THE VIRGINIAS AND CAROLINAS.

IN MEMORY OF HEROES

Shaft to Confederate Dead Unveiled at Woodstock.

MINGLING OF THE BLUE AND GRAY

Dedication of Handsome Italian Marble Monument in Massanutten Cemetery, Surrounded by Sixty-six Mounds Marking the Last Resting Places of Those Who Fought for a Lost Cause—Labors of United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Special to The Post.

Woodstock, Va., Oct. 19.—Ex-soldiers of the civil war, both Confederates and Union men, came from all parts of Shenandoah, Rockingham, and Frederick counties to-day to participate in the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the monument to the Confederate dead, erected in Massanutten Cemetery by Shenandoah Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The procession to the cemetery was headed by Capt. T. J. Adams, chief marshal; W. G. Campbell, B. P. Hoover, and H. L. Bushong, assistants; Stonewall Brigade Band; Assistant Marshal James H. Painter, and marched in the following order: Mary Custis Lee Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, under Mayor Rodefer; Shenandoah Chapter, U. D. C., Woodstock; Hon. John W. Daniel, Gen. Williams, and Dr. P. D. Stephenson, chaplain Shenandoah Camp, Mrs. Williams, president; Mrs. Stephenson, historian of Shenandoah Chapter; Miss Addie Gale Miley, in carriages; Cavalry Band, Shenandoah Camp, Woodstock, Commander Rhodes; Turner Ashby Camp, Winchester, Lieut. Commander Hottel; Stover Camp, Strasburg, Commander R. D. Funkhouser; Hugh Maguire Camp, Lebanon Church, Commander Miller; Meyers Riddleberger, Edinburg, Commander M. Funkhouser; Rice Neff, Newmarket, Lieut. Commander Pence; Zepp's Band, M. Bly, assistant marshal; Boys of the Confederacy under Capt. J. W. Magruder.

Crowded Around the Shaft.

At the cemetery the crowd assembled around the monument, and Chaplain Stephenson led in prayer. Miss Addie Gale Miley, daughter of George W. Miley, drew the veil from the shaft.

After benediction by Rev. J. P. Hyde, of Winchester, an old war chaplain, the parade re-formed and returned to town, where dinner was served for 1,200 veterans. There were fully 4,000 visitors in town for the occasion.

At the close of the war the remains of the dead of this vicinity, except those buried at their homes, were reinterred in the church cemeteries in Woodstock. Each grave was marked with head and footboards, bearing name, rank, company, and regiment of the soldier.

About two years ago the Massanutten Cemetery donated a section containing eight lots in the prettiest part of the cemetery for the final resting place of the dead Confederates. The section was deeded to Shenandoah Camp, U. C. V., and Shenandoah Chapter, U. D. C. Sixty-six graves in the old cemeteries were opened and the remains reinterred in a circle around where the monument now stands.

Inscriptions on the Monument.

The monument is seventeen feet above the base stone and twenty-one feet above the ground. It is a beautiful shaft of Italian marble. The front is toward the southwest, and the inscription is as follows:

Erected by the
Shenandoah Chapter,
United Daughters of the Confederacy,
In memory of the
Confederate Soldiers
Buried in Woodstock, Va.

On the sub-base stone is the date, 1899, and on the southeast side:

Cast down, but not destroyed. 2 Cor., iv:9.
Honor and fame the record keep.

On the sub-base stone is the date 1861, and on the northwest side of the shaft:

Unknown: This voiceless stone in deathless song shall tell the story how ye fell.

On the other two sides of the sub-base stone are the date 1865 and "C. S. A.," and on the northeast side of the shaft this inscription:

Sons of Virginia,
North Carolina, Georgia,
South Carolina, Alabama,
Mississippi, Louisiana.
Could bleed and die, but not with honor part.

The officers of Shenandoah Chapter, U. D. C., who labored earnestly for the memorial, are:

President, Mrs. James H. Williams; vice president, Mrs. George W. Miley; secretary, Miss Nettie Kneisley; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Grabill; historian, Mrs. P. D. Stephenson; registrar, Miss Bettie G. Donaldson.

Funds are in hand to fully liquidate the indebtedness of the undertaking, and the ladies are now working to place marble markers on each of the sixty-six graves in the circle.

SINGULAR LAW CASE.

W. W. Cutshall Tried for Obtaining Money on False Pretenses in 1895.

Special to The Post.

Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 17.—W. W. Cutshall, a lumber dealer, who left this city early in 1895, has been arrested and brought back to Charlottesville on a warrant sworn out by Joseph Brown for obtaining money on false pretenses. It is alleged that Cutshall procured Brown's signature to a negotiable note for a large sum of money, in return for which Cutshall had contracted to build a house for Brown in thirty days. Cutshall failed, it is alleged, to comply with the terms of his contract, but negotiated Brown's note. The bank which bought Cutshall's note, indorsed by Brown, rented out Brown's life estate, which under the deed of trust Brown had given to secure the note. Brown has been paying a rental for his premises since 1895. The trial of the case has been continued until next Monday.

