RAIN BADLY NEEDED

CORN AND COTTON CROPS IN THE NORFOLK SECTION SUFFERING.

An Athletic Contest to Come Off at Virginia Beach—Ordination and Installation—Norfolk County Alliance.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, July 7.—In the grain-growing section of lower Norfolk county and the bordering Carolina counties rain is badly needed for the corn crop, and over the border for the cotton-fields. The farmers received hardly any of the drenching rains that fell here last Saturday morning.

Mr. George W. Wright has been elected chief engineer of the Norfolk Water-Works. He is a son of the late chief, and was employed for many years in the navy-yard as a draughtsman.

SPORTING CONTEST.

There will be an athletic contest of a high order at Ocean View on Thursday, and many entries from distant sections of the State. A handsome gold medal goes to the winner of a majority of the events. Last year the gold medal was awarded an athlete from the garrison at Fort Monroe. The events consist of running, all sorts of jumping, throwing, putting the shot, throwing the hammer, etc., the whole to conclude with a hurdle race, making quite a field-day in the sporting line.

DECLINES TO ACCEPT.

Rev. Dr. Owen has formally notified his congregation that he declines the acceptance of the presidency of Jeter College. The Doctor is very popular with his people and the announcement was very gratifying to the Court-Street church.

The ordination and installation of Rev. C. S. Blackwell as pastor of the Third Baptist church will take place next Sunday at 4 P. M. At the meeting of the Baptist presbytery yesterday, Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton presiding, Mr. Blackwell passed a highly satisfactory examination.

Rev. E. C. Burr, formerly of Berkley but now rector of a flourishing church in Apalachicola, Fla., left for the South this morning, having been here for a month.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Rev. Beverdy Estill, formerly rector of Trinity church, Portsmouth, and a native of West Virginia, has just received the degree of Doctor in Divinity from Wooster University. The Doctor now has a church in Kentucky.

Mrs. General George E. Pickett is sojourning with relatives in Nansemond county.

Rev. George E. Truitt has gone to Suffolk to assist Rev. Mr. Bagby in a protracted meeting at the Baptist church in that town.

The colored barn-burner now in jail, William Ward, is only sixteen years of age.

VARIOUS NOTES.

The Norfolk County Farmers' Alliance met at Providence Church to-day. It is said that several important matters will be discussed before the Alliance, among them the road laws of Norfolk county.

A number of delegates of the Association for the Promotion of Higher Education passed through Norfolk to-day for Virginia Beach, where the session is held, commencing to-day.

A considerable contingent of Young Men's Christian Association people from Winchester and the Valley arrived here to-day on the Washington steamer en route to the State encampment at Hampton.

DINWIDDIE'S ONLY TWO PRISONERS.

An Old Negro Woman and Man Break Jail and Escape—Return of the Mayor.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., July 7.—The only two prisoners confined in the jail of Dinwiddie county broke out of that building and made their escape on Sunday evening. Their names are Phebe Jackson, an aged colored woman, charged with chicken-stealing, and a negro man, George Crowder, who had almost served out a sentence of six months. The jail guard was absent at the time, and the prisoners effected their escape about sundown without discovery. It is said that the woman occupied an upper cell immediately over that in which the man was confined, and that communication between the two was by means of a trap-door in the floor. This door was removed by the woman when the man was free to come up. It was he who broke the window and enabled the two to make their escape. At last accounts the fugitives had not been captured, though there is no doubt that they will be caught.

COMPLIMENT TO THE MAYOR.

Mayor Charles F. Collier and bride returned home last evening after spending two weeks at Old Point. When the Mayor took his seat in court this morning he found upon his desk a magnificent bouquet of flowers, a present from Justice John A. Mallory, who has been holding court during the Mayor's absence. The compliment was duly appreciated.

CRITICAL ILLNESS OF A PHYSICIAN.

Dr. E. A. Drewry, a prominent physician and citizen of Southampton county, and widely known and connected throughout this section, is critically ill at his residence near Drewrysville, and it is feared there is little hope of his recovery. His immediate relatives in this city were summoned to his bedside. During the administration of Governor Cameron Dr. Drewry was the physician to the penitentiary. He has held numerous offices of trust in his county.

WALTHALL—LOVELAND.

Mr. E. R. Walthall, of Brunswick county, and Miss Sophia A. Loveland, of Mecklenburg, were married at Belfield yesterday, Rev. E. R. Blanks officiating.

A freight train on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad was derailed near Chester to-day, causing some delay and some delay in the passage of trains.

