

The Richmond-Smith Controversy.

MR. W. D. SMITH REPLIES TO MR. RICHMOND'S LETTER OF JANUARY 24TH.

Asserts That He Was Not the Author of the Ballot in Question; and Emphasizes His Denunciation of Richmond's Democracy.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: In your issue of the 24th ultimo, Mr. J. B. Richmond replies to my letter of November 23, 1901, in which he makes an imbecile effort to justify his unprovoked and unwarranted attack made on me in the Constitutional Convention.

I desire to say that I am well aware that newspaper alterations of this kind are unimportant, and very distasteful to an enlightened, reading public. However, I feel sure when your readers remember that the attack made on me in the Constitutional Convention is wholly unprecedented in a deliberative body, I shall be pardoned for noticing his communications.

The letter of the 23rd of November is still fresh in the minds of your readers, and Mr. Richmond's reply only serves to emphasize every word therein contained. I want now to present the matters referred to by Mr. Richmond as they are, and then let the people judge for themselves. Mr. Richmond stated that he wanted to leave the whole controversy to the decision of a public judgment. This is exactly what I want, and in order that this may be done the facts must be fairly and correctly stated.

He begins by an effort to prove that he made the same charge here in Scott county, "right in my presence and under my nose," that he made on the floor of the convention. I call special attention to the wording of the circular which he claims was signed by several parties. In this circular, which is no evidence, he does not include the language used on the floor of the convention, nor state that the charge was made in my presence. I have in my possession the statement that Mr. Richmond did not use the language in several of his speeches in Scott county, much less in my presence, etc. As to whether he made use of this language in his speeches made at other places, I can say nothing, but I am positive nothing of the kind was ever intimated to me. And whether he did or did not use the language in this county, it is absolutely untrue. And as to Mr. Richmond's statement that he made the charge "right in my presence," it is false in every particular.

As to the Scott county ballot on which so much relies, I again most emphatically state that I had nothing whatever to do with the ballot. To prove me the author of the ballot in question, Mr. Richmond gives a part of an answer to a question asked me in my deposition in the contest of election case of Walker vs. Rhea, and gives such other portions of my depositions as suits his convenience. He says "my deposition can be found on pages 27 to 28, inclusive, of the record in said contest election case." I have the record before me, and my deposition does not appear there. On page 28 of the record my deposition will be found. Now, if Mr. Richmond had intended to have answered to the question, "Did you assist in the preparation of the ballot?" he would have given the answer to the question, "I will give my answer to the questions asked. They will be found on page 318 of the record."

Q. Did you aid in the preparation or arrangement of a form of ballot for use in the counties of the Ninth in the Presidential or Congressional election held November 6, 1900? A. I did not arrange any ballot to be used at the election of President and Vice-President or Congress at the election of 1900. Q. The enquiry is "Did you aid in the arrangement of preparation of such ballot?" A. I did not aid in the arrangement or preparation of such ballot. Unless it would be construed to mean that I aided or assisted in the preparation of the ballot to be used at the election held in November, 1900, by assisting in managing those who were assisting in managing the campaign of Judge Rhea as to what we thought constituted a legal ballot. Directly, certainly I did not assist in formulating or arranging any ballot to be used in said election.

Q. I do not know why nor for what reason Mr. Richmond failed to give the latter part of the foregoing answer. On page 221 of the record, near the bottom of a question propounded to me, since learning something of the testimony that has been given in the pending contest, and knowing something of the effort of counsel for the contestant to connect me, or rather to connect me in formulating the Scott county ballot. I have carefully thought the matter all over and feel quite certain that I never had any conference or gave any directions whatever to any member of the Electoral Board, or to the printer who printed said ballot. In this same record can be found the depositions of the members of the Electoral Board, at pages 28, 29 and 34, respectively. They state clearly and positively that I had nothing whatever to do with the ballot. It seems to me that this record is sufficient to satisfy any intelligent mind, however skeptical, that I am not the author of the Scott county ballot, and to the contrary generally, that if any man says that I am the author of the Scott county ballot used in the November election of 1900, or that I had anything to do in directing its form or arrangement, or that I ever uttered one word to any member of the Electoral Board relative to the ballot, or to the printer who printed the same, or that I even knew where the printing was nearly if not quite finished, he is an unscrupulous and a malicious liar.

