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RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1902.

HAVE RAISED PRICES

ROANOKE PHYSICIANS TO DEMAND MORE FOR THEIR SERVICES.

WORKING CLASSES INDIGNANT

Have Called a Mass-Meeting to Consider the Plan of Employing Two Doctors on the Co-Operative Plan. Daughters of Liberty.

ROANOKE, VA., May 27—(Special.)—The physicians of this city have entered into an agreement to raise their prices for calls to $1.50 for day visits and $3 at night. The former prices have been $1 and $2. The working classes are very indignant and have called a mass-meeting to consider the proposition of employing two physicians on the co-operative plan. This proposition, if adopted, will embrace the railroad and shop men. More than half the population of Roanoke will be effected.

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY.

The fifth annual State Council of the Daughters of Liberty is now in session here. Mrs. Mary Buckley, State councilor of Newport News, is presiding. Officers have been elected as follows: Mrs. Mary E. Buckley, Newport News, junior ex-State councilor; Mrs. Alice G. Bland, Petersburg, junior ex-associate State councilor; Harry W. Pate, State councilor, Washington, D. C.; Thomas B. Ivy, Petersburg, secretary; R. J. Carlton, Richmond, treasurer. Danville was chosen as the next place of meeting.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the State of Virginia has been in session in Roanoke at Greene Memorial church. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. T. Williams, of Romney, W. Va.; first vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, of Hillsboro, Va.; second vice-president, Mrs. R. E. L. Smith, of Washington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. B. Perrie, of Westwood, Md.; treasurer, Miss M. S. Tucker, of Baltimore; recording secretary, Miss Esser M. Hoffman, of Linden, Va.; superintendent of baby roll, Mrs. W. J. H. Robinson, of Washington, D. C.

The district secretaries are Miss May Schley, of Baltimore; Miss James Walker, of Baltimore; Mrs. B. F. Perrow, Pennington, Va.; Mrs. Z. W. Taylor, Charlestown, W. Va.; Mrs. Thomas Cooper, Churchtown, Va.; Miss Lula Comer, Roanoke, Va.; Miss Nellie Peck, Covington, Va., and Miss Margaret Hall, Charlestown, W. Va. The society adjourned to-night.

WADE H. BERRY CHARGED WITH MAIL ROBBERY.

Postal Clerk Arrested for the Alleged Theft of Registered Letters—Other Arrests.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 27—(Special.)—Wade Hampton Berry, a postal clerk, about 23 years of age, running on the Southern railroad between Washington and Charlottesville, was arrested by special agents of the United States and brought before United States Commissioner John S. Fowler here to-day for a hearing on the charge of stealing registered letters from mail pouches.

The examination, which was to have taken place early in the day, was deferred by telegraphic request of William F. Berry, the father of the defendant, who resides in Harrisonburg, Va. When the parent arrived here his son was carried before Commissioner Fowler, and Attorney Samuel G. Brent moved to waive the examination, which was done, and the case was referred to the grand jury of the July term of court.

The defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of $1,000, furnished by his father. The arrest was made by Special Agent Little, assisted by other agents. It was stated that many pouches had been cut open, and in all ninety-six registered letters had been stolen The various amounts secured aggregated a large sum. The agents have been at work on the case for some time, and it is said that others are suspected and that more arrests will follow.

MRS. JEFF. JONES' ASSAILANT IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

The Negro appears to Be Insane—Is Violent at Times—News from Chatham.

CHATHAM, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—The negro assailant of Mrs. R. Jeff. Jones, of Design, was lodged in jail here Saturday by Sheriff Shellhorse and Deputy John Shellhorse. He seems demented, and was disposed to be violent. The prisoner gave the officers considerable trouble between the depot and the jail, and finally had to be brought in a wagon. The preliminary hearing was set for Saturday afternoon at Design, but for fear of lynching, the prisoner was brought here on an early train Saturday morning, and will be given a hearing one day this week.

Revs. C. O. Pruden, Chiswell Dabney, and Mrs. Chiswell Dabney, and Messrs. W. R. Poindexter, of this place; John L. Singleton, of Peytonsburg, and Hon. R. Logan Coleman, of Mount Airy, delegates to the Episcopal Council of the Southern Diocese of Virginia, which convenes in Norfolk on the 27th, left for Norfolk to-day.

Dr. Rawley M. Shelton, of Franklin Junction, has purchased the home place of Dr. Hugh Henry at Keeling, and will move to his new field in a very few days. Dr. Shelton is a young man of good standing in his profession, and the locality into which he is now going is one of the foremost of the county, and his future prospects are very encouraging. Dr. Henry will remain till the coming winter, when he will move to some town.

