

ANOTHER LANDMARK IS PASSING AWAY

The Old Poplar in the Capitol Square Is Believed to be Doomed.

The old poplar tree which has so long stood near the southeast corner of the Capitol Square and has a history that extends over years, is an object of interest just now.

The old poplar is perhaps a hundred years old and if it could speak or could write it could a tale unfold which, while it might not make anybody's hair stand on end or anything like that, would be of intense historical interest.

The old tree was struck by lightning last year, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the 4th of July, at a time when half of Richmond, living Richmond, was out of town. The people, comparatively speaking, knew of the catastrophe, but the State officers and clerks who happened to be lingering about the Library building at the time, heard the crash, saw the bark stripped from the main body of the tree, saw a large number of squirrels fall out of the branches dead, saw Governor Montague's horse, which was standing in the rear of the Library building, drop to its knees, being shocked and stunned by the electric bolt, and with sorrow they declared the old tree gone, for they had no idea it could survive such a shock.

However, the old poplar has budded out and right now the hopes of the officials in the Library building are strong that its leaves will reach maturity and furnish shade for at least another summer.

Commissioner Koiner, of the Agricultural Department, who is authority in such matters, has expressed an expert opinion on the subject, and he gives but little hope for the continued life of the old tree. The commissioner thinks the leaves will get through the budding stage all right, but will not mature. Those on the south prong of the tree, he thinks, will wither and die very early, and that will be the last of the south prong. The south prong was much worse hurt by the cruel bolt of lightning than was the north prong, and the commissioner thinks it will give up the ghost sooner than the north prong. But even the latter, he thinks, is doomed. It may grow some medium sized leaves this season, but they will be small and they may give out next season, but will scarcely get through the budding stage, and while other trees in the square will be donning their loveliest spring attire the north prong of the grand old poplar will wither and die.

What a pity, for it has been a grand old tree, and it has a history. A way back before the war, statesmen who had come from all parts of Virginia to dispute and discuss and legislate for the good of the Commonwealth sought shelter from the sweltering sun beneath its umbrageous foliage, and there they held incidental caucuses and readed caucuses that were later given force and vigor in the Capitol building, and later still made an imprint on the history of the State.

In the early days of the Civil War the old poplar was a famous resort. It is said that the first company of soldiers that passed from State service to Confederate States service were mustered into the latter service under the old poplar. Other soldiers in the striding days that followed rested beneath its sheltering limbs. These soldiers came from every part of the southland, and doubtless many are still living who remember the old tree that is now budding, probably for its last time.

Let by let the roses fall.

And one by one the old landmarks leave us. The indications now are that before the frosts of another winter comes to wither the Capitol Square the striped convicts who keep the sacred ground clean will remove the old tree and convert it into a kind of a monument in the Capitol and the Library building.

The Russian Who Wrote.

A few days ago The Times-Dispatch told the story of a postal all the way from Warsaw, in Russia, which postal Commissioner of Agriculture, Koiner had received, inquiring about Virginia lands. The commissioner yesterday had a letter from J. Garner Hawley, of Sussex county, in which the writer spoke of having seen the story of the Warsaw postal in The Times-Dispatch. He writes on to say he had had some experience with these Russians, having "planted" several colonies of them in various parts of the country.

He says they are a hard working and frugal people, just the kind of emigrants old Virginia needs.

Mr. Hawley thinks the drastic military laws of Russia are just now driving many of these people from that country, and he thinks it is a good time for Virginia to put in a bid for some of them. A few hundred of these vigorous tillers of the soil, he believes, would be a desirable addition to the army of Virginia hustlers.

The Russian who wrote to the commissioner is Alexander Fitch, and his address is Warsaw, Russia.

ONLY A SUGGESTION.

But It Has Proven of Interest and Value to Thousands.

Common sense would suggest that if one wishes to become fleshy and plump it can only result from the food we eat and digest, and that food should be albuminous or flesh-forming food, like eggs, beefsteak and cereals; in other words, the kinds of food that make flesh are the foods which form the greater part of our daily bill of fare.

But the trouble is that while we eat enough, and generally too much, the stomach, from abuse and overwork, does not properly digest and assimilate it, which is the reason so many people remain thin and under weight; the digestive organs do not completely digest the flesh-forming beefsteak and eggs and similar wholesome food.

There are thousands of such who are really confirmed dyspeptics, although they may have no particular pain or inconvenience from their stomachs.

If such persons would lay their prejudices aside and make a regular practice of taking, after each meal, one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, their food would be quickly and thoroughly digested, because these tablets contain the natural pepsines and diastases which every weak stomach lacks, and by supplying this want the stomach is soon enabled to retain its natural tone and vigor.

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Intermediate Suits for girls from twelve to sixteen years; these are shown in a variety of color and blouse coats, with fitted skirts, all the newest materials, \$7.50 to \$20.00

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, in all the latest models, walking and dress length; mohair, etamine and fancy mixtures being conspicuously displayed with the staple cheviot and broadcloth materials.

Mohair Walking Suits, new mannish coat effect and skirts \$20.00

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Silk Suits.

Pretty Jap. Silk and Satin Foulard Shirt-Waist Suits; waist the new drop shoulder effect, trimmed with yoke of fagotting and applique, tucked skirts, \$12.50 and..... \$15.00

Taffeta and Pongee Suits are most popular; splendid values, which the up-to-date purchaser will appreciate, at \$15, \$20 and..... \$25.00

Special Skirt Sale.

Handsome Crepe de Chine Dress Skirts, trimmed in wood fibre lace, tucked and shirred over taffeta drop skirts, \$25.00 to..... \$40.00

Etamine and Voile Skirts, most exclusive models, colonial and lace trimmed effects, \$7.48 to..... \$25.00

Pedestrian Skirts are shown in covert, broadcloths, fancy mixtures and light-weight mohairs and etamines, fitted and plain tailored effects, \$3.48 to..... \$12.50

New Trimmings and Buttons.

are constantly arriving from the Eastern and European markets, introducing the latest creations in Jet, spangles, Silver, Gold, Bulgarian, Persian and Applique, in all widths and colors, in Edges, Insertions and Galloons. Buttons in Metal and Pearl will be largely used this season. Of these we have an infinite variety.

New Kid Gloves for the New Season.

A nice stylish pair of Kid Gloves is necessary to complete your Easter toilette. Our spring lines of Kid Gloves are very full. The colors, tans, browns, beaver, slates, butter, pearls; also black and white, are the most popular. We have a beautiful assortment at each of the following prices:

Extra Quality Skin Gloves, with lap seams and Point de Paris stitching, in mode, tan, brown and gray, excellent driving and shopping gloves, per pair..... \$1.00

"Royal" Two-Clasp Glove Gloves, in mastic, pearl, gray and white, per pair..... \$1.00

"Sovereign" Two-Clasp Glove Kid, in mode, tan, brown and gray, per pair..... \$1.00

Fabric Gloves for Easter.

"Kaysers" Celebrated Extra Heavy Silk Gloves, in black or white, double tipped fingers, with clasp or button, at pair 75c..... \$1.00

The "Duplex" Glove, with double finger tips, two clasps, in black or white, per pair..... 50c

Suede Lisle Gloves, in black, white, mode and gray, two clasps, at pair 25c, and..... 50c

Beautiful New Wash Fabrics.

If you would have your Summer Gowns or Summer Waists just a little prettier, a little more exclusive, a little more noticeable than the usual patterns, you will visit our Wash Goods Department this week. Much real pleasure will be found in studying these exclusive styles, and we know you will marvel at the low prices we shall quote.

25c Mercerized Silk Zephyrs, in stripes, dots and solid colors, as long as they last, they go for, yard..... 16 3/4c

15 2-3c Quality Mercerized Silk Ginghams, in solid colors and beautiful patterns, for waists and suits..... 12 1/2c

12 1/2c Solid Color Chambray, in blue, red and gray, special, Monday only..... 10c

25c Linen Madras, 22 inches wide, another special for Monday only..... 12 1/2c

25c Figured Satteens, in pretty patterns and shepherd's plaids; you will be surprised when you find them marked only..... 12 1/2c

Woven Striped English Plaids, in blue, red, tan and gray; these are very stylish and durable..... 12 1/2c

White Goods

Never was the outlook more promising for this prettiest of all summer fabrics. Our provision to supply your every want in this direction was made months ago, with the best European manufacturers, and never was the distinction of pre-eminence so aptly applied as in the case of our White Goods Department this spring.

We are showing a beautiful range of fabrics, for all uses, in Persian Lawns, French Lawns, Dimities, Swisses, India Linons, Mulls, Batistes and Mercerized effects; also Linen fabrics for all purposes, at

25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00.

The Daintiness of our Easter Waists IS TRULY SURPRISING —SO LOW THE PRICE.

You'd never believe so much prettiness, fascinating daintiness and style elegance could be incorporated into waists at prices so very low. Couldn't ordinarily. It's because our Waist chief plans months ahead.

Dressy Chiffon and Lace Waists, \$7.48..... \$17.50

Beau de Sole and Crepe de Chine Waists, shirred and trimmed with applique, \$5 to..... \$10.00

Jap. Silk Waists, variety of styles, \$2.98 to..... \$7.48

Women's Neckwear.

Never before have we so emphasized our supremacy in this line. Our eastern and foreign connections enable us to gather dainty novelties direct. We are thus in a position to obtain the scarce sorts and the most wanted kinds at the lowest figures. This is one of the features which makes this department pre-eminently the leader in this line. See our beautiful lines at

25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c and \$1.00

Laces and Embroideries.

are of more than ordinary importance to Richmond women this season. Our assortment excels all that have preceded it, in quantity, variety and exclusiveness. An attractive feature also is the price lowness. We have endeavored to place these beautiful spring goods within your reach at prices considerably less than they are universally sold for. Our importations come to us direct—we have no "middleman's" profits to pay—consequently can afford to under-quote usual prices.

We want you to see the soft, fluffy effects in Valenciennes, which look so much like the real hand-made ones, in old Alencon, Oriental, Point Gaze and Point Lierre. These are in varying widths of Edges and Insertions to match. They come in white and buerre shades. Point Venise and Irish Crochet in Galloons, Edges and Collars, Allovers and Insertions, in white, buerre and other shades—all priced for quick selling.

Embroideries.

This is to be a great Embroidery season. There are in great demand for waists and shirt-waist suits, and no wonder, for the Embroideries this season are beautiful past all precedence in design and effect. We are showing rich, dainty and exclusive patterns in Allovers, Tuckings, Flouncings, Insertions, Edges, Galloons—at lower prices than you would expect for such merit.

Pongee Coat Sale.

Pongee Coats are most fashionable for the little folks; nobby effects, sizes two to six years, self trimmed and lined with contrasting colors, finished with cream applique, several styles, \$3.48 to..... \$7.48

Ladies' Silk Robes, \$5.00, \$7.50 and..... \$10.00

New Taffeta and Pongee Coats, with fitted backs, collarless effect, full sleeves, handsomely trimmed, \$10 and..... \$12.50

Odds and ends in Taffeta Coats less than cost to close out.

SHARKEY-DWYER MATCH HERE TO-MORROW NIGHT



TOM SHARKEY.

Here are the ages, ensurances and other physical details about Tom Sharkey and M. J. Dwyer, who will wrestle at the Academy to-morrow night.

Sharkey—Age, 33; height, 5-8 3/4; weight, 195; neck, 19 inches; chest, 45 inches; waist, 35 inches; biceps, 16 1/2 inches; thigh, 25 inches; calf, 17 inches.

Dwyer—Age, 24; height, 5-8; weight, 155 pounds; neck, 16 1/2 inches; chest, 43 inches; waist, 33 inches; biceps, 15 inches; thigh, 25 inches; calf, 17 inches.

Dwyer has been seen so often on the wrestling mat here that it will be no surprise to see him from the above measurements. There is one advantage for Dwyer in this match, an advantage that he lacked so sorely in the match with the giant miner from Butte; he is about the same height as his opponent,

was also hardened to punishment and Munroe had to give to him to down him in the second fall.

Dwyer says that he has not the remotest idea that Sharkey or any other man within thirty pounds of his weight can put his shoulders against the mat twice in an hour. He has bucked off his statement the realization that he will be able to give all his best promptly at the clever trick for which he is famous in the wrestling world. Brute strength and weight may prevent him from downing an antagonist, but his own great strength and his acknowledged skill will, on the other hand, hold off the sailor man.

The wrestling will be held promptly at 8:30. Articles of interest will be signed to-morrow morning and referee and seconds named.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WILMINGTON, N. C., March 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Graham, popular and wealthy society leaders, of Asheville, N. C., who have been conspicuous figures in Wilmington's winter colony this season, left to-day for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tench Cox, two other wealthy society leaders of Asheville, will remain here a while longer. Mrs. Thomas Settle, of that city, is here on a visit to them, she and Mrs. Cox being sisters.

Before marriage they were the Misses Porter, of Wilmington, two of the most beautiful and popular young women of Eastern Carolina.

Friends in the city have received handsome invitations bearing the following announcement: "By and Mrs. Nell Monroe Culbreth request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. Edward Wadsworth Butcher, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 6th of April, at half past five o'clock, Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina."

Miss Culbreth is a charming young woman of this city, and Mr. Butcher is a prominent young business man of Petersburg, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Butcher will be at home after April 25th, at No. 228 Harrison Street, Petersburg.

After a sojourn of two months at his old home in this city, Mr. John Bolles left this week on his return to Hong Kong, China, where he will resume his duties as representative of the Standard Oil Company.

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Mrs. Florence R. Faucette to Mr. W. A. Wilcox, at Halifax, N. C., on March 19th.

A GRADUATE OF OLD WASHINGTON

Merriwether Lewis, the Pioneer Explorer, an Alumnus of 1789.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEXINGTON, VA., March 26.—Mr. Robert Morris, of Parkersburg, W. Va., has arrived in Lexington, and now has charge of the classes in economics at Washington and Lee University, in the absence of Professor H. Parker Willis, who is on his way to the Philippines on a leave of absence. Mr. Morris is a native of West Virginia, was educated at the State University at Morgantown, spent two years in graduate work at Harvard University, and two years at the University of Chicago.

An examination of the catalogue of officers and alumni of Washington and Lee University reveals the fact that Merriwether Lewis, explorer of the great Northwest with William Clarke, is an alumnus of Washington College. For the session of 1789-1800 the following record appears: "Merriwether Lewis, Alumnus; county private secretary of President Jefferson; explorer Rocky Mountains with Clarke; Governor Louisiana Territory; died 1809."

Hon. John Temple Graves, of Atlanta, Ga., the distinguished Southern orator, will deliver the address before the Literary Societies of Washington and Lee University at the commencement next June.

Mr. Henry L. Pitzer, of Charlottesville, Va., spent several days in Lexington this week, visiting his mother, Mrs. Sally H. Pitzer.

Miss Nellie Fuller has gone to Baltimore to accept a position. She was formerly in that city, but has been home here for several months.

Mrs. William Walz is visiting relatives in Richmond this week.

SPRING AT VIRGINIA BEACH.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) VIRGINIA BEACH, VA., March 26.—Perfect spring weather has favored the resort this week, luring the visitors to all manner of outdoor pastimes. Golf opens two greens, and several excellent players are now trying their hand, and the links are in splendid condition.

A good many parties have been made up during the past week to go to Cape Henry, only seven miles distant, and climbing the high sand hills which tower to the high pines is one of the pastimes. Also mounting the many steps which lead to the top of the new light-house, which gives you a most beautiful view of the wide expanse both of the ocean and of the bay. The Chesapeake Transit Company is the favorite route leading to the Cape, and the road winding along between ocean and pines is most picturesque, passing the long line of wrecks straggled on the beach and the many pretty cottages which have recently been erected.

Easter promises a gay week, as there are so many arrivals already, and several of the hotel for the benefit of young people, who will make merry the time for that week.

A most delightful and informal concert was given Tuesday evening in the ballroom of the hotel for the benefit of an old negro, whose cabin was recently burned, leaving his family destitute. Several guests of the hotel volunteered, and a very enjoyable programme was

rendered of vocal and instrumental music, as well as several recitations.

The cottages are fast being opened, and an air of brightness and life pervades the entire place, all realizing that spring has settled upon us.

Some of the arrivals during the past week are Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Allen, Willam Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Shipp, James Sisco, George T. Thomas, Mrs. J. H. Bristol, Miss M. Smith, Charles R. Bowen, Mrs. A. G. Weed, Edward Hartig, all of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Morris, of Plainfield, N. J.; Isaac Taylor, Miss A. Fitch and Miss Lucy Fitch, of Jersey City; Mrs. George B. Hill, Misses Helen and Margaret Hill, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. John T. Wood, of Philadelphia; P. H. Borely, Mrs. N. F. Borely, of Canada; Mr. George Dorr, of Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. E. S. Giles, of Boston; Walter T. Wiley, John Wiley, of Newport News; Mrs. Pettus, Miss Pettus, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Faulke, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John G. Cross, of Lexington, Va.; Mrs. English, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed, of Saratoga, N. Y.; Mrs. Lewis McCarthy, Miss Marion McCarthy and Mr. Louis McCarthy, of Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Darling, Mrs. Hewis, Mrs. C. H. Howins, Mr. A. Howe, Miss Raynor and Mrs. Andrews, of Hampton.

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