

GAVE UP HIS OFFICE.

Attorney-General Harmon Forces District-Attorney Lassiter to Resign.

WAS WORKING FOR DEMOCRACY.

This an Offence in the Eyes of the Cleveland Administration.

THE CORRESPONDENCE IN FULL.

As Between Doing His Duty to His People Who Had Honored Him and Serving the Purposes of the Powers That He He Chose the Former.

Hon. Francis Rives Lassiter, of Petersburg, who has for the past three and a half years filled the office of United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, has been forced to resign that position because of the attitude of the administration toward working Democracy.

The charges against Mr. Lassiter were vague and indefinite, and would have been thrown into the waste-basket of most any chief. But Attorney-General Harmon took immediate cognizance of them. The first charge alleged that Mr. Lassiter was an active, practical, partisan politician, which was not consistent with the regulations of the Department of Justice.

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When Mr. Lassiter was asked by the Dispatch reporter, who went over to Petersburg to see him, to give out the full correspondence between himself and General Harmon, he refused to do so.

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commitment to manage and conduct political campaigns. The reasons are, that they should not require more than a mere suggestion. The same reasons which are universally held to preclude judges from active participation in political campaigns apply to all officers concerned in the administration of justice.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AT RISK. If I conclude that you are, as you today claim to be, one of those rare men who are beyond the reach of the unconscious operation of feelings of personal favor or disfavor, as I am sure you are beyond the reach of the conscious operation of such feelings, still the general confidence of the community in your conduct as a public officer of justice is at least at risk, if, while holding that office, you engage in the exciting and often unbecomingly partisan in which the entire community is ranged on one side or the other.

And, as has often been said by those who have established a reputation in the high courts of the tribunals of justice, it is not only necessary that their officers should be in fact fair and impartial, but also that they should avoid all circumstances likely to give rise to suspicion that they are or may be otherwise.

RULE APPLIES TO ALL. The rule which I have mentioned is not new; it has been often enforced both by my predecessors and by myself. I now repeat that your case comes plainly within its scope.

As I told you, neither the rule nor its application are to be affected by the man or the circumstances involved in his application. Whatever political party or party you would be expected to support, the rule would be the same.

QUESTION OF CONSISTENCY. The question to which your letter refers, of consistency or inconsistency in supporting in any way political movements which expressly condemn the administration of which he is a part, is one with which I do not now care to deal.

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such an officer cannot escape the injury of suspicion that need not be even sincerely entertained. As you do not inform me who were the authors of the complaint, I may fairly presume that they were my political opponents, and that the appeal to you was as much in the interest of their own purposes as from solicitude for the interests of justice.

Very respectfully, FRANCIS RIVES LASSITER, United States Attorney.

THE RESIGNATION ACCEPTED. In reply to the above, Mr. Lassiter on Wednesday received the following curt acceptance of his resignation:

Washington, D. C., September 23, 1896. Francis Rives Lassiter, Esq., United States Attorney, Petersburg, Va. Sir—Your letter of 23d instant did not reach me until my return home yesterday.

HAS BEEN A FAITHFUL WORKER. The enforced resignation of Mr. Lassiter was the subject of much comment on the part of Democratic leaders here yesterday, and there was very general regret expressed at the arbitrary course followed by Attorney-General Harmon.

A CALL TO BISHOP PENICK. It is understood that he will probably come to St. Marks. It is understood here that Bishop C. C. Penick, of Baltimore, will probably consecrate Rev. George C. Abbitt as rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, corner of First and Clay streets.

State Farm Damaged by Wind and Water. Dr. Turner, surgeon at the State Farm, was in the city yesterday, and stated that the hurricane of Wednesday threw down the framework of the new barn, but broke very few of the timbers.

Many Entries for the Races. The time for entries to be made for the coming fair of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Society closed Wednesday at midnight.

Ask Subscribers to Pay Up. The Executive Committee, which has had charge of the assessment, should be excused for the Association for the Development of Richmond Trade, are desirous of resuming the excursions, but before doing so it is necessary that those subscribers to the fund who have not yet paid the amount of their subscription should do so at once.

