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THURSDAY.....MAY 2, 1901.

Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and Vicinity. Thursday fair, light changeable winds

MASTERS AT THE GAME.

There is no rubbing out the fact that all of the political dodges and short-cuts so far taken in the gubernatorial canvass belong exclusively to the anti-Swanson "ring" (if we may be permitted to borrow a word that his enemies delight to see used.) We have no record of them all, but three of late date very forcibly present themselves to mind. The first of these is the case wherein a few men, representing a committee of a certain branch of the labor union in Richmond, made an abortive effort to prove Mr. Montague the elect friend of labor, and Messrs. Martin, Swanson, Echols and others the bitter opponents of the interests of the working man. We say abortive because the matter was hushed by Mr. Montague's friends before it had wafted any distance. The incident has been made more conspicuous through absence of allusions to it by the friends it endeavored to help, and today it is brought forcibly to mind by the letter of President Gompers, of the National Federation of Labor, to President Krausse, of the Richmond branch, which letter marks Mr. Swanson as an untiring champion of the laboring man during his long career in Congress.

Another of the three efforts was the report sent out from Rockingham that the county had chosen delegates to the gubernatorial convention, and that eighty per cent. of them were for Montague. When the State Committee settled the time, place and basis of the State Convention then and not till then could delegates be legally chosen. Nevertheless, and while knowing this to be true, the friends of Mr. Montague in Richmond and elsewhere set up a shout, and thought the sharp tactics justifiable when used against the "machine." The morning after the report was sent out denials that any such action had been taken were heralded abroad, and the shouters, who had illustrated their belief that all is fair in war, were placed in an awkward predicament.

The third, and most recent, incident is that of electing a Montague chairman in Franklin county. Without notice to the people of such a purpose his friends pushed the election of chairman through an adjourned meeting. This caper has since had to be repudiated by the pseudo-chairman and by Mr. Montague himself.

So we say, as in the beginning, the Montague people hold the record thus far for dodges and snap-judgments. It is possible that they may yet be beaten at the game they have begun—but then watch for virtuous howls.

THE Northern Presbyterian church has for some time past been laboring over a revision of their Confession of Faith. That most intricate and indefinable part of the Presbyterian creed—Predestination—seems to be the nucleus around which hangs dissatisfied elements. Thousands are undoubtedly kept out of that great and good denomination because of their inability to take hold of the reasoning necessary to explore its profound depths. Last week the Northern church practically discarded a certain part which has been popularly believed to be one of the components of Predestination—that any human creature was born to be lost. It is embraced in this part of the committee report:

"It is the mind of the church that the confession shall be interpreted throughout in harmony with the teaching of Scripture that God is not willing that any one should perish, nor is it the decree of God, but the wickedness of their own hearts which shuts out some from the salvation freely and lovingly offered through Christ to all sinners."

Hereafter, as we interpret it, the Northern branch of the Presbyterian church will hold that it is not the decree of God that any shall perish, but only so by acts of man's free agency; none are born to damnation.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., is the most expensive port of entry in the United States. It cost the government $951 to collect $1, the aggregate receipts of that port during the last fiscal year. As Mr. Carnegie declares that he wishes to die poor he should purchase this part of Uncle Sam's possessions.

COL. CLEM GREEN, that old political lightwood knot whom Congressman Jones tackled in Halifax in the outset of the Martin campaign of 1899, and completely demolished (?), says Montague is claiming Halifax and Charlotte, but that he will see him in H—alifax before he gets 'em.

PROF. GEO. D. HERRON, the professional wealth-hater, is to marry a woman who possesses $1,000,000 in her own name. All of his prospective wealth couldnt make the public believe that his affections were not influenced by an eye to "biz."

ENGLAND is "raising the wind" in trying to have a law passed permitting a man to marry his deceased wife's sister, but there is no movement noted in behalf of poor woman—to permit her to marry a deceased husband's brother.

