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WEATHER FORECAST—Saturday fair.

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No Other Store Sells Them at Less Than $2.00

Nobody makes a Glove as good as this English manufacturer.

New shades of tan stitched in red. Every pair guaranteed. Save half a dollar by purchasing here—$1.50 pair

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We've already sold many pairs of them, though the Gloves just came in—and every woman that's bought them has been delighted—$1.75 pair.

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Services in the CHURCHES To-Morrow.

The dedication of the Fairmount Baptist Church will occur at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The orator for the occasion will be the Rev. C. S. Blackwell, a distinguished Baptist preacher, and the occasion will be dignified with exercises of a very interesting character. The programme will be as follows: Invocation, Rev. D. A. Solly; Gloria in Excelsis, Grace Street Baptist quartette; hymn, composed by the pastor, who is the Rev. C. C. Cox; Scripture reading, Rev. M. Ashby Jones; prayer (dedicatory), Rev. George Cooper, D. D.; Te Deum, Grace Street Church; hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name;" sermon, by Dr. C. S. Blackwell; solo, selected; financial statement, by J. H. Binford, treasurer of the Building Committee; offering for building; hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord;" and benediction by the Rev. C. P. Stealey.

Rev. B. H. Melton, pastor of Marshall Street Christian Church, has announced the following subjects for the evening services for the next four weeks, beginning with to-morrow night: A Husband's Problems, A Wife's Problems, A Young Man's Problems, A Young Woman's Problems. The large number of young people attending the services of this church since Mr. Melton's pastorate is especially noticeable, and the pastor makes it a duty to bring home and business life and its duties prominently before them each Sunday at the service.

The great revival continues at Trinity Methodist Church. Auditorium and galleries are filled every night. Dr. H. E. Johnson, one of the strongest preachers in the conference, is preaching with great power, and the celebrated Dailey Quartette, of Buffalo, N. Y., render selections every night. This quartette is especially strong in sacred music, and probably no more popular musical organization has visited Richmond.

To-night there will be a great men's meeting at Trinity. The Dailey Quartette will sing.

Rev. J. J. Haley, pastor, will conduct the regular services at the Seventh Street Christian Church on Sunday. His subject for the morning discourse will be, "A Model New Testament Church," and at night, "Was Paul a Holiness Man?" Dr. Haley is a clear, forceful speaker, expounding the Scriptures in a way that fully satisfies the mind, admitting of no doubts or skepticism.

At Broadus Memorial the pastor, Rev. C. P. Stealey, will preach both morning and night. At 8 o'clock the subject will be "The Story of Elijah," illustrated by stereopticon views. Mrs. W. S. Balles will sing Where is My Boy To-night the chorus being sung by a quartette. Each verse will be beautifully illustrated by fine art views. All cordially welcome.

The Rev. Dr. Henry E. Johnson, the pastor of Laurel Street Methodist Church, will take up the second of his series of sermons on to-morrow night, which he is to deliver on Sunday nights during the month of March. "Daniel, or Religion in Political Life," will be Dr. Johnson's subject for to-morrow night. The Rev. Dr. R. T. Wilson will occupy the pulpit in the morning.

The meeting at the Railway Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon will be of unusual interest. The celebrated Dailey Quartette will render several selections, and there will be "an old song service," in which the old spiritual songs will be sung, and the leader will give the origin and history of each song sung. A great crowd is expected to be present, as these Sunday afternoon meetings have become exceedingly popular.

Dr. C. S. Gardner, the pastor, will preach at both services at the Grace Street Baptist Church. His subjects will be "The Conservation of Friendship" and "The Return of the Prodigal."

The Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, D. D., general secretary of the board of managers for domestic and foreign missions, will visit Richmond next week. He will make addresses in the following churches: Sunday, March 13, St. James's, 11 A. M.; Monumental, 5 P. M.; Holy Trinity, 8 P. M. Monday, March 14; St. Mark's, 5 P. M. to Woman's Auxiliary. Saturday, St. Andrew's, 5 P. M.

The Rev. W. L. Ball, of Richmond College, has accepted the call of the Fulton Avenue Baptist Church, of Baltimore.

BETHANY INSTITUTE.

Rev. William M. Clark Elected Chairman of the Committee.

