

AN OLD-TIME DINNER.

The Democratic Banquet to Be Strictly a Virginia Feast.

TOASTS AND SPEAKERS.

Several Gifted Orators to Be Heard--Arrangements of the Hall and Tables.

It is almost a misnomer to speak of the approaching Democratic feast here as a banquet. It is going to be a grand Virginia thanksgiving dinner. Nearly all the preparations for it have been completed, and no doubt now remains that it will eclipse anything of the kind that has ever taken place in the South.

It is understood that the Virginia members of Congress and others from Washington will arrive here on the evening of the banquet.

Lieutenant-Governor J. Hugo Tyler, General Fitzhugh Lee, and Senator Elyria Hinton will be the guests of Governor McKinney during their stay in the city.

The music will be furnished by a band of thirty pieces, under the direction of Mr. John Baseler, and the band will be stationed on a dias at the east end of the hall.

GIRLS GETTING TO WORK.

Machines Put in the Kinney Branch--Money Donated.

The Allen & Ginter Branch of the American Tobacco Company will certainly lose but little time by the disastrous fire of Tuesday morning last if energy and enterprise can be promptly directed to the reconstruction of the plant.

Many of the girls have already been provided with employment, and the machine plant of the Kinney Tobacco Works, Twenty-fifth and Cary streets, is being rapidly fitted up to serve as a temporary factory for those thrown out of employment by the fire.

The entire portion of section A of the western part of the building and several boxes of section B will be used by the Allen & Ginter branch.

MACHINES PUT IN.

A number of Bonnac cigarette-machines have already been put in place and many others will shortly arrive. An office for the clerks is being fitted up in the southwestern corner of the immense factory.

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Major John Poe, Chief of Police:

Dear Sir,--Herewith we beg to hand you a check for \$200, which kindly distribute among such individual members of your force as rendered services upon the occasion of our fire on the morning of the 17th as a token of our appreciation for the valuable work done by them.

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ACROSS THE JAMES.

LONG'S SUIT AGAINST THE CAR COMPANY SETTLED.

Contributions to the Poor Fund. The Chesterfield Premiums. Other Manchester Items.

The case of Charles E. Long's administrators against the Manchester Railway and Improvement Company, which has been pending in the Hastings Court for about a year, has been settled by compromise, and judgment will be entered in the Hastings Court here Monday.

The railway company is to pay the widow \$2,250, and it is understood that all parties are perfectly satisfied with the result.

The case, after being continued from time to time, was tried several months ago and the jury failed to agree and the case had to go over. The suit was for \$10,000. Mr. Charles L. Page represented the plaintiff and Major R. H. Nash appeared for the railway company.

A full account of the accident in which Mr. Long fell appeared in the Dispatch at the time of its occurrence. He had been learning the route with another motorman all the afternoon and about dusk was making his first trip alone. He ran his car very rapidly down the grade on Deane street, and when the curve at the corner of Seventh and the grade reached the car jumped the track and ran into the tobacco-factory. Mr. Long was caught between the car and the wall of the factory and crushed to death. Mrs. Long will get her money at once.

HELPING THE POOR.

The Poor Committee were held at work yesterday soliciting contributions for the poor and needy and looking out for those who were in need of assistance. The movement has met with general approval by the people here, and contributions have been made in a very liberal manner. It is said to say that for a while the destitute poor of the city will be well taken care of.

The secretary and treasurer of the Postoffice Coal Company has agreed to sell the committee coal at 85 cents per gross ton, and two car-loads have been ordered by Mayor Monroe.

Lines will be put on the coal free of charge, and the putting this coal free of charge at a very low price. The city carts, it is understood, will be used in distributing a portion of the coal.

The Manchester Flour-Mills--Warner Moore proprietor--has offered to sell fifty barrels of flour at cost-price, or will donate \$10 in cash.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

ITEMS GLEANED HERE AND THERE BY REPORTERS.

New York Hotel Report. (Special telegram to the Dispatch.) New York, January 21.--S. M. Handley, St. Denis, and J. A. Colten, St. James.

Daughters of the Revolution. The Old Dominion Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their regular monthly meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon with a large attendance of members. The following new members were elected: Mrs. John Munce, descendant of Benjamin Marshall; Mrs. Tucker Carrington, descendant of Colonel William Morton; Miss Ellen Pittfield Boykin, descendant of Lieutenant Francis Boykin; Miss Annie Lee Snyder, descendant of Colonel Andros De Witt; Miss Lou Adkins, descendant of Colonel John Harris; Miss Mary Henry, descendant of Patrick Henry; Miss Sallie W. Lefroy and Miss Helen Montague, descendants of John Moore; Mrs. W. D. Thomas, descendant of Colonel Levin Powell; Miss Ada Carrington, descendant of Colonel Joseph Carrington; Miss Ida J. Gray, descendant of Corporal Jeremiah B. Taylor.

