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WANTS PAY FOR WARDROBE.

Ohio Lady, Who Was in Jefferson Fire, Sues Hotel Company.

Mrs. S. R. King, of Painsville, O., has brought suit against the Jefferson Hotel Company for $1,500 for damages caused by the loss of personal property in the fire which destroyed the hotel, in the Law and Equity Court yesterday.

This is, in reality, a test suit, and if the plaintiff is successful it may be the first of a number of legal actions.

Messrs. Henry R. and John Garland Pollard have been retained as counsel by Mrs. King.

The declaration sets forth two leading points of contention, that the property was, "by reason of mere carelessness, negligence, and default of said defendant and its servants, burned by fire," and that the defendant "falsely advertised to the public that its inn was fireproof and wholly indestructible by fire," and that in view of these representations Mrs. King was led to become a guest at the hotel.

Added to the declaration is a full, true, and particular account of all the adjuncts of the lady's wardrobe.

J. D. Henny instituted suit against the William R. Trigg Company for $10,000 damages for the loss of his leg.

In the Hustings Court, Thomas Crossman, a negro, was charged with cutting another, and when the evidence was all in the jury decided that the prisoner was not guilty of a felony, so he escaped the "pen," but was sent to jail for six months and fined $5.

Thomas Owens, a small negro boy, was charged with shooting another. Commonwealth's-Attorney Richardson stated that no case could be made out, and the Judge dismissed the prisoner.

In the Chancery Court the Richmond Trust and Safe Deposit Company qualified as administrator of John R. Triplett. Estate, $3,300.

SOME OF THE EXHIBITORS.

Partial List of Horses Entered for the Richmond Show.

The entries and prize list of the Horse Show are in the hands of the printer. A partial list of exhibitors is as follows: Mrs. Bertha Baker, Carollton, N. Y.; A. St. J. Boywood, Flushing, L. I.; A. S. Craven, Greenwood; Dr. C. S. Carter, Warrenton; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Deitrick, New York city; John Lenox, Rio Vista; H. O. Lyne, Somerset; C. H. Smith, Fairfax; C. H. Hurkamp, Fredericksburg; G. Comer, Charlottesville; Mrs. Margaret Essey, Chester, Pa.; J. P. Dulaney, Upperville; J. F. Taylor, Staunton; Tennant & Tennant, Loudoun; Miss Phyllis Langhorne, Greenwood; J. K. Maddox, Warrenton; Miss Marion Merchison, New York; Morris & Brinton, Carroll county; Walter G. Newman, Somerset; H. B. Nalle, Leesburg; J. E. Porter, Louisa; R. W. Smith, Warrenton; Wythe & West, Baltimore; L. G. Young, New York; W. L. Smith, Charlottesville; L. Bristoe, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Potts, H. C. Beattie, J. Stewart Bryan, J. St. G. Bryan, J. Kerr Branch, W. B. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Carter, F. W. Christian, J. Scott Parrish, G. Cole Scott, and William Rueger.

TRANSFER SLIPS RECEIVED.

New System Will Be Put in Operation Next Tuesday Morning.

The Richmond Passenger and Power Company has received its transfer slips, and the new system will be put in operation next Tuesday, October 1st.

General Manager Dimmock said last night that it would be the policy of his company to test the validity of the law, and he rather thought this would be done in the courts, though he could make no emphatic pronouncement, because the company's attorneys are all out of the city. Mr. Dimmock said the transfer system, as outlined by the ordinance, will remain in operation in order to give the public all its advantages, though he believes that its importance has been greatly exaggerated.

"A man can go direct to almost any place he may elect," he said, "if he will only wait for the car, and I verily believe the new system will be found cumbersome and of little public benefit."

Mr. Dimmock says the equipment of his company will be materially increased in the near future. Many new cars are expected here shortly, and the plans for the new power house are well under way.

'TWAS LARGEST CROWD YET.

Dr. Tracy's Talk Last Night Attracted a Crowd Which Filled the Tent.

The large tent which is used by Dr. N. W. Tracy in his Gospel temperance meetings was filled to overflowing last night, and his lecture on "The Effects of Alcohol on the Human System" was listened to in a remarkable manner. The lecture was splendidly illustrated by the views upon the screen.

This evening the subject will be "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room." The address will be illustrated.

On Sunday two meetings will be held. The subject for the evening meeting will be "Ben Hur, a Tale of the Christ." This is one of Dr. Tracy's best lectures. The arrangements for the afternoon meeting has not been completed yet.

Civil-Service Examinations.

The following civil service examinations have been ordered by the commission:

October 29th and 30, 1901.—Assistant surgeon (Freedman's Hospital). Persons who desire to compete should apply to United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for Application Forms 304 and 375.

