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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1902.

FOR THE RIVER, \$300,000.

Telegrams from Washington inform us that the conferees of the House and Senate have agreed to report the river and harbor bill with an appropriation of \$300,000 for James river; also that it is provided that the government's work shall extend up to the ship-locks here.

This is good news, and we trust the bill will go through both houses triumphantly and fare well at the President's hands.

The extension of the improvements to the ship-locks will be beneficial in the highest degree to the great ship-building interest that has developed here and to general business done on our river front.

The skies are bright and brightening for Richmond!

The last issue of the Religious Herald, the Virginia organ of the Baptist denomination, is a handsomely gotten up State Mission edition.

As a frontispiece is given a striking picture of the late Hon. Henry K. Elysson, who for over forty years was corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board.

THE MINERS AND COAL SUPPLY.

The New York Sun, in some remarks it makes upon an editorial in this paper, wherein was discussed the desirability of arbitration of the coal miners' strike, more than hints that the miners could not be relied upon to abide by arbitration.

In substantiation of its view it refers to the recent action of miners in some of the bituminous coal fields, who have resolved to strike if their present demands are not granted, though under obligations to their employers not to do so.

Of course it would be folly for the operators and operatives to resort to arbitration unless they have faith in the pledges of one another. If the situation be as the Sun intimates, nothing can or will be done to end the strike amicably; it must proceed until one side or the other is worn out and surrenders.

In our view that conclusion is fully justified. And seeing that the natural conditions favoring the Nicaragua scheme are supported by the commercial considerations which enter into the question, we trust that the Democrats in Congress may be able to carry out their reported policy of pushing the matter to a head at this session, and with the result that the Nicaragua route will be decided upon.

UNNECESSARY CRUELTY.

Both the admirals of our navy and the general of our army have been again snubbed by the administration; and in addition to the mortification they experienced in the snubbing they had to go through unnecessary torture. As the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun tells the story, in preparing the programme for the banquet ceremonies aboard the French battleship Gueules, at Annapolis, the French Embassy arranged that when General Brugere toasted the American army, General Miles was to toast the valor of the French army, and when Admiral Fournier felicitated the American navy, Admiral Dewey was to speak of the glories of the French service.

As the general prepared addresses, Lieutenant Colonel H. H. Whitney was detailed to accompany Miles and have the copy of his speech ready for distribution to the press, and Lieutenant Nathan Sargent was to perform similar duties for Dewey. At the last moment, however, "higher authority" which is understood to mean administration circles, determined that the Secretary of War would be substituted for the General and the Secretary of the Navy for the Admiral. But the proper committee failed to notify either of the deposed of the change, and both sat through the banquet awaiting their speaking turn, which never came. The snubbing was bad enough in itself, but the keeping of the two officers unnecessarily upon the tenter hooks, as represented in the agony men unaccustomed to speaking, undergo while expecting to be "called upon" was, we submit, infinitely worse. It was outrageous. At least, Miles and Dewey might have been spared the punishment of their suspense, and allowed to enjoy the "spread."

WE ACCEPT IT.

The Boston Herald, which delights in statistical figures and computations, says: "An analysis of the small amount of cash actually needed to transact settlements between banks through the clearing house, the statement that the Chatham National Bank of New York recently had a credit balance of only 10 cents is a surprising example. The clearing house of the bank stated that day amounted to \$1,223,634, and there was only 10 cents in actual cash transferred, the smallest credit balance, so it is said, that any New York bank has had in the clearing house since 1872."

ISTHMIAN CANAL DANGERS.

As the Dispatch has heretofore noted the advocates of taking over the wreckage of the Panama canal scheme and completing that enterprise have been making the most of the volcanic disturbances in the Lesser Antilles, in the hope of prejudicing the Nicaragua route. Aided by geologists, seismologists, and other scientists, they have exploited with tremendous energy the volcanic conditions that obtain along the latter. All known convulsions of nature that have occurred in the country through which the Nicaragua canal would pass have been given highly colored prominence, the sympathetic seismic relations between the little, Carib chain of "ash heaps" and Nicaragua and Costa Rica have been traced in startling lines, and prophecies galore of disasters to the enterprise, should it be undertaken, have been indulged in.