As to what Mr. Richmond calls my political perfidy, here again he fails for some reason, to give the facts as they are. True, I served as judge of election at Wingers' Precinct until 12 o'clock, noon, when I had to leave. One of the judges of election, because of the personal trouble between some of the members and himself, having refused to serve on the morning of the election, I was sworn in and served until the time above mentioned. To show the groundlessness of his charges at this precinct, I will introduce his own writings. Below will be found what Messrs. I. B. Davidson, J. C. Sandidge, and B. W. Sandidge have to say. Here is Mr. I. B. Davidson's sworn statement:

Q. Did W. D. Smith fill your ticket at the November election, 1901? A. Yes, sir. Q. You examined your ticket, did you, after it was filled? A. I looked over it and thought it was all right. Q. You did not mean to reflect in any way in the least on Mr. Smith in your statement before Mr. G. M. Edmonds, did you? A. I did not. Q. When you stated that you did not know whether you voted for Mr. Bond or not, you did not mean that Mr. Smith had filled your ticket wrong, or that he had done anything wrong, did you? A. I did not. The above questions were asked, answered, and sworn to before me, this, February 5, 1902. J. B. FREEMAN, J. P. Here is Mr. J. C. Sandidge's statement:

"I notice that Mr. Richmond, in his reply to W. D. Smith, uses a letter which I wrote to Mr. John P. Corns, November 6, 1901, in which I carefully stated that there was a complete steal out at Wingers' Precinct. I desire to state that I did not mean to reflect in the least on Mr. W. D. Smith, who acted as one of the judges until noon. Mr. Smith directed me to fill my ticket, and I left the election ground in the evening, and I do not know what took place after I left. J. C. SANDIDGE. Here is the sworn statement of B. W. Sandidge:

"Since noticing my statement used by J. B. Richmond in his reply to W. D. Smith, I desire to make the following statement: George M. Edmonds, a nephew of J. B. Richmond's, came to my house one night in December, 1901, and made a statement which I did not fully understand at the time, and I now see is not in full accord with the facts. Mr. Smith, who acted as judge until about noon, did fill my ticket, as stated. While filling my ticket, Mr. Smith, I am sure through a mistake, did mark off Edmonds, Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, instead of Democratic candidate. Mr. Smith, upon making this mistake, Mr. Smith said, 'Erice, I will have to get another ticket,' and did not give me another. Mr. Smith, I know exactly as to what took place at that time, and I know how many Republicans had voted. B. W. SANDIDGE. Sworn to before me February 11, 1902. Commissioner in Chancery.

Touching the letter purporting to have been written by me to Mr. John Haynes, bearing date October 8, 1892, here is Mr. Haynes's statement concerning the same: "I have just noticed in Mr. Richmond's Dispatch of October 8, 1892, a letter purporting to have been written to me by Mr. Smith, October 8, 1892. I desire to state that I have never received any such letter from Mr. Smith, and I did not authorize the use of any such letter by Mr. Richmond. Judging from the dictation and nature of the letter, had I received such, I should not have signed it. Mr. Smith scribbled it carelessly, and would not have given it a second thought. 'I am sure the letter is a forgery, and I know nothing of the same. I never received but two letters from Mr. Smith, while I acted as registrar, and only one of them was signed in his own handwriting, and this one was written to Judge Morrison's race for Congress, in 1894. This statement was made before Mr. Haynes, October 8, 1892. Here is a statement of Mr. J. B. Freeman, J. P., who saw the letter: 'This letter purporting to have been written by Mr. W. D. Smith to Mr. John Haynes, October 8, 1892, was shown to me by Mr. Haynes, or his inspection. After Mr. Haynes inspected said letter, he said that he never received any such letter from Mr. Smith, that it was not in Mr. Smith's handwriting, and he knew nothing whatever of the letter. J. B. FREEMAN, J. P.'"

