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Harris and Watkins. HOW THE NEGRO CANDIDATES GOT THEIR NAMES ON THE TICKET.

The following is the first installment of a brief history of the democratic frauds in the ninth congressional district of Virginia:

Depositions of Stewart M. Lewis, taken from the record in the contested election case of Walker vs. Rhea: I am a citizen of Virginia, 41 years old and am residing temporarily in the city of Washington, and have been since 1894. I am a member of the Virginia republican association. I was a delegate to the colored republican convention held in Charlottesville, Va., in June 1898. The reason why we organized this independent movement was the fact that the white republican leaders of the state had absolutely ignored the colored republicans and we thought it best to adopt some plan, and for that reason the call was made to the colored republicans. I did receive some money for distributing papers bearing upon our proposition. They were to be distributed throughout the state for democratic leader. I taxed various gentlemen various sums. I taxed Maj. Otey, \$10; Mr. Hay, \$5; Wm. A. Jones, of the First district, \$5. The others were a pretty cheap set. I got three passes from Mr. Swanson over the Southern railway. One of them I gave to F. D. Lee, one to Thomas L. Jones, and I kept the other one myself. I consulted with Congressmen Hay, Jones, Swanson, Otey and Lamb about the Charlottesville convention. When we met at Charlottesville we agreed to place colored republican candidate in every district in the state. I wanted to back up Haven B. Howe from the Ninth district, but we could not catch the pulse of the populists in the Ninth district and we decided to put up a colored man. In September I met C. C. Stuart, at Radford. I also met James A. Stone there that day. I met him in conference with colored friends of mine. I met him at the depot. Had never seen him before in my life. A gentleman came to me at democratic headquarters in Washington, D. C. and told me that the secretary of the democratic congressional committee wanted to see me and requested me to call there at my earliest convenience. This gentleman was Mr. Kerr, secretary of the democratic committee. He produced a letter from Mr. Stone and he said that there was a colored committee up there in Radford to call a meeting. He said Mr. Stone suggested that I meet the committee. I said I will if "you people will put up the dough."

R. State what else passed between you and Mr. Kerr at that time. A. I told him to put up the dough, and he asked me how much it would cost. I told him I was not a cheap "nigger," and that I wanted plenty of money. He said he was broke; that he did not have anything, but he said, "I will fix your expenses." I said, "Well fix me up for the mail tonight." He said the committee had no money—not a damn cent. He said, "I would advance this myself," and so they got up a ticket for me, and the clerk came to me with the ticket and handed it to me for fast mail—11:05. Then I said, "Gentlemen, this will not suffice; I must live like a colored gentleman." They said, "We have not got anything, but we will fix you hereafter." They then let me have \$10, and I spoke out. I said I must have the money then and there. I did not know Mr. Stone. I sized up the crowd I met at the depot. I knew he looked like a suspicious politician, and so did I, and we accidentally met.

Q. Please state what was said between you and Stone at that meeting. A. Mr. Stone said, "Come over to the hotel," and we walked over to the hotel and went up stairs. Mr. Stone ordered a bottle of whiskey

and some cigars—a couple of dozen cigars and a bottle of good whiskey. I told him I liked good cigars and good whiskey, and we got them. He asked me my views on the question, and I told him that I was simply carrying out the instructions of the convention to whip the republicans out of their boots because of their treachery toward our people. Q. Have you anything else to say about your conversation with him? A. No, sir. Q. Did the said James A. Stone attend the meeting at Radford? A. He was in the room with my friends a part of the time. Q. Who was the chairman of the Radford meeting, and who was the secretary? A. We met informally, as far as the preliminaries were concerned. I was half drunk. I had Mr. Stone and Mr. Steward to do the writing. I walked up and down the floor and cursed the white republicans of the state of Virginia.

Q. What did you dictate? A. I told them the meeting was for the purpose of putting up candidates in all the district, and that we wanted to carry out that plan. I was very desirous of doing just what we had started out to do. I said, "We can not make fish of one and flesh of another." I told him that I had nothing personal against General Walker, and that he was the most polished gentleman in the Virginia delegation. Q. Did you consult with Mr. Stone about who should be the candidate in the Ninth? A. We talked that over. Q. Did he express a preference? A. He thought that C. C. Steward was the available fellow, but I did not like that part of the state. Q. Whom did that meeting nominate as a candidate for congress in the Ninth district? A. Just before we came to that Mr. Stone walked out of the room, I think, to the closet. While he was out Mr. J. W. Watkins' name was suggested by C. C. Steward. I asked the question if he ever had been in penitentiary or jail, and they said no. I said he would do, and at that time Mr. Stone came back and I said we had settled on him.

