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Millions of Mill Ends

for this week's selling, and a veritable CARNIVAL OF CUT PRICES. We give the following samples as a mere taste of what is being enacted:

Nainsook and Swiss Embroidery, Edges, and Insertions, were up to 6 and 8c. a yard, for 1¾c.

Darning Cotton, 1c. for the 2½c. ball.

Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose, the 10c. kind, for 5c.

Nainsooks, India Linons, Dimities, etc., are, 5c. a yard, reduced from 10 and 15c.

Agate Buttons, all sizes, 4c. a card.

Ladies' All-Silk Shirt-Waists, new, this season's, perfect-fitting, the $2 kind, for 75c.

Black Silk, 100-yard spool, for 1½c. each.

Torchon Lace-Trimmed Drawers and Chemise, for 19c.—a wonder.

Invisible Hair-Pins, 3 papers for 1c.

Housekeepers' Gingham Aprons for 5c.

Ready-Made Skirts, about 250 in the lot, White wash band trimmed, duck, heavy corded Pique, Belfast cotton, covert cloth, sold up to $2.50, for 50c. each.

German Linen Table Damask, extra heavy, for 19c. a yard.

White Celluloid Combs, 4c. each.

Ladies' Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs that cost up to 35c. for 12½c. each.

Men's Finest Negligee Shirts with two collars and detachable cuffs, equal to any shirt sold for $1 in America, 45c.

Long Kid Curlers, 3c. a dozen.

Snow Boy Washing Powder for 3c. a box.

Men's Fast Black and Fancy Mixed Half Hose for 2c.

36-inch Fancy Flannels, all new designs, for 6¾c. a yard.

Shoe Polish, Tan, Ox-Blood, or Black, for 1c. a box.

Men's Extra Strong Suspenders of fancy web, for 5c.

75c. size of Galvanized Iron Wash Tubs for 39c.

Double-Tank 4-Burner Oil-Stoves $1.10 instead of $2.

Upholstered Baby-Carriage with parasol for $2.75 instead of $6.

3¾c. for 10 and 12½c. Sea Island Percales.

10 different kinds of new Flannellettes, light and dark stripes, figures, plaids, etc., for 4¾c. a yard.

Simpson's Best 6¼c. Prints (mill ends), for 3¾c.

Sheer White India Linon for 1¾c. a yard.

English Duck Cloth for walking skirts, dresses, etc., for 4⅞c. a yard instead of 10c.

Mill Ends of Printed Challi Flannel for 6¾c., all new handsome designs.

4-4 Bleached Cotton, equal to any sold at 8c., for 5c.

Grenadier Organdies, in pretty printed designs, mill ends, for 1¾c. a yard.

Heavy Plaid Back Double-Faced Fine Wool Dress Kerseys for 50c. a yard.

New Hook-On Hose Supporters, silk stitched, garter elastic, 16c. a pair, instead of 25c.

Aluminum Thimbles, 2 for 1c.

White Tape, 2 bunches for 1c.

FIRE AT WOODSTOCK.

FLAMES CAUSE A LOSS OF ABOUT THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

THE DAMAGES AND THE INSURANCE.

Stickley and Boyer Building Destroyed—Origin Unknown—Mrs. Rebecca Hockman Dead—The Case of "Frisco Jim."

WOODSTOCK, VA., August 14.—(Special.)—Fire broke out in the Stickley & Boyer building here this morning shortly before 3 o'clock, and in less than two hours that building, the Koontz store-room, Geary's Hotel, and the Episcopal church were total ruins. The loss is estimated by the owners of the property at $32,000, of which $18,000 is covered by insurance.

When the flames were discovered they had gained considerable headway, but the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens responded quickly, and by heroic efforts confined the fire to the places indicated, despite the fact that the flames were in the centre of the town and in a thickly-settled section.