November 2, 1901.—Assistant pomologist, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture. Persons who desire to compete should apply to United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for Form 304 and special form, which should be properly executed and filed with commission prior to hour of closing business on November 2d.

In Olden Times.

people overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine, made by the California Fig Syrup Company.

THE SCHLEY COURT,

SESSION OF ONLY AN HOUR AND THREE QUARTERS.

TESTIMONY AS TO LOCATING CERVERA

Schley, Says Lieutenant Wood, Seemed Very Nervous, at Cienfuegos, and Anxious to Know What Sampson's Intentions Were.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 26.—The Schley court of inquiry was in session for only an hour and three quarters to-day, adjourning at 12:45, in order to permit its members and others engaged there to attend the funeral of Judge Wilson, late chief counsel for Admiral Schley.

Captain Wise concluded his testimony, Admiral Cotton made a brief statement on recall, and Lieutenant Spencer S. Wood, who commanded the dispatch-boat Dupont during the Spanish war, began his testimony. Machinist Gray, who was in charge of the starboard engines of the Texas on the day of the battle off Santiago, testified that on the battleship the starboard engines were stopped and the machinery reversed.

Captain Wise was questioned at considerable length as to what he had done, before the arrival of the Flying Squadron off Santiago, towards locating Cervera's fleet in the harbor. He said that while he satisfied himself of the presence of the Spaniards, he had been content to communicate his knowledge to Admiral Schley through Captain Sigsbee, not considering it necessary to make direct communication with the commander-in-chief.

SCHLEY SEEMED NERVOUS.

Lieutenant Wood gave the particulars of his delivery of dispatches from Admiral Sampson to Admiral Schley on the 22d of May, while the latter admiral lay off Cienfuegos. He said that Schley seemed very nervous and anxious to know Admiral Sampson's intentions were. He had not concluded his testimony when the court adjourned for the day.

Captain Wise, who commanded the scout-ship Yale, during the Spanish war, continued his narration of the retrograde movement of the Flying Squadron toward Key West on May 27th. On the next day he was dispatched to Newport News, reporting to Admiral Sampson on the way. He had told Admiral Sampson, he said, that the Flying Squadron was about thirty miles west of Santiago. In response to a question from the Admiral he had said he did not know what it was doing there.

SCHLEY STATEMENT DENIED.

Mr. Hanna read the following extract from Admiral Schley's report of February 18th to the Committee on Naval Affairs, as follows:

"After having been informed by the scouts commanded by such officers as Sigsbee, Jewell, and Wise, that although they had all been off Santiago de Cuba for a week they had seen nothing of it (the Spanish fleet), and knew nothing of its movements, or its whereabouts," etc.

He then asked Captain Wise if he had made such a communication to the Admiral.

"I did not," was the response.

"Did you give Admiral Schley any information respecting the Spanish squadron?"

"Only through Captain Sigsbee. I did not go on board the Brooklyn at all. I gave Captain Sigsbee all the information I had."

Captain Wise was cross-examined on this point by Mr. Rayner. The latter asked:

WATCHING THE HARBOR.

"From the morning of the 22nd until the arrival of the flying squadron on the evening of the 26th you were trying to get in touch with the enemy, and watching the harbor?"

"Yes."

"You saw nothing in there?"

"I could not see any harbor at all"

"You sent no one on shore to try to establish communication?"

"No one at all."

"Isn't the natural condition of the harbor such that it is impossible to see considerably up the harbor?"

"You can only see a short distance up the harbor."

"And there was nothing in sight whatever, was there?"

"Nothing at all."

THE "GET IN TOUCH" DISPATCH.

The witness had said that Captain Sigsbee had taken the dispatch beginning "Get in touch with the enemy." The court, through Admiral Dewey, asked:

"Was it your duty or that of Captain Sigsbee to convey the information in the dispatch referred to to Commodore Schley?"

"I think it was Captain Sigsbee's, as he went immediately on duty, and I was intercepted by orders from the Commodore to take the Merrimac in tow."

Mr. Hanna: "Did you receive any inquiry, or did the commanding officer of the Flying Squadron ask you for any information at any time?"

"Nothing."

SIGNALLING TO THE BROOKLYN.

Mr. Rayner continued his questions, devoting himself especially to the signalling between the Yale and the flagship. The witness said that he was sure that on May 26th, when he hailed the Texas, he had not passed within hailing distance of the Brooklyn, being one and a half miles distant.

Mr. Rayner read from a report made on May 30th, by Admiral Sampson, in which he stated that Captain Wise had told him that he believed Santiago harbor strongly fortified.