Miss Lucy Henderson Snead left Monday to visit her brother in Bingham Military School near Asheville, N. C., from which place she will go to Nashville, Tenn, for a short visit.

Mrs. B. P. Martin, of Staunton, Va., is visiting friends and relatives here.

Messrs. Bennett Brothers, of this place, were in Lynchburg a few days since on business relative to building a new hotel.

WEST POINT CHIT-CHAT.

A Whale Ashore at Bell Rock—An Approaching Wedding—Personal.

WEST POINT, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—The colored people will run an excursion to Yorktown Friday.

Mr. Julian Bagby, who has been attending law school in Baltimore, is home for the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Robinson, of the Courthouse, were guests of Mr. A. Robinson Friday.

Mr. Fleming Meredith, of Richmond, spent Tuesday in town.

Mr. B. W. Edwards is in Albemarle county, to see his mother, who is very sick.

Work at Beach Park is being pushed as rapidly as possible. A large force is at work, both day and night, in order to get everything in shape by the 8th of June, the opening date.

ANOTHER WHALE STORY.

It is reported that a large whale is ashore at Bell Rock, about six miles below West Point.

King William County Court is in session to-day. Quite a number of our citizens are in attendance.

Our post-office has been made an international money order office.

News of the Old Dominion.

The employees of the Chesapeake Package Company, went out on a strike this morning. It is quite probable that the trouble will be adjusted in a few days, as the cause for a strike is a very slight one.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached before the pupils of the West Point Female Seminary at the Methodist church next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, by Rev. W. E. Evans, D. D., of Richmond, and the commencement exercises will be held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

COUNCILMAN BROADDUS TO RESIGN

The many friends of Mr. W. R. Broaddus are very sorry he has decided to resign his position as a member of the Town Council, which he will do at the expiration of his present term. The reason given is his frequent absence from town in connection with other important business.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Nellie Douglass and Mr. W. A. Apperson, both of New Kent county, which will take place Wednesday, June 4th, at Corinth Baptist church.

Children's Day exercises at Corinth Baptist church will take place on the first Sunday in June.

Miss Alice Caldwell, of Richmond, is visiting friends at Enfield, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cheatham, of Chesterfield, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gary.

ISLE OF WIGHT NOTES.

School Trustees for Windsor—Concerning Well-Known Folks.

WINDSOR, VA., May 27—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Town Council last night Rev. L. R. Christie, M. C. Eley, and Dr. Franklin were selected as school trustees for the town. They have purchased the lot next to the Methodist church from Mr. Charles Bailey to erect the school-house on.

Four colored boys were fined $4.40 a piece by Mayor King for swearing on the street Sunday afternoon.

The commencement exercises of the Academy will take place here on the nights of the 9th and 10th of June.

Mr. William T. Chandler is sick at his residence on Main street.

Mrs. L. R. Roberts was taken suddenly sick last Friday evening. She is better at this writing.

The Misses Johnson spent Saturday in Ivor with friends.

Mr. Charlie Nelms has suffered a great deal during the past few days with a rising hand.

Miss Eva Wilkes will leave here on Saturday for Lawrenceville, having accepted a position as stenographer with Hon. E. R. Turnbull, the county clerk.

Mr. W. E. Kitchen, of Newport News, was the guest of his mother at the Windsor Hotel Monday.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will have a medal contest at the Good Templars' Hall on next Friday night.

GLASS IN HALIFAX.

Senator Shook Hands With the People on Court Day.

HOUSTON, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—Monday was County Court day, and although a large crowd was not present, representative men from every part of the county were on the court green. Hon. Carter Glass attended to meet his friends and become acquainted personally with the Halifax voters.

He was most enthusiastically received, prominent gentlemen telling him that they had seen from the papers that he would be present, and had come for no other purpose than to meet him and wish him God-speed. Those experienced in such matters say that they have never before seen such unanimity of sentiment, and that Glass will receive almost the solid vote of Halifax, and that the outturn will be large.

He was urged to address the crowd, but asked to be excused.

While, in common parlance, Mr. Glass could not be called a "mixer," his hearty, cordial manners won him friends, who surrounded him the entire time.

He made it evident that he desired the honor of representing the Sixth District in Congress, and would let no grass grow under his feet in his efforts to acquaint the people with that fact.

FIRE NEAR ROXBURY.

Residence on the Pitts Farm Burnt. Lightning Kills a Horse.

ROXBURY, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—Last Friday night about 12 o'clock a fire was discovered in the residence on "Pitts" farm, about three miles from this place. The farm is owned by Mr. R. E. Richardson, of Talleysville, but it was occupied by Mr. Ryland Moore.