The fire had its origin on the second floor of the Stickley & Boyer building, but how it started is a mystery.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

The losses are as follows: Stickley & Boyer building, $5,000; insurance, $1,200. A. B. Boyer, restaurant and canner, with stock, $500; no insurance. Mauck & Young, merchants, $6,000; insurance, $3,500. Edw. Ramey, butcher, $50; no insurance. W. F. Bargelt, jeweller and stationer, $3,500; insurance, $1,500. W. H. Martin, lawyer, about $25. L. Borden, lawyer, about $100. Episcopal church, $3,500; covered. G. W. Koontz, storeroom, $2,500; $1,500 insurance; and dwelling-house damaged $300; covered. Horsey & Atwell, men's furnishers, about $1,500; covered. Mrs. Virginia Geary, proprietor of the Geary Hotel, $10,000; $5,500 insurance.

The Irwin Opera-House, which was directly opposite the Stickley & Boyer building, was damaged slightly.

The old communion set, which was stored in the Episcopal church, was saved. This was the communion set that was used by Colonel Muhlenburg, of Revolutionary fame.

MRS. REBECCA HOCKMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Rebecca Hockman, widow of Samuel Hockman, died yesterday at her home, on the river, near this place. Her death was caused by the infirmities of old age.

Sheriff Spiker left for Richmond this morning to secure the necessary papers for the extradition of "Frisco Jim," alias James Butler, who has been apprehended in New York city by Pinkerton men on suspicion of being one of the members of the gang of eight which robbed the Massanutten Bank, at Strasburg, during the month of April. A picture of the man has been identified by people living at Strasburg, Water Lick, and Front Royal, as being one of the gang who were around there for some days previous to the robbery. Pinkerton men know "Frisco Slim" as a noted crook.

THE PEOPLE IN GLOUCESTER.

The Camp of the Olympia Club, of Manchester.

GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, VA., August 13.—(Special.)—The intense heat continues without sign of abatement. In spite of this fact, however, fair congregations attend all the churches. This is the season for big meetings, which are now in full sway, and are attended by large crowds.

Captain John Perrin and wife, of Baltimore, are guests of Major Perrin.

Judge Sanders, of New York, is the guest of his brother, Mr. E. T. Sanders, of North river.

Mrs. Clinton Graham, of New York city, is at Sherwood, visiting her grandmother.

Miss Nora Moore is at the Rectory.

Mrs. Frank Kerns and son left for Richmond on Friday.

Mrs. Julian Michaux has returned to Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. Picot, who are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Catlett, will return to Richmond Thursday.

Miss Rebecca Loyd Perrin, who has been the guest of the Misses Seawell, at Riverside, and of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Withers, of Severnby, will leave this week for her home, in Baltimore.

Gloucester Point, on the York river, is fast becoming a health resort for Richmond. At the Hotel "Gloucester Point" Friday evening the Olympia Club, of Manchester, Va., gave a musical entertainment, under the direction of Mrs. William Allen, supported by the members of the club. Miss Gertie Allen was the star of the troupe, and Mr. William Hart, as "funny man," kept the audience in a roar.

The club has pitched its camp on the beach, near the hotel, and has everything in apple-pie order—in fact, it is a hotel under canvas.

The members are enjoying themselves with bathing, boating, fishing, music, and dancing, and having a jolly, good time generally. A great part of their pleasure is due to the never-failing kindnesss of Mr. Ash, of Hotel "Gloucester Point."

The members of the Olympia Club are Messrs. C. H. Wills, president; W. D. Ferguson, vice-president; Mathew Martin, secretary; W. B. Walke, treasurer; W. M. Allen, steward; L. H. Daly, W. T. Bradshaw, T. G. Marshall, E. A. Jones, A. J. Wright, W. J. Dobbins, J. K. Sheere, Martin, T. B. Martin, F. Hart, R. E. Baily, and S. A. Allen; Misses Mary Morton, Amelia Hart, Gertrude Allen, and Golden Belcher.

Among the guests at "Gloucester Point" Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. Grocer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bates, H. K. Sands and family, and Mr. S. B. Brady, of Richmond; Mr. Charles Galleher, of New York; the Misses Eva and Edna Davis, of Baltimore; the Misses Hughes, of Gloucester Courthouse, and Messrs. T. J. Saunders, Old Point.

CASE OF CAPTAIN PRINCE.

Waived Examination Before U. S. Commissioner—Norfolk Navy-Yard.

NORFOLK, VA., August 14.—(Special.) When Police Captain Michael Prince was brought before United States Commissioner Bowden here to-day, to answer for the killing of his best friend, Charles J. Cannon, he waived examination and was sent on to the November term of the United States District Court. In taking this action, Prince's counsel, Judge Willcox, reserved the right to except to the jurisdiction of the United States.