The councils of the Royal Arcanum in this city have paid out the large sum of $109,000 in death benefits since their organization.

Professor A. K. Davis, of this city, left to-day to attend the session of the Educational Convention at Virginia Beach, of which body he is the secretary.

THE FOURTH IN GORDONSVILLE.

How a German Celebrated—The Factories and the Land Company—Crops of all Sorts.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

GORDONSVILLE, July 5.—The glorious Fourth dawned brightly upon those who were on tiptoe to observe publicly the day of all days to the American people. There were no public demonstrations in our village. Since the rougher element have betaken themselves to other places Gordonsville has rested quietly and serenely for awhile. The colored population were out *en masse* to celebrate our legal holiday. No objectionable disturbances were noticed in their conduct, although a great number of them were too taking conduct to celebrate the Fourth. An old German said that he would certainly have to do something to show his appreciation, so he got on the train and went to Keswick and back just because it was the Fourth.

Some of the citizens of this vicinity who are arduous followers of Izaak Walton left Gordonsville for a seine-hauling at Mallory's Ford, in Nigger run. They went Friday evening to return Saturday. They reported a scarcity of fish.

IMPATIENCE AND ANXIETY.

The disturbances between the stockholders and the Gordon Land Company has been a great source of regret to the people, as Gordonsville has as flattering prospects for a successful boom as any other town. The result of the investigation is looked forward to with impatient anxiety to many and with self-satisfaction to others. If the two factions could be reconciled ultimate good would arise. Impatience of success is derogatory. Rome was not built in a day.

FARM NOTES.

The harvesting of grain has about been completed. Little wheat was sown in this section on account of the poor yield formerly realized. Winter oats are more extensively cultivated, as they have been giving a better return.

Farmers are in the midst of their hay-making, which will be a very profitable industry this year.

There will be a full crop of grapes if the rot does not prove destructive later. Owing to the present dry season they have suffered but little from the rot yet.

Mr. Willie C. Baker, who has been at home the past week on a visit to his family, returned to Newport News to-day.

PROBABLE DELIBERATE MURDER.

An Infant Beaten to Death—Arrest of the Stepfather—An Autopsy to Be Held.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SALEM, July 6.—Sunday about noon Constable Northcross, of Montgomery county, brought to Roanoke county jail John Dunford, a tenant farmer of Rent Mountain, near Big Spring, under the charge of having caused the death on July 2d of Etta Griggs, aged fifteen months, by feloniously beating, whipping, and abusing the child so that she died. Dunford is a middle-aged man, cross-eyed, has sandy hair, and about seven months ago married a young woman named Ellen Griggs, who then had an illegitimate baby.

CRUEL TREATMENT.

From the testimony of neighbors it appears that he constantly maltreated the infant, striking it recently with a horse-whip so severely as to nearly brain it, and from the effects of which it he claimed it died last Thursday. Friday a coroner's jury was empanelled by Acting-Coroner A. J. Deyerle, at the house of Flinn Maxey, in Montgomery county, near the Roanoke county line, who rendered a verdict in accordance with the evidence, and Dunford was then arrested and lodged in this jail.

SENT ON.

This morning, by the advice of his counsel, Mr. R. W. Kime, he waived an examination, and Justice J. H. Camper sent him on to the grand jury for indictment.

To-morrow (Tuesday) morning Commonwealth's-Attorney Ballard will take a physician to the place where the baby's body is buried, will have the body exhumed, and have a thorough *post mortem* made, which the Acting Coroner neglected to do.

A GOOD ORGANIZATION.

Election of Officers by the Young People's Prayer Union—Personal Gossip.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, July 7.—The Young People's Prayer-Meeting Union, an organization in the Baptist church which has accomplished much good since its inception some years ago, at its last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: William J. Fife, president; W. E. Gwaltkin, vice-president; T. G. Porte, second vice-president; A. C. Harlow, treasurer; W. S. Beazley, secretary; H. L. Munday, chorister; C. A. Lambert, assistant chorister; R. W. Covington, organist; Miss Susie A. Flannagan, assistant organist; Roy K. Flannagan and Rev. J. B. Turpin, readers of slips.

PERSONAL NEWS.

Miss Dora Thurman, who spent last week with Miss Lizzie Sinclair, has returned to her home.

Mr. W. B. Sinclair has gone to Charleston, W. Va., where he will spend the summer.

Mr. W. H. Alexander has left the city for his home in Decatur, Texas. He expects to return in time to attend the next session of the University.

Mr. L. Napoleon Levy, of New York, who has been visiting his brother, Mr. Jefferson Levy, at Monticello, left for his home this morning.