Dr. Tupper Leaves for Baltimore. Dr. H. A. Tupper and his daughter left yesterday for Baltimore, and will spend the winter with Rev. H. Allen Tupper, Jr. Dr. Tupper has been a resident of Richmond for twenty-five years.

LIKELY TO GET WELL

THE CONDITION OF MR. SINCE-DIVER MUCH MORE FAVORABLE.

THE WIFE APPEARS IN COURT.

Her Case is Continued, and She Goes to Jail to Await the Result of Her Husband's Injuries—An Eye-Witness Story.

The chances are now that Mr. Isaac N. Sincendiver, who was shot Tuesday evening by his wife, and thought to be fatally wounded, will recover, as he was feeling very quietly yesterday, and no bad symptoms manifested themselves.

Mrs. Anderson, of this City, Awarded \$17,000 by a Chicago Court. A press telegram received by the Dispatch from Chicago last night states that Mrs. Rosalie J. Anderson, of Richmond, was yesterday awarded a verdict for \$17,000 damages against the North Chicago Railway Company, by a jury in Judge Chittenden's court.

MRS. SINCE-DIVER, AS SHE APPEARED IN COURT. Anderson was not at home, but her husband was. She was in New Jersey, where she is taking care of the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bower, who has been in Chicago as a witness in the trial.

THE CASE GOES OVER. When the case was called she took her seat beside her counsel, Messrs. L. J. Yeager and H. C. Glenn. The witnesses—Drs. B. C. Brooker and M. D. Hoge, and Officers A. R. Conroy and W. E. Newland—were sworn in.

HAD BEEN SEEN BEATING HIM. Mrs. Gertrude Cornitt is the most important witness in the case. She called at Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson's office yesterday and stated that she was in bed with Mrs. Sincendiver when the latter's husband came in.

BEEN MARRIED SEVERAL YEARS. The report that Mr. and Mrs. Sincendiver were married nine months ago, Dr. Cooper is no doubt an error. Dr. Cooper could not be seen yesterday, but an intimate acquaintance of the family told a Dispatch reporter that he knew the couple had been married several years.

Meeting of Grove Avenue B. Y. P. E. Notwithstanding the severe storm of last Tuesday night, a large gathering assembled at the Grove-Avenue church, the occasion being a reception tendered to the students at Richmond College by the Baptist Young People's Union of the church.

HIDING FROM THE DISPATCH ARTIST. The Virginia Hospital with black and blue marks on his body caused by blows inflicted upon him by his wife with a poker. There is also an unhealed wound in his leg, the result of a pistol shot at the hands of Mrs. Sincendiver.

THE RIVER AT ITS HIGHEST. The freshet a considerable one, but no great damage done here. James river continued to rise rapidly all of yesterday, and reached its highest point last night.

SPEAKS FOR BRYAN.

A FORMER REPUBLICAN TALKS HERE IN HIS BEHALF.

SOME FIGURES ABOUT MEXICO.

That Country Paying Her Debt While Ours is Adding to Hers—A Fine Meeting in Fulton—Judge Marshall Speaks to-Night.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Bryan-Sewall club at Sanger Hall last night. President Flournoy, who has been out of the city on a canvass for some weeks, was again in the chair.

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THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, October 1.—Forecast for Virginia: Generally fair weather; cool, northerly winds.

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ever, and as soon as his daughter's condition will allow it he will return to the regular campaign work. The students of the University College of Medicine will organize a Bryan and Sewall club this afternoon.

Mr. Woon Back from England. Lieutenant Frank M. Woon, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, who left Richmond on the 7th of July for a visit to England, has returned to the city. He spent two months of his trip visiting his sister at Bellingham, Northumberland county, England, and sailed from Glasgow last Friday week on the ship State of England, and returned to the city. Mr. Woon says that he encountered several storms while on the ocean, and that the weather was rough during the whole trip.

Did Not Confer. The proposed Republican conference advertised for last night, at which it was said John Mitchell would be nominated for Congress, did not pan out. John would no doubt be willing to go to Congress, but he knows too much to allow himself to be placed on the sacrificial altar.