According to the Panama people, to prosecute the Nicaragua scheme would be to mock the forces of nature and defy Providence. But now, so far as the question of seismic and volcanic demonstrations are concerned, the Panama route is having a bad day in court; and the witnesses against it are presenting some very hard and convincing facts. The New York Press, for instance, while admitting, as all must admit who have given the matter any attention, that the country along both the Panama and the Nicaragua lines is not apparently the most stable under the sun, puts the Panama people decidedly on the defensive. As to the matter of sympathetic relations, the Press points out that Martinique, the present storm centre of the volcanic world, is more than a thousand miles from either the Panama or the Nicaragua route, or farther than either Vesuvius or Etna is from the Suez canal. To be sure, it continues, neither Nicaragua nor Colombia is free from volcanoes. But whereas Mount Coscaguina, in Nicaragua, has been quiet for sixty-seven years—since 1835, when activity succeeded a rest of twenty-six years—there have been recent disturbances in Colombia right on the Panama route. To be specific, the Press points out that in 1882 an earthquake destroyed the facade of the Panama cathedral and did other damage, and that it has been discovered that at Mount Batan near Soqomoso, in Colombia, the subterranean heat is so intense all the time as to affect the local climate. These two facts alone, the Press thinks, are of immense significance as indicating volcanic dangers to the Panama route, and our contemporary, with reason, lays particular stress on the menace the conditions at Mount Batan embrace, since at that place, as the Dispatch noticed the other day, a much deeper cut than any on the Nicaragua route will be necessary.

Next, turning to the Nicaragua scheme, the Press shows that west of the lake, where the canal route runs through a low, wide depression, only 114 feet above the sea level, there is naturally much less danger of volcanic action affecting any particular point on the route than in Colombia. That, our contemporary well says, is a most important consideration, and it argues with force that although a distant volcano might send some ashes on the breeze to the canal cut, its worst probable effect in Nicaragua would be a deposit of about as much sand as the heavy tides and currents around the Isthmus of Suez deposit there from time to time. And, it contends, this deposit, to judge by the location of the volcanoes, would be in the lake or in the wide plain, and not in the distant cuts, and even then at rare intervals, if ever. Further, the Press recalls that for a long time, independent of any earthquake tremors, the French engineers on the Panama route had great difficulty in keeping the famous sliding mountain at Culebra from slipping into and filling up the canal. Then, in conclusion, our contemporary expresses the opinion that "as to earthquakes and volcanic dangers the Panama route is more unfavorably situated than the Nicaragua route, when the lay of the land is considered, to say nothing of being nearer to Martinique."

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TO-DAY'S MEETING.

The Young Men's Christian Association always has been a great power for good in this community. That fact has been recognized by people of all shades of religious belief. Its usefulness, however, has been circumscribed by lack of means, and an effort is now on foot to increase its membership and add to its resources. To that end a public meeting will be held to-day at 6 P. M. in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce. The Governor will preside, and addresses will be delivered by a number of gentlemen who are distinguished for eloquence, public spirit, and acquaintance with the work of the Association. None will speak longer than five minutes.

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(Detroit Free Press.) Edmondia: Mrs. Topnotch is what I call impudent. Edudicia: In what way? Edmondia: Why, she is not a Colonial Dame; but when she came to the color reception she had on a more elegant frock than any one of the Dames.

Among the Swift.

(Washington Star.) Does Billy Billions get much fun out of his automobile? I don't believe he does. I never hear of his being arrested.

Parks in Richmond.

(Nashville American.) Richmond is a city very similar to Nashville in size, climate, vocation of citizens, sentiment, traditions, and recreation. The population, and proportion of negro population.

The Birmingham (Ala.) News of the 27th instant is an "industrial and art edition," and is a giant in its way, both industrially and artistically. It presents a complete resume of the municipal, social, religious, educational, commercial, and industrial growth of the "Magic City," and much information about the great Birmingham iron and coal district, which has made such remarkable strides during the past few years. It is a valuable publication.

Present "Cool Spell in May"

has been one of the coldest on record. There was snow in the Alleghenies and in Ohio on Tuesday.

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claim of rural birth. "Why, I was raised between two hills of corn," he declared, "and God's sunshine has ever shone upon me." For a moment there was a pause and the politician, fancying he had made an impression, was about to continue his harangue when a big Amishman in the rear of the hall interrupted, "A pumpkin—I know what he mean."

"God Save the King." (As sung in Canada from the imperial point of view.) God save our empire grand; May it united stand; When time shall sever us, Give us prosperity, Wisdom, and purity; And our audacious deers May freedom reign.

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God save our gracious King, God live our noble King, God save the King; Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save the King.

Alouphone a Godsend to the Deaf.

(New York Correspondence of Pittsburg Dispatch.) There are many smiling faces at the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb just now, owing to successful experiments with a new apparatus which enables the deaf to hear.

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American Whist Tutor for King Edward.

(New York Correspondence of Pittsburg Dispatch.) Whist! The King of England is to be taught by an American how to play the royal game of whist in its modern methods. Charles Stewart Street, who is a Bostonian and a graduate of Harvard, is to be the teacher. He is one of the leading authorities on the game and was for a long time a member of the Royal team which held the American League whist championship year after year. He is the author, too, of the "Street Attachment," which all whist players now consider a sine qua non. Mr. Street, who has been two years in London this week, and King Edward and a small party of royals will, during the coronation days, receive their first lessons from him in bridge whist. The King is a great lover of the game, it is said, and is desirous of knowing all the new points. Evidently Edward means to give some of his blue-blooded visitors a sharp twist in cards before they leave England.

