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THE DAY'S SUMMARY.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 22.—Forecast:

Virginia—Fair Thursday and Friday; warmer Thursday; fresh southwest winds becoming west.

North Carolina—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday fair, light to fresh northeast winds, becoming southeast.

The weather in Richmond yesterday was cool and clear. The range of the Dispatch thermometer was as follows:

6 A. M.	48
9 A. M.	54
12 M.	60
3 P. M.	64
6 P. M.	62
12 Night	52
Mean Temperature	56 2-3

MINIATURE ALMANAC, October 23, 1902.

Sun rises	6:26	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	5:23	Morning	9:32
Moon rises	11:29	Evening	——

RICHMOND.

Common Council meets in special session to-night to act on Minor investigating resolution——Dr. Hawthorne and a dozen witnesses to appear before Police Board this afternoon——Harvey Brooks has an epileptic fit, falls, and is crushed in an elevator——Wrenn, charged with killing Frank Bagent, convicted and given five years in the penitentiary——Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society——Binswanger & Co. to build warehouse at Sixth and Byrd streets.——MANCHESTER: John Jones, son of J. W. Jones, of Chesterfield county, shot by unknown miscreant——Miss Gallegher becomes bride of Mr. Perdue——Mrs. Chance weds Mr. John M. Dunning, of Charleston, S. C.——Negroes want high price for old Central church.

VIRGINIA.

Son of Mr. Nash, of Elmont, accidentally shot and seriously wounded by his brother——Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad cuts in another telegraphic wire north of Richmond——Movement is made to organize Lutheran church at Bristol——Lynchburg horse show opens under brilliant auspices——Virginia and Southwestern railroad completes laying of track to limestone quarry at east end of Gate City——Boy at Danville finds a tin-box containing five $10 bills——Covey, the alleged forger, is tried at Lexington for carrying concealed weapons and fined $20——State Synod of Lutheran church meets in Staunton——Gibson, who assaulted the Gibbs boy at Newport News, has disappeared——Jamestown tercentennial site will probably be at Sewell's Point——Mr. Albert Baker, of Winchester, mysteriously disappears——Large dwelling-house, owned by Mrs. Lucy Atwell and occupied by Charles Jett, burnt in Caroline county——Marriage of George Bryan, Esq., of Richmond, and Miss Page Osborne, in Petersburg——Other Virginia weddings——A lawyer has been engaged to prosecute the Scott county citizens who killed Wright and Templeton, in Tennessee.——Deaths: Miss Maggie Dower, in Alexandria; H. Downs, at Middleburg; C. C. Titus, at Leesburg; T. E. Carr, in Loudoun; Max C. A. Bonitz, at Ashland.

GENERAL.

Denmark refuses to ratify the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States——Convention of the United Textile Workers of America——A secret treaty between Germany and Great Britain——Governor Dole investigating alleged abuses of Porto Rican laborers——Explorer Peary's satisfactory progress——Secretary Moody may decide the question of speed as against power in new battleships——Proceedings of the American Missionary Association——Canadian ticket agents return to Washington——Death of Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis——Representatives of the Southern Base-Ball League in Charleston to prevent a local club——Alexander H. Stephens selected to represent Georgia in Statuary Hall——The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company enters Tennessee——Schooner Oscar C. Schmidt destroyed by fire——Yorktown sails for Cuba——The Board of Railway Commissioners find motorman responsible for the collision in which President Roosevelt was hurt——Wabash Railway Company re-elects officers——Girder falls, kills two and injures three——Charleston, S. C., offered a big cigar factory——Edith W. makes world's record on Memphis track——Andrew Carnegie's cry for a United States of Europe——O'Brien creates excitement in the House of Commons——The Molineux trial——William Hooper Young arraigned for the murder of Mrs. Pulitzer——Naval cadets defeat Pennsylvania——Missionary Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in session——Proceedings in the Reichstag——Proceedings of National Woman's Christian Union——The Castleton Selling Stakes at Morris Park won by Sparkle Esher——Prominent physician of Kentucky attempts a murder——A Unionist victory which cheers the British Government——Report of the Register of the Treasury——Two versions of the alleged attempt to assassinate President Loubet——Husband cuts the throats of his wife, child, and of himself——Vice-President Barr denies report that Seaboard Air-Line is embarrassed by scarcity of coal——Tommy Feltz and Danny Dougherty box twenty rounds to a draw——David B. Hill speaks at Tammany for the first time in ten years——Bond for $7,000,000 is filed in William M. Rice case——Alcoholic-ward patient causes panic in Bellevue Hospital, New York——National Wagon Manufacturers' Association meets in Memphis——Hanna calls Tom Johnson an "unmitigated demagogue and hypocrite."——Tepee Hotel, at Fairview, British Columbia, destroyed by fire and eight persons fatally injured——Harvard defeats Princeton on the golf links——Admiral Sebley feted at Austin, Tex.——Governor Odell makes a bitter onslaught on ex-Senator Hill.