Death of a Learned Woman.

Special to The Post.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 21.—Information came from Washington this afternoon of the death, at Garfield Hospital in that city, of Mrs. Leila V. Turner, daughter of Dr. Charles L. Cocke, and widow of the late Joseph A. Turner, former professor of English at Hollins. Mrs. Turner was also a member of the faculty of the institute for many years. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Leila M. Rath, wife of Prof. E. P. Rath, instructor of music, Washington College, and Joseph A. Turner, assistant manager of Hollins Institute.

Wallace McRae Dead.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 21.—Mr. Wallace McRae, aged sixty, died at his home here tonight. Mr. McRae was the only son of the late Col. Sherwin McRae, formerly State librarian and chief clerk to the secretary of the Commonwealth. At an early age he entered the Confederate army and distinguished himself in many engagements, and at the battle of Bethel was made lieutenant of the Second Richmond Howitzers. He leaves an aged mother and three sisters.

Smallpox in Norfolk.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 19.—A case of smallpox developed on East Main street to-day, and the patient, George Eley, colored, was removed to the pesthouse as soon as possible. At a meeting of the board of health this afternoon vaccination was advised.

Set the Verdict Aside.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 21.—Ben McCoy, colored, was convicted of the murder of Mary Jones and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Council for McCoy moved for a new trial, and Judge Portlock said he was ready to set the verdict aside at once, as it was contrary to the law and the evidence. McCoy was returned to the jail and will be tried again next month.

VIRGINIA OYSTER BEDS.

Little Likelihood of the State Selling Them to New Yorkers.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 17.—The statement that a New York syndicate will submit a proposition to the General Assembly this winter to purchase the oyster grounds of Virginia attracts much attention in official and political circles. All of Tidewater, Va., will be arrayed against the project, and there is little likelihood of anything coming of it. Some of the highest legal authorities hold that the State cannot dispose of her oyster grounds without an amendment to the constitution. Gov. Tyler does not seem to think much of the idea. He said to-night that where he had been everybody was satisfied with the new fisheries law, under which the State realized $30,000 this year from the oyster beds. During Gov. McKinney's administration the representative of a New York syndicate offered to submit a proposition to assume the State debt in exchange for the oyster beds, but the governor did not even lay it before the legislature.

CONTEST FOR SENATE SEAT

Counsel for Scott and McGraw Preparing Their Arguments.

McGraw Will Contend that Names of Two Members of Legislature Were Not Called, and that Scott Was Not Elected by Majority.

Special to The Post.

Morgantown, W. Va., Oct. 23.—Senator-elect N. B. Scott, who came to this place for the Chadwick day celebration, is still at the home of Dr. J. P. Fitch, where he was stricken with erysipelas. He expects to be able to go home this week.

Senator Scott is busily engaged now in preparing his defense to the contest of his seat in the Senate by John T. McGraw. Senator Scott has retained as his leading counsel ex-Senator Charles James Faulkner, whom he was elected to succeed. Senator Faulkner ranked as one of the Senate's ablest lawyers, and that he would take the case for Scott under the circumstances convinces the Senator-elect's friends of the soundness of his defense. Frank L. Welles, Mr. McGraw's attorney, is now in West Virginia to conclude the taking of depositions in this case.

Mr. Welles is very confident of the strength of the case as it now stands, and regards the attempt which will be made to oust Scott as by no means a hopeless one, in spite of the Republican majority in the Senate. It is expected that the evidence will be all ready by the middle of November for submission to the Senate committee. When asked if he would give the grounds for the contest, Mr. Welles replied:

"The most important contention we make is that Scott was not elected by a majority of the votes of the legislature, as required by Federal law governing Senatorial elections. This law declares that the presiding officer shall call the names of all the members present. There were two members of the joint convention in question, one senator and one delegate, whose names were not called, and who, if called, would have voted for McGraw, giving him 48 votes, Scott 48 votes, and Goff 1 vote. Forty-nine members of the legislature, as is well known, constituting a majority of the joint convention, joined in a protest to the United States Senate against the seating of Scott. None of these members voted for Scott, and all of them were members of the legislature at the time it was organized, and drew pay for the entire term. Scott, therefore, failed to receive the majority of all the votes—not the votes cast, but the votes of all the members elected—and so was not legally elected.

