GERMANS LOOKING AT FRUIT FARMS

A Delegation of Forty Will This Week Visit Neighborhood of Winchester.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., May 2.—About forty German agriculturists reached New York the past week and next Tuesday they will come to Martinsburg, W. Va., for the purpose of inspecting the fruit farms of Berkeley, and incidentally looking at a few just over the Virginia line in this county. The same delegation will visit certain sections of New Jersey and the cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Henry Gray, a well-known colored character, died Monday at the Parish Farm, where he had been taken four days [illegible] a leg some years ago [illegible] it being cut off by a railroad train, and [illegible]

For years he drove a stage and carried the mail between this city and Romney, W. Va. He has been known to complain of the heat on days when the thermometer was below zero, and would remove his coat and mop heavy perspiration from his face. He also seemed to have the hardest head of any one in this section and for five cents he would demonstrate the thickness of his skull by allowing men to break boards and sticks over his cranium.

A. J. Tavenner, of this city, a well-known young lawyer and cousin of Judge Frank S. Tavenner, of Woodstock, has been appointed United States Commissioner for the Western District of Virginia. The appointment was made by Judge H. C. McDowell, of the United States District Court. Mr. Tavenner is the son of the late Brown Tavenner, of Loudoun county, and is superintendent of the Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society and is also county surveyor. There has been no commissioner in this district since the death of the late Judge George W. Ward.

UNION OF DAUGHTERS.

Position of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment Chapter Defined.

At a meeting of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, Chapter U. D. C., held in Alexandria, April 17th, the committee on union was instructed to prepare a full statement of the position of the chapter in regard to the union of the two divisions of Daughters of the Confederacy in Virginia. The following is a report of that committee:

The Seventeenth Virginia Regiment Chapter having been advised that a number of her sister chapters in the State are discussing, with a view to further movement, the subject of union between the two divisions of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Virginia, we deem it expedient to define clearly our position in the matter of the desired union, and to pledge them our hearty sympathy and support in their efforts to bring it about.

This chapter, though not taking the initiative at this time, desires to go upon record as having been at all times most earnest in advocating union, and foremost in endeavoring to promote it. Our sentiments, expressed both at home and in our State and united conventions, have always been most decidedly in favor of one division for Virginia. So far as we are concerned, there has been no need of protracted deliberation or delay for any cause, as we have been ready at all times to set aside personal feeling and all minor obstacles and trivial considerations, holding them subservient to the cause and the work so near to our hearts.

The advantages to be gained by consolidating the two have always been apparent to us, and our inclination strong to cast in our lot with those who as a sacred duty and trust are engaged in pursuits identical with our own.

We are fully sensible of the magnanimous spirit which actuated our sisters of the Grand Division at Lexington, in being willing to make all concessions agreed upon, in order to facilitate union, and we would not be behind them in the broad and liberal stand they have taken. The Seventeenth Virginia Regiment Chapter fully endorsed the resolutions formulated by the joint committee on union at Richmond, and congratulates itself that the chairman of that committee, a member of this chapter, was firm in upholding them.

We believe that besides the dignity and strength that would accrue to one solid concordant body of Virginia daughters, in the united society, the members of that society could better understand the spirit which brings us together than any motives which may serve to keep us apart.

And we sincerely hope that the chapters in again taking up this matter will view it from an impartial standpoint, and hasten to rectify that which we now know to have arisen from a mistake, in the earlier organization of the united society.

For our chapter, we can say that, as at Appomattox in 1898, at Portsmouth in 1899, at Woodstock in 1900, at Alexandria in 1901, and at Norfolk in 1902, our delegates stood the firm advocates of union, so we now stand unanimously.

In view of these facts, this committee recommends that we do now again make known to our sister chapters our readiness to co-operate in any movement looking toward union, and express our hearty well wishes for those, in either division, whose firm convictions of right are urging them to consummate it.

(Signed.)
Mrs. Frank J. BROOKE, Pres.
Miss LUCY BROOKS, Rec. Sec'y.
Mrs. M. M. ALBRIGHT.
Mrs. A. E. SMOOT.
Mrs. A. CORNELIUS WYKOFF.
Mrs. WALTER W. M'CAFFREY.
Miss LOULA SMOOT.