"Is that true?" Mr. Rayner asked.

"It is," was the response.

Captain Wise said in reply to questions by Captain Parker that he would at any time, when off Santiago, have been able to signal any information he might have had in regard to the situation. He had seen the masts of a vessel. He thought it to be a small military vessel. He had gone near enough to observe the land batteries.

QUESTIONS BY COURT.

Captain Wise was questioned by the court.

"Did the batteries at or near Santiago fire upon the Yale while she was reconnoitering?"

"Not at all."

"Who was the senior officer off Santiago prior to the arrival of the Flying Squadron?"

"I was senior officer until Captain Cotton came, on the 23d. He was there until the 24th, I was senior officer on the 25th, and the squadron came there on the 26th."

"Did you not direct Captain Sigsbee to give to Commodore Schley the information that you have received from the Navy Department with regard to the whereabouts of the Spanish squadron?"

"I did not."

COTTON RECALLED.

At this point Captain Wise was excused, and Admiral Cotton was recalled to make verbal correction in the testimony previously given by him.

Admiral Cotton was questioned concerning some points of the Santiago campaign. He said that on the morning of May 31st, after arriving from Kingston, he had gone aboard the Brooklyn with dispatches for Admiral Schley. Asked by Captain Lemly to relate his conversation with Admiral Schley on the occasion of that visit, he said:

"He informed me that it had been ascertained that some, at least, of the ships of Admiral Cervera's squadron were within the harbor of Santiago; that they had been and were in sight, and as a matter of fact one of them was then in sight at the entrance of the harbor. In language as nearly as I can remember, he said: 'After dinner I am going to hoist my flag on board the Massachusetts, and take her and the Iowa and go in and have a pot-shot at those fellows.'"

STOPPING OF TEXAS.

William C. Gray, who was chief machinist on the Texas during the battle off Santiago on July 3d, testified that on that date he had been on duty at the throttle of the starboard engine of of the battleship. He said that when he went to the engine-room the vessel was going ahead. "The next signal," he said, "was to stop a minute, afterward to reverse. The engines were then reversed."

The witness said that the reversal was very brief, the revolutions not exceeding 100, and the time being short. He had, he said, heard afterward that the reversal was because they were passing the Brooklyn.

Lieutenant Spencer S. Wood, who commanded the dispatch-boat Dupont during the Spanish war, was the next witness.

Lieutenant Wood related the particulars of his mission as a dispatch carrier from Admiral Sampson, lying at Key West, to Admiral Schley, who was off Cienfuegos. He had left Key West May 20th, carrying dispatches of which the Iowa carried duplicates, and had reached Cienfuegos several hours in advance of the Iowa.

"On my arrival," the witness said, "I went aboard and delivered the dispatches which I carried from Admiral Sampson to Commodore Schley, in his cabin, at 9 o'clock He asked me Admiral Sampson's idea about where the Spanish squadron was. I told him I did not know. He asked me of Admiral Sampson's intentions. I told him I did not know them. He told me he thought the Spanish squadron was there. He had heard firing, and had heard that they were there. The conversation was on a line to endeavor to find out from me what Admiral Sampson's plans were. I could give him no information."

"How long were you on board the flagship?"

"Until just before luncheon."

"Have you anything further to state with respect to this interview, which will bear upon the subject of this inquiry?"

SCHLEY NERVOUS.

"The Commodore hesitated some about giving me coal. He did not think he could spare coal at first. I said it was absolutely necessary; that we were almost out of coal, having made the run from Key West. He said: 'Very well, go below and I will think it over.' I went below to the ward-room, and was afterwards called up and informed that they would give me coal. I had never before met the Admiral. He impressed me as being very nervous. He would get up and walk around, come back and sit down, and a number of questions he asked me about Admiral Sampson's intentions I was unable to answer."

"If I understand you clearly, you had no knowledge of the contents of the dispatches which you delivered?"

"Admiral Sampson did not tell me what was in them. He simply told me these were duplicates of the dispatches he was sending by the Iowa."

"Did the Admiral read the dispatches in your presence?"

"Oh, yes."