Miss Lena Hinion, of Petersburg, is visiting at "Belmont," the residence of Mr. W. J. Ficklin.

TWO NOTED GOOCHLAND MEN DEAD.

An Ex-Delegate and Ex-Treasurer Gone—Candidates—Alliance Matters.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

GOOCHLAND COURTHOUSE, July 7.—Mr. John H. Vanmater, aged about forty years, and member of the House of Delegates from Goochland, died at his residence in this county on Sunday the 5th instant. He had sustained painful injuries some years ago in a railroad accident, and being engaged in the harvesting of his wheat crop last week, it is thought that extraordinary physical exertion and exposure to the heat of the sun ruptured a blood-vessel and caused internal hemorrhage. Mr. Vanmater came to this county from New Jersey about ten years ago and purchased a farm on James river, where he resided at the time of his death. His happy, genial disposition soon won him a host of warm friends. In 1889 he received the nomination of his party (Republican) for the House of Delegates and was elected over a popular Democratic competitor. His untimely taking off is deeply lamented by all who knew him.

ANOTHER PASSES AWAY.

R. L. Brooking (known among his friends as "Dayton"), for many years deputy treasurer of this county, and recently deputy sheriff, died at his home near Cardwell on the 28th of June last after a protracted illness. Mr. Brooking had been in declining health more than a year, and for a few months previous to his death was at St. Luke's, in Richmond, under Dr. McGuire, but disease had made such rapid inroad on his system that even that world-renowned physician could only prolong his life a short time. Mr. Brooking was one of the best-known citizens of this county and had held many positions of trust confided to him by its citizens. His warm heart and kindly feelings manifested towards all with whom he came in contact endeared him to his friends, of whom he numbered many in your city and elsewhere in this State.

POLITICAL STRAWS.

Apropos to the discussion concerning the candidates for 1892, now agitating the public mind and press, I interviewed a number of the members of the County Alliance that met at this place on Friday last, with the following result: Two were for Cleveland, two for Campbell, of Ohio; one for David B. Hill, and five did not think it would be wise to nominate Cleveland, but had not made up their mind as to who should be the nominee.

ALLIANCE AFFAIRS.

The Alliance order is growing rapidly in the county, and a greater impetus will be given to it by the State lecturer, Robert Saunders, who will be with us at Goochland Courthouse on the 25th instant in the interest of the Alliance. On that date the members will have a picnic at the Courthouse, and speeches will be made by Lecturer Saunders and others prominent in the order.

Mr. F. M. Parrish, of Harlemville, returned on Sunday from Chesterfield county, where he proclaimed good Alliance doctrine to the people on Saturday night. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with his trip.

THE CROPS.

The wheat crop has been harvested and farmers are beginning to thresh. The yield will be very light, as the wheat throughout this section is imperfectly filled. A large crop of tobacco was planted during the favorable season in the early part of June, and the crop is making fine progress. Corn is late and suffering in many places from dry weather, and unless a rain comes very shortly both the corn and tobacco will be seriously injured.

The colored people own in this county 9,369 acres of land, valued at $57,233.99.

THE Y. M. C. A. ENCAMPMENT.

Members Flocking Into Hampton—Another Teachers' Institute—Personal.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

HAMPTON, VA., July 7.—Quite a number of Young Men's Christian Association men have arrived for the encampment, and every incoming train and boat adds to the number. Some of them are accompanied by their families. Lynchburg is here in goodly numbers, and is followed by Winchester. Captain T. C. Morton is Staunton's sole representative so far, as is Secretary Candlish, of Richmond. Berryville has a representation. It is supposed by to-morrow noon the number will be greatly increased. They are fed at Barnes's Hotel and lodged in the court-house and Greble Hall.

The first religious services will be held in the Baptist church to-night at 8 o'clock.

MORE TEACHERS IN SESSION.

The teachers' institute also commences to-morrow, to last a month, and quite a number of teachers have arrived, the large majority of them being ladies. Many of them from appearances seem to have just graduated from school and have very little the appearance of the worried, hard-worked teacher.

The delegates to the Methodist District Conference from this church left for Salisbury, Md., to-day.

HAINES QUITE COMFORTABLE.

Young Haines, confined in jail awaiting trial for the killing of Hanagan, bears the confinement well and seems very cheerful; spends most of his time in reading novels, with which he is well supplied, and has his meals sent from the hotel. Sheriff Curtis has stopped visitors to the jail unless he has an order from the Judge, and he will not allow any talking through the windows.

