

RICHMOND'S DAILY NEWS AND GOSSIP.

A Cold-Blooded Murder in King William County.

A LYNCHING IS PROBABLE.

A Negro Arrested and Charged With the Crime—Stuart H. Ford Granted a Divorce—The Reagan-Crawford Nuptials in Manchester—The New Grand Commander of the Confederate Veterans of Virginia—Condition of the City Jail—Visitors From the Quaker City.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.—There has apparently been a cold blooded murder committed in King William county. Mr. H. A. Major, one of the most prominent citizens of the county, is the victim. He went out with a negro named Addison Carter Wednesday to place some fish nets in a mill pond. Carter reported that Mr. Major had fallen overboard from the boat and had been drowned. When the body was recovered it was found that Major had been hit a fearful blow upon the head and that he was dead when his body went into the water. Carter was arrested to-day, charged with the murder. There is great excitement in King William and a lynching is not improbable. Mr. Major leaves a widow and five children.

STUART FORD DIVORCED. Stuart H. Ford was to-day granted a divorce from his wife, Loretta Small-Ford, a daughter of Rev. Sam W. Small. They have not lived together for three or four years. Description was the ground upon which the divorce was granted. Mr. Ford is a son of Mr. A. J. Ford, the well-known hotel man, who now resides in Norfolk.

REAGAN—CRAWFORD. Mr. Wesson Reagan, a near relative of Judge John H. Reagan, of Texas, the only surviving member of Jefferson Davis' Cabinet, was married in Manchester to-night. His bride is Miss Ella Crawford. They had never met until yesterday. Six years ago they began a correspondence. Mr. Reagan is from Arkansas.

THE NEW GRAND COMMANDER. Col. R. L. Maury, elected Commander of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, is a prominent lawyer of this city. He is a near relative of the late Commodore M. F. Maury. Col. Maury is the Post Commander of Pickett Camp.

THE CITY JAIL. Upon the beginning of the session of the Hustings Court this morning Commonwealth's Attorney D. C. Richardson arose and addressed the court in reference to the condition of the city jail. He said that the structure was in a condition that could be revolting to the mind of every citizen, and moved that a rule be issued against the City Council in the shape of a mandamus requiring them to show cause why they should not provide a new jail for the city of Richmond.

He submitted the report of the Jail Commissioners and a report from Dr. Gordon, physician to the jail, and he moved that the rule be issued returnable at the November term, the 5th of the month.

City Attorney Pollard was present in the interest of the City Council, and suggested that a day be fixed that would give to the Council sufficient time to answer the rule. He thought that the Council should have a meeting or two, in order to prepare itself, and he also thought that a special committee would probably be appointed to investigate the matter and report back to the Council.

Judge Witt said that the Council had been dilly-dallying about this matter for twelve years, and that as little time should be consumed as is absolutely necessary in considering the matter now. Something must be done at once, he said, and the November term was fixed as the time for the Council to reply.

AN ACCIDENT. An accident which may prove serious in its results happened this morning to Mrs. A. R. Higgins, No. 361 South Laurel street. She fell face-foremost down a flight of stairs, landing on her head, and sustaining a very severe scalp wound, a number of cuts on the face and several bad bruises.

Mrs. Higgins is about 30 years of age. She is the wife of Mr. H. P. Higgins, at present the night watchman for the Alleghany Box Factory.

About 9:30 o'clock this morning Mrs. Higgins was engaged in her household duties on the back porch. Leading from the porch to the yard is a flight of about eleven steps, at the head of which is a gate. In attempting to adjust this gate it gave way and Mrs. Higgins fell. Her husband who was standing near rushed to her assistance, but not in time. Mrs. Higgins was taken into the house and Dr. Stuart McLean was sent for. He pronounced her injuries of a very dangerous nature and recommended that she be kept perfectly quiet.