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FIRE-ALARM KEY STOLEN AND FALSE ALARMS SOUNDED

Fire Department Three Times Responds to Alarm Caused by Mischievous Boys.

The officials of the Fire Alarm Department of the city have for some time been worried by some unknown miscreant or miscreants stealing the keys located with the fire alarm box at Fifth and Main streets. Three times has the key been stolen and the same number of times has a false alarm been turned in with it. On one occasion the Fire Department was sent to Seventh and Cary streets, another to Tenth and Byrd streets, and on Saturday night, the last time it was stolen, engine companies 5 and 6 and truck company 3 were hurried to Linden and Main streets on an alarm pulled from box 347, when the department arrived and no fire could be seen. The proper official went to the box to release the key, which belonged at Fifth and Main streets.

It will be recalled that each key belonging to the fire alarm system is numbered and that a record is kept of their disposition, so that when the box is opened to turn in an alarm that the key can not be removed until released with another and smaller key, which is only in the possession of attaches of the Fire Alarm office.

Superintendent Thompson, of the alarm system, said he was at a loss to understand how it was possible for any one to be so foolish as to turn in these alarms unless it was some boys who were more mischievous than sensible. He said that the department would give \$100 to the person who will produce the guilty persons before Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court.

MUCH LITIGATION OVER THE JEFFERSON HOTEL.

Chancery Suits Instituted With Bear on Controversy Between Owners and Contractors.

The following Chancery suits have been instituted in the Chancery Court bearing on the trouble between the owners of the Jefferson Hotel and the contractors on the recent rehabilitation of the building: W. S. Gunn vs. the Jefferson Hotel Company and Frank Brumbaugh; Deitrick Brothers vs. the Jefferson Hotel; H. C. Lynn vs. the Jefferson Hotel Company and Maloney & Collins; J. L. Williams & Co. vs. the Jefferson Hotel Company and Frank Brumbaugh; William S. Gunn vs. George Arents and L. M. Smalley and Frank Brumbaugh, partners, trading as Smalley & Co., and Kline vs. Kinsberry, Samuel & Co., and Maloney & Collins. The last named action is an attachment proceeding in which it is sought to attach money belonging to the contractors.

It was said yesterday that it was probable that these suits would not be pushed to a final decree in the Chancery Court, because it was thought that Mr. Brumbaugh would name all of these persons as defendants to a bill in the Federal court, if that be the case then the contest will be in the United States Court, but if not then all of these cases will be brought on to be heard together in the Chancery Court, and will be referred to a commissioner in chancery to ascertain and report the merits of the various cases. In the litigation, the controversy between the Jefferson owners and the contractors and sub-contractors is becoming very much mixed up, and if many more suits are brought on the property, it will make the courts a long time to straighten it out.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday George F. Vose instituted a suit against his wife, Clara Josephine Vose, for a divorce, on the grounds of desertion.

Mr. Maurice A. Power was yesterday licensed to practice law before the City Circuit Court.

Hill Carter, J. R. Pollard, and Smith, Moncreuf & Gordon, counsel for the defendants in the case of John Mitchell, Jr., against Nelson Williams, Jr., Alfred Coats, Thomas H. Briggs, R. T. Hill, Irene R. Hill, and the following: Dr. W. H. Davis, Robert Watkins, Robert J. Christian, Mary S. Price, and Robert H. Fox, appeared in the Law and Equity Court yesterday afternoon, showing that the defendants propose to contest the suit for \$10,000, and is the result of the recent quarrel in the First Baptist church (colored).

RICHMOND LYCEUM BOARD MEETS.

Officers Elected and Course of Lectures Discussed—No Decisions Made. The Board of Directors of the Richmond Lyceum held a meeting Tuesday night to discuss the course of lectures for the coming year. Sixteen attractions were taken in consideration, from which ten are to be selected. The matter was finally referred to a committee, who will decide in the next few days.

The board has practically decided to use the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, though the hope was fervently expressed that the project would fall through before many moons.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Colonel Henry C. Jones; vice-presidents, Dr. T. D. Merrick, Dr. E. N. Galisch, and E. F. Johnson; secretary, though every effort was made to induce him to retain his position, and R. M. Kent, Jr., was chosen in his stead. J. L. Hill was re-elected treasurer.

The selection of talent for the ensuing season was referred to a committee composed of the president, secretary, and treasurer. Ten attractions are to be named: "The History of the Nation," Thomas Dixon, Jr.; Frank Dixon, G. P. Service, Dr. C. F. Goss, Hon. W. C. Chandler, Dr. W. H. Talmay, Frank R. Roberson, Dr. Wendling, Fred. Emmerson Brooks, Ernest Howard Goss, Dr. Dugan, Miss Ida Gerry, Miss Mannheim, and the Mozart Symphony Club.

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