EXAMINING OYSTER BEDS

Legislative Committee Take a Trip to Back River.

TONGERS ARE UP IN ARMS

Two Hearings to Determine Responsibility of the Sinking of Government Launch—Effect of Rock Island Deal on Terminals.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., August 18.—A remarkable circumstance in connection with the recent sinking of the Norfolk Navy Yard launch Daisy by the fishing steamer Pocomoke is the fact that there will be two separate hearings to determine the responsibility for the collision. The United States local inspectors of steam vessels will have Captain Hayne, of the Pocomoke, before them on Friday of this week, while Captain Mears, of the Daisy, will have to answer to a board composed of naval officers.

Lieutenant-Commander Reuben O. Bitler, United States navy, inspector of ordnance at the Norfolk Navy Yard, received a telegram this afternoon advising him that his sister was killed at Reading, Pa., at 9:30 o'clock this morning in a trolley accident. The telegram came from Commander Bitler's brother-in-law, who is at Reading.

THE OYSTER COMMITTEE.

The legislative Oyster Committee left here this morning for Back River, where an investigation of the oyster situation will be made. Yesterday the committee examined Nansemond Ridge, in Nansemond River, and received a visit from one hundred tongers. The tongers have an impression that the planters mean to try to grab some bottoms from which they now tong oysters, and are greatly concerned lest they be deprived unjustly of some of the rights they now enjoy.

The statement is made that the planters wish some portion of the bottoms in the Baylor survey thrown out. This bottom, it is thought by the tongers, the planters wish to lease. The battle between the planters and tongers is apparently going to be a lively one, and will probably cut a large figure in the Legislature next session.

The belief is expressed that should the claims of the tongers be disregarded they will visit their wrath upon the offending representatives.

GRAIN EXPORT PORT.

Especial stress is now laid by the railway experts upon the coming importance of this port as a grain export point. It is pointed out that the Rock Island entering the heart of the grain country, as it does, will send all its vast cereal exports through this port instead of through the Lake ports hereafter.

It is stated that there will be great elevators erected here in the near future, and that there will be other necessary extensions of the already great terminal facilities at this port.

The coming of the exports will, of course, mean the coming of the ships. Wherever there are export freights there will be ships to take them abroad, and the coming of the ships means that the old-time prestige of this port as a great trans-Atlantic shipping point will be restored.

NOT APPOINTED.

Caldwell Hardy, president of the Norfolk National Bank, which holds a $40,000 claim against the Oliver Refining Company, was not appointed co-receiver with Messrs. Flash and Stephenson, as was reported.

Mr. Hardy, speaking of the matter this morning, stated that he never thought there was any possibility of his appointment. He stated that the reason for the failure was that the company had attempted to build too large a plant with its capital. As to whether or not the plant will be operated by the receivers and as to what it will yield on the indebtedness, are conundrums for them to solve.

Mr. P. S. Stephenson, the Norfolk receivers for the Olivers, stated to a representative of this paper to-day, that while it is at present too early for him to state the plans of the receivers with any degree of definiteness, he thought it more than probable that the plant will be continued in operation and that the present large force will be utilized. Mr. Stephenson stated that the plant is still running, and that there is no immediate prospect of any other course.

Mr. B. Holmes, proprietor of the barrel factory built to make barrels for the Olivers, said this afternon that his factory will continue to run. "We are as solid as a rock," was his convincing statement.

A RIOT QUELLED.

A riot occurred at 1 o'clock this morning at "the Forest House," a mile from Ocean View.

More than a hundred shots are said to have been fired. Samuel Brown, a steward at the Dixie Club, Ocean View, was mortally wounded, and Samuel Joe Dillard, of Portsmouth, was shot in the arm, and of the hundred or more negroes who escaped from the place when a squad of raiding officers appeared, more than a dozen left bloody trails.

A squad of county officers, who had been planning the raid, descended upon the Forest House in the midst of the free fight. The twelve prisoners were tried before Justice Carmie, in Huntersville, this morning, and sent to jail for six months each.

