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No. 732.

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The portrait, autograph and biographical sketch of Shakespeare have already appeared in this series.

FULL many a glorious morning have I seen Flatter the mountain-tops with sovereign eye, Kissing with golden face the meadows green, Gilding pale streams with heavenly alchemy...

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

will occupy their home, No. 1111 Park Avenue to-day and in future, will welcome their friends at the above number.

The house has been enlarged and renovated for the occupancy of Governor and Mrs. Montague, and is ready for the homecoming of its owners. It is conveniently near Richmond College, where Governor Montague's duties will call him for a part of each day.

Mothers' Club Entertains.

The Mothers' Club gave a supper Tuesday evening from 9 to 12 o'clock at No. 56-1-2 Floyd Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Stern chaperoned the party. Those present were Misses Jennie Galoski Pulver, of Peoria, Ill., Carrie Kaufmann, Florence Levy, Carrie Stern, Charles Gunst, Helen Block, Adele Stern, Gertrude Liebenstein, and Messrs. Henry C. Straus, Lewis Kaufmann, Allyn C. Straus, Edwin Levy, Phillip Straus, Simon Weinstein, Ernest Straus, Sydney Oberdorfer, Joseph Galoski.

Miss Watkins' Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins will give a reception to their daughter, Miss Katherine Watkins, Friday evening, February second, from 9 to 11 o'clock.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

C. M. L. S. Meeting. The Confederate Memorial Literary Society met yesterday morning with a full attendance. Mrs. C. W. P. Brock presided, and the following ladies were present: Mrs. Archer Anderson, Mrs. W. G. Miller, Mrs. J. B. Breen Hill, Mrs. R. E. Gaines, Mrs. A. W. Archer, Mrs. Thomas S. Boeck, Mrs. L. M. Hart, Miss Julia A. Grant, Mrs. D. A. Brown, Mrs. E. C. Shelton, Mrs. R. N. Northrup, Mrs. A. M. Grayson, Miss Betsey Ellyson, Mrs. Lizzie Cary Daniel, Miss M. A. Baughman, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, Mrs. Theodore Ellyson, Mrs. J. H. Drake, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, Mrs. B. A. Blenner, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Mrs. Tipton Jennings, of Lynchburg; Mrs. John Landreth, Mrs. George A. Lyndon, Mrs. E. E. Bolling, Mrs. W. S. Murray, Mrs. T. A. Curry, Mrs. R. A. Patterson, Mrs. Ida Lynch, Mrs. W. N. Hamlet, Mrs. Henry R. Miller, Mrs. W. S. Gooch, Mrs. George W. McDaniel, Mrs. Fannie Boykin.

Letters of sympathy were ordered sent as follows: To the family of General Joseph Wheeler, to Mrs. E. E. Park, regent of the Georgia room; to Mrs. James D. Crump, to Mrs. Stephen Putney, to Mrs. Joseph Bryan and to Miss Mattie Harris.

The corresponding secretary was also instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Frank E. Woodson, editor of the Confederate column of The Times-Dispatch, for his beautiful report of the Confederate Museum in the issue of December 17th.

Three of the annual members were transferred to the life membership list as follows: Mrs. Bert Les Taylor, of Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. A. J. Marcuse and Mrs. Ellen Donnell Blair.

The treasurer reported a memorial from Mr. E. P. Dismukes, of Columbus, Ga., to his wife.

Mrs. James Drake reported that a memorial to Dr. J. L. M. Curry had been presented to the society by Mrs. J. K. Connally and the executors of Mrs. Curry's estate. The memorial consists of a portrait of Dr. Curry and many valuable papers and manuscripts. A case is also to be given and as soon as this can be made, the new articles will be put in position.

The society appointed a committee to co-operate with a similar committee from the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities for the purpose of entering a protest against the destruction of the "old Bell Tower" and the iron fence of the Capitol Square.

Photographs will be taken of the Davils and Lee memorial windows in St. Paul's Church, and will be put on sale at the Museum.

Mrs. Randolph deposited with the society a complete collection of photographs and data concerning the Confederate monuments in the State, erected by the

Umoro. Miss Carter Penn Lewis is now visiting Miss Beverly, in Winchester.