The Little Gleamers meet every Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. John's Sunday-School room. Mrs. Murray is teaching Voice Culture and Expression this year, and all children are gladly welcomed.

No Reason to Suffer. Mr. John A. Kennedy, No. 41 north Fifth street, says: "I had rheumatism very bad for both legs, and the Mexican Blood Tonic, of which I have used three bottles, has cured me of all pain." Large 21 bottle, 25c. Samples free. Office, No. 365 east Broad street. "To-Ka," stamped in each bottle.

Norfolk Annual Fair and Races, October 5-10, Via C. & O. Round-trip tickets will be sold via the Chesapeake and Ohio railway on October 3d to 9th, inclusive, from Richmond to Norfolk at ONE FARE, limited for return to October 12th; on account of Norfolk fair and races.

AUTUMN OUTING. Old Point, Norfolk, Va., Sunday, October 4th, Last of the Season. The popular Chesapeake and Ohio Excursion Train will leave Broad-Street Station at 8:30 o'clock next Sunday morning. This will be the last Sunday excursion of the season. Two hundred and sixty-four people went on the excursion on Sunday. The round-trip is \$1. The run is made over stone-ballasted track in two hours. Returning, leave Old Point 7 P. M., Norfolk 3:30 P. M.; also, 7 A. M. the following Monday. Old Point tickets good only on date of sale.

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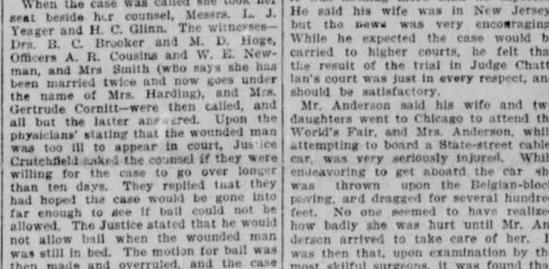
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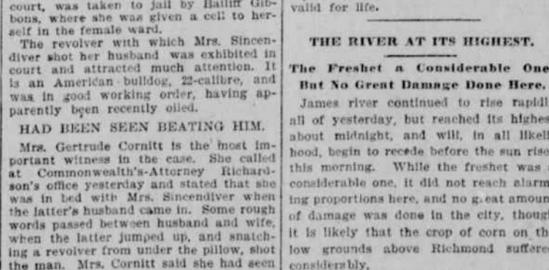
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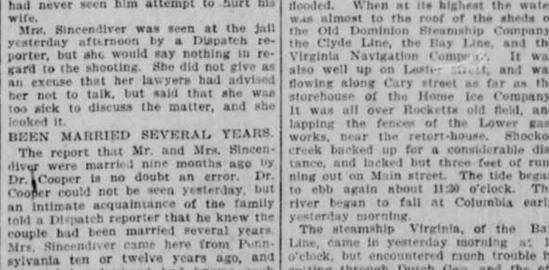
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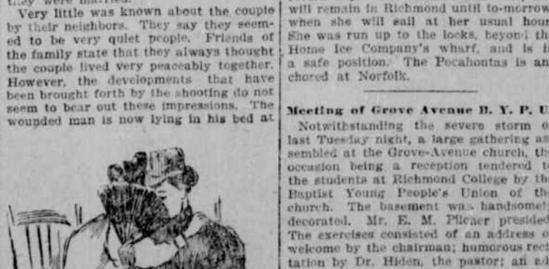
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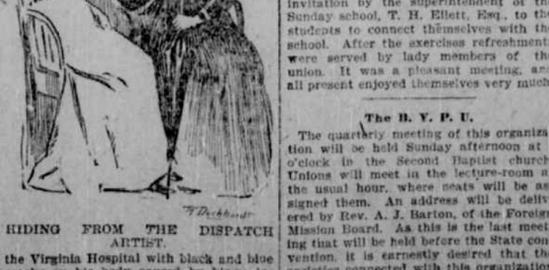
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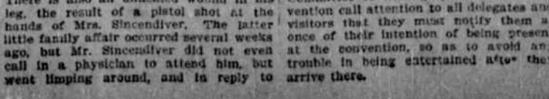
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