THE BIG CAMP-MEETING

The Crops of the Rappahannock Valley in Fine Condition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 18.—The frequent rains of late have put the crops in a flourishing condition. Corn promises an abundant yield. In some portions of Caroline county the tobacco has run up too fast, and in many other instances the crop is in splendid condition. The yield of vegetables and fruits in this section was never better. The market is daily supplied with all the various products for which this section is noted, at the most reasonable prices. The watermelon and canteloupe season is now at its height. Stafford county, just across the Rappahannock River from this city, excels in the cultivation of these melons.

Rev. Hugh T. Muselman, of Kentucky, is in the city visiting his parents, who reside here.

Two of the big camp meetings of the Northern Neck—Wharton Grove and Marvin Grove—have closed, and one more, Kirkland Grove Camp, is yet to be held. This will wind up the big camp meetings in the Northern Neck. The protracted meeting season in this section is now at its height, and all the various churches in the surrounding counties have large crowds, in which are not only the members of the churches and the residents of the respective neighborhoods, but many visitors from the cities and other portions of the State.

The annual camp meeting of the Adventists will open at Screamersville, in Spotsylvania county, near this city, on Saturday, August 22d, and continue for ten days.

A new undenominational camp meeting has been established near Goshen Church, in Spotsylvania county, and the first services will be held there beginning September 3d. Rev. L. L. Pickett, a well known evangelist of Kentucky, will do the preaching.

Rev. Decatur Edwards, of this city, is assisting Rev. C. W. Brooks in a protracted meeting at Richmond Church, in Stafford county.

Mr. M. C. Grasty, formerly of this city, and a son-in-law of Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunnaway, has gone with his family to Florida to reside, having received an appointment to a prominent business position in DeLand, Fla.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Dill have returned from an extended trip through New England. Dr. Dill will close his pastorate of the Baptist Church here on Sunday, August 30th, and will leave soon after that for Bowling Green, Ky., where he has accepted a call as pastor of the Baptist Church of that place.

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GLOUCESTER VETERANS

Movement to Erect a Mural Tablet to the Women of Gloucester.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLOUCESTER C. H., VA., Aug. 18.—The annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans was held here to-day under the auspices of Company D, Twenty-fourth Virginia Cavalry, and the Gloucester Monument Association. Dr. W. C. Stubbs, of New Orleans, and Major W. K. Perrin, of Gloucester, presided. A bountiful dinner was provided by the ladies, after which the veterans and many ladies assembled in the court room. Dr. Stubbs made a fine speechand introduced Major Thomas S. Taliaferro, who read a poem prepared for the occasion.

Major James N. Stubbs, Messrs. Fred. Wolfe, W. W. Williams and Maryus Jones and Rev. W. H. Groves made speeches. Major Stubbs offered a resolution that a mural tablet be erected to the memory of the Confederate women of Gloucester. Judge B. R. Welford, of Richmond, was called on and endorsed the resolution in a fine speech.

Y. M. C. A. IN COUNTRY

A County Convention to Be Held in Warrenton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARRENTON, VA., Aug. 18.—Rev. John Lake, State secretary of the County Work Department of the Young Men's Christian Association is very optimistic in his views regarding the future outlook of the Association work throughout Fauquier county, which he is actively engaged in establishing. Mr. Lake is strongly supported by the representative clergymen of the town, and by its ablest citizens.

A county convention will be held in Warrenton September 4th to the 6th, inclusive, and numbers of prominent visitors from some of our largest cities have been asked to attend.

Ample accommodation is being provided for the crowd expected here by the Entertainment Committee, of which Mr. Wm. Risday is chairman.

NEW LEBANON ASSOCIATION

Professor Gaines of Richmond College on the Ground.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HONAKER, VA., Aug. 18.—The New Lebanon Baptist Association convened here to-night. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. H. Thornton. Judge David E. Johnston is moderator, and Rev. D. A. Ramey clerk. Among the visitors is Prof. R. E. Gaines, of Richmond College; Rev. Dr. Freman, H. A. Martin, of Salem, representing the Baptist Orphanage, and Rev. W. A. Pearson, of Radford.

