TALE OF A PATIENT.

"CHEATED" HOSPITAL ATTACHES WHO COUNTED ON ICE CREAM.

THOUGHT TO BE UNCONSCIOUS

As the Sequel Proved, However, She Heard All That Was Going on, and Finally Gave Those Interested to Understand That Their Plans Would Fail.

A strange story relating to a well-known young woman, a hospital, the nurses and an undertaker, all in this city, came to light yesterday. The young woman, whose friends ask that her name be withheld, was taken suddenly ill recently, and hurried to the hospital, apparently in an unconscious condition, but being able to hear and vividly remember all that was said, but unable to open her eyes or speak.

The resident physician, after a careful examination of the patient, said to two of the nurses present: "Be mighty careful of this patient, she is such a sweet, good, little woman, and I am afraid that she will not be with us in the morning."

After carefully diagnosing the case, and giving many particular directions to the nurses, all of which the young woman overheard, the doctor left the ward.

The patient lay for some time in this state, studying carefully all the time her own condition and all that the doctor had said both of her case and his directions to the nurses. She was aroused by hearing voices of strangers not present when the doctor made his examination and gave his directions.

Listening to this conversation, she learned that the strange voices were those of nurses from other wards in the hospital, who heard that a young and beautiful woman had been brought into the hospital, suffering with a strange affliction. This, of course, aroused the curiosity of every nurse in the institution, and it was but a short time until they were all in the room with the young woman, and believing her to be unconscious, discussed her case freely.

All the time this discussion was going on the young woman lay there hearing every word and carefully noting its meaning. After considerable discussion and one or two examinations on the part of some of the nurses, they all finally agreed that she could not live until morning.

SELECTED UNDERTAKER.

The next question by them was what undertaker should be given the business of preparing the body for burial. This brought on quite a lengthy discussion, as one nurse said that an undertaker, whom she mentioned, was in the habit of sending nice baskets of fruit to the nurses who summoned him. Another nurse named an undertaker whom she said always sent a gallon of ice-cream to the nurses, who summoned him. The nurses were equally divided between ice-cream and fruit, and the selection of the undertaker represented by these two gifts. Champions of fruit and champions of ice-cream each had their say, and at one time it looked as if a third undertaker would have to be chosen in order to break the deadlock of these erstwhile jurists. One of the nurses, however, won the case in favor of the undertaker who gave the ice-cream, by declaring that the undertaker who gave the fruit had the last body from that institution, and furthermore, that some of the fruit received from him was not ripe and had made her sick. This was followed by a brief, but able, plea in favor of peach ice-cream, and the undertaker whose custom it was to give the cream won by a unanimous decision. It was then decided that as soon as death claimed the young woman this undertaker should be summoned, and immediately after his arrival the relatives of the young women were to be notified.

THE PATIENT ALONE.

After settling the whole matter the nurses dispersed to their respective wards and the patient was left alone for a brief period.

She forgot all that the doctor had said of her case and his instructions to the nurses, and there was but one thought uppermost in her mind—the fact that the nurses were to get ice cream for turning her body over to the undertaker. This thought evidently had the effect of restoring all her faculties, and with the restoration of sight and speech came the determination to live and cheat the nurses of their ice cream treat from the undertaker at her expense.

Again mind triumphed over matter, and she began to feel better right away. Shortly she heard footsteps approaching her room, and, closing her eyes, feigned unconsciousness in order to hear what further might be said.

She heard two of the nurses who were with her when she was first brought in the hospital, approach her bed, and she felt their warm breath on her cheeks as they bent over and examined her. She wanted then to open her eyes and smile at them, but by an almost superhuman effort controlled herself, though trembling from head to foot with suppressed emotions.

The examination was soon over, however, and the nurses had just said that they felt sure of their ice cream for tomorrow.

PATIENT LAUGHED HEARTILY.

They were just about turning to leave the room when the supposed-to-be unconscious woman opened her eyes and burst into a hearty laugh. The nurses turned quickly and looked at her, when she informed them, laughingly, that she had determined to cheat them of their ice cream treat this time.

The nurses fled out into the hall, but shortly returned with several others. They first peeped in at what they thought was the unconscious patient, but were much surprised when their awed and curious gaze met a smiling countenance.

They finally entered the room, and heard from the lips of the patient a detailed account of all that had been said in her presence.

