HIGHLAND COUNTY

DISTRESS OCCASIONED BY THE VERY LATE SPRING.

SUN OBSCURED FOR NINE DAYS

Stock Suffering—Snowdrifts in the Mountains—The Railway Extension Scheme—Very Tired of Kansas—Other Notes.

MONTEREY, VA., April 27.—(Special.)—The distress occasioned by the unusually late spring continues and for nine consecutive days the inhabitants of these beautiful valleys and mountains have not gotten so much as a glimpse of the sun, the downfall alternating between rain and snow, and the mercury hovering near the freezing point. Many of the farmers have distributed their small surplus of hay and straw among their neighbors, and up to this date there has been no loss of stock, due to actual starvation, but in some sections of the county stock is suffering, and, in some cases, perishing for want of feed.

The season has been especially unfavorable for the April lambs. Mr. Jacob N. Hull, four miles south of here, has lost twenty-eight—the greater per cent. of his spring increase—and another farmer, of Crabbottom, who had his flock in the Alleghany range, reports a loss of sixty-seven.

The paragraph in a recent issue of the Dispatch, taken from a private letter from Monterey, in which the snow was reported to be "over our horses' heads," should be understood to refer to the drifts, and not to the average depth, which at no time exceeded one foot, much of the fall melting as it touched the thoroughly soaked ground. On the mountains within a distance of twenty-five miles west from Monterey, however, many drifts were formed, and, while the blockades have been removed along the highways, there yet remain, in the cold, deep, north ravines drifts that are from ten to twenty feet deep.

One of the corps of engineers that has been operating in this county for the past month, and supposed to be looking at a connection between the Chesapeake and Western and the West Virginia Central has reached Monterey. The engineers crossed the divide at the highest point, making a big curve around the town very much the shape of a capital U. Should the line of this preliminary survey be adopted we will have the enviable distinction of being virtually surrounded. The last stake was driven near the residence of Captain J. C. Matheny, the curve made indicating their purpose to pass down the eastern slope of the Monterey mountain, around the point near the village of Crabbottom, and back to the divide near Hightown, from which elevation the difficulties of the Alleghany can be overcome, and a connection be made at Durbin, to which point the West Virginia Central has been located and partially built.

News of the death of Miss Lucy Wallace, which occurred in Richmond early in the week, did not reach her friends at this place until after her burial, which took place on Saturday at her home, near Williamsville. Miss Wallace was well known here, having attended a session of our school, and frequently visited the town, where she had many relatives and friends. She was a daughter of Mr. Christian Wallace, her mother having formerly been Miss Maggie Hull. Miss Wallace had been in delicate health for more than a year, and sought relief in the surgical operation which caused her death.

Mr. H. M. Pullin, a well-known citizen, died at his home, in Eastern Highland, on Thursday, in his 65th year. Mr. Pullin was one of the volunteers of 1861, and served in Company B, Thirty-first Virginia. He was twice wounded, first at Port Republic and again at Gettysburg. Since the war he had resided in this county, and has been a useful and respected citizen. For several years he served his district as magistrate. He was a man of good judgment. He was the father of ten children, most of whom survive him. The interment took place at New Salem church, near his home.

Mr. Andrew J. Fleisher, who was born near Monterey in 1825, and emigrated to the West eleven years later, died at his home, in Lexington, Ill., a few days ago. Mr. Fleisher was one of the pioneers of that section of Illinois, and was connected, by kinship, with many families now living in this county.

Rev. John Ruff and daughter, Miss Libbie, are attending the meeting of Lexington Presbytery, now in session at Waynesboro'.

Mr. James Fleisher, who, with his brother, Mr. H. C. Fleisher, went to Kansas in February, has returned, not satisfied with the change. His brother, who owned one of the most desirable farms in Highland, has had a great deal of sickness in his family since locating in Kansas.

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Proceedings of the Body Thursday and Friday.

(For the Dispatch.)

The Rev. Dr. Palmer presented the report of the Committee on Education, which was approved.