The order that all Federal prisoners shall be incarcerated at Newport News has been modified so that Captain Prince may be more readily accessible to his counsel pending the trial. It is improbable that the prisoner will be bailed. Judge Waddill, to whom application would have to be made, is understood to be disinclined to release Prince.

THE BARK KOTKA FUMIGATED.

The Norwegian bark Kotka, now at the Cape Charles quarantine station, where she arrived yesterday with six cases of chagres-fever abroad, was thoroughly disinfected by the quarantine officers to-day. Under the supervision of the Marine Hospital surgeons she was put through the steaming process with formaldehyde gas and sulphur. The patients have been isolated and are doing well. The vessel is thought to have become infected while in South American ports.

STREET-RAILWAY DEAL OFF.

The reported sale of the street railway system of Portsmouth to the Williams Syndicate, which has the monopoly of the street railway, lighting, and power franchise of Norfolk and vicinity, was to-day declared off. President H. G. Williams, of Philadelphia, owner of the Portsmouth system, is authority for the statement that the negotiations have been suspended. Tardiness in putting up the $300,000, which was to have been paid for the $125,000 system, is assigned for the cause of the deal's failure.

Naval officers in the construction department are averse to waiting until the government acquires sufficient land to construct a 700-foot dry-dock at the Norfolk navy-yard. The dock is needed badly, they say, some ships there not having been docked in a year, whereas, the regulations contemplate their being overhauled every six months.

From the St. Helena Arsenal, opposite the Norfolk navy-yard, large shipments of ammunition are being made to Ogden, Utah. To what use the seven car-loads of shells and projectiles are to be put is unknown. They are designed for naval guns, and do not fit the army models.

AWFUL ACCIDENT AT RIVERTON.

Bridge Broke and Precipitated a Team Into the Creek.

FRONT ROYAL, VA., August 14.—(Special.)—A most serious accident occurred at Riverton, Va., one mile from this town, this evening at 3 o'clock. While a vehicle, drawn by two mules, belonging to Hon. H. H. Downing, was being driven across the bridge spanning Happy creek, and leading to the lime kilns and rock-crusher of the Carson Lime Company, the structure gave way, precipitating the team and two drivers, Joseph Releford (white) and George Washington (colored), into the creek, thirty-five feet below. Both mules were killed, and young Releford is fatally injured internally, while Washington's skull is fractured. Though seriously injured, he may recover.

The team was just returning from the lime kilns, and was loaded with lime. The bridge was of frame construction, and is now in splinters.

Drs. Turner, Macatee, Ray, and Garrison were immediately summoned to the scene of the accident, and rendered the necessary medical services. They pronounced Releford's condition as hopeless.

JAMES F. IRWIN PARALYZED.

Mr. James F. Irwin, one of Front Royal's most esteemed citizens, was paralyzed this afternoon, and is now in a precarious condition at his home, on Main street. Mr. Irwin is a Pennsylvanian by birth, but has lived in this State for many years. He has held local offices of trust, and was always faithful in the performance of his official duties. He was until very recently of the firm of Edmonds & Irwin, funeral directors.

MRS. K. L. WOOD DEAD.

Bankruptcy of Mason C. Grasty—Heard in Fredericksburg.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Kesiah L. Wood, who for quite a number of years resided in this city, died at the home of her daughter, in Warrenton, last night. She was about 70 years of age, and is survived by three children—Mrs. James Preston, of Culpeper; Mrs. William Oden, of Warrenton, and Mr. R. L. Wood, of this city. Her remains will be interred at Culpeper to-morrow.

Mr. Mason C. Grasty, formerly a well-known dry-goods merchant of this city, but for the past ten years engaged in business in Washington, filed a petition in bankruptcy in that city yesterday. The liabilities are given as $18,532.80, and the assets at $23,085. It was quite a surprise to his many friends in this city.