The account was related by the patient with smiles and laughter, at her good joke on the nurses. The nurses soon saw the joke, and joined in with the patient, and suppressed laughter reigned for some moments in the room. Time, coupled with the strong will of the young woman, and the careful attention of both doctors and nurses, brought the patient around until she was able to leave the hospital for her home.

TURNED JOKE ON NURSES.

After thanking doctors and nurses for their kind and thoughtful attentions to her while an inmate of the hospital, she stepped into a carriage to be driven to her home, and as she waved them a farewell, she called out to them: "You see I cheated you of your ice cream this time." To-day she is a well and hearty young woman and she expects to leave for New York shortly to attend the Horse Show in Madison Square Garden.

MR. CLEARY EXONERATED.

Removal of City Wires While Repairing Armory Caused Tempest in Teapot.

Bernard A. Cleary was dismissed in police court yesterday from the charge of knowingly sending in a false fire alarm by removing wires placed on the Howitzer's armory, on Eighth street. Justice John ruled that he could not be prosecuted for violating this section of the city code, as the alarm which brought out one of the largest steamers was sent in more through accident and ignorance man through direct intent. The Commonwealth, under the present laws, could have a case only where the alarm was sent in "knowingly."

It appeared in court that Mr. Cleary had the proper authority to place the wire screens about the armory which necessitated the temporary removal of wires. At the time he knew not what wires these were, and as the job seemed so simple, decided to do it himself with the assistance of a carpenter named Woodfin.

Suddenly he was interrupted by a climber connected with the police and fire alarm wires, who, after raising a small racket about his removing the wires, reported the matter to City Electrician Thompson. Mr. Cleary was then asked to call at the office of the city electrician and explain his action. As he did not appear the case was taken into the court.

The trouble all happened during the morning of Sept. 10. It was purely a case of removing wires, the nature of which the workman had no knowledge. Justice John stated that if the attorney for the Commonwealth wanted to inflict a penalty on persons reported tampering with city wires, then laws or ordinances would have to be made accordingly.

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U. S. COURT AT LYNCHBURG.

Case of A. H. Staples et al. Transferred to Danville.

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 16.—(Special.)—The United States District Court, Judge H. C. McDowell presiding, which has been in session here for the past week, was adjourned at noon today for the term.

This morning the case of the Commonwealth vs. A. H. Staples et al. was transfered to the District Court of Danville, which meets November 11th. This is a case similar to the Felts case, for it is to determine whether or not the court has jurisdiction in regard to the shooting in Patrick county of James Hill by A. H. Staples, T. M. Staples, and H. C. Woolwine, who, it is claimed, were acting as deputy United States marshals.

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On account of the above occasion the Seaboard Air-Line railway will sell round trip tickets from all points on its line to Birmingham, Ala., and return for one fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold September 14th, 15th, and 16, final limit returning September 27th. Round trip rate from Richmond and Petersburg, $19.05. Superb service offered by the Seaboard.

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This line will continue the sale of round trip tickets between Richmond and Petersburg each Sunday to and including Sunday, September 28th, at rate of 40 cents, good on trains leaving Sunday mornings and returning Sunday evenings.

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838 east Main street, Richmond, Va.

Very Low Rate to California and Return, Via Southern Railway.

On September 27th, 28th 29th, and 30th Southern railway will sell special round trip tickets from points on its lines to Los Angeles and San Francisco and return at specially low rates, with return limit November 15th, with liberal stop over privileges. These tickets may apply through Memphis, Kansas City, and Colorado, or through Atlanta and New Orleans. For his reason the round trip rate from Richmond to Los Angeles or San Francisco and return will be $98.70.

ALL BE VACCINATED.

DR. WEST DISCUSSES ORDER OF SUPERINTENDENT FOX.

NONE WILL BE EXEMPTED.

Those Who Entered Prior to the Order Must Be Examined, Though Revaccination Will Not Be Enforced—The Enrolment.

Dr. J. B. West, of 1020 west Main street, "vaccinatin officer" of the School Board, was interviewed last night by a representative of the Dispatch in reference to the order issued by Superintendent Fox, of the Richmond Public schools, "that every child attending the public schools of this city must be vaccinated," to ascertain if those children who have entered previous to the order issued, would be subject to an examination and compelled to be vaccinated, if such had not already been done.

"Yes," said the Doctor, "the children already entered, as well as those to enter, will be subjected to an examination, and vaccinated, or to show a certificate of vaccination from a practicing physician."