The presbytery's home missions was presented by the chairman, the Rev. A. A. Hamilton. Twenty-six churches are under the care of the committee; eighteen of them have pastors, and are doing well. Much difficulty has been experienced in securing ministers for the eight which have been for a time vacant. The Rev. Dr. S. T. Ruffin will take charge of Elkton church; Mr. M. E. Hansel, who will graduate at Union Seminary next month, will go to a new church in Randolph county, W. Va., and some important new towns on the line of a new railroad from Elkins, W. Va., to the Greenbrier Valley; and Mr. M. E. Sentelle, who will graduate at Princeton Seminary, will begin work in Sutton, Burnsville, and Upper Glade churches the 1st of June. Three undergraduates of Union Seminary were appointed to three other fields—Mr. James A. McClure, to Westminster and Harman churches, W. Va.; Mr. Gamble See, to Bellington and Harding; and Mr. Charles P. Myers, to Pickens, Randolph county. An able presentation of the needs of home mission work, growing out of recent great material developments in West Virginia, by the Rev. H. G. Richardson, of Charlesburg, W. Va., made a deep impression upon a large audience.

The Rev. C. W. Trawick read the report on young people's societies, which was approved. The Rev. Dr. Whaling made an address.

The statistical report shows that during the past year 404 were added to the church on profession; 243 on certificate; total communicants, 10,163, a small gain over last year.

The next stated meeting will be held in Pendleton church the 10th of September. The presbyterial sermon will be on "The Decline in the Number of Candidates for the Presbyterian Ministry."

MUNYON'S COLD CURE

Nearly everybody seems to be taking Prof. Munyon's **Cold Cure** whenever a cold appears. It relieves the head, nose, throat and lungs so quickly that a cold need no longer be a forerunner of grippe, diphtheria or pneumonia. A vial of the Cold Cure is like a life insurance policy. Every one of his remedies is as sure. Mostly 25c. vial. Guide to Health free. Munyon, New York and Philadelphia.

MUNYON'S INHALER CURES CATARRH.

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Samp-Root, discovered by the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, is wonderfully successful in promptly curing kidney, bladder, and uric-acid troubles.

Some of the early symptoms of weak kidneys are pain or dull ache in the back, rheumatism, dizziness, headache, nervousness, catarrh of the bladder, gravel or calculi, bloating, sallow complexion, puffy or dark circles under the eyes, suppression of urine, or compelled to pass water often day and night.

The mild and extraordinary effect of the famous new discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best.

Sold by druggists in 50 cents and $1 sizes. You may have a sample bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root and a pamphlet that tells all about it, including many of the thousands of leters received from sufferers cured, both sent free by mail. Write Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and please mention that you read this generous offer in the Richmond Sunday Dispatch.

by the Rev. Dr. Strickler, and Alternate Rev. A. H. Hamilton.

A public meeting was held Thursday night in behalf of the Twentieth Century Fund for Christian Education. The Rev. Drs. Henry Alexander White and Thornton Whaling made very able addresses to a crowded house. The subject excited much interest, and was discussed at length, but the final action had not been reached when the next day closed.

The subject of foreign missions was presented by the Rev. J. N. Van Devanter, and was discussed by Revs. B. C. Patterson, S. T. Ruffner, A. M. Fraser, D. D., and Hon. J. S. Craig, of Goshen.

The Rev. John J. Fix of Winchester Presbytery, was invited to a seat as a corresponding member; also, the Rev. Dr. James P. Smith, of East Hanover, who presented the claims of the Central Presbyterian upon the support of the Presbyterians of this State.

A Sabbath school institute was appointed to be held at Augusta church the 27th of August.

The cause of the General Assembly's Home Missions and Invalid Fund was considered, the Rev. Dr. E. P. Palmer reading the report.

REV. EDWARD E. LANE WILL COME

Has Signified Acceptance of Call to Bedford—Coal Discovered.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., April 27.—(Special.)—Rev. Edward E. Lane, of Wilmington, N. C., to whom has been extended a call to the pastorate of the Persbyterian church of this place, has signified his acceptance, and will arrive to enter upon the duties about the middle of May. His acceptance is, however, subject to the action of two presbyteries—that of the church with which he is now connected, and the Montgomery Presbytery, to which this church is attached.

Several weeks since Mr. Lane made a visit to Bedford City upon the invitation of the session of the church, and preached for the congregation, all of whom were much pleased, and a unanimous call was then extended him.

Mr. Lane is a young man, unmarried, of pleasing manners, and fine mental endowments.

The church, which has long been without a pastor, will extend a cordial welcome to the new minister.