At the convention of the Christian churches of Tidewater, held at Dunnsville, Essex county, last week, Rev. S. H. Forrer, of this city, was elected district organizer of the Christian Endeavor.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The chairman of the City Republican Executive Committee, yesterday received official notice from the Congressional District Committee, calling a convention to be held at Tappahannock on Tuesday, September 4th. The purpose of the convention is to nominate a candidate for Congress in opposition to the Democratic nominee. From what can be learned, neither Stubbs, of Gloucester; Bristow, of Middlesex, nor Pitts, of Caroline, all of whom have been mentioned for the honor, will receive it. A dark horse, it is said, will be brought forward. Who it is, though, only the "faithful" know, and to all inquiries they are as silent as an oyster. It is more than likely, however, that an Eastern Shore man will be the candidate.

NON-SECTARIAN MISSION.

Through the efforts of Mr. George A. Mills, a non-sectarian mission was opened Sunday. For the present services will be held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and every Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The various ministers of the city will alternately assist in the services.

To test the heat last Saturday, Mr. Anthony Buck, of this city, put an egg out in the sun about 1:30 P. M. At 5:30 it had been cooked hard.

Miss Julia Horn, of Richmond, who has been visiting Mrs. S. G. Wallace, returned home yesterday.

Rev. H. M. D. Martin, of West Point, is the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. D. Martin.

Mr. John M. Daniel, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson county, W. Va., is the guest of his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gates.

Mr. A. W. Embrey is quite sick with malarial-fever.

VIRGINIA'S ANCIENT BURG.

William Ashlopp's Sentence—Captured a Bald Eagle.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., August 14.—(Special.)—Court reconvened at 10 o'clock to-day, Judge Smith presiding.

In the matter of an appeal in the case of the Commonwealth vs. William Ashlopp, the appeal was not sustained, and the Court imposed a sentence of twelve months in jail and a fine of $100.

No other cases of importance were tried.

Mr. B. C. Gwin captured a fine bald eagle at his farm, near here, this morning, and shipped it to Highland Park, Richmond.

Mrs. Nita Phillips, of Chase City, is visiting her brother, Mr. H. N. Phillips, of the Peninsula Bank.

Mr. A. C. Peachy, of Newport News, was here yesterday.

The excessive heat for some time past has done considerable damage to the crops hereabouts.

Mr. E. W. Provence, of the Gazette office, is spending a few weeks at Roxbury.

The work on the foundation of the new gymnasium for William and Mary College is being pushed, and the building should be completed by the middle of October.

Detective Conners, of the Pinkerton force, left last evening for New York.

ELEVEN PRISONERS SENT HERE.

Newport News's Quota for the Penitentiary—Some Long Terms.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 14.—(Special.)—Eleven prisoners, all convicted of serious offences, and receiving terms varying from one year to life-imprisonment, left here this afternoon for the State Penitentiary at Richmond. There is one murderer—Frank Williams—who goes up for fourteen years; Thomas Kelly has been to the "pen" twice before, and this time goes for life; Frank Benjamin, who attempted to outrage a nurse in Hampton, had his death-sentence commuted to life-imprisonment. The other prisoners were convicted of various crimes, most of them getting five- and four-year terms.

A. L. Spraggins, who had lived here for the past fifteen years, died early this morning at the Imperial Hotel. His remains were sent to Williamsburg.

Passing of the Horse.

So soon as nature sees an improvement there is a change. The candle gave way to electricity. The spinning wheel to machinery, the horse to the automobile. The fact that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been sold for over half a century proves its value. There is nothing to equal it for stomach or liver trouble. It is Nature's own remedy, and the only one to cure dyspepsia or weak stomach.

HUNTINGTON CLOCKS.

VIRGINIANS OWN TIMEKEEPERS BOUGHT FROM THE MAGNATE.

HE RECALLED HIS VIRGINIA TRIP.

Remembered Many Southwestern Families and a Day Spent in Orange County—The Story of His Life as He Told It.

Many a Virginia family now has in its possession a clock sold it by Mr. Collis P. Huntington, the great railway magnate, who died yesterday worth a hundred million dollars.

This fact Mr. Huntington himself recently impressed upon a Richmond gentleman who went to New York to enlist Mr. Huntinton's aid in a great charitable undertaking. The gentleman says he thinks Mr. Huntington the most remarkable man he ever met.