More Than Once.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 18.—Sam Walton, who was arrested here several days ago and who is thought to be the same party who is wanted in Richmond for stealing a team from James McDonough, and for whom Richmond authorities have failed to call, will be taken to Lexington to-morrow to answer a similar charge.

SENSATIONAL INVESTIGATION

Minority Declares Southampton's Clerk's Office Has Not Been Faithfully Conducted

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., August 18.—The minority report of the committee appointed by court to investigate the condition of the Southampton county clerk's office in response to charges made in the heat of a fierce political campaign, was made public to-day at Franklin.

The report of about 3,000 words is signed by Mr. Joseph L. Barham, member of the late Constitutional Convention. There are cited fifty-nine items of alleged derelictions and delinquents.

After giving a list of twenty-two items of delinquent taxes collected the report says: "The undersigned cannot find where the clerk of the County Court has ever paid to the county treasurer the levies, etc., collected by him and due the county when the said tracts of land above mentioned were redeemed."

The report concludes by declaring that the clerk has not faithfully performed his duty.

Owing to the standing of Barham and the feeling already existing as a consequence of the three-cornered fight for clerk, the report will make a sensation. The majority report, which will be out in a few days, is favorable to the clerg.

ROBS CAR AT FULL SPEED

Capture a Most Remarkable Freight-Car Pirate.

HE USED A ROPE LADDER

Climbed Over Side of Running Train, Opens Door and Throws Off Such Goods as He Desires—Contract Let to Deepen Canal.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Aug. 18.—The Lane Brothers' Company, a large contracting firm of Scottsville, Va., have been awarded the contract for completing the work of widening and deepening the upper Appomattox Canal for the Virginia Passenger and Power Company. They have begun the work, and will push it speedily to completion. Considerable blasting will have to be done in order to make the excavating that is necessary. The canal is to be made 40 feet wide and 5 feet deep for a distance of seven miles. The Lane Brothers' Company will have nothing to do with building the large dam.

WONDERFUL CAR ROBBER.

John Hagan alias Higgins alias Willie Epes alias Willie Williams alias Willie Lewis, whose real name is Willie Lewis, the large, tall, dark negro, arrested by Lieutenant Donahue and Officer Coleman a few evenings ago, proves to be the most daring freight-car robber in the South. He is wanted in Norfolk county alone on twelve charges, and Deputy Sheriff W. S. Huybert and Special Officer George T. W. Ainsworth, of Norfolk county, identified the man this morning and returned to Norfolk with him this afternoon.

The negro has confessed to some of the charges against him. Officers have been trying to get him for eighteen months, and this is the first time he has been arrested during the time. The officers in this city arrested him on suspicion because of some talk he was indulging in at the bar-room of Finn, on Old Street.

He was put in a secure cell and early that night tried to make his escape by cutting the steel netting that enclosed the window. He had been carefully searched before being put into the cell and was searched again after the attempt to cut the bars, but nothing could be found on him.

ROBBED CARS AT FULL SPEED.

Lewis would rob freight cars while the trains were running at a speed of thirty miles an hour. This he did by means of a rope ladder, which he used to let himself down by the side of the door.

After breaking the seal and opening the door he would enter the car, throw out such goods as he desired, and at the next stop would get out of the car and go back to collect his booty. The negro had been shot at several times while on his rope ladder, but always escaped uninjured. He said in Petersburg that he was not afraid to go anywhere except to Norfolk county.

The condemnation cases of the Blackstone and Southern Railroad came up in the Dinwiddie County Court yesterday, but were postponed till the October term. Mr. W. B. McIlwaine, who represented the land owners, said the prices allowed by the commissioners were far too small. Mr. W. F. Epes, of Nottoway, represented the railroad company.

JAILER INDICTED.

The Dinwiddie jailer who had in charge the prisoners who recently escaped from jail has been indicted. During the absence of the jailer the men made their escape by cutting through the top of the building. One of the prisoners who escaped was sentenced to hang for murder. Nothing has been heard from them since the escape.

The Degree of Pocahontas, the Ladies' Branch of Red Men, will hold their first annual fair at Ferndale Park one week beginning August 24th.