When asked what per cent. of those now attending school were vaccinated he was unable to-day, as he has not as yet visited the schools for the purposes of examination, and would not do so until Monday. "It would probably take thirty days," he said, "to visit all of the public schools."

Dr. West said that this was an order of the School Board, and not an order of the Board of Health, as some understood it.

This step, he said was taken as a precaution, in view of the fact of there being much small-pox in various sections of the country and that Richmond has never before had so many new families coming in from all points to take up their residence here.

The order, which was not at first clearly understood, says that all children may enter school, without the vaccination examination, until Monday next, if the other requirements are satisfactory. This was heartily welcomed by the children.

When asked about the general health of the children, and what he considered most needed in the schools of Richmond to maintain the healthfulness of the children, Dr. West said that he could not answer until he had visited the schools.

When asked if this order would remain one of the requirements, he replied that he was unable to say.

A reporter called at the house of Superintendent Fox to learn the exact wording of the "vaccination order," but found him out.

The school enrolment yesterday was as follows:

High	630	
Nicholson	465	
Springfield	657	
Bellevue	704	
Marshall	613	
Central	595	
Leigh	527	
Madison	650	
Elba	499	
West End	578	
Randolph	667	
		6,525
Normal	218	
Fulton	62	
East End	466	
Valley	619	
Navy Hill	744	
Baker	654	
Moore	715	
Monroe	426	
		3,904
Total		10,429

CAPT. JINKS TO-DAY.

Elaborate Production of Horse Marines at the Academy.

The entire cast for the production of "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," which is to be seen at the Academy this afternoon and to-night, including Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, who is featured as Mme. Trentoni, is as follows: Theodore Babcock, Francis Yale, Charles N. Lum, Edward J. Mack, Alfred Mayo, John C. Lindemere, Laurence Finch, William Renni, Gerald Harcourt, Harry A. Barton, John V. Dailey, Frank J. Donnelly, P. C. Foy, Charlotte Lambert, May Anderson, Mary Palmer, Clara Barton, Mlle. Arnoldi, Theresa Morgan, Annie Moore, Monica Lee, Anna Morrison, Venie Atherton, Grace Wilcox, and Annie Phillips. Including auxiliaries, corps de ballet, and the executive force, the organization on tour numbers about forty people. The management has made arrangements for the use of a private car which formerly belonged to Mrs. Langtry, and which is used this season by Miss Kennedy to contribute to the comfort of the arduous transcontinental trip extending to the Pacific coast. "Captain Jinks" will first be seen through the South, after which the company will head directly for California and the Northwest. Christmas will be spent in Los Angeles.

Augustus Thomas, the playwright, has had more successful plays produced than perhaps any American author. Take, for instance, his "Arizona," "In Mizzoura," "Alabama," and "The Soldiers of Fortune," conceded the best plays in recent years. "On the Quiet," the best of latter-day comedies, is also from the pen of this prolific author. It will be seen at the Academy on Saturday, matinee and night, when it will have its premiere with Thomas W. Ross in the role of Ridgeway, of Yale, made famous by William Collier and played by him over 200 nights at the Madison Square Theatre.

That the bill at the Bijou has proven popular is evidenced by the big crowds of yesterday and last night. "Hunting for Hawkins" seems to be a real Bijou hit. There is enough fun and enough dash and vigor in it for any play, and the public generally is not only pleased but it is delighted. Therefore, for Mr. Wells, it seems, that "Hunting for Hawkins" was a lucky selection for an opening bill.

The Conservatory Opens.

The opening exercises of the Richmond Conservatory of Music were held at the Mechanic's Institute Monday night before a cultured audience of music-lovers.

Among the delightful musical selections rendered were Chopin's "Scherzo," op. 31, by Professor F. Eugene Cosby; "Villanelle," a vocal solo, by Mrs. Sallie M. Brown; Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu," op. 66, by Miss Lois Bass; flute solo, "Rondo Caprice," by Dr. William F. Cowardin; vocal solo, two numbers, "Eclogue," and "Mighty lak' a rose," by Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Jennie Yeamans gave two readings that formed one of the most interesting and enjoyable parts of the well-selected programme.

After the musical exercises were over a reception was held at Professor Cosby's studio.

RHEA AT TAZEWELL.

He Was Cordially Greeted — Col. Slemp Also Spoke.

