

# Manchester and Chesterfield.

The Street Committee met in the Council chamber last night and after three hours of oratory, decided to let the matter of constructing an alley from Thirteenth to Fifteenth streets, between Porter and Perry, go over until the City Engineer could ascertain what such an alley would cost. Incidentally the committee requested the Health Committee to clean out the gutters, adopted two resolutions by Mr. Barrett and passed a few bills.

Mr. W. P. Matthews, president of the Board of Health, was present at the opening of the meeting and made a speech on the necessity of the alley. At present the neighborhood is in a very unsanitary condition, he said, and for the last twelve years there has been one or more cases of fever in the vicinity. Directly traceable to the want of an alley. Dr. Matthews said that in his opinion the city was liable for damages should a death result from negligence on the part of the city. The citizens in the neighborhood have volunteered to allow the city enough land to construct the alley, except in one case, where the property is owned by minors, and where it may be impossible to obtain the land. Dr. Matthews also spoke on the deplorable unsanitary condition of the gutters and streets of the city. After Dr. Matthews had presented the case, Mr. Barrett moved that the alley be opened and then the fireworks commenced. Mr. Wakefield, who, during the controversy, adopted two resolutions, offered an amendment that the matter be deferred until the City Engineer could ascertain the exact cost of the proposed alley. Mr. Wakefield said he objected to going into any business agreement until the exact cost had been ascertained, and, after considerable good-natured argument between Messrs. Wakefield, Barrett, and Dr. Matthews, Mr. Wakefield's amendment was adopted. The City Engineer will require at least ten days to ascertain what the cost will be. Permission was granted to A. Waters, Jr., to run a tram-track through the property at Fourth and Bainbridge streets.

Mr. J. D. Reams then started the argument of the evening. He referred to the very bad condition of the city's gutters, and called attention to the fact that the City Engineer had been required to flood Hill street at least once a week, and that the work had not been done. Captain Lamb answered that the streets had been flooded every week except one, and then he was unable, owing to the low water, to obtain permission from the City Engineer. Mr. Reams said that he understood the reason for not flooding Hill street was that owing to the vegetation in the gutters on lower Hill street would not allow the water to be run off. Mr. Reams moved that the Street Committee employ twelve men to clean all the gutters, and this motion, after considerable debate, was lost, being opposed by Wakefield and Sampson.

A long debate then followed whether it was the duty of the Street or Health Committee to clean the gutters. The Street Committee's argument seemed to be that the Health Committee had \$500, while the Street Committee had no money, and, therefore, it was the duty of the Health Committee to clean the gutters. It was finally moved and carried that the Health Committee be requested to clean the gutters.

The committee then approved the usual bills. Mr. Barrett offered a resolution providing that in order to have the work of the committee done in an intelligent manner, the Street Committee will hereafter visit all streets and alleys and decide where permanent improvements are to be made, and also decide what material is to be used and have the City Engineer furnish estimates on the cost of the work. He offered a second resolution providing that the City Engineer be instructed to furnish the committee with an itemized statement from February 1, 1902, to July 1, 1902, showing all contracts made by the old committee and which lapsed over July 1st, being paid by the committee and also what money the committee had at its disposal after paying for the work ordered by the old committee. Both resolutions were adopted.

**CITY COMMITTEE.**  
The Democratic City Center Committee will be in session Saturday night, and all members are urged to be present. A permanent chairman will be elected and the rules from the District Committee will be at hand for consideration.

**MR. POND LOSES A COW.**  
A full-blooded Holstein cow owned by Mr. O. W. Pond was struck by car No. 10, of the Petersburg line yesterday afternoon, and so seriously injured that she had to be killed. The car was more or less damaged, the tender and dash-board broken.

The entertainment committee of the Druids of this city, decided Wednesday night to run an excursion to West Point September 17th.

Beldivers Grove, No. 24 United Ancient Order Druids, met in Beldivers Hall Wednesday night, and one candidate took the second degree.

Liberal Grove Druids met last night, at Davidson's Hall. The meeting was well attended. Several applications for membership were received.

