

FORTUNE CAME IN UNEXPECTED WAY

Hoge, Trying to Disinherit His Daughter, Left Her Many Millions.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., March 21.—The big coal mine deal in which the Browning mines at Pocahontas, Va., were last week leased to a Baltimore man, recalls the romantic story of how Colonel James S. Browning came to be possessed of that valuable property, which has already netted him and his wife a clear million dollars, to say nothing of the royalty which they are still to receive on every ton of coal mined and on every ton of coke manufactured from those mines.

Colonel Browning is a native of Washington county, Va., and was reared at Meadowview. He is a son of Jesse Browning, still living at the old homestead. "Jim" Browning, as he was known in his young manhood, married Miss Ollie Hoge, a daughter of a wealthy farmer, who owned hundreds of acres of rich land in Frederick county, and in the fertile section known as Burke's Garden. The venerable father objected to his daughter marrying "Jim" Browning for some cause, but she disregarded his wish and married Mr. Browning, and soon of the pretensions of her father. The irate father was not in a forgiving mood, and so when it came to making his will he took matters into his own hands and manifested his disapproval of his daughter's marriage by excluding her from the will, which was drawn by a well-known lawyer of Tazewell.

It was a sore disappointment to Mrs. Browning, but she bore it without a murmur. A few years after this will had been written it was discovered that a cheap, unsightly piece of mountain land had been overlooked and not disposed of in the will. By the advice of an attorney and friends, and feeling that it might not be well to entirely ignore his slighted daughter, an old age crept upon him and his head was growing white, the old gentleman bequeathed her this apparently worthless holding up among the crags and tops of an inaccessible mountain. Later the aged father of Mrs. Browning died, no doubt feeling that he had done the ungenerous part by his daughter, who had been omitted from the original will upon protest. Since that time this land has proved to be a treasure of unsurpassed value, bearing, as it does, one of the most productive coal veins of the entire Pocahontas region. And now Mrs. Browning is to have nothing at all of the price of her marriage with "Jim" Browning, is worth many more times all that is represented in the possessions of all other members of the family.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Lynchburg's Y. M. C. A. Now Has More Than 1,400 Members. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 21.—The membership campaign just closed for the Young Men's Christian Association resulted in 411 new members and more than 600 renewals. The membership for this association year will be over 1,400, a net gain of 200. The association is the largest in the South.

MEETINGS CLOSE.

Great Interest at Lynchburg—Evangelists Go to Charlottesville. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 21.—The Brown-Curry meetings, which attracted great interest at Cedar Street Baptist Church for a month, closed to-night, after four great meetings to-day. The conversions have been in the hundreds. The evangelists go to Charlottesville from here.

ON WATER WAGON.

Lynchburg's Police Court Has Little to Do Under Leon A. Hays. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 21.—The past two weeks, the first two under local option, were very quiet ones for the local police department, and the dockets in the Police Court have dwindled until the work is as small as is generally the case in midsummer.

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"PHILL DAY"

Anti-Saloon Forces Hold Services in Churches in Bristol. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., March 21.—To-day was observed as "field day" in Bristol by the Anti-Saloon League, under the direction of W. P. Hamilton, superintendent of the league in Tennessee, as a result of which every saloon in the State has established State-wide prohibition and J. D. McAllister, field secretary of the Virginia league.

Will Work for Endorsement.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 21.—Professor G. O. Davis, secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Christian College, has resigned and is now at the residence. He will spend his time in future in working for an endorsement of \$500,000 for the college. This will be started at once, and Professor Davis is already endeavoring to enlist men of means in the endorsement. The effort will be made primarily through the agencies of the Disciples of Christ and by personal work. The college is just completing a dormitory and college building at a cost of \$50,000. These will be dedicated in May.