TAZEWELL, VA., September 16.—(Special.)—Hon. William F. Rhea, Democratic candidate for Congress, rode through the county to meet his appointment here to-day, and by his own enthusiasm has put new life into the campaign.

He spoke to a large audience in the court-house to-day, and judging from the enthusiasm which greeted him at frequent intervals, he certainly carried the crowd with him. Colonel Slemp, the Republican candidate, spoke in front of the court-house at the same time to a much smaller audience, but seemed to hold their attention fairly well.

With the new registration, eliminating a large part of the colored vote, it is thought by party men here that the county will be carried for Rhea.

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VICTORY FOR WYATT.

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

of $500 for their good behavior for the next twelve months," he announced.

Gamblers Go to Jail.

The convicted gamblers reached the jail shortly after 8 o'clock, and were at once taken to their cell, on the second floor. As soon as they arrived the friends of the seven men began to call. These were allowed to see the prisoners. There was much hand-shaking and regrets that the meeting was under such unpleasant circumstances.

Supper was ordered from Rueger's, and was spread on a table in the cell about 10 o'clock. Two oil lamps furnished light for the occasion.

A feature of the evening was the distribution of souvenirs. A deck of cards was shuffled together, and each man drew one—this was his souvenir. Some friends of the prisoners sent several bottles of champagne along with the supper. Cigars were plentiful, and, on the whole, the time was made to pass rapidly.

The sentence of Justice Crutchfield was one day in the city jail. As the papers were dated September 16th, the men were prisoners only for four hours, until the 16th had passed. At one minute past 12 o'clock the guard said: "It is one minute past 12. Gentlemen, you are free men." He added: "Get out of here as quick as you can."

The seven men who a minute before were prisoners in the city jail, passed over the doorstep and into the street, free, to go where they pleased. They were met at the door by many of their friends, who accompanied them down the street several blocks, when the crowd dispersed, each man saying he was going home. And that was all of the jail part of the sentence.

The Accused Paid Up.

Every one of the seven convicted persons paid in cash $104.25, covering the fine and costs. The money was "skinned" off of "slender" rolls.

Joseph Stumpf went security for Thomas Lyons, Coles Jordan, and Walter Garthwright; James Kain for Samuel Miller; A. F. Berkman for William Phelps; Frank Ferrandini for J. M. Pellegrini, and A. N. Pollard for "Hec." Puryear.

Discussing the case after the trial, Mr. John Garland Pollard said that public sentiment can stop gambling any time it wants to. The police, he said, will have to do what the public wants to do. Mr. Pollard praised Officer Wyatt for his excellent conduct of the case.

REPORT FROM PANAMA.

Railway Traffic Obstructed by Government Troops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 16.—Secretary of the Navy Moody to-day received the following cablegram from Commander McLean, of the Cincinnati, who arrived at Colon yesterday:

"Yesterday I went to Panama. Train stopped twice by obstructions—plate iron, etc., placed on the track. After the train passed saw government soldiers replace obstructions. Accompanied by Consul and Commander Potter, of the Ranger, called on Governor. Had friendly conversation. Returning to Colon, stopped by obstructions. Soldiers were compelled to remove them. Soldiers stood on the track. By my directions, train moved on, and soldiers jumped away. Will guard trains. No revolutionists in sight, but rumored coming toward railroad."

The above dispatch was not dated, except as coming from Colon. But it is accepted as referring to events of Monday. The officials at Washington are not inclined to jump hastily at the conclusion that the obstruction of traffic by government soldiers was inspired by the Colombian Government itself, but are more ready to believe that the act was for the purpose of ascertaining if any revolutionists occupied the train. It is understood that at the meeting of Commanders McLean and Potter and the United States Consul with the Governor at Panama, the latter disavowed responsibility for the act of the government troops. It is understood that the State Department will make some representations to the government at Bogota with a view to preventing a repetition of the incident, and obtain some explanation from Colombia which may simplify the rather complex situation which comes of the injunction of the government, Liberal, and United States forces.

A FRENCH SENSATION.

Pelletan Makes a Speech Which May Give Delcasse Trouble.