HON. W. J. BRYAN adroitly states that he is not planning for another Presidential nomination, but that he will not refuse cream if the waiter is handed around.

ANENT the buzzing of the gubernatorial bee it would be advisable for Mr. Conger to take notes from Mr. Meiklejohn before he jumps off the diplomatic stool.

DURING a melee in a Chicago police court the "innocent bystander" happened to be a newspaper reporter, who lost a little cheek to a pistol shot.

THE Buffalo Express has informed the country "What the Flag Stands For." It is natural that the express should show up first.

VENEZUELA may find out to her sorrow that diplomacy is a wiser policy than an appeal to ammunition.

IT MIGHT be a good idea to have Aguinaldo's love for the flag embalmed for preservation.

SOME aspiring politician might realize his fondest hope by inventing a ballot incubator.

AFTER all, a seat in the New York Stock Exchange is higher than one in the U. S. Senate.

IF SOME fellow should organize a cattle trust he would be compelled to water the stock.

NONE of the millionaires have money enough to buy a ticket through the world but once.

THE multiplicity of banks may increase the assests of the safe-blowers.

POLITICAL

There will be only eighty-six new members in the next Congress, 270 of the old members of the House having been reelected.

Maryland Democrats have realized the great loss they sustained when Mr. Gorman was retired from the Senate and are striving to return him to that body.

David B. Hill has given out a statement that he is not to make a political trip through the West and South and is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1904.

The rupture of South Carolina Senators indicates a hot fight. Already a number of candidates have been announced to make the race against McLaurin, and the powerful influence of Tillman will be used to defeat the re-election of his junior colleague.

The State board of education has elected about 20 of the 117 superintendents of education. Attorney-General Montague, who is a member of the board and one of the leading candidates for the nomination for Governor, announced at the meeting of the board that it was his intention to proceed with these elections utterly regardless of the consequences to himself.

Not only may the Constitutional Convention, as Senator Daniel says, prove a "political graveyard" to many, but the same thing may apply to the Gubernatorial campaign in Virginia. It is admitted by the best-informed leaders in the State that the present campaign is quite likely to bring about many radical changes in politics. How far-reaching these may be and whom they may most affect a few months will tell. Certain it is that Senator Martin feels satisfied that the coming events may prove of the greatest importance to his future. He has come out boldly and committed himself to the candidacy of Mr. Swanson for Governor and is working day and night for the success of that aspirant. Most of the old leaders, those who have been prominently identified with what is known as the organization, have lined up on the same side, including Senator Daniel.

The President's Trip.

It will extend through 25 States, pass over 10,500 miles of railroad tracks and take 48 days. It will be shared by 80 persons, 40 of whom are servants. The other 40 include the Cabinet officials, their families and other guests.

Six reporters, four photographers, two telegraphers and three stenographers are taken along. Eight finely furnished cars make up the special train.

Of these the most magnificent is the Olympia, in which the President rides.

The President was warmly welcomed in Virginia, where he made several speeches. At Charlottesville he said in part: "It gives me very great pleasure to receive the greeting of the people of Charlottesville and the cheers of the young men of the University of Virginia. [Applause.] Your institution is linked with great names and great deeds and has influenced both. [Applause.] What an array of immortal names Virginia holds in her keeping to remind us of lofty patriotism, broad statesmanship and noble achievements! [Applause.]

"To no other State of the American Union belongs such history to preserve and cherish and such examples to inspire and emulate. [Great applause.] May the young men of the State of Virginia prove worthy of their noble ancestors and contribute in the future, as they did in the past, to the well-being and honor and glory of the Republic. [Great applause.]

"Let me assure you, young gentlemen, that the present and the future hold rich reward for good scholarship, high character and noble endeavor; and the wish which I leave with you is that of these you have your full share. [Prolonged applause.]

The President, after many ovations through Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, was warmly welcomed at Memphis.

The Rappahannock Valley Convocation.