DEPOSIT OF COAL DISCOVERED.

A deposit of coal has been discovered upon the farm of Mr. J. Q. Falls, near the foot of the Peaks of Otter.

Mr. R. E. Hutson, of Reba, a prospector and miner of twenty-five years' experience, made the discovery, and, although the weather has not been such as to admit of thoroughly investigating the extent or exact character of the find, he is convinced that it is a good quality of free burning coal, and exists in paying quantities.

For the first time since its advent, on Friday April assumed a mien of mildness, giving a day of perfect beauty and azure skies, which smiled down upon soft, neuty grass, tender spring leaves, and a prodigal wealth of fruit blossoms, covering the pear trees like misty bridal veils.

Upon the distant mountain tops, where a few days since fell the snow, it is still lying three or four inches deep in sheltered spots.

Mr. A. Cheshire Mitchell, who has rented Hotel Bedford, arrived here Thursday to inspect the building and make arrangements for opening the hotel June 1st.

He is very much pleased with the handsome building and its commanding location.

Mr. Mitchell intends to run the hotel after the most approved and progressive style, with reference to the pleasure and comfort of his guests.

There is much satisfaction that a hotel man of such successful experience has secured Hotel Bedford, and it is hoped that guests will soon fill the building.

Miss Carolyn Oton, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. W. Gish, left Friday for Rihmond to join her uncle and aunt, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Russell Cecil, with whom she will reside.

THURSDAY'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. A. Henser entertained very delightfully the members of the Fifteen Club at the residence of Mr. C. W. Wharton.

The chief amusement of the occasion was a collection of questions, entitled "A Floral Wedding," the description of a courtship and marriage, the answers to which were names of flowers.

Mrs. H. O. Humphreys had the honor of winning the prize, a pretty picture.

Cream and cake were discussed con amore, as the climax of the pleasant evening.

The same afternoon the members of the Thursday Club held their weekly reunion at the beautiful suburban home of Mrs. Walter Ruan.

While a splendid phonograph of much power and large and varied scope of performances pleased the ear, a contest of skill in working button-holes was given to test the nimble fingers.

A committee of judges, after careful inspection of the work, decided that that of Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mrs. J. S. Burk, and Mrs. Nannie Jeter was so nearly perfect that no discrimination could be made.

These ladies drew to decide the tie, when fortune favored Mrs. Jeter, who was awarded the prize.

A tempting menu of substantials was hospitably dispensed.

HIGHLAND SPRINGS.

Church Notes—Socials, and Other News of Interest.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal church every second and fourth Sunday. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Eugene Potts. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:30 A. M.

There will be regular service at Marshall Memorial church (Unitarian) at 11:30 A. M. Take Seven-Pines car leaving Church Hill terminus at 11 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church are preparing to have a May festival and May pole drill by the children on May 10th. A good time can be assured to all who will come.

A progressive euchre party at "Vinehaven" was among the most enjoyable of social events of the past week.

Mr. Rand, of New Hampshire, is a guest at the Manor House, being a personal friend of Mr. E. S. Read, having visited him several times.

Mrs. Daniel Smith, of the Tower House, is ill, with gastric ulcer. Her physician, Dr. S. Abigart Roope, is in attendance.

Mr. A. J. Bowers, who has been dangerously sick, is slowly improving.

Mrs. John T. Shelton is being visited by her sister, Miss Shelton, of Louisa.

Mrs. Percy S. Read is chaperoning her friend and guest, Miss Helen Woodruff, of Connecticut, on a trip to Old Point for a few days.

Invitations to attend the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dudley have been sent out, the reception to take place on Friday evening, May 3d.

Mr. Percy S. Read has taken another business trip to Toledo, O., which may result in a large business deal in property here.

Through the courtesy of the Passenger and Power Company, they will detain the 11:20 car on Tuesday evening next until 11:30, to accommodate all who wish to attend the Music Festival.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT,

And Some Recollections of President Buchanan.