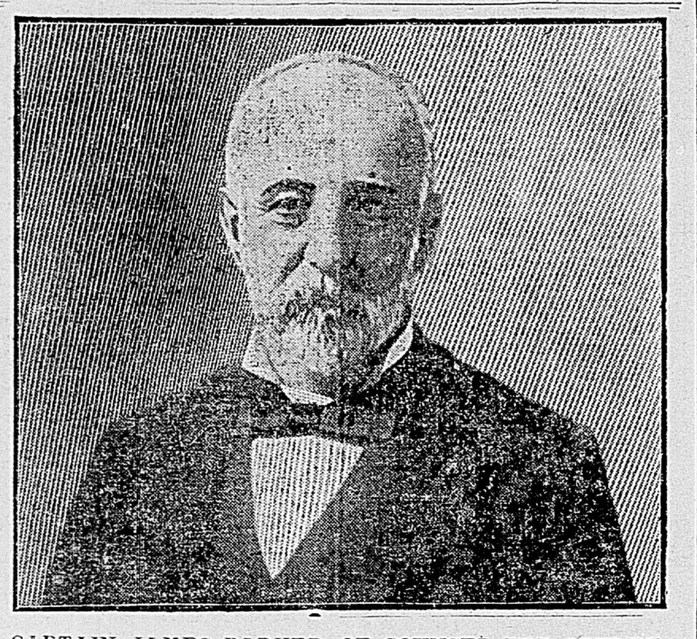
"Did he advise you of their contents then?"

"He did not tell me positively what they were. I gathered while I was aboard the ship what they contained, but whether it was while I was in the cabin or later in the ward-room I do not know. I never saw their contents, and Admiral Sampson never told me what they were."

SIGNALS FOR INSURGENTS.

Asked by Mr. Rayner of Admiral Sampson or any one else had informed him before he left Key West for Cienfuegos that a code of signals had been agreed upon between the American forces and the Cuban insurgents, Lieutenant Wood replied in the negative. He had not, he said, received such information officially, but he added that it was current talk at Key West that the Marblehead on a previous trip had established communication with the Cubans. If, however, a code had been arranged, he did not know of the fact.

Before Lieutenant Wood had concluded his testimony the court adjourned.



CAPTAIN JAMES PARKER, OF COUNSEL FOR SCHLEY.

Wed in North Carolina.

Mr. Wallace Howard Lawrence and Miss Selina Ellis Perkins were wedded in Halifax, N. C., at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and returned to their future home, 1402 west Marshall street.

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SEVERAL TUGS LOSE THEIR TOWS IN HEAVY SEA.

VESSELS ROLLING OMINOUSLY.

Fears Entertained for the Crews of the Craft—President Roosevelt Acknowledges Confederate Commendation—A Child Killed.

NORFOLK, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—Four fleets of barges are adrift at sea, and the lives of those aboard them are imperilled. The first news of this result of the heavy gale that prevailed outside, yesterday, was brought into port by schooner captains this morning. They reported the barges adrift in various places with the three tugs owned by the Luckenbachs, which had them in tow, searching for them.

Immediately upon receipt of the information, the Luckenbachs's agent here began making arrangements for sending an ocean steamer in search of the barges and their crews, unless they shall be speedily brought into port otherwise.

There was a terrific sea yesterday, and it is not known whether the barges broke adrift or were cut off to avoid collision The first reports stated that the tug M. E. Luckenbach was nearly eight miles from the barge Hamilton Fish, while another Luckenbach tug was astern of another barge trying either to anchor her or take off her crew. The barge was rolling dangerously at the time in a heavy sea.

Captain Moon, of the Boston and Baltimore Towing Company's tug "N. & W., 2," arrived after a stormy passage. He, too, was reported to have been forced to abandon his valuable tow, but he brought all his bargest in safely. All their troubles overtook the four fleets off Winterquarter Shoal Light-Ship. All the tugs were laboring hard when last seen. It is hoped that no lives have been lost.

ROOSEVELT'S SINCERE APPRECIATION.

President Roosevelt has acknowledged with "sincere appreciation" the graceful and patriotic action with regard to himself taken by Stonewall Camp, of Portsmouth, one of the most prominent of all the organizations of Confederate veterans.

The resolution, adopted by the camp, concurrently with an expression of grief at the President's death, was introduced by Colonel William H. Stewart. It commended the new President warmly, and said that the country had no reason to fear a man who, although a northerner, could be so bravely just as to set upon Lee the seal of his superlative admiration and to call him the greatest Anglo-Saxon commander.

THE BUNTING MURDER CASE.

The trial of Captain William Bunting for the murder of James Bell, his overseer, to-day developed the line of defence—that Bunting was crazed with pain and morphine and therefore mentally irresponsible at the time of the killing. It is also endeavoring to show that Bell's death was due, not to the blow struck him, by Bunting, but to hemorrhage caused by alcoholism.

The prisoner testified that he had no animus. He declared that he did not remember striking Bell.

The jury protested against being locked up from 2 this afternoon until noon tomorrow, while counsel in the case attended the State Committee meeting in Richmond. The court sustained them, and the trial will proceed.