**MR. J. J. JONES'S MISFORTUNE.**  
Jones, of No. 215 Everett street, Manchester, broke his leg Wednesday while alighting from an electric car. Several months ago he broke the same member while at work in Richmond, and had been confined to the hospital until Wednesday, when he was allowed to go home. In getting off the car he twisted his foot, breaking his leg. Dr. Michaux was summoned and rendered the necessary medical aid.

**CORPORATION COURT.**  
The September term of the Corporation Court will have two important felony cases before it, as well as several of lesser importance. It is expected that the negro who is accused of killing John Henry

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Stokes, also colored, and the case against Thomas Pitts, accused of attempting to assault a young lady, are attracting the most attention.

**ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.**  
The Anti-Saloon League of Chesterfield county held a meeting Wednesday at the court-house. The president and secretary were elected at the last meeting, and the following additional officers were elected yesterday: First Vice-President, Rev. T. R. Sanford; Second Vice-President, C. L. Ivey; Third Vice-President, P. B. Clarke; Treasurer, W. N. Perdue.

A meeting of the league has been called for Sept. 13, at which time plans will be discussed for holding another mass-meeting for the county, about October.

**WATKINS' CASE.**  
The case of the Seaboard Air-Line against W. O. Watkins has been set for hearing in the County Court in September. The case of the same railway company against James Wellwood is scheduled for Sept. 16. The latter case involves the Waddell tract of land at Drewry's Bluff on the James river, where the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway Company, it is understood, wishes to construct a park and pleasure ground.

**BRIEF MENTION.**  
Mrs. J. M. Gregory, accompanied by her daughters, Imogene, and Mrs. R. W. Winfree and daughter, Pearl, left Wednesday for a two-weeks' stay at Otterburn Springs, Va.

Hogan, former right fielder of the Browns, has signed with the Manchester.

Much interest is centered in the meeting of the Finance Committee to-morrow night. All bills from other committees will come up for approval. An important matter for the members is the claim of Mr. Robert Lee for \$200 for an injury received while assisting an officer to quiet an insane person.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Powell, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Howle, of No. 118 east Eleventh street, have returned home.

Mrs. Charles Morris, of No. 1313 Porter street, has just returned from an extended pleasure trip to the mountains stopping at places of interest—Natural Bridge, White Sulphur Springs, Clifton Forge, and Charleston, W. Va.

The young ladies of West-End church gave a watermelon feast in the yards of Mrs. H. R. Gary, in Swansboro, last night.

**FIRST TOUCH OF AUTUMN.**  
A Coal Wave Strikes the City and Brings Shivers.

The cool weather which the officials predicted for Richmond arrived in the city last night. The drop was so remarkably sudden that it resembled a move from summer into winter.

For two days the weather had been sultry and oppressive. The mercury was away up and the humidity was great. The precipitation of 1.41 of an inch of rain—the greatest amount on the Atlantic seaboard—and the clearing of the heavens, which took place early last night the cool wave came.

Out in the Northwest the temperature is less than 40 degrees since spring—no it seems as if this section is to have touch of autumn, too. Yesterday morning the thermometer at Huron, S. D., stood at 34 degrees, but two degrees above the freezing point. At Omaha it was 48 and at Chicago and at Marquette it was the same. At Pittsburgh it was 58 and was falling.

To-day will be an autumn day unless all signs fail—the first touch of the new season just ushered in.

Last night at 11 o'clock the mercury stood at 61 degrees. It was falling rapidly—two degrees an hour.

The indications are favorable to fair and cool weather for the next day or two, possibly longer.

**MEETS DEATH IN PHILIPPINES.**  
Corporal Charles B. Farquhar Succumbs to Attack of Cholera.

Corporal Charles B. Farquhar, of Troop M, Eleventh United States Cavalry, on duty in the Philippines, died August 29 of cholera. He was a brother of Captain W. C. Farquhar, late of Virginia Volunteers, and now a member of the bicycle squad of the third precinct police station, Washington. Corporal Farquhar was a graduate of the Washington Business High School of the class of '98. He entered the United States Army in order to study for a commission, and went to the Philippines last February with the Eleventh Cavalry. His illness will be brought to Washington and buried at Arlington.