BIZERTA, TUNIS, Sept. 16.—M. Pelletan, the French minister of marine, made a remarkable speech at an entertainment of the municipality yesterday evening, which, it is said, will cause the French foreign minister, M. Delcasee, some trouble to explain. After pointing out the importance of Bizerta as a bulwark of French, M. Pelletan proceeded:

"We do not say we want to make the Mediterranean a French lake. We have been cured of the dreams of the great man who wished us to dominate the world. But part of the Mediterranean is French and will remain French. With this powerful rampart so well situated for defense and also for attack, and with Corsica and Toulon, we can hold the open door between the two halves of the Mediterranean in spite of Malta and Gibraltar. Certainly I do not desire a conflict of peoples against England any more than against Italy, but as we do not know what others are doing it is part of our duty to prepare for the holy war; for the French fatherland against its enemies, whoever they may be."

M. Pelletan concluded by remarking that he could not say more at present. He had not yet become accustomed to being a minister and feared he might be carried away into expressing his opinion of matters which exclusively concerned the foreign minister.

TO PREVENT FIGHT.

Injunction Against McGovern-Corbett Contest Asked.

LOUISVILLE, KY., September 16.—Attorney-General Pratt to-day filed suit for an injunction to prevent the contest between Terry McGovern and "Young Corbett," scheduled to take place before the Southern Athletic Club, in this city, September 22d, from being held. The case will be argued before Judge Fields, of the Common Pleas Division of the Jefferson Circuit Court Thursday morning.

The petition states that both Terry McGovern and Young Corbett are professional prize-fighters, and that in the fight each contestant will exert his utmost efforts to disable his opponent. It is alleged that the prize-fight will bring together a dangerous assemblage of money and persons, which will have a demoralizing effect on the well-being of the community and the contestors, contrary to the laws of the State.

A PATRICK MAN HUNT

LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CHASE OF TWO ALLEGED MURDERERS.

FLED ONE HUNDRED MILES.

Dave Trent and Jim Floyd the Fugitives; F. M. Staples, and F. N. Shelor the Pursuers—Killing of Dave Slate and Sam Hooker.

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 16.—(Special.)—Among the witnesses in a Patrick county case which was before the United States District Court, this morning, were two young men, Mr. T. M Staples, sergeant of the town of Stuart, and Mr. F. N. Shelor, who served as a volunteer in the Cuban war and was honorably discharged.

A few weeks ago they were engaged in a remarkable chase of two fugitives, which took them for many miles through the most unfrequented parts of Patrick and Henry counties, and the edge of North Carolina.

A HOMICIDE.

A gentleman acquainted with the facts gave the following account of the affair: About 10 o'clock one morning about the middle of last month, Dave Slate was waylaid and killed, and Sam Hooker seriously, if not mortally wounded in the mountain district of Patrick county. Dave Trent and his son, Jim Floyd, it is alleged, did the killing. Information of the homicide reached Stuart about noon the safe day, and Sheriff Woolwine summoned a posse to pursue and capture the murderers. Among the posse were Messrs. T. M. Staples and F. N. Shelor, who are regarded in this section as a terror to evil-doers. They stuck together and ran across the trail of the Trents in the mountains, about six miles from the scene of the tragedy, at 4 o'clock that evening, the murderers being then three hours ahead.

OVER MOUNTAINS AND VALLEY.

Messrs. Staples and Shelor then commenced the pursuit in earnest over the mountains and through the valleys, and when darkness came on where frequently obliged to light matches at the forks of roads to see the trail. After pursuing the men for many miles, they tracked the fugitives to a barn, on the farm of Floyd Trent, the brother of Dave, near Osage postoffice, in Henry county. It was about daylight when they discovered the trail to the barn, and leaving their horses in charge of Witcher Law, they proceeded towards the building, and as they did so, the younger Trent jumped from the barn, followed by Dave, his father. Staples and Shelor rushed towards them, firing as they went, and captured the older man. Then began a long chase after Jim Trent, the posse firing after him until he was lost sight of.

SURRENDERED BY TELEGRAPH.

He continued his flight, it was afterwards learned, to the edge of Rockingham county, where he turned and retraced his steps to the depot at Spencer, at which point he telegraphed Sheriff Woolwine that he would surrender. Shelor had been left to guard Dave Trent, while Law and Staples followed his son. In order to convey Dave Trent to jail at Stuart, he was placed on the train at Penn's tank, and what was the surprise of the party to see on the train Jim Trent who, had, as before stated, surrendered by telegraph. He was then taken in custody and conveyed to Stuart with his father. In the twenty-four hours man hunt, Messrs. Staples and Chelor claim that they travelled upwards of 100 miles through the roughest part of Patrick county, and officers of the county state that it is one of the most successful and daring chases for criminals ever made in that section.