CHILD HORRIBLY MANGLED.

Lily Bridgett, 8 years old, was run down and horribly mangled by a Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal car to-day. One leg was carried a great distance, an arm was amputated and the skull crushed. Death was instantaneous.

DEATH OF J. E. PERKINSON.

Well-Known Young Man Succumbs to Consumption—Revival Services.

MEHERRIN, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—Mr. J. E. Perkinsn died at the home of his brother, Mr. L. B. Perkinson, here last night, at 7 o'clock, in his 26th year. He had been a victim of consumption for the past year.

Mr. Perkinson's home was near Green Bay, and for several years he was an employee of the Norfolk and Western railway with headquarters in Crewe, Va., where he had many friends. His remains were interred in the family burying ground this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Inez Barns, of 1213 Floyd avenue, Richmond, Va., is the guest of Mrs. M. E. Gee.

Mrs. Rosa McFarlan, of Richmond, spent a few days this week with her aunt, Mrs. S. J. Baker, near this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morris and her little son, Walter, of Clifton Forge, are spending a few weeks as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Haskins.

Miss Thorburn, of Washington, D. C., is visiting the home of Rev. W. T. Clarke.

Miss Fannie M. Newbill, who has been ill for the past week is much improved.

Rev. W. T. Doggett, of Danville, Va., is assisting Rev. Hugh Henry in a series of revival meetings at the Presbyterian church here. Much interest is being manifested, and a good meeting is looked for.

Miss Sopie Haskins, who has been spending the past three months in Clifton Forge, returned home Friray last.

Mr. Elmo Shackleton left Sunday for Richmond, where he goes to seek employment.

Mr. H. A. Haskins, who returned from Richmond a few weeks ago with fever, is out again.

The Democrats, of Lunenburg, have, through their secretary, Mr. G. T. Allin, called a meeting of the committee at the Courthouse on the 30th instant.

Mr. John C. Davis, who has been very ill at the home of Mr. John D. Davis, was taken to Richmond on Sunday last for treatment.

WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN.

Five Persons Are Injured and Three Cars Are Burned

COLUMBIA, S. C., September 26.—A passenger train on the Southern railway ran into the rear of a freight train three miles from Columbia last night. Five persons were injured and three cars were burned. The frieght train, it is said, was running on the passenger train's time.

Fauquier-Loudoun Convention.

LEESBURG, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—The joint Democratic convention of the counties of Fauquier and Loudoun to name a floater candidate for the next Legislature of Virginia, was called to meet at Middleburg on Saturday, October 5th next, and not on the "coming Saturday," September 28th, as erroneously stated.

News of Henrico County.

There was a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor of Henrico county at the court-house yesterday afternoon. The pay-rolls and bills were approved and ordered to be paid.

Pearl White (colored), charged with cursing and abusing Adolphus White (also colored), was arrested by Constable Samuels yesterday afternoon.

Roscoe Coleman, charged with trespassing and creating a disturbance on the property of his brother-in-law, Mr. A. J. Martin, was tried by 'Squire Thomas and found guilty. Mr. Martin did not want to see him punished, so he was put under $100 bond for twelve months. He was, however, required to pay the costs, and in default he went to jail.

Leg Broken by Parted Guy.

John Shackell, foreman of the work of building a stone wall in James river for the firm of Woodward & Son, had his left leg broken near the ankle by the parting of an iron guy attached to a derrick. When the guy gave way it knocked Mr. Shackell backwards, and he was rendered almost senseless. He was treated by Ambulance-Surgeon Harrison, and taken to his home, No. 1808 Henry street.

Fashion's Autumn Styles.

The season of Fall is upon us. We have had our opening of the newest apparel, and our exhibition of the latest of world's fashion leaders have been accepted as the "correct mode" by our foremost and best dressed people; therefore the season now opens out to general trading with the styles, materials and colors that have been passed upon by the elite as the wear for the autumn of 1901. Our exhibition of Headgear was everywhere spoken of in highest terms of praise and the press commended our

"Hats from Paris and Berlin"

as the "EXCLUSIVE STYLE OF RICHMOND AND VICINITY." We are exclusive in style, and have always known it; but what we are ever trying to impress upon the residents is that we are not exclusive in price; never more cost with us than at the smallest millinery establishment in the city, and yet at what a difference in the finished article, the one, just so much material; THE OTHER A MASTERPIECE OF MILLINERY ART.

WE ASK NO MORE THAN FOR YOU TO INSPECT OUR STOCK AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES.