Mr. F. Cunningham, who has been sick, is out again.

CHARLOTTE AND PRINCE EDWARD.

Remarkable Changes in the Population—Condition of the Crops—Progress.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NEWS FERRY, VA., July 6.—I have just returned from a trip through Charlotte and Prince Edward. It has been thirty-five years since I visited the same counties, and I was struck with the changes which had taken place. Nearly all of the old families have disappeared and a new set taken their places—mostly composed of immigrants from the North and West. A large portion of the attle-bodied negroes have left. There is a decrease in population since 1880 of more than 1,000. White people are doing the manual labor.

A NEW FEATURE.

I was struck with one new feature—namely, ladies behind the counters selling goods and their husbands in the fields. The crop, especially tobacco, was well worked, and had started off finely.

Farmville is evidently on a boom. I noted several elegant new stores and others in process of construction. The music of the saw and the hammer could be heard on every side.

There was a sale of lots on the 3d of July, and everybody seemed in high spirits.

The Lithia Springs have been beautifully fixed up, and crowds enjoy drives out there in the evening. I was told that the water was being sold in large quantities.

THE SHOOTING ACCIDENTAL.

One Boy Dead, the Other Discharged from Custody—An Octogenarian Dead.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., July 7.—Henry Hamner, the colored boy who was shot by another negro named Tom Flood, died last night. The verdict of the coroner's jury to-day was that the shooting was accidental and Flood was discharged.

BOND REDUCED.

Judge Diggs in the Corporation Court to-day reduced the bail bond of J. T. Boyd from $8,000 to $2,500. It is thought Boyd can give this latter bond. His case will be called again in October.

DEATH OF MR. T. HURT.

Tompkins Hurt, one of the best known and most esteemed citizens of the Hot Creek neighborhood, Campbell county, died Saturday; aged eighty-three years.

OPENING OF THE U. S. COURT.

How to Create a Fund for the Support of a County Police Force.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, July 7.—Judge Hughes opened the United States Court here to-day and called the grand and petit juries.

The county authorities will make application at the next session of the General Assembly for a special law authorizing Alexandria county to retain at least one half the fines imposed for violations of the law in that county. It is designed in this way to create a fund to support a police force that will suppress gambling. The gamblers from Washington have come across the river and established houses in Alexandria county, and the county has no money to pay policemen in order to enforce the law of the State.

SUDDEN DEATH.

A Richmond Man Dies from Apoplexy While Out Walking.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

FINCASTLE, VA., July 6.—Hugh Smith, a well-known citizen of Richmond, died suddenly here this afternoon. He came to Fincastle last Thursday for the benefit of his health, and was stopping at the Hayth Hotel. This afternoon he took a walk down town near the Ammen woollen-factory, and was seen to sit down on the bank of the race. In a short time some one observed that he was lying down, and on going to him found that he was dead. Dr. Doggett was called and pronounced his death due to apoplexy.

A SPARK FROM A MAN'S PIPE

Causes a Destructive Conflagration in Albemarle County.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., July 7.—The fine stable and granary attached to (Mt. Repose) the farm of Mr. Frank P. Parish, about eight miles from this place, together with a large quantity of hay, oats, corn, and all the farm wagons, harness, and farming implements, were totally destroyed by fire this morning about 6 o'clock. The loss is between $5,000 and $4,000. No insurance. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a spark from the pipe of one of the laborers.

The Steamer and Wharf-Owners Responsible.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 7.—Miss Dove's body has been recovered, and the coroner's verdict to-night is that she was drowned by the criminal negligence of the steamer and wharf-owners in not providing proper guards at the steamboat landing.

An Ideal Summer Hotel in New York.

The new palace-like Plaza Hotel, Fifth avenue and Fifty-Ninth street, overlooking Central Park with its walks, lakes, and drives, its green foliage and breezes laden with the perfumes of the grass and flowers, is the superior of all summer-resort hotels, for it is in the city where its table receives the best of all the greatest markets in the world can command. Persons seeking an unparalelled hotel for the spring and summer cannot make a better selection than the Plaza Hotel.

LYNCHERS FOILED.

A MOB ATTEMPTS TO HANG JOHN DAVIS AT HICKSFORD.

They Succeed in Entering the Jail, But Are Dissuaded by Law-Abiding Citizens—Terror of the Murderer.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

BELFIELD, VA., July 7.—Late yesterday evening an inquest was held over the body of Washington Ridley, who was so brutally murdered by John Davis. Everything seemed to be quiet, and nothing was thought by the officers who placed Davis in jail that any attempt would be made to lynch the man, but about 2 o'clock P. M. quite a crowd gathered, and with crowbars, chisels, and other implements they made their way through the outer and inner doors of the jail, which admitted them to a passage. Then the work again commenced to open the inner doors.