Will Erect Building.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 21.—John F. Pettigrew will erect a three-story store on Main Street, on the site of one of the oldest structures between Ninth and Tenth Streets. The building will be modern, and several firms are endeavoring to lease it.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

Is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. Angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass is such that she looks forward with dread to the hour when she shall feel the thrill of motherhood. Every woman should know that the danger and pain of child-birth can be avoided by the use of Mother's Friend, which renders pliable all the parts, assisting nature in its work. By its aid thousands of women have passed this crisis in safety. \$1.00 per bottle of Dr. J. C. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. THE BRADFORD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

VALUABLE HOME RECIPE

Will Break Up Severe Cold in a Day and Cure Any Curable Cough. Mix one-half ounce of concentrated pine compound, which can be procured from your druggist, with two ounces of glycerine and a half pint of good whiskey. Shake thoroughly each time and use in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours. The concentrated pine is refined pine for medicinal purposes and comes only in half ounce bottles, each inclosed in a screw top case.

LANCASTER COURT ATTRACTS CROWD

Fine Display of Horses and Legislative Candidate Makes Address.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LANCASTER, VA., March 21.—The March term of Lancaster Circuit Court never fails to bring out a great crowd of people, black as well as white, and this term has been no exception to the rule. Outside the courthouse square were vendors hawking patent medicines and other wares, groups of negro women cooking and serving meals, and down the main street of the village between dense rows of admiring spectators.

Candidate Speaks. Later in the day Hon. John Curlett, who for the last four years has represented the counties of Richmond and Spotsylvania in the House of Delegates, and who is a candidate to succeed himself, addressed a large crowd in the courthouse, giving an account of his stewardship and seeking the support of the people. Rumors have been about the extent that Mr. Curlett would have opposition, but as yet no one has taken the field openly against him.

Liquor Violations. The greater part of this term of the court was occupied in the trial of liquor cases, and as a result a number of the contractors, and a number of them negroes, are now in Lancaster Jail to serve terms ranging from twenty to sixty days, and some to ninety days, fines ranging from \$50 to \$100.

Among those convicted of violating the liquor law is Willie Ann Patterson, who is serving a term of thirty days, and Ralph Clark, who is serving a term of thirty days, and who is serving a term of thirty days, and who is serving a term of thirty days.

The case of Frank Dix, a white man living near Whitesboro, who at the January term was fined and sentenced to jail for violating the local option law, came up on a motion for a new trial. Judge Wright overruled the motion, and Dix's counsel announced that an appeal would be taken to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

The Rev. L. R. Conner was appointed the clerk for the Circuit Court of this county. Having dispatched an unusually large amount of business and practically cleared the docket, Judge Wright returned yesterday to his home at Tappanhook. He is very popular with the people of his district, and especially with the people of Lancaster.

Strawberries Killed. The recent severe frosts have killed all the early strawberry blossoms and some of the later ones, and it is estimated as far as can be ascertained no serious harm has been done to any other fruits.

Wires Still Down. The work of putting up the telephone poles and wires that were thrown down by the blizzard that raged here on the 18th is completed, and the lower counties in the Northern Neck are still without telephone connection with the outside world.

Independent Bank. The branch bank of the L. E. Mumford Banking Company, at Kilmarnock, Va., has been taken over and practically organized as an independent institution, to be known as the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Kilmarnock, Va., and is now in the hands of Joseph B. Cralle, president; L. E. Mumford, vice-president; Wilber James, cashier. The bank has a capital of \$50,000, and is the people of his district, and especially with the people of Lancaster.

His Companions Tell One Story, Other Witnesses Tell Another. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., March 21.—The coroner's jury investigating the murder last night of Harry McNamara in this city, reported to-day that he was shot by unknown parties. A number of witnesses were examined.

The young men who were with him testified that a negro collided with him in the street and shot him and fled, while a man who was on the street a short distance away testified that he saw no one run after the flash.