The Gilfield Baptist Church, one of the largest colored congregations in the State, will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in October. Arrangements are now being made for the celebration, which will be one of the most notable events in the history of the colored people of this city.

The Grove and Hardaway tracts of land in Nottoway county, belonging to Mrs. Ida Eanes, have been sold to J. M. Abernathy for $5,500.

VERDICT IN PECULIAR CASE IN LOUISA COUNTY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LOUISA, VA., August 18.—The suit of Lewis Yancey vs. the county of Louisa, has engaged the attention of the court since yesterday morning.

This action is the result of the asphixiation of Yancey's brother at the Davis Hotel, in Richmond, whence he was taken to the city hospital and attended by Lewis, who contracted smallpox while there, and was quarantined later, in his combined store and dwelling, at Green Springs Depot, in this county, by the Board of Health, as soon as the nature of the disease was discovered.

Several others contracted the fearful malady from Yancey and weer cared for by the county doctor in the same building only one death resulting, that of young Turner.

Now Yancey sues the county for alleged damages for having made of the house in which he, the smallpox patient was discovered, a smallpox hospital.

Ex-Judge J. O. Shepherd, of Fluvanna, was counsel for Yancey, and R. L. Gordon represented the Commonwealth. The jury was made up from Orange county. Judge F. W. Sims sat in the case.

Later in the afternoon the jury took the case and soon returned with a verdict in favor of the complainant for supplies furnished from his stock of goods to the hospital patients and attendants, amounting to $460 or thereabouts.

Evangelican Lutherins.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., August 18.—The seventy-fourth annual convention of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church convened at Mt. Jackson tonight. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., of Harrisburg, Pa.

The convention formally organized and business sessions will begin to-morrow morning.

Rev. Peter Miller, of Rio, W. Va., is president.

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NEWPORT NEWS TO BE REDISTRICTED

The Undaunted Condemned and Her Cargo Turned Over to Another Ship

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 18.—The City Council will meet to-morrow night to receive the report of the committee appointed to submit a plan for redistricting the city. The call was issued to-day by the president, and it provides that fire commissioners and school trustees shall be elected and that an important letter from the Mayor shall be acted upon at the meeting.

The Redistricting Committee has decided to recommend a plan for five wards, but one or two members of the committee will probably submit new plans. Some of the Councilmen are not willing to have a great deal of their present constituency taken away from them, and for this reason it is hard to get them all to agree upon a plan.

The American ship, Clarence S. Bement, Captain Grant, entered to-day from Philadelphia. The ship will take a cargo of 2,500 tons of coal, now aboard the bark Undaunted, for San Francisco.

The bark Undaunted sailed for San Francisco last May. She had been at sea only a few days before she encountered a heavy gale, and was so badly used that she had to put back to Hampton Roads. She was inspected by the Board of Survey and condemned. Since that time she has been lying off the Casino grounds here. Her cargo will be transferred to the Bement, and the latter vessel will sail in about a week, making the voyage to San Francisco by way of Cape Horn.

The Undaunted is badly sprung, and her sailing days are probably over. She will be sold by her owners, and it will cost so much to put her in condition for sea voyages, she will probably be converted into a barge for coastwise service.

Sheriff Curtis, of Warwick county, today served the papers in the case of Joseph Darden, pilot, against W. F. Harding, master of the schooner Cora F. Cressy, damages $175. The suit was entered this morning, and the schooner is loading coal here.

Magruder Camp, Confederate Veterans, has decided to hold another ball in the near future for the benefit of the fund being raised to cover the expenses in connection with the Grand Camp reunion, which is to be held here in October.

Justice Brown has decided that the officers of the social clubs which were fined in the Police Court several days ago cannot be held for the fines. It is probable that a writ of seizure will be issued and the police will take charge of all the fixtures and stock of the clubs.

TRIED FOR MURDER THREE SEPARATE TIMES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FINCASTLE, VA., August 17.—J. T. Jones has been tried three times for the murder of James B. Crowder, Sunday, June 15, 1902, and the case is still on the docket.