A meeting of the committee on the Bethany Institute was held in the Episcopal rooms here a few days ago. There were present the Rev. J. R. Ellis and Messrs. John L. Williams and Rosewell Page. The other two members were unavoidably absent. Bishop Gibson was also present, and the Rev. John Moncure, D. D. It was resolved to take action immediately looking to agressive work. The board of trustees will be called in special meeting at an early date and the several vacancies caused by death or removal from the diocese will be filled by resident clergy and laity. Steps will also be taken to co-operate with the Richmond Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society in the organization and prosecution of the work in the house for deacons soon to be opened.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis, who is about to leave the diocese, resigned the chairmanship of the committee and the Rev. William M. Clark was elected in his place.

MOCK TRIAL HELD BY LITERARY SOCIETY

The meeting of the Smithdeal College Literary and Musical Society yesterday afternoon took the form of a mock trial, in which Miss Gloriana Sniggleshy (alias W. T. Smithdeal) brought suit for breach of promise against E. C. Rose. The amount named was $50,000. J. I. Earp appeared as counsel for the plaintiff and R. B. Ingham for the defendant. J. O. Alwood sat on the bench and administered justice in most dignified manner. The witnesses for the plaintiff were Everard Cary, Bennett Hobson and Mrs. G. M. Smithdeal; for the defendant, Joseph Galeski, C. E. Schweickert and Miss Rosalie Robinson. The testimony on both sides and the cross-examination of witnesses elicited peals of laughter from the audience. Miss Sniggleshy, in most gorgeous female attire, carried the part splendidly, weeping into an ample pillow case, and bringing tremendous applause when, her feelings overcoming her, she made a rush for the defendant to embrace him, an embrace which that gentleman stoutly resisted.

The jury, consisting of six ladies and six gentlemen, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

PAY TO LEGISLATORS.

The Treasurer's Office Ready to Settle Up To-day.

The clerks in the State treasurer's office were busy yesterday arranging the pay-rolls of the members of the Legislature and filling up the checks for the final balances due the able statesmen and law-makers for their services during the session now rapidly drawing to a close.

These checks will to-day be handed to the sergeants-at-arms of the two houses and they in turn will pass them over to the senators and members, each of whom will then be more or less flush.

Meeting of Actives To-night.

The Clay Ward Actives will hold a regular meeting at Belvidere Hall to-night. The session promises to be a very interesting one. Among other matters to be considered will be a report on the revised list of voters in the club's territory.

May Queen Festival.

The children who are to take part in the May Queen Festival for the benefit of the Chimborazo Hospital will meet at the home of Mrs. Garein, Twenty-seventh and Broad Streets, next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

POLICEMEN'S SIDE SALARY QUESTION

Are Endorsed by Tax-Payers and Must Meet Increased ost of Living.

Concerning the proposition before the city fathers of Richmond to raise salaries of policemen and firemen, these officials think their case has merit. The policemen especially claim that their petition for increased pay has practically received the endorsement of the taxpayers whose property holdings aggregate $30,000,000 according to estimate made by the officers.

For some reason, on the plea of municipal poverty, perhaps, the petition of the blue-coated fraternity for increased pay was turned down last year. Now it bobs up again, and as nobody has ever heard of any of the property holders who endorsed a similar petition a year ago changing their minds on the subject, it is claimed by the policemen that to all intents and purposes they may be considered as endorsers of the present petition.

Thus the policemen argue, and they also think they have a strong case in the fact that the cost of living is now so much greater than it was a year ago or for several years past. Some of the officers declare their inability to live decently, provide themselves with the good clothes policemen are expected to wear and support their families on their present salaries.

This in brief, is the policemen's side of the situation up to date.

FRANK'S USE NOT ABUSED

Congressman Clayton Satisfied That There Was No Improper Use.

REV. MR. DINWIDDIE HEARD

His Explanation to the Committee Entirely Satisfactory and Incident Closed.

The following from the Washington Star will be read with interest by all who are paying attention to the fight in Congress over temperance legislation:

The sequel to the charges of the misuse of the franking privilege of members of Congress by advocates of the Dolliver-Heyburn original package bill made Thursday came just as yesterday's hearings closed. The Rev. F. C. Dinwiddie, who had been charged with the misuse of Representative Clayton's frank by Duncan B. Harrison, representing the United States Brewers' Association, obtained permission to explain the matter to the committee.