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End of the World.

Scientist Figures It Three Billion Years Off. [New York Herald.] Scientists do queer things some times. One of them has attempted to calculate in cold mathematics how soon we may expect the judgment day, and he has prepared a paper on the subject which he expects to read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science when it meets next month in Columbus. Starting with the total amount of energy stored in the sun and the fact that the orb of day is continuously distributing energy equivalent to the work of seven men for each area of the earth's surface of the size of the human body, our statistician calculates that it will require 3,375,000,000 years of outpouring before a sensible diminution of the quantity of energy given out can be detected. Up to this instant period mountains will stand, rivers will run, plants will grow and animal life will exist very much as it does today.

If you realize that solar energy as soon as used reasserts itself in some other form, either as sound, electricity or simple motion, it is easy to see that this estimate is too small, rather than too great. At any rate, the world is not liable to stop going for a few years yet, according to his reasoning. Some idea of the vastness of the force that is meted out to us from the physical source of earthly life may be gained, he says, by considering that if the energy that the sun gives to earth in a single day could be bottled up and directed against Niagara Falls it would cause that great body of water to dash back again up hill for 4,000 years. If turned into a single blast of heat it would cause every living creature instantaneously to blight and wither; the ice around the poles would be melted in one and three-quarter minutes, and in another eleven seconds all the oceans would be turned into steam.

If transmitted into electricity a spark would flash from the earth as far as the planet Jupiter. If collected into a single sound the vibration thereof would not only break every eardrum in the world, but would uproot the giant trees of the forest, and even level mountains. If changed a momentary flash of light its burst would be so blinding as to penetrate the walls of the deepest dungeons and destroy the sight of every living creature. In brilliancy this flash would exceed the brightness of the sun itself over a million times.

For one man to expend an amount of energy equivalent to that which the earth receives from the sun in tenth part of a second he would have to work hard continuously for 87,000,000 years. This calculation is remarkable in that its result differs by more than 3,374,000,000 years from the period when scientists generally believe that the world will come to an end. Such experts as Darwin and Huxley believed that it could not sustain life 2,000,000 years hence.

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AGUINALDO'S MOTIVES. Vigorously Assailed by His Former Partner, Isabel Artacho. A published letter from Isabel Artacho, who is described by the Manila papers as a man of importance, and the "former partner of Aguinaldo," has been received at the War Department. His statement, made under oath, bears date July 19, and is, in part, as follows: "That the present rebellion, he constantly affirms, far from aiming at the true emancipation of the country, is carried on to gratify personal political ambitions, mean and spurious affectation in order to perpetrate with impunity under the guise of a so-called political system established under the name of a republic acts eminently barbarous, treacherous, and despotic, and crimes unknown in the code of penalties throughout the world.

"That the present rebellion against the sovereignty of the United States of North America, while having for its professed object the absolute independence of the people of the Philippine Islands, is in reality a movement to bring the people under the most intolerable slavery—domestic slavery—and to place in the hands of an individual the sacred attributes of God—country—king. "That the present rebellious movement does not have the support of the best elements of the inhabitants of the island, those who are free to exercise a wise and honest discrimination, for they recognize that instead of bringing them the desired happiness and prosperity, the assumption of independence will lead to self-murder, for the state of chaos that will result will bring misery and ruin to the people.

"That consistent with his convictions and ideas, as all free and constant men should be, he has confidence in his heart that the powerful and generous United States of North America, whose government institutions have for their basis the principle of the most ample liberty of thought in all its manifestations of reason and justice, will establish her sovereignty in the Philippines in accordance with the obligations to which she has pledged herself before the world, inter alia, restore peace and order in the Philippines, establish liberal institutions there, and lead the people along the path of progress to individual and national prosperity.

"The desponent hereby dictates this declaration as a token of his unconditional adhesion to America and to all sensible and honest Filipinos, while protesting, in the same reason of justice, and of a sincere patriotism, crimes, and shameful exaggerations perpetrated both in the Philippines and in other places by those who falsely arrogate to themselves the right to speak in the name of the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands."

According to the Denver Republican, "60,000 cars were handled in the Union Pacific yards at Cheyenne in August, against 2,000 in July, 1894, a result of the revival of business which is now taking place throughout the Western region." What business has business to revive in Colorado while silver is still uncrowned? There must be some mistake. Colorado must be impoverished and her industries paralyzed.—New York Sun. The calamity men say that prosperity has come, in spite of the gold standard. It has certainly come, in spite of the calamity men, for they did everything in their power to keep it away.