Jones surrendered himself on the same evening. He was indicted for murder and tried at the August term and convicted of manslaughter, the jury fixing his punishment at three and one-half years, the judge deciding that Jones had lost his right of self-defense. From this decision an appeal was taken, and the Circuit Court reversed it, sending the case back for a new trial. In the meantime the prisoner was released on bail.

The second trial came off at the July court, 1903, resulting in a hung jury, which stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal.

It was tried again at the August court, and the jury to-day hung again, divided as before, with respect to numbers, but exactly reversed as to the verdict—eleven for acquittal and one for conviction.

So Botetourt in the last fourteen months has hung two juries of twenty-four men each, and a half dozen lawyers.

BUCKINGHAM DISTILLERIES

Much Brandy Will Be Made if Officers Not Too Sharp.

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

Courtney Franklin Named for Senate, and Other Offices Held Open. People Already Tired of the Primaries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BUCKINGHAM, VA., Aug. 18.—Mr. Charles Gee, an officer of the United States Government, passed through this section visiting the brandy distilleries last week. He found one man who was not ready for him; was not looking for him, in fact, didn't want to see him, as he had no license to distill, although, it is said, he had about 100 gallons of "low wines" and a great many apples he had bought at 23 cents per bushel. The officer made the distiller take the cap off of the still and forbid him to proceed any further, and it is said the man will be proceeded against as an illicit distiller. There are three distilleries within a radius of five miles, and if the revenue officers do not bother them too much they will make a big lot of brandy.

It takes four bushels of summer apples to make a gallon of brandy, and these cost 32 cents, the tax on a gallon of brandy is $1, and by wholesale it does not sell for more than $1.50 per gallon, so it may be readily seen that no one can pay a tax on all they make, and as a usual thing the revenue officers have been very lenient with the brandy men here.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE.

The Republican Convention, which met here, nomiated Mr. Courtney Franklin, of Appomattox, for State Senate, and the matter of making nominations for county officers was left open until after September court day, when it is said there will be a conference of the party leaders to decide what they will attempt.

The Republicans have only two lawyers in their party in this county, Col. James Lyons and Col. R. T. Hubard, and, it is understood, that neither of those would run for Commonwealth's attorney, and it was said all along that if Mr. J. B. Gilliam was the Democratic nominee for treasurer the Republicans would not oppose him with a candidate.

At this (Maysville) precinct it is said there are only forty pure and unpurchasable Democratic votes, but in the primary there were cast 135 votes, so the party must be growing or else the floating element was in the majority.

Dr. Frazer, of the Ogden Educational Committee, will be here on Thursday, the 20th instant, to deliver an address on the Cause of Education, and members of the School Board (county) and the members of the Board of Supervisors are summoned to attend, and all the patrons of the public schools are invited to attend, and all must bring a basket of lunch and hold picnic on the courthouse square. A jolly good time if the day is good.

ANOTHER PRIMARY.

If the State Committee should decide that a new primary should be held to decide who is the nominee of the Democratic party for the House, the two candidates would have to bear the expense of holding the new primary, which will cost over $100 for Buckingham county, and at least $50 more for Cumberland, and it would seem "the game is not worth the hunt." The people here are heartily sick of primaries.

Rev. Thomas Moseley, from Texas, preached at the Presbyterian Church here on the 16th instant. Mr. Moseley is a son of Colonel William Moseley, who left here after the civil war and settled near Corsicana, Tex., where he was twice married, and died some five years ago. Rev. Mr. Moseley, the son, as been at school in Richmond, and is now visiting among his father's relatives here, of whom there are many.

Miss Madge Faison, of North Carolina, is visiting at "Perry Hill," the home of Judge A. S. Hall.

Mr. S. B. Gibson, his niece and sister, are contemplating moving to Lynchburg, and advertise for rent their James River farm at Manteo.

Several negro men have returned here from West Virginia and died of typhoid fever.

Mrs. David Gannaway, of Cardsville, has been extremely ill with fever and Mr. Gannaway thinks the fever was brought to his house by flies while a neighbor had the same disease.