The Rappahannock Valley convocation is in session at Warsaw. The business meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. W. D. Smith, of Fredericksburg, and Rev. C. N. Tyndell was elected secretary pro tem. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. C. Latane; secretary, Rev. C. N. Tyndell; treasurer, Rev. S. S. Ware. An essay is to be prepared and read at the meeting of the convocation next year upon the following subject: "The reflex action upon the church of missionary work," by Rev. Edward Cowling. The reports from the various parishes were encouraging. Rev. W. D. Smith was elected a member of the Diocesan board. Bishop R. A. Gibson gave an interesting report from the work in the convocation and diocese. Rev. C. N. Tyndell read an essay, entitled "How is the cross borne in modern life and ministry of the church?" Old Christ church, Wicomico parish, Lancaster county, was selected as the place for the fall meeting.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Richmond city has 14 millionaires.

Fire destroyed $40,000 worth of property in Hampton Tuesday.

The Hygeia Hotel, at Old Point, will be improved to the amount of $50,000.

At Culpeper Monday Locust Dale defeated the Georgetown baseball nine by 8 runs to 2.

It is reported in Richmond that the union labor organizations have ordered all their members to resign from militia companies.

The Trigg Shipbuilding Company, of Richmond, will issue $1,000,000 of 5 per cent. bonds. The plant is to be greatly enlarged.

Fannie Lee, colored, was sentenced Monday at Warrenton to two years in the penitentiary for attempting to burn to death her infant child.

W. C. Newman & Brother, of the Ashland Roller Mills, Hanover county, have given contract for a complete seventy-five band, full roller mill, with latest improvements.

It is said Virginia Day at the Buffalo Exposition, which has been fixed for August 14th, will be changed to August 21st, that it may not conflict with the State Democratic Convention.

The internal revenue collections for Richmond for the month of April amounted to about $350,000. This is a larger sum than was ever before in the history of the city collected in one month in internal taxes.

Dr. Charles L. Cocke, president of Hollins Institute, is reported in a dying condition at Roanoke. He has been engaged in educational work in Virginia for over fifty years, and more than 5,000 young ladies have been educated at Hollins.

Fourth-class postmasters appointed Tuesday: Broad Run, Fauquier county, P. D. Bruner, vice G. W. Burgess, removed; Conrad's Mills, Middlesex county, J. P. Blake, vice James Dillin, resigned; Leon, Madison county, T. B. Aylor, vice D. J. Doran, resigned.

At Warrenton the trial of H. A. Davis, the alleged well poisoner, was fixed for the 29th day of May. This will be the third trial, he having been twice convicted and twice sentenced at two previous trials, and each time securing a new trial. His bail bond of $2,000 was renewed.

Luscious oranges, it is hoped, may be grown in Maryland and Virginia, and if experiments being conducted by the Plant Bureau of the Agricultural Department prove successful these States may enter the markets regularly. Botanists believe the raising of oranges in these northerly sections is possible.

The efforts of the Confederate women of Virginia to have brought to Hollywood the remains of the soldiers who died in Northern prisons have come to naught. A letter has been received from Secretary Root saying that in accordance with an act of Congress he had given directions for the reburial in a section of the National Cemetery at Arlington of the 136 Confederates now buried there and the 128 who sleep in the Soldiers' Home Cemetery.

CHINA.

China has apologized to France for the insult to Consul Francois near Meng-tse.

Nine Chinamen were executed in the American district of Pekin for highway robbery and violence.

The generals have assented to the suggestion of the envoys that each power leave but 300 men to garrison Tientsin and Shan-Hai-Kwan.

The Germans were caught in a trap near the KuKwan Pass. A detachment of 80 had 45 casualties, while the Chinese losses are said to have been nominal.

The generals of the powers held a conference to consider the question of withdrawal of the troops and decided to address a note to the ministers informing them that when the ministers are able to announce the lump sum demanded as indemnity and the Chinese have agreed to the principle of payment, arrangements will be possible for withdrawal.