Mrs. Maria L. Carrington read a very interesting paper entitled "A True Incident of Colonial Times." At the next meeting of the chapter Mrs. Theodore Whitfield will submit another historical paper.

Mrs. James Lyons and Miss Lydia M. Pleasants were elected delegates to the Continental Congress, which meets in Washington on February 22d (Washington's birthday). The Richmond chapter, of which Mrs. W. W. Henry is agent, is entitled to two delegates in addition to its presiding officer.

Have Not Forgotten Lee Camp's Kindness. Messrs. Frank Hatton and Isadore Saks, of the Grand Army of the Republic (Citizens' Committee, Washington, D. C.), were in the city a few days ago, en route for furnishing one of the wards at the Lee-Camp Soldiers' Home. Mr. Norman V. Randolph, president of the institution, being out of the city, those gentlemen, accompanied by Mr. Jacob A. Saks & Co., drove out to the home, where they had a conference with Major Bigger, the commander, and selected a room, which will be fitted up nicely by the Washington people. This fraternal act on the part of the Grand Army of the Republic Committee is in recognition of the kind attention shown Federal veterans during the encampment a few months ago by Lee Camp, whose hall was kept open to them when they visited this city.

Sale of Hall Boxes. The boxes for the Cotton King Hall of next Friday night will be sold at public auction at the store of West, Johnston & Co. tomorrow at 1:30 P. M. This ball promises to eclipse any of the previous ones given by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and there will doubtless be spirited bidding for the boxes.

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THE WINTER TURF.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

GLOUCESTER, January 21.--First race--five furlongs--Patrick won; Apollo second, Rustic third. Time, 1:06.

Second race--six and one-quarter furlongs--Silver Queen won; Magee second, Poet third. Time, 1:24.

Third race--one and one-sixteenth miles--Brown Charlie won; Telephone second, Ned third. Time, 1:54.

Fourth race--five furlongs--Owen Golden won; Charlie Wilson second, Comrade third. Time, 1:35.

Fifth race--seven and one-half furlongs--Baleigh won; Fernwood second, Drizzle third. Time, 1:39.

Sixth race--seven furlongs--Harris Nevada won; Time, 1:38.

Seventh race--seven and one-half furlongs--Leather Stocking won; Sparacus second, Marcellus third. Time, 1:18.

Second race--five and one-half furlongs--Leigh won; Lake second, Trumpet third. Time, 1:11.

Third race--four and one-half furlongs--Nash won; Red Elm second, Regester third. Time, 55.

Fourth race--five furlongs--Mohian won; Panway second, Prince Howard third. Time, 1:20.

Fifth race--half mile--Elite won; Inspector C. second, Simplicity third. Time, 50.

Sixth race--one mile--Redwood won; Laura S. second, Innovation third. Time, 1:41.

SALE OF HORSES.

Before the races began Colonel S. D. Bruce sold at auction a draft of horses, the property of Charles Hughes, James McCormick, and others. The first offered was the 6-year-old brown horse Experience, by Brown Charlie, dam Myrella. He was knocked down to J. Sullivan for \$3,150.

Others brought the following prices: Annie Elizabeth, b. f., by Von Luna, J. Naughton, \$1,700; Bess MacDuff, ch. f., 4, by Macduff, dam Bonnie Dea, Lawrence Cary, \$2,500; Lizzie MacDuff, b. f., 4, by Macduff, dam Bonnie Dea, \$1,100; Shields, \$1,100; brown colt, 3, by imp. Kingston, dam Prude, Cambridge stable, \$2,800; bay colt, 2, by Belmont, dam Top of the Mountain, Glen Island Stables, \$4,500.

Fishing on the Mattaponi. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) West Point, Va., January 21.--The New York steamship Roanoke came in last night and left this morning. The Dorchester, from Boston, came in today.

Miss May Smith, of Rappahannock, who has been visiting the Mace Gatewood, returned home this morning. Mr. Russell, keeps the ice out away at his "flick" up the Pamunkey and catches some fish every day. He has shipped about seven barrels of fish this week. Above the docks the Pamunkey is hard frozen and Mr. Russell had a fire out on the ice one night this week. Fishing continues on the Mattaponi today.

Sample Ice Garage. (By telegram to the Dispatch.) BIRMINGHAM, Ky., January 21.--The ice garage here broke yesterday, leaving death and destruction in its wake. The government steamer Kirns and several barges were caught in the jam and sent to the bottom of the river. Three negroes, deck hands on one of the barges, perished. The Kirns was valued at \$50,000 and the barges at \$4,000.

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