Colony of Outlaws. Writers of fiction have frequently pictured the idea of an unknown tropical paradise being turned into a general asylum for outlaws and criminals, says the Western Morning News. In the Bonin Isles, not far from Japan, such a refuge has actually been discovered. Men of every nationality, who have made civilization too warm for themselves, have decamped to this ideal rendezvous, leaving the police to record the unsatisfactory result of their investigations as "gone abroad." No rates or taxes have to be paid, and government seems to be entirely dispensed with. The discovery was made by a Japanese vessel which called at the island. In future the aliens will have less freedom, and consequently less happiness, for the Japanese dominion will have to be recognized. Their dream is over.

SOCIETY IN SITKA.

Strange as It May Seem, Dress Suits Are Important Requisites at Social Functions. That dress suits should be considered important requisites in Sitka is a somewhat startling anomaly, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The fact remains, however, that the most rigid social rules prevail. Whether it be a ball, a tea-party or a muffled struggle, evening dress is imperative. Dinner parties of ten and twelve courses are frequently on the tapis, and, since none of the officials come prepared to entertain on a lavish scale, every prospective hostess borrows from her neighbors. All the day long preceding an important function a more or less intermittent procession of men, women and children and hand-carts may be seen carrying lamps and furniture, punchbowls, crockery, glass and silverware and other paraphernalia to the scene of festivity.

Everybody lives in small, cramped quarters, and when an entertainment of unusual scope is desirable a vacant store or other unoccupied building is appropriated. Sometimes the courtroom is denuded of its cumbersome furniture, the walls decorated with flags, bunches of scarlet elderberry, festoons of spruce and cedar, moss and ferns, and behold an attractive ballroom. A guitar and concertina, or perhaps a couple of banjos and a flute, compose the more or less tuneless orchestra. Sandwiches of cucumbers or nasturtium leaves and blossoms are among the surprises of the refreshment table.

The courtroom is over the jail, and the rhythmic tread of the dancers and enervating strains of music are vastly enjoyed by the prisoners. In fact, they look forward to these festive occasions with quite as much pleasurable anticipation as the invited guests. The courtroom is also used for divers other entertainments, the inmates of the jail drawing the line at amateur concerts. They think that they have already suffered enough, and that it is taking an unfair advantage of their limited sphere of action.

LOTS OF WAR WIDOWS. Pension Report Shows Remarkable Facts in Regard to Servitude. One of the curiosities of the United States pension service is the astonishing survival of war widows. The report of the United States commissioner of pensions, just issued, shows some remarkable and interesting facts in regard to the longevity of the widows of soldiers. For instance, while there is not a single soldier of the war of the revolution alive to-day, there are still 12 widows and daughters of soldiers of the revolution. Of the war of 1812 there are only three soldiers still alive, but of their widows there are still surviving and drawing pensions the astonishing number of 2,407, says the New Orleans Picayune.

The war of the revolution closed in 1783, and a period of 115 years has elapsed, and, while there are no male survivors, there are still some of their widows alive. This state of affairs can only be possible on the ground that some of the soldiers, after they had attained old age, married young wives. The war of 1812-14 closed with the battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815, 83 years ago. Supposing that the youngest soldiers were 18 years old, a period of 101 years has elapsed since the birth of such soldier. Evidently many of them, after they were old, married young women, so that, although all the men but three are dead, they have left behind more than 2,000 widows. By the same rule of procedure it is plain that there will be widows of soldiers of the civil war on the pension rolls in 1980, and even a few in the year 2000, more than a century hence, for if a soldier of 1861 should marry when he has reached the age of 80 years in 1923, a girl 16 years old, she might hope to live 77 years longer, or to the age of 93, which would bring her up to the year 2000. Of course, it is not likely there will be many such, but there will, in all probability, be some.

Peculiarity of Buddhists. A custom peculiar to Buddhists is that of wandering about the country with hammer and chisel and carving holy symbols upon rocks by the wayside.

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It may be a little embarrassing for those Democratic investigators of trusts when they get their claws hooked in the corporations controlled by the Ohio Democratic candidate for governor.

What was the matter with that young stalwart Democrat from Ellendale? We suppose he and his astute managers decided that it was only an empty honor which they could well afford to bestow upon their distinguished convert from Bland.

Our Smyth and Bland democratic friends will not longer tannt Republicans with the odium of running for office renegade democrats when what was supposed to be a simon pure democratic convention nominated a renegade Republican for the Legislature.