The house was completely destroyed by the flames, which are supposed to have originated in the kitchen. Mr. Moore, who had been recently married, lost all of his household effects. This was quite a blow to the thrifty young farmer, who is now making his home with his father-in-law who lives on an adjoining place.

There was no insurance either on the house or the furniture.

Intelligence has just reached here that Mr. O. P. Binns, a prominent merchant and farmer of the lower part of Charles City county, had a very valuable horse about four years old killed by lightning on the afternoon of the 24th.

The horse was in the pasture, and when it did not come to the stable at the usual time Mr. Binns thought it had strayed from home, and it was not until Sunday morning that he learned the fate of this thoroughbred animeal.

NORTHERN NECK SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Convention at Heathsville—Next Meeting at Rappahannock.

HEATHSVILLE, VA., May 27—(Special.)—The Northern Neck Baptist Sunday-school Convention met with the Fairfields Baptist church on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Delegates from every locality of the Neck came flocking in on Friday evening, and many spent the night in this town. Asa S. Rice, a rising young lawyer of Heathsville, was elected moderator of the convention. Mr. Robert Williamson, who has acted as moderator for many years, was in attendance, but did not care to take up the duties again. Several essays and addresses were made on Saturday.

Despite the threatening weather Sunday the largest crowd ever seen at a like meeting was in attendance The church was packed to its fullest capacity.

In the morning Rev. F. W. Claybrook, of Kilmarnock, Lancaster county, preached the annual sermon, after which came a recess, when the ladies spread a sumptuous dinner. In the afternoon the readings of essays and many short addresses followed. The congregation rose about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and sang the cherished old hymn, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." The next convention will be held at Rappahannock church, in Richmond county, in May, 1903.

The 30th of this month will be observed as Memorial Day here. Many recitations will be made, and, above all, an address will be delivered by our honored and beloved Judge, T. R. B. Wright.

Rev. T. J. Wray returned from Gloucester on Saturday.

Rev. C. R. Betts remains extremely unwell.

A bad complexion never gets better of itself. Doctor with Satin-Skin Cream, gaining healthy, satin skin, 25c. Miller & Rhoads.

CITY OF PETERSBURG

DEATH OF MR. JAMES W. FIGG IN BLANDFORD YESTERDAY.

THE CITY COUNCIL CAUCUS.

Will Be Held the Second Week in June — Congressional Committee Favors the Seating of Lassiter—Big Robbery in Sussex County.

PETERSBURG, VA., May 27—(Special.)—Mr. James W. Figg, a well-known citizen, died this morning at his home, in Blandford, in the 58th year of his age. He had long been in bad health. Mr. Figg was a gallant Confederate soldier, serving during the war in one of the Prince George companies. He was a member of A. P. Hill Camp, and leaves two daughters.

The clerical and lay delegates from this city to the Episcopal Council in Norfolk left this morning. All of the churches here will be fully represented, and all of them will have satisfactory reports to make to the council.

LADIES TO ATTEND.

Among the ladies who will also attend the sessions of the council as official representatives of organized church societies are Mrs. R. T. Meade, Mrs. J. Hampton Sater, Misses Louise and Margaret Zimmer, Miss Belle Sydnor, and Miss Stevenson, of this city.

The commencement exercises of the Southern Female College will begin with the baccalaureate sermon next Sunday and continue through Monday and Tuesday. The closing exercises of this college are always a notable event and are attended by crowded assemblages of Petersburg's best people.

CAUCUS OF THE COUNCIL.

The caucus of the Democratic members of the new Council, which includes the entire membership of that body, will be held about the second week in June. At this caucus nominations will be made of all officers and employes in the various municipal departments to be elected by the Council in regular session on the 1st of July, as well as all of the committees of the Council.

There is sharp competition for many of the offices, and for some time canvassing has been very brisk. The action of the caucus is, therefore, awaited with great interest.

LASSITER TO BE SEATED.

A telegram was received here from Washington to-day, conveying the gratifying information that the Congressional Committee on Elections had reported in favor of seating Hon. F. R. Lassiter, the member from the Fourth District, whose seat was contested by Mr. C. E. Wilson, of Nottoway county, the Republican candidate. It was never felt here, among Major Lassiter's friends, that Mr. Wilson had any solid ground for contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bird Riddle have issued invitations to the marriage of their sister, Miss Caroline Reid, to Mr. Robert Montgomery Bird, to take place June 11 in the Presbyterian church at Mount Washington, Md. Miss Reid is a charming and beautiful young lady, well known here, where she at one time lived, and where she has since often visited. The prospective groom is a native of Petersburg and is an educator of prominence.