Chase City, Va., April 26, 1901.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

An article in your issue of 21st instant, on the "Washington Group," giving an account of the unveiling of the statue on 22d February, 1858, you state, "The occasion was signalized by the presence of President Buchanan and his Cabinet." I was present on that day, and stood just in front of the stand, and heard Governor Wise make the introductory speech, without notes, with the fire and eloquence characteristic of him. He was followed by Senator R. M. T. Hunter, who read his oration; then John R. Thompson recited a poem. It was snowing during the time, but the crowd encountered the weather with wonderful patience and endurance. Neither President Buchanan nor his Cabinet was present on the occasion. Some time ago there appeared a reminiscence of an old man in your paper, stating that General Winfield Scott was not at the unveiling. My recollection is that General Scott left the stand and walked towards the Capitol, and as he was ascending the steps the crowd cheered him. As he turned near the top step to acknowledge the greeting, I was standing at the bottom step, and his magnificent physical appearance and his keen and penetrating eyes made a lasting impression on me. In fact, his eyes seemed to be photographed on my memory. So indelibly were they fixed, that over a quarter of a century afterwards I was at Buffalo Lithia Springs, and saw a man who had just arrived. He turned towards me, and I caught his eye. I inquired his name, and was told that he registered as Mr. Scott. I remembered that he had an eye more like General Winfield Scott than any one I had ever seen. It afterwards developed that he was a grandson of General Scott.

All the speeches and poems at the unveiling were fully published in the Southern Literary Messenger, and I was struck with the correct publication of General Wise's speech, which some time after its delivery I could repeat almost verbatim. It was not long. I did not see a stenographer present, and stenographic reports were not issued in that period of time.

This is the truth of history as I remember it. I was at the time attending Columbian College, Washington city, and came to Richmond via the Acquia creek route, with other students, to witness the unveiling ceremonies, and can recall our regret that the President of the United States did not attend.

Speaking of President Buchanan brings back an incident of my college days. The two literary societies desired to hold a joint celebration in a small way at the college. At one of the meetings some student made a motion jocularly that the President of the United States and his Cabinet be invited to attend. It was carried, and a committee was appointed to wait on him. No one had the least idea that it would result as it did.

The committee went to the White House, and Student Witt, a brother of Judge S. B. Witt, of your city, was the spokesman. After his conclusion, Mr. Buchanan said: "Young gentlemen, when I look back through the dim vista of the past, nothing is more pleasant than the recollection of my school-boy days. I thank you for the invitation, and will certainly attend, and bring some members of my Cabinet."

When the report was made, it necessitated the engagement of the "E"-Street Baptist church, the employment of a house of music, and a considerable additional expense, which the boys did not contemplate, but had to stand up to.

Promptly at the hour named President Buchanan and Secretary-of-the-Treasury Howell Cobb, of Georgia, and Postmaster-General Aaron V. Brown, of Tennessee, arrived. Each Cabinet officer had a son at the college. It had been arranged that upon a signal from the rostrum, when the distinguished party entered the door, the band should play "Hail to the Chief"; but in some way it was misunderstood, and it broke loose with "Listen to the Mocking Bird."

I can now recall my embarrassment, and how my knees trembled, as I arose as the president of one of the societies to turn first to the President on the rostrum, and then turn to the audience and introduce one of the speakers.

After it was all over Mr. Buchanan remained until nearly all the crowd left, and talked with the boys in the most familiar way. He invited them to come to the White House any Saturday, and his niece, Miss Harriet Lane, he said, would take pleasure in showing them the mansion and the conservatory. I went one Saturday with another student, and distinctly remember the grace of manner, cordial greeting, and gentle kindness with which Miss Lane received us, saying her uncle had told her to expect us, and she was a long time in the conservatory, giving the names of plants and flowers.

Professor John Pollard, of Richmond College, can recall some of these incidents, and if I am not mistaken, he was one of the committee to invite the President.

THOMAS D. JEFFRESS.

FATHER STAFFORD MOST POPULAR

Vote of the Lyceum Members—New Members Enrolled To-Morrow.

It is the custom of the Executive Committee of the Richmond Lyceum to take a vote each year of the members for the most popular lecturer. This is done in order to guide the board in the selection of the next year's course. The vote just taken shows that Father Stafford pleased the largest number of members. Then came Dwight Hillis, Professor Clark, Dr. Z. T. Sweeny, and R. R. Robertson in the order named. The board will make every effort to give the members during the coming season the best course of entertainments ever enjoyed in Richmond. They will make every effort to secure Lieutenant Peary, Max O'Rell, Henry Watterson, and others of world-wide fame.