"MURDER! MURDER!!"

Loud were the cries of Davis as he heard the outside crowd battering at the last frail door that shielded him from the avenging mob. "Murder! murder!" he cried. These pitiful cries reached the ears of some citizens, who, perhaps, acted wisely and came to the rescue of the doomed man, and by their interference the mob was dispersed leaving their rope and other implements, with which they intended carrying out their purpose.

INTENSE FEELING.

The feeling against Davis is very strong and unless he is removed or a strong guard placed around the jail no one can tell what may happen.

Last night Mr. Charles E. Hamilton, elocutionist and humorist, gave a most pleasing entertainment in the Baptist church. He was much complimented.

AN AGED COUPLE WED.

Belfield was the scene of another incident of interest to-day. Mr. Jefferson Waithall, of Brunswick county, aged seventy-two, and Mrs. Loveland, of the same locality, aged sixty-five, agreed they would marry and take a trip to Niagara and other places of interest. Being of age and not desiring to run away from their parents they concluded to come to Belfield and be married in the Coast-Line depot here. But friends, being apprised of their intentions, kindly invited them to the residence of Mrs. B. H. Wilson. This lady did all she could to add to the enjoyment of the party. Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen, all strangers, came over to witness the ceremony, which was performed by a minister of the Methodist Church unknown to your correspondent. All passed off pleasantly and the happy couple left with the blessings of the parson and the merry congratulations of the younger people.

THE "THORNTON PICKET" CAMP

Organized at Farmville—A Full Complement of Officers Elected.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

FARMVILLE, VA., July 7.—A Confederate camp was organized in this place yesterday evening with a membership of thirty-four. It was given the name of Thornton Pickett. The following is the list of officers, the entire number having served throughout the war with soldierly gallantry and dauntless bravery: Commander, S. W. Paulett; First Lieutenant Commander, J. P. Fitzgerald; Second Lieutenant Commander, R. M. Burton; Third Lieutenant Commander, J. A. Blanton; Adjutant, R. M. Cox; Quartermaster, R. M. Bidgood; Surgeon, Peter Winston; Chaplain, C. C. Bass; Treasurer, O. T. Wicker; Sergeant-Major, R. D. Miller; Officer of the Day, A. W. Drumeller; Vidette, J. R. Cunningham; Color Sergeant, J. A. Scott; First Color Guard, P. H. C. Elee; Second Color Guard, L. J. Verser. Executive Committee—Colonel R. A. Booker, Colonel C. M. Walker, C. R. Morton, and J. E. Walton. Commander Paulett informed the Dispatch correspondent that the membership-roll could be easily enlarged to from 150 to 200, which would be immediately done.

PERSONAL.

Judge J. M. Crute and Mr. H. E. Barrow are in attendance upon the District Conference of the Methodist Church at Blackstone.

Mr. Landon Hooper, of Bluefield, W. Va., spent several days here with his parents this week.

Miss Temple Dickinson, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Miss Edna Davis.

Mr. A. T. Davis, of Amelia county, has been in Farmville several days with his friends.

Rev. Dr. Bagby, of the Baptist church, is quite indisposed.

A brass band of twelve pieces has been organized here, and the amount of money required for the purchase of instruments raised.

The babies of Farmville are all well again, after a tedious spell of cholera-infantum.

MEETING OF THE HANOVER TROOP.

Only One Man Who Pawned His Clothes—He Will Be Court-Martialed.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

ASHLAND, July 7.—The Hanover Troop, according to order, assembled at Hanover Courthouse to-day at noon for inspection by Major W. L. Wickham. The company at roll-call numbered fifty-two, besides Captain P. H. Hall, Lieutenants Howard and Noland. Four members were ill at home and sent excuses. The object of the inspection was to set at rest the reports that have been current for several weeks about the pawning of the troop's uniforms.

ONLY ONE GUILTY.

The facts developed to-day were to the effect that one man, C. B. Jeter, of lower Hanover, had pawned his clothes, and he will at once be court-martialed. There was considerable indignation expressed by the members of the company at his action, and also at the reports that have been published in the Richmond papers.

The assembly to-day was one of the best that has taken place since the troop was organized, and the enthusiasm was very marked.

THE MAYOR RESIGNS.