TO CELEBRATE DECLARATION. North Carolina Declared Herself Long Before the Philadelphia Meeting. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., March 21.—It has been announced by Mrs. S. G. Ayer, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, that Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address at the celebration of the "Liberty Point Declaration of Independence" signed by the citizens of Fayetteville June 20, 1775 (thirteen months before the Philadelphia declaration) to be celebrated here on June 21st, the 20th falling on Sunday. In addition to Judge Clark, there will be other notable speakers. Captain James D. McNeill, president of the North Carolina Historical Association, will act as master of ceremonies, and no efforts will be spared to make this one of the notable occasions in the history of Fayetteville.

The Declaration, of which the one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary will be so fittingly observed, was signed at the intersection of Hay and Bow Streets, which place has since been known as "Liberty Point."

DIES SUDDENLY. Child Wife Was Holding Baby at Breakfast Table When She Expired. PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—While sympathizing friends strive to comfort him, Joseph Hughes, his little home, 941 Fallon Street, mourns for his young bride, who lies in a coffin nearby.

In a little white coffin, in the same room, the mute appeal of a four-month-old babe, its mother comes to the young husband, but his gaze rests on a picture fixed upon the face of the dead wife.

While at breakfast yesterday morning the young mother suddenly exclaimed: "Joe, take the baby a minute; I feel ill."

Hughes hurriedly called a physician, but death came before a doctor arrived. The young wife had not been strong since the baby came, but for several weeks past she had felt more improved. Death was due to acute nephritis.

Sixteen years old, pretty, a leader in the younger set of her neighborhood in West Philadelphia, Emma Belle De Muth had many young admirers. There was one, however, who she thought more of than the others—Joseph Hughes, who took her to many of the parties and other social affairs.

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BOYDTON'S LOSS ABOUT \$75,000

Only About One-Half Was Covered by Insurance, Owing to Rate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOYDTON, VA., March 21.—Boydton was swept by fire last night. About midnight flames were seen issuing from S. J. Turpin & Co.'s storehouse, which was located on Main Street, in the centre of the business portion of the town. The fire started in a hallway way before it discovered, and all buildings being of wood, burned fiercely, destroying eight storehouses.

Every building, from Williams & Godes' banking house to A. T. Snellings' drug store, and including Snellings' store, are in ashes. By heroic work the Boydton Hotel and H. E. Coleman & Brother, dry goods store, both of which were on opposite sides of the street, were saved.

The colored people rendered valuable service, many of them coming from the Boydton Institute as soon as the alarm was given, and all worked well and bravely. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The loss is estimated at about \$75,000. The loss to the owners of the buildings is considerable, as the rate of insurance on this row was so high that the property was not insured by half. The merchants burned out are A. Fine, S. Turpin & Co., M. A. Walter, J. W. Edmondson, and including Snellings' general store; then A. T. Snellings and A. T. Homes, drugs and Mrs. Gertrude Briggs' millinery. It is difficult at this hour on Sunday to find out the losses, but it might be safe to say that the insurance will cover half the loss.

The fire burned so rapidly that the entire block was in flames. This is the third big fire the town has suffered from in the past few years. The fire was not subdued until about 4 o'clock. At one time it was feared that a large portion of the business houses facing the courthouse would be destroyed, as everything was dry and a stiff breeze fanned the flames. The fire is now under control.

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FOUR STATE OFFICERS ARE ON EASY STREET

Harman, Kolner and the Egglestons, D. Q. and J. D., Have No Opposition.

Others Must Hustle Some Great Pleasure in Having Firm Grip, Without Worry and Cost of Campaign.

BY C. A. BOYCE. In view of all the turmoil and confusion arising out of contests for State officers under the new primary system, it must be a sweet, consoling thought to those who will probably not have opposition for the positions now held, to be able to substantially forecast this condition in advance. It is true that there is some fascination about beating the other fellow, after one becomes involved in a hot political struggle for office, but all things considered for the future, it is much more agreeable and pleasant to run for a place in the public service, without being put to the necessity of going into the bushwhacking business from one end of the State to the other.

The man who runs for a State office without opposition, not only escapes the hardships of a general canvass, but he finds additional relief in the fact that he is not expected to kiss all the babies in the State whose fathers are Democratic voters, or to proclaim publicly that every man who has a good quality, are both pretty and stylish.