MARRIAGES

Dr. Thomas S. Humphrey, of Northampton county, Va., and Miss Florence A. Watts were licensed to marry in Baltimore.

Licensed to marrry in Washington: Robert W. Jones and Mary L. Dozier, both of Westmoreland; William R. Pullman and Harriet Stokes, both of Fairfax county; John A. Holland, of Pittsfield, Mass., and Emma A. Dawson, of Northumberland county.

Miss Sarah De Saussure Walker was married at Fairfax Court House Tuesday to Mr. H. Stafford Murphy. Miss Walker is the second daughter of the Rev. Albert Rhett Walker, rector of the Episcopal church at Fairfax Court House. Mr. Murphy is the son of the late Mr. John Newton Murphy of Westmoreland county, the marriage ceremony was performed by the bride's father.

Old Schedule of R., F. & P. R. R.

"A great deal is being said nowadays of old schedules and old time railroad service," said Mr. W. P. Taylor, traffic manager R., F. & P. R. R, to some friends in Richmond. "We have something about as old as anybody can show," he added, as he displayed a half-tone cut, recently made, of an announcement by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company in 1836. It was headed: "Inland Route of Northern and Southern Traveling," and showed at the top a cut of a pioneer train with locomotive and one truck, immediately behind it, loaded with bundles, followed by a coach full of passengers.

"This schedule," continued Mr. Taylor, "was dated at Richmond, May 30, 1836, and shows the time between Richmond and Washington to have been fourteen hours, where now it is made in a little over three hours. The schedule explains that carriages and horses are safely and expeditiously transported, enabling those traveling in them, with the additional use of the Potomac Steamboat Company and the Petersburg Railroad, to accomplish without fatigue to their horses, the journey between Washington and Blakely, N. C., in two days."

Mrs. Nation Coming.

It is reported that Mrs. Carrie Nation is coming to Virginia next month to carry on her crusade against liquor dealers. She will first visit Gate City, where preparations are already being made for her reception. The citizens are organizing a band to protect Mrs. Nation while she is there. She will also visit Newport News, Norfolk, and other Virginia cities.

Prohibition Temple.

J. W. Bodley, the Virginia member of the Prohibition National Committee, will let the contract in a few days for the building of an auditorium in Staunton. It will be of brick, modern in all its appointments, and will sent 2,000.

Mr. Bodley is building this out of his private purse, as a contribution to the prohibition cause, and will regularly provide speakers of national renown to give courses of lectures in the interest of prohibition.

Kept over $3,000 in his Desk.

Rev. John Jasper, who died recently, left $3,265 in coins, mostly dollars, half-dollars, and quarters, in a box in his desk. The money was not mentioned in Jasper's will, so it will be divided up among his wife and children. Jasper was averse to keeping money in banks, and he was afraid that paper money would be destroyed in fire. Hence, his accumulation of coins.

GENERAL NEWS

The State Department has notified the Venezuelan Government that Minister Loomis' course is sustained.

According to a Census Bureau bulletin the center of population of the United States June 1 last was six miles southeast of Columbus, Ind.

Seventy-five thousand dollars were paid for a New York stock exchange seat Monday. Membership on the Produce Exchange are $1,000 bid against $200 a month ago.

The William L. Wilson memorial fund of Washington and Lee University has been increased by a gift of $500 from Mr. David R. Francis, of St. Louis. The fund now amounts to more than $29,000.

It is said that at the end of his second term the President, in the prime of life, at the age of 62, is planning a tour of the world on a more comprehensive scale than the trip of General Grant in 1877.

The Tennessee House of Representatives has passed a bill which provides that members of that body shall be "docked" the full amount of their per diem allowance for each day's absence from the legislative sessions.