"Another point which we make is that the joint convention was held, not under the law, but under a private agreement, ratified by separate resolutions in the two houses, which was made by the Democrats for the purpose of preventing the illegal expulsion of seven hold-over Senators. Under the terms of this agreement one senatorial district and one delegate district were disfranchised. This agreement was void, and renders all acts done under it void."

Forest Fires in Western Maryland.

Special to The Post.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 23.—At Johnson's, near the dividing line between Allegany and Garrett Counties, four miles west of Frostburg, fierce forest fires are raging, both on the Little and Big Savage Mountains. Much timber has been consumed. The Borden Mining Company has a large force out fighting the fires. Frostburg's water supply is so low that should fire break out it is feared not enough could be obtained to fight the flames. Heavy forest fires are raging between Romney and Greenspring, east of Cumberland, and great damage is feared.

Entire Estate to the Widow.

Special to The Post.

Winchester, Va., Oct. 23.—The will of the late Mayor John J. Williams has been admitted to probate in the Corporation Court. The estate is worth $50,000, and is left to Mrs. Williams absolutely. The will was written on October 9, 1899, the day before Col. Williams was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, to undergo an operation, which resulted fatally. E. Holmes Boyd qualified as executor.

Married Without Parents' Consent.

Special to The Post.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 23.—John Mullen, city councilman from the third ward, and Miss Florence Carper went to Bristol Sunday afternoon and were married by Parson Burroughs. The marriage was opposed by the bride's parents, and the couple left town without advising any one of their intentions.

Wanted on Charge of Embezzlement.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 23.—John Kelley, an aged white man, charged with embezzling at the Carnegie Steel Works, Pittsburg, Pa., two weeks' pay of his crew of helpers, was arrested here to-day and leaves to-morrow for Pittsburg in charge of Detective Millen, of that city.

Disastrous Fire Near Leesville.

Special to The Post.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 23.—The elegant home of Hon. J. L. Arthur, of Leesville, Bedford County, was burned late Saturday afternoon. The loss is estimated at $8,000, with no insurance.

New Railway to Cape Henry.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 18.—The Cape Henry Land and Improvement Company has been incorporated and is at work improving the beach at Cape Henry, where a new seaside resort is to be established. The survey of a railroad, which will run to Cape Henry, has been completed, and will be constructed this winter.

Molders' Strike Is Still On.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 18.—The strike of molders at S. R. White & Bros.' plow factory is still on with no immediate prospect of settlement. The firm declines to make any statement. The men are holding out and none of them have applied for reinstatement.

Acquitted of Malpractice Charge.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 18.—Dr. Francis M. Morgan, of Berkeley, was to-day acquitted in the Corporation Court of the charge of causing the death of Mrs. Emma L. Coleman, by criminal malpractice.

MADE SURE OF DEATH

Elmer B. White, of Newport News, Commits Suicide.

PLUNGED OUT OF HIS WINDOW

Stood Before a Friend and Slashed His Throat with a Knife—Hurried to Window Gasping for Breath and Dropped from Second-story Sill—Said to Have Been Drinking Heavily—Wife Was Visiting Relatives at the Time of Suicide.

Special to The Post.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 18.—Elmer B. White, of the plumbing firm of Fifer & White, committed suicide at an early hour this morning by gashing his throat with a knife. Later he fell out of a second-story window and received injuries which hastened his death. Mr. White had been drinking heavily for several days, and last night, it is said, he was on the verge of delirium tremens. A friend sat up with him until midnight, and left him resting comfortably. At 4 o'clock, the man in the adjoining room heard White walking about. The friend hastily slipped on some clothes, and when he reached White's room found it vacant. The trap door to the roof was open, and he quickly ascended, finding White walking around on the roof.

He assisted his friend back to his room and tried to quiet him. The latter sat down for a short time, and then got up and went to a table to see the clock. Suddenly he picked up a knife, and quick as a flash thrust the blade into his neck several times. The blood spurted from the wounds. White sat down again, the blood flowing from his throat over his clothes to the floor.

Summoned a Physician.

His friend aroused the inmates of the house and summoned a physician. When the other tenants reached White's room they found the injured man still seated in the chair. He was heard to say:

"Now I've done it, and I suppose I will have to die."

He then got up and went to the window to get fresh air, as those present thought. White leaned over the sill and fell out of the window without any warning to those near him. There seems to be some doubt as to whether he purposely fell through the window or by accident while attempting to get air.

When carried into the house he was not dead, but the physicians could not help him. Between 8 and 9 o'clock he died. The body will probably be sent to Roulette, Pa., where his wife is visiting relatives.

FIVE SLAYERS CONVICTED.

Given Ten Years Each for Killing a Deputy Marshal.