**Barton Heights Notes.**  
Mrs. F. B. Traylor, of North avenue, is home from Lunenburg.

Mr. C. M. McMillan, of Barton avenue, is entertaining his sister, Mrs. E. L. Murray, of Philadelphia.

The house formerly occupied by Mrs. Brodgen, on Luck avenue, has been taken by Alfred Benson, of Richmond.

Miss Ruth Farley is home from a month's stay in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers have returned from a trip to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Mrs. E. M. Bailey is now away on a visit to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. and Miss Hechler, of Richmond, who have been the guests of Mrs. Cole, on Virginia avenue, have returned to their home.

Miss Norma Ware has returned from a pleasant visit to Ivy Bank, Va.

Florence Harris is again at home.

Master Oscar Wilson, of Forest Hill, has returned home, after a visit to his uncle, Judge Hancock, of Chesterfield.

The Rev. Motte Martin has returned to the Union Theological Seminary, and is visiting friends here. Mr. Martin, who has been working in the Virginia city, will be remembered as preaching at the Presbyterian church here on his vacation last year.

**Death of Mrs. Rowe.**  
Mrs. Mary H. Rowe died Wednesday night at 9:45 o'clock at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Joseph H. Hentley. Mrs. Rowe had been ill for some time, and was taken much worse on Sunday. She was in her 76th year. She was a native of Scotland and had resided in Richmond many years.

## GREAT BATTLE COMING IN VENEZUELA.

Both Sides Have Troubles, But the Government Appears to Be in the Stronger Position.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)  
CARACAS, VENEZUELA, August 27.—During the past fortnight the Venezuelan revolution has lost time and ground. The insurrection was a short time ago in undisputed possession of Carupano, Cumana, Barcelona, and Guiria, that is to say all the eastern coast of Venezuela, but owing to the ability and skill of General Volutini, a Corsican of extraordinary intelligence, a large commercial port has been wrested from them.

General Castro is at San Casimiro, his vanguard being at Camatagua. He is awaiting reinforcements in order to attack the revolutionists, who are at present at Alta Gracia de Orluco. His army, which is estimated at 5,000 men, is well armed and disciplined.

The revolutionary troops are much scattered, and it is difficult to diagnose the present condition of the insurrection. It seems to suffer from a general indisposition impossible to analyze, but it is clear that although very powerful on the 1st of July, it has since developed both moral and physical weakness.

General Matos, the revolutionary leader, has during the past two months been inactive at Zearaza, surveying the arrival of his five million cartridges which reach him slowly. To those unacquainted with Venezuela, it may seem strange, or incredible that it takes so long to mobilize an army, but it is both natural and inevitable. Roads do not exist, rains fall in torrents and the mules, which are the only means of transport, sink up to their shoulders in the mud, and as each mule carries only 2,000 cartridges, it is necessary to employ 200 mules to transport the five million cartridges to the revolutionists. To find this number of mules in a country ruined by four years of revolution is not only very difficult, but almost impossible. The revolutionists have, moreover, been obliged to construct bridges and that without adequate tools or engineers.

The revolutionists were dangerous before the government went out to attack them, but now their ability to attack the government has become problematical. It is no longer a local war which they will be constrained to carry on, but an invasion. This does not mean that the revolution will lose, nor is this even suggested; but General Castro is now in a position to defend himself. He will nevertheless have much to do to emerge from the struggle which he is now carrying on with the revolutionists. In addition to Matos' army, he has about 3,000 men at Alta Gracia, Rolando and Penabazca.

Generals Luciano Mendoza, Riera and Suardi are near Barquisimeto and Duncas. The environs of Valencia are overrun with revolutionists; Los Teques is also in their power and 1,400 are lodged in the mountains between Caracas and La Guaira. Nevertheless, the government lives, commands, makes itself obeyed and is feared, which proves that it is not yet crushed.