The Bijou Vaudeville Company, of Richmond, played to a very large and delighted audience last night and again to-night at the Ferndale Park Casino, in Dinwiddie county. This theater is under the management of Mr. Jake Wells, of Richmond, and Mr. Frank Clements, of Petersburg.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

With simple but appropriate ceremonies, the corner-stone of the new St. Joseph's Catholic School on Market street, was laid this morning. The ceremony took place immediately after the close of the Forty-Hours' devotional services in St. Joseph's church, and was witnessed by a large assemblage.

The children of the congregation were formed in line at the church, and accompanied by the Sisters of Charity, and followed by the altar boys, accompanied by their pastor, Rev. Father O'Farrell, and Father McVery, of Richmond, marched to the school-house, presenting a very interesting and attractive scene. The altar boys wore their red cassocks, and the little girls were dressed in white, and wore white veils. Several of them carrying Sunday-school banners, and all of the children carried United States flags.

FATHER M'VERY'S ADDRESS.

The address appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Father McVery. On the corner-stone was engraved: "Erected by Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan. St. Joseph's School, 1902." In the stone were deposited a list of the names of the pupils since its establishment; the names of all the teachers; the names of Mrs. Ryan's family; the names of the President of the United States, Governor of Virginia, Bishop of Richmond, and the pastor of St. Joseph's church; also a scapula of the Sacred Heart, medals of the Sacred Heart of St. Benedict, of the Immaculate Conception, of St. Joseph, and of Pius IX., and a copy of the Daily Progress.

ROBBERY IN SUSSEX.

The store of E. R. Grizzard, at Jarratts' Depot, Sussex county, was broken into by thieves last night, and robbed of a considerable quantity of merchandise, embracing a number of watches of different values, a lot of razors and pocket-knives, a fine shotgun, tobacco, canned meats, etc. The robbery is supposed to have been committed by some white tramps, who were seen loitering about the village during the day, and who boarded one of the many freight trains passing the place during the night. A strange feature about the robbery is that though only a thin board partition separates the store from the sleeping rooms of the family, none of the latter was awakened.

Federal Court for Roanoke.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Senate to-day passed a bill establishing a regular term of the United States Court in the Western District of Virginia to be held at Roanoke.

BRUTON PARISH CASE

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE OF EPISCOPAL COUNCIL INVESTIGATING IT.

EVIDENCE TAKEN IN NORFOLK.

Two Opposing Vestries Represented by Counsel—What Rector Roberts Said—Many Witnesses Examined—Affairs of the Northern Diocese.

NORFOLK, VA., May 27.—(Special).—With impressive devotional services participated in by Bishop Randolph, of the Diocese of Northern Virginia, the Episcopal Council was opened here to-day to continue for the remainder of the week.

Rev. Dr. C. A. Carson, of Lynchburg, and Rev. Dr. Mercer Logan, of Wytheville, conducted the mornning services, after which Bishop Randolph celebrated the Holy Communion.

Rev. J. Cleveland Hall, of Danville, preached the opening sermon. Bishop Randolph presided over the business session with Dr. Logan as secretary.

A resolution of sympathy for Bishop Whittle in his present affliction was wired him.

Committee on the state of the Church and on the various departments of church work were appointed.

FUNDS FOR MISSIONARY WORK.

The following offered by Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker, was adopted:

Resolved, that a committee, to consist of one clergyman and one layman from each Convocation, be appointed to report at this Council a plan by which the Diocese of Southern Virginia may endeavor to raise the amount assigned to it in the missionary apportionment.

Rev. W. T. Roberts gave notice that he would, at the proper time, move to amend section 7 of Canon xiv, by adding the words: "But the decision of the said judges shall always be subject to revisal and reversal by Council of the Diocese."

The following offered by Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker, was adopted:

"Resolved, that the treasurer of the trustees of the funds of this diocese be, and he is, hereby directed to pay over to the treasurer of the Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund of said trustees, the balance of the brotherhood fund, to wit: $1,218,77, now held by him among the securities of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and said Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund are authorized to expend the said amount in paying mortuary dues of deceased clergymen, whenever deemed necessary by it, but for no other purpose."

THE BRUTON PARISH TROUBLE.

Great interest attaches to the status of Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, in the council. To-day the delegates whose credentials were signed by Rector Roberts and his vestry were seated in preference to those whhse credentials were from the opposing vestry. The latter list was referred to the Committee on Elections, upon whose report the controversy now appears to hang.

This committee heard the evidence in the Bruton Parish trouble this afternoon.

The committee was composed of Revs. C. B. Ryan, A. S. Loyd, Judge J. F. Crocker, and Judge Blackford.

At 4 o'clock the taking of evidence was begun. Mr. W. L. Williams, of Norfolk, represented the vestry, known as the "anti-Roberts" vestry, and Mr. Hugh Gordon Miller the Roberts' vestry. The hearing was held in the parish house of Christ Church.