Mr. Clayton, who is a member of the committee, interrupted Mr. Dinwiddie, saying he desired to repeat what he had said on the previous day to the effect that if his frank had been misused by Mr. Dinwiddie, and this could be proved, he would prosecute him.

"What I want to know," he said, addressing Mr. Dinwiddie, "is whether my frank has been used in a manner in which it should not have been used, and I want to know if you did it. I have no remedy in the matter except to denounce the man, if I can find him, and I want to know if it is you or Mr. Harrison."

MR. DINWIDDIE EXPLAINS.

Mr. Dinwiddie explained that he never had sought to frank matter that did not bear on legislation or on public matters in relation thereto. He read a statement prepared by his secretary, Miss Church, that the positive rule of the office of the Anti-Saloon League, as laid down by Mr. Dinwiddie and carefully observed, has been that only public documents, congressional records and extracts therefrom should be franked.

"And nothing has been sent out," continued the statement, "under Mr. Clayton's frank save the extract from the record, except in some cases a copy of the report recommending the passage of the bill. On other frankable matter other franks have been used."

Representative Parker, of New Jersey, a member of the committee, contended that this statement had not answered Mr. Clayton's question. "Do you ever open sealed envelopes?" he demanded. He had to repeat the question several times, owing to the confusion in the room.

Mr. Dinwiddie said that this was not the rule, but that some of the envelopes bearing Mr. Clayton's frank had come to him unsealed. "But," he continued, "we have other envelopes bearing the frank of Senator Hansbrough, which are not sealed and in which we include other frankable matter."

Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, a member of the committee, made this explanation in the form of a question: "You placed Mr. Clayton's speech in his franked envelope, other matter bearing on the subject in another franked envelope, and then paid postage on other matter on the same subject, which you did not regard as frankable."

"That is it," assented Mr. Dinwiddie.

MR. CLAYTON SATISFIED.

"I am perfectly satisfied," ejaculated Mr. Clayton, "and I say right here now that I do not believe Mr. Dinwiddie abused the use of my frank. And I believe that all that boast of Mr. Harrison was done for the purpose of prejudicing Mr. Dinwiddie before this committee."

Representative Bartholdt, who has managed the opposition to the bill, interrupted at this point to say that in the absence of Mr. Harrison he would like to say a word in his behalf. "What Mr. Harrison claimed was that unfrankable matter was contained in these envelopes," he continued, "and I think he had proved that fact beyond question, by producing sealed envelopes."

"Mr. Chairman," interjected Mr. Clayton, "I must protest against this, for the reason that those envelopes might have been opened and filled with the matter they contained for the purpose of making a vain and boastful display before this committee. That man came before this committee and said he was going to paralyze us and shock us. I don't think that Mr. Bartholdt has got any right before this committee, and I move you, sir, that this incident be closed."

Mr. Bartholdt protested against being taken from the floor in this matter, but Chairman Jenkins ruled "That matter has been closed," and the committee went into secret session.

ARGUMENTS ON THE BILL.

During the day Noah Guler, of Newark, N. J.; Captain Biehler, of Indianapolis, Ind.; A. Arms, of New York, and F. W. Stewart, of Boston, on behalf of German-American societies, opposed the bill, and Robert Crain, of Baltimore, representing the United States Brewers' Association, and H. M. Hough, of St. Louis, representing the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, made legal arguments in opposition to it.

The Rev. J. L. Baller, of Philadelphia; Representative Walter Smith, of Iowa, and Messrs. L. B. Wilson and Andrew Wilson spoke in favor of the measure. Representative Bartholdt said that twenty-one members of the House had come to him as the manager of the opposition to the measure and had asked for time to be heard. He asked that they be given the desired opportunity.

Gold Medal

At Pan-American Exposition

Unlike Any Other!

The full flavor, the delicious quality, the absolute *Purity* of Lowney's Breakfast Cocoa distinguish it from all others.

Lowney's Cocoa is the finest possible product of the choicest Cocoa Beans.

The Lowney Receipt Book tells how to make Chocolate Bon-bons, Fudge, Caramels, Icings, etc., at home. Sent free

The Walter M. Lowney Co., Boston, Mass.