Fulton Kegley was nominated last Tuesday by the democrats for the Legislature to represent Smyth and Bland. It seems that the Hon. Jno. M. Gwyn was not strong enough in the faith for our friends and so Mr. Kegley, whom we learn, is an ex-Republican with free silver proclivities was accorded the nomination.

Hon. H. M. Smythe, formerly U. S. minister to Hayti, has announced himself a candidate for the legislature for Tazewell county, on a platform pledging himself to seek such an amendment to the election law as will "eliminate fraud in elections which brings our State and its institutions into disrepute abroad."

Democrats all over the country are passing resolutions condemning the "Land Grabber's Act." After the poor widow has lost her house and lot, the poor farmer his small farm or at the best, paid some 15 or 20 dollars to officials and Land Grabbers, then it is a good time to resolve. They are acting on the principle of locking the stable after the horse is stolen.

"Comrade McKinley stands for our people, for our flag, he stands before all the world and desires to be sustained by our people. As an old soldier, as an old American, as an old Democrat dyed-in-the-wool, I say that Comrade McKinley will be sustained by our people everywhere." General Daniel E. Stickles at Philadelphia, September 5, 1899.

On every hand we see evidences of Prosperity and the most pessimistic democratic calamity howler can but admit that there is a great change in the general business of the country. Still these people through their newspapers continue to shout free silver and Bryan. Quite a half dozen representatives of Capital, this week, have arrived in Marion on a prospecting tour in our county for ores, of whatever kind they can find. We have seen more of this within the last four months than we saw or heard of during Cleveland's entire administration. With these facts and the prosperous business condition of the country, we can't see how intelligent men cling to the thread-beaten fallacies of modern democracy as the hope of our country. Nothing to our minds but prejudice or a blind realization of the conditions around them can justify the constant clinging to their old theories. The hope of office may control the leaders but we don't see what holds the rank and file in line.

Danville Register: Ex-Congressman John R. Brown has been appointed deputy revenue collector to succeed Colonel Peter Hairston, Mr. M. F. Brown was first appointed, but declined on account of ill health, and then J. R. Brown was appointed. The ex-Congressman has accepted, filed his bond and will begin the discharge of his duties on next Monday.

Attorney General Montague will prepare his answer to the bill filed by General Pickle, of Tenn., touching the State's line suit as soon as possible. This answer will be filed in the Federal Court at Knoxville, Tenn. It will be ready in ample time for the action of the next term of this court. It is hoped and believed this action will settle this long disputed question for all time.

Commenting upon the evident determination of Democratic leaders to keep free silver at the front in the campaigns of this fall and in 1900, the New York World remarks that "In 1896 the Democratic party was beaten 603514 on the popular vote, and 95 in the electoral college, and since then has lost four states, with 21 electoral votes, and gained only Kentucky, which is likely to be lost again this year."

We are once more and forever, one people. One in faith, one in purpose, one in willingness to sacrifice for the honor of the country and the glory of our flag. The Blue and the Gray march under one flag and we have but one flag; the same our grandsires gave us and the same our fathers bore. And that flag which you kept stainless and made triumphant will be kept stainless and made triumphant." President McKinley to the Grand Army, September 5, 1899.

If a democratic member of the Legislature dares to represent the entire people of his district, and wont submit to pander to the bosses they at once proceed to relegate him to the walks of private life. If this is their theory Republicans had better discard their illiberality by electing a representative of their own. Bland and Smyth are both Republican counties and with a fair election there is but little doubt of the result.

The Speaker of the next House of Representatives will be an Iowa Republican. The last Democratic Speaker of the House was a Georgian Both were born abroad, Mr. Henderson in Scotland and Mr. Crisp in England. Indiana has had three Speakers—Davis, Colfax and Kerr; Kentucky four, Clay White, Boyd and Carlisle; Tennessee two, Bell and Polk. Of the other great States of the West or border, Ohio has had one Speaker, Keifer, and Illinois has had none. Generally speaking, however, the Middle and New England States have been most favored in recent years in the choice of the Speakers of the House.—Randall and Grow of Pennsylvania and Blaine, notably.—Bristol News.

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FOUND GUILTY

Dreyfus Received the Sentence of the Court With Calmness.

IS GIVEN TEN YEARS.

Rennes, Sept. 9.—The end of the Dreyfus trial, for the time being, came to day. The prisoner was sentenced to ten years imprisonment within the confines of France. As the sentence is retroactive, his five-year term on Devil's Island counts. He has, therefore, five years more to serve. His military judges have so decreed. It remains for France to decide whether he shall be the vic again or not.