Further, I say positively that the letter is a forgery. Mr. Richmond, at my request, sent me the letter and I have examined it carefully. I neither signed it, nor did I authorize any one to sign any such letter for me. It is a forgery from beginning to end. And further, I desire to state that the question is a forgery. I will submit the following statements: "This is to certify that I have just examined the letter purporting to have been written by Mr. W. D. Smith, to my brother, John Haynes, and am positive that the letter is not in Mr. Smith's handwriting. I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Smith's handwriting for fifteen years, and I desire to state, unqualifiedly, that the letter bears every evidence of forgery. S. W. HAYNES. 'This is to certify that we have just examined the letter, purporting to have been written by Mr. Smith to Mr. John Haynes, October 8, 1892, and we are positive the letter is not in Mr. Smith's handwriting. We have done business with Mr. Smith for some fourteen or fifteen years, and we are well acquainted with his handwriting. We wish to state positively that the letter above referred to is not in Mr. Smith's handwriting, and that it bears every evidence of forgery. E. L. LANGFORD, J. B. FREEMAN, J. P.'"

I have statements of several other gentlemen, but I do not deem it necessary at this time to give them. I do not that Mr. Richmond knew or believed this letter to be a forgery at the time he published it. But I do feel that Mr. Richmond, in justice to me, and to himself, as well, ought to give me the name of the party who furnished him with this letter. Mr. Richmond went to the home of Mr. Curtis, Registrar for Hilton's Precinct, and procured a statement from him. I now submit the statement of Mr. Curtis in regard to this matter. Q. Did not J. B. Richmond call at your home some time in January, 1892, and induce you to make a statement for him relative to a conversation between you and W. D. Smith? A. He did. Q. Did you or not understand from the conversation you had with W. D. Smith, and from what he stated to you that one of his prime objects in writing you to come to Gate City was to get you to go to certain points in your precinct and urge the Democrats to turn out on election day? A. I understood it that way. Q. Did he or not then and there give you the money with which to defray your expense in going to see the voters as requested? A. He did. Q. In the conversation you had with Mr. Smith did you infer from the language used by him, or did you from any intimation or suggestion of his think or believe that he desired to induce you to register Mr. Darnell illegally or to violate your oath as a registering officer? A. From what Mr. Smith said I did not understand that he desired to induce me to register Mr. Darnell. I only understood that I had to introduce the affidavit of Mr. W. N. Darnell. "I hereby state that I never had any talk with Mr. W. D. Smith on or about politics in my life. The reason I applied to Mr. Curtis to register as a legal judge of election was that I thought I could register any time, but could not vote unless I had registered ten days before the election. I had been appointed judge of election at Hilton's and sought to do a legal judge of election without any intention of voting illegally. I further state that Mr. Smith never said one word to me about registering or anything in connection with the election in 1901, or any other year. W. N. DARNELL. Sworn to before me, February 11, 1902. Commissioner in Chancery.

The above statements give the facts as they are, and upon them I am willing for the public to base a judgment. Mr. Richmond goes out of his way to refer to Mr. C. M. Minnick, my brother-in-law. In this connection, I desire to say that Mr. Minnick, being past 20 years of age, is not so many years younger than I am, and is the peer of Mr. Richmond in every particular. I desire to say further that if Mr. Richmond desires to talk outside of innocuous and oblique hints touching this particular matter I am ready to answer him, and I have but one to give. Mr. Richmond says he held no caucus at his home last fall, when he returned for the November election. Yet he admits that Mr. Bond, the Republican nominee for House of Delegates, in company with Mr. C. W. Carter, a friend and supporter of his, and upon them I am willing for the public to base a judgment. What did this trio meet for? Mr. Richmond says he then and there promised

Mr. Bond his support. I leave this for a generous public to say. Mr. Richmond says that he did not vote for Hon. E. M. Carter for member of the House of Delegates, and assigns as his reason that Mr. Carter did not vote for him in May preceding. This is no valid reason, why the Democratic Democrats should bolt the Democratic ticket. If Mr. Richmond really were what he professes to be, he would never have been guilty of giving such a fallacious excuse for his failure to vote for Mr. Carter as he has given. Here is what Mr. Carter has to say of the matter: "I wish to say that I have no desire to take any part in the controversy between Messrs. J. B. Richmond and W. D. Smith, nor do I wish to do but for the fact that I want the public to be correctly informed as to the matters in which Mr. Richmond seeks to place me in a false light. "In the first place, Mr. Richmond says that he does not suppose I expected him to vote for me, and assigns as his reason that I opposed him for the Constitutional Convention. In the first part of his position, he is right. I do not have no more right to expect his vote than I did the vote of any other Independent or Republican, and neither did I receive or expect his vote in 1897, when I was a Democratic nominee for House of Delegates. And so far as I know, no other Democratic nominee in Scott county has received his vote since 1895. "As to the statement that Mr. Catron was the candidate for the Democratic ticket, the statement of Mr. Catron himself is a sufficient answer. But I also desire to state that it is false. I had nothing to do with making Mr. Catron a candidate. Mr. Richmond's statement that I am frank to say that I would vote for Mr. Catron, because he is true and loyal to his party, and Mr. Richmond is not true and loyal to any party. "W. M. CARTER."

