

RICHMOND SOCIETY.

LAST WEEK ONE OF THE GAYEST OF THE SEASON. Several Entertainments Every Night--The Cotton Ball Scenes and Those Who Will Attend.

The brilliancy of the Richmond German on Monday night was greatly enhanced by the decorations for the Cleveland banquet. The national colors being respectfully draped and festooned around the portraits of the successful candidates...

The entertainment was one of the most tasteful and delightful of the season. The centre decoration of the table was a large response silver bowl, filled with maiden-hair ferns.

The guests were Misses Harrison, May Hanley, Elise Williams, Columbia Hayes, Mary Lewis, Mary Cameron, Annie Gray, Nellie Hoykin, Annie Harrison, and Misses Panman and Moore, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Thomas H. Leary and Mrs. Alfred Gray entertained the Tuesday Card Club in beautiful style at the elegant home of her father, Mr. John Purcell, on the evening of the 17th.

The Cotton-King Ball on the evening of the 27th at Mozart Hall promises to be one of the most beautiful and spectacular entertainments ever given in Richmond.

Stewart McGuire gave a delightful party in honor of Misses Laura McGuire and Kate Conrad, of Winchester, and Misses McCormick and May Wheat, of Berryville, Clarke county.

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page and Mr. J. Hopkinson Smith will give a charming entertainment at the Masonic Temple on the evening of February 4th for the benefit of the Rosemary Public Library.

Mrs. Virginia Newton issued invitations to a luncheon for Thursday to meet her niece, Miss Bruce Williams, and Misses Coghill and Harrison.

One of the most recherche entertainments of the winter was "Confederate Luncheon" given by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryan on Thursday in honor of Miss Coghill.

The Literary Club was entertained on Friday evening by Miss Netta Potts. The evening was one of great pleasure, "Tom Moors" being the subject for essays and readers.

"HALT, OR I'LL FIRE."

A RICHMONDER'S ADVENTURE IN TEXAS WILDS.

Attacked from Ambush by a Desperado--The Hero Fires and Flees--A Joke.

"Yes, sir; they tried my nerve in Texas," said Mr. Clifton Mahon, one of the assistant secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association, a few days ago.

"Upon reaching the home the whole family discussed the incident with the greatest interest. My aunt, upon hearing my story, had faintly denied any one of the boys went to her room to calm her.

"When the truth leaked out I laughed heartily, and I enjoyed it immensely though at the same time I didn't sleep a wink that night.

"Afterwards I found out that those boys had been planning the thing for a week. They wouldn't let me take a gun because they knew I would let it myself and might do some mischief.

"The treacherous desperado who shot from ambush was Will Barnett. He was hidden in the woods and at a given signal (when John fired at the owl) he hastened towards us and got ready for the attack.

"The next day, when the people assembled to attend the County Court at Wrightsboro, everybody was talking about that joke, but they weren't a bit pleased with it, and they said I did exactly what he would have done under similar circumstances.

PHYSICIANS TO DELIVER A COURSE OF SIX FREE LECTURES.

In order that gymnastic exercise may accomplish its legitimate end there are many things to be considered in choosing the proper methods and in putting them into practical use.

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