IN TAZEWELL

Annual Fair Near Town of Tazewell to Be Revived.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TAZEWELL, VA., May 2—It seems to be the wish of the people of the county to revive the Tazewell Agricultural and Breeders' Association, and hold an annual fair this fall at the grounds, one mile west of the town.

Messrs. Spotts Bros.' large ice factory, in connection with their grocery, is about complete, giving this town two ice plants and two electric plants.

The will of the late Hon. William G. Mustard was probated in the County Court last Monday. It is a lengthy instrument, and leaves to Mrs. Mustard, his wife, most of the property for life. The estate is a very valuable one.

It is rumored that the Masons of this place will sell their building on Main Street, and as soon as a suitable situation can be obtained will build a handsome brick structure in its stead as a hall.

Mr. R. Bowen Watts, son of the late ex-Marshal John G. Watts, arrived yesterday with his bride, who was a Miss Redd, of Wythe county.

Colonel A. J. May, senior member of the Tazewell bar, who has been critically ill for some time, is no better, and but little hopes are entertained that he will recover.

Politics in Charles City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STURGEON POINT, VA., May 2.—The office of commissioner of the revenue in this county is one that will be much sought after this fall. From the latest reports there will be at least four candidates—the present incumbent, A. L. Franklin; Mr. Lewis Christian, son of Judge Isaac H. Christian; Mr. George Marston, and Mr. A. Barrett.

Mrs. W. C. Willcox, of No. 204 South Third Street, Richmond, is the guest of the family of Mr. T. W. Willcox.

Miss Virginia Douglas Willcox, who has been visiting friends in Richmond, has returned home.

Mrs. William N. Ball is the guest of Mrs. D. G. Tyler.

The epidemic of whooping cough, which has been so much in evidence in these parts during the winter and early spring, is subsiding.

BRIGHT TOBACCO

Southside Farmers Find It Better to Raise.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MEHERRIN, VA., May 2.—As a result of the high prices received for bright tobacco the past year the farmers through this section are preparing for much larger crops than heretofore. For several years past it has been the practice of most of the farmers to about equally divide their crop, raising half bright and the rest dark, but the dark kind has come below the mark with the average farmer. It is claimed by them that the bright tobacco is more trouble to raise and handle than the dark kind, but it has many more advantages over the latter, as it can be planted sooner and can be placed on the market much earlier, and as a result the farmer gets rid of the bulk of his crop the same year it is planted, while with dark tobacco the farmer is late planting his crop and it takes several days longer than the bright to get ripe enough to cut, and when the farmer has housed it is several weeks before he has it thoroughly cured, and the results are not near so satisfactory as from the bright.

The farmers who heretofore have not raised any at all are beginning to turn their attention to it and will this year plant good crops.

It is claimed by some of these farmers that the condition of their land are causing a few of them to change from the dark to the bright, as it is quite evident that bright tobacco can be raised on poorer land than dark with the use of fertilizer, as the plant for the "flue" is not required to be so large and heavy. With this in view large preparations have been made for plants, and the beds through here are more forward than the farmer, but with a few days of pretty weather the farmers will have the hills ready and tobacco planting will be in vogue.

A New Firm.

The Harrison Realty Company, of which Mr. Robert R. Harrison is the head, has begun business at No. 9 North Eleventh Street.

VIRGINIA NAGS IN BOSTON

Dr. Carter Makes Satisfactory Sales There—Tyler Family Furniture at Auction.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARRENTON, VA., May 2—Quite a number of Warrenton people attended the Boston Horse-Show last week. While away, Dr. C. hirley Carter disposed of two unusually stylish combination horses at prices which were in every way satisfactory. The doctor's horses attract a great deal of attention everywhere, being unsurpassed in conformation and action.