A great battle is expected to take place within four or five weeks, either at Alta Gracia de Orluco, Barquisimeto, or near its ammunition and advance his army, or between Areguta and Iania Lucia, a valley by which the revolutionists will probably attempt to pass in order to reach Caracas.

From a financial point of view, President Castro has regained his lost prestige through the arrival of the million Bolivars (coins worth about 20 cents) in silver, brought to him by the steamer Philadelphia.

**Mexicans Praise Roosevelt.**  
MEXICO CITY, September 4.—El Diario del Haogar, of this city, an old-fashioned Liberal organ, praises President Roosevelt and his administration for its policy toward the United States and meeting his fellow-countrymen face to face. He predicts a bright future for the United States, and in every speech gives an account of his stewardship.

His paper also praises the action of the United States in giving genuine freedom to Cuba.

**WISCONSIN DEMOCRATS.**  
State Ticket Completed, No Reference to National Platform.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., September 4.—The Wisconsin Democratic State Convention concluded its labors at a late hour this afternoon. Following is the complete list of nominations:

For Governor, David S. Rose, of Milwaukee.

For Lieutenant-Governor, John W. Watawa, of Milwaukee.

Secretary of State, Louis A. Lange, Fond du Lac.

State Treasurer, Edward L. Luckow, Brabro.

Attorney-General, Olaf P. Skarr, La Crosse.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Karl A. Mathie, Warsaw.

Railroad Commission, William A. Redner, Ashland.

Insurance Commissioner, William Barber, New London.

The convention smashed many of the slates which had been prepared early in the day and still later in conference during the noon recess. The biggest surprise of the day, and a sensation at that, was the turning down of a resolution which before the convention adjourned endorsing the Kansas City platform. While the delegates gave a respectful hearing to its reading, it was not entertained for an instant.

Just before final adjournment, Delegate W. H. Rogers, of Madison, offered the following resolution:

"We, the Democrats, of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, reaffirm our allegiance to the Democratic party and its policy as enunciated in its national platform."

Scarcely had Mr. Rogers finished the resolution when another delegate arose to a point of order and stated that it had been decided to refer all resolutions to a committee on resolutions. Still another delegate made a motion to adjourn. This was not adopted, and almost a unanimous vote, there being not more than two or three feeble protests. The resolution, therefore, was completely ignored. The convention then adjourned sine die.

**LAMB'S FRIENDS TO CONFER TO-NIGHT.**  
Congressman and Supporters to Speak at Sanger Hall—Will Present Reports.

A conference of the friends and supporters of Captain John Lamb will be held to-night at Sanger Hall at 8 o'clock. This is the first conference that has been held by Captain Lamb's friends in this city since the inauguration of the campaign, and an important one, as it prescribes from every county in the Third district, a big meeting is anticipated.

While there will be no joint discussion between Captain Lamb and Mr. Wallace, the friends of the latter are going to be invited at which a fairly accurate idea can be obtained of the Congressman's strength in this district. Captain Lamb will address the meeting, and a number of his supporters will be present. Among those who will speak are Horace S. Buchanan, of Ashland; P. M. Parrish, of Goodland; Dr. Branchford, of Chesterfield; S. P. Vaddill, of Henrico; Augustine Royall, of Manchester; Dr. Duellion Gregory, of King William, and J. B. Richardson, of New Kent. Mr. S. P. Patteson, of this city, will appear in the interest of Captain Lamb.

It was learned at Captain Lamb's meeting in this city yesterday that a systematic canvass of the counties of this district, as well as the wards of this city, indicate that Captain Lamb will carry the district by a majority ranging from 2,000 to 3,000 votes in the counties and his supporters in the city say that there is not the slightest doubt about a safe majority.

The conference to-night promises to be a very important one, as it will be a friendly rivalry of Captain Lamb's friends from the adjoining counties will be present, and there will be a general gathering of his supporters from this city.

Mr. Wallace said yesterday that his friends are actively at work in the city, and he expressed the most sanguine hopes of securing the nomination at the approaching primary.

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## BIG TELEPHONE DEAL EFFECTED AT YORK, PA.