A Public Necessity. After all, there is not a great deal in holding public office, from any standpoint, but it is necessary for a certain number of the affairs of a community that they shall be held, and people now and then express a desire to hold them.

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BUFFALO LITHIA SPRINGS WATER

No Remedy of Ordinary Merit Could Ever Have Received Indorsements From Men Like These.

Alfred L. Loomis, M. D., former Prof. Pathology and the Practice of Medicine in the Medical Dept. of the University of New York. Wm. A. Hammond, M. D., Surgeon-General (retired), U. S. Army, and former Prof. of Diseases of the Mind and Nervous System in the University of New York. Geo. Halstead Boyland, A. M., M. D., Doctor of Medicine of the Faculty of Arts, and former Prof. of Surgery in Baltimore Medical College. Wm. B. Towles, M. D., former Prof. of Anatomy and Materia Medica in the Medical Dept. in the University of Virginia.

In Bright's Disease, Albuminuria and Post-Scarlatinal Nephritis. Dr. A. Gabriel Pouchet, Prof. of Pharmacology and Materia Medica at the Faculty of Medicine of Paris. Dr. S. M. S. V. U. James K. Crook, A. M., M. D., Prof. Clinical Medicine and Clinical Diagnosis, New York Post-Graduate Medical School. Jos. Holt, M. D., Ex-President of the Louisiana State Board of Health, etc.

In Renal Calculi, Stone in the Bladder and Inflammation of the Bladder. Robert Bartholow, M. D., M. A., L.L.D., Prof. Materia Medica and General Therapeutics, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. James L. Cabell, M. D., A. M., L.L.D., former Prof. of Physiology and Surgery in the Medical Dept. of the University of Va., and Pres. of the National Board of Health. Horatio C. Wood, M. D., former Prof. of Materia Medica in the Medical Dept. of the University of Pa. Chas. B. Nancrede, M. D., Prof. of Surgery, Medical Dept. of the University of Michigan. Dr. John T. Metcalf, New York, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.

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nation of M. Simyan, undersecretary of the Interior, but he practically gave the delegation the satisfaction they desired on other points, explaining to them, however, that the government had not yet decided its final attitude toward the British North American coast, or while engaged in the New England or Canadian trade, during the fall and winter season of 1908, which was lost or lost at sea, six steamers and 56 sailing craft were totally wrecked. The financial loss exceeds \$2,000,000. The most thrilling disaster of the season was the collision between the White Star Line steamer Republic and the Italian steamer Florida, which resulted in the loss of 155 persons were drowned and four others were injured. The Republic was destroyed, and the Florida was damaged. The loss of the Republic was a disaster of the season, which was a disaster of the season, which was a disaster of the season.

When this order is reported, the provision will be discussed in speeches of not more than five minutes' duration, there will be so many suggestions that unless a limit is fixed the debate will be extended indefinitely.

It is the intention of the Democrats to offer innumerable amendments, and it is understood that many Republicans also will suggest changes.

The Senate will probably consider and pass the census bill during the week. The disposition in the Senate is to accept the bill as it passed the House.

That measure eliminated the non-essential features of the bill, which was objectionable to President Roosevelt, and which, it is understood, was equally so to Mr. Taft, and it is believed that the Senate will follow the example of the House in not agreeing to the question. Monday in the Senate will be devoted to the reorganization of the Senate committees.

The Republican members of the Senate Committee on Finance will during the week discuss the bill in the hope of having their amendments well under way when the bill is formally received from the House.

The bill will be reported to the Senate by the Finance Committee on Monday, and the bill will be reported to the Senate by the Finance Committee on Monday, and the bill will be reported to the Senate by the Finance Committee on Monday.

Binns and Carrie. NEW YORK, March 21.—Jack Binns, the wireless hero, and Carrie Nation, the anti-alcohol crusader, were aboard the Steamer Baltic, which arrived late to-day.

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