QUAKER CITY VISITORS. Mayor Samuel H. Ashbridge and his party of Philadelphians, in charge of Messrs. Welsh, Redwood and Wooley, were driven in carriages around the city to-day, viewing the sights. They visited the Museums, the Capitol and called upon Mayor Taylor and Chief Howard, who gave them a cordial welcome. City Clerk August showed them through the council chamber, and the visitors expressed themselves as most pleased with the reception given them. They left for Old Point this afternoon.

MR. ELLYSON BACK. Hon. J. Taylor Elyson has returned from Staunton, where he attended the meeting of the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Elyson is much pleased with his trip, and had a most enjoyable time.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY. JUDGE PRENTIS ENDORSED FOR SUPREME COURT BENCH. (Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Courtland, Va., Oct. 12.—A called meeting of the Southampton Bar was held in the office of J. B. Prince & Son, in this place, to-day at 11 o'clock a. m. Judge J. B. Prince was made chairman and E. Frank Stray was chosen as secretary.

The chair stated that the object of the meeting was to pass suitable resolutions endorsing the Hon. Robert H. Prentis for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, whereupon Hon. W. J. Sobrell offered the following:

Resolved 1st, That the Bar of Southampton County, recognizing the Hon. Robert H. Prentis as an able and incorruptible jurist, who possesses in an eminent degree all the elements that make the model judge, hereby unanimously endorse him for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Resolved 2d, That our Senator and member of the House of Delegates are hereby requested to use their best efforts to secure his election.

In presenting the resolutions Mr. Sobrell made a brief but eloquent speech, in which he spoke most complimentary of Judge Prentis, both as a judge and as a man. Other speeches were made by different members of the bar, all eulogistic of the distinguished son of Virginia, in whose behalf the resolutions were offered.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, after which the meeting adjourned.

HAMPTON. WANTED IN PHILADELPHIA—INSANITY ALLEGED—MARRIAGE. Hampton, Va., Oct. 12.—Mayor J. Baron Hope received a communication yesterday that leaves no question as to the identity of Harry Wellington Stewart, in the form of the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Elliott, of Norfolk, and a telegram, received from Philadelphia as follows:

"Marine Barracks, Norfolk, Va., Oct. 11, 1900. 'Sir—I enclose herewith a copy of a telegram received this date. If you have this man mentioned in custody please advise me of the disposition made in his case by civil authorities. 'Very respectfully, 'G. E. ELLIOTT, 'Lieut. Col. U. S. M. C., Commanding Marines.' The following is the telegram inclosed:

"League Island, Pa., Oct. 10, 1900. 'The Chief of Police, Hampton, Va.: 'Wire me if Harry Wellington Stewart, private marine, arrested in Hampton, Va., is released by civil authorities and answers the following description: Complexion, dark; hair, dark brown; eyes, brown; scar on the left cheek; age, twenty-one years, eight months; height, 7 1/2 inches; occupation, electrician. (Signed) 'C. E. STUART, 'The following is the telegram inclosed:

"The charge that Stewart is wanted for in Philadelphia is said to be forgery upon which he secured the sum of \$270 from the sub-treasury.

Mayor Hope is satisfied Stewart is the man wanted. What disposition will be made of his case can not be ascertained, but it is thought that he will be turned over to the Federal authorities if they desire to push their case.

Fred Duval, the man who gave himself up on the charge of bigamy in Newport News several months ago, and was brought here for trial, as the woman he married was a resident of this place, may appear before a commission of lunacy to-day. Col. James was at the jail yesterday, and said he would try and have the commission meet to-day.

Duval impressed those who saw him at the time of his arrest as being a man of unsound mind, and it was only after a thorough investigation that his confession of being a bigamist was considered seriously. He has improved since his incarceration, and made a fine appearance yesterday dressed in a black suit of clothes.

MARRIED YESTERDAY. Miss Lulia Harwood and Mr. Herman Spell, of Newport News, were married this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Joseph Scott is quite ill at his residence in the West End.

NEWPORT NEWS. THE COLORED DEMOCRATIC CLUB A SUCCESS—FATAALLY INJURED. (Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Newport News, Va., Oct. 12.—The first meeting of the Second Ward Colored Democratic Club, which was held last night near the corner of Warwick and Twenty-second street, was a great success and a credit to the organizers of the club.

The organization has rented a store room on Warwick avenue, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, and it is being fitted up for its use. In front of this room a number of the prominent politicians and speakers of the city addressed the club. There were about three or four hundred people present. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Attorney N. B. Clark, colored, the president of the club, and one of the hardest working colored Democrats in the city. A colored brass band furnished the music for the meeting.

The president opened the speaking for the evening and introduced in succession Messrs. Charles H. Ruth, J. D. G. Brown, C. C. Mitchell, C. C. Berkeley and C. Aylett Ashby.

One of the speakers compared this meeting with the last colored mass meeting which he attended, which was four years ago, during the Presidential campaign, when the speakers were forced to leave the platform on account of the free use of ancient eggs and decayed vegetables by the audience. The meeting last night was one of the most orderly and of the most successful ever held in the city. There was no disorder, and the speakers were paid every respect.

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TOWN OF SUFFOLK.

Argument for New Trial in the Poole Case Begun.

Norfolk & Western Railroad Wants Another Show for Its \$5,000—Mr. W. C. Kelly and Judge Mann Address Big Democratic Meeting—Poor Peanut Crop.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Suffolk, Va., Oct. 12.—They were talking about the Poole case nearly all day in Nansmond Circuit Court. Poole was a Norfolk and Western fireman who gave up his life at Lake Kilby June of last year. He was pushing coal on a freight train which went down an embankment just before the bridge was reached. He and two other men were killed.

Rev. E. T. Dadman, administrator, brought suit for \$10,000 against the railroad company. A Circuit Court jury gave him \$5,000. That was more than the Norfolk and Western cared to pay and the company appealed.

ASKING FOR NEW TRIAL. George Bernard, of Petersburg, opened the argument for another hearing, and Judge W. H. Mann concluded. U. Burgess, of Suffolk, and R. B. Davis, of Petersburg, came in the middle and talked for the plaintiff.

Judge Prentis heard argument and took the briefs for review. He will render an opinion in a few days. The argument to-day lasted from court's convention, at 10 o'clock, till about dusk last night.

KELLY AND MANN. There was speaking to-night in the Auditorium of the City all Theatre. It was meant to have an address on Brooklyn Heights, of Newport News, by Mr. W. C. Kelly, of Newport News, but when the Democratic managers found they could land Judge W. H. Mann, of Nottoway, they decided to consolidate the attractions in the theatre. R. W. Withers, vice-president of the Bryan-Stevenson-Maynard Club, introduced the speakers.

Mr. Kelly made a very entertaining address. His weight was lent to some of his assertions because they were based on the speaker's own observations in England, Porto Rico and various parts of the United States.

Mr. Kelly's father was an Irishman and his mother was a Spanish lady born in England. He was born in Vermont and named Walter Castello, the latter being from his mother's family. He made a speech that pleased the audience, many among whom were ladies. The talk was entertaining and enthusiastic rather than classical. Kelly said in his native district, near Rutland, Vt., there were two Democratic votes in 52, and his father was arrested for repeating.

Judge Mann closed with an able speech. The judge is a polished scholar and an experienced campaigner. He told a few funny stories and then proceeded to bombard the audience with sound Democratic logic.

THE FARMERS' LUCK. The present state of weather—the air pregnant with moisture—is very unfavorable for the harvesting of peanuts. The farmers, with a long spell of drought to go up against, think they have had enough luck already. At best there will be only half a crop of peanuts. If the damp weather continues and a considerable portion of the nuts turn dark and those in the ground get rotten stems and pull off, they will be unfortunate indeed.

Peanuts are the chief money crop in Nansmond, Isle of Wight, Southampton and Surry counties. Many planters base their purchases on the peanut crop, and if they fail or are injured during harvest time their resources are seriously crippled. The rain thus far has not injured them materially.

IN PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Jack Camp, who had been visiting Suffolk friends for some days, left to-day for his home in Abion, Fla., via Franklin, Va., his former home.

Mr. A. H. Cobb returned home to-day from a visit to New York city. Harrison Sykes, colored, was yesterday granted a \$6 pension. Sykes lives near Capron, Va.

Stuart S. Baker, a guard in the State penitentiary, yesterday took to Richmond two convicts from Southampton county.

Ruth Johnson, aged about 12 months, died at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. The infant was a grandchild of Mr. Staylor.

George W. Roper, Jr., left to-day for a business trip to New York and other cities.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Gay Manufacturing Company's new dry kilns to replace those burned in June. The new structures will be fewer and larger.

The next attraction at the City Hall Theatre will be "O'Flynn's Birthday" on October 18th.

CHURCH WORKERS. BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW MEETS IN DETROIT NEXT. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.—The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the United States will hold its next annual convention in Detroit in mid-July, unless the Executive Council of the body should find it better that the national assembly should be held in some other city. The question was brought up during the session of the Brotherhood to-day, Philadelphia and Detroit being the competitors for the honor of entertaining the convention.

The convention recommended that the next meeting be held in Detroit, it being developed during the discussion that better results would probably accrue from a convention in Detroit, where the Brotherhood is not strong, than in Philadelphia, where it has reached a highly successful condition.

About 400 persons were in attendance upon to-day's session of the convention. Reports were submitted on the junior department, Bible class lessons, work in the army and the rule of the service. Considerable interest was shown in the last named report, which recommended that the re-statement of rule of service be not pressed at the time. The report was adopted.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. The officers of the convention were installed to-day. They are as follows: President, William C. Sturges, of Christ Church, New Haven, Conn.; Vice-Presidents, E. A. Robinson, of St. Andrew's Church, Louisville; Charles S. Shoemaker, of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Pa.; and R. E. Finney, of Christ Church, Savannah, Ga.; Secretary, Duff Green Maynard, of St. George's Church, New York; Assistant Secretary, E. L. McDonald, of St. Andrew's Church, Louisville; and J. C. Wagner, of the Church of the Nativity, of Philadelphia.

Nearly one thousand men assembled at St. Paul's Church at 7 o'clock this morning to attend the corporate communion, the celebrant being Bishop Gibson, of Virginia. The service was most impressive and solemn.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.

AN INTERESTING GAME OF FOOTBALL SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY. (Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Lexington, Va., Oct. 12.—Never before in the history of the Institute has there been so much interest taken in football as this year. Every cadet is anxiously awaiting the game with Washington and Lee Saturday, which is the opening game of the season. The schedule this year is one of which all are proud, for we have been successful in obtaining games with the University of Virginia, Georgetown, St. Albans, Richmond College, Washington and Lee, University of Maryland and Blacksburg, and reflects great credit upon our managers. The team has been practicing since September, the first and soon after a second team was organized, which has lined up against the first team every afternoon, consequently the men have had both offensive and defensive work. Every man is in perfect condition, and under the captainship of Charles S. Tolber and efficient training of Messrs. Walker and Campbell (University of Pennsylvania), the team is in fine shape.

The greatest game of the season, of course, will be with Blacksburg on Thanksgiving in Norfolk. Both teams are confident of victory, and as these two old-time rivals, V. M. I. and V. P. I., haven't played together for a number of years, great enthusiasm has been aroused in both schools. No doubt both Norfolk and Portsmouth will turn out in great force to witness this game, and as there are a number of alumni of both institutes, there should be great interest manifested in both cities. Excursions will be run from Old Point, Hampton and Newport News, so that every one will be able to witness one of the greatest games of the season.

GENERAL. The V. M. I. opens this year with a very large corps, and we are glad to see such a large number of new cadets, most of whom are making splendid progress in drilling, etc.

Norfolk and Portsmouth are well represented this year, as they have always been. From Norfolk there are E. Cannon, G. Kelly, J. E. Johnson, Downer, H. Johnson and Doyle, from Portsmouth, Marshall, St. J. R. M. H. Huggins, M. B. Marshall, Fred Parrish and Legh R. Watts, Jr.

To the joy of all we found this year every modern improvement, and the Francis H. Smith Academic building, which has just been completed, is indeed a great addition to our school. It is heated and lighted by electricity, the section rooms all that one could wish and the many improvements in the departments of electricity and physics will give us a very practical knowledge of these branches.

PETERSBURG. TIMBER SOLD—MASS MEETING—A NEW ROAD. (Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Oct. 12.—Mr. William R. McKenney, of this city, sold to-day to Mr. J. E. Cobb, a large lumber manufacturer of Dinwiddie county, the standing timber on the J. H. T. Derby, Mayes, Williamson and Tucker tracts of land in said county. It is estimated that these tracts contain at least five millions of feet. The price paid is said to have been fully up to what was paid for stumpage before the fall in the prices of lumber. Mr. Cobb will proceed to locate his saw mill on these tracts at once.

MAMMOTH MASS MEETING. A mammoth mass meeting of young people will be held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday night, which will be addressed by Mr. Hill Montague, of

Richmond, president of the Baptist Young People's Union of Virginia.

DR. DANIEL HILL. Dr. Daniel, a prominent physician of Prince George county, is quite ill. Dr. R. D. Mellwaine, of this city, was telegraphed for to-day to attend him.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING. The Democrats of Petersburg will have a big mass meeting to-morrow night at the Academy of Music, which will be addressed by Hon. William A. Glasgow and Mr. R. E. Lee, Jr.

A NEW ROAD. A new road is to be built between Lebanon Church and Disputanta Station, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, in Prince George county, assuming the abandoned James G. Harrison lumber railroad track already graded and crossing Blackwater by direct route, so as to save seven miles in a return trip from Brandon to Disputanta. There will be a junction of the Cabin Point road and the above-named road at the new bridge crossing Blackwater. The cost of the new road will be about \$1,000.

COUNTY LINES. A commission of civil engineers of the counties of Prince George and Dinwiddie, and the city of Petersburg, will shortly be held for the purpose of revising the county lines between Prince George and Dinwiddie. It is claimed that lands within several miles of this route now claimed by Dinwiddie is justly taxable to Prince George, judging by the old landmarks near New Carson, on the Atlantic Coast Line. The whole question involved is a matter of taxation.

VIRGINIA VETERANS. ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY THE GRAND CAMP. (By telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.—The Grand Camp of Virginia, Confederate Veterans, at Staunton, to-day elected the following officers for the ensuing year: It. L. Maury, Richmond, Grand Commander.

Thomas W. Smith, Suffolk, First Lieutenant Grand Commander. James Magill, Pulaski, Second Lieutenant Grand Commander.

Thomas D. Ranson, Staunton, Third Lieutenant Grand Commander. Thomas C. Morton, Staunton, Inspector-General. Washington Taylor, Norfolk, Quartermaster-General.

The Rev. J. P. Hyde, Winchester, Chaplain-General. Dr. John S. Powell, Occoquan, Surgeon-General. Thomas Ellett, Richmond, Adjutant-General.

Petersburg was unanimously elected as the next place of meeting.

PAIN-KILLER as an internal remedy has no equal. In cases of summer complaints, diarrhoea, dysentery, it cures quickly. Used as a liniment, its action is like magic when applied to bad sores, burns, scalds and sprains. For the sick headache and toothache, don't fail to try it. In short, it is a Pain-Killer. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

DRY SLAB WOOD. Dry and Green Oak Wood. Dry Pine Wood. COAL OF ALL KINDS. Prompt Delivery. CHAS. E. SCOTT & CO., 200 LOVITT AVENUE, Old Phone, 321. New Phone, 112A.

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