Major W. A. Shepard, the mayor of Ashland for several terms, tendered his resignation to the Council at the meeting last night. His reason for declining to serve any longer was on account of his health. The resignation was accepted and J. W. Taylor, Esq., was chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. George R. Nixon was elected a member of the Council *vice* Shepard.

FOUR SUITS FOR DAMAGES ALREADY

Aggregating $40,000 Against the Kanawha & Michigan R. R. Co.

[Special telegram tot he Dispatch.]

CHARLESTON, W. VA., June 7.—Four suits were instituted to-day against the Kanawha and Michigan Railway Company to recover damages resulting from the wreck of Saturday. John H. Rotter, who was appointed administrator of both Mr. and Mrs. Walter Welcher, who lost their lives, has sued for $10,000 in each case. John L. Stone, who was injured but will recover, has sued for $20,000. Maria L. Henson, another of the injured, has sued for $10,000. Ex-Governor E. W. Wilson appears as counsel for plaintiffs in all the cases.

A HEAVILY MORTGAGED ROAD.

There is a good deal of doubt about the plaintiffs recovering much in case they win their suits, as the road is already heavily mortgaged. The Criminal Court grand jury, which is in session to-day, will investigate the cause of the deaths. Some twenty or more witnesses have been summoned to appear before them, but the matter will not be taken up for several days.

LITTLE MISS HUFHAM INJURED.

The Scotland Neck Athletic Association—Meeting of the Tax-Listers.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., July 7.—Little Mary Huf ham, daughter of Rev. J. D. Huf ham, D. D., of this place, yesterday afternoon fell from a fence and painfully injured her collar-bone. Drs. McDowell and Christian were called in and proper attention was given her. She was resting well this morning.

A SPORTING CLUB.

Last night the young men of the town organized the Scotland Neck Athletic Association. The officers elected were: Claude Kitchen, president; Dr. C. C. Christian, recording secretary; John D. Perry, corresponding secretary, and E. K. Hassell, treasurer. Base-ball will be the chief amusement of the association for the present. They continue the association with that of the fire company organized more than a year ago. Thirty-three members joined, a number of whom were already members of the fire company. They say they expect to take the championship of the State, for they have the material to do it.

HIS SAD AFFLICTION.

Davis Newsome was this morning sent from this place to the County hospital near Halifax on account of insanity.

Yesterday the tax-listers for the county met at the Courthouse as a board of equalization for the purpose of reviewing the work of the assessors. There was some complaint about property in some quarters having been listed or valued too low, but in the main the returns of the listers were satisfactory.

DURHAM'S EXTENSIVE LAND SALE.

Spirited Bidding and Good Prices Realized—Serious Affray Among Boys.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

DURHAM, N. C., July 7.—The land sale so long talked of and advertised began to-day and will continue through to-morrow and next day. A barbecue was given on the grounds and while hundreds partook of the bountiful feast much was left untouched. The bidding was quite animated and fair prices were obtained for lots. Some brought $400, some $300, $350, $250, and so on down to $125. None were sold less than the last figure. Bidders were here from Goldsboro', Newberne, Henderson, Roxboro', and many other neighboring towns. The sale concluded about 4 P. M. to be resumed to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Those most interested are encouraged at the prices obtained.

A JUVENILE CUTTING SCRAPE.

A serious affray occurred last night between some juveniles of twelve years. Freddy Woodward, a son of George W. Woodward, had a difficulty with two boys named Evans, in which he was cut badly under the left eye, on the back, and in the palm of his right hand, and his coat was cut in eight places. His wounds, thought not to be fatal, were too serious for him to appear in court this morning. The Evans boys are in jail awaiting trial.

BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN WINSTON.

Base-Ball Contests and a Fire on the Fourth—Press Meeting in August.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WINSTON, July 6.—Considering the tight money market semi-annual settling day, big tobacco breaks, &c., the past week has not been a lazy one in Winston. Very near two hundred lots were sold by the real estate companies and agents. A number of visitors from Virginia and South Carolina were present.

Base-ball has raged with the heat. The Bristol boys have tried their hands on the "little Blues" and have failed, as every other club has that has tackled the home club this season.

The Fourth was observed as a holiday. In the late afternoon a fire broke out in the public square in a general store of Mr. Levi, and it was gutted. The insurance was $6,000—quite covering the damages.

PRESS MEETING.

The North Carolina State Press Association comes here August 11th *et seq* for its annual session, and the town has named committees through its Chamber of Commerce for a sure-enough reception.

By the new Sumter and Northern link, completed last week and scheduled for to-morrow, Charlestonians can breakfast at home and get their tea in Winston-Salem *via* the Cape Fear and Yadkin-Valley and R. and S. railroads.