A large number of subscribers for next season were enrolled last week, and the limit of membership has been almost reached. New members can join to-morrow at the office of the treasurer, Mr. J. L. Hill, 13 west Twelfth street. Those who hand in their names promptly will have equal chance with the old members in selection of seats. More than 100 were shut out last year by not applying in time.

A Unique Entertainment.

The Junior League, of Clay-Street Methodist church, will give a missionary concert and exercise in the lecture-room of the church to-morrow evening at 8:15 o'clock.

The children of all nations will be represented in the costumes of their native homes.

The public is cordially invited. There will be no admission fee charged, but a collection will be taken for the benefit of the Methodist Orphanage.

This entertainment was to have been given on Tuesday of last week, but on account of the inclement weather it was postponed.

FEED YOURSELF SCIENTIFICALLY.

Some Sure Results from Proper Food Selection.

Farmers select certain food to bring about desired results in their animals, but it is not so easy a mater with the complex machine called man (or more highly organized woman).

The food specialist, however, has been at work, and in Grape-Nuts we find a food containing delicate natural particles of Phosphate of Potash and larger quantities of albumen.

These unite in the human body forming the peculiar soft substance which fills the cells of the brain. Therefore, when one desires to use a food directly intended for brain-building, the food Grape-Nuts may be depended upon.

Fortunately, it is one of the most delicious bits of food used by mankind, the delicate sweet of Grape-Sugar being of the most charming character. All prominent grocers sell Grape-Nuts, made at the pure-food factories of the Postum Cereal Company, Limited, at Battle Creek, Mich.

BABY'S LAUGH

It belongs to health, for a baby, to eat and sleep, to laugh and grow fat.

But fat comes first; don't ask a scrawny baby to laugh; why, even his smile is pitiful! Fat comes first.

The way to be fat is the way to be healthy. Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is the proper food, if he needs it; but only a little at first.

We'll send you a little to try if you like.
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THE CUSSONS-BELO DUEL.

No Apology Ever Made, But a Mutual Understanding Was Reached.

Editor Washington Post:

May I ask that you will kindly correct two or three rather grave errors in your special from Winston-Salem, N. C., which says:

"One of the many beautiful floral designs sent by friends as a token of esteem for the late Colonel A. H. Belo, who was buried here yesterday, and one of the most highly appreciated, was contributed by Captain Cussons, of Richmond, Va.

"It was with Captain Cussons that Captain Belo fought a duel during the war between the States for reflections made by the captain on the valor of North Carolina troops. After a few shots had been exchanged Captain Cussons apologized to Colonel Belo for the language he had used. Since the war the two gentlemen have been strong friends, and on more than one occasion has Captain Cussons expressed his admiration for Colonel Belo's courage."

It puts me in the abject attitude of reflecting on the courage of other men, and then apologizing for my slanders while under fire!

Colonel Belo was a brave soldier and an honorable man, and while he lived he would not have allowed such a charge to pass unrebuked. As a matter of fact, there was no apology, or suggestion of apology, on either side. We saw a military incident from different viewpoints, and it was not until years after the war that we understood each other. We were strangers, introduced on the field. We merely bowed, and no word passed between us. The last I saw of Colonel Belo he was demanding another shot—steadying himself, and insisting that he was not disabled—but his second, Captain Towne, of the Fifty-fifth North Carolina, forbade it, and we went our several ways. This was my first and last meeting with Colonel Belo, and the breach between us would, perhaps, never have been healed but for the kindly offices of a mutual friend, dear Charlie Cowardin, of the Richmond Dispatch, who studied the situation from our respective standpoints, and who, at intervals for years, carried messages between us of constantly increasing cordiality and good will.

As for my alleged disparagement of North Carolina troops, I wish to say that nothing could be farther from my thought. Ask any survivor of the old Sixth what Cussons thought of the North Carolinians. All through the war they were my comrades, and none knew better than I their steadfast valor, their constancy, their high courage in the onward sweep of war, their fortitude amid reverses, and at all times their unfaltering devotion.

Your informant can get the exact facts of this duel from Captain Towne or Colonel Corally, of the Fifth-fifth, both of whom were on the field; or from ex-Governor Oates, of Alabama, or General Law, president of the South Florida Military Institute; or, indeed, from almost any surviving staff officer of Hood's or Law's brigades.

JOHN CUSSONS.

Forest Lodge, Glen Allen, Va., April 24th.

