

THE MECHANICARTS.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE VIRGINIA INSTITUTE LAST NIGHT.

Dr. Thurston, of Cornell, Delivers a Splendid Address - Names of Those Who Received Prizes.

The closing exercises of the Virginia Mechanics Institute were held in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association last night. A large crowd of the people of the city attended, and much enthusiasm was manifested in hand-clapping and general applause as the graduates received their prizes from the hands of Mr. George F. Merrill, who in the absence of Mr. C. P. E. Burrows, presented them.

At 8:30 o'clock, Dr. J. H. Thurston, of Cornell, delivered an address on the subject of "The Future of the Mechanical Arts." He spoke of the progress of the mechanical arts, and of the importance of the mechanic arts in the future of the world. He also spoke of the importance of the mechanic arts in the future of the world.

The prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, \$25, for the best general drawing; second prize, \$15, for the best mechanical drawing; third prize, \$10, for the best practical drawing; fourth prize, \$5, for the best drawing of a machine; fifth prize, \$5, for the best drawing of a building; sixth prize, \$5, for the best drawing of a landscape; seventh prize, \$5, for the best drawing of a portrait; eighth prize, \$5, for the best drawing of a figure; ninth prize, \$5, for the best drawing of a still life; tenth prize, \$5, for the best drawing of a group of figures.

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CHARLES W. BUTTS.

THE ALLEGED SENATORIAL BRIBER NOT KNOWN HERE.

His Exploits at a Republican Convention in Petersburg - Instrumental in Defeating Wells and Electing Walker.

PETERSBURG, VA., May 18. (Special.) Charles W. Butts, the delinquent who has suddenly come into prominence by reason of his attempts, as alleged, to bribe United States senators, is a man not unknown to fame in this city. He was the leader of the faction which broke up the Republican convention in this city, which met for the purpose of nominating Henry Hays Wells for Governor. The scenes in that convention, held in the Union-Street Methodist Episcopal church building, will never be forgotten by those who witnessed them.

Butts was the leader of the anti-Wells faction, and a bold and determined leader he was. BROKEN UP. Pistols and knives were drawn, and canes and clubs were freely waved as the Butts faction rushed to the chairmen's seat, and the pistol was actually thrust with equal vigor to defend him. Through the open windows and doors of the building, the shouts of the reformers and newspaper reporters retired precipitately, and without any order as to their going, and the convention was soon broken up, and Wells was practically beaten for the governorship.

HE COULD A TALE UNFOLD. It was pretty well understood beforehand that a row was to be forced in the convention, and that Butts was forced to this little incident of his political career he could tell an interesting story. Mr. E. J. Armstrong, who was thrown from his buggy last night, is believed to have been partially paralyzed by his injuries.

DAMAGE DONE. The city was visited by a very severe storm this afternoon, about 5 o'clock, which did considerable damage to property. The wind was from the west, and it soon to be discharged from the penitentiary, will be brought here on his release to be tried for horse-stealing. The horse was taken from the penitentiary, and was never seen afterwards, until it had been sent from some other place.

NORFOLK'S SECOND PRIMARY DAY. Thirty-five Democratic Campaign Nominations - Prohibits Campaign. NORFOLK, VA., May 18. (Special.) The second day's Democratic primary election took place today, and passed off very quietly. A small vote was polled here. Thirty-five nominations were made in the various wards, and Dr. L. C. Shepherd was nominated Physician to the Alms-house.

Major Charles G. Elliott has been selected as a candidate for Memorial Day, next Tuesday. The prohibitionists enter upon their busy work to-day, with Hon. Samuel H. Hilde, of New York, chairman of the national prohibition party, and Hon. W. W. Stoughton, chairman of the State Committee, assisting Rev. Sam Small. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has so far, Wednesday, acted as a day of prayer throughout the State for the success of the prohibition cause in Norfolk.

INSURGENT DEMOCRATS. Superintending Inspector of Steamboats John W. Oast has gone to Florida for two weeks on official business. It is his last duty under a Democratic administration. Mr. Oast, who has been a more bitter and active Republican than Oast, and all good Democrats have been indignantly for a long time in the matter, and which has been the result of the Rev. Sam Small was taken suddenly ill while delivering a lecture in Portsmouth last night, and had to be removed to his hotel in a carriage.

MISS LAURA MARTIN'S CONDITION. More Unfavorable Than for Weeks - Said to Be Dangerous. CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 18. (Special.) - Reports from Miss Laura E. Martin, who was shot by Richard B. Guard, in this city, state that her condition is now more unfavorable than it has been for weeks. It is said that her health is now more unfavorable than it has been for weeks. It is said that her health is now more unfavorable than it has been for weeks.

EXCITEMENT IN GATE CITY. Six Leading City "Regulators" Arrested for Murder of a Negro. BIRNIGHT, TENN., May 18. (Special.) - Great excitement has prevailed at Gate City, Va., today, caused by the conviction of Harvey Wallace, son of a physician, at that place, implicating a number of leading citizens in the murder of Samuel Wood, an ineffective colored man, Monday last. The party, consisting of Wallace, D. A. Timberlake, and T. W. Simpson, Rev. Mr. Randolph, of Emanuel church, will conduct the services.

Veterans and Sons. Leo Camp at his weekly meeting last night accepted the resignation of Mr. J. H. Merrell, who had been elected to the position of Secretary of the Soldiers' Home, next Friday night. The organization of the Sons of Veterans was reported, and the camp rallied the election of the following officers: Thomas P. Pollard, commander; J. E. Stuart, Jr., first lieutenant; and W. H. Wallen, third lieutenant. The meeting was held at the Soldiers' Home, and was attended by a large number of veterans and their families.

A YOUNG FLOYD CONVICT. Induced to Swear Falsely in Behalf of a Friend - Held for Congress. FLOYD, VA., May 18. (Special.) - In the County Court this week Isaac Beckelheimer was convicted of perjury, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Beckelheimer is only 17 years old, and was induced to swear falsely in a case of malicious assault in behalf of a friend. This section was visited Wednesday evening by a much-needed rain, accompanied with a severe electrical storm.

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RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET. RICHMOND, VA., May 18. - Auction of foreign "A" and "B" leaf, 20 packages, and one taken in. Highest price, \$2.25; lowest, \$1.90.

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