WAITING FOR THE DEFICIENCY.

The Governor Will Begin Paying Anyhow—The Grand Sire No Worse.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., July 7.—Governor Holt to-day, after consultation, decided that he would wait only a few days longer for the check of $26,000 due the State as balance of direct taxes. If further delayed he will commence the issue of warrants paying the claims in full. Clerks are now busy arranging the applications already received. An agent of the State is in Washington looking after the deficiency, and a dispatch is looked for from him to-morrow.

WHAT IS UNDERSTOOD.

It is understood that the Railroad Commission will not assess any road for taxation until all the officials of the different corporations have had a full hearing. The assessment will then be made all together.

MORE RESTLESS

Grand-Sire Bushee is a little more restless than last night, but there is no change for the worse. It is considered that there is an improvement in the paralytic features of the case. The Grand Master of Odd-Fellows of the State is here in attendance on him.

THE LOVELIEST WOMAN.

In Mr. Labouchere's Opinion She Was the Countess of Castiglione.

[London Truth.]

Mr. G. A. Sala questions the dictum of *Truth* that the Countess of Castiglione was the loveliest woman of the century, and points to the Empress Josephine, Louisa Queen of Prussia, Pauline Borghese, Mme. Recamier, the Countess of Jersey, Miss Foote, Mme. Vestris, Mrs. Rousby, Mrs. Langtry, Miss Mary Anderson, the Duchess of Sutherland (the mother of the present Duke), Mrs. Norton, and Giulia Grisi as her rivals. The Empress Josephine was graceful, but was never regarded as beautiful. Louisa, Queen of Prussia, was not more than pretty, to judge by her portraits.

A good many of the other ladies I have gazed on, but not one of them could compare with the Countess Castiglione. She was (or rather she is, for she is still alive) the daughter of the Marquis Oldoini, and his wife, *nee* Lamborechia. When sixteen she married Count Castiglione, a Piedmontese, a very dressy gentleman, for I remember driving one night from Piza to Spezia with him, and we stopped three times on the way for him to change his raiment.

The Countess was always somewhat odd in her mode of life. At Turin she seldom went out, but used to lie on a sofa with her bare feet on a cushion when she received her friends. At Paris the Emperor Napoleon was supposed to be her slave. On one occasion she went to a fancy-dress ball with almost as little clothing on as St. Elizabeth, of Hungary, at the altar.

Many protested, on which to punish them she appeared attired as a nun in some tableaux at which she had promised to take part. The lady was quite conscious of her beauty, but she fancied that she was even more clever than beautiful, and aspired to play a political part, writing so many letters that her fingers were usually inky.

SHE TRIFLED WITH HIM.

A Coy Matron's Billet-Doux to a Vain Young Man.

If an observing man had stood at the corner of the alley on the west side of State street between Monroe and Madison streets last Saturday afternoon, says the Chicago *Times*, he would have noticed a plump and pretty little blonde woman with her arms full of bundles tripping southward.

If that person had noticed particularly he would have seen her throw a rougish glance at a good-looking young man who stood at the edge of the sidewalk, and at the same time extend one of her dainty gloved hands and drop a little piece of folded paper.

A close observer would have noticed that the young man standing at the edge of the sidewalk glanced furtively towards another man standing close by, who had watched the whole proceeding, and whose actions indicated that he was either a city detective or some one ready to punish any man who would attempt to flirt with a pretty woman on the public street.

If the close observer would have had the temerity to glance over the shoulder of the young man who had been the recipient of the beauty's smile, and who finally mustered sufficient courage to pick up the note, he would have read just what the young man read, which was as follows:

8 yds. cloth, double width.
6 yds. skirt lining.
2 yds. waist lining (silica).
1 yd. linen canvas.
1 spool silk.
1 braid.
1 thread.
(Over).
½ yd. velvet.
1 boldt whalebones.

And then it would have dawned upon both observer and observed that they had been trifled with.

SOME FUNNY DEMANDS.

Titles of Books Misquoted by Would-Be Purchasers.

There's a broadly humorous side to the book-trade, says the London *Tid-Bits*. The fun is generally furnished by the ridiculous mistakes people make in the names of books. A lady sent her maid one day for Annie Thomas's novel of "He Cometh Not, She Said," but the damsel asked for "He Cometh Not His Head."

The little boy of a prominent divine went to a shop to procure for his father a religious book called "The Hour Which Cometh," but he inquired for "The Hen Which Croweth."

