposed to any nomination for Congress or to any active part being taken in district politics. The action of the Republican Executive Committee in recognizing Mr. Gaines confirms the statement heretofore made in this correspondence that another District Convention would not be called, because they could not afford to give official endorsement to the bolting element or the split in the party. The recognition or rejection of Mr. Gaines was practically brought before the committee by the request of the bolters to call a convention. A Dodge has been circulated to-day calling for a mass-meeting of Republicans on Friday night to endorse Mr. Gaines. The source from which it emanates is confirmation of the recognition of Mr. Gaines by the Executive Committee and of his triumph over what has been termed "the machine."

Detective Wilkerson, of Richmond, is here to-day with the object, it is understood, of intercepting and arresting some person from your city, said to be a fugitive from justice. The name of the person in question, or the nature of his offense, is not stated. The trains and avenues of travel are watched. Uniforms conforming with the State regulations were last night distributed to the members of the Petersburg Grays. Mrs. George Weber, residing on Halifax street, fell from the porch of her residence yesterday, and sustained a double fracture of the bones of one of her legs. The Government engineers having charge of the Appomattox-river improvement are arranging to make a survey of the river from the harbor down to Point of Rocks, where deep water begins. ROBIN ADAIR.

DANVILLE. The Mystery Cleared Up: The Old Man's Remains Found—The New Accusation. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) SEPTEMBER 14, 1886. The remains of C. P. Meddough were found on Sunday in the ruins of Heidelberg's factory, and there is now no longer any doubt as to his having perished in the flames. The bones were burned well nigh to powder, but the rim of a pocket-book, an old knife, spectacles, and two nickels were found intact.

Work on the new Academy of Music building began yesterday, and the building is to be completed by December 1st. The stock of the company is held by a number of citizens, and not the richest of our citizens by any means. It is essentially a Danville enterprise. The contractors are Danville men, and take \$1,500 in stock in part payment.

In this connection I have received from Mr. M. J. Dimmock, a letter, in which he says, "I am an inventor in stating that the plans for the building were drawn by Messrs. Dimmock and W. J. Black. The fact is that both Messrs. Dimmock and Black submitted plans to the stockholders, and no part of Mr. Black's plans was used in the last plans submitted. He says he is not associated with Mr. Black, and wants the entire credit or censure for the building. I do not pretend to say that Mr. Dimmock used any part of Mr. Black's plans, but I am a humble stockholder myself, and I know that it was understood that the best features of both plans were to be embodied into one, and I mentioned Mr. Black's name because I thought he was justly entitled to some recognition under the circumstances. ELIA.

BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS. An Entertainment in Aid of Charities, Twenty-five Dollars Raised. BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, September 11, 1886. To the Editor of the Dispatch: On Thursday night, September 9th, a series of recitations and tableaux was given in the ball-room for the benefit of the Charleston sufferers, and too lavish praise cannot be bestowed on those who originated and formulated this charity. To Mr. Phil. Brown is due the credit of forming the apocryphal room in a temporary structure, and the stage and its setting were as effective as if from the hand of a master craftsman in the scenic line. To the ladies at last, however, as usual, should be given the warmest thanks. Those who designed and arranged the affair were: Mrs. Charles Pickett, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. W. A. Cardozo and Mrs. John Lotter, of Richmond; Mrs. Betts, of Alabama; and Miss Nellie Lotter, Sophie Pickett, and Blanche Haines. The amount gathered in will show that their efforts were amply rewarded, since it reached the sum of seventy-five dollars, which has been forwarded to Charleston. The Rev. Dr. Wharton, of Norfolk, and Mr. Ernest Stiles, of Norfolk, gave the scene between Brutus and Cassius with wonderful effect. Mr. Phil. Brown, in his usual felicitous manner, recited "The Tramp." A sketch, representing Rubenstein's chess-playing, by Miss Mamie Foster, Georgia, was warmly received and

applauded. Little Master Leonard Norton, of Memphis, Tenn., showed a remarkable brilliancy in his rendition of "Loughlin's Legend." Beautiful! The tableaux, each and every one, were gems, and around the beauty and enthusiasm of the large audience, and it hardly need be said that the hearty and good will of the participants or the ideas and grouping outlined by the lady managers deserve most commendation. Where so many were so charming. There was no more of the usual "blue-ridge" and "looked-at-and-blue-ridge" Springs, with its changing company, should wish undying praise for being the first place of public resort to respond to the "cry from Macedonia." ORAN.

BORFOLK NAVY-YARD. The Work Going On There—Designation of Captain King and Appointment of Mr. King—Other Matters. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) NORFOLK, September 14, 1886. Naval-Constructor Much arrived from Washington to-day, and with Constructor Boush and Captain George O. Jemey and the foremen of the various departments of the navy-yard, are now engaged in holding a survey on the United States steamer Trenton to determine the character and amount of repairs necessary to fit her for another cruise. The survey on the training-ship Jamestown was forwarded to Washington yesterday, and there in talk of her being condemned and put into the service of the navy-yard, and the repairs to a vessel exceed 20 per cent. of her value she goes out of the service, and is laid up in "Rotten Row." In old times, at the yard, the keel only could be retained in repairing a vessel, and the ship was actually rebuilt under the head of repairs. Next winter an effort will be made to build the new training-ship. Some of the jurors for the fall term of the United States Circuit Court arrived to-day. The remainder will be here in the morning. Judge Hughes is expected to return to the city this evening, and Judge Bond to-morrow. District-Attorney Gibson and Assistant James Lyons will arrive this evening. Judge Crump is here, and Hon. John R. Tucker, with other attorneys, will be here to-morrow. Cases will arrive on the evening trains. There is talk of an effort being made to get a change of venue in the bank cases. Over fifty persons have been converted at a revival in progress at the Baptist church at Deep Creek—Rev. A. J. Speight, pastor—in Norfolk county, thirty-odd of whom were baptized in the river on Sunday. The Democratic delegates all go down to Hampton to the convention to-morrow on tugs, and outsiders by regular steamer.

Captain J. Barry King has resigned as chief clerk of the Yards and Docks Department in the navy-yard, and Mr. Ellis A. Butt has been appointed to the vacancy. Mr. John C. Woodley has been appointed store-keeper of the yards and docks. The salaries are \$1,400 and \$1,200. Captain King prefers cotton-woolging. The ministers and delegates from this section all left to-night for the Portsmouth Baptist Association, which meets at Hebron church, Southampton county, to-day. A centennial celebration and dedication of a new church are features of the meeting, and all the pastors now living who have served Hebron church are expected to be present.

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