He had an appointment with the great financier, and promptly on the minute was invited to enter his private office. Mr. Huntington listened closely as the nature and object of the charitable enterprise was unfolded. When the gentleman concluded, the millionaire, without a moment's hesitation, said he would contribute to the charity, naming a large sum as the amount of his donation.

He then began talking about Virginia. The gentleman expected him to be chiefly interested in Richmond and Newport News and other points in Chesapeake and Ohio territory, but Mr. Huntington inquired if his caller was familiar with Southwest Virginia. Upon learning that the gentleman was well acquainted with places and people in that section of the State Mr. Huntington manifested a familiarity with them that astonished his listener. Finally, he gave the gentleman a good portion of the story of his early life.

His father owned a farm and a mill. He had a large family, and while comparatively well to do, did not at all object to Collis hiring himself to a neighbor, and in this way relieving the family treasury of a burden. Mr. Huntington said he soon found he could do more work than the farmer expected of him, so he persuaded him to assign him a weekly task. The farmer was a fair man, and gave the boy a stint no greater than the amount of work done in a week by any other farm hand. Mr. Huntington would always complete his task two or three days before the week ended, and would then work until Saturday night for another farmer.

The result was that at the end of the year young Huntington had every penny paid him by his original employer, and more besides.

The boy worked on the farm until he was about nineteen years of age. Then he went to New York with his savings, and embarked in speculation. He bought a stock of clocks, two horses, and a wagon. He loaded the clocks on the wagon and started for Vicksburg, Miss., selling his timekeepers as he went. He passed over a portion of the section now traversed by the Chesapeake and Ohio. Possibly the young peddler dreamed as he drove through the magnificent country, then in a state of almost complete undevelopment, of a scheme to unite it with the West by means of a line extending from the Chesapeake to the then far-away Ohio.

Mr. Huntington spent a great deal of time among the farmers of Southwest Virginia, selling them many clocks. His caller was struck with the accuracy with which Mr. Huntington recalled the names of his customers, describing their appearance and the location of their farmhouses.

Mr. Huntington also spent several days at Gordonsville on his trips from New York to Vicksburg. A general official of one of the Virginia railways said yesterday he once heard Mr. Huntington say that he should always remember a day spent in Orange county as one of the most delightful of his life.

He accepted an invitation to go out from Gordonsville to attend a barbecue and political speaking. He drove out with a big load of clocks.

"When I got back that night," said Mr. Huntington, only a few years ago, "I had sold every clock I had, and had gotten one of the best dinners I ever ate. I'll never forget that day."

The death of Mr. Huntington was the absorbing topic in railroad circles yesterday. Mr. Huntington, "the father of the Chesapeake and Ohio," was well known in Richmond. Many men now in the employ of the Chesapeake and Ohio remember him well when he was the head of the system.

"If it hadn't been for Mr. Huntington these offices would not be here," said a general official of the Chesapeake and Ohio to a Dispatch writer at the company's general offices yesterday.

"You mean they would be located in Cincinnati?" asked the reporter.

"I mean they wouldn't have been anywhere," said the official. "There wouldn't have been any Chesapeake and Ohio. Mr. Huntington made the system. In 1869 he obtained possession of the State's interest in the old Virginia Central, which extended from Richmond to Jackson River Depot, near Covington, in Alleghany county. He obligated himself to build the road on to the Ohio river. He did so, and in 1873 the town of Huntington was established at the western terminus. Mr. Huntington's first trip over what is known as the Chesapeake and Ohio route before the road was built on west from Jackson river was made down Greenbrier and New rivers, in a boat, the boat being carried around the falls and dangerous rapids until the canon on the New river was reached. From this point Mr. Huntington and party had to travel afoot.

"But Mr. Huntington was not content with water as the medium of traffic on to the West. He extended the road on to Cincinnati. Then he built from Ashland to Lexington, and perfected traffic arrangements with the Louisville and Nashville, which gave the Chesapeake and Ohio entrance into Louisville, and connection with the great systems of the Central South and Southwest. But even this did not satisfy the great railroad builder. He extended the Chesapeake and Ohio eastward from Richmond and made Newport News. He built and acquired so much road in the West that it was said a few years ago that he could issue a pass which would carry a man from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I think Mr. Huntington was one of the greatest railroad men of the world. I doubt if a greater financier lived."