Unless there shall be a check to the mania for speculation that has reached so violent a stage at the New York Stock Exchange the lunatic asylum will soon share in the general prosperity of the country.—Philadelphia Record.

In a recent statement given to the press by the division of insular affairs of the War Department, a considerable loss was indicated in the trade of Cuba with the United States for the first eight months of 1900, as compared with the same period of 1899.

The Governors of South Carolina and North Carolina have both pledged their States to more education. "I am glad there's a new message from the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina," said Dr. Glenn, of Georgia. "Formerly it was spirituous; now it is spiritual," said Robert C. Ogden, the chairman.

Lord Kitchener reports a number of minor British successes in South Africa. Byng has had a fight with Boers on the Basutoland border, and killed five. Grenfell got 38,500 rounds of small-arms ammunition. At Lydenburg 20 Boers have surrendered. There is considerable excitement in Bermuda over the expected arrival of 1,700 Boer prisoners. The British Government has leased for this purpose Darrells Island.

While local talent was presenting the play entitled "Cast Upon the World" at Burnsville, N. C., R. N. McInturff, was shot and instantly killed. The shot was fired by Baccus Baily. Both young men were participants in the play. McInturff had drawn a knife as if in the act of stabbing Bailey. The latter was, in accordance with the plot, to use a revolver loaded with blank cartridges to ward off the attack. By mistake he got possession of a loaded revolver, which resulted in the tragic death of McInturff, who was his friend and room-mate.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Republicans of Rockbridge county nominated William P. Dandridge and McClung Patton for the Constitutional Convention.

The Republicans of Rockingham county nominated Gen. John E. Roller and George N. Earman for the Constitutional Convention.

At Williamsburg former State Senator Manley H. Barnes was nominated by the Democrats as delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

W. E. Talley, a Republican who formerly resided in Hanover county, has filed notice of his candidacy for the Constitutional Convention in Richmond.

The Republican County Committee of Essex met at Tappahannock Saturday and passed the following resolution: We endorse the independent candidacy of Hon. J. A. Bristow with the understanding that he oppose the disfranchisement of the colored vote and the division of the school funds. Mr. Bristow accepted the conditions, stating that he was unwilling to disfranchise any class of citizens except for crime.

Wisdom of the Eastern Shore

THE FREE LANCE comes out with a complimentary editorial of our countryman, Senator LeCato, and gives some advice as to the course the First District should pursue to bring about his nomination. No section is more entitled to the second place than the Eastern Shore, no section is and has a right to be prouder of its candidate than the Eastern Shore and the First District. While there is no doubting the fact that the Eastern Shore or even the First District is for Montague it should also stand by Senator LeCato and aid him first and last to a nomination for second place without resorting to entanglements that will not help him nor practically aid our candidate for Governor.—Farmer and Fisherman.

We have read with a deal of interest the editorials of the Peninsula Enterprise on the subject of who shall or shall not be Governor of Virginia, and we take it with much concern that the Enterprise has gone to the extent of letting this issue obscure and side-track completely the fact that Accomac itself has a candidate for one of the State offices. We wonder if the Enterprise does not know this? We take it that the Eastern Shore candidate would like to accept a few of the Swanson-Martin votes in the convention, and we feel sure that the Enterprise would rejoice at being appointed a committee of one to go and solicit them. We very much doubt if the Enterprise is doing anybody's cause the least harm, except that of the gentleman for whom it ought to be at work; and we mistake the sentiment of the people of Accomac if they, as a body, agree with that paper. Dr. LeCato ought to have his county untrammelled by other alliances.—Eastern Shore Herald.

Collector Park Agnew.