RICHMOND'S DEMOCRACY (?) Mr. Richmond says that he does not like my Democracy. For him this to express himself of any man's Democracy is a compliment. I reply by saying that his Democracy (?) is not only disliked by me, but it is loathed and despised by the genuine and valiant Democracy of Scott County. I do not believe it would be trespassing the bounds of decency to speak to say that his Democracy (?) is detested and abhorred by the united Democracy of the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia; and not only by the Democracy of Scott County, but also by Democrats wherever his political record is known. The only evidence Mr. Richmond introduces to prove his Democracy (?) is a campaign circular which he has held of the rank and file of the Republican vote. Campaign circulars are always considered by bolters and independents as being evidence of the weakness of a party. Mr. Richmond seems to derive great comfort from the fact that Mr. Catron, in his circular, says, "My opponent, Jim Richmond, says he is a Democrat, and that he expects to be elected with the Democratic party in the future." I will call further attention to his Democracy (?) before I close. In this connection, Mr. Richmond says that Mr. Catron was the candidate of the Republican party. This statement is not true. I had nothing to do in bringing about Mr. Catron's candidacy, and without further comment, I submit what Mr. Catron, himself, has to say on the subject. "I notice in Mr. Richmond's reply to Mr. W. D. Smith that he said I was the candidate of Messrs. Carter and Smith. I desire to state to the public that Mr. Richmond says that Mr. Carter and I induced me to become a candidate, or that either one of them ever said one word to me relative to this matter in any way whatever, or that any other Democrat had anything to do with inducing me to become a candidate. "During Mr. Richmond's canvass I heard him make a Democratic speech at Honey Creek, a Democratic speech at the Republican precinct, and I heard him make a Republican speech. After hearing those speeches, I knew that Richmond was bamboozling the Republicans of our county, and that I was three days before the election. "After investigating, I found that quite all the leading Republicans of the county had committed themselves, and they were with the Republican party, and as good a Republican as they wanted, and that they had promised Richmond if he would become their candidate they would support him. So I withdrew from the contest, and telegraphed the news all over the county Wednesday evening before the election. "As an evidence of my unselfishness in becoming a candidate, and in refutation of the false statement of Mr. Richmond, I desire to state that I was the candidate of Messrs. Smith and Carter. I want to say that I urged Dr. Stallard in the strongest terms possible to become a candidate, and offered him a check for \$100 to bear his expenses during the campaign. "I know that Mr. Richmond has been affiliating with the Republican party in Scott county for some six or seven years, and he was regarded until recently as an addition to the Republican party. J. H. CATRON."

Mr. Richmond says he has been a Democrat all his life. Mr. Richmond holds in his possession a commission given him by the Democratic party of the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia. He holds in his possession a commission given him by a Democratic Legislature as Judge of the County Court of Scott county. He was once, I thought loyal and true. I remember this with much pleasure. But since 1895, so far as the Democrats of Scott and adjoining counties know, Mr. Richmond's sympathies and affiliations, politically, have been with the Republican party. This is amply proved by the statement of the Democratic county chairman who have served successively since that time. Their statements are also reinforced by the statements of the Executive Committee and county officials of Scott county. Here are their statements: "We, the undersigned county chairman of the Democratic party of Scott county, Va., do hereby certify that we have served successfully as such since 1895, hereby certify that during our respective incumbencies J. B. Richmond never attended any of the meetings, primaries, or caucuses of the Democratic party in said county, and that he never, in any way, co-operated or affiliated with the Democrats. On the contrary, judging him from his utterances and actions, we believe him to be the pronounced political enemy of said party and its nominees in Scott county during our respective incumbencies. "J. E. SMITH, I. C. COLEY, "W. S. COX, "W. M. DARNELL, "C. W. PALMER."