PANIC IN BELLEVUE.

Alcoholic-Ward Patient Runs Amuck with Two 38-Calibre Revolvers.

NEW YORK, October 22.—A panic was created in the male alcohol ward at Bellevue Hospital, when a man, who said he was Peter Blain, 56 years of age, a speculator, drew two 38-calibre revolvers from his pocket and began firing. The man had just been taken to the ward, after having gone voluntarily to the hospital.

Just as he got inside the door, he suddenly ran away from the attendants, and placing his back against the wall, shouted: "I am Tracy, the outlaw; beware of me; I'll kill everybody in sight." Then he drew the pistols and began to fire. There were seventeen patients in the ward and they were in the wildest confusion until Blain was overpowered by ten men. No one was injured, most of the shots passing through an open window.

FOUGHT TO A DRAW.

Tommy Feltz and Danny Dougherty Quit After Twenty Rounds.

SAVANNAH, GA., October 22.—Tommy Feltz and Danny Dougherty boxed twenty rounds to a draw before the Savannah Athletic Club to-night. The rules called for a clean break. Feltz was the aggressor, but Dougherty's clever foot work saved him from an adverse decision. The boys weighed in at 115 pounds.

OLD MEMBERS SIGN

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL THIS EVENING.

IT COMES AS A SURPRISE.

Lower Branch to Consider the Minor Investigation Resolution.

WILL FAVOR CONCURRENCE

Some May Vote Grudgingly, But Will Support the Resolution All the Same—Messrs. Mills, Pollock Peters, West, and Williams Sign the Call, and President Bloomberg Did the Rest.

The Board of Aldermen, on the 14th instant, adopted a resolution offered by John B. Minor, calling for an investigation of charges made in the special grand jury report.

An effort was then made to have a special meeting of the Common Council to vote concurrence. Opposition was encountered, and it was thought consideration of the resolution would have to be deferred until the regular meeting, November 3d.

Yesterday, however, "old" members of the lower branch signed the call for a special meeting, which will be held to-night.

The Minor resolution will be considered this evening at 7:30 o clock by the Common Council. The session was called yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock by President Bloomberg on a request signed by Messrs. Mills, Pollock, Peters, West, and Williams—all members of the "old" Council of 1900-1902.

The request and the call read as follows:

Hon. S. L. Bloomberg, President, Common Council, City:

Dear Sir,—You are requested to call a special meeting of the Common Council for Thursday evening, the 23d instant, at 7:30 o'clock to consider a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting, concerning the appointment of a special joint investigation committee.

Respectfully,

MORGAN R. MILLS,
R. L. PETERS,
G. K. POLLOCK,
JOHN T. WEST,
THOMAS B. WILLIAMS.

October 22, 1902.

B. T. August, Esq., Clerk City Council:

Dear Sir,—Please issue notices to the members of the Common Council to attend a special meeting on Thursday, October 23, 1903, at 7:30 P. M., in accordance with the above request.

SOL L. BLOOMBERG,
President, Common Council.

Comes as a Surprise.

The call created no little surprise yesterday afternoon after it was noised around that a request had been sent to President Bloomberg, for the meeting, and the first question asked was: "Who signed the call?"

It was known that for several days past an attempt was being made to secure the signature of three members of the old Council, but that only two would sign the paper. These, it is said, were Messrs E. W. Miner, of Clay Ward, and F. H. Garber, of Marshall Ward. Efforts to secure the other signer were in vain, and the supporters of the resolution, gave up and decided to let the the matter rest until the regular meeting on November 3.

Not a few persons were heard to say last night that there was hardly a doubt that the resolutions adopted at the meeting at which the Law and Order League was organized on Monday night resulted in the request for the meeting. It was also claimed by some that these resolutions had strengthened some of the "weak and halting" members.

Members Watch the Voter.