Miss Grace Biddood is the guest of Miss Rosalie Langhorn.

Miss Mary Sizer Fuller, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. L. Landrum, in Lynchburg, is now visiting in Washington.

Mrs. Edmund Barlow has returned to her home in Portsmouth, after a visit to friends here.

Miss Lucile Cary has returned to Richmond after a visit to friends in Brambleton.

Mr. Monroe B. Southard has returned to Danville, after a successful business trip to Richmond and Washington.

Mrs. I. M. Hessberg is the guest of Mrs. Harry B. Hirsch, in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Countreman have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Humphries, at Gatewood, Va. Mr. Countreman has already returned, and Mrs. Countreman will return Thursday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Kathie B. Humphries, who will spend the month of February here.

Judge S. H. Letcher, of Lexington, is in the city.

Mrs. G. Hughes is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Harwood, in Lynchburg.

Messrs. William Allen and John W. Humphries, of Gatewood, Va., are in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sveta have left for an extended trip to Baltimore and Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bonner, of Edgewater Park, near Philadelphia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham Hall, of No. 217 Shafer Street.

FEBRUARY'S RECORD.

Month's Behavior for Past Eight Years Laid Bare.

The following data, covering a period of eight years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records here. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

Temperature.—Mean or normal temperature, 38 degrees; the warmest month was that of 1903, with an average of 43 degrees; the coldest month was that of 1905, with an average of 31 degrees; the highest temperature was 72 degrees on February 25, 1903; the lowest temperature was 3 degrees on February 10, 1905; the earliest date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, October 23rd; average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, November 8th; average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 2d; the latest date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 20th.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow).—Average for the month, 3.88 inches; average number of days, with .01 of an inch or more, 19; the greatest monthly precipitation was 5.02 inches in 1903; the least monthly precipitation was 1.05 inches in 1905; the greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 2.37 inches on February 16, 1903; the greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1844-'85) only was 2.5 inches on February 12, 1890.

Clouds and Weather.—Average number of clear days, 11; partly cloudy days, 7; cloudy days, 19. Wind.—The prevailing winds have been from the north; the average hourly velocity of the wind is 6.4; the highest velocity of the wind was 38 miles, from the southwest.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

The proceedings in the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday were as follows:

Norfolk, Portsmouth and N. N. Company vs. City of Norfolk, fully argued by Richard B. McIlwaine, Jr., for the defendant in error, and T. J. Wool, for the plaintiff, in error and submitted.

Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. Scruggs. Argued by F. S. Kirkpatrick for the plaintiff in error, and Casper for the defendant, and submitted.

The next ten cases to be called when the court reconvenes on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, to which time the court adjourned, are: Wasserman vs. Jettzer, American Locomotive Company vs. Hoffman, the Suburban Company vs. Turner's administrator, Neal and Binford vs. Taylor, receiver, Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry-dock Company vs. Jones, Plunkett vs. Improved Order of Pentecosts, Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company vs. Hogue, American Bank of Orange, Trustees vs. McComb, Beatty vs. Beatty, and Poplin's administratrix vs. Southern Railway Company, being Nos. 60 and 65 to 67 and 69 to 74, inclusive. Court will sit Saturday.

Pleasant Surprise Party.

Miss Irene Merredith was given a very pleasant surprise party last night by a number of her friends in her home, No. 121 West Main Street. The evening was spent in playing games, after which refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Annie Burns, Maggie O'Neal, Mamie Duggan, Helen McDonough, Margaret Hughes, Irene Merredith, Sadie Banon, Helen Staude, Misses Mamie and Carrie Staude, Ellie Merredith, Lula Cairns, Mrs. J. A. Bammon, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Messers, Lewis Whitman, John Burns, Denny O'Neal, Irvin Wright, Horace Duggan, Frank Nelson, Cabell Merredith and Joe Merredith.

A Bunnie Was the Target.

Clarence Scott, a small negro, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Mr. Eugene Walton, keeper of Monroe Park, and charged with attempting to shoot with a gravel-shooter, a squirrel that was playing in the park. The policeman did not see the offender and was in the act of sending a gravel at the squirrel when he was pounced upon.