Wood Notes.

(Nora Archibald Smith, in Modern Culture Magazine.)

As I crossed the meadow in the sunshine, my feet sinking deep in the young grass and soft wet mould, the birds are fluttering and singing everywhere above and around me. "So glad, so glad! So warm, so warm! Home again! Sweet, sweet, sweet" they carol, with an infinite gayety and lightsomeness and the heart-throb of the spring in their voices.

Here and there through the greenish-brown of the pushing grass gleams out the honest face of the dandelion, each one "striving to incorporate the whole great sun it loves from the inch height whence it looks and longs."

Stooping to pick a cluster of violets, I see at the entrance of the wood-path a robin with sleep, black head, waistcoat of Pompeiian red and coat of dusky gray, intent on pulling a worm out of the ground. He bends himself back and tugs intermittently, while the worm visibly elongates, but still resists. Robin stops to take breath as I watch and then with one supreme and final tug draws out his prey, limp and flaccid and lays him on the grass with the air of a conqueror.

Ah, here is the fragrance of the pines at last, that aromatic breath more pungent than flowers, purer than incense, sweeter than the "nord i' the fire.

Under the shade of the straight, dark boughs gleam the white stars of the hepatica each shining whorl set about with pendulous, close-folding buds of palest rose.

There are silvery, greenish-gray ferns here, shooting vigorously up from the dark earth and begining to uncurl. What a strong, assertive, spirited bend is in their backs, like that of a sea-horse, or a particularly boastful question-point. "Did you ever see anything better done now?" each one seems to ask.

The ferns are passed for a moment, and here the ground is covered with wild lily-of-the-valley leaves—a forest of them, in which a snale or a beetle would lose his way as in a trackless jungle. The buds are just showing, but the tall stand of bells that the fairies ring at midnight is not yet in place. Quite sensible, too. The ground is far too damp for dancing.

Davis Monument Fund.

The following amounts have been received by the treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association since last report:

David S. Creigh Camp, Lewisburg, W. Va.; subscription made at Louisville	$35 50
Huntingdon Chapter, U. D. C.; subscription made at Louisville	25 00
Sydney Johnson Chapter, U. D. C., Almeda, Cal.	10 00
Colonel Thomas Fort, Chattanooga, Tenn.; subscription made at Louisville	25 00
Mr. W. E. Simmons, Lawrenceville, Ga.; subscription made at Louisville	25 00
Mr. Heith Lawton, New York, N. Y.	5 00
Mr. Henry Dilworth, New York, N. Y.	5 00
L. P. Thomas Chapter, U. D. C., Norcross, Ga.	5 00

Will Remove to Norfolk.

Mr. Dabney J. Pierce, for the past seventeen years associated with Purcell, Ladd & Co., has resigned his position to accept the Norfolk agency of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Pierce will move his family to Norfolk, and take charge of his new agency May 1st.

DOWN IN LANCASTER

PEOPLE PLEASED WITH THE NOMINATION OF REV. DR. DUNAWAY.

OYSTER SEASON WAS PROFITABLE

The Catch Was Small, But the Prices Were Good—Have Obeyed the Laws—Trap Fishing—Soft Crabs Now Numerous.

IRVINGTON, VA., April 26.—(Special.)—The voters of Lancaster and Richmond counties are united in regard to the selection of Rev. Wayland F. Dunaway, D. D., as a candidate for these two counties to the constitutional convention.

A week has passed since the nomination at Whealton, and not a word has been heard against the convention's choice. It is doubtful if as much can be said in regard to any other nominee in the State, and that Dr. Dunaway will go to the convention with a solid backing from his two counties is an assured fact. The people feel proud of sending such a man and believe that all that they can wish for will be accomplished by this much-beloved christian gentleman and scholar.

THE WHITE-WINGED BOATS.

This morning the white-winged craft, which can be seen wending their way out of Carter's Creek, to work on the natural oyster beds of the Rappahannock river, are lacking and the creek presents a dismal sight compared to what it has for the past eight months. This sudden stopping of the boats has been caused by the closing of the oyster season, which went into effect yesterday afternoon at sunset.

About three hundred canoes have been leaving this creek daily (weather permitting) for the rocks, and the next two weeks will be taken up in hauling the boats ashore to dry out preparatory to painting and overhauling.