At the time that Thomas Hardy's clever novel, "A Pair of Blue Eyes," was at the height of its popularity, a young assistant in a bookseller's, who was as new to the business as he was slow of comprehension, when a lady came in and said to him very eagerly and inquiringly, "Have you 'A Pair of Blue Eyes?'" blushingly stammered out: "No, miss; my eyes are black."

One day an errand boy brought up from the cellar a trap containing a large rat just as a well-known society belle, wishing to look at one of Anthony Trollope's most popular novels, said to the new assistant: "I want to see 'What Will He Do with It?'"

"Very well, Miss," was the reply; "if you will walk to the back part of the shop and look out of the window you will see him drown it."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

A Few Easy Conundrums to Test One's Extent of Information.

"General ignorance questions," as they are called, being now in favor with those who are intrusted with the duty of educating our boys, says the London *News*, the private schoolmaster has taken the trouble to suggest a string of appropriate tests of knowledge of familiar things.

The chief of these are: "Why does an apple fall to the ground?" "What is a jury and how are jurors elected?" "Explain as you can the action of the electric telegraph." "What keeps the earth in position?" "How would you spend a present of five pounds sterling in books?" "Why do most leaves turn color in autumn?" "What is the difference between tradition and history, art and science, parable and allegory, murder and homicide, simulation and dissimulation, bill and act?" "Name some of the chief English daily and weekly newspapers." "Name some of the planets that move round the sun." "Why does marble appear colder to the touch than wood?" "How many senses have we?"

The author of this little plot does not conceal the fact that he looks forward to eliciting some "amusingly original answers."

AN ODD COINCIDENCE.

Divorced Couples Meet While on Their New Wedding Tours.

The true story is told of a Lewiston man who several years ago was divorced in the West, came East, and married a woman who was also a divorcee, says the Lewiston *Journal*.

They travelled South, and there as they sat on a hotel veranda the Lewiston man bowed coldly to a lady who passed them hanging on the arm of a gentleman. Curiously enough his wife also bowed to the couple.

Said she: "To whom did you bow?"

"To the lady," said the Lewiston man with a flush. "She was once my wife. To whom did you bow? Did you know her?"

"No," said she, "I bowed to the gentleman. I had the misfortune once to know him intimately. He was my husband."

And this was their wedding journey.

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ALSO THE VICTIM OF A DRIVING SOUTHWEST WIND.

Terrors of the Storm—Houses Blown Down—People Injured—Beach Structures Turned Into Wreckage.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

GALVESTON, TEXAS, July 7.—The storm which raged here Saturday night and Sunday culminated Sunday evening about 9 o'clock. A driving southwest wind, accompanied by heavy rains, caused much of the lower portion of the city to become practically inundated. At 7 o'clock the wind reached a velocity of fifty-five miles per hour.

The electric-light plant was useless, and the darkness, added to the furies of the storm, made anything like travel impossible and caused many to fear a repetition of the great storm and flood of 1885. All street-railway service was abandoned. The worst damage was done along the Gulf beach, where the terrific force of the surf carried away almost everything within its reach. The breakwater in front of the Beach Hotel was completely wrecked and destroyed. The Electric-railway tracks were undermined and carried off store.

At the east beach end, which is extremely low and flat, the heavy sea did much damage. Buildings were damaged and in many instances the occupants were compelled to ascend to the second floor to avoid the water. On the bay side of the city in the east end small boats were called into requisition for travel, but boating was dangerous and but few attempted to get about in that way.

HIGHEST TIDE FOR YEARS.

The tide was the highest known for years, and when the wind veered to the west late Sunday night it looked as though every boat in the harbor was doomed to destruction. Much uneasiness is felt for the safety of the steamer Franklin, due from the Bluefields (the banana-fields of Nicaragua), since last Friday.

The occupants of the pagodas and many of the beach resorts had to be assisted here by means of life-saving lines. Throughout the city houses were blown down and steps and stairs carried away. Several people were injured, one house falling before a furious blast before the inmates escaped, one of whom was seriously injured. The people were blown against houses and fences, and fractured arms were the results in several cases. The scenes along the beach beggar description. A mass of twisted poles, timbers, and piles of *debris* occupies the attention of an army of workmen to-day.

Taken all in all, it was the most disastrous storm which Galveston has seen for years, and it will take thousands of dollars to repair the damage.

Lumber Also Consumed.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

COLUMBIA, July 6.—The accidental fire which yesterday morning destroyed the steam saw-mill of Cowherd Brothers reached also a large stack of lumber, which was not entirely consumed. Loss $800. No insurance.

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