CASE OF HENRY SADLER.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury Inclines to Suicide Theory.

The following verdict was presented by the justice's inquest held on the body of Henry Sadler, who was found in a swamp adjoining the Ragland property, by Mr. W. T. Shamway, last Sunday.:

State of Virginia, County of Chesterfield, to-wit:

An inquisition taken at or on the farm of Mrs. M. E. Miles, in the county of Chesterfield, on the 15th day of September, 1902, G. E. Robertson, a justice of the peace of said county, acting coroner, upon view of the body of Henry Sadler there lying dead. The following jurors sworn to enquire when, how, and by what means said Henry Sadler came to his death, do find that said Henry Sadler came to his death by causes unknown to the jury, but from all evidence adduced there is no reason to suspect that there was any foul play exercised. In testimony whereof, we hereto sign our names, this 15th day of September, 1902: William M. Willis, foreman; jurors, Christian Hess, W. T. Shamway, J. R. Land, R. D. Boyd, W. E. Sadler, George S. Carter; G. E. Robertson, acting coroner.

TREATED HIS AGED MOTHER WITH GREAT BRUTALITY.

Harry Hopcraft, a Roanoke Man, Gets One Year and a Heavy Fine for Unfilial Conduct.

ROANOKE, VA., September 16.—(Special.)—A most shameful story of neglect, cruelty, false imprisonment, and beating was made public this afternoon at Crystal Spring, at the examination of Harry Hopcroft, who was charged with beating and imprisoning his mother, Mrs. Martha Hopcroft, aged 93 years, in an isolated cabin on Roanoke river.

The testimony was of a most sensational nature and resulted in a sentence of twelve months in jail and $50 fine. A warrant was also issued for the prisoner's brother, Robert Hopcroft, the city editor of an afternoon paper, but it seems that he left the city last night presumably for Indiana.

Commonwealth's Attorney R. W. Kime prosecuted the case. He stated that the people residing in the vicinity of the cabin notified him that if the Hopcrofts were not prosecuted they would take the matter in their own hands and threats of lynching were freely indulged in.

NORTHERN SECURITIES CASE.

Hearings Begun at New York—Agreement as to Testimony.

NEW YORK, September 16.—Hearings were begun here to-day in the action of the United States against the Northern Securities Company. The attorneys in the case, including Solicitor-General Richards, then held a conference, and at its conclusion a stipulation was read, agreeing that the testimony of J. J. Hill, C. S. Mellen, J. S. Kennedy, G. W. Perkins, W. P. Clough, Jacob H. Schiff, Charles Steel, and J. P. Morgan, taken in the case of Peter Power against the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and also the testimony of E. H. Harriman, taken before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Chicago, Ill., on January 25, 1902, in regard to consolidations, and commissions of carriers, under the act to regulate commerce, including the method of association known as the community of interest plan, should be considered as testimony inthis case. Adjourned till September 25th.

BECOMING A MOTHER

is an ordeal which all women approach with indescribable fear, for nothing compares with the pain and horror of child-birth. The thought of the suffering and danger in store for her, robs the expectant mother of all pleasant anticipations of the coming event, and casts over her a shadow of gloom which cannot be shaken off. Thousands of women have found that the use of Mother's Friend during pregnancy robs confinement of all pain and danger, and insures safety to life of mother and child. This scientific liniment is a god-send to all women at the time of their most critical trial. Not only does Mother's Friend carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but its use gently prepares the system for the coming event, prevents "morning sickness," and other discomforts of this period. Sold by all druggists at $1.00 per bottle. Book containing valuable information free.

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MOTHER'S FRIEND

R. E. WRIGHT ELECTED DEPUTY GRAND SIRE.

Other Features of the Odd-Fellow Convention—Drill Contest—Parade To-Day.

DES MOINES, IA., September 16.—R. E. Wright, of Allentown, Pa., was to-day elected Deputy Grand Sire by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, in session here.

Other features of the day were the opening of the drill contests of the Patriarchs Militant at the fair grounds; the work of exemplification by various degree teams in 'Our Circle Hall' and a reunion of the past grand representatives of the order. The parade will be held to-morrow.

H. B. MOSBY'S PROMOTION IN THE POSTAL SERVICE.

Made Inspector of Rural Free Delivery—Bedford's Fine Service—National Fox Hunters to Meet.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., September 16.—(Special.)—Mr. H. B. Mosby, formerly assistant postmaster of Bedford City, who not long ago received the appointment as one of the inspectors of rural free delivery of mails for the United States, has been promoted to the position of superintendent of the establishment of rural routes. At present there are only four persons holding this position for the department. With the promotion there is an increase of $300 in salary per annum.

Mr. Mosby is now here to establish a better and more extensive mail delivery service for Bedford, which is intended in time to reach all parts of the county. Every family in the rural districts desiring the delivery of mail can secure a private box of metal at a cost of from 50 cents to a dollar, according to size, which will be posted at any point he shall indicate, and he will be supplied with a key that will fit no other box. The carriers will, of course, have keys to fit the boxes. There will be carriers for all the principal routes with the office here as a focus. These carriers will be empowered to receive money orders and sell stamps, and will be able to afford all the facilities for business by mail of the larger offices. They will be responsible to the central office here. There will also be carriers for the cross routes extending to all points where free delivery of mail is desired.

The National Fox-Hunters' Association will hold their annual meet at Hotel Bedford on November 17th. It is thought there will be about 250 hunters in attendance, and agents are already making arrangements to secure proper mounts for them. As before stated, Hotel Bedford has been purchased by the order of Elks to be converted into a national home, but they have granted its use to the fox-hunters, as it is not yet ready for their occupancy.

It is said that an effort is being made to secure the services of Mr. Philip Brown, the famous host of the Blue Ridge Springs, as caterer for the fox-hunters, to take charge of their physical comfort.

SOUTHERN EXPRESS ROBBERY A MYSTERY.

Officials Utterly Unable to Get a Clue. Robber Left the Train at Charleston.

WILMINGTON, N. C., September 17.—(Special.)—Division Superintendent W. J. Crosswell, of this city, is at Charleston, S. C., investigating an alleged hold-up of Southern Express Messenger Guy C. Lewis, on Atlantic-Coast Line train No. 23 from Florence to Savannah, Ga., Saturday night.

Lewis says a man boarded his car near Lanes, a small station, sixty miles from Charleston, blindfold him, tied his hands behind his back at the point of a pistol, and robbed the local safe of a number of packages of jewelry, and about $160 in cash. Lewis said the man jumped off the train at the Columbus-street crossing in Charleston, but that he got his hands loose in time to fire one shot at the retreating figure.

Members of the crew of the train knew nothing of the alleged occurrence until the train reached Charleston. Thus far the robbery has baffled the skill and ingenuity of the Charleston authorities and the express and railroad detectives put to work on the case. Four young white men were arrested in Charleston yesterday suspected of complicity in the affair. Their names are Joseph Coughlin, of New York; August King, of Massachusetts, and Ben Mecham and John Cox, of Charleston.

The express people are giving little intimation as to the status of the case. Lewis is in Charleston conferring with the officers. He has been with the company many years and has three or four brothers in the service. His father was for a long time agent for the Southern Express Company at Boykin, Va. Lately he had a run from Richmond, Va., to Jacksonville, Fla.

Lewis's Account of the Robbery.

NORFOLK, VA., September 16.—(Special.)—Guy C. Lewis, the Portsmouth express messenger who was robbed between Lanes and Charleston, S. C., Sunday, is in Charleston still, but he has written his parents here. He says that while writing at a table, the train being under full speed, a pistol was suddenly thrust under his nose, his hands were tied and he was blindfolded. Lewis is unable to say whether the man was white or black. The thief took all the loose money and jewelry left out for local delivery, but did not get into the safe. There was only one robber. He entered from the front door of the car and leaped off at the first station at which the train slacked up, after completing his work. Lewis is 27 years old, and has been with the express company 12 years.

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Manchester and Chesterfield.

The Manchester Republicans will have a very interesting time at the convention to be held at West Point to-day. It will be remembered that the Manchester Republicans met at Ayres' Hotel, Richmond, and delegates to the present convention. One Mr. "Shorty" Smith took exception to the weird rulings of the colored temporary chairman, "Major" Johnson, and, followed by all the white men present except two, bolted the meeting, and proceeding to the rooms of Mr. W. R. Beattie, formed another organization, which will contest the standing of "Major" Johnson's faction at the convention to-day. The "Major's" faction, irreverently called the "Lime-Kiln Club," claims that Mr. Smith is not even a Manchester voter, and that if he has the right of suffrage at all he will have to exercise it in Newport News. Altogether, the Manchester twin delegation will do its little best to make the convention as interesting as their own convention was, only on a much more elaborate scale.

WATER COMMISSION.

The Water Commission met in the water-works office last night and heard the annual report of Water Commissioner Sharp from July, 1901, to July, 1902. Mr. Sharp reports that considerable difficulty has been experienced by him in getting coal for the use of the water-works. Hesser & Co., with whom the commission has a contract to furnish coal at a stated price, will be unable to do so during the strike, and in the contract with the company there is a clause releasing them from doing so in case of a strike among the miners.

The finances of the commission are in excellent shape. After paying all the interest on bonds and other expenses, there remains in the treasury the sum of $1,453.39.

Mr. Sharp reports that the pumping machinery at the power-house is old and inadequate and being taxed to its utmost at the present time. Messrs. Rice and Green were appointed a committee to investigate the condition of the machinery and to report with suggestions at the next meeting of the commissioners. The sewer system was reported in first-class condition.

The report of the clerk and superintendent were accepted and sent to the Council for approval.

TRUSTEES APPOINTED.

The old question of whether the old Central church shall be allowed to pass into the possession of negroes was revived again yesterday, when Judge Ingram appointed the following trustees to act for the King's Palace Methodist church, as the society formed to buy the building is called: William Eaton, M. D. Hicks, J. C. King, John Hopson, William Bailey, N. Newton, and Alex. Robinson.

The negro society has made this move in response to a request of a wealthy society in the North, to whom the society applied for funds to purchase the building. All the necessary papers have been received, and now that the trustees have been appointed, it seems likely that the historic church is to pass into the possession of the negroes, in spite of the protests of the surrounding property-holders.

The registration is not very rapid and but few negroes are applying for the franchise. Those that have been accepted so far have applied on the property-holding clause. Several have essayed the understanding clause, but have failed to "pass" ignominiously. The registrars report but few Confederate veterans applying.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Conductor Egbert Moses had a very narrow escape from death at Seventh and Hull streets, yesterday morning, at about 8 o'clock. Mr. Moses was bringing a car from Richmond and was on the running board on the left side of his car holding the trolley on when he was struck by a Petersburg car going in the opposite direction. He fell between the cars and the space on the curve is so narow that his escape with a few bruises seems almost miraculous.

POLICE NEWS.

Theodore Brown (colored) who is well-known to the general public as a negro who between jags amuses himself by walking up and down the streets dolefully toling a large dinner-bell and announcing auctions, swore off the bell-ringing Monday, and took unto himself a jag that was a pippin. The jag aroused in Theodore an intense desire to become a voter under the new Constitution. Accordingly he interviewed the registrars, but he possessed no property except the bell and that was mortgaged, and was no soldier nor yet the son of a soldier, and his explanation of the third section is so mixed the registrars that it was with difficulty they went on with their work. So Theodore was pinched. Mayor Maurice diagnosed the case and said he thought ten days would be about the thing and Theodore took the Mayor's advice. Later, however, he was released on his promise to shun the jag, the bell-ringing, and Manchester.

BRIEF MENTION.

Mr. Robert Elder is quite ill at the home of his son, Mr. R. F. Elder, on Fourth street.

Mrs. Smith Jennings and children Elsie and Rudolph, have returned home after a visit to Mrs. Jennings's sister, Mrs. J. W. Turner, of Durham, N. C.

Mrs. M. E. Hinnant and son Otis, have returned from North Carolina.

Miss Alma Tarry and Mrs. D. E. Baber and little daughter, have returned from a very pleasant trip to the North and Canada.

Mrs. E. T. Ettrick, who has been visiting Mrs. Hyman, at Forest Hill, has returned to her home in North Carolina.

Miss Mary Whitley, who has been visiting Miss Mary Hyman, of Woodland Heights, has returned to her home in Williamstown, N. C.

Mrs. R. T. Minor and Miss Kate Minor have returned from a pleasant visit in Albemarle county.

Mrs. J. W. Barrett and children have returned from their summer outing.

No New American Cardinal Soon.

ROME, September 16.—Pressure for the appointment of another American Cardinal continues to reach the Vatican from American churchmen.

The reporter of the Associated Press is in position to say that whatever the future may bring forth, there will be no American Cardinal nominated at the consistory which will mark the close of the papal jubilee.