The season just closed has been better than for several years, and although the catches have not been what could be called large, the prices have more than made up the difference, and as a result the oystermen are well satisfied.

About Christmas there was fear that those who had planted their oysters would not be able to dispose of them, the market up to that time being exceedingly low, but after the holidays the market took a sudden jump and all oysters were sold for from fifty to sixty cents per bushel, which is considered a good price.

Even those who sell their catches daily have been receiving at times as high as fifty cents per bushel from the three large oyster-shucking houses on this creek.

HAVE OBEYED THE LAWS.

One of the most notable things connected with the oyster industry in this section during the past season was the way in which the oystermen have obeyed the State cull law. But very few have been arrested for this offence. When the oystermen fully realize that the enforcement of this law is to their own interests, the better it will be for the oyster industry.

A few vessels still are here buying, and will likely remain for a week or so to gather up any loose plants that may have been passed by while the business was pressing.

The weather of the past two weeks has been anything but favorable to farm work, and but little work has been done. Corn is usually planted by this season, but as yet the land has not even been prepared, and will not be for three weeks after good weather does set in.

Despite the bad weather, however, the section lying along the Rappahannock has not been behind the markets, lettuce and asparagus having been shipped from this county for the past ten days.

Irish potatoes, which have been planted, it is feared, have rotted and the continued rains have practically ruined the strawberry crops.

TRAP FISHING.

Trap fishing, which picked up a little bit on Monday and Tuesday of this week, has again dropped off and shad are as scarce as ever.

One would supopse that those living in the fishing district would be able to purchase fish for a mere song, but the truth is that the price asked here is fifty per cent. more than in the cities. The fishermen corner their wares here and form a little trust to protect themselves.

SOFT CRABS ARE NUMEROUS.

Soft crabs, though still exceedingly small, are becoming quite numerous. The little things are about the size of a quarter now and it is estimated that a hearty man could "get away" with five dozen easily.

By May 10th, the season will be in full swing and steamer loads will be leaving the Rappahannock daily for Baltimore and northern markets, the latter depending almost entirely upon this section and the Eastern shore for their supplies.

The Northumberland Teachers' Institute will hold its final session at Heathsville, next Friday. At this time a grand banquet will be spread, and the literary programme promises to be the best that local talent can render. A piano has been secured for this occasion from Baltimore, and the Weems Line steamers have kindly consented to transport it here and back gratis. Two hundred invitations will be issued.

News of the death of Hon. John E. Massey was received with much sorrow in this section, where Mr. Massey won many friends a few years ago during a two weeks' stay while the State Normal School was in session here. His death was a surprise to all here.

GERMAN MEASLES.

Roeola, or German measles, which have been raging throughout the Northern Neck, for the past two months, is beginning to die out. There is hardly a single community through which this disease, in a mild form, has not been epidemic.

Although the last trip of Steamer Dorothy F. Wacker, down the coast in search of menhaden was unsuccessful, the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, of Irvington, has again sent her out to search the Chesapeake Bay in hopes that the menhaden can be located. This is exceedingly late for this fish not to have shown up, and its disappearance can only be accounted for by the backward spring, and the raging weather at sea. The entire fishing fleet will begin work about the 10th of next month.

A report from Gloucester county says that the L. E. Mumford Banking Company, of Cape Charles, contemplate locating a bank at Gloucester courthouse, in the near future. Banks are becoming quite numerous in Tidewater here of late, six having been started within the past year.

THE VERDICT A SURPRISE.

The awarding of $1,000 to Miss Coleman in the celebrated breach-of-promise suit, which has been going on in this county for the past five weeks, came as a surprise to a great many residents of this county, who were firm in their belief that no damages at all would be given, owing to the fact that Court of Appeals had decided that no breach had been made.

Mr. Sanders has a host of sympathizers in the Northern Neck, where he is well known, having been treasure of Lancaster county for more than the past ten years.

The committee of Wharton Grove Camp (Baptist) will meet on the camp grounds near Weems, Lancaster county, next Wednesday to determine upon what dates the meeting this summer shall be held, and to let the privileges to the numerous bidders. This camp was started some eight years ago by Rev. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, and Rev. F. W. Claybrook, of Lancaster, but during the past two years Mr. Claybrook has bought the entire encampment.