The Warrenton Hunt Club met on Monday last, but did not succeed in electing a master of fox hounds in place of Mr. F. A. B. Partman, who has resigned. On motion, Mr. George B. Stone, president of the club, was authorized to appoint a committee of three, who will endeavor to seek a speedy solution of the matter. A road bill was lately submitted to the people of Fauquier at a mass-meeting and approved for passage by the Legislature.

Court Monday was quiet here, most of the cases of any importance being carried over until the next term of the court. The usual crowd assembled and much talk was exchanged relative to horses, farming lands and crops, but beyond that nothing of note occurred.

A great deal of rare old family furniture belonging to the Tyler family will be sold in a few days at public auction. The sale furnishes an unusual opportunity for those interested in things rare and antique. The Tyler house is one of Warrenton's attractive picturesque old residences. It is undergoing extensive repairs and will shortly be occupied by its recent purchaser, Mr. Albert Fletcher, Jr.

Harold Dowell (an "exercise boy") in the employ of M. E. D. Passano, nearly lost his life a few days ago while currying a horse. The animal kicked him o nthe chin, knocking out four teeth, and left him in a condition, which to say the least is very grave.

Old residents and strangers are filling the town as warmer days draw near. Miss Bessie Godey, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. Britton. Mr. and Mrs. Turner Day are staying with relatives here. Mr. Dion Kerr was in town Wednesday. Mrs. M. M. Green will re-occupy her residence shortly after the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Maddux are home again after a trip to the Boston Horse-Show.

The close of the hunting season gives the drivers a show. The roads are fairly alive with vehicles, from the lofty break cart to the spider wheeled runabout. This who enjoy the sport are having their fill of it now.

VALLEY FEMALE INSTITUTE

The Shenandoah Stocked With Pike Pearch.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., May 2.—Professor A. B. Warwick, principal of the Valley Female Institute, of Winchester, Va., spent a portion of last week in Woodstock. It is said that probably this school will be moved to this place before the coming session, and will occupy a very desirable property near town.

Hon. M. L. Walton, a prominent member of the Shanendoah county bar and elder of the Methodist Chruch, of Woodstock, is attending the meeting of the Sunday-School Board of the Methodist Church, South, which is in session at Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Virginia Schmitt, of Woodstock, has returned home after an extended visit to her brother, Professor Cooper Schmitt, of the faculty of the University of Tennessee.

During the past week 1,600,000 pike perch have been liberated in the North Fork of the Shenandoah River adjacent to this place. These fish attain a weight of from ten to fifteen pounds each, and grow very rapidly. The sportsmen anticipate great results from these fish in the next fey years.

Mrs. C. LeR. Miley, of Breckenridge, Pa., and two children, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pulliam, near this place.

The heirs of Mr. Evan Jones, deceased, have divided his valuable estate, consisting of over 600 acres of land, situated near Moore's Store, Shenandoah county, by a partition amongst themselves.

All of the applicants for liquor license, both ordinary and retil, in Shenandoah county, have been granted license by the court. In only one town, Mt. Jackson, was it necessary to secure a petition under the Mann bill, and by combining the petition were enable to secure a majority of the registered voters by three.

WHAT WE PAY FOR DRINK

Some Interesting Figures Bearing on This Question.

Our national drink bill, if the figures may be trusted as given by the American Grocer, was for all "stimulating beverages" in 1902, $1,363,093,176. This was a per capita expense of $17.33; or, supposing that the drinkers are one-fourth of the total population, the 1902 expense to each of these 25,000,000 was $69.52. Going more into detail the statistics are as follows:

Alcoholic drinks	$1,172,565,235
Nonalcoholic stimulants	
Coffee	$149,831,030
Tea	39,642,011
Cocoa	7,000,000
	196,533,041
Total, 1902	$1,363,098,276
Total, 1901	1,278,212,836
Total, 1900	1,228,074,925
Total, 1899	1,146,807,822
Total, 1898	1,177,601,300

The quantities of the four leading beverages consumed during the year ending June 30, 1902, were as follows:

	Gallons.
Coffee	1,498,916,304
Beer	1,381,875,437
Tea	806,420,115
Spirits and wines	157,206,554