Dresses and Coats for Our Children and Misses. Besides the extensive show of Ladies' Suits and Wraps that were displayed by us yesterday and the day before we have also everything that could be desired in outer-garments for our children and misses in a full assortment of sizes from 4 to 14 years.

The girls have to be clothed, and that fashionably, though none of us care to spend extravagant sums on their Suits and Coats, which makes our task of providing suitable garments at a suitable price a very difficult one to accomplish, but we have succeeded, however, and can offer an exceptionally strong line of good materials in Suits, Jackets, and Coats for Children and Misses, fashionably cut and trimmed in the latest manner, at the very lowest prices to be found in the city for like articles.

The following are specimen items of a grand stock, and we invite you to compare values:

Girls' Coats.

At $5—Box Coat of good quality kersey, nicely tailored, and finished in Castor, Red, Brown, and Royal, ages from 4 to 14 years.

At $7.50—Three-Quarter Box Coat of fine imported kersey, collar, revers, cuffs, and bottom of coat finished with eight rows tailor stitching, in Light Tan, Castor, Red, and Royal, sizes 6 to 14 years.

At $10.98—Box Reefer of English kersey, lined throughout in satin; collar, cuffs, and bottom of garment has an inlaid band three inches deep of stitched velvet an exceedingly dressy coat.

Girls' Suits.

At $5—Sailor Suits of best quality Blue or Brown cheviot, large, square collar trimmed in silk soutache braid, shield and tie of Red serge, a very nobby suit for children from 4 to 14 years.

At $7.50—Blouse Suit of Blue or Brown cheviot, the blouse made with rolling collar and revers, and trimmed in stitched velvet bands, silk-lined skirt, gored and lined in percaline, for ages from 10 to 14 years.

At $10.98—Dressy Suit of best quality Venetian, new Norfolk blouse, trimmed in braid and silk lined, in colors Red, Brown, and Blue, for misses from 10 to 16 years.

Misses Auto Coats.

At $10—Long Auto Coat of extra quality rough Cheviot, in Red Castor, and Brown yoke effect formed of stitched velvet band—a very stylish garment for young misses.

At 13.95—Elegant Long Auto Coat of imported kersey, triple-cape, trimmed in stitched bands, an exceedingly handsome coat.

At $20—Swell Norfolk Coat of finest quality kersey, satin lined throughout, entire garment elaborately stitched, belt, collar, and cuffs of stitched silk velvet.

Kaufmann & Co., Fourth and Broad Streets.

HIS LIFE IS AT STAKE.

YOUNG RUSSELL VAN ARSDALE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

ROBERT KELLY HIS VICTIM.

The Court Refuses to Grant Postponement, and Overrules All the Technical Objections Interposed by His Counsel.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—Contrary to the expectations of the attorneys for the defendant the case of young Russell Van Arsdale, charged with the murder of his uncle, Robert Kelly, was taken up by Judge Dudley in the Warwick County Court to-day, and the trial was commenced.

Captain C. C. Berkeley, the leading counsel for the defendant, was not present, but the prisoner was represented by Mr. C. C. Mitchell, who is associated with Mr. Berkeley in the case. Mr. Mitchell had expected to get the case continued on account of the absence of Captain Berkeley, and the ruling of the court in forcing him to trial was entirely unexpected.

When the case was called in the County Court, Mr. Mitchell objected to it being docketed in that court. He argued that the case had already been on the docket of the court, and was removed by the Judge. This, he claimed, settled the case as far as this court was concerned, and it could not be replaced on the docket of this court on the same indictment.

The court overruled the objection, and ordered the case docketed, to which the defence noted an exception.

The court overruled the motion for a continuance, and ordered the prisoner to trial, which was excepted to by Mr. Mitchell.

The prisoner was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Mitchell then demurred to the indictment, and moved that it be quashed, which was overruled, and the ruling excepted to.

The twelve men who are to try Van Arsdale were then selected by lot, and the court adjourned until to-morrow, ready to commence with the testimony.

SENSATION IN RALEIGH.

Conspiracy to Assault the Mayor—A Liveryman in Trouble.

RALEIGH, N. C., September 26.—(Special.)—The penitentiary report was carefully studied by the Governor last night and to-day. It shows that the status of the penitentiary at the end of the Fusion regime was very different from what the Fusionists reported it to be.

There was a local sensation here yesterday, growing out of the trial of five little white boys, daring thieves, who have committed many crimes here. They are to be sent to the reformatory.

Another sensation was the sentencing to thirty-days' labor on the public roads of a wealthy liveryman here for horsewhipping a drunken idiot, who was cursing him in the presence of ladies. The judge would listen to no explanation, but said he regretted he could not sentence the man to twelve months. The liveryman was in a desperate situation, but finally the judge changed the penalty to $25 fine.