The duration of the term of the office of collector of internal revenue is at the will of the President, but the same collector must renew his bond every four years. Collector Agnew, of this city, has seen the President but once in reference to his office, and that was recently, when he was told that in cases where the records of collector were good at the Treasury Department it was not the disposition of the administration to make changes. Soon after Mr. Agnew took charge of the office in this city it was placed in the A-1 column, where it has remained ever since, and he and his corps of capable clerks and assistants all have good records at the department. Mr. Agnew's four years expire on Wednesday, May 1, and the new bond he filed last week has been approved. Under a new bond, to take effect May 1, which Collector Agnew is required to give, there will be a complete transfer of the collector's offices in this city, made next Wednesday, May 1, from himself as late collector to himself as new collector. This will necessitate the presence in Alexandria of all stamp deputy collectors in the district, which is composed of Lynchburg, Danville, Martinsville, Bedford City and elsewhere, with their entire stock of stamps.—Alex. Gazette.

Diamonds and Many Other Rare Jewels in the Ruins.

Six handsome diamonds valued at $6,000 were found Monday in the ruins of the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond. They were returned to their owner, Mrs. Frederick Myers. A colored man named Johnson found a gold watch, with diamond settings, Saturday. Attempts made by several workmen in the Hotel ruins to get away with valuable jewels, silverware, brassware, and other articles have led to extensive precautions against thefts.

INK-SPOTS FROM EXCHANGES

NOT BY WEATHER.
(Philadelphia Record.)

The day a new Trust is not hatched in the United States is a cold day for promoters. The very latest is a Tinware Trust. The tariff schedules of the Dingley act are a standing invitation to combinations to fleece the people under legal shelter.

AT THE FRONT AGAIN.
(Index-Appeal.)

South Carolina took the lead in the new movement of the South in 1861. Would it be history repeating itself if she took the lead in the new movement in 1901, which some of her statesmen now seem to be championing?

OUR BOOF CUTS A FIGURE.
(Norfolk Landmark.)

Our canned beef is certainly having a hard time. First came the Spanish War scandal; next, the British government cut the beef out of its army ration; and now—the heaviest blow of all—the lepers on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai complain that they can't eat it.

THE KEY TO THE CURSE.
(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.)

Whether by reason of leniency in enforcing the law or the cheapness of the weapon, pistol-toting has attained to the magnitude of a national vice. When it is remembered that every man with a pistol in his pocket is potentially a homicide, and that about one man in four has a pistol in his pocket, it is not to be wondered at that the total number of homicides in this country average about 10,000 a year.

INCOME TAXES.
(Kansas City Star.)

The income tax is a profitable scource of British revenue which America is not privileged to use. It brought in $125,000,000 this last year. The tax has been a shilling on the pound, but is now to be raised to a shilling and two pence, which is expected to bring in $19,000,000 more. This is a tax of 5 per cent. on incomes above $800, with a graduated scale of exemptions. The rate is far in excess of anything ever proposed in the United States.

Daniel and Blushes.

Houston (Halifax Co.,) Record-Advertiser.

Our esteemed contemporary, the South Boston News, in its last issue surrenders a good deal of space to an editorial of the Culpeper Enterprise, which is an assault on the Democratic organization, management, U. S. Senators and everything and everybody, who does not agree with it in its partisan support of Montague.

Of course, our contemporary has a perfect right to his clippings and we suppose he uses those which strike his fancy and which will help the cause of the candidate he favors.

But we insist that if he wishes to make a violent assault on anybody or any candidate he should not get behind the shoulders of his Culpeper friend. If our contemporary purposes to indulge in this kind of thing, we believe he will be fair about it and will assume the responsibility, but we are satisfied his good sense of right and propriety will never allow him to stoop to such methods and such statements as are contained in the editorial he quotes.

We are satisfied that the News will not hold Mr. Martin up to scorn because forsooth he announces publicly that Mr. Swanson is entitled to his support and shall receive it. We are equally certain that our esteemed contemporary will not blush with shame because Senator Daniel has announced his preferance for Swanson.

It is a spectacle for Gods and men! The Culpeper Enterprise blushing for John Daniel, and we know that our brother of the News is not going to help his esteemed Culpeper friend do the blush act.