It is located just at the junction of the Rapahannock and Corrotoman rivers, the site being one of the prettiest in the State. The attendance on some days numbers three and four thousand.

ROBBED THE SAILORS.

While the vessel was lying in Norfolk harbor one night this week, the cabin of Captain John Gannon's bug-eye, hailing from Carter's Creek, was entered by some unknown person and all the clothes of the captain and mate were found lacking the next morning.

It is supposed that the inmates of the cabin were chloroformed, as the Captain is a very light sleeper.

Miss Inez Jones, of Poplar Neck, Lancaster county, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Mrs. Lula R. Gaines, who is on a visit to friends in Baltimore, is expected to return here to-morrow morning.

Dr. W. J. Newbill, of Irvington, Lancaster county, spent several days this week in Essex county, visiting his father.

A barber-shop has been opened in the village of White Stone, Lancaster county, by an expert. Barber-shops are things which are in much demand at several villages throughout the Northern Neck.

The Odd-Fellows of Little Bay Lodge, No. 177, will give an entertainment in their new hall near White Stone, Lancaster county, on next Friday night.

A BIG DANCE:

Invitations have been issend for a big dance to be given in the Town Hall at Kilmarnock, Lancaster county, to-night. This will be the first dance that has been given in this section since before Lent, and a large crowd is expected to be present.

D. C. Beauchamp, who has been spending the winter in Wilmington, Del., returned this week, to his home at White Stone. Mr. Beauchamp is quite an old man but spends his winters in Wilmington with his daughter.

The revival services, which have been conducted here every night for the past two weeks, by Rev. J. E. Hutson, will close to-night. Although the preaching has been excellent there have been no conversions. Mr. Hutson will assist Rev. George Y. Bradley next week in a series of meetings at White Stone Baptist church.

Miss Fannie H. Robinson, of Nuttsville, who has been visiting Mrs. L. D. Stoneham, at Molusk, left this week to spend some time with friends in Baltimore.

PERSONAL NOTES.

W. J. Stakes, of Rehoboth Church, Northumberland county, boarded a steamer here one night this week for Norfolk. He was accompanied thither by Willie Haynie, of Irvington.

Mrs. Clarance Newcomb, and Miss Ella Roane, of King and Queen county, are visiting Mrs. Douglas, at Lancaster courthouse.

Willie Chowning, of Merry Point, Lancaster county, who has been attending the Maryland University at Baltimore, the past session, has returned to his home. Mr. Chowning will shortly be enabled to attach M. D. to his name, he having chosen this profession.

Mrs. R. F. Haydon and children of Loudoun county, have arrived here to spend some weeks with T. J. Haydon. Mrs. Haydon will shortly join her husband in Porto Rico, where he has a fine position in one of the government schools.

S. Roland Hall, late of New York, has been visiting his old home at Heathsville, Northumberland county. He left this week to accept a position in the business department of the Baltimore Evening News.

NEED A RAILROAD.

Ex-Senator Little, and Mr. Seymour, an engineer representing New York railroad parties, in company with W. McDonald Lee, of Irvington, were looking over the field at Millenback and Fredericksburg, the past week. It is hoped that this railroad matter will be pushed, for if there is one thing the people of the Northern Neck are sadly in need of, it is a railroad.

With a railroad traversing the Northern Neck, a large amount of the trade which generally goes to Baltimore and other northern cities would find its way to Richmond. It behooves Richmond people to help us in this matter as the gain to them would be nearly as great as it would be to us.

Mrs. W. E. Miles, Whealton, Lancaster county, still continues under medical treatment in a Baltimore hospital.

Opie Clark of Lively, Lancaster county, met with a serious accident while out driving one night this week. Some way or other his vehicle struck a stump and threw him out, breaking his collar-bone.

Dr. Fisher is erecting an up-to-date mill on his farm in Richmond county.

Your Irvington correspondent is sorry that Mr. Lloyd T. Smith, of Heathsville, should have felt it necessary to publish a card in your last Sunday's issue explaining how his name came to be mentioned before the Northumberland-Westmoreland Nominating Convention, for the constitutional convention. There was nothing in my acount of the convention, which would justify him in saying that I "endeavored to make" certain impressions. I simply recited cold facts—which he does not gainsay—facts that had been omitted from the first account of the convention, and without any embellishments, insinuations or effort to impress one way or another.

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