On the other hand, it has been suggested that there was a belief that the resolution would stand a better show if permitted to come up in its regular course, than if considered at a called meeting. The impression with these seemed to be that the longer the people had to think over and discuss the proposed investigation, the easier it would be to demonstrate to the members of the council that the people demanded that there should be an investigation, certainly of the old street committee. The members would also have more time to think of their future, because it seems certain that any member voting against the investigation will have a hard time in getting back in another council.

The fight against the proposed investigation has been a peculiar one from many view points. The action of some of the members of both branches of the council, since the resolution was adopted by the Board of Aldermen, has proven an enigma to more than one, and not a few things that have been done in the past week, have not been solved by persons who keep in close touch with the govenment of the city.

It is not denied that some of the members of the council who have been courting investigation, through and complete, have left their offices and desks for hours at a time, and time after time, in the past week to use their influence against concurrence by the lower branch. It is known that members have gone to their colleagues in the council and argued that they could not afford to vote for the proposed investigation.

The request was not made on personal ground, but the advising members was very solicitous as to the welfare of the member whose vote was being solicited.

In Case It is Defeated.

A prominent member of the Board of Aldermen said last night that if the resolution was defeated in the Common Council in its present shape it would be offered in the Board again without the appropriation of $500 for expenses of the joint committee, and that in the amended form it could not be defeated. The members of the Board of Aldermen have already placed themselves on record as favoring the investigation, and if one should change and oppose it in the future, the voters doubtless, would, at the next primary, demand a good and sufficient reason.

In the Common Council there are enough men who favor the investigation to adopt the resolution without the appropriation. In that event, if all of the members were present, it would only require eighteen votes to prevail, while with the appropriation, twenty-four votes would be necessary. The charter of the city requires that all appropriations over $100 shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members of both branches, while a joint resolution without an appropriation would only necessitate a majority vote of those present for it to prevail.

It seems certain that there will be an vestigation of every official act of every member of the last Council who is a member of the present Council. It would not be necessary to look into the records of the members who have retired, because the Council could do nothing. The two branches are judges of the qualifications of their membership, and if any of the councilmen or aldermen have been guilty of reprehensible practices it is in the province of the Council to expel such member and elect another to fill the vacancy thus created.

Opinion in City Hall.

From the manner in which the investigation is being discussed around the City Hall it is evident that many startling developments may be expected and some of the members who are least suspected by the public may be hurt worst by the disclosures that must result from a councilmanic investigation such as is provided for by the Minor resolution.

ATTEMPT AT WIFE-MURDER.

Desperate Act of James G. Hankins, of Salisbury, N. C.

GREENSBORO, N. C., October 22.—Infuriated with his wife for leaving him, James G. Hawkins, of Salisbury, before day this morning broke into a house here, where she was staying, fired off his pistol several times, took her out, and endeavored to shoot her. He held her with his left hand and with his right put the pistol to her head and fired. She jerked away and the ball went wide of its mark. E. A. Miller, at whose house the woman was stopping, went to her relief, and exchanged a few shots with Hawkins. The police also pursued the angry husband, but he evaded arrest until 6 o'clock this evening, when he was caught at a boarding house and lodged in jail. He insists that he will kill his wife, a threat which he has repeatedly made.

GREAT GAS WELL STRUCK.

For Eleven Days It Has Defied All Efforts at Control.

WORTHINGTON, PA., October 21.—The greatest gas well ever struck in Armstrong county, if not in Pennsylvania, is now sending into the air more than 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas every twenty-four hours. It is defying all efforts to bring it under control. The well is on the Peter Kerr, a short distance from here. The gas escaping, it is estimated, would supply a city of 10,000 inhabitants. In the eleven days that have elapsed since the sand was struck more than 220,000,000 cubic feet of gas, it is believed, have gone to waste.

MOTORMAN BLAMED.

Held Responsible for the Collision in Which Roosevelt Was Hurt.

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 22.—In a report upon the accident in which President Roosevelt's bodyguard, William Craig, was killed, and the president and Secretary Cortelyou were injured, at Pittsfield, last month, made public to-day, the board of railway commissioners find that the responsibility for the accident rests with the motorman of the electric car which ran into the president's carriage.

Euclid Madden was the motorman. His name is not mentioned in the report.

MANAGEMENT CENSURED.

The commissioners find that the car was going at reckless speed and hold that the management of the street railway was at fault in not establishing rules to regulate the speed of cars at a dangerous point like that at which the accident happened.

The report says "The motorman had good reason to believe that the effort which he was plainly making to reach the country club before the carriage met with the approval of the passengers, including a prominent director of the company."

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN ATTEMPTS MURDER.

Dr. Ellis Duncan, of Louisville, Ky., Deliberately Shoots a Laborer. The Deed Unexplained

PITTSBURG, PA., October 22.—Dr. Ellis Duncan, superintendent of the City Hospital, of Louisville, last night shot and probably fatally wounded Bruce Head, a laborer on the Wabash tunnel, near Crafton. Later Duncan surrendered to the police, but would give no reason for the shooting.

It is supposed the attempt at murder was made to adjust some wrong done in Louisville, where both are from. It is said Duncan approached Head and making some inaudible remark to him pulled a revolver and fired, the ball striking Head in the breast. Duncan turned without a word, and his victim fell to the ground.

LOUISVILLE, KY., October 22.—Dr. Ellis Duncan belongs to a prominent Kentucky family. He is a veteran of the Spanish war and is inspector-general of the Spanish War Veterans, which society held a convention recently in Indianapolis.

Dr. Duncan left Louisville several days ago, telling his family he was going to Vincennes, Ind., to be present at an operation.

Head also was well-known here.

TRAGEDIES IN WISE.

Series of Homicides—Doubly Fatal Duel—Lady Involved.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., October 22.—(Special.)—A reign of tragedy is apparent in Wise county, Va. A special to the Sentinel from Bristol, says: "John Salyers shot and killed Mark Boston, at Mrs. Park's boarding-house, during a social gathering. After the shooting, Salyers slipped away from the house, and had reached a point one hundred yards away when he was shot from ambush. It is thought that the ambush shot came from James Boston's Winchester. James is a brother of the first murdered man. It is thought that he quickly avenged his brother's death, and fled to the mountains.

"The first trouble, it is said, came up over a young lady, who was receiving attentions from both Mark Boston and John Salyers.

"A negro woman put two Winchester balls through a negro lover, in the same town, killing him instantly.

"A pistol duel was fought by two white men, in what is known in Dorchester as 'Hungarian row,' each one killing the other. This fight occurred at a boarding-house in a low quarter of the town. The names of these men could not be learned here."

TAMMANY RATIFIES

HILL APPEARS IN THE WIGWAM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS.

THE HAND OF FELLOWSHIP.

Charged Senator Platt With Dodging Vote to Tax Anthracite.

TWO LETTERS FROM CLEVELAND

Candidate Coler and His Associates on Democratic Ticket Review the Parade from the Balcony of the Manhattan Club, After Which a Banquet is Served — Letter from the President is Read.

NEW YORK, October 22.—For the first time in ten years, David Bennett Hill, former Governor and former United States Senator from the State of New York, spoke to-night in Tammany Hall. The occasion was the ratification of the Democratic State ticket.

Former President Grover Cleveland sent a letter expressing his regret that a prior engagement prevented his attendance. Others who spoke were Charles L. Bulger, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, John B. Stanchfield, and Martin W. Littleton.

Prior to the meeting there was a parade, reviewed at the Manhattan Club by Bird S. Coler and other candidates on the Democratic State ticket. Mr. Coler had been tendered a reception at the club, where he made a speech, after dining with Mr. Hill and other members.

Letter from Cleveland.

At the Tammany Hall gathering Congressman McClellan read ex-President Cleveland's letter, which was received with much enthusiasm. It was as follows:

"Westland, Princeton, N. J.
"October 20th

"To Charles F. Murphy, Esq.:

"My Dear Sir: I regret that my engagements will not permit an acceptance of your invitation to attend the Democratic meeting to be held in Tammany Hall on the 22d instant.

"It is most gratifying to learn from the terms of your note that the Democrats of the city of New York fully appreciate how vitally the underlying principles of our party are involved in the pending canvass, and also to know of the determination that they shall not be forgotten in its campaign efforts.

An Important Factor.

"The great Democratic organization of the city of New York is so important a factor in controlling the result of party endeavor in the broadest fields that no campaign in which it engages can be considered sufficiently local to free it from the responsibility of its influence upon party prospects everywhere and at all times.

"This responsibility has been well met in the present campaign by the selection of trustworthy candidates, by intelligent party work, and by the sensible efforts to secure harmonious Democratic action.

Democratic Hope and Confidence.

"I sincerely hope that, as a result, the Democracy of the city of New York will again demonstrate its invincibility at home; that Democratic good government and economical administration will be restored to the people of the State, and that Democratic hope and confidence will be revived and stimulated far beyond the limits of city and State.

"Hoping that your meeting will be abundantly successful and most useful in the cause, I am,

"Yours very truly,
"GROVER CLEVELAND."

Mr. Hill, who reached the hall prior to the reading of Mr. Cleveland's letter, was received with great applause.

Mr. Hill's Speech.

"I make no apology for my appearance here to-night," said Mr. Hill, "because none is needed. You will recall that I said at the opening of the Tilden Club in this city some months ago when I declared that in this campaign I should know no friends or enemies except the friends and enemies of the Democratic party. Regardless of past differences, which never related to party policy, I extend the right hand of fellowship to every Democrat in this grand old organization or in any other organization loyally supporting Democratic candidates and principles."

Senator Platt Dodged.

Referring to the tariff on coal, Mr. Hill charged Senator Platt with dodging the vote in Congress in question of imposing a tariff on anthracite coal. President Roosevelt, he said, had declined to express an opinion as to whether the existing tariff should be removed.

"The people," said Mr. Hill, "are awaiting for him to act. The selection of arbitrators to adjust a labor strike is a mere temporarily relief, but the question whether there shall be hereafter a tariff tax upon anthracite coal is a permanent and lasting question."

Spoke on Trusts.

Mr. Hill spoke at considerable length on the questions of trusts and revision of the tariff and bitterly arraigned Republican extravagance in State affairs.

After Mr. Coler and his associates on the ticket had reviewed the parade from the balcony of the Manhattan Club, a banquet was served at which Justice Truax presided, and during which the following letter from ex-President Cleveland was read:

Hon. John Truax, President Manhattan Club:

"My Dear Sir,—I wish it was possible for me to attend to-morrow evening the reception to be given by the Manhattan Club to the Democratic candidates for State offices in the canvass now pending.

"Though no longer a citizen of New York, I cannot lose my interest in her political welfare, nor forget the honors which her Democracy has conferred upon me.

"It is gratifying to know that the Manhattan Club, as of old, is ready to give its encouragement and aid to those who stand in the present campaign as representatives of an united party and leaders in the Democratic protest against neglect of the people's interest.

"Hoping that the result will demonstrate that the political sentiment of the people of the State of New York is still in favor of safe and conservative Democracy and is prepared to support its candidates, I am,

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) "GROVER CLEVELAND."

Feast of Conclusion.

The Feast of Conclusion in the Hebrew church began yesterday at sun-down. Services were held at Beth Ahaba at 6 o'clock. Another service will be held at 10:30 this morning at which Rabbi Calisch will preach.

IN FULL SWING NOW

CONFEDERATE VETERAN REUNION AT WYTHEVILLE OPENS MOST AUSPICIOUSLY.

ADDRESS BY MAJOR DANIEL.

Senator Particularly Happy in Remarks to the Old Soldiers.

A REALLY BRILLIANT ORATION.

It is Made by Judge Jackson, of the Circuit Court, and Arouses Great Enthusiasm—Richmonders Prominent in Opening Exercises—Meeting of the Sons—Presentation of Sponsors—Many Entertainments.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., October 22.—(Special.)—The reunion of the Grand Camp of Virginia Veterans is in full swing here. The town is a blaze of bunting and Confederate flags. Brass bands sound inspiring strains on every corner, and lovely women, young men, veterans, and mountaineers jostle each other with good-natured enthusiasm.

The old soldiers are as happy as school boys in holiday; for they are meeting and talking with the comrades of those brave days of yore when the blood coursed through their veins like old wine and when they would have marched into the gates of hell, inspired by the martial notes of Dixie and by the burning genius of Lee and Jackson.

Along with the more serious business of the old veterans, and growing out of it as naturally and beautifully as blossoms bud on gnarled trunks in spring, the social entertainments prepared by the ladies are filling in every spare moment.

This afternoon Mrs. General Terry, Mrs. Major Green, and Mrs. F. H. Terry gave a reception at the home of the latter to Wythe-Gray Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, sponsors and maids of honor, so that they might have an opportunity of meeting each other informally. Hours, from 3 to 5. The reception was largely attended.

Daniel Speaks.

While this was in progress several addresses were made under a huge tent erected for the occasion. Senator John W. Daniel was the first person to address the great crowd, and as usual charmed his hearers. He said that he had not expected to speak, but that he had learned in the army that it was necessary to obey orders. "At present," he continued, "I am skirmishing through the woods for an idea."

Speaking of General Jackson, he told the following anecdote:

"A Hebrew was telling an old Confederate soldier what a great man Moses was to lead the Israelites through the wilderness in forty years."

"In forty years! and with manna, too!" said the old soldier.

"Why, if old Jack had been there he would have gotten them through in three days on half rations."

"The men who drew blade behind the plume of Stuart," continued our silver-tongued Senator, "have as good right to be proud of their achievements as any man in the world. I carry accounts of their noble actions about in my satchel with me to refresh me for my legal work, and to get inspiration from them to be a better and a stronger man.

"Year by year, history is getting nearer to the truth," he went on, "and I want to see it truly written before the present generation has passed away."

After noting how magnificently Virginia compared with other States in point of troops furnished, he suggested that one man of each command in the army should be appointed to write an exact history of the command to which he belonged.

The Term "Rebel."

Speaking of the use of the term "Rebel," Major Daniel said he would be proud of the name of Rebel, just so he came by it fairly, and then mentioned many good men who had taken their lives in their hands to rebel against tyranny.

"Many men up North," he continued, "who speak sneeringly of us as rebels, would go all the way to London to prove that they are descended from some old Virginia rebel of the American revolution."

In conclusion Major Daniel said he would not mournfully mention how the old Confed was dying out, for he was not dying any faster than any body else, and was as ready to meet it as most people. When the "Lion from Lynchburg" stepped back among the Westerners, he looked truly like an old Roman surrounded by grand citizens.

When the Senator had concluded the Wytheville Confederate chorus sang, "We've Drunk From the Same Canteen" to great applause. The words stirred all breasts to such a degree that a perfect fusilade of speeches, stories and jokes followed. Prominent among these, Judge Lamb made a fine address, in which he eulogized the Scotch-Irish of the Valley, and begged them to remember that we are under the same flag through blood and fire. He said further that the local speakers referred to themselves as backwoodsmen, but that judging from their receptions and dinners, they were surely cavaliers.

By the time the crowd left the tent their blood was keeping time to the rounded periods of the orators and inspiring strains from the bands, and all were on the qui vive for the further meetings at night.

Sons of Veterans.

Eight P. M.—The Opera-House is rapidly filling for the meeting of the Sons of Veterans. The hall is beautifully decorated and over the center of the stage hands a picture of General Robert E. Lee. On the stage are the officers, the sponsors, and maids of honor, a lump of concentrated loveliness, and the Blacksburg Band. There is a large and enthusiastic crowd of veterans present, and the gallery is filled with ladies and their escorts. The band is giving magnificent music, instrumental and vocal combined. Mr. F. H. Terry, commander of the local command of Sons of Veterans, the Charlie Crockett Camp, presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John S. W. Neel. Mr. E. Leslie Spence, Jr., of the Richmond Division, Sons of Veterans, then introduced Mr. R. Lee Trinkle, who delivered the address of welcome to the delegates of the Sons of Veterans from other camps.

In eloquent words he assured the visitors that speech could not express the pleasure of greeting them to their mountain town. He then showed how the sons were here to do honor to their fathers' noble fight, without which there would have been no gathering here to-night. Further, he said, we would have to wait until the last day to hear from the Almighty's lips, accompanied by the heavenly orchestra, the true worth of the southern woman.

In conclusion, Mr. Trinkle reminded the young men that they must soon take their fathers' places, and called on them to look to the grand example of Lee and Jackson, and the heroic private Confederate soldier.

The oration was applauded to the echo, and many old men pressed forward to shake hands with the orator, as he ended.

At this juncture, a new crowd, which had just gotten off the train, flocked in, and filled the already crowded building to overflowing.

Response by Richmonder.

Mr. E. H. Courtney, of Richmond, responded to Mr. Trinkle's address, on behalf of the Sons. He spoke of the pride with which the visitors had been inspired by receiving so hearty a welcome from the sons and daughters of the men with so glorious a past from Revolutionary times down to our own day.

Colonel James Mann, from Nottoway, presented on behalf of the Sons, the sponsors and the maids of honor, to the veterans and their sons. The eyes of the fair members here sparkled to such an extent that they would have inspired a lamp-post to make a speech which would bring tears to the eyes of an Irish potato.

To Mr. Courtney, Mr. Robert W. Blair responded. Mr. Blair was a member of the Constitutional Convention. He eloquently expressed the pleasure which Wytheville took in welcoming the ladies, "fair as Helen of Troy," to its grand mountain scenery. To them he attributed the southern victories at Manassas, in the Wilderness, about Richmond, and at Cold Harbor.

Climax of the Oratory.

The capstone to the evening's speeches was set in the masterly eloquence and logic of Hon. R. C. Jackson, circuit judge for this district. He opened by comparing the resistance to tyranny on the part of the Confederacy to that of Luther, to that of the French revolutionists, and to that of our American revolutionists. Continuing, he eulogized the noble qualities of the southern people, and spoke of the necessity of our cherishing the noble memories of the past.

No need of hostility to the national government, but if we must be hostile in order to cling to the ideals of our fathers, then let us be hostile. Yet there is no need of this, for north of Mason and Dixon's line the people are beginning to look on us fairly. He mentioned numerous praises of General Robert E. Lee by prominent northerners. Men's passions and prejudices are dissolving, and truth is growing stronger every day. In the war with Spain, the South showed that she was with the North, East, and West.

But the South will continue to honor her beloved dead, he continued, while at the same time being loyal to the national government.

Mr. Jackson then pointed out how other States had threatened to withdraw from

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SOME HOTEL CHANGES

Mr. Dunstan Goes to Florida, and Mr. Brinkley Succeeds Him.

Mr. W. N. Dunston, who for more than a year has been night clerk at the New Ford's Hotel, recently relinquished that position to accept an offer in Florida, and has gone to that State. Mr. Dunston made many friends by his uniformly courteous demeanor and his careful attention to business. He has been succeeded by Mr. E. P. Brinkley, formerly night clerk at the Lexington Hotel, and a gentleman well known to the travelling public, and very generally esteemed. Mr Brinkley is a Virginian, and an affable and courteous gentleman who is making friends for himself and the hotel.

The clerkship at the Lexington, vacated by the resignation of Mr. Brinkley, has been filled by the selection of Mr W. D. Myers, a veteran in hotel work. He was for five years connected with the management of the Ponce de Leon, at Roanoke, Va., and is widely and favorably known. Mr. Myers comes to Virginia from New Jersey, where he had been employed for several months. Already he has made many friends in Richmond, and meets many old ones among the arriving guests.

MISS MARY MACLANE GOING BACK TO BUTTE.

Disgusted With the East—Said to Be Wearing Lisle-Thread Stockings, Too!

WINTHROP, MASS., October 22.—(Special.)—Mary Maclane is going back to Butte to-morrow. This announcement has upset the town. For some weeks she has been living at Crest Hall, Winthrop Beach, listening to what the sad sea waves were saying, and tuning her lyre to new rhapsodies of grand, sweet song. Almost daily she has been going into Boston for private tutoring in chemistry, preparatory to entering the Institute of Technology for a special course. She always lunched at the Touraine. But her progress in science has been so slow that she is disgusted, and she is disgusted with the entire East as well.

People here do not appreciate her as they ought, she says, and she also thinks it strange how long it takes easterners to recognize genius. So Miss Maclane is packing to-day. That was the reason she could not see a reporter who called to ask her if the report were true, that she had taken to wearing openwork lisle-thread stockings. It seemed incredible, in view of her declaration in her book—"From all women who wear lisle-thread stockings, good devil deliver me." But she sent down word that she wasn't discussing stockings with men to-day.

Miss Maclane's landlady said that she was as much surprised as any one at the announcement of Miss Maclane's early departure.

FAST MAIL TRAIN ON THE SOUTHERN R'Y.

Will Save the Big Newspapers Along the Line from 8 to 20 Hours.

NEW YORK, October 22.—(Special.)—The Southern Railway Company to-day announced the inauguration of the first exclusively mail train service ever operated in the South. The schedule has been made up as follows:

Leave New York, 2:10 A. M.; Washington, 8 A. M.; Lynchburg, Va., 12:17 P. M.; Greensboro, N. C., 3:01 P. M.; Salisbury, 4:16; Charlotte, 5:25; Atlanta, 11:12 P. M. (central time); Montgomery, Ala., 5 A. M.; Mobile, 8:30 A. M., and New Orleans, 11:30 A. M.

The quickest time made heretofore from New York to New Orleans has been forty hours. Under the new schedule the time will be thirty-three hours. This new mail service will put the big newspapers along the line into the extreme southern territory from eight to twenty hours quicker than heretofore.

The equipment of the train will be: Three postal cars and one express car. Arrangements have been made for immediate connections at Salisbury, Charlotte, and Atlanta. This train will be given right of way over everything on the road.

First train will start Sunday, November 23.

BACK UP HAWTHORNE

SUCH EXPECTED OF WITNESSES BEFORE POLICE BOARD THIS AFTERNOON.

PAPERS REPORT TESTIMONY.

Meeting of the Commissioners Will Be Open to the Reporters.

FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE.

Unless Evidence is of That Character, Its Effect Will Not Be Strong—Danger That Witnesses, Like the Minister, Got Their Information at Second Hand—Law and Order League Active.

Dr. Hawthorne's witnesses, or a few of them at least, will appear before the Police Board this afternoon at a meeting to which representatives of the press will be admitted.

Dr. Hawthorne, last Monday, said his information was gotten second-hand. The witnesses to-day are expected to substantiate statements made by Dr. Hawthorne from the pulpit.

The meeting may turn out to be sensational on account of disclosures of witnesses, but there is no small danger that witnesses will assert that their information was also gotten at second-hand.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of the Grove-Avenue Baptist church, and from ten to fifteen of his witnesses will appear before the Board of Police Commissioners this afternoon at 5 o'clock. They will come to tell what they know of or may have heard about the existence of vice in Richmond. Who they are is known to very few, for Chief Howard said he couldn't tell the names of those that he had been requested to summon, and Dr. Hawthorne would not reveal them yesterday for fear that the publicity thus given would hamper the result of the examination this afternoon. Representatives of the local press will be admitted to the session, and full reports of the proceedings will appear.

The examination of the witnesses will necessarily be very informal, and there is no doubt that much irrelevant testimony will be introduced that would not be admitted in a court of justice. It is known, however, that the Board of Commissioners have mapped out a line of inquiry, and as they have declared it their intention to assist Dr. Hawthorne, it is not reasonable to suppose that there will be any friction between the minister and the board. There is a very strong impression, however, that the Board will be very much pleased if Dr. Hawthorne fails to make out any case through his witnesses.

From Personal Experience?

The belief that it will be almost impossible to get witnesses to testify of their own knowledge before the board this afternoon. Experience with the gambling cases and with the witnesses summoned to appear against the gamblers shows how very difficult it is to have them appear in a court where they can be compelled to give evidence. "It certainly does seem unreasonable to me," said an official in the City Hall yesterday, "to think that men are going voluntarily before the Police Board to testify as to the existence of vice and immorality in Richmond from their personal experience." When the gambling cases were before Justice Crutchfield's court, and Wyatt was holding his long list of witnesses as sure evidence-givers, there was scarcely a day that Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson was not besieged by some witness who hoped the prosecutor for the State would see fit to keep his name off the list of those called to the stand to testify. The gossippers around the City Hall yesterday, and everywhere else that the case was discussed, were very generally of the opinion that there would be some weak testimony offered before the Police Board this afternoon, if a witness was expected to give a recital of his personal experience in connection with the sin and vice in this city as the basis of his evidence to prove that such and such a law has been violated, or that so-and-so is the keeper of a disorderly house, or that this man or that man has kept his bar open on Sunday where the witness had often quenched his thirst.

Sunday Liquor Selling.

It is understood that these witnesses will testify that there has been Sunday liquor selling by at least one-fourth of the saloons of the city. The Chief of Police and the Police Department in general have no faith in the ability of witnesses to prove that such a large proportion of bars have been run on the Sabbath. An official around the City Hall said yesterday that he did not think that the witnesses who had been summoned would be able to prove any more than Dr. Hawthorne did when he was before the board Monday afternoon. Dr. Hawthorne said his information was second-hand, and so the official thinks of the information that the witnesses will offer this afternoon. He was asked if the witnesses were men of such position in the city that their testimony would carry great weight with the public, and to the question he replied that he thought they would be able to give only hearsay evidence. He had the chance to see the list.

Incidental to the Sunday violations will be revived the proof of the existence of gambling in the city. Very little that is new can be brought out on this point, as it has been clearly established and settled some time ago. The thing of chief interest in the character of the testimony bears upon the Sunday-closing question. It has been rumored from time to time of late that one or two of the large saloons have been doing business on Sunday. Chief Howard said yesterday that if such were the case, it was not the fault of his men, as they were on the lookout for violations, but unless they could get into the bar-rooms and secure evidence, it was possible that the law was being violated, although it is generally believed that few, if any, of the prosperous saloons are willing to run the risk of detection for the amount of business they can get by keeping open Sunday on the quiet. Whether any of Dr. Hawthorne's witnesses will bring light proof not accessible to the police force remains to be seen.

As to Disorderly Houses.

Heretofore, the investigations have been restricted to gambling houses, and saloons doing business on Sunday. It looks as if Dr. Hawthorne intends to run the game of sin, and bring under fire that class of

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