Mrs. P. A. Forbes continues in very poor health and is constantly attended by her devoted daughter, and Dr. Herbert Forbes is spending his vacation at home, and is a great comfort and help.

A HOLINESS MEETING

An Effort to Get Professing Christians to the Altar.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DUNNSVILLE, VA., Aug. 18.—A meeting closed in this county last week, conducted by Mr. Banks, a Methodist minister, assisted by Mr. Hipe, of Danville, Va., the chief if not the sole purpose of which was to induce professed Christian people to come up to the altar of prayer, so as to obtain the blessing of holiness or the "second blessing," as they termed it.

The meeting continued ten days, and was attended by very large crowds. Many persons were impressed by their earnest insistance upon a life of holiness, and like the people of Ephesus "came and confessed and shewed their deeds," and expressed great joy that God, through their prayer, had granted and bestowed upon them the second blessing, or sanctification.

Scarcely in the history of this whole community has any religious meeting excited as much interest.

However, in the opinion of many sober, thoughtful people, their views were extravagant and outside of the revealed word of God. They claimed that unless persons obtained this second blessing that they were doomed to perdition, although they had previously obeyed the Gospel and lived consitent lives.

They asserted that this blessing would come for the asking, and would come to them like a flash of lightning. There was but little effort made to bring sinners to Christ, but their energies were bent on the purpose of inducing professed Christians to come up to the altar, and by prayer to seek for the second blessing.

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THE ROCKINGHAM HORSE AND COLT SHOW

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HARRISONBURG, VA., August 18.—The sixth annual exhibition of the Rockingham Horse and Colt Show begins to-morrow, and will continue through until Thursday evening, ending with the Horse Show german Thursday night. There are 313 entries in the various contests, by far larger than any previous exhibition, and this promises to be the most successful yet.

Governor Montague will arrive to-morrow afternoon from Jordan White Sulphur Springs, where he has been spending his vacation, and will be present at the show Thursday.

He will leave Friday for New Market, where he will deliver an address at the reunion of the Neff-Rice Encampment of Confederate Veterans.

THE UNIVERSITY BOARDS WANT THINGS TO COOL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., August 18.—Henry Martin, the faithful janitor at the University, left on the early train this morning on a ten-days' vacation, the first he has taken in three years. Most of this time will be spent in Cincinnati, where he has relatives, and where University of Virginia alumni are always glad to greet him.

The summer law class, on learning yesterday of Henry's intention to take a vacation, made up a nice little purse and presented it to him.

In reply to a query why the Board of Visitors had indefinitely postponed its meeting to elect a president of the University, "Uncle Henry" responded: "They just wanted things to cool down a little."

BAPTIZED IN POTOMAC

Well-Known Farmer Injured by a Mad Bull—Old Citizen Ill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COMORN, VA., Aug. 18.—Rev. J. R. Thomas baptized some fifteen or more persons in the Potomac River at Stitt's Wharf yesterday, as a result of the revival meetings conducted at Potomac Baptist Church last week by Rev. H. R. Myers, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Jack Marshall, a well-known farmer, residing near old Lamb's Creek Church, in this county, was attacked by a mad bull several days ago and painfully bruised.

Mr. Richard Ellis perhaps, the oldest white man in King George, is so critically ill that his recovery is regarded as next to impossible.

Church Building.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MAX MEADOWS, VA., August 18.—At a quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held Saturday at Graham's Forge, a Building Committee, consisting of Rev. W. Chalin Crockett, Captain John W. Robinson, J. R. Hudson, G. L. Armbuster, Graham Hull and John G. Gilliam, were appointed to proceed at once with the erection of a handsome new church at Max Meadows. The Rev. W. Cha n Crockett is pastor.

Rev. E. F. Kahle is closing his second year as presiding elder of the Wytheville District, and during his incumbency of the office fifteen Methodist churches have been built and repaired.