ARMED TO THE TEETH.

The anti-Roberts' people were armed to the teeth with evidence in the form of sworn documents; besides they had Messrs. H. D. Cole, Dr. Van F. Garrett, Mr. W. C. Johnston, Mr. W. H. Macon, and Dr. W. A. Herr, members of their vestry. On the Roberts' side were Rev. W. T. Roberts, rector of Bruton Parish, Mr. W. B. Spencer, Mr. T. G. Peachy, and Dr. A. V. K. Deekens, members of that vestry.

The attorney for the Roberts' vestry quoted from the canons of the church the duties of vestrymen in the election of delegates to the Council, and contended that the body had no right to go behind the returns. The committee overruled the contention of Attorney Miller, and all the evidence was gone into.

Those who testified were Dr. A. V. K. Deekens, and Mr. T. G. Peachy, the judges favorable to Rev. W. T. Roberts, and Mr. H. D. Cole, one of the judges of election opposed to Mr. Roberts. Each gave his version of the election held in Bruton Parish Church Easter Monday, which resulted in the election of two vestrymen, this being the bone of contention.

WHAT RECTOR ROBERTS SAID.

Rector W. T. Roberts went on the stand and told why he had taken the position that communicants who were not contributors should not be allowed to vote for vestrymen. He said he had tried to get the opinion of Bishop Randolph before the election, but was unable to do so. He had gotten the opinion of Dr. W. A. Barr, and other prominent churchmen, who said that he was right in instructing his judges to draw the line somewhere, and make contributions a prerequisite to voting.

Others who testified were Captain L. W. Lane and Dr. Van T. Garrett, of the anti-Roberts' vestry. Their evidence seemed to make a deep impression upon the committee.

The arguments closed at 8 o'clock, and the committee breathed a sigh of relief as they gathered up the mass of documentary evidence on the table before them. They will convene again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, when, if necessary, further evidence and fuller argument may be heard.

SOME OF THE EVIDENCE INTRODUCED.

Among the evidence introduced this evening were the ballots used in the election in Old Bruton Parish church, the two ballot boxes, the registrar's books, the report of the treasurer on the subscription list, and the delinquents on the same, besides a sworn list of all who voted for the anti-roberts vestry. It was shown that forty-eight communicants and contributors voted for this opposition vestry. The Roberts side made no statements as to these numbers. The "anti-Roberts" attorney asked that the committee recommend that a new election be held under the supervision of the vestry, both vestries resigning.

Among the interested spectators were Judge W. W. Old and Mr. E. T. Lamb, of Norfolk.

NAT SHEPARD GOES FREE.

Quarantine Officer of Newport News. Jno. R. Parker's Condition.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—Nat Shepard, the negro charged with the murder of Archie Roane, on Hell's Half Acre last Friday, was to-day discharged from custody. Police-Justice Brown decided that the shooting was accidental.

Quarantine-Officer S. W. Hobson, who has held office for two terms, will have opposition at the expiration of his term. Dr. J. R. Bagby, formerly City Health Officer, and Dr. W. F. Creasy, physician for the city, announced to-day that they will run for the position of Quarantine Officer.

The condition of John R. Parker, who lies at the hospital suffering with a fracture of the skull, as a result of a blow from a billiard-cue in the hands of Logan Davis, remains unchanged.

BIG BUILDING FOR PULASKI.

H. W. Steger to Erect a Fireproof Structure—Personal and Religious.

PULASKI, VA., May 26.—(Special.)—H. W. Steger will build at once a two-story fire-proof building, to be leased to the Pulaski Grocery Company, at the corner of First street and Jefferson avenue, just opposite the power-house. It will front 75 feet and have a depth of 120 feet, and a track will connect it with the main line of the Norfolk and Western railway. This house will be thoroughly equipped in modern style with elevator, &c. It is exepcted to have it finished by August next.

The Pulaski Grocery Company is a wholesale house, and has proved a success.

Mayor Loving's smiling face is more smiling than ever since his re-election last Thursday by so large a majority over Rev. Mr. Cheves, one of our most highly-esteemed citizens, in a red-hot election.

This will make Mayor Loving's sixth term of two years each, twelve years in all. Mayor Loving is as attentive to his duties as Mayor as to those of assistant to the Clerk of the House of Delegates, and is deservedly popular in both capacities.

The wheat crop, though indifferent, is improving. Your correspondent has recently been through the counties of Giles, Montgomery, and Floyd, and finds the wheat crop there almost a total failure. It is much better in Pulaski county.

Rev. Ambrose Brown, of Blacksburg, who has accepted a call to the Episcopal church here, to take effect July 1st, preached here for the first time Sunday night. The whole congregation was delighted with the sermon, and think they have been fortunate in their selection.