Special to The Post.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 18.—William Strouth, Tom Strouth, Dick Dye, Charles Brown, and Charles Newberry, charged with the murder of Deputy United States Marshal George Ratcliffe, in Russell County, Virginia, June 30, were tried in the United States Court at Abingdon, Va., yesterday, and sentenced to ten years' each in the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va. The crime for which these men were convicted was one of the most atrocious ever committed in Southwest Virginia. Deputy Marshal Ratcliffe, in company with a deputy collector, made a raid on Sword's Creek, Russell County, Va., and destroyed a moonshine still.

Six young men living in that neighborhood armed themselves and waylaid Ratcliffe, shooting him from the brush. Twenty-eight shots entered his body, killing him instantly. The government offered $200 each for their arrest. Three detectives, well armed, went into Russell County, and after two weeks' hard work located and arrested seven men charged with this murder. Five of them were convicted, one man acquitted, and the seventh was sick, and his case has been continued. Those convicted were given the full penalty of the law.

Price of Rails Is Too High.

Special to The Post.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 23.—It has been given out by prominent representatives of the Short Line Railroad that no rails will be laid until the price of steel goes down. It is the intention of the company to use the rails of the Ohio River Railroad, and replace them by heavier rails, like those used by the Baltimore and Ohio. At some points the Short Line Road is ready for rails.

Horrible Death of a Sawmill Hand.

Special to The Post.

Buckhannon, W. Va., Oct. 23.—A young man named Lewis, who worked in a sawmill on Sand Run, this county, caught his foot in a belt to-day and was thrown against the roof, breaking three rafters. He fell back on the belt, which operated a circular saw, and was carried against the teeth, cutting his throat, breast bone, and sawing open his bowels.

Receivers Asked for Powhatan Road.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 21.—Applications on the part of the bondholders were filed in the Law and Equity Court here to-day for the appointment of a receiver for the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad. The road is a narrow-gauge line running from Bermuda Hundred to Farmville. It has been in financial difficulties for some years.

Battery O on Practice March.

Special to The Post.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 23.—Battery O, Seventh Artillery, U. S. A., under command of Capt. Williams, arrived in Annapolis this evening and camped on the Naval Academy grounds. They are from Washington Barracks, District of Columbia, and their destination is Fort Foote, on the Potomac, which they will reach, after a roundabout march, in thirty days.

Death of Mrs. Timberlake.

Special to The Post.

Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 17.—Mrs. W. W. Timberlake died to-day at her home near Chancellorsville, in this county, of consumption, aged thirty-two years. She was well known and had many friends. A husband and three children survive her.

Widow of Virginia's War Governor Dead.

Lexington, Va., Oct. 17.—Mrs. M. S. Letcher, widow of John Letcher, Virginia's governor from 1860 to 1864, died to-day, aged seventy-seven years. She is survived by seven children, among them Judge S. Houston Letcher, Col. John D. Letcher, and Hon. Greenlee D. Letcher.

Died of His Injuries.

Special to The Post.

Cumberland, Oct. 23.—Needham Williams, who was shot while on a train on the Atlantic Coast Line at Emporia, Greenville County, a few days ago by another train hand, Oscar Saunders, died last night. Saunders was arrested at the time of the shooting and committed to the county jail at Greenville.

Successful Petroleum Test.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 23.—The torpedo boat Talbot burning petroleum fuel was given another spin over the four-mile measured course, off Fort Monroe, at noon to-day. She developed the greatest speed yet obtained with the new fuel, although only one boiler was used.

Flour Mill Destroyed.

Special to The Post.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 23.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the large roller mill of the Noland & Kidwell Milling Company at Great Capon, Morgan County, W. Va., on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Besides the mill, valued at $5,000, a large quantity of wheat was consumed.

KILLED HIS BROTHER.

Gourdins Merchant Shot While Discussing Business Differences.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 18.—N. T. Pittman, of Gourdins, S. C., was shot and killed at the Hotel Calhoun to-day by his brother, A. J. Pittman, of Summerville. There had been bad blood between the two men for some time on account of business differences, but efforts had been made to reconcile them. Both of the brothers are past middle age, and they are well-known in this section of the State. They met at the hotel by appointment, and went into a reading room to talk business.

A few minutes later A. J. Pittman began firing at his brother. He shot five times, three bullets taking effect, death being almost instantaneous. He claims to have acted in self-defense, but upon what grounds are not known. The murderer was arrested. The prisoner was perfectly cool, but declined to discuss the tragedy.

TAILOR ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Resented Efforts to Take the Knife Away from Him.

Special to The Post.

Grafton, W. Va., Oct. 23.—Frank Heipley, of Newark, Ohio, a tailor, who came here the latter part of last week to work, attempted suicide in the Central Hotel office this morning. He used a dull pocket knife. Night Clerk R. J. Maloney tried to take the knife from him and finding he could not, called the police. Meanwhile Heipley was working vigorously with the weapon.