The news was first broken to the prisoner by M. Hild, one of the assistants of M. Labori. As may be imagined, Dreyfus had not slept well and showed evidence of it when he appeared in the anteroom where he was awaiting his fate. Outside the soldiers were making preparations for the notification ceremony, and the prisoner could hear the sound of their assembling. He knew what was coming, and looked up expectantly as the lawyer entered. The latter was confused, and stammered at first. Dreyfus observed him calmly for a moment and then said: "Well, what do they say?"

It was impossible to keep it back or to stand upon ceremony before such a look. M. Hild, without a word of preliminary, gave the whole of it at once, "Ten years in a fortress," and paused; then went on in an attempt to utter some expression of consolation. He was more wretched, where he stood, than the man who faced him. Dreyfus quietly said: "I expected it."

NERVED TO THE ORDEAL.

He said nothing more, but presently he raised one hand and then the other. His face was lost behind them, but the warning sounds outside increased. When he showed his face again he had plainly and attentively nerved himself to the ordeal through which, in the next few minutes, he passed with a courage magnificent and even sublime. There was but one other incident before that ordeal, that of the evident respect and sympathy for him shown by the soldiers who had the part of witnessing the notification. The Sergeant who came to notify the prisoner that all was ready approached him almost with deference. He did not even speak, but placed a hand kindly on the prisoner's shoulder. Dreyfus, with his hands still on his face, murmured that he would be ready in another moment. And he was; for, when the hands came down he turned to the Sergeant a look of irony. All the soldiers behind him, and his whole bearing through the crowning disgrace of his life was not without its impression on the men who witnessed it. They will report it to their comrades in every department and every country where a brother soldier is.

TRAITORS NOT VISIBLE.

General Roget, General Mercier and the others of the plotters are out of sight tonight. The Dreyfusards are keeping under cover. The atmosphere bears a strong liking to that of men who are ashamed, and probably a little afraid of what they have done. If they fear an explosion they are taking good care to keep out of the way. Nevertheless, the militarists seem bound to retain the hold they have secured through this second conviction of the prisoner. They predict and believe that the appeal from the decision taken by Dreyfus' counsel will be without result. It is a question whether or not there will be disorder tomorrow. Rennes itself is fairly quiet. The little town is literally too exhausted over the long trial. It is Paris, probably, that all further news of the future of the prisoner will be found. Mme. Dreyfus has been told that she may yet hope for the best.

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Program, Holston Conference,

Woman's Home Mission Meeting, M. E. Church, South,

MARION, Va., September 20-24, 1899.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional Exercises, Mrs. J. E. Chapman.

Address of Welcome by R. A. Anderson, Vice-Mayor of the city.

Rev. L. L. H. Carlock, Pastor M. E. Church South.

Mrs. Jno. S. Copenhaver, for the Auxiliary.

Mrs. L. L. H. Carlock, for Foreign Missionary Society.

Response, Mrs. I. Lewis Clarke, Informal Reception.

Devotional Exercises, Mrs. F. U. Lyons.

Organization of Convention.

Reports by Districts.

Report of S. & P. Giving, Mrs. J. C. Maness.

Report of Organizer, Mrs. R. L. Blevins.

Noon Hour of Prayer.

2:30 P. M.

Devotional Exercises, Mrs. W. R. Neill.

Appointing Committees.

Reports by Districts Continued.

Report of Loan Funds, Mrs. J. E. Johnston.

Report of Baby Roll, Mrs. D. Sullins.

7:30 P. M.

Devotional Exercises, Mrs. D. Sullins.

Annual Address by President Mrs. J. E. Chapman.

Report of Corresponding Sec., Mrs. A. A. Gibson.

Condensed Report of Treas., Mrs. M. H. Honaker.

Report of Orphanage Treasurer, Miss Mary Trim.

FRIDAY, 9:30, A. M.

Devotional Exercises, Mrs. Sam P. Haun.

Full Report of Treasurer.

Report of Greenville Industrial Home and School, Mrs. E. E. Wiley.

Reports by Districts Continued.

Noon Hour of Prayer.

2:30 P. M.

Devotional Exercises, Mrs. Wiley Morgan.

Committee Meetings.

4:30 P. M.

Devotional Exercises, Mrs. M. H. Honaker.

Reports by Districts Concluded.

Discussion of Connectional Work.

7:30 P. M.

Devotional Exercises, Mrs. J. E. Johnston.

Report of Board Meeting at Dallas, Texas, Mrs. A. A. Gibson.

Paper—Our Home Mission Work Among Foreign People, Mrs. M. A. M. Armstrong.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional Exercises, Miss Banie Hull.