It Will Compete with the Bell Company and May Enter the State of Virginia.

YORK, Pa., September 4.—(Special.)—An important deal of independent telephone companies of Central Pennsylvania was effected to-day. The result will make the independent consolidation a strong competitor with the Bell system, which has heretofore controlled this territory.

A statement was given out here to-day by the director of independent company of this city, that within the next two weeks a perfect system would be in operation, by which all of the leading cities of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia would be reached. No specific details could be obtained, but assurances were given that the matter had been perfected so that no chance of failure is possible.

The deal will hit them very hard.

**THE TOBACCO TAX REBATE.**  
Internal Revenue Bureau Will Take Up Claims at Once.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 4.—Commissioner Yerkes, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, has made arrangements to take up at once the claims that are being filed for rebate on tax on tobacco, cigars, and snuff, as provided under the revenue reduction act passed at the last session of Congress.

By that act \$2,700,000 was appropriated to pay the difference between the old and new rates, but from present indications Mr. Yerkes is of opinion that this sum will be insufficient for the purpose. Congress, however, will make the necessary increase in the revenue bill to be passed early in the December session.

**Row Over the Hawk.**  
COLUMBUS, O., September 4.—The United States steamship Hawk, which has been used by the navy and the reserves, will be sent back to the Navy Department as a result of a squabble between the Toledo and Cleveland brigades of the reserves.

The commanders were unable to agree on a division of time during which each should control the vessel, and as a result, Governor Nash has decided to end the matter by surrendering the vessel.

**Lipton's New Challenger.**  
LONDON, September 4.—Commenting on the preparations being made on the Clyde in connection with Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge to the America's cup, the Yachting World says to-day:

"The Shamrock II, which is undergoing a thorough overhaul, is a wonderfully well preserved. Captain Wrings, who is expected to have sole control of the next challenger, is a man of high ability and has been in command of the Shamrock I, and is constantly in consultation with Mr. Fife. By the time the Shamrock II returns to her winter moorings at Gairloch (Scotland) it is practically certain that a good start will have been made with building the Shamrock III."

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**GREENSBORO OFFICERS Catch One Filling All His Pockets.**  
GOLDSBORO, N. C., September 4.—(Special.)—After a desperate struggle last night Policeman Frank Busick arrested a Philadelphia negro who had just broken into the store of the Odell Hardware Company and stolen twenty pistols. When taken by the officer he was taking the pistols out of a bucket at the rear of the store and was putting them away in his pockets.

He denied stealing the pistols, saying he brought them with him from Philadelphia.

**TO INVITE THE PRESIDENT.**  
Greensboro Committee Will Urge Him to Visit Battleground.

GREENSBORO, N. C., September 4.—(Special.)—The following committees have been appointed to co-operate in inviting Mr. Roosevelt to stop here and visit Battleground, N. C., on his way to Oxford, N. C., September 4.—(Special.)—Parham Brothers' Company have rented the block of four stores on the corner of Main and Hillsboro streets, for the purpose of holding Messrs. Long Brothers, J. Y. Paris, and E. T. Rawlins. The warehousemen are expecting a big business from the sale of tobacco, which is nearly all sold, and more cut tobacco is on the market.

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**THE LAST WEEK OF THE SPECIAL AFTERNOON TRAINS TO BEACH PARK, WEST POINT, VA.**  
The special afternoon trains leaving Richmond 5 P. M. for Beach Park, West Point, Va., will be withdrawn after this week. The special Sunday trains will continue to run, but no notice, leaving Richmond 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M. Fifty cents round trip. Train leaving Richmond Sunday morning 8:30 P. M. will stop at stations to take on or let off passengers for the remainder of the season.

**Summer Excursion Rates via R. F. & P. and Connections.**  
Compensating once to the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets to all principal points summer resorts north and east, including many points in Canada, at greatly reduced rates. Tickets good returning until October 31, 1902, inclusive.