FRANK DIXON ON SOCIOLOGY

Will Write a Book That Will Knock the Spots Off Leopard of Brother Tom.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FRANKLIN, VA., August 18.—The lecture of Rev. Frank Dixon, of Newport, Conn., was a delightful feature of the Accomac Baptist Association, which held its ninety-fifth annual session with Red Bank Baptist Church in Northampton county last week. Mr. Dixon spoke on sociology, and his address was strong, brilliant and instructive to a high degree. He held the assemblage for two hours without weariness, and while discussing philosophically a great and massive subject, he made many witty and beautiful sallies, among which he said, referring to his brother Tom, that he had not written a book, but he had in his mind to write one that would knock the spots off that leopard of his brother Tom.

The Accomac Association comprises the two counties of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and consists of thirty congregations and as many houses of worship and about 3,300 communicants.

Hon. Ben T. Gunter was chosen moderator. Mr. Gunter is an honored member of the bar of Accomac, and the member of the Virginia Senate succeeding the lamented Dr. Le Cato. He presided with great dignity and ease. The meeting was chiefly business in its character, and each day an elegant repast was served on the ground, and the hospitality dispensed by Rev. C. L. Corbitt and the 200 members of his church was just beautiful. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Kidd, of Drummondtown Church, to a large asembly of people, which was received as well put and strong. There are twenty-seven ministers in this association, most of whom are above the average as preachers, and the reports showed they are doing a great, good work in their respective fields.

Friday was a great day among them, and in the afternoon there was special interest in the discussion of the cause of missions, which was participated in by Rev. Messrs. Grimsley, of Chincoteague; Daughtry, of Eastville, and Frank Dixion, of New England, Rev. Dr. Pilcher and other distinguished Baptist divines were present during most of the sessions and contributed largely to the interest of one of the most pleasant conventions ever held at Red Bank Church.

On the whole this was a most delightful meeting, both in intellectual and social enjoyment, and has left a pleasant impression on this and adjoining communities.

CHILD LABOR IN THE MINES

Arbitration Commission Will Rule Against It.

BOTH SIDES ASK FINDING

Each Tried to Place on Other Responsibility for Working of Boys Under Fourteen Years of Age in the Mines.

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., August 18.—In the course of the testimony for the miners to-day, it developed under cross-examination that many miners are in the habit of taking their boys into the mines to work with them, each boy being allowed a half turn on cars, although this coal ouput goes under the father's check.

Controversy over the responsibility for this class of labor led to an argument between the miners and the principal operators involved in the arbitration, that the commission in its finding shall rule that no boys under fourteen years of age be allowed to enter the mines in this district.

Under the State law of Alabama, it has been possible to utilize the labor of boys of twelve years and over, in the mines. The miners in all their contracts have insisted on this rule being incorporated, although some of the companies, notably the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, have protested.

Mr. Percy, attorney for the Tennessee Company, commented upon testimony, stated that the miners were in the habit of working their boys in the mines. Mr. Fairley, for the miners, replied that the miners did not wish young boys in the mines, but that the companies had encouraged it. Mr. Percy said the Tennessee Company had endeavored to prevent boys under fourteen years old working in the mines, but that the union fell back on the State law and insisted on the twelve-year-old clause being a part of each new agreement.

Mr. Flynn, president of the miners' union for this district, declared to the commission that the union would gladly agree that the commission in its findings, should make a rule that no boys under fourteen be allowed in the mines. The representatives of all the large companies who were present, immediately declared themselves in favor of the fourteen-year-old clause, and Judge Gray said the commission, on these assurances, would make such a finding.

The testimony to-day showed that any miner working twenty days a month could earn $100 a month.

WATERMELON FEAST

Baptizing in South Anna River Near Howard's Mills.

HYLAS, HANOVER CO., VA., Aug. 18. Many of the neighbors of Mr. T. M. Purvyear enjoyed quite a treat Sunday evening at his home, when he cut some fifteen or sixteen fine watermelons. About twenty of his neighbors enjoyed the treat with his family.

Rev. L. W. Smith assisted by Rev. J. W. Kinchloe, of Crewe, closed a series of meetings at Berea Church last week, sixteen people being added to the church. Mr. Smith baptized fifteen in South Anna River near Howard's mill Saturday.

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