AT DEATH'S DOOR.

Negroes Fight Over Game of Craps—Are Seriously Injured.

Daniel Prosser was struck on the head last night with a brick thrown by John Smith and may die from the wounds. The negroes were shooting crap in Penitentiary Bottom and quarreled over some money. Smith claims that Prosser picked up a brick and that he struck the latter in self-defense. He tried to escape and succeeded in crossing over to Manchester, where he was almost immediately captured by Officers Wright and Waymack, who had been previously notified by the Richmond authorities.

Prosser is lying at the point of death in the city almshouse. His skull was trepanned by Drs. Brown, Leonard, Perkins and Mercer, and the injured brain tissue was removed.

The wounds are regarded as probably fatal, and there is little prospect of Prosser's recovery.

PART OF LINE OPEN.

The Atlanta-Birmingham Link of Seaboard Nearly Complete.

Charles R. Capps, general freight agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, has issued a circular announcing the opening for traffic of the Atlanta and Birmingham Air Line Railway, between Atlanta and Rockmart, Ga. The road is now handling freights between Esom, Ga., and Lock, Ala. It is expected that the entire line will be completed to Birmingham by January 1st next, and in that cose important connections will be made that will greatly augment the through traffic of the Seaboard Air Line system. It is again rumored that the Seaboard and Rock Island systems may become allied upon the completion of the Atlanta-Birmingham link, but the report lacks confirmation.

Busy Day at the Book Stores.

The booksellers of Richmond have been living a strenuous life for the past five or six days. The opening of the public schools, together with the recent adoption of new book lists throughput the State, has had the effect of causing a great run on dealers in books. Some of the patrons report that they were unable to find all the books desired in stock at some of the stores, and had to make the round of all in the city to complete their purchases of text-books for their children. There can be no changes now for four years.

Dixie Aerie Made a Great Hit.

Mr. J. C. West, who went to Baltimore to attend the meeting of the Grand Aerie of Eagles, has returned to the city, and is enthusiastic over the great reception accorded the birds of freedom in the Monumental City and the magnificent showing made by Dixie Aerie of this city. Dixie had about seventy-five men in line, and, Mr. West says, made the hit of the great parade.

Two Vagrants.

Alonzo Miller and Alanzo Stanard, both colored, were sent to jail yesterday by Mayor Gallagher on a charge of vagrancy.

What Did the Woggle Bug Say?

Every reader of The Times-Dispatch will find himself or herself puzzling over this perplexing question after he has read the page in the Magazine Section devoted to the doings of the "Queer Visitors From the Marvelous Land of Oz."

The Woggle Bug, wise man of the party, undertakes to answer all questions for his comrades from Oz. He has to answer one each week. His answer is not printed. The reader is left to discover it. The pictures and descriptive matter make this comparatively easy to the active mind. Both the pictures and the story are guides to the solution of the problem, and the question admits of but one correct answer. The puzzles require only ordinary skill

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS IN PRIZES

To stimulate interest in the visit of the people from the Land of Oz, The Times-Dispatch will give Twenty Dollars in cash and five copies of Mr. Baum's interesting book "The Marvelous Land of Oz" each month to those of its readers who send in correct or nearly correct answers to the questions put to the Woggle Bug by his companions.

Sept. 20. Use This Coupon Only **No. 20.**

To the WOGGLE BUG EDITOR
THE SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH, Richmond, Va.:

The answer to the question asked of the Woggle Bug in the Magazine Section of the paper of SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, is—

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Name .....

Street and Number .....

Town or City .....

State .....

No employe of The Times-Dispatch or member of an employe's family is allowed to enter the contest.

FILL OUT THE ABOVE COUPON. Also the coupon to be found each day in The Times-Dispatch until Saturday, September 24th. This gives you six chances to answer the question suggested in the page to-day. Do the same next Sunday, and also on each week-day, until the end of the month. SAVE YOUR COUPONS, and on the last day of the month send them all to the WOGGLE BUG EDITOR, The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va. This will end the contest for September, and the prizes will be awarded very early in the month of October.