A third sensation occurred last evening when three young white men who had telephoned to the Mayor that he was wanted at his office, met him on the street, as he was on his way there, and one called him a liar. The Mayor struck him, and was in turn struck and knocked down. Then one of the three went before a magistrate and swore out a warrant for affray against the Mayor and the young man who called him a liar. This case was set for hearing to-day. The matter is causing much stir and may lead to very serious consequences for the three young men, as the grand jury may take up the case and make it one of conspiracy against the Mayor.

The action of the Cotton-Growers' Convention here in urging that no cottonseed be sold for less than 25 cents a bushel or exchanged at a less amount of cotton-seed meal than 1,333 1-3 pounds for a ton of seed meets with popular approval. The convention by its committee, General W. R. Cox, Secretary of State Bryan Grimes, and ex-Congressman J. W. Atwater, this morning prepared an address to cotton-growers, setting this matter before them and urging unity of effort, as in no other way can the cottonseed oil trust be met.

Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers has returned from the Northwestern counties. He says the people are prosperous there, and the country is full or grass, cattle, and apples.

Returned to the Seminary.

Rev. C. T. Willingham left Wednesday night for Louisville, Ky., to complete his studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. Willingham is the son of Dr. R. J. Willingham, and has been supplying the pulpit of Grace-Street Baptist church.

PROFIT IN WALNUT LOGS.

One Shipment Recenty Sold for $1,380—Opening for a Cannery.

FARMVILLE, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—One enterprise of Prince Edward deserves mention, and that is the buying up and exporting of walnut logs. One concern in the county makes this branch of their busines a specialty, and will go any distance to purchase a walnut log. Fourteen logs were recently shipped, which were sold for the sum of $1,380.

The last reports received from Hampden-Sidney College showed the number of students entered for the present session to be 103.

The buildings formerly used here by the Southside Canning Company have been converted into a planing establishment, the cannery having a year ago closed its works. That enterprise was once one of the most useful in the community, giving employment to many men and women. This section is admirably adapted to the growth of tomatoes and such other products as are generally put up in canning establishments, and it is a general regret that the proprietors determined to close the works here.

ELIZABETH CITY DEADLOCK.

The County Democratic Committee Again Fails to Elect a Chairman.

HAMPTON, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—The Elizabeth City County Democratic Committee met to-night, and for the second time failed to elect a county chairman to succeed Dr. Frank W. Sheild, whose seat was recently declared vacant by the committee. After several ballots, with the vote standing 4 for Sheild and 4 for W. H. Tignor, the committee decided to adjourn to meet again October 15th, when the third attempt will be made to elect a chairman.

Information has been received here of the serious illness of Dr. Hugh Cumming, who is in charge of the government quarantine station at Atlanta, Ga. He is suffering from appendicitis.

John R. Cook Elected Clerk.

DANVILLE, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—In the special election held here to-day to elect a successor to Colonel William Rison, who recently resigned the office of Clerk of the Corporation Court, Mr. John R. Cook received 1,069 votes and Captain John L. Tyack 167, making Cook's majority 902. The election passed off quietly, and only a third of the vote was polled.

The successful candidate was a Deputy Clerk under Colonel Rison, and had been filling the office by appointment about one month.

Death of Miss Madison.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—Miss Beulah Madison died yesterday evening at her home in this city. Some time ago she suffered from a severe attack of measles, which left her system in a weakened condition, and susceptible to disease. Consumption supervened, and her death soon followed. She was 17 years of age.

The funeral took place to-day from her late residence, and the interment was in Oakwood.

Dr. Joseph H. Roberts, formerly of Virginia, but now of Medford, Okla., was here to-day.

Asked the Loan of Pictures.

At the Confederate Memorial Society's meeting on Wednesday, an appeal was made by Mrs. Herbert Claiborne to the society asking the loan of framed pictures of each of the State Rooms in the museum, and also a picture of the Musem, to be paced with her collection of women's work from Virginia, to be exhibitede at Charleston. The appeal was unanimously endorsed.

Charges Against Chief Detectives.

CHICAGO, September 26.—Neglect of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer are the charges which Chief-of-Police O'Neill will prefer against Chief-of-Detectives Luke Colleran. It is claimed that Colleran, while chief of detectives, juggled the evidence in favor of James Dunlap, a bank burglar, who was, however, sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Surety Company Fails.

OWENSBORO', KY., September 26.—The German-American Surety Company assigned here yesterday. The liabilities are over $150,000, with practically no assets, except office fixtures.