"We, the undersigned Democratic officials of Scott county, Va., do hereby certify that we are personally acquainted with J. B. Richmond, and have watched closely his political conduct for the past six or seven years; that he has never been such as to lead us to the irresistible conclusion that he has been the enemy of the Democratic party and its nominees in Scott county, and that we believed him to be the supporter of the nominees of the Republican party, said county; and we further believe that he was so regarded by the leaders of the Republican party. "ROBERT R. KANE, "Judge of the County Court. "W. D. SMITH, "Superintendent of Schools. "W. C. STEPHENSON, "Clerk of the County Court. "G. L. DOUGHERTY, "Clerk of the Circuit Court. "B. J. BROADWATER, "Clerk of Scott County. "JOHN E. SMITH, "Treasurer of Scott County. "W. S. COX, "Attorney for the Commonwealth. "Commissioner in Chancery."

I will also submit the certificate of Dr. N. W. Stallard as evidence of Mr. Richmond's Democracy (?). "I, N. W. Stallard, do hereby certify that I duly announced myself as a Republican candidate for member of the Constitutional Convention; that, after making said announcement, I consulted the leaders of the Republican party and found that the Republicans had united on and had endorsed J. B. Richmond as their candidate, and that after I had learned these facts, I withdrew from the race and did not oppose Mr. Richmond. "N. W. STALLARD." Mr. Richmond's denunciation of the Democratic organization of Scott county is no new thing. It is the frazzled-out refrain of disgruntled politicians of political parties, and I presume will continue until disgruntlers shall be no more. Mr. Richmond boasts of his popularity in Scott county. About the best evidence of this is the result of the election of 1898. In this campaign he made a thorough canvass of Scott county, making several speeches, and when the returns came in Palmer an elector (in those words, a candidate himself), had received only eight votes. This indicates pretty accurately the maximum of Mr. Richmond's strength in Scott county when he has opposition.

Mr. Richmond says he has nothing against me personally. This, I think, may be taken cum grano salis. However, I do not pretend to know the heart of any man; but I do believe that Mr. Richmond's attitude toward me for a number of years has indicated anything else than the feelings he professes. Before closing this letter, I hope I shall be pardoned for this personal admission. I feel sure it will be best in the Southwest, that I have given much, or more time to the service of my party than any other man of my rank in the State. And to say that I am not a favorite with bolters, independents, and pretenders would be to state a well-known fact. I care nothing for such things. I have the abiding confidence and united support of the gallant and intrepid Democracy of Southwest Virginia. In passing Mr. Richmond, I desire to say that I am also willing to abide the decision of an indulgent and an impartial public as to whether Mr. Richmond's attack made on me in the Constitutional Convention was warranted, and as to whether I am unwarranted in resenting it the way I have done. I hope you will pardon me for intruding at such length upon your and the public's time. Respectfully, W. P. SMITH.

AT BIG STONE GAP. The News from Wise County - A Fancy Dress Ball. BIG STONE GAP, VA., February 24. (Special.) - The weather seems to have come to an end at last. The sun has been shining brightly for several days. Should this fair weather continue the building operations that have been delayed so long, and which will put on new life. It is reported that a female base-ball team from Chicago wish to tour here for a few months in order to practice. However the manager of the first nine here has announced that his team will not cross bats with these base-ball hours. This town would afford a fine opportunity for parties, since at least a half dozen amateur teams are within easy reach. Our boys say that they have no ambition to play against women. Hotel Eugene, the new hostelry built and owned by Mr. R. L. Brown, of this place, will be opened to the public on Monday. This building is now receiving the finishing touches of the workmen, and the manager, Mr. H. L. Shanklin, formerly of the Mountain View Hotel, Norton, Va., is putting his furniture in place. The house contains about forty rooms, besides a barber-shop and two store-rooms. The building, a three-story structure of pressed brick, is quite neat in appearance, and affords much to the appearance of the part of the town in which it is located. The old Intermont Hotel, which has been the only \$2 house here for ten years, has changed hands, and will be converted into an office.

Workers will begin repairing and changing it for office purposes about March. The local bank, the Virginia Coal and Iron Company, owned by R. A. Ayers, Hon. T. Irvin, and others will be established in this building. It is claimed that the building was originally intended for office purposes. PERSONALS. City Attorney John W. Chalkey has been chosen to deliver the address before the pupils of the local school on May 23d. Mr. Chalkey was originally from Richmond, Va., but a few years ago came to Southwest Virginia to grow up with the country. Mrs. Machein, mother of Mrs. J. E. Naff, is quite sick at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. J. E. Naff, residing at Big Stone Gap District, Methodist Episcopal church, South. Mrs. Maclin is very old and feeble, and is not expected to live. United States Deputy Marshal William Slomp, who has been sick and confined to his room for some time, is able to be out again. Rev. I. S. Anderson, of the Presbyterian church at Rose Hill, Lee county, filled the pulpit in the Methodist Episcopal church, South on yesterday. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Anderson is one of the richest men in Lee county he continues in the ministry and fills his appointments regularly. It is said that he is worth about \$100,000. THE COLONIAL BALL given at Goodloe Hall on the night of the 21st, was one of the most enjoyable events of the kind that the dance-loving people of our town have attended for years. There was a large attendance of dancers, and visitors, and from 10 o'clock till 4 the dancing was continuous, except for about thirty minutes, when delightful refreshments were served by the ladies. The participants were in costumes representing the most fashionable and prettiest wigs, queues, and curls. The stately minuet was assayed and seemed perfectly in harmony with the dancers. In the course of the gentle folk of the eighteenth century could have stepped into the hall they would have felt no sense of strangeness, and the new costumes would not have been conspicuous, so well were the old-timers imitated by the moderns. The German was led by Mr. Bascom Slomp and Miss Posie White, of Abingdon. The other participants were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bullitt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goodloe, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Goodloe, Mr. and Mrs. E. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Goodloe, and Mrs. J. L. McCormick; Mr. H. J. Ayers with Miss Churchill, Mr. Speers Webster with Miss Edith Richards, Mr. William Slomp with Miss Elizabeth

Fox, Mr. A. C. Anderson with Miss Fannie Lewis, Mr. Charles Colman with Miss Polly, Dr. McGuire with Miss Grace Adams, Mr. W. W. Kemp with Miss McCarty, Mr. R. T. Irvine with Miss Janice Slomp, Mr. N. C. Harris with Miss Nettie Adams, Mr. T. B. Goodloe with Miss Belle Slomp, Mr. George Essar with Miss Peyton, Mr. Mayo Cabell with Miss Kinkeel, Mr. R. H. Campbell with Miss Duff, Mr. H. S. Dixon with Miss Sadie Adams, Mr. C. C. Kelly, Mr. Robert Carden, Mr. J. B. Ayers, and Mr. J. W. Chalkey. Among the visitors were Mr. H. Newsa, Mrs. A. M. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harper, Jr. Miss Maggie Pennington, and Miss Minnie Fox.

IN ALLEGHANY COUNTY. Two Weddings of Interest - Social at Methodist News. RICHPATCH MINES, February 24. (Special.) - Two marriages were events of interest here recently, the contracting parties being, respectively, Mr. Sidney Steele and Miss Johnson, of Malow; and Miss Elizabeth Bell Mazingo and Mr. John Randolph. All of them will reside here, as Mr. Steele and Mr. Randolph are employees of the Ritchpatch Iron-Ore Company. Mr. F. J. Falkenbach spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Beuna Vista. Miss Massie, of Falling Spring Valley, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. O. C. Morris, this week. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar von Rohn have been the guests for several days of Mr. and Mrs. James Lightner. Mr. von Rohn is a member of the United States Geodetic Survey and general manager of four prominent iron mines in Minnesota. His little "Gothic" church is now completely finished and fitted for service. The latest addition toward the comfort of the minister is a handsome brass reading lamp, with electric fittings, which adds to the beauty of the neat antique oak altar. Mrs. Kitchen, of Lowmoor, who has been quite ill in Philadelphia, is much improved, although her physician will not consent to her return home until March. While visiting in the Quaker City she was attacked with pneumonia, from which she is now recovering. Mrs. Cleave, her daughter, also of Lowmoor, is with her. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Karr gave a delightful supper on Friday evening, at which Mrs. J. Dinslow, Mrs. J. Lightner, Mr. F. J. Falkenbach, and Mr. W. M. Taylor were guests.

THOS. TURNER DROPPED DEAD. Was a Well-Known Resident of State of Wight County. SMITHFIELD, VA., February 24. (Special.) - The funeral of Mr. Thomas Turner took place Sunday at this residence about 11 o'clock. Mr. Smithfield, 62 o'clock, and he was buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery. Mr. Turner died very suddenly. He was being helped on with his overcoat preparing to go to Richmond, when he dropped dead. The deceased was a brother to Mr. Dick Turner, who died very suddenly a few months ago. He was also a brother of Mr. R. Beverly Turner, who was shot and killed by Nick Gilligan, a little over a year ago. The Misses Todd, of Norfolk, are visiting their uncle, Mr. E. M. Todd. Miss Nellie Batten is visiting friends in Richmond. Samuel Thomas, who lives near Smithfield, died Friday night. His funeral will take place to-morrow.

In Pulaski County. PULASKI, VA., February 24. (Special.) John Long (white) and Andy Lee and John Canady (colored), indicted for violation of the local-option laws, have been arrested, and are in the county jail. This runs the number of prisoners up to 17, one of whom is a woman. James Gemmel, of the town of West Virginia last week to visit his family. Mrs. W. B. Bentley spent several days this week visiting her sister, Miss Lizzie A. Perkins, of this place. Miss Katie Lee has gone to Knoxville on a visit to her cousins, the Misses Nickolson. Captain L. H. Larew, of New Haven, has recovered, and is again seen on the streets. Jesse Carper, who has been taking a business course at King's College, returned home to accept a position with a concern here. Floyd Furman of Carroll, who was arrested for shooting in Buchanan county, Va., and brought here Friday, was taken to Hillsville; but brought back here Tuesday for safe-keeping. He is charged with a murder committed in Carroll some time ago.

Transfers of Property. In Richmond: Ellis B. French and wife, Stella V. and C. D. Coleman, and Bessie L. and Stella C. French to R. H. Harwood, 37 feet on north side Venable street, 17 feet east of Pink street, \$1,500. Marshall M. Gilliam, special commissioner, to Peter H. Mayo, 21-1/2 feet on south side Main street, 122-1/2 feet west of Eighth street, \$10,000. W. A. Kyles and wife to R. Jefferson Kyles, 17-1/4 feet on west side St. Paul street, 125 feet south of Federal street, \$600. J. J. Leake and A. H. Felthaus, receivers, to G. D. Pearman and R. H. Harwood, 18 feet on east side Twenty-eighth street, 63 feet south of N street, \$750. J. H. Mauch and wife to Bessie Southland, 28-1/2 feet on south side Park avenue, 61 feet east of Morris street, \$1,500. Mrs. Susan W. Page to Harrison L. Harris, 25 feet on south side Baker street, between St. John and St. James streets, \$500. Samuel H. Perrin and wife to Joseph and Amelia Fisher, 29 feet on west side Harvie street, 131-1/2 feet north of Cary street, \$2,000. In Henrico: W. M. Barnum and wife to W. P. Gilman, 66.78 acres about ten miles northwest of Richmond, \$97.46. Henry H. Downs trustee to William Massie, 17 feet on north side Claiborne street, 162 feet west of Washington street, \$255. Rosina U. Mordecai to Lewis Ginter's trustees, right of way for a distance of 175 feet through the tract of land known as "Rosewood" for the purpose of constructing a sewer, \$1, &c.

Barton Heights Notes. Miss Jessie A. Gibbons has issued invitations to a final informal get-together to be given at the Town Hall on Chestnut Hill to-night. Miss Carrie Jacobs, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Langley, of Monteiro avenue. Mr. John H. White, of Lamb avenue, is now on a business trip in Lynchburg, Va. The Barton Heights Fire Department will hold a very interesting meeting to-night at the engine-house, on Lamb avenue, at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. W. T. Hundley will conduct regular prayer-meeting to-morrow night at the Baptist church, at 8 o'clock. Services will be held at the Epiphany Episcopal church to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. P. Crisman. Rev. C. E. Blankenship will conduct prayer-meeting to-morrow night at the Methodist church at 8 o'clock. Misses Lella and Carrie Hazelgrove, of Lynchburg, Va., are the guests of friends and relatives here.

Mr. Thomas Royal, of Catlin, Va., is now visiting his brother, in Highland Park. "ALL WRIGHT-FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY" PEERY'S DEAD SHOT VERMIFUGE WILL ERADICATE PERVICIOUS WORMS FROM THE HUMAN BODY. WRIGHT'S INDIAN VEGETABLE PILLS, CO., NEW YORK.

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