Mr. Huntington was president of the Chesapeake and Ohio from 1869 to 1888, when he resigned, and was succeeded by Mr. M. E. Ingalls, who remained at the head of the system until succeeded by Mr. George W. Stevens in December of last year.

Mr. Huntington had spent a great deal of his time in Richmond, Newport News, and other portions of Virginia. About sixteen years ago he married Mrs. Henry Worsham, of this city.

Mr. Huntington was always deeply interested in the development of Virginia. He took the deepest interest in Newport News. He made that city. It is the deep-water terminus of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and Mr. Huntington established there one of the greatest ship-building plants in the world. Only a few days ago he announced his intention of erecting at Newport News a plant for the manufacture of steel that would compare with the great Carnegie concern at Homestead, Pa. How much this enterprise will be affected by his death is not known.

Mr. Huntington was practically the founder of the reformatory for youthful negro criminals in Hanover county. He gave the large farm upon which the institution is located, and has been very liberal in his contributions of money.

DISASTROUS EFFECT ON CROPS.

Dreadful Effect of Dry and Hot Weather on All Vegetation.

The United States Department of Agriculture's Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Virginia Section, for the week ending Monday, August 13th, follows:

The dry and intensely hot weather of the past week has had a disastrous effect upon all classes of vegetation. Being almost rainless over the State, with afternoon temperatures ranging from 95 to over 100 degrees, pastures and gardens have burned badly in all except the most favored localities, while the ground has baked to such an extent as to render fall ploughing impossible. The heat has been almost unprecedented, and the few crops remaining to be gathered are now in a critical condition.

Corn is suffering, and much of the early-planted that escaped the July drought without permanent injury is now reported to be a failure. Considerable of it is being cut for fodder. The late-planted corn is somewhat better, though in a serious condition. Many fields are shooting, but cannot fill without rain. The consensus of opinion among our correspondents is that even with subsequent favorable weather the crop must be short.

Tobacco is, notwithstanding the drought, better than corn, but has, nevertheless, been much injured and is expected to be poor and short. The plants are wilting and bending over daily from the excessive heat, and are maturing without having attained a normal growth.

Apples will be scarce, owing to long-continued and extensive dropping. Peaches and plums are quite plentiful.

Remarks of Correspondents.

TIDEWATER VIRGINIA.

Hampton, Elizabeth City—Hot week; slow growth.

Zuni, Isle of Wight—High temperature through the week; rains on 10th and 11th; all crops doing well.

Grizzard, Sussex—Badly in need of rain; corn drying up; peanuts wither during day; weather intensely hot; if it does not rain soon all crops will be cut short.

Newtown, King and Queen—Another week of continued high temperature, with no rain; only one rain in eight weeks; corn, tobacco, pastures, and gardens are suffering greatly; conditions very distressing and the outlook very discouraging.

Sunbeam, Southampton—All crops need rain.

Drewryville, Southampton—Hot, dry weather; crops of all kinds except corn holding up very well; gardens burnt up.

Walkerton, King and Queen—Severe drought prevailing; corn badly damaged; pastures burnt up and gardens bare.

Merry Point, Lancaster—Exceedingly hot and dry and everything suffering; late crops doing nothing; too dry to fallow for wheat; no turnips.

Ellerson, Hanover—Continued dry weather very injurious to all crops; corn looks very poor.

MIDDLE VIRGINIA.

Harris Creek, Amherst—Severe drought still holds; no rain this week; corn and tobacco suffering very much, especially corn; land too hard to fallow for wheat.

Tan Yard, Henry—All vegetation drying up; tobacco and corn beyond redemption; gardens and pastures would burn in places if torch were applied.

Vienna, Fairfax—Hot, dry week; good crop of peaches; fair crop of early potatoes; apples half a crop; rain needed for late corn, pastures, and turnips.

Irwin, Goochland—Some corn being cut to save it; everything burning up; condition serious.

Basses, Halifax—Corn crop will be short; gardens and pastures nearly dried up; fruit crop poor.

Rocky Mount, Franklin—Still hot, vegetation suffering greatly.

Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania—Pastures parched; corn in a critical condition; ground very hard and dry.

Stony Cross, Mecklenburg—Crops greatly improved by rain; corn crop will be much better than at first expected; gardens doing well.