Report of Committees.

Election of Officers.

Selection of Places of Next Meeting.

Unfinished Business.

Noon Hour of Prayer.

Saturday afternoon the courtesies of the city extended to the Convention.

7:30 P. M.

Executive Committee Meeting.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Annual Sermon, Rev. L. L. H. Carlock.

3:30 P. M.

Mass Meeting for children—address by Mrs. W. L. Rohr and others.



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Greenwood Picnic.

On last Saturday we were permitted to attend one of the most enjoyable picnics ever held in the Southwest.

The picnic ground was on a beautiful little island near the home of Mr. Ed. Copenhaver.

About ten a. m. the crowd began to assemble. They came in buggies, hacks, spring wagons and carts, besides many on horse-back and others walking.

Many games were participated in and seemed to afford great pleasure; but by far the greatest pleasure was when some good old man announced that dinner was now ready and all gathered eagerly around the table. We were waited upon by the fair young ladies of Greenwood in a most mannerly way.

The table was laden with all that could be wished for, and to speak a little extravagantly the table groaned beneath its great load; cakes, pies, pickles, cider, etc., were in abundance. When all were satisfied that they had had a sufficiency they went back to their old play-ground and there they spent the afternoon. At about five o'clock the final separation came.

The people of Greenwood deserve to be complimented very highly on their dinner and they receive our most profound thanks for the enjoyment of the picnic in general.

ONE PRESENT.

J. Mack Wright Dead.

The above named well known and popular gentleman who had been ill of typhoid fever, died Sunday night at Damascus, Va. He was 38 years of age, and leaves two children. Mrs. Wright, prior to her marriage, was Miss Ellen Legard, of Wallace, Va.

Mr. Wright was an excellent man both socially and commercially. He and his brothers, James, Ferd and John, owned and operated some half dozen stores in Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee, they being located at Damascus, Osceola, Mountain City and at other points. We have not ascertained when and where the funeral will be held.

Later—The funeral of Mr. Wright will be held Tuesday at 11 a. m. at Damascus, and interment will follow in the graveyard at Wright's chapel. Bristol News.

Mr. Wright was a brother-in-law of our county men, Messrs. J. F. and J. W. Keller, and one of the leading citizens of Washington county. We regret to learn that so useful a citizen has been cut down in the prime of life.

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3. Enter into the business or trade which you like best, and for which nature seems to have fitted you, provided it is honorable.
4. Be independent. Do not lean on others to do your thinking or to conquer your difficulties.
5. Be conscientious in the discharge of every duty. Do your work thoroughly. No boy can rise who slights his work.
6. Don't try to begin at the top. Begin at the bottom and you will have a chance to rise, and will be surer of reaching the top some time.
7. Trust to nothing but God and hard work. Inscribe on your banner: "Luch is a fool, pluck is a hero."
8. Be punctual. Keep your appointments. Be there a minute before time if you have to lose dinner to do it.
9. Be polite. Every smile, every gentle bow is money in your pocket.
10. Be generous. Meanness makes enemies and breeds distrust.
11. Spend less than you earn. Do not run in dept. Watch the little leaks and you can live on your salary.
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3. 130 acres of good land, nicely located in a good neighborhood, close to churches and schools, with a small storehouse and granary thereon. Splendid spring, good building site and a small orchard. A nice place and will be sold at a reasonable price and on reasonable terms.

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5. 300 acres. Eight room frame house, good stable and outbuildings. About 150 to 175 acres cleared; about 200 acres timber. Good water, good farming land. In mineral belt and 10 miles from R. R.—Price \$15 per acre.

6. 80 acres of land on the McAcorn road about 3 1/2 miles east of Marion at \$20 per acre. This is a nice piece of land and a rare opportunity to those wanting land conveniently located. For further information call on

7. About 277 acres of desirable land within 2 1/2 miles of Marion at \$15 per acre. Comfortable 4 room log house ceiled and weather boarded. Good water and all necessary outbuildings &c. A desirable place.

8. 310 acres of land about three miles from Emory will be sold at right figures Write for particulars.

9. A 3-room house and one fourth acre lot on Lee Street, Marion, Va., price \$500.

10. A new frame store, and 8 room dwelling house combined, and 39 acres of good land in a good state of cultivation. Well located for a store. Close to high school, post office and churches. Price \$2,000.

11. A three room house, with good spring close, and about 12 acres of land, 1-2 cleared, 1 1/2 miles from Atkins at \$450 \$300 down and residue at 1 and 2 years.

12. 5 room house and lot on River St. \$700.