For through tickets and further information, apply to ticket agents, Byrd Street, Elba and Main street stations, or Richmond Transfer Company, 903 East Main street, Jefferson Hotel and Murphy's hotel. W. P. TAYLOR, Traffic Manager.

**Don't Fail**  
to take advantage of the afternoon trips to Beach Park this week. After this week these special trains will be withdrawn. You may see the special train after this week 5 P. M. Returning, leave West Point 9:30 P. M. Fifty cents round trip.

## FRONT ROYAL HORSE SHOW BEGAN ON YESTERDAY.

Threatening Weather Prevented a Large Attendance—Results of the Contests—The Judges.

FRONT ROYAL, VA., September 4.—(Special.)—To-day was the first day of the ninth annual Horse and Colt Show held at this place. The crowd in attendance was not large, owing to threatening weather in the morning, but the entries were excellent, and the quality of the exhibits was excellent.

The judges were W. A. Haddock, W. W. Bowles, Courtland H. Smith, and Herman Gibson. The officers of the association are W. P. King, president, and H. L. Cook, secretary.

The results are as follows:  
Half-bred colts, 1 year old—First, A. W. Herndon, Delaplane, Va.; second, C. H. Herndon, Hardesty, Va.

Half-bred, 2-year-olds—First, G. W. Thompson, Linden, Va.; second, A. W. Herndon, Delaplane, Va.

Flat race, three heats—First, Billy "B," owned by Byrd Fletcher, Front Royal, Va.; second, John "B," owned by W. G. Davis, Vernon Mills, Va.

Horses in harness—First, Mark Hanna, owned by Fritz & Dearnout, White Post, Va.; second, Mountain Boy, owner, W. P. King, Front Royal, Va.

Park hacks—First, The Scalp, owned by DeBotts & Chancellor, Delaplane, Va.; second, Munchausen, owned by J. P. Dulany, Upperville, Va.

Colts in harness—First, Munchausen, owned by J. P. Dulany, Upperville, Va.; second, Cuba, owned by W. F. Randolph, Millwood, Va.

Steeple chase, three miles—First, Charles O'Malley; second, Duke of Grassland—both owned by J. D. Hall, Linden, Va.

One-mile dash—First, won by Wait-Nut; second, by Imperial—both owned by E. M. Saffell, Front Royal, Va.

Heavy-weight hunters—First, Bachelor, owned by J. P. Dulany; second, Muser owned by W. F. Randolph.

**MAY RETURN TO PEN.**  
A Conditionally Pardoned Convict, Guilty of Shooting.

DANVILLE, VA., September 4.—(Special.)—The second trial of the celebrated Ed. Brown case, charged with an error to-day, by the jury finding the prisoner guilty, and imposing a fine of \$25. Several months ago Brown shot his way out of the law, and was himself shot. The jury was out fully ten hours before reaching a decision. Brown is out of the penitentiary on a conditional pardon, and the Court may order his return, since he has been adjudged guilty of a violation of the law.

Boston Allen (colored) was sent to the penitentiary for two years on the charge of assaulting John O'Neal, a Pullman car porter, on July 14.

Charles Pinnix was given eighteen months for grand larceny, and William McGhee one year each on three indictments for house-breaking. The three last named are colored.

**HANOVER SMALL TALK.**  
Items Gleaned in the Neighborhood of Beaver Dam.

BEAVER DAM, VA., September 4.—(Special.)—The protracted meeting at the Methodist Episcopal church, here continued since Sunday, and is being conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Burch, assisted by Mr. W. G. Burch, and Mr. Dr. Lewis Coleman Morris arrived at Clazemont on the 1st from Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Micajah Woods and Miss Sallie Woods, of Charlottesville, arrived to-day.

Mr. R. M. Fontaine went to Richmond yesterday to be with his sister, Mrs. B. P. DeWitt, who is recovering from illness.

Dr. C. L. C. Minor, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. A. G. Grinnan, of Brantton, Orange county.

Miss Laura B. Carter and Miss Keith N. Fontaine are visiting at Beaver Dam.

Miss Wary Willis Minor returned to Richmond yesterday afternoon after spending a week in Staunton as the guest of Mr. Berkeley Minor.

The Misses Taylor, of Richmond, are visiting at the home of Mr. John Wickham.

Mr. John H. Terrell is at home for a week, looking out for hands for railroad work at Romney, W. Va., where he has a position as telegraph operator.

**STOLE THE CONSTABLE'S GUN.**  
Negro Held for Mule Theft Fled While the Guard Slept.

BURKEVILLE, VA., September 4.—(Special.)—John Dance, a low black, chunky negro, about 25 years old, borrowed from Lewis Hart's mule, near Pleasant Grove, Lunenburg county, and then borrowed a buggy. He forged a letter from his father, who was alleged to be sick, and borrowed the mule and buggy here to Mr. Robert Nunally.

He was arrested and tried here yesterday on the charge of mule theft. The constable to whom the mule was purchased the Southside Female Institute, is repairing and newly painting it. This will add much to its value.

**If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.**  
be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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**At Druggists.**

The Five-cent packet is enough for an ordinary occasion. The family bottle, 60 cts., contains a supply for a year.

**VALLEY RAILROAD STOCK BEING BOUGHT UP.**  
W. G. Mathews, of Glasgow, Purchasing It for Others—His Purpose Unknown.

LEXINGTON, VA., September 4.—(Special.)—Despite the purchase of the entire holdings of the counties and cities of this section of the Valley in the Valley railroad stock, the purchasers are now actively engaged in hunting up all the remaining stock that is held by private individuals. Mr. W. G. Mathews, of Glasgow, who purchased all the stock that has been bought, but in the name of others has been here looking up the shares now owned by individuals. These holdings amount to several hundred shares. Mr. Mathews continues to refuse to divulge the name of the person for whom he made the purchases of stock.

By many it is thought that with the acquisition of the few shares outstanding, the name of the new owner will be given, and at the same time it will be announced what will be done with the Valley branch.

Emmett M. Deacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Deacon, of Oak Dale vicinity, Rockbridge county, died of typhoid fever in the hospital at McKee's Rock, Pa., Monday. His body was brought here yesterday afternoon and taken to the home of his parents for interment. Mr. Deacon was 24 years of age, and for several years has been in the employment of a Pennsylvania bridge company with his brother, Mr. Charles D. Deacon, who is now ill with typhoid fever.

The fourth class of the Virginia Military Institute continues to grow in numbers as the days pass. With the arrival of the trains each day the raw recruits continue to pour in. This morning the class number 57. Among its members is Young Buckner, of Kentucky, who is the father, General Simon Bolivar Buckner, was here yesterday to enter his son. With the opening of the session next Tuesday the class is expected to number 125 in all.

In the annual fish-fry held by the citizens of the eastern part of Rockbridge county, some 75 or 100 persons took part, either as invited guests or fishermen. The drive took place in South river, at Mackey's Cove, and resulted in the catching in the drive nets of over a bushel of fine fish, which embraced sundry varieties of the fluky tribe, and among them several fine bass. The fish were cooked at once, and eaten steaming hot, as they were served from the live coals.

The Sunday-school teachers of Kerr's Creek district held a meeting to-day in the Presbyterian church, located near Denmark, Rockbridge county. Quite a number of delegates were made in the interest of the Sunday-school movement. The speakers were, W. M. Black, T. M. Morrison, S. E. Horn, Walter McCown, and J. H. Dixon. In the general discussions the ladies took an active part.

**BRILLIANT LOUISA WEDDING.**  
Mr. John Courtney Turner and Miss Ella Henningham Jones.

**Shot and Killed by Accident.**  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., September 4.—(Special.)—Lewis Jefferson was shot and killed by Willie Young in Henry Midgett's saloon, in Bloodfield. Young claims he did not know the gun was cocked. The shooting occurred at a ball.

**Judge Witt Is Back.**  
Judge S. B. Witt, of the Hustings Court, has returned from Nimrod, Va., where he spent several days resting.

**RETURN OF SOLDIERS.**  
Quiet in Ashland Restored—Mayor Scott Speaks.