Since 1830 says the American Grocer, the use of alcoholic beverages in the United States has nearly doubled, having increased from 10.09 allons per capgita to 19.48, a gain of over 93 per cent. The use of coffee has increased over 52 per cent., while tea has decreased aout 48 per cent. The liquor bill for 1902 was $129,089,281 more than for 1901, showing how quickly prosperity results in an increased use of alcoholic drinks, but chiefly in wine and beer. It has, in fact, been contended that in panic years the use of the stronger drinks (whiskey, etc.) mounts up, while in years of prosperity that of wine and beer rises in excess. We wish some statistician would give us the figures as regards tobacco. Tobacco and coffee consumption seem to be closely related the world over.—American Medicine.

GO TO SAVANNAH

Many Delegates Leave Next Week Over the Southern Railway.

On May 6th a delegation of Baptists will leave Richmond, 12:50 noon, via the Suthern Railway, bound for Savannah, to attendance on the Southern Baptist Convention. The party will consist of Dr. George Cooper, Dr. H. W. Tribble, Dr. A. B. Woodfin and wife, Dr. Willingham, Dr. Pitt, Mrs. Leake, Dr. Battle, Mr. C. N. Williams and wife, Rev. C. P. Stanley and several other delegates and friends. In addition to the regular equipment a special Pullman will be provided, which will be cut off at Savannah for the convenience of this party.

In addition to these, Dr. William H. Whitsitt and others will leave on Thursday at 12:50 P. M., and yet others will likely leave on the night trains of May 6th and 7th.

Has Recovered.

Mr. John Carter, who is connected with the house of Miller and Rhoads, returned to business yesterday morning, after an illness of three weeks.

HON. J. R. CATON COMES TO FRONT

Is One of the Hardest Workers in the General Assembly.

One of the members of the joint legislative commission to revise the Code during the vacation of the General Assembly and one who was often mentioned for chairman of the commission, is Hon. J. R. Caton, member of the House from Alexandria. Although this is his first term in the House, Mr. Caton has risen rapidly to the front in that body, and is recognized as one of the hardest workers and most careful lawyers in that body.

When the General Assembly convened here last summer, in obedience to the proclamation of the Governor, and at the request of the General Assembly, for the purpose of giving political recognition to the new Constitution, it will be remembered that he took strong ground against taking the oath, and was opposed to the proclamation of the Constitution. He made an argument in the House at that time in support of his views which was commended by many, but he was in a hopeless minority. Recognizing that, he bowed to the judgment of the majority, and ever since that time has worked in good faith and earnestly to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, and has been prominently identified with the drafting of several of the most important reports of legislative committees to which the work was assigned in the subdivision of it. Perhaps his most notable and arduous service has been in drawing the statutes putting the Corporation Commission into effect. He was chairman of the subcommittee which made the first draft of that work, and covered the subject so thoroughly that but few changes were necessary therein. He has been influential and has labored arduously, albeit inconspicuously, in drawing other important statutes designed to carry into effect the Constitution, as designed to be made effective by the convention.

HON JAMES R. CATON.

Mr. Caton is an especially careful, accurate draftsman of statutes and is an almost incessant worker. His example enlisted the emulation of other members of the subcommittees, but he often worked alone when the subcommittees were not sitting.

In the debates of the body he has been a participant whenever any important issue was before the House. Though not always right and often overruled by the majority, he is regarded generally by his fellow-members as a conscientious worker, and is a very graceful and pleasing speaker.

In the event of a free-for-all for the governorship, Mr. Caton has been suggested by his friends as an available candidate from Northern Virginia. So far as known, however, he has never intimated such an ambition, and there is hardly a possibility that he will aspire. Certainly few members of the General Assembly have taken higher rank during their first terms than he, and his selection as one of the joint commission for Code revision is regarded as a high compliment.

ROAD BUILDING IN CUMBERLAND

Even the Critics Are Hushed by the Excellence of the Results.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CARTERSVILLE, VA., May 2.—The works on the road from Cartersville to the bridge across the James was completed yesterday and Mr. F. B. Isbell and Mr. Smith, who superintended it were highly praised and congratulated for the success of their undertaking.