When the policemen finally got the knife away he had a gash five inches long, and one and one-half inches deep. His recovery is doubtful. No cause can be assigned, but that he had been drinking heavily. He had plenty of money with him.

KILLED A WIFE-BEATER

Sheriff Stops His Murderous Attacks with a Bullet.

ACQUITTED BY CORONER'S JURY

Brutal Husband Sharpened a Knife and Promised to Use It if Wife Complained of His Assaults—Defied Officer with a Gun and, After Short Scrimmage, Was Shot in the Head—Bullet Caused Instant Death—Outcome of Matrimonial Advertisement.

Special to The Post.

Petersburg, Va., Oct. 20.—Lewis Weaver, who resided in Chesterfield County, a few miles from Petersburg, was shot and instantly killed yesterday afternoon by Sheriff W. C. Gill, of that county.

Weaver had assaulted his wife, and threatened to cut her throat if she told of it. He went so far as to sharpen a large knife in anticipation of carrying out his threat. Mrs. Weaver left home yesterday morning in company with a friend, and without the knowledge of her husband. She went to Chesterfield Court House, and obtained a warrant for her husband from Magistrate Cheathem. The warrant was given Sheriff Gill for execution. Gill, accompanied by Cheathem and George Burton, a brother-in-law of Weaver, went to Weaver's home.

He was found standing in his front door with a gun in one hand and a large knife in the other. When told by Gill that he had come to arrest him for assaulting his wife, Weaver declared that he would die before he would be taken.

Struck the Officer.

When Gill attempted to take him into custody, Weaver struck the officer with his gun on the head, and also Magistrate Cheathem, who endeavored to ward off the blow. Sheriff Gill received a painful cut on the head.

Weaver became desperate in his attacks upon Gill, who shot him in the head. Weaver fell dead.

A coroner's inquest was held, and the verdict of the jury was to the effect that in killing Weaver, Sheriff Gill acted in self-defense. Weaver was a native of Germany. He removed from Michigan to Chesterfield several years ago, and married a daughter of Mr. John Rudy, a well-known resident of the county. It is said that he habitually treated his wife badly, and had several times since their marriage beat her. Their marriage is said to have been the outcome of an advertisement in a matrimonial newspaper.

WAYLAID AND KILLED.

Negro Struck Private Benne Down in the Dark—Left Senseless In Roadway.

Special to The Post.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 21.—Private Benne, of the Hospital Corps at Fort Monroe, is dead from the effects of a wound which he received Wednesday night while on his way to Old Point from Phoebus, and from the facts, it is likely he was murdered. Wednesday night Benne visited Phoebus, and missed the last car going to Old Point. Knowing that his pass would be invalid after 5 o'clock Thursday morning, he determined to walk to the fort. He was making his way home when, by his own statement, he was waylaid and robbed by an unknown colored man.

The statement made just before his death indicates that murder has been committed, and it has aroused considerable feeling among his comrades. He said just as he was crossing Mill Creek Bridge he was knocked senseless by a man, who stepped up behind him.

For nearly an hour he lay there unconscious, and when he regained his senses, walked to the fort, a distance of about one mile. When he reached headquarters he was almost exhausted and soon became unconscious.

He was taken to the hospital, where he lingered until last night. The cause of his death was spinal meningitis, brought on by the severe blow which he received on the head. The wound was bleeding profusely when he reached the fort.

Private Benne was about thirty years old. His friends say that he was not a drinking man. His money was gone when he reached the fort. The remains were shipped to his home in Johnstown, Pa., where his relatives live.

Safe Breakers Drew a Blank.

Special to The Post.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 18.—The iron safe in the office of Harwood & Curtis, feed dealers, was cracked by burglars some time last night, but as far as can be learned the intruders got no booty. There was no money in the safe. The men who did the work evidently knew what they were about. It is believed that they are the same ones who cracked the safe of Frank Dennie, the pawnbroker, but were frightened off before they could open the inner safe door, behind which was $3,000 worth of jewelry and $950 in cash.

New Church at Newport News.

Special to The Post.

Newport News, Oct. 20.—The cornerstone of the new First Presbyterian Church was laid this afternoon, with Masonic ceremonies.

Richmond Blues Mustered In.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 20.—The two companies of the historic Richmond Light Infantry Blues were mustered into the service of the State to-night, and the Blues' Battalion was reorganized as an independent battalion. Maj. Sol Cutchins, who commanded the battalion before the Cuban war, was re-elected

SPOKE FOR GOV. TYLER

Attorney General Montague on the Stump.