$25.00 IN PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

1.	For the greatest number of correct answers	$10
2.	For the next largest number of correct answers	5
3.	For the third largest number of correct answers	2
4.	For the fourth largest number of correct answers	1
5.	For the five next largest number of correct answers (Books)	5
6.	For the eight next largest numbers of correct answers (25 cents)	2
		$25

RULES OF THE CONTEST.

The largest number of correct answers wins.

All coupons for any one month will be consecutively numbered, and must be placed in one envelope and arranged in the order of their publication.

Only one coupon of the same date can be placed in the same envelope of answers for the month.

If more than one individual should have every coupon correctly marked and properly arranged, the first prize would be divided between the winners. Other prizes will be similarly divided in case any number of contestants have the same number of answers that are equally correct, but not absolutely so.

Contestants need not write the same answers on all coupons issued for any one week. A different answer can be written for each day; but if you are sure you are right, you will, of course, write the same answer on all coupons issued for any one Sunday. Remember, the largest number of correct answers wins.

All coupons for any one month must be placed in the same envelope and be in the office of The Times-Dispatch by 10 A. M. of the 3d day of the following month.

DRUIDS WILL MEET TO-DAY

Supreme Grove to Hold Biennial Session in This City.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Conference of Officers and the Programme Mapped Out.

The Supreme Grove, U. A. O. D. of the United States, will begin its biennial session at the Bijou Theatre, in this city, this morning at 10 o'clock.

The headquarters of the delegates and officers are at the Richmond Hotel, where a good many of them are quartered.

The session will last four days, and will be attended by delegates from nearly all the States.

The supreme arch and secretary held a conference last night, and talked over the work of the convention.

The entertainment features, which have been prepared by the Grand Grove of Virginia, are varied and attractive.

Programme Made.

The following programme has been mapped out for the convention:

This morning at 10 o'clock, at the Bijou—Welcome address, by Carlton McCarthy, Mayor of the city of Richmond; response by supreme arch of the United States; B. H. Hudson, acting noble grand arch.

At 9 o'clock P. M. a grand cotillion in Murphy's Hotel annex, tendered the Supreme Grove by Magnolia Circle, No. 2, Ladies' Auxiliary.

In addition to the cotillion, the ladies have arranged a special entertainment, consisting of drills, fancy dances and marches. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

To-morrow at 3 P. M.—Carriage ride around the city to historical points.

4:30 P. M.—Cars will be taken at First and Broad Streets to Lakeside Park, where lunch will be served.

8:30 P. M.—Members of Supreme Grove will be escorted to Bijou Theatre.

To Have a Banquet.

A banquet will be given at Murphy's on Thursday night at 9 o'clock, and the final session will be held Friday morning.

The incoming delegates last night were met by a local committee and everything was done to make them feel at home.

The election of grand officers will take place to-morrow. It is understood that the next session will be held in San Francisco. About twenty-two years ago the Grand Grove met in this city, and since then the meetings have been held in many of the States.

The following committee will have charge of the entertainment of the visitors: Messrs. D. Rosendorf (chairman), T. M. Hargrave, Charles J. Hughes, T. F. Bagley, H. Briel, C. A. Hill, J. H. Jones, W. D. Morriss and B. H. Hudson.

FAILED TO AGREE.

St. James and Trinity Churches Will Not Consolidate.

The proposed consolidation of Trinity and St. James Methodist churches will not take place this year, or in the near future. At the final meeting of the committees from the two churches last Friday night a resolution was adopted declaring that a union of the two churches was not feasible. This decision was reached after several meetings of the committees and much discussion.

In the consideration of the matter many suggestions were advanced as to the location of a new edifice, the cost thereof and the benefit that would result from the consolidation. Some of the committee from Trinity were not willing to build a church higher up on Church Hill, alleging that this would deprive Methodists in the valley of a place of worship, while the St. James committee was opposed to deserting its people in the extreme eastern section of the city.