Orange, Orange—Wheat threshing over; quality and quantity good; corn very much curtailed by drought; fallowing stopped.

Blackstone, Nottoway — Prospects gloomy; tobacco and corn in a precarious condition; unless rain shortly, corn will be a failure, and tobacco very short, poor crop; gardens burnt up; grass sown last fall and spring nearly all killed.

Farmville, Cumberland—Tobacco and corn suffering.

Buckingham, Buckingham—Hot and dry; crops suffering.

Bagby, Caroline—Dry and hot; farmers much depressed; corn and tobacco suffering badly; early-planted corn cannot make half a crop; late corn and peas may do fairly well yet, if rain falls soon; apples falling badly; cattle faring badly for grass and water.

McRae's, Cumberland—Hot and dry; everything needs rain.

Adriance, Cumberland—Getting very dry; corn crop will be short; tobacco holding its own pretty well; pastures and gardens drying up.

Angola, Cumberland—Growth of everything checked; tobacco ripening up small; corn a very poor crop.

THE GREAT VALLEY.

Lipscomb, Augusta—Corn looks well, but needs rain; potatoes being dug; nice crop; wheat threshing will soon be done; good yield; plowing for wheat fully three fourths done.

Shawsville, Montgomery — Continued drought; corn past redemption; will not be one half crop; pastures dry; gardens burning; too dry to plow.

Fugate's Hill, Russell—Week ends dry and very warm; rain badly needed; corn beginning to curl; Irish and sweet potatoes almost failures.

Bluestone, Tazewell—Dry and hot; corn will not make more than a quarter crop; gardens and pastures dried up; no plowing for wheat.

Marion, Smythe—Drought continued during entire week; heat unusual; corn crop damaged beyond repair; pastures drying up and much grass killed; wheat threshing going on briskly, and, as a rule, yield satisfactory in quality and quantity; some plowing done for next crop; early potatoes yielding fairly well, but dry weather has damaged late crop very much; cabbage and gardens not doing well.

Saumsville, Shenandoah — Vegetation needs rain; temperature high; corn beginning to suffer; drought prevents ploughing; apples will be very scarce; plums and peaches plentiful; unless conditions change soon, corn will be short.

Salem, Roanoke—Scattering showers, but no general rain; corn suffering; crop will be short.

Max Meadows, Wythe—No rain since July 24th; corn greatly damaged; not favorable prospect for fall pastures.

Graham's Forge, Wythe—Dry and warm; corn very much damaged; not a half crop; pastures dying up; if no rain, everything will suffer; no ploughing can be done.

Buffalo Gap, Augusta—Gardens and fall pastures are almost burned up; no ploughing can be done; corn suffering badly; if no rain in a few days, corn will be cut short.

Wadesville, Clarke—Need rain; good part of ploughing for fall seeding done; good rain now would insure bountiful corn crop; without it, crop must be below average.

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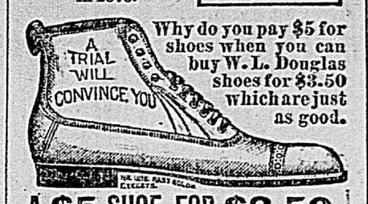

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By virtue of a certain deed of trust, executed to me as trustee, bearing date April 27, 1895, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the Hustings Court of Manchester, Deed-Book 13, page 407; also, in the Clerk's office of Chesterfield County Court, Deed-Book 91, page 266, and being requested so to do by the note-holder, I will sell at public auction, on

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1900,

at 2:30 o'clock P. M., on the premises, that portion of the PROPERTY described in the said deed of trust as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, situated in the county of Chesterfield, Va., containing 60 acres, more or less, adjoining the estates of George Fuqua, William G. Gates, and E. H. Gill.

And at 5 o'clock P. M., on the premises, the other portion of the PROPERTY described in the said deed, beginning at a point on the southern line of Bainbridge street, 105 feet distant from the southeast corner of Bainbridge and Twentieth streets, and running thence eastwardly along said Bainbridge street, and fronting thereon 64 15-100 feet, and running back between parallel lines 140 feet to an alley, the said property being known as Nos. 1910, 1912, and 1914. The dwellings contain four rooms each.

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