DEMOCRATS HAVE CLEAN RECORD

In Addressing a Large Meeting at Houston, State Official Declares Present Administration Has Given More for Schools, Asylums, and Pensions Than Republicans Ever Did—Favors Bimetallism and Denounces Trusts and the War.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 23.—Attorney General A. J. Montague made the only speech he has delivered during the campaign at Houston, Halifax County, to-day. There was a large crowd to hear him. The speech was looked forward to with special interest, because of the leading part Mr. Montague took in the May conference and in the fight for popular selection of United States Senators. It was thought at one time that Mr. Montague would go on the stump in behalf of Gov. Tyler as a candidate for the Senatorship, but he felt that it was best that he, as attorney general, should not take that rather delicate position. Mr. Montague took occasion to-day, however, to pay a high compliment to Gov. Tyler. The speaker said he thought the State government had been satisfactorily administered since the return of the Democrats to power. He made direct application of this to the judicial, executive, and administrative departments. He said:

"Our governors have had clean administrations, and from close personal observation I would say that Virginia has had no executive since the war more devoted to his duty, more watchful of the interests of the people, and more desirous to save to the Commonwealth any expenditures than Gov. Tyler."

The attorney general submitted figures to show that the State is growing more prosperous, and pointed to the large appropriations to schools, colleges, asylums, and to pensions as one of the most encouraging signs of the time. He entered a plea for better roads, and coming to national issues he believed it to be necessary to place our finances upon a bimetallic basis, and declared that unless this were done we might expect frequent recurrences of panics and monetary trouble.

Control of Monopolies.

Mr. Montague urged the necessity of legislation to control trusts and bring them clearly within the common law inhibitions against monopolies. He devoted considerable attention to the imperialistic policy of the administration. He would not say that in the present wretched condition of affairs in the Philippine Islands, which he firmly believed had been brought about by the most inefficient administration of Mr. McKinley, our army should be withdrawn. He maintained, however, that any man could read Mr. McKinley's purpose, and that of the Republican party—to annex these islands as colonies; that there was no purpose of the dominant party to give these people free government. Mr. Montague strongly combated the idea that the Democratic party had ever been a party of expansion. He said:

"When Louisiana was acquired by Mr. Jefferson he plainly admitted that he had acted beyond the Constitution and besought his friends to procure an amendment of the Constitution to ratify the act, and it is well known that Mr. Madison drafted such a resolution, though it was never submitted to the people."

All of the territory acquired by the United States, however, has been obtained upon the same principles actuating the purchase of Louisiana, namely, that of the preservation of our republic. Mr. Montague asserted there was no constitutional right to acquire or conquer the Philippine Islands.

Expansion Voted Down.

He maintained that the section of the Constitution respecting the admission of new States into the Union never contemplated for an instant the acquisition of any such territory as this. He specially called attention to the fact that a provision was voted down, by a vote of eight States to three in the Constitutional convention, declaring that "the legislature of the United States shall have power to erect new States within as well as without the territory claimed by the several States, or either of them, and admit the same into the Union."

"Let the promulgation be made that we will withdraw our armies as soon as the Filipinos lay down their arms and establish a free and stable government; that pending this end we will simply retain our army for the purpose of the preservation of peace and order, and that our plighted faith will be not to use this army for oppression and wrong. Mr. Montague inveighed with vehemence against the militarism that must follow in the wake of our present policy. He earnestly entreated a return to the old and simple faith of the fathers, contented to develop our own country for the benefit of our own people; that we had to-day a substantial taste of imperialism throughout the South, and our civilization and the civilization of the black man had been set back many generations by the enfranchisement of the negro.

DEMOCRATS HEAR SWANSON.

Virginia's Congressman Wins Cheers for Bryan at Staunton.

Special to The Post.

Staunton, Va., Oct. 23.—A big Democratic meeting was addressed here to-day by Hon. Claude Swanson, of the Fifth Virginia Congressional District. He told how the Virginia Democracy since wresting the State from the Republicans in 1884 had increased the appropriations for schools, colleges, asylums, and disabled Confederate veterans, and had at the same time reduced the tax rate 20 per cent., increasing the State's income by taxing the oyster interest and corporations, which, theretofore, had been exempted. He declaimed vigorously against expansion; spoke in favor of retaining a coaling station in the Philippines, and denounced a large, standing army as needless and inimical to the liberty and lasting prosperity of a people.

Touching the costs of maintaining a standing army he quoted figures to show that the world's nations were prosperous in an inverse ratio to the tax rate imposed. The United States took less from the pockets of its people for governmental purposes than any other first-class power, and this enabled the Americans to undersell all rivals. "Trade doesn't follow the flag; it follows the price list," shouted the speaker.

Every mention of Bryan's name was greeted with cheers.

PARTY TROUBLE ENDED.

Downing Convention Reassembles and Again Nominates Welford.

Special to The Post.