We confess we are surprised at the hysterical denunciation of the editorial, at the shouts for freedom and the invocations to liberty therein contained, all because Senator Martin in an open and frank manner announces his purpose to support the candidate of his choice. But he denounces one Senator in unmeasured terms and blushes at another for committing the same crime.

Why indulge in such nonsense? Is a man to be condemned because he supports his friends, and denounced for doing so because he is an office holder?

It is all right for a fellow to work for himself, but when he gets in he must not raise his hands for the friends who have placed or helped to place him in the position he holds.

These assaults may help the News and the Enterprise's candidate, but we doubt it. Their position may be right and the man after using his friends refuses to allow them to use him and stands aloof in their hour of necessity, may be an ideal, but we do not believe it. There is already a strong suspicion in these parts that Mr. Montague generally takes this position and it is well known that in the Senatorial contest between Martin and Tyler he thought the dignity of his position too great to allow him to help his friend, Tyler, notwithstanding his lion like attitude at the May meeting, and the great part he bore in getting up the fight.

We do not know what influenced the erstwhile gallant young Attorney-General, who bore a brilliant part in inaugurating the greatest political "faux pas" Virginia ever saw, but we do know when the battle he helped to start had commenced at the critical moment, when Wm. A. Jones was in the fore front of the battle and Hoge Tyler was sounding the Macedonian cry; when our friend of the News was fighting against overwhelming odds, "when one blast upon his bugle horn were worth a thousand men," the brilliant young Attorney-General suddenly discovered that the dignity of his position and the proprieties of the occasion required that he should retire to the quietude of the west wing of the State library building and "champ his bit," while his friends and colleagues were being routed all around him.

But then our friend, the Attorney-General is a superior kind of man, from his elevated political plane he can look down and blush, while Jno. W. Daniel and Senator Martin are helping their friends.

New Virginia Doctors.

The faculty of the University College of Medicine announced Monday night that the degree of M. D. had been conferred upon seventy-two young men, as the result of the recent examinations. Among the number are R. W. Quaintance and C. M. Baggarly, of Rappahannock county; S. E. Weymouth, of Northumberland county. Dr. R. W. Quaintance was appointed one of the physicians to The Retreat for the Sick, at Richmond; Dr. C. M. Baggarly, to the Richmond Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary and Dr. S. E. Weymouth to the Virginia Home for Incurables, Richmond. These appointments are much sought after and the appointees are regarded by the faculty as among the best talent turned out.

F. L. Costenbader, of Westmoreland, and D. G. Wilson, of Louisa, were among the graduates in dentistry.

The College will have its commencement this evening.

On the Reception committee are Messrs. C. M. Baggarly and F. L. Costenbader.

WESTMORELAND.

April Court—Many Applications For Liquor Licenses Denied—Only One Granted at Colonial Beach—Other News Notes.

(Correspondence of THE FREE LANCE.)

Montross, Va., April 30th, 1901.

Monday being the regular term of the County court, was a busy day at Montross. All the merchants of the county were in attendance, applying for licenses. The opposition to the liquor business by the church and temperance people was strongly exhibited in the effort to prevent the issue of licenses. At Colonial Beach only one license was granted, James C. Graham being the fortunate one. The others were refused, it was stated, for violation of the law. Several other dealers and keepers of bar-rooms were denied the privilege of continuing. The fight is waxing warm, and will be pressed by further action.

The case of Dennis and Dolan occupied much of the court's time. They were tried jointly for entering an engine-house at Colonial Beach and robbing an engine, the property of Dr. Evans, of its brass mountings, etc., and received a sentence of two years in the penitentiary. The prosecution was made by Commonwealth's Attorney R. J. Washington, and the court appointed Mr. Wellford, of Warsaw, as counsel for defense.

There was an unusual exhibition of machinery on the grounds.

The hotels were well patronized and the tables furnished with everything to tempt the appetite. At the Sandy Hotel the register showed 63 guests.