Rev. W. A. Cooper, in announcing the decision of the conference to the congregation at St. James Church yesterday, admonished the people that no church in the city had in its grasp better opportunities for efficient work and larger results than St. James. The church, he said, was in a growing section; houses were springing up and families moving in from other parts of the city as well as from the country. His members need only be determined and aggressive to further the cause of Christ and make Methodism a potent influence in the lives of the people of the East End.

The members of St. James and Trinity are gratified that the matter has been settled. They have been on the "anxious bench" for some weeks.

RICHMOND ACADEMY.

Formal Opening Exercises Held Yesterday—Good Speeches.

The formal opening exercises of the Richmond Academy were observed yesterday amid great enthusiasm. After three hours spent in the formation of classes, at 12 o'clock, the students assembled in the study and a goodly number of friends and patrons of the school gathered to do honor to the occasion. Dean W. L. Foushee presided and introduced Dr. W. R. L. Smith, who made a most charming speech to the boys, which riveted their attention. Dr. C. H. Ryland, who has had so much to do with the creation of the Academy proved a graceful speaker. Next a love letter was read from Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, former dean, now of New York city, to the boys of the school he loved so well. At the conclusion of the reading, a round of cheers were given and a vote of affectionate return greetings was unanimously made.

Rev. R. M. Maxey, of the Methodist Church, gracefully presented to Mr. W. H. Sands, Jr., the Hatcher medal, given to the Academy by Dr. W. E. Hatcher as a prize for high scholarship. The award of this medal was announced last June, but this was the first public occasion for the presentation.

The audience also enjoyed eloquent speeches from Dr. W. T. Derieux, of Richmond; Dr. A. C. Wightman, of Randolph-Macon College, and President F. W. Boatwright, of Richmond College.

Students are coming in every day and the outlook for a large patronage is promising.

Neat Little Booklet.

Mrs. M. A. Burgess, whose husband, Mr. D. M. Burgess, is connected with the State Library, and who was a gallant Confederate soldier, has issued the second edition of a very interesting little booklet, entitled "Richmond, Virginia, Educational—Historical."

The volume contains brief sketches of the most distinguished officers of the Confederate army and cuts of many of the most interesting monuments and public buildings in the city. It will be especially valuable to sightseers.

Federal Court Appeals.

The following appeals have been certified to the clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in this city:

American Woodworking Machinery Company, petitioner, appellant, vs. P. A. Agelasto, trustee of the Chesapeake Furniture and Woodworking Company, bankrupts, appellee. Appeal from the United States District Court at Norfolk.

P. H. Gorman, creditor of B. W. Matthews, bankrupt, appellant, vs. R. H. Wright, objecting creditor, appellee. Appealed from the District Court at Raleigh, N. C.

Equal to Sherlock Holmes.

With finger marks as their clue Magistrate Meyer, Angle and Constable Camp, of Henrico, cleverly captured a thief who had recently robbed the home of Marshall Leonard, on Louisiana street, of a pair of engraved cuff buttons and a gold locket. Amos White, colored, was the guilty party, and, being strongly suspected, was arrested by Officer Camp. The buttons were found on his person. White got six months for the larceny.

The League Training School.

The opening of the Woman's League Training School and Hospital will take place next Thursday night at 8 o'clock at No. 412 North Third Street.

A large number of students from other States will be in attendance this year. Professor D. Webster Davis and Rev. S. C. Burrell will address the meeting.

Visiting Newspaper Men.

Among the visitors to Richmond yesterday were C. E. Thacker, proprietor of the Newport News Daily Press; Harvey L. Wilson, editor of the Newport News Times-Herald, and Mr. Herman H. West, formerly employed on the press of this city, but now with the Philadelphia North American.

The Mayor Addresses Men.

Sunday afternoon Mayor McCarthy made a stirring and impressive address before the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association. The meeting was held in the Main-Street station.

Church Hill Association.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold an important meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in its home, 2605 East Franklin street.

Asbury League.

Asbury Epworth League will hold its regular devotional service to-night at 8:15 o'clock. Since reopening, the meetings have been very interesting and an enjoyable hour is promised to those who come. The topic to be discussed is "The Personal Reign of Jehovah." Mrs. W. L. Shepard has promised to sing a solo.

Major Gaines Here.

Major R. V. Gaines, of Charlotte county, is stopping at Murphy's.

May be Slightly Better.

Mr. Charles Mahoney, who is ill at his home, No. 911 East Leigh Street, was thought to be a little better last night.

Devotional Meeting.

The semi-annual devotional meeting of the Richmond clericus was held yesterday morning in St. James's Church.

Hustings Court Term.

The October term of the Hustings Court will begin to-day. The entire day will be taken up with the work of the grand jury, and to-morrow the cases will be set for trial.

Return From Abroad.

Dr. R. C. Bryan and Messrs. B. Stewart Hume and W. G. Fergusson have returned from a summer trip abroad. They came over on the Cretic, which landed at Boston.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

This Holy Day Devoutly Observed by Jewish Citizens of Richmond.

THE KEYNOTE IS SINCERITY

Rabbi E. N. Calisch Delivers Eloquent Discourse, Exalting the Motive.

The faithful of all the Jewish citizens of Richmond and vicinity observed yesterday, the great Day of Atonement, with services of prayer and song. Rabbi E. N. Calisch, pastor of the Beth Ahaba congregation, conducted appropriate exercises at the synagogue, delivering an able and thought-provoking discourse. All the places of business conducted by Jewish citizens were closed throughout the day, while the employer and the employe alike worshipped Israel's God.

Services at Beth Ahabah begun at 10 A. M., Dr. Calisch taking Isaiah I, 11-17, as his text, said in part:

The reading of the scriptural portion for this morning (Levit. xvi.) brings sharply to mind how long is the time since was enacted the scene which this chapter describes, and how great is the change that has been wrought in the passage of the years. By the magic wand of the imagination the scene and the service are laid again before our vision. We see the resplendent temple at Jerusalem peerless in its architectural splendor. Proudly unrearing its dome from the summit of Moriah's mount, its golden gateway gives back the gleam of the tropic sun. Roundabout it lie the hills and the valleys of that land, whose every inch almost is covered with the episodes of a history that is written indelibly upon the heart of the civilized world. Within the walls of the temple we see the courtyards crowded with an eager, yet reverent multitude. These crowds themselves make living walls of flesh, within which, in the open space, stand the implements and paraphernalia of the atonement service, the altars, the lavers and the various vessels used in the impressive ceremony. There, too, stand the animals awaiting the sacrificial steel, and the priests of various degrees at their several stations.

But the absorbed attention of the house assemblage is riveted upon the high priest. Clad in his spotless, sacredotal robes, he proceeds to perform the service that is peculiar to the day, the confession of sin upon the scapegoat and its dismissal to the wilderness.

Fascinating Service.

It is a fascinating service, one pregnant with profound meaning for every soul in that vast assembly, and appealing to every heart present. Every eye is bent upon the high priest. He makes confession of his own sins and those of his household, of the priesthood and of all the house of Israel. By this confession, laying these sins upon the scapegoat, he sends it forth by a trusted hand to perish in the wilderness. The attention turns from the high priest to the sin-laden animal as it is led away to its fate. The people silent make way for it through the throng. They follow it with keen interest as long as it is in sight, and when it finally disappears from view, a sigh of relief goes up from the crowded temple. For were they not now sin-free in the eyes of God and Man? Had not the goat taken their guilt? Was he not the vicarious sufferer, by whom the burden of iniquity was lifted from their shoulders and they were purged, their sins atoned for? Could they not, with clear conscience and easy heart, go back now to their daily routine of life, pursue again the same paths? And in another year would not another goat again take away the renewed load of their wickedness and render them again stainless of sin?

Assured, so they believed and practiced.

With a start we come back to the consciousness of our service and our ideals to-day, and there is present a keen appreciation of the wide gulf which time has made between that age and this, between that service and ours here to-day. All the paraphernalia of that elaborate production have crumbled away. The temple is gone, the holy city is gone, the altar is gone, the sacrifice of animals is gone. Is there aught of that ancient service that remains for us? Surely we have nothing of barbaric splendor, nothing of the sacrificial cult or of the odor of burning flesh. Would any member of this congregation, would any member of a most orthodox congregation, wish to recall that service as the proper way to serve God, or to make atonement for one's sin? Yet would any member of this congregation undertake to say that that service was not as acceptable in the eyes of God as the most refined and decorous service of to-day, providing there was equal keynote—sincerity at both services?

Keynote, Sincerity.

Here is the keynote of our thought—sincerity. The mind of man moves with the process of the suns. His conception of things changes, as the foliage of a tree. Every ideal has its outward expression in some institution or form, and every institution has its seasons of blossom, fruitage and decay. But the emotions are steadfast, and the heart of man beats to-day as it did of yore. The change takes place in the externals only. Thus we are gathered to-day in our house of prayer, as were our fathers in the temple of old, to humble ourselves before God to seek atonement for our sins and to receive from out His boundless mercy pardon for our iniquities. The method of our service is peculiar to our age only. Our children's children will doubtless follow different lines. But whether it have been the elaborate ceremonial of ancient days, or that weird and wondrous wail of mediaeval orthodoxy, whether the form acceptable to our day or that which will be to coming generations, these things are all nothing—or truer still, are all alike—they are merely the vehicles of the expression of a sentiment within. Be that sentiment lacking, all else is vain. And again I say that the necessary, unalterably necessary, thing is sincerity.

The sermon was heard with profound attention.

Officers Were Elected.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Order of Hibernians met Sunday at Murphy's Hotel and elected officers for the year as follows: Miss A. T. Ferriter, of Richmond, president; Mrs. John Flood, of Portsmouth, vice-president; Miss M. Hogan, of Richmond, secretary. These officers are of the State organization of the auxiliary: State President James Casey, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; State Secretary James Creamer, of the same organization; Mr. Daniel Reardon, of Portsmouth, and Rev. J. O'Reilly. A large delegation of the organization came up from Portsmouth and vicinity and were tendered a dinner at Murphy's Hotel.

Making Ready for the Show.

Arrangements for the fourth annual show o the Richmond Horse Show Association are being rapidly completed. President Anderson, Manager Smith and Secretary Warthen are all in the city and are hard at work.

The management of the show are considering the matter of throwing open the building to the public during the day, thus enabling them to see the prize horses. It is probable also that music will be furnished for the entertainment of the visitors to the building during the day.

Valuable Dog Killed.

W. C. Wingfield, of Henrico county, swore out a warrant against C. C. Austin, charging him with killing a valuable pointer dog belonging to Mr. Wingfield. The dog was valued at $100.

Austin was arrested by Constable T. H. Samuels, and will be tried before 'Squire George W. Thomas, justice of the peace of Henrico county, to-day at 3 o'clock.

Church Hill W. C. A.

The Church Hill branch of the Woman's Christian Association will hold a called meeting this afternoon at 4:30, at their home, No. 2605 East Franklin Street. It is important that a full attendance be present.

Examine Vacant Houses.

The case of Stephen Love, the negro arrested by Detectives Wren and Wiltshire, with a bag of lead pipe on his shoulder, was continued to the 29th, to find out where the lead came from. The detectives request the real estate men to examine their vacant houses, in order to locate the place from which the lead pipe was taken.

At First Presbyterian.

Rev. Dr. McFaden preached an excellent sermon in the First Presbyterian Church Sunday. Members of the congregation are coming in from their summer vacations, and rapidly filling up their old places.

The new chorus choir, under the direction of Dr. McGehee, rendered some beautiful selections.

Principal at Cheriton.

Mr. Paul P. Woodin, of Waynesboro, Va., a popular student at Richmond College last year, has gone to Cheriton, Va., to assume his duties as principal of the school at that place. Mr. Woodfin received the B. A. degree at the college last session. He was prominent in athletics while at the college, and made a fine record in scholarship also.

Law and Equity Court.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday, M. J. McDonough was awarded $125 against the Passenger and Power Company. It was alleged that one of the defendant company's cars struck a horse and wagon of the plaintiff.

Judgment was rendered in the same court in favor of A. L. Thomas vs. R. B. Felthaus & Co.

To Get Transfers.

City Chairman James B. Doherty said yesterday that he would shortly open headquarters for the local Democracy, and that they would be in charge of Mr. P. L. Wade. The work to be done relates mainly to securing transfers for the voters in the coming election.

Rev. Mr. McDaniel Leaves.

Rev. George W. McDaniel, who has been supplying the First Baptist Church the last two Sundays, left yesterday for his home in Dallas, Tex.

Mr. McFaden is a preacher of marked power, and while here gave great satisfaction and acquired many friends.

Mayor Approves.

Mayor McCarthy yesterday approved the ordinances locating the Stuart Monument at the intersection of Lombardy and Franklin Streets, and to make the Bank of Richmond a city depository.

Committee Meetings.

The Committee on Relief of the Poor will go on a tour of inspection at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The Finance Committee will meet at 8 o'clock at the City Hall.

One Charter Granted.

The Corporation Commission yesterday granted a charter to the Newport News Pythian Castle Association. Thomas J. Pree is president, and the capital stock is $5,000.

Bigger in Charge.

Little or nothing of public interest was going on at the Executive Department yesterday. Governor Montague and Mr. Ritchie, both being in St. Louis, Executive Clerk Sam W. Bigger, was in charge at the office.

Dr. Woodward to Lecture.

Dr. Edmund Lee Woodward will address the Richmond Clericus Monday, September 26th, on his work as medical missionary in Ngankin, China.

Fined for Assault.

Matthew Goff, colored, complained that Joe Sidney and Ola Sidney came to his home and figuratively wiped up the floor with her. The two were each fined $10 and costs for their unseemly conduct.

Was Kicked by a Horse.

Mr. Ivanhoe Sclater, Jr., who was kicked by a horse while visiting his uncle, William Sclater, at Palmyra, Va., is suffering a painful injury to his knee, which prevents his walking. He is at his father's residence, No. 1721 Floyd Avenue.

Societies to Organize.

The Philologian Literary Society of Richmond College will meet for organization on Friday night at 8 o'clock, and the Mu Sigma Rho at the same hour on Saturday night.

Colored Church Work.

Rev. Dr. John Moncure, archdeacon of colored work in the diocese of Virginia, left yesterday to attend the Piedmont convocation at Upperville, Fauquier county, in the interest of his work.

Heavily Fined.

Amos White, of Henrico county, was fined $50 and costs yesterday for carrying concealed weapons, and given a sentence of six months in jail on a charge of larceny.

The First Service.

At the Union Theological Seminary, the opening services were held last Sunday night. The sacrament was administered by Dr. W. W. Moore, who also made an address.

Put Under Bonds.

Frank Cloud, colored, was put under six months' bonds on the allegation that he got $12 under false pretences from T. E. Carter.

Gamblers Were Fined.

Nine crap shooters and two skin game artists were before Justice John yesterday, and the whole bunch was fined $2.50 each.

Diocesan Visitations.

Bishop Gibson left Saturday to make visitations in Mineral City and and adjacent points in Louisa county.

Y. M. C. A. Service.

Dr. John Moncure addressed the Central Young Men's Christian Association Sunday on "Manhood."