Warsaw, Va., Oct. 23.—In accordance with the suggestion of the Democratic committee of this county the Downing convention reassembled at that place today for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the house of delegates for this and Lancaster Counties. This county was fully represented, and there were full delegations from Litwalton and Currioman districts, in Lancaster County. Mr. John Curlett, of Lancaster, was made temporary chairman and W. Y. Morgan temporary secretary. The convention reaffirmed and indorsed the principles of the Democratic party as set forth in the Chicago platform and recommended such a change in the Federal Constitution as would bring about the election of Senators by direct vote of the people, and indorsed the course of Hon. W. A. Jones as the representative for this district in Congress.

C. S. Towles, of Lancaster, placed in nomination Hon. R. C. Welford, of this county. Mr. Welford received 767 1-2 votes and was declared the nominee by acclamation. The meeting was largely attended and was very enthusiastic. As there was a majority of regularly elected delegates present from the two counties there can be no question about the legality and regularity of Mr. Welford's nomination. The recent decision of the special committee of the State committee being adverse to the contention of the Pinkard faction practically gave the Welford people control of the convention, for which reason the Pinkard following abstained from participating. The result to-day is just what it would have been at the first meeting had Mr. Pinkard's friends not insisted then upon casting the vote of Litwalton and Currioman precincts, although the former was unanimously against him and the latter represented by two contesting delegations.

A STRANGER'S LONG DRIVE.

Hired Horse and Buggy Two Weeks Ago and Is Still Missing.

Special to The Post.

Winchester, Va., Oct. 23.—After waiting two weeks for the return of a stranger, who hired a horse and buggy from him, H. C. Shenk, of Stephen City, came to the conclusion that he had been bunkoed. He notified the district attorney of his loss to-day, and offered a reward of $25 for the horse and buggy, with or without the stranger.

The man said his name was Miller, and got the team to drive to Charlestown.

CHILD ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Eight-year-old Boy Says His Parents Treated Him Badly.

Deliberately Soaked His Clothing with Oil and Applied a Match—Tells Physician He Is Sorry that His Attempt Was Unsuccessful.

Special to The Post.

Winchester, Va., Oct. 23.—An unusual and very remarkable case illustrating the sensitiveness of an eight-year-old child was disclosed to-day by the confession of Charles Slaughter, who admits that he deliberately planned suicide because he thought his parents treated him unkindly. The child is very intelligent.

Friday night he poured a quantity of kerosene over his clothes, and when they were thoroughly saturated, he applied a lighted match. The flames wrapped about his body, burning the garments from his limbs, and before the fire was extinguished the lad had suffered serious and very painful wounds.

When taken to the hospital, the boy endured his sufferings with little murmuring, and from the circumstances it was believed that he had soaked his clothing with the oil and lighted it purely in childish ignorance and for the purpose of watching the blaze. Yesterday, when asked by the attending physician, Dr. P. W. Boyd, why he had burned himself, the lad said he had thought for some time of committing suicide and had intentionally set fire to himself, with the hope of dying. He said he was tired of living and wanted to die because he had not been treated kindly.

The boy expressed regret that his attempt at self-destruction had failed. He planned the deed early Friday and waited until evening, when his parents were absent from home. The upper portion of his body was horribly burned and he inhaled the flames. Dr. Boyd says his condition is serious, and there is only the slightest chance for his recovery. The physician places every confidence in the lad's story, and declares he was in good mental condition when he made his confession.

FINANCES OF VIRGINIA.

Outstanding Bonds Aggregate $18,002,083—Literary and School Funds.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 23.—Second Auditor Ryland's annual report for the fiscal year ended September 30, which covers the condition of the public debt, the literary fund, and the report of the sinking fund commissioners, is just out. The report shows that the amount of bonds issued under act of February 20, 1892, known as centuries, has increased during the past year, $50,911.24, making the amount of bonds outstanding of that issue, $18,002,083.67, of which $226,300 are held by the literary fund, and $114,000 by the commissioners of the sinking fund, leaving in the hands of the public $17,661,783.67.

The bonds with tax receivable coupons, which have given the State so much trouble in past years, have nearly all been surrendered, only $49,800 of consols, and $27,400 of 10-40's being now outstanding, with the probability that a number of these are lost or destroyed and will never be converted.

The literary fund has increased its holdings of century bonds to $226,300 by the purchase during the year of $33,500 out of the literary fund fines, making the present holdings of State bonds by this fund $1,430,327.28 Riddlebergers, and $220,300 of centuries, the annual interest on which, amounting to $47,435.82, goes to the public schools.

Of the $200,000 cash appropriation to the public schools, $193,100.85 was appropriated to the counties and cities of the State, $2,500 to State normal institutes, the rest being used for general expenses.

The disbursement account shows that $797,975.28 was paid on account of interest on the public debt during the past year. This includes $12,652.50 paid on judgments for taxes with tax receivable coupons.

The report of the commissioners of the sinking fund shows that they received during the past year $32,749.50 as dividends from the State's interest in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, and that there is now in the treasury to the credit of this fund $437,825.03.

Methodists Oppose Roberts.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 23.—At the Methodist preachers' meeting to-day, Mrs. Jones, State president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, presented two petitions; one to the legislature of Virginia, asking the enactment of a law requiring the public schools to teach the effect of alcohol on the system, and one to Congress, asking that body not to admit Congressman-elect Roberts, the polygamist, from Utah. Neither petition was acted upon by the meeting as a body, but they were signed by the ministers individually.

Bible Salesman Missing.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 23.—The police are investigating the reported disappearance of Edward Butler, who has recently been canvassing the suburbs for the sale of Bibles and religious literature. Evangelist J. P. Kendall, who employed him, reported the matter to the police department today. The missing man is from Meriden, Conn.

Shot Man Instead of Rabbit.

Special to The Post.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 23.—Albert Brant was accidentally shot in the face and breast by Thomas Males, colored, this morning while rabbit hunting. Males was at a higher point on the mountain, back of Lindnerville, and when the dogs stirred up a rabbit in the bushes, fired, not knowing that Brant was in the range of his gun. One shot penetrated the left eye, and the sight may be destroyed.

Mason Homestead Burned.

Special to The Post.

Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 23.—The old Mason homestead, Cleveland, in King George County, near Comorn, occupied by Maj. J. Julian Mason, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday, while all of the members of the family except Maj. Mason, who is an invalid, were at church. The fire originated from a defective flue.

LOWNDES AT MARLBORO

Large Republican Gathering Cheers the Governor.

STRONG APPEAL FOR NEGRO VOTE

Declares He Has Always Been a Friend of the Colored Man and Promises Them Equal Rights with the Whites—Representative Mudd Scores Rayner, and Says Democrats Depend Upon Blackguarding Him and Crying "Negro Rule."

Special to The Post.

Upper Marlboro, Oct. 23.—Gov. Lloyd Lowndes was the star attraction at an immense Republican mass meeting held in the court house to-day.

The meeting was called to order at noon by W. T. S. Rollins, chairman of the State central committee for Prince George County. Hon. Sidney E. Mudd and Mr. Charles R. Schirm, of Baltimore, one of the leading Republican campaign orators of the State, accompanied the governor.

A reception committee, consisting of George W. Curley, J. S. Sasscer, F. W. Hill, M. S. Plummer and George B. Merrick, met the visitors. Mr. J. Selwyan Sasscer was made permanent chairman.

The governor was introduced by the chairman and received tremendous applause. He said his father was born in Prince George County, and he felt as though it were his home.

The governor attacked the claim of Col. Smith that he should be given the credit for the passage of the free school-book bill, and said $150,000 had been appropriated yearly by the Republican legislature in giving the children of the State free books. In 1892 the control of the schools was taken away from the judges and given to the executive. When he came into power every school examiner in the State was a Democrat. Now about one-half of these are Democrats, thus eliminating politics from the schools. The governor said he was in favor of minority representation on school boards. The Republican party has reduced the State debt by $450,000. A continuation of this party in power would mean an absolute extermination of the debt. Between $80,000,000 and $90,000,000 has been added to the property assessment under the new assessment law. The Republicans gave $35,000 per year more to colored schools in the State than the Democrats. But $464,000 was due the State under Democratic rule when the Republicans took hold.

Pleaded for Colored Vote.

Gov. Lowndes declared he did not appeal for himself personally, but for the principles of his party, which were at stake. The Republicans had made promises in the past and had kept them. He spoke particularly of the action taken in the cases of colored men accused of crime, who had been given just trials, and said that he had always tried to be the political friend of the colored people of Maryland. The race, he thought, had advanced materially and morally to a greater extent than in any other State. He would always help the colored people, and do for them as he would for the whites.

The governor made a strong plea for the colored vote, and seemed to impress the large number of colored men in the gathering. Speaking directly to citizens of Prince George County, he said they were better off and happier than ever before in their lives. There was greater prosperity in the county, he insisted, than ever before. The debts had been paid off and they had money in the banks, and more people had employment at better wages, under the guiding hand of the matchless leader, William McKinley, than ever before in history. The Republican party was harmonious, he said, and the gold Democrats had announced their intentions of supporting the ticket.

Several times the governor was interrupted by bursts of applause and cheers.

Mudd Answers Rayner.

Mr. Schirm spoke next, giving an outline of what the Republican party had done since it came in power. He spoke of the Baltimore and Ohio reorganization bill and the Johns Hopkins