At first the plans for improving the road, which had grown to be daugerously bad, were thought by some not to be good ones, and at different stages of the work, when the rains would make the dirt fills very soft and "juley," it was severely criticised. But the workmen kept hard at work and the criticism of onlookers seemed only to encourage them if they heard them.

A dirt fill sixteen feet at the top was put in, filling up the bottom and raising the bed of the road about ten or twelve feet, on a level with the bridge. It was finished off with a thick layer of rock and sand, and ditches opened on either side to drain off all the water. A good substantial railing extends on each side of the new road up to the bridge.

Only those who have had an occasion to go over this piece of road within the last two years can know what it means to Cartersville and the surrounding country to have this hill in a good condition. It cost the county and the people, and perhaps even the workmen themselves, a good deal to get the road in a good condition, and it is thought and believed that it will now be kept in constant repair.

The spirit of enterprise and improvement seems to have taken hold of the Presbyterians of this place, too. Their church is being greatly improved with carpenter's work and painting. This church, with its large pillars and high steeple, has the best situation and looks more like a church than any in the village. To have it painted in a bright, fresh color will make it quite an attractive building.

Mr. H. M. Crowder and his bride of a week ago are now on a visit to the bride's home, in Cartersville, after spending a week on their wedding tour. They will leave for Toano, where Mr. Crowder is stationed as an employe of the railroad company, on Monday.

The public school of Cartersville, which has been so acceptably and creditably conducted by Miss Mary Reynolds, closed on last Friday.

Mr. R. J. Rhodes has moved his sawmill and stave-mill over into Goochland county, not far from Elk Hill. His business will now be run in connection with the Pemberton Manufacturing Company, and the prospects seem bright for a good business.

Chestnut Hill and Highland Park

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who has been spending some time with relatives in North Carolina, has returned to Highland Park.

Mrs. Charles W. Vaughan continues quite sick at her home, on Third Avenue.

Mrs. Andrew Vauclane and her two daughters, Misses Frances and Virginia, who have been visiting at the residence of Mrs. Garland H. Clarke, have gone to Portsmouth, where they will remain for a short time.

Miss Jennie Belle Layne has been quite sick.

Mrs. Hawes and her daughters, Misses Helen and Irene, who have been spending some time with their relative, Mrs. Charles F. Cross, in Highland Park, have returned to Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Walter Harrison, who has been spending the winter in Atlanta, Ga., has recently returned to her home on Enslow Avenue, Highland Park. Mrs. Harrison's health is greatly improved.

The revival services which have been carried on during the past week at Mizpah Presbyterian Church will be continued through this week at Highland Park Methodist Episcopal Church.

Miss Annie Van Levering, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Blanch Tiller, on Fifth Avenue.

Mrs. James Broadus Burdett, of Culpeper county, has been visiting Mrs. Virginia L. Woods.

Services this afternoon at Ascension Chapel, Highland Park, at 4:30 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Kuyk, rector.

There will be no services at Mizpah Presbyterian Church to-night.

Mrs. Lelia Smither, of Ashland, has been visiting Mrs. Charles W. Wingfield, in Highland Park.

Miss Nellie Morris, of Amherst, is visiting friends in Brookland Park.

Miss C. L. Jones, who has been spending some time in South Carolina, is expected home very shortly.

Mrs. Parsons is improving, after a protracted spell of sickness.

Miss Mattie Nicholas, of Barton Heights, has gone to Newport News, where she will remain for some time.

Pickett Camp Auxiliary.

There will be a called meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of George E. Pickett Camp Confederate Veterans, Monday, May 4th, at 4 P. M., at their hall, No. 307 North Seventh Street. A full attendance is desired.

Richmonders in New York.

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NEW YORK, May 2.—C. R. Moore and wife, Fifth Avenue; T. F. Harris and wife, Manhattan; G. A. Marks, Marlborough; T. Jardine, Imperial; C. H. Smith, Herald Square; E. W. Minter, Astor.