Mrs. F. W. Morton, of this city, whose illness has been reported, was operated on for appendicitis at her home Saturday by Drs. Bramblett and Painter. The operation was successful, and up to the present time she is doing well.

Miss Jennie Showalter, of Snowville, who has taught school for the past session at A. B. Hall's, is also suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Theodore Dilger, of Salem, W. Va., formerly of this place, is visiting his family here.

Mrs. N. A. Sayers is in Lynchburg making arrangements for her assistant teachers for the next session. She has found the graduates of the Woman's College of Lynchburg most satisfactory.

J. W. Eachman, superintendent Pulaski Iron Furnace, is in West Virginia at their collieries.

J. A. Clayton, of Baltimore, the owner of the Clayton Addition to Pulaski City, is in town looking after his interests.

Miss Annie Anderson, daughter of Attorney-General Anderson, paid Miss Annie McGill, of this place, a visit on her return from Dallas.

Mrs. Seigel's Condition.

The condition of Mrs. Charles L. Siegel, who was hurt in the Lakeside collision, remains practically unchanged. She has fever, and still is very weak and sore, and her recovery, according to the physicians, will not be as speedy as her family had hoped. Her eyesight is not affected.

THE SOFTSHELL CRABS

STRANGELY MISSING FROM RAPPAHANNOCK WATERS THIS SEASON.

FINE CROP OF ENGLISH PEAS

Great Demand for Them in Baltimore—A Gasoline Fishing Boat—Base-Ball Game Ended in a Dispute—Four Irvington Featherweights—Personal.

IRVINGTON, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—The absence of the soft crab from the waters of the Rappahannock and its tributaries this spring has been much commented upon, and so far no satisfactory reason for this strange state of affairs has been offered. Heretofore the soft crab has been a thing of plenty with our people, and the small boy could not sell all his catch for even the small sum of 10 cents per dozen, but now, if the people of the Northern Neck feast on this delicacy, they have to pay the enormous sum of 50 and 60 cents per dozen. Even the crabs that are caught are very small, and a person with a fair appetite would experience no difficulty in eating as many as a dozen at one meal, so it goes without saying that very few doctors' bills will be paid by our people this year for over-indulgence in soft crabs.

Of course the crabber is still hard at work looking under old bushes and decayed logs, but when the day ends he is fortunate if he has as many as four dozen, whereas in past years ten dozen could at times be caught before breakfast. Very few of the crabs are shipped by the crabbers, as the men all rendezvous at Weems Wharf where their catches are bought by the large firm of Dameron Brothers at 50 cents per dozen. These gentlemen buy for a large house in Crisfield, Md., and our crabs ultimately find their market in New York. A few of the old crabbers say that the cold weather this spring has delayed the large run of crabs and that the time is near at hand when the soft crab will be as plentiful here as ever.

ENGLISH PEA CROP.

It is now beyond doubt that the English pea crop along the Rappahannock is a good one, the steamers of the Weems Line carrying thousands of barrels to Baltimore daily. It has been found necessary to put extra steamers on the Rappahannock to handle this immense crop, and one day last week there were three vessels to leave Baltimore about the same time to run the heavy shipments to that city. The prices so far have been good, not less than $2.25 per barrel.

GASOLINE FISHING BOAT.

This week the Chesapeake bay menhaden fleet of steamers, numbering about twenty-six in all, will be augmented by the addition of a gasoline fishing boat, the first on the bay. The boat will be owned by a stock company with their factory at Reedville, Northumberland county, and is merely an experiment. From reports it appears that it has been rather a hard matter to secure a crew, especially a cook, as the large gasoline tanks are situated not far distant from the galley, or cook-room. Experts say, however, that a care has been had as to this and that there is absolutely no danger, but of course the fishermen are apt to look upon gasoline in any large quantity as a substance to be steered clear of if possible. All the big factory owners are watching this experiment with interest.

BASE-BALL GAME.

On Friday afternoon the nines of Kilmarnock and Irvington, both of Lancaster county, crossed bats for the second time this year on the Kilmarnock Fair Grounds, a large crowd being present to witness the game. Everything went well until the seventh inning when there arose a dispute and the game was stopped. The Irvington boys were playing good ball, and when the game was stopped, the score stood 7 to 3 in favor of this village. The main features of the game were the beautiful catches of Palmer and Mason of the Kilmarnock and Irvington teams respectively. Umpires: R. D. Carter for Kilmarnock, and F. L. Wagner, for Irvington.

C. Chilton Pierson, who has been teaching the past session in Gordonsville, Va., has closed his school and returned to his home in Farnham, Richmond county.

Rev. Wayland F. Dunaway, member of the Constitutional Convention from Lancaster and Richmond counties, has accepted an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the Chesapeake Academy here on June 8th. The final exercises of the academy will be held on the nights of June 9th and 10th.

The Children's Day in the Methodist church here Sunday night was quite a success. The little tots acquitted themselves excellently and a nice collection was taken up. The Presbyterians at Weems, Lancaster county, also had their Children's Day exercises on the same night and was quite a success in every way.

PERSONAL.

Roney Mitchell, of this county, last week had his thumb nearly mashed off on one of the fishing steamers of Bellows & Squires. It is thought that the finger can be saved.

Miss Pearl Dix returned Friday from a visit to relatives in Molusk, Lancaster county.

A. H. Leonard, of Cape Charles, Va., who has been visiting his brother and two little children in this village for the past week, has returned to his work in Cape Charles.

R. E. Balderson, of Warsaw, Richmond county, was here a few days ago and bought of George D. Callis, twenty-two acres of land. Mr. Balderson will shortly move to this neighborhood to make it his future home.

The Lancaster Dramatic Troupe will render a three-act drama "Rio Grande," at Whealton, in this county, next Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Whealton Baptist church.

FOUR IRVINGTON FEATHERWEIGHTS.

Four Irvington featherweights chanced the other day to run afoul the scales and dared one another to test them. Two of them, of Fredericksburg rearing. Messrs. John F. Gouldman, Jr., and Lewis Burke, tipped the scales respectively at 102 and 110 pounds, while the native Irvington bantams, Messrs. Clarence and Charlie Callis, balanced the scales at 106 and 107 pounds respectively. This avoirdupois is not much to brag on, but the Irvingtonians claim one pound on the Fredericksburg lightweights. All of the men are over 21 years old and the combined weight of the quartette is only 425 pounds.

The laying of the corner-stone of the new Methodist church in Urbanna, Middlesex county on next Thursday by the Masons, promises to be a big day. A great number of the Masons of the Northern Neck and their families will attend and assist in the services.

A REMINDER OF THE CIVIL WAR.

A gentleman of the travelling fraternity exhibited in this village a few days ago a handful of blackened and charred wheat grains, a sample of what is frequently ploughed up on the large farm of W. J. Carey, near Hague, Westmoreland county. It is almost incredible, but nevertheless true, that quantities of this wheat are under the soil on that farm, and are the product of a wheat crop raised during the war, which was burned in the bins of the large barn that stood on the place by a foraging party of Federal soldiers. The wheat grains are perfect in shape, but black as coal—transformed, in fact, into a species of carbon which has resisted destruction by the elements.

Hobson Retirement Agreed To.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs has agreed to report favorably the bill providing for the retirement of Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson.

Odd Features of Virginia News

A SUMMER SNOWBALL FOUND IN GORDONSVILLE.

Vicissitudes of Henry Johnson, a Bad Black Negro, Who Worried the Charlottesville Students.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 28.—(Special.)—Henry Johnson, about the blackest negro that ever hung around the University of Virginia, has been missing for a week or two, and most gruesome reports as to his taking off have been in persistent circulation among the people of his race. These rumors were that the students murdered Johnson, then took him to the Dissecting Hall, removed his brain for use as a pathological exhibit, and then put the body in a vat to be preserved for future dissection. So much wrought up were the negroes, and so persistent were they in their claims that something awful had befallen Johnson, that police officers have investigated the case and reached the wise conclusion that as no grave can be found, and the body is not in the anatomical vat, Johnson must still be alive, as almost every dead man has his place of sepulchre. This conclusion of the whole matter, in this case at least, has proved correct, for "Snowball," the name by which Johnson was best known, has appeared in Gordonsville.

The truth about the case is that "Snowball" is a most incorrigible thief, and had stolen from the students until their patience gave out, and they thrashed the colored brother and ordered him to leave these studious precincts, which he did.

RUDOLPH WHITE CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED POISONING

Thirteen-Year-Old Rockingham Lad Sent on to the Grand Jury—Paris Green Used.

HARRISONBURG, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—Rudolph White, a boy of 13 years of age, was committed to-day for the grand jury, charged with attempting to poison a family in West Rockingham, by depositing Paris green in a coffee-pot.

The direct evidence against him consists largely in a confession which the boy is said to have made to Deputy-Sheriff Fawley, who secured his confidence after engaging himself as a farm hand and working with him in the fields of his employer. Mr. and Mrs. Oren Burtner and the latter's father, M. Harvey Spitzer, drank of the poisoned coffee, but its peculiar flavor aroused suspicion and prompt medical attention saved their lives.

Scottsville Gossip.

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., May 27—(Special.)—After a succession of heavy rains our ground is thoroughly wet and vegetation is on a boom. The young corn and garden vegetables are growing rapidly.

Miss Parke Harris has returned from North Garden after closing her school for the session.

Mr. B. H. Jones is much improved since his recent painful accident.

Mrs. D. P. Powers is quite sick, as is also Miss Pearl Jefferies.

Mr. J. H. Farrar, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is but little better.

Rev. J. R. Daniel filled his appointment at Fluvanna church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck Hughes, of Arvonia, with their two children, spent the day with the parents of Mrs. Hughes recently.

Scottsville's Town Sergeant, Mr. M. Sutherland, was in Washington last week to attend the graduation of his daughter.

Several of the young people of the neighborhood serenaded the family of Mr. Lane, at Esmont, one night last week and returned home at 2 A. M., after being delightfully entertained.

Quite an enjoyable party was given by Miss Marjory Harris to her young friends on last Friday night.

A GRANDFATHER AT 22 IS MR. HENRY MAXEY.

Wedded Mrs. Nannie Fleenor in Roanoke—Three Grown Daughters and Five Grandchildren.

ROANOKE, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—Mr. Henry Maxey, of this city, has become a grandfather at the age of 22. Mr. Maxey boarded with Mrs. Nannie Fleenor, and deciding to change his domestic status from boarder to landlord, he and Mrs. Fleenor were married to-day. Mrs. Maxey is 48 years of age, and has three grown daughters. Two of them are married. There are five grandchildren.

LAMB AND WALLACE DEBATE AT KING WILLIAM.

A Very Lively, But Good Tempered Tilt Between the Congressman and His Opponent.

KING WILLIAM, COURTHOUSE, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—To-day was County Court day, and was marked by a lively and vigorous, though perfectly good-tempered tilt between Congressman John Lamb and his aggressive young rival, Mr. Jefferson Wallace.

The debate took place in the presence of a crowd that filled the court-house and vigorously applauded the telling thrusts made by the two political gladiators.

Captain Lamb led off with a brief but interesting defence of his record, and asked the people of King William to again stand by him. He urged that a representative's usefulness is extended as his experience increases, and said that he would be able to accomplish more and more for the district as his term of service was lengthened.

Mr. Wallace, speaking eloquently in reply, said that to represent this great metropolitan district in Congress had been the one great ambition of his life, and that it was his desire to be so useful to the people that his name might live for a time in their hearts. He answered Captain Lamb by citing congressmen who had served many years in Congress and yet had left nothing for the instruction of their posterity, and comparing them with others, who, in one or two terms, had brought honor and credit to their respective States.

Captain Lamb closed the debate with a five-minute speech, each of the candidates having spoken twenty minutes and convinced his respective adherents of his fitness.

It is understood that similar debates will be arranged for each court day between now and the primary election, so that our people will have ample opportunity to make up their minds as to which is the better man.

MARRIED IN DANVILLE.

Wedding of L. P. Davidson and Miss Alice E. Sturdivant.

DANVILLE, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—Mr. Lee P. Davidson and Miss Alice E. Sturdivant, of Manchester, were married here to-night by Rev. J. A. Spencer, pastor of the Christian church. The young couple arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, and will remain several days. The groom is in the employ of the Southern railway.

RICHARD BRAGG FATALLY HURT.

Augusta Citizen Run Over by a Train in Staunton.

STAUNTON, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—Richard Bragg, of Augusta county, aged 45, was run over to-night by a Chesapeake and Ohio freight, on the yard here, and badly mangled. He will probably die before morning. The unfortunate man was under the influence of liquor at the time of the accident.

FARMER TRIES TO BLIND A CHICKEN-EATING HOG.

He Uses His Pen-Knife, Without Success and Gets Into Trouble With the S. P. C. A.

NORFOLK, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—The efforts of Farmer W. J. Herring, of Norfolk county, to raise chickens being constantly frustrated by a vicious hog, who loved poultry, too, the enraged farmer retaliated on the hog by attempting to blind him with repeated stabs with a penknife. The hog, although greatly tortured, did not lose its sight, and still pursued the fowls.

Meantime the case was brought to the attention of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the farmer was brought before Justice Miller, who fined him $10.

Mr. Herring said in his testimony that he acted hastily and in the heat of passion. He said he was sorry for injuring the hog, but that he was exasperated by the latter's constant raids on his poultry.

CASE OF P. J. MORRIS.

Grievance Committee of Norfolk Bar Investigating.

NORFOLK, VA., May 27.—(Special.)—The Bar Association will meet next Monday to act upon the report of the Grievance Committee, which has investigated the charges against P. J. Morris, charged by a client with giving her a Dakota divorce in Virginia.

Mayor-elect Riddick and other city officials recently elected qualified to-day.

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