Ex-Congressman W. J. Stone is president of the concern. About 500 investors are involved.

Mrs. White Taken to Baltimore.

Mrs. S. A. White, of North Carolina, suffering with acute insanity, was removed from the City Hospital on Wednesday evening to Baltimore, where it is thought she will be placed in the Johns Hopkins Hospital. It was thought that Mrs. White's attack is only temporary. She was accompanied to Baltimore by her husband.

Fatal Fight Over Crap.

WOODSTOCK, VA., September 26.—(Special.)—During a fight over a game of crap in the livery stable attached to Geary's Hotel, this morning, Charles Thomas struck Henry Ball over tre head with a beer bottle and fractured his skull. The injury will probably result in death. Both parties are colored. Thomas was arrested and held in jail.

SOUTHERN'S NEW TRAIN.

Will Be Called "Southern Palm Limited"—A Model of Elegance.

"Southern Palm Limited" will be the name of the now famous New York and Florida Limited, when the winter schedules of the Southern railway are announced. And in spite of the elegance, luxury, and comfort afforded heretofore, it will be demonstrated that the limit was not reached. The Pullman Company is building an entirely new equipment for the train, the perfection of which in completeness of appointment and beauty, it is promised, will surpass anything that has ever been attempted in passenger car construction.

General Superintendent C. C. Walker, General Manager C. E. Doyle, Superintendent J. W. Knapp, and other officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio have returned from Hot Springs.

The winter time-tables will not be announced till some weeks later.

Cary A. Coffman, son of Professor S. J. Coffman, of Albemarle county, who has been connected with the car service department of the Chesapeake and Ohio in this city, has accepted a position in Chicago.

The following is a comparative statement of the gross earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio road for the third week of September: 1901, $338,619.71; 1900, $324,864.24. Increase, $13,755.47. For the three weeks of September—1901, $1,022,848.50; 1900, $974,592.72. Increase, $48,255.78.

Below are the estimated earnings of the Southern Railway system for the third week of September: Southern Railway Company, exclusive of St. Louis-Louisville lines—This year, $645,846; last year, $650,476. Decrease, $4,630. Southern railway, St. Louis-Louisville lines—This year, $59,600; last year, $63,821. Decrease, $4,221.

Mr. J. W. White has been appointed travelling freight agent of the Seaboard Air-Line railway, with headquarters at Raleigh, to succeed Mr. E. D. Kyle, promoted. Mr. White entered upon his duties September 20th.

Mr. R. E. L. Bunch, general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air-Line railway, who has been sick with fever for six weeks, at his home, in Raleigh, is now able to sit up.

ROUGH INITIAL VOYAGE.

Kronprinz Wilhelm Sustains Considerable Damage.

NEW YORK, September 26.—The new twin-screw steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm arrived in port yesterday. She left Bremen on September 17th, and Southampton and Cherbourg the 18th. From the time of leaving Cherbourg harbor, the huge steamer plunged into head seas, with heavy southwesterly gales. The sea broke over the steamer's bow, smashing the forward rails, stove in the deck-houses, and let the water into the forward saloons. A companionway was smashed, also. The weather was so rought that the steamer was obliged to run under reduced speed for three days and a half. The screws were reduced to fifty revolutions.

The great steamer was unable under these conditions to make an attempt at record-breaking, and most of the time only 9,500 horse-power was used. However, the speed increased when the weather moderated, and on the 23d the ship made 654 knots, and on the 24th, 575 knots, which the chief engineer claims to be the best day's run ever made on an initial voyage. The time of passage was six days, ten hours, fifteen minutes. Total distance, 3,045 knots, average speed per hour, 19.47 knots.

INVITED TO PETERSBURG.

Company H Asked to Be Present at Meeting of the Grand Camp.

After a largely-attended drill last night by Company H, of the Seventieth Regiment, an invitation was read from the A. P. Hill Camp, Confederate Veterans, of Petersburg, asking the company to be present at the meeting of the Grand Camp in that city next month. Action on the matter was deferred until the next meeting of the company.

He May Go to Lynchburg.

Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Atlanta, Ga., will probably be called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Lynchburg. He will succeed Dr. F. C. McConnell. Dr. Landrum was for some time pastor of the Second Baptist church of this city.

Mr. Young Improving.

Mr. George Young, who is at the City Hospital, suffering from injuries received from falling from a street-car, was thought to be slightly better last night. The physicians are of the opinion that Mr. Young will recover, though his condition is still serious.

Mr. Walker Hill's Home.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat of Wednesday printed a picture of the handsome home of Mr. Walker Hill, formerly of this city, under the head: "Prominent Citizens of St. Louis and their Homes."