FULTON NEWS.

Mr. Drew Blankenship, who lives on the Williamsburg Road, near the National Cemetery, has a cow which gave birth to twin calves a few days ago.

Richard Southward, the young man who had one of his fingers badly torn in a matching machine while at work at the Richmond Cedar Works, is getting along nicely.

Miss Mamye Turner, of Marion Hill, is able to be out after a spell of the grip.

The funeral of Mrs. William Launders will take place from the Weddell Memorial Episcopal Chapel to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Victor, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Levy, is extremely ill with pneumonia at the home of his parents on Williamsburg Avenue.

The revival services which have been conducted at the Denny Street Methodist episcopal Church by Rev. George Wesley Jones, of Park Place Methodist Church, Norfolk, have been well attended, many having been turned away on account of the inability to get inside of the church. Many confessions have been made. The singing under the direction of Rev. J. W. Eure, of Mattaoci, Chesterfield county, assisted by the choister, Mr. W. Hillary Reeks, has been excellent and added much to the meetings.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

In the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday argument was concluded in the case of Nottingham Coal and Ice Co., vs. Prean, and the case submitted. William Gordon Robertson appeared for the coal company and R. E. Scott for the appellee.

Partial argument was heard in the case of Morlen vs. Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Co., W. S. Hillyear appearing for the appellant and H. L. Lowenburg for the appellee. Argument will be concluded in this case to-day.

Rhea and others vs. Shields and others was continued until next term.

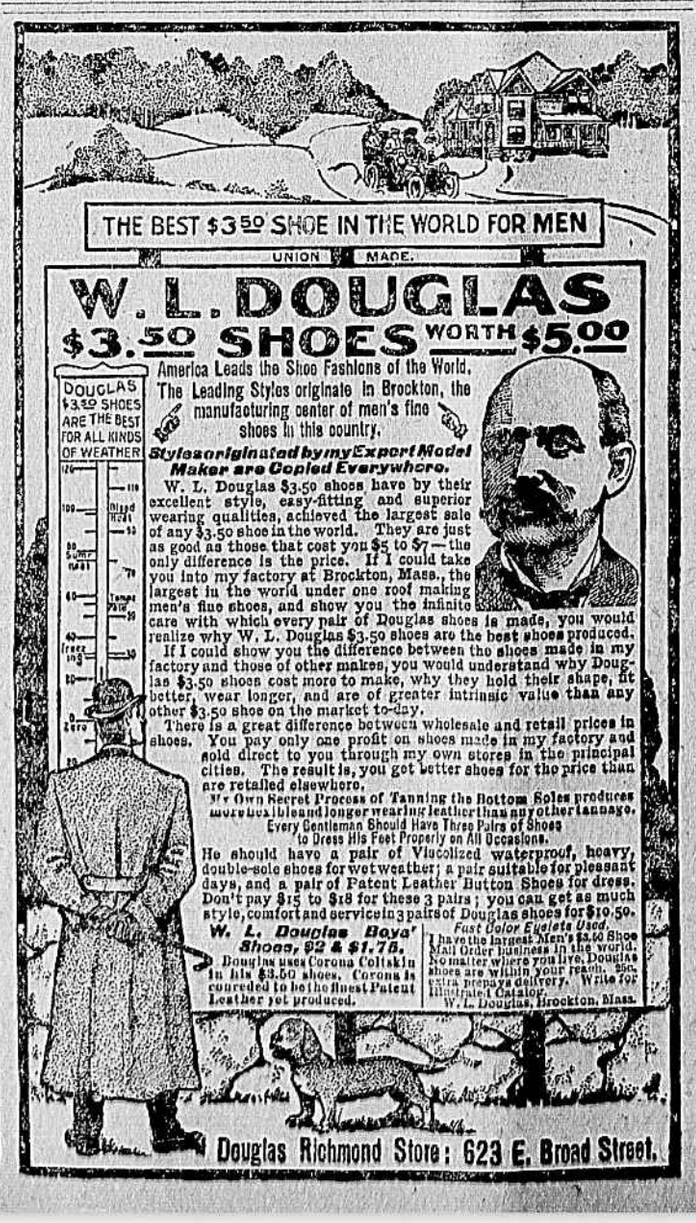
The following are the next cases on the argument docket: Gaddess and others vs. Norris's executor and others, Lynchburg Cotton Mills Company vs. Stanley, by, etc., and Green's administrator, vs. Southern Railway Company.