13. 1-4 acre lot on River St. \$125.00

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MARION NEWS

Local Items.

Take Notice Republicans!

There will be a Mass Meeting of the Republican Voters of Smyth County, at the Court House, Marion, Virginia, Monday, September 18th, Court day, for the purpose of determining the advisability of naming a candidate for the Legislature to represent the counties of Smyth and Bland. If it is decided best to make such nomination, the meeting will proceed then and there to elect delegates to a convention. The time and place of holding such convention and the basis of the representation will be announced on the day of the Mass Meeting, if such action is taken. The meeting will be called together at 1 p. m.

R. A. ANDERSON,
Rep. Co. Chairman.

Ladies get your hats at the Farmers Protective Union.

Mr. Sammed Tilson, of near Holstein Mills, was in Marion last Tuesday.

Go to the Farmers Protective Union for Fertilizer and seeds.

B. H. Baylor is in Eastern cities this week buying his fall and winter stock of clothing.

Get your salt at Farmers Protective Union, 150 lbs. Liverpool 65c.

Mr. Frank Hazelwood and family, of Norfolk, are visiting at Mayor A. H. Atkins this week.

J. L. Kelly, of Bristol, was the guest of his father-in-law, Capt. D. D. Hull, last Sunday.

Wm. J. Newman has resigned his position as clerk in the Farmers Protective Union Store.

Miss Lucy Gillespie is visiting relatives in Bristol this week.

Judge Geo. W. Richardson and James White Sheffey attended court in Wytheville last Monday.

C. B. Francis is on the sick list this week. He was threatened with fever, but we learn he is improving.

H. G. Francis, of Saltville, made a flying visit to his old home last Monday. He returned home Tuesday.

Hull & Staley are selling nice fine Salt 150 pound sacks at 60 cents per sack. If you need Salt go to them for it.

Mrs. Sam Alexander and little son John are visiting relatives at Saltville and in Rich Valley this week.

Daniel Cauffman, of Huntsville, Ala., left Marion Tuesday for the South side of the county on a prospecting mineral tour.

Frank Repass, our popular assistant postmaster, together with his family is spending the week with his mother at Roadford.

As an evidence of the extreme hot weather out West a crate of eggs shipped by express to St. Louis hatched out seven chickens in transit.

Pastor Dunaway delivered a strong discourse in behalf of the American Free School System from the pulpit of the Baptist Church last Sunday night.

We regret to note that Rev. J. J. Scherer was quite sick Wednesday and Thursday. We trust however he will soon be able for his pastoral duties and other work.

We regret to note that W. P. Bonham Esq., was taken seriously ill last Saturday and has been confined to his home since, but has been improving for the past few days.

Miss Emma Maree Blount left this morning to accept a position in Richmond with Myers & Co. She will stop in Roanoke to spend a few days with her brother Alphas and friends.

Mr. James A. Stone has resigned as Clerk of the Corporation Court of Bristol to take advantage of a fine opportunity in the lumber business. Mr. W. H. Price, jr., has been appointed to succeed him as clerk.

Prof. J. P. Sheffey left this morning for the University of Va. where he goes to take a thorough course in Latin and Greek.

Judge George Cassell, of Radford, was a visitor in Marion Wednesday the guest of Judge Sheffey.

Attorney James White Sheffey, has enlarged his law office and now has the handsomest and best equipped office of any attorney in Marion, or we will say in Southwest Va.

Mr. Jno. S. Richardson and lady spent last Monday and Tuesday in Wytheville. They took their infant child to have Dr. Ben Johnson, of Richmond, prescribe for it.

Republicans attend the Mass Meeting next Monday to elect delegates to a convention to nominate a candidate for the Legislature.

D. D. Hull Jr., of Pulaski, spent Sunday in Marion with homefolks.

The Woman's Home Mission Meeting of the Holston Conference will meet in Marion at the Methodist Church next Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. See program on editorial page.

Rev. Gus A. Martin returned to Marion Wednesday evening after a six weeks stay in North Carolina. He will return to the old North State where he will be engaged in permanent work for the year.

I have Fine Dry New York Salt.

D. H. MITCHELL,

Read the new ad of Max Weiler in this issue, he has just returned from the Eastern markets with a mammoth stock of fall and winter goods. He is offering them at low prices. Call and see him.

New lot of Sattines Under Skirts of all colors at

COLLINS BROS.

The J. L. Groseclose house and lot north of the Railroad was sold at public auction last Monday. Mr. Arthur Short became the purchaser at \$925.00. This is very desirable property and sold at a remarkably low price.

