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The Committee's Blunder.

The primary plan adopted by the Democratic State Convention provides that "all persons participating in any of said elections shall thereby be considered as binding themselves to vote for the nominee, or nominees, in the ensuing general election." In other words, the convention plan does not pledge the voter to do more than support the nominees of that primary in the next regular election. Yet the City Committee, which is acting under that plan, proposes to bind all voters in the local primary "to support the Democratic party in city, State and national elections."

It is clear to us that the committee has transcended its authority, but whether so or not, it has committed a blunder, and its action should be reconsidered as soon as possible. Democrats of Richmond cannot be driven, and if the broad and far-reaching pledge which the committee proposes be printed on the ballot, many Democrats will either erase it or refrain from voting.

The object of the committee should be to bring out as large a vote as possible, not to discourage and exclude. Correct the blunder before it is too late.

The Dust Nuisance Abroad.

The Hon. John Scott Montague, M. P., has been writing in the London Mail on "The Dust Problem." First of all, he says that the best material for road making is granite (we suppose he refers to crushed granite). That will be of interest to Richmond. Then, coming to speak of dust, he says that the most common and least good mode of laying dust is to sprinkle the road surface with water.

"In nine cases out of ten," he goes on, "this is a process which only increases immediately afterwards the tendency to dust, for mud is only dust in a wet form, and watering creates mud. In addition to this the average watering cart is fitted, as regards the actual watering apparatus, in an unscientific manner, the holes through which the water is allowed to fall on the road being much too large. The action of the water is, therefore, but too often very disintegrating in effect—equal, in fact, to a really heavy thunder shower."

He thinks that various chemical preparations are better. The most widely used of these, he tells us, is Westminster, which has already attained some prominence in England and on the continent, the only objection to it being the smell, which some persons dislike, it having the odor of a disinfectant.

Another similar fluid is called Akonia, which has recently been tried at Harrow and in the north of London, the local surveyor estimating that the cost is only 15 per cent. in excess of ordinary watering, while 30 per cent. is saved in scavenging.

But he thinks that the most permanent solution of the question will lie in the use of tar in some form or other. An Englishman has recently invented a material called Tarmac. This substance consists of slag, which, while hot, has been plunged into tar, the porous nature of the slag absorbing the fluid. A piece of this Tarmac has now been laid for nearly eighteen months on the Bath road at Salthill, near Slough, and is as good as the day it was put down. The cost of this is said to be something like 2s. 6d. per ton more than ordinary granite, the ton being sufficient for twelve superficial yards.

"We have something here," he adds, "which no doubt approaches the ideal material for road making. Slag is common enough, especially in the Midlands and the north of England, and tar is a common product of all gas works. There is no reason, therefore, why Tarmac should not be used on a much larger scale than at present, and it is only fair to say that several local authorities have already recognized its value and are intending to use it on an increased scale. In addition to this, experiments in the use of tar have recently been made by Mr. R. W. Cass, the surveyor of the Farnham Urban District Council. Last summer he carried out some rather extensive operations with the consent of the Surrey County Council on road surfaces in the Farnham district. The process is as follows: The surface, which must be perfectly dry, is thoroughly cleansed, and all dust removed. Boiling tar is then poured over it, the surplus tar being carefully removed, and then dry lime is mixed with clean grit or sand—such as, for instance, may be obtained from flint roads in summer—and is powdered over the tarry surface. After this the lime and grit is swept over the road by a hair broom, and in a few hours the road is ready for traffic."

It will be observed that this article relates to country roads rather than to city streets, but we have gone somewhat into details in order to show how much attention is paid abroad to good roads and to the comfort of those who ride over them. England may make all the experiments she pleases, but it has been demonstrated in Richmond that for all practical purposes a generous sprinkling of the streets with water will put the dust nuisance out of business.

The Russian "People."

In discussing the threatened revolution in Russia, this paper has often reminded its readers that the "Russian public" is a very different proposition from the American public. Conditions in Russia would not be tolerated in the United States, for our people are independent and educated. But the Russian masses are ignorant and have become accustomed to the domination of the Czar. There is no middle class in Russia. The population is divided into the nobles and the peasants. Of course, there are workingmen and there are merchants, but they are confined to the cities, and constitute a small fraction of the whole population.

Mr. Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, brings out these facts admirably in an article, appearing in the New York Tribune of Sunday. At the outset he states that of the one hundred and forty millions now composing the population of Russia, one hundred and twenty-six millions are entirely illiterate, and take no interest in and exert no influence upon public affairs whatever.

That simple statement is enough in itself to tell the story and to show that anything like a sudden and general revolution in Russia is impossible.

"Four days after the war broke out," says Mr. Stone, "I left St. Petersburg for Berlin, and all the way down to Wirballen, on the Russian side of the frontier, was naturally anxious to know of any new developments at Port Arthur. While the whole civilized world outside of Russia was throbbing over the dramatic story of the torpedo attack upon the Russian ships of war and the destruction of the Variag and Korietz at Chemulpo; while this exciting news was known in the homes of every town in the United States, I left the train both at Wilna and at Dvinsk to ask the stationmasters: 'Have you any late news?'

"'News of what?'

"'The war.'

"'What war?'

"They stared at me with polite surprise and stolid ignorance. I did not answer, because, as they were merely Russians, I feared that the facts might not interest them.

"I went back to the train and waited for Wirballen. At the news stand of the station I asked for the French and German papers. They offered me the illustrated papers and comic journals of the week preceding. I explained that I wanted the daily papers, and they promptly offered me a Berlin paper four days old. But it had been to St. Petersburg before it returned to Wirballen on the train preceding mine, and contained no reference to the war.

"All the peoples of the world knew of the war except the Russian peasants. The great current of their common life moved on without disturbance. Men came and went to their ordinary avocations; few knew that there was a war, and all were entirely indifferent respecting it. So they have moved ever since, and it would be entirely safe to say that a vast number of the people of Russia do not know to-day that a war has been in progress. And when one talks of a revolution, which is either a great popular movement or nothing, how is a revolution to occur among a people nine-tenths of whom are plunged in a crass ignorance which is equaled only by their utter indifference?"

True, the peasants may be educated, but if so, it must be in the schools of the Czar, and at best it would take many years of careful training to teach such a people the art of self-government. Russia is not America.

The High School Building.

The Times-Dispatch disclaims any intention of prejudicing the Council or the community against the Bryant plan for the High School building. Our sole purpose in the article which recently appeared was to urge the members of the Council and Board of Aldermen to review the whole subject and give all the plans intelligent scrutiny with a view to securing the best. If the Bryant plan is the best, by all means let it be adopted; if there is a better plan let it be adopted. That is all.

The sober-sided members of the board of education in Philadelphia have a knotty problem on their hands. The great increase in cigarette smoking among the pupils in the public schools has aroused them to action, but just what action to take they do not know. A special committee has been appointed to take steps to put an end to the habit. The committee recognizes that a very difficult task has been assigned it, but the members, at a meeting held last Friday, declared that something must be done, and done quickly.

The use of tobacco in cigarette form had, it was stated, taken a hold on the pupils to such an alarming extent that it must be stopped. This, it was said, would be done by the adoption of stringent rules. It was stated that the enforcement of these rules may eventually lead to the expulsion of quite a number of pupils. Of the 82,000 boys in the public schools, it was estimated that 20,000 use cigarettes. It was also said that of the 3,000 students at the University of Pennsylvania, more than two-thirds are cigarette smokers.

The fact that lightning struck Cool Spring Baptist Church in Hanover while the preacher was urging his congregation to take Christ as their rudder in time of storm reminds us of a story which Mark Twain tells. During the progress of a religious meeting in the West, the building was severely shaken by an earthquake and the congregation was in panic. "Sit still!" commanded the preacher, "there is no better place to die than in the church of the Lord." Just as the service was concluded there was another stroke and several bushels of plastering fell at the preacher's feet. He made a bolt for the window, adding as he jumped, "but outside is good enough."

Mr. William J. Bryan preached a sermon at the Normal Methodist Church in Lincoln, Neb., last Sunday morning. He took the Sermon on the Mount as his theme, his text being: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." He declared his belief that religion consisted more in kindness to and consideration for fellow-men, more in charity for others and in personal purity than in dogma, ceremony or creed.

That is sound doctrine and should be preached every Sunday from every pulpit in the land. Mr. Bryan is a fine preacher, and we have long had the impression that sooner or later he would enter the regular ministry.

The Atlanta Constitution states a proposition, and asks a pointed question as follows: "The business men of the South in every avocation are voicing the crying need of foreign immigration and labor. Why do not the law-makers of the South hasten to respond to this obvious and rational demand?"

The New York "Sun" is of the opinion that "popular government has disappeared." Not in old Virginia, where we are practically electing our United States Senator by the direct vote of the people.

Might be a good plan to try it in several other States.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

A Russian orderly has just murdered his vice admiral because the latter had ordered him to the front. This kind of thing does not seem to us consistent with the soundest military discipline, and we don't care who hears us say so.

Having thoroughly recuperated himself by a quiet month among bears, lions, tigers, rhinos, etc., the President must now handle the really dangerous animals of civilized life. In short, he may soon have to face Mr. Cipriano Castro.

In case senility overtakes Togo and Rojestvensky before the decisive fight takes place, it is expected that each will be pensioned by his home government because of his snappy work in keeping clear of the other.

If it is not warm enough for you just exercise yourself abusing the ice trust. This is the proper season for it, as the cold and dreary winter is the time to "cuss out" the coal trust.

Those who honestly sympathized with Nan Patterson in her troubles will feel like kicking themselves when they learn, as they will soon, that she is going to write a large book.

Secretary Morton is to leave the Cabinet next fall. The President will miss Hon. Paul's first-hand knowledge of the inner working of special rates and secret rebating.

France affirms that it would have done just as much for her old friend Japan any day in the week, and thereupon proceeds to put Indo-China in a condition for war.

An Arkansas legislator, who, by the way, is also a country editor, has been sent to jail for selling his vote too low. He got only a hundred dollars for it.

The only survivor of the war of 1812 has just passed away. It is estimated that less than one hundred only survivors of this war are now left.

The Republicans are going to bring out a labor candidate to beat Mayor McClellan. He will have to labor like forty to do it.

At one time or another it appears that everybody in the far East has sighted the Russian fleet, except Togo.

The cyclones seem to be attending to the saloons that Carrie Nation left standing.

The French-Indo-China waters seem to be beneficial to Rojestvensky's many ailments.

The date for the Bowen-Loomis mill has not yet been made public.

The Vets at Lee's Funeral.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—The Baltimore Sun, May 5th, in giving its account of General Fitzhugh Lee's funeral, says:

"Then came the veterans from the Confederate Soldiers' Home, headed by Colonel Charles Euker. Too feeble to walk in the funeral cortege of their beloved comrade, these men had insisted on accompanying the procession, and FOUR OLD WAGONS were pressed into service (caps mine) to carry them to the cemetery."

"Old wagons pressed into service." What does that mean? If Confederate veterans were not the people to be at such a funeral, pray who? Confederate veterans! Soldiers from the Soldiers' Home! at the funeral of a Confederate general—a Virginian—and yet no way prepared for the old soldiers to go that three miles! Where was the "Confederate chaplain," that his brain and heart had not thought of them? Where was that "chief of staff," whose eloquent words have touched many hearts and even loosened Yankee grip on flag and sword, when talking of the dead hero? Where were the "Confederate Daughters?" Too busy building monuments over dead soldiers to have one thought for the unfortunate living. How could the "City Council" sit still in their "carriages?"

"Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

"A VIRGINIAN."

(Our correspondent is unnecessarily moved. Good four-horse omnibuses were provided for the veterans of the Soldiers' Home, and they rode in comfort to Hollywood and back. There was no neglect.—Ed. T.-D.)

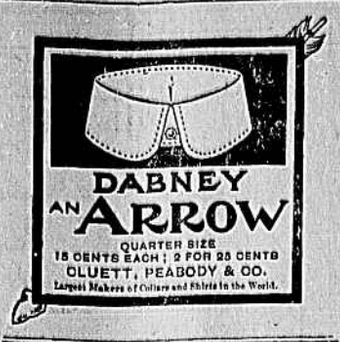
What Mrs. Dodge Said.

Mrs. Arthur Dodge, the woman who told the gathering of women at Richmond, Va., that six babies are enough for any one mother, is a Connecticut girl, a daughter of ex-Postmaster-General Jewell, a person known to her old home circle at Hartford as of exceptional good character and good sense. What Mrs. Dodge says counts.—Waterbury American.

King's Simple Life.

The habits of no other monarch are more simple than those of the King of the Belgians. His Majesty rises at 6 o'clock, and works for a couple of hours before breakfast, a meal which consists of coarse, dry bread, tea and an apple. The morning is spent in the transaction of State business. Luncheon is of homely fare. The king usually drinks filtered water, rarely wine. He takes outdoor exercise in the afternoon. Dinner is a plain meal, for the king is fond of simple joints.

If the blood is impure you can rest assured that something is wrong with the stomach and liver. For correcting these organs the Bitters is especially adapted. Try a bottle and see for yourself. It cures Torpid Liver, Inactive Kidneys, Indigestion, Costiveness and Dyspepsia.



LUNA JOYNER CASE NEEDS ANOTHER WITNESS

Commonwealth's Attorney Asked That the Examination Go Over.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DINWIDDIE, VA., May 15.—The cases of the Commonwealth against Benjamin Sheffield, white, and Robert H. Jones, colored, for the abduction of the little girl, Luna Joyner, were called to-day in the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie. Judge B. J. Epes, Commonwealth's Attorney, stated to the court that he would ask that no grand jury be summoned for the term, as he was informed by Detective Spriggs that an important witness was out of the State, and without this witness, Judge Epes stated that he did not think a grand jury would return an indictment. Mr. Richard H. Mann, of Petersburg, Va., counsel for the accused, stated that his clients were ready and willing to be tried in case indictments were found against them; that he had his doubts as to whether there was any witness out of the State or that any other witness could be found.

Mr. Mann requested that the court swear Detective Spriggs and let him be examined as to whether he had any other witness or not. The court, however, stated he would continue the case until the next term of the court, as no grand jury had been summoned, and the Commonwealth's Attorney did not desire to indict the defendants at this term. They renewed their bail for their appearance at the next term of the court.

The case of the Commonwealth against William Grandison, who is charged with the murder of Emmett Minitree will come up for trial to-morrow. Mr. Richard H. Mann and Judge John Y. Harris represent the prisoner, and the interests of the Commonwealth will be looked after by Judge Epes, Commonwealth's Attorney.

It is thought that this trial will consume the attention of the court for several days.

MR. KEMP'S FUNERAL.

Body Laid to Rest at the Churchyard in Gloucester.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLOUCESTER, VA., May 15.—The funeral service of the late Mr. Harry Greenway Kemp, who died in Richmond Saturday afternoon, took place in Ware Church at 1:30 P. M.

The pall-bearers were: Dr. Robert Bryan, Messrs. Jonathan Bryan, Franklin P. Dabney, John T. Perrin, H. E. Taliaferro and George B. Taliaferro. The interment was in the church yard by his parents. The flowers was beautiful and abundant.

Mr. Kemp was a native of Gloucester, and for many years lived in Washington. He was held in high esteem by his elder associates in Gloucester.

Children to Sing Again.

The work of the Children's Chorus given at May festival was such a marked success, that many requests have been made for a repetition of same. This will be given Monday night, May 22d, under the auspices of the Ladies Guild of the Church of the Covenant, Mr. Walter Mercer, director, with a chorus of 300, a large orchestra from Baltimore and Washington, assisted by some of the best local talent. This entertainment will be given for the building fund of the Church of the Covenant.

Promises to be Delightful.

The entertainment to be given at the Northside Hall, Chestnut Hill, Friday night, May 19th, for the benefit of Northside Orchestra, promises to be a very enjoyable affair. Misses K. Belle Powell and Irene Robinson, of Richmond, and Miss Brent, of West Virginia, are soloists mentioned on an attractive programme. After the entertainment the hall will be cleared for dancing.

BODY OF SCHOOL BOY FOUND IN THE RIVER

Little Erwin Davis Taken to Nashville for Interment. Loving Tributes.

The body of Erwin Davis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Davis, of this city, who was accidentally drowned Thursday afternoon last, at Drewry's Bluff, while enjoying a day's outing with a number of his schoolmates, was recovered by Mr. Friend about 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mr. Friend lives seven miles below Drewry's Bluff. He took the body at once to his home, communicated with Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and showed the greatest kindness and sympathy to the bereaved parents. Mr. Davis, Mr. Samuel P. Waddill, Mr. E. B. Sydnor and Mr. Maurice Hunter went down to Mr. Friend's home and brought the body to Richmond, arriving about 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

Yesterday at 12:30 P. M. simple, but beautiful and touching funeral services were held at the Mount Vernon, No. 215 East Franklin Street, where Erwin had had his home for two years, and where he was much beloved.

The casket was almost hidden from sight by the flowers that were heaped upon it, sent by sorrowing friends, by the school officials, by Mr. Davis's business associates, by Erwin's class in Madison School, and by a number of little boys, who were his especial friends. The universal sympathy shown by an entire community brought comfort to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and was greatly appreciated by both, even in the midst of their great grief.

The Rev. J. J. Haley, of Seventh Street Christian Church, who conducted the services, read some appropriate Scripture selections and closed with a fervent and tender prayer. Mrs. Clarence Cadot sang with exquisite feeling, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," Captain Cunningham followed Mr. Haley's reading with "Some Time, We'll Understand," and then, as the casket was borne to the hearse, Mrs. Cadot, Captain Cunningham, Miss Bessie Hunter and Mr. J. W. Gooch united in singing, "Peace, Perfect Peace."

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Dudley Whitehead, Maurice Hunter, John Waddill, Malcolm Owen, G. R. Brannon, Harding Bache and Eugene Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Y. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Woodall, of Charlotte, N. C., left with the body at 2 P. M. yesterday, over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, for Nashville, Tenn., where Erwin will be laid to rest in the family burying ground.

FAMOUS SINGER DEAD IN CHICAGO

Jessie Bartlett Davis, Star of "The Bostonians," Succumbs to Bright's Disease.

VERY POPULAR ON STAGE

Received High Praise From Patti After Singing in Faust.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, ILL., May 15.—Mrs. Jessie Bartlett Davis, the noted contralto, died at 6 o'clock yesterday morning in her home on Grand Boulevard, of Bright's disease.

She had long been a sufferer from the malady, but the case was not considered critical until recently. An alarming change was observed last Thursday, when Mrs. Davis began to sink. She became unconscious at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, and the end came peacefully two hours later. Her husband, her son, Will Davis, Jr., twenty years old, and her sister, Josephine Bartlett, were present at the last.

Jessie Bartlett Davis maintained her popularity to the end. It was said of her that she had a more complete repertoire than any comic opera singer in two decades, and her appearance in a production was the best guarantee of its success.

Mrs. Davis was known as the leading contralto on the American stage, and her histrionic ability was in keeping with her vocal excellence. She had a voice compassing three octaves, and it was equally serviceable and effective in each register. She acted with spirit and vivacity, and possessed an attractive stage presence.

Jessie Bartlett was born on her father's farm near Morris, Grundy county, Ill., in 1880. She gave early evidence of a fine voice. She first studied in Chicago, where she paid her board by singing in a church choir. During the "Pinafore" craze Manager Havenly persuaded her to become a member of his Chicago Church Choir Company, and she assumed the role of Little Buttercup. This was the beginning of her career as an opera singer, and her success was immediate.

Her first appearance in grand opera was under the management of Colonel Mapleson, who had engaged Mme. Scalchi for his contralto roles. Mme. Scalchi declined to appear in the operas in which Mapleson wished to open. Jessie Bartlett Davis was assigned the role of Siebel in "Faust" on two days' notice. Mme. Patti was Marguerite.

"She was full of sympathy for me," Mrs. Davis said later of Patti. "When I had finished the second solo and walked off the scene with Mme. Patti, she took me in her arms and gave me an assuring hug and said: 'Where did you get those lovely low notes?'"

Jessie Bartlett was married to William J. Davis, a theatrical manager, in Chicago in 1880. She was, perhaps, most widely known during her fifteen years' engagement with the famous Bostonians. While playing in "Prince Annanias," in this city in 1894, she received a sarcastic note from Lillian Russell hinting that Mrs. Davis had copied her gowns. Mrs. Davis retorted with a sharp note, and it was some time before the two prima donnas "kissed and made up."

Mrs. Davis was last seen in New York a year ago in the revival of "Ermine." She entered vaudeville in 1900, receiving a salary of $1,000 a week. Her Chicago home was at No. 4740 Grand Boulevard. She took much pride in her chicken farm near this city.

COLONEL PAGE DEAD.

Mysteriously Ill After Attending Club Feast.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, May 15.—Colonel James Perley Page, vice-president and general manager of the New Home Sewing Machine Company, died suddenly and in circumstances somewhat mysterious, at his home in the Mansfield apartments, No. 12 West Forty-fourth Street, Saturday night. He was sixty-eight years old.

Colonel Page and a party of friends dined last Wednesday night at the Republican Club. During the evening several of those who sat at the tables with him became ill with nausea, but recovered during the evening, all returning to their homes and feeling no serious effects the next day.

The slight illness of the men was attributed to something in the food, but nothing more was thought of it until Thursday, when Colonel Page was again attacked with the symptoms of the night previous, only in more violent form. A physician was summoned and the nausea was soon relieved. Immediately afterward, however, Colonel Page showed symptoms of pneumonia and that disease quickly developed.

On Friday a consultation of physicians was called. They were unable to give their patient relief, but his condition was at no time regarded as critical. A singular feature of his case was that he, least of all, regarded his illness as at all serious. Only a few minutes before his death he was laughing and joking with his friends and talking of plans for the future. Suddenly a change appeared and he died within a few minutes.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. P. P. Winston.

After a brief illness Mrs. P. P. Winston died at her home, No. 401 North Eleventh Street, on yesterday afternoon, in the seventy-fourth year of her age. She is survived by her husband and five children. The funeral services will take place from the residence this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Winston had been married fifty-four years on Sunday.

Her surviving children are Louis P., Edward H., W. McD., Miss Lizzie and John G. Winston. Her husband is the very faithful clerk of the Law and Equity Court.

Edward T. Lee.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HAMPTON, VA., May 15.—Mr. Edward T. Lee, who died on the 11th instant, was buried two days later in the family burying ground at "Lee Hall," Warwick county, Va. He was an ex-Confederate soldier, a member of the lumber shipping firm of Lee and Clemmens and a farmer. He was a son of Richard Decatur and Martha Lee. His father was a nephew of Baker P. Lee, of "Briarfield," who was the father of the late Judge Baker P. Lee.

Mr. Lee was in the fifty-eighth year of his age. He left the school of Mr. Crenshaw, in Amelia county, at the age of sixteen and joined the army—the Junior Reserves, under Major Howard—and was made first lieutenant at the battle of Fort Harrison. He was taken prisoner at the evacuation of Richmond, paroled in 1865, and came home to live the rest of his life and die at "Lee Hall," a splendid old estate, embracing originally 3,382 acres, which has descended from father to son in his family from the colonial period.

He was modest, retiring, gentle as a woman. The ignus-fatus of fame had no allurements for him. He was slow to make promises—slower far to break them. He kept his own counsel, wounded the feelings of no one, forgave faults in others and was strong enough to see his own, small as they were. He will be missed by many in his own county, who may need a friend, in sympathy, counsel or financial aid. The good man who was is no more, but the soul of another Christian gentleman knows the peace of that home beyond the sun.

John W. Joyner.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST, VA., May 15.—Mr. John W. Joyner, of this county, died at his home, near Poplar House, Saturday night, and was buried in the family burying ground on his place this morning.

Mr. Joyner was taken ill about two weeks ago and since that time there had been no hope of his recovery. For over ten days before his death he took no nourishment.

Mr. Joyner fought in the Confederate army throughout the war, belonging to Company H, of the Nineteenth Virginia Infantry. He was one of the veterans upon whom the Dr. John Thompson Chapter, of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, bestowed crosses of honor on the 10th of last August.

Mr. Joyner's widow and several children and his brother, Mr. H. C. Joyner, treasurer of Amherst county, survive him. Mr. Joyner was a devout member of Poplar Methodist Church. For many years prior to his death he was the honored superintendent of the Sunday-school at this place. The burial services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. B. Blankenship.

Griffin F. Edwards.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 15.—Griffin Fauntleroy Edwards, of Portsmouth, died last night after a short sickness. He was 62 years of age. His last request was to be buried in his Confederate uniform. He served in the Sixty-first Virginia Regiment as sergeant-major and participated in many battles. He had practiced law ever since the war. He leaves a wife and one son, J. Griff Edwards.

Mrs. Nora Watts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CREWE, VA., May 15.—Mrs. Nora Watts, wife of Mr. Felix Watts, died at her home here Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, after a brief illness. She leaves, besides her husband, a father, several sisters and a baby boy, nine days old. She was in her twenty-eighth year, a consistent member of the Christian Church. The funeral was conducted from the church Monday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. S. A. Morton, and her remains laid to rest in the Crewe Cemetery.

Mrs. D. O'Rourke.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., May 15.—Mrs. Daniel O'Rourke, of Augusta county, died here yesterday evening, aged about seventy years, of apoplexy. She came to Staunton Sunday morning and attended the Catholic Church, and immediately after mass she went to the residence of Mrs. Annie McMahon, where she has two daughters, and was stricken with apoplexy, and became unconscious, dying in five hours. Her husband died last May.

S. Munson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BURKEVILLE, VA., May 15.—Mr. S. Munson, of Chicago, Ill., who has been living here for two years, died last night at 10 o'clock. Mr. Munson had been giving away for the past six or eight weeks. He was eighty-eight years old.

His son, Dr. George Munson, of New York, will arrive on the night train and accompany the remains to Albany, N. Y., where the interment will take place.

John S. Mays.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, TENN., May 15.—John S. Mays, who was for many years a passenger engineer on the Norfolk and Western Railway, was found dead in bed at the home of his son-in-law here to-day. He had not been strong for some time, but was in his usual health when he retired. Mr. Mays was forty-eight years of age. His wife and several children survived. He formerly resided in Roanoke, but his remains will be shipped to Crocketts, Wythe county, the new home of the family, for interment.

Mrs. Lucy Stakes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 15.—Mrs. Lucy Stakes, widow of the late Edward Stakes, died at her home at Lancaster Courthouse a few days ago, aged sixty-eight years. She is survived by two sons.

Deaths in Fluvanna.

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FORK UNION, VA., May 15.—Mr. Ellis Putney, until recently of Buckingham, died here last Saturday morning. He was about seventy-five years old and leaves a wife and four children. The interment was at his old home in Buckingham.

At an early hour this morning Mrs. Pattie Hughes, relict of the late R. B. Hughes, died at her residence, near this place. She leaves two daughters and a number of step-sons and step-daughters. The funeral will be conducted from the Fork Church by her pastor, Dr. G. H. Spead, and the interment will be made in the cemetery on the "Gold Mine" farm, once the property of her family.

DEATHS.

SHELTON.—Died, May 15th, 12:45 P. M., EDWIN SHELTON, at his late residence, Pole Green, Hanover county, Va., son of the late Dr. Edwin T. and Mary E. Shelton.

Funeral at residence, MAY 17th, 10 A. M. Interment in River View.

WINSTON.—Died, Monday, May 15th, at No. 401 North Eleventh Street, MARIA LOUISA WINSTON, wife of P. P. Winston, in the seventy-fourth year of her age.

Funeral services from the residence, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, May 16th, at five o'clock.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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1277—John XXI., Pope of Rome, killed by the fall of a building. He was a Portuguese and wrote on philosophy, medicine, etc.

1568—Mary, Queen of Scots, crossed the frith of Solway, the "irremeable stream," and landed in England.

1801—Battle of Heliopolis; the French under Belliard defeated by the Turks under the grand vizier.

1804—William Pitt was again appointed premier of England, on conditions dictated by the king, that he should not support proposals for Catholic emancipation or the repeal of the test act.

1806—Blockade of the Elbe and of Brest, a coast of 1,000 miles, with no place invested by land, and before many of the ports no blockading ships.

1811—Battle of Albuera, Spain; the allies defeated by the French under Soult; about 20,000 men fell in this battle.

1813—Battle of Mignano, Italy, and defeat of the French.

1829—The battle of Pravadia took place between the Russians and Turks, in which 3,000 lives were lost and no important advantage gained by either party.

1843—A disruption of the Church of Scotland took place in consequence of a difference of opinion on the subject of patronage.

1849—The city of Bologna capitulated to the Austrians after a conflict of eight days.

1854—Santa Anna made a triumphal entry into Mexico, saying he had conquered Alvarez.

1874—A reservoir used for the storage of water for the use of mills and factories in the town of Williamsburg, Mass., burst. The water swept down with great fury through the towns of Williamsburg, Skinnerville, Haydensville, Leeds, Florence and Northampton, carrying away and injuring property of every kind; 138 persons were drowned, a very large amount of property estimated at $1,500,000 was lost and three or four thousand people rendered homeless.

1879—New York Assembly passed bill reducing legal interest from 7 to 6 per cent. after January 1, 1880.

1881—General Ignatieff succeeds Loris Melikoff as minister of the Russian Interior.

1881—Conkling resigns.

1898—A new military department of the Pacific created, including the Philippines and General Merritt was assigned to the command. Camp Thomas, at Chickamauga was occupied by volunteer troops.

Mrs. M. E. Gordon.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 15.—Mrs. Margaret E. Gordon, widow of the late A. J. Gordon, died Saturday at her home at Locust Dale, in Orange county, after an illness of several months.

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