Property Transfers.

Richmond—Wallace F. Brown, special commissioner, to J. D. Carneal, 40 feet on Jackson Street, northeast corner First, $1,900.

George P. Richardson and wife to Frances B. Johnson's executor, 41½ feet on east side Twenty-sixth Street, 82½ feet south of N, $1,500.

Orear L. and James Sweeney, Jr., to Catherine O'Sullivan, 24¾ feet on south side Park Avenue, 125 7-12 feet west of Rowland Street, $3,600.



JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

Its Prospects Bright and Brightening—Popular in the Northern Cities.

NATIONAL AID ALMOST SURE

President Roosevelt Says the Exposition Is to be Great National Affair.

The news that comes from Washington and the North concerning the interest the people are taking in the Jamestown Exposition is tending to greatly encourage the Virginia promoters and well-wishers of that gigantic enterprise.

An officer of the Jamestown Company, who has recently been on a trip North on business in no way connected with the exposition, came back delighted with what he saw and heard in Northern States and cities. He declared that he heard a great deal more talk about the Jamestown Exposition than he did about the World's Fair, now so soon to open at St. Louis. He expressed the belief that the people of New York and Boston and other Eastern cities, were taking a livelier interest already in Jamestown than in St. Louis.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM WASHINGTON.

And now comes the news from Washington that considerable enthusiasm is being shown in Congress, and that the outlook for the passage of the bill appropriating $3,000,000 to Jamestown is very promising, indeed.

As has already been printed in this paper, President Roosevelt has given the Jamestown project a decided boost, and this will undoubtedly help a great deal. he President says:

"The Ter-Centenary celebration will mark an epoch in the history of our country. The first permanent settlement of English-speaking people on American soil at Jamestown in 1607 marks the beginning of the history of the United States. The three hundredth anniversary of that event must be commemorated by the people of our Union as a whole."

SEMI-OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

This expression by Mr. Roosevelt may be regarded somewhat in the light of a proclamation that the Jamestown proposition has become a national affair.

The only living ex-President also endorses the Jamestown Exposition. He says:

"A great nation cannot bring to mind its small beginnings and its stupendous growth through such a celebration as the Jamestown Exposition Company contemplates without stirring in the hearts of its people the best patriotism and the sincerest devotion to the principles which have made their nation great."

FEATURES OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The bill now before Congress, with a bright prospect of passing, is far-reaching. The appropriation of $3,000,000, for which it provides, is designed to be available when the Jamestown Company conveys to the United States three acres of the land owned by it, upon which to erect a permanent building, at a cost not to exceed $500,000. This building will be used for the government for exhibits during the exposition, and afterwards as a naval college, or for such other purpose in the proper training of reserves for the army and navy of the United States as Congress may hereafter determine.

The bill directs the loan to the Jamestown Company of one or more old monitors of the United States navy to reproduce the great battle between the Monitor and Merrimac, and to illustrate the difference between naval vessels of that type and the modern navies.

It authorizes the President to rendezvous at Hampton Roads during the exposition as many of the naval vessels of the United States as, in his judgment, is compatible with public interests, and to extend to all foreign naval powers an invitation to participate in the celebration and add their ships to the naval display to be made by the United States.

Altogether the outlook for Jamestown is bright and brightening. So, at least, think its officers and friends.

"TOO PREVIOUS."

Many Applicants for "Place" in Postoffice Were Disappointed.

A more or less carelessly worded news item in yesterday morning's Times-Dispatch subjected Postmaster Knight to a lot of unnecessary trouble, and forced him to do considerable explaining.

The item in question said in effect that the postmaster had been authorized to appoint a clerk at $600 a year to assist H. F. Arthur, who has been designated secretary for the Board of Examiners for the Fourth Civil Service District, with headquarters in Richmond, and that the postmaster will make this appointment in a few days.

That was true enough, and all right, as far as it went, but the information should have been fuller, and the anxious ones informed that they must go through the regular civil service mill from A to Z, and that finally the claims of only the few who shall stand at the head of the column of the examination can be considered by the postmaster.

As it was, the postmaster was deluged with applications for the job yesterday, and the larger part of the applicants wanted to go to work at once.

APPEAL FOR CLOTHING FOR THE NEEDY

Will the ladies of Richmond look over their trunks and clothes closets and see if they have not some cast-off clothes they can give to the poor and needy. We have so many calls for them, and some are so urgent. One case is a good, worthy crippled man, ill with consumption; wife in need of clothes for little baby. Children's clothes especially are needed, and old women's underwear. The City Mission Ladies are doing a good work, and they need to be helped in this way. I am sure the good people of Richmond only need to be reminded every now and then for them to come forward and help. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

F. M. WREN, Secretary,
821 E. Main.

FLIM-FLAM GAME.

Country Negro Worked Out of $11 by a White Man.

James Tucker, a simple darkey from Dinwiddie county, on his way from Greenville, Del., is shy $11 as the result of an experience with a sleek stranger at the Union Depot yesterday morning.

The negro was sitting in the waiting room, ready to take his train, when the white man approached him and asked him to give him two $10 bills for some small change. The negro had two tens, and the white party figured the matter over, and turned over a bundle of ones to the negro.

Then he went away, and when the simple darkey began to count his change, he found he had but $9.

"Lordy!" he said, and then he told a policeman about it, and gave him this description: Tall white man, slim, long light overcoat, with some spots in the back, black derby hat, smoot shaven, about twenty-five years old."

The police and detectives will try to catch him.

More Visitors Named.

Governor Montague yesterday sent the following communication to the Senate:

I hereby appoint, subject to your confirmation, as members of the board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute: Lloyd T. Smith, Heathsville; Francis L. Smith, Alexandria; Philip F. Brown, Botetourt; Thomas W. Shelton, Norfolk; John N. Upshur, Richmond; each for a term of two years, beginning July 1, 1904; and Alexander Hamilton, Petersburg; James L. White, Abingdon; Alfred F. Revenel, Roanoke; W. T. Shields, Lexington; each for a term of four years, beginning July 1, 1904.

In the City Hall Courts.

In the Hustings Court yesterday Mary Taylor was given four years for robbing Dr. Ridgell.

In the Circuit Court the suit of A. L. Emett's administrator vs. the Pennsylvania Steel Company for $10,000 was dismissed.

In the Chancery Court Kate Via was granted a divorce from her husband, Melvin Via.

In the Law and Equity Court Gertrude Sutton entered suit against the Virginia Passenger and Power Company for $5,000.

Jack Munro Fine Wrestler.

No one need think that Jack Munro is not a wrestler. He can fight and wrestle, and first came to the front as a wrestler in Butte.

When Dwyer meets him next week, it will be a "go" from start to finish.

Under the agreement Munro has the best of it, for he wins on one throw in an hour, and Dwyer must make two falls to win.

JAMES SPARKS AN OLD TIMER

Has Spent Two Terms in Prison. The Police Court Docket.

James Sparks, the negro who was caught stealing from Gans-Rady's, turned out to be an old timer at the business. He has already served two terms in the penitentiary.

Justice John sent him on to the grand jury, and now he has a chance of going to prison for life.

Joseph Nelson was given one year under security for taking a V. belonging to Fannie Rubbard.

Ella Dabney swore that Tom Craig hit her; then she swore he didn't, and the fine of $2.50 was placed against her, which Tom paid.

Fannie Wiley paid $2.50 for being drunk and disorderly.

Help Help Help

TRY IT TO-MORROW

TRY IT TO-MORROW

WANTED ADS. IN THE TIMES-DISPATCH BRING THE BEST AND QUICKEST RESULTS.

Gans-Rady Company's Half-Price Sale In Full Swing.

The announcement of our regular **HALF-PRICE SUIT SALE** was no sooner made than the men began to come and the Suits began to sell. It's simply a matter of confidence—the confidence that has grown up between you and us in all these years of honest dealings.

This is the final clean-up sale that ends the season—all the small lots of Overcoats, Sack and Frock Suits, one, two and three of a kind, are on separate tables at precisely half-prices. There are blacks, blues and fancies, in all the best wearing fabrics and swaggerest style effects—and you get two for the price of one. Pick the Suit and Overcoat you want to-day.

Men's Suits.

$12.50 ones	$ 6.25
$15.00 ones	$ 7.50
$18.00 ones	$ 9.00
$20.00 ones	$10.00
$25.00 ones	$12.50
$30.00 ones	$15.00

Men's Overcoats.

$12.50 ones	$ 6.25
$15.00 ones	$ 7.50
$18.00 ones	$ 9.00
$20.00 ones	$10.00
$25.00 ones	$12.50
$30.00 ones	$15.00

Boys' Suits.

$ 2.50 ones	$ 1.25
$ 3.50 ones	$ 1.75
$ 5.00 ones	$ 2.50
$ 6.50 ones	$ 3.25
$ 8.00 ones	$ 4.00
$10.00 ones	$ 5.00

Boys' Overcoats & Reefers

$ 3.50 ones	$ 1.75
$ 4.00 ones	$ 2.00
$ 5.00 ones	$ 2.50
$ 6.50 ones	$ 3.25
$ 7.50 ones	$ 3.75
$10.00 ones	$ 5.00

Men's Extra Pants.

$ 3.50 ones	$ 1.75
$ 4.00 ones	$ 2.00
$ 5.00 ones	$ 2.50
$ 6.50 ones	$ 3.25
$ 7.50 ones	$ 3.75
$ 8.50 ones	$ 4.25

Hats.

Odd lots of Men's Soft Hats, sold up to $4.00, choice **$1.00**

Odd lots of Children's Hats, sold up to $2.00, choice **25C**

Gans-Rady Company

CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Hibernians Will Parade to the Church—Grand Banquet at Night.

The St. Patrick's day celebration this year will be under the direction of the Ancient order of Hibernians, and all who are in sympathy with the occasion are invited to join with them, whether members of the organization or not.

The two divisions of the A. O. H., with all other Catholic gentlemen, who desire, will assemble at St. Patrick's school house, Twenty-sixth and Grace Streets, on the morning of the 17th at 10 o'clock, under charge of Mr. Daniel Higgins, the chief marshal; they will march to St. Patrick's Church, on Twenty-fifth Street, where they will be joined by the two ladies' auxiliaries of the A. O. H., who will assemble in the basement of the church; the auxiliaries and two divisions of men will occupy the two main aisles in the church.

Solemn high mass will be celebrated and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. T. E. Waters, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, of Manchester.

The Hibernians and the two ladies' auxiliaries will celebrate the evening with a grand banquet at the Masonic Temple, where covers will be laid for four hundred people. The supper will be served by Mr. A. W. Johnson, the well known Main Street caterer.

The only invited guests at the banquet will be the Rt. Rev. A. Van de Vyver and the pastors and assistant pastors of the Catholic churches in the city.

The speakers who will respond to toasts during the evening will be Rev. J. K. O'Reilly, Rev. John J. Massey, Dr. D. J. Coleman, Dr. W. A. McGowan and Mr. James J. Creamer. Miss May Cavedo and Mr. John Finnegan will each sing solos.

The celebration this year will be unique from the fact that it will be under the management of the two divisions each of Hibernians and auxiliaries, especially at the banquet.

LIKE HIS REPORT.

Commissioner Koiner Reviewing Many Letters of Appreciation.

Every mail brings Commissioner Koiner letters in which the writers express their appreciation of the annual report, which has been issued by that official, and which is being sent to farmers all over the State as fast as the copies are received from the binders. The report has been in great demand, and requests for it have come in large numbers from every county in the State.

The following is a portion of a letter which Commissioner Koiner received yesterday from a western man who has recently located in this State:

"A copy of your last report just received. Allow me to congratulate you most heartily, not alone on the merits of the report, which alone deserve great credit, but on the work being done by the department. It is especially encouraging to us who have recently come here from Western States, and full with pleasure and increased hopes all signs of agricultural progress.

"I wish every farmer in the State might have a copy of this report. It is an enthusiasm worker, besides being a storehouse of practical information. If the State would print and mail special editions of this report to Western men who are home-seekers, it would result in great good."

Clay Ward Actives.

An important meeting of the Clay Ward Actives will be held to-night at 8 o'clock at Belvidere Hall. A full attendance is requested.

May Now Annex.

Governor Montague has affixed his signature to the Anderson bill, providing for the annexation of property adjacent to cities and towns, and it is now a law.