Mr. John A. Muse, who has held a lucrative government position in Washington for many years, will leave Washington May 1st and locate permanently at Montross, where he owns a nice home.

It is rumored that one or two new buildings will be erected at Montross in the near future.

The Montross Dramatic Club held a matinee, which was well attended considering the inclement weather. Thursday night next the popular play, "Lady of Lyons," will be rendered by this company, in which there is much talent. Music for the occasion is to be furnished by the Montross Z. B. Band.

Our farmers throughout the county have been retarded in their work by the cold and wet month of April. Very few have planted corn, and very little garden seeds have been planted.

The people of this county do not seem to take that interest in the Constitutional Convention which is exhibited by other counties in the State. The matter is not as much talked of as the election for county officials.

Mr. George C. Taylor has purchased a new, up-to-date, Geiser saw-mill, and also purchased the Peerless traction engine formerly owned by Messrs. Billingsley & Taylor, of King George county. Mr. Taylor will begin the manufacture of lumber at once in the Oak Grove neighborhood. Mr. Taylor is a hustler, and we predict success for one so well calculated to run this business. P.

Delightful Relief from Catarrh.—Here is one of a thousand such testimonies. The Rev. A. D. Buckley, of Buffalo, says: "I wish all to know what a blessing Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is in a case of catarrh. I was troubled with this disease for years, but the first time I used this remedy it gave most delightful relief. I now regard myself entirely cured after using it for two months."—24. For sale by Johnston & Pearson

COMMISSIONERS' SALE

—OF VERY—

Valuable Real Estate

Lying on the Rappahannock River in Essex county, Va.

By virtue of two decrees of the Circuit court of the county of Essex, one entered on the 4th day of March, 1901, and the other on the 12th day of March, 1901, in the Chancery suit of Baylors and others vs. Robbs and others, we, the undersigned special commisioners appointed for the purpose, will sell at public auction in front of the court-house in Tappahannock, on

Monday, the 20th Day of May, 1901

(that being county court-day), commencing at 1 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, to-wit:

1. That very valuable farm known as "The Island," lying immediately on the Rappahannock river, which is supposed to contain about 366 acres of high land, with 471 acres of marsh land thereto attached, which is very valuable for grazing purposes, also as a range for hogs. There is a dwelling-house and out-buildings, also a very fine orchard, upon the premises. This is one of the most valuable and productive farms in Tidewater Virginia.

2. That very valuable farm known as "Layton's," lying immediately on the Rappahannock river, which is supposed to contain about 400 acres, with 210 acres of marsh land thereto attached, which is valuable for stock-raising purposes. The farm also has a dwelling-house and out-buildings upon it, and is especially valuable from the fact that Layton's wharf is located upon it, which is one of the largest shipping points on the Rappahannock river. Layton's ferry also belongs to this property. This is one of the most desirable homes in this section.

3. That very valuable farm known as "Kendall's," also lying immediately on the Rappahannock river, and is supposed to contain about 452 acres of land. It also has upon it a dwelling-house and out-buildings, and is a very desirable and valuable property.

All of the above described farms lie in the upper end of Essex county, one of the most prosperous farming communities of Tidewater Virginia.

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HARRY L. BAYLOR,
J. H. C. BEVERLEY,
Special Commissioners.

The bond required of the special commissioners by the above decrees has been duly given. Teste—
H. SOUTHWORTH, Clerk, etc.

In pursuance of the directions of the said decree of March 12th, 1901, above referred to, as special commissioner therby appointed, I will sell at the same place and time, and upon the same terms, that very valuable farm known as "Edenetta," which lies near Loretto, and which is supposed to contain about 180 acres. This farm has upon it a magnificent residence, a good stable, etc., and is most desirable as a home. J. H. C. BEVERLEY,
Special Commissioner.

The bond required of the special commissioner by the above decree has been duly given. Teste—
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