"Brod," Blue Ribboner, Lost. "Brod," the blue ribbon winner at many trials of fox hounds, is lost. Mr. Edwin Overby, of Boydton, left the hound at Mr. Moody's kennels at Bon Air preparatory to fox hunting in Powhatan county. The dog broke out and has not been recovered. On the dog's collar is the name of his owner.

Finance Committee Meets Again. The Council Committee on Finance will hold another meeting to-morrow night to continue work on the budget. The "wants" of schools and the Police and Light Departments will receive consideration at this meeting.

Miss Parker Not to Lecture. Miss Alice Parker, Supervisor of Public Kindergartens and Director of Richmond Training School, will not lecture before the mothers' meeting to-day, as she has been called out of town on business.

Needs Praying For. Mrs. Parkham (of Chicago)—I see that when their religious Turks pray they always turn their faces towards the East. Mr. Parkham—Gosh! They must read the New York papers!—Puck.

HELP EMPLOYERS AND THEMSELVES

"Suggestion System" to Be Explained in Y. M. C. A. Hall To-night.

A very valuable, interesting and instructive lecture will be delivered to-night in the Y. M. C. A. hall by Mr. W. G. Talcott, of Dayton, Ohio. The address, which is to be given under the auspices of the Joint Committee on Progress and Civic Improvement League, is for the purpose of demonstrating the almost inestimable value of hardy knowledge on the part of employes and how to get the benefit of their brains and the output of their hands to the best advantage. This is called the "Suggestion System," one that has been in operation with the greatest success in the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio, since 1891. The lecture will show how the company at Dayton has become what has been called a 5,000 brain power organization.

Arrangements have been made at this model factory by which any suggestions from any of the employes are brought easily and quickly to the attention of the authorities. The employes have taken hold of the idea with the greatest enthusiasm, and each year thousands of suggestions are received and used. These usually succeed in simplifying the machinery in use, doing away with needless labor, and so cutting down expenses. A bureau of complaint and suggestion has been established, entailing a large expenditure of money, but which, in the end, results in great saving to the company.

Suggestions which may occur to an employe are written out on a piece of paper and dropped into a suggestion box. At the end of the quarter these suggestions are taken out and examined, and the best and most useful are put into use. Prizes are awarded to the authors of the best suggestions, thus giving another incentive.

This system has resulted not in merely pecuniary value to the company; it has served a better cause by inciting employes to better and more faithful work and to give a more assiduous attention to its improvement. Besides this, the system has established a wonderful school of mind training and an encouragement for thought and action. The success of the system has been demonstrated beyond a doubt, and its promoters wish to establish it everywhere else.

BRAXTON GOES FREE.

Claimed That He Carved Elijah Anderson in Self-Defense.

Albert Braxton, in Police Court yesterday morning, proved to the satisfaction of Justice Crutchfield that he acted only in self-defense when he carved Elijah Anderson, another negro. And Anderson was held for the grand jury for slaying Braxton.

The cutting affair occurred more than a week ago. The men were rivals for the hand of a Jemsel of the ward, and Braxton seemed to have a little the best of the game. Anderson waited for him in an alley, and pouncing down upon Braxton used his razor with good effect. Braxton was quick to draw his weapon, and he did a few things to Anderson.

The "woman in the case" told her little story about the affair and Braxton went free.

Henry Jennings, a young white man, for stealing an overcoat from his father, Theodore Jennings, went to jail for four months. Detective McMahon apprehended the young man while he was witnessing the play at the Bijou. The evidence was conclusive and the father did not ask for mercy for his son, nor did the son crave any mercy from the father or the court. He took his sentence stoically.

A. Capriani, charged with selling liquor without a license, was held until the 6th to answer the charge. Mr. Gilbert K. Pollock represents the man.

Announcement! We beg to announce to our friends and the public that our store will be closed after Saturday, February 3d, for two weeks, during which time our new and handsome fixtures and soda fountain will be installed, together with the Ladies' Lunch Cafe on the second floor, at a cost of \$15,000. We take this opportunity to thank our friends for past favors and assure them it is our intention to maintain always the highest standard which has made our products famous throughout the United States.

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