We have just received a New Lot of Fall Wraps of the Latest Styles and Cheaper than ever known before. Call and make a selection before they are picked over.

COLLINS BROS.

Deputy Collector J. L. Gleaves, has been ordered by Collector Park Agnew to make seizure of several bonded fruit distilleries in Carroll county for alleged irregularities or violations of the revenue laws, which were discovered on examination of the distilleries by revenue agents.

Go to Hull & Staley's for your Grass Seed. They handle the best grades.

J. E. Rose in company with W. L. and S. Warner, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were registered at Hotel Holstein Wednesday. They left here for Rye Valley where they go to prospect for manganese and lead ores on the Gress property. They were fully equipped for their work and expect, so we are informed, to make thorough developments.

If you want bargains don't fail to call on

COLLINS BROS.

Hon. B. F. Buchanan, Judge G. H. Fudge, H. N. Bell and C. H. Carper of our town left Monday for Bland Court House to attend the Democratic convention to nominate a candidate for the Legislature. They went with knives up their sleeves and it seems they slaughtered the distinguished ex-representative and stuck an ex-Republican.

Call on D. H. MITCHELL when you have anything to sell—or if you want to buy any goods cheap.

A high grade Kimball organ, formerly sold for \$90.00, now reduced by The Hobbie Company, Roanoke, Va., to \$55.00. This organ has a high top, French bevelled mirror, four sets of reeds, double couplers and eleven stops. This is the greatest bargain ever offered in Virginia. Complete catalogue mailed free.

I want Dried Apples and Dried Apple Peelings and Chores.

D. H. MITCHELL,

Captain W. Ballard Preston, of Radford, lately appointed to a captaincy in the Forty-third regiment of Volunteers, opened a recruiting office at Radford Friday and secured a number of men. He expects to enlist a company from Southwest Virginia, and report with it at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. The regiment will sail about November 1.

Attention Farmers.

Hull & Staley will grind or exchange any amount of wheat for you. Take your wheat to them if you want nice flour. They don't grind musty wheat for any one. If you let them grind your wheat you will be sure to get good flour.

New lot of Black Skirts at COLLINS BROS. Call and see them when in town.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

The first bale of new Virginia cotton was received at Petersburg Wednesday. It was raised in Brunswick county, classed as strict middling and weighed 485 pounds. It was sold at 61 cents per pound.

I want Cross Ties, all I can get.

D. H. MITCHELL,

Near Ellendale, this county, there is a cave of considerable interest. It is a long, narrow cavern in which the confederates made salt peter during the war. Owing to the seclusion of its entrance the yankees never discovered it, although, at one time they camped very near. The long stalactites are all blackened by the smoke of the furnaces. A stream of considerable size and as clear as a crystal crosses the cave several times.

I want Chickens, Butter, Eggs &c. Best prices,

D. H. MITCHELL,

The shadows of affliction have fallen across the pathway of Louis Dempsey Wilmore Great tears of sorrow have run down his cheeks and kind and loving friends cannot comfort him. His loving, daily companion has gone far into dog-town. "Coley" was born in Wytheville, Va. 17 years, 4 months and 7 days ago. He came to Marion with his master just one year ago, and has greatly enjoyed his new home. Coley was a dog with more than ordinary intelligence and knew his place far in advance of most other dogs of Marion. He considered home the best place for him, and remained there except when invited by his master to take a walk. Coley was given a tender a loving burial on last Tuesday afternoon.

The new owners of the properties of the Stuart Land and Cattle company, of Russell county, are building a macadam road between Elk Garden and Saltville a distance of fifteen miles; the road will cross Rich mountain. It will divert much Russell trade that now goes to Abingdon to Saltville.

Fresh Groceries.

EVERY DAY AT
C. M. WOLFE'S.

Fresh Tar-Bell Cheese,
Fresh New Mackerel,
"Cakes and Crackers,
"Candies,
"Lot Petersburg Watermelons,
"Lot of Canteloupes,
"Lot of Concord Grapes,
"Lemons 20 cents a dozen,
"California Hames 10 per pound,
"Breakfast Bacon,
5 Gal. 150 test Lamp Oil 60c.

FOR FRESH UP-TO-DATE GROCERIES, DON'T MISS OUR STORE.

Look at our prices on fruit jars:
HALF GAL FRUIT JARS 60c.

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ALL CHINAWARE, LAMPS, and GLASSWARE AT COST.

Don't miss our store,

C. M. WOLFE'S

Our Fall Line of Dress Goods are now arriving. Call and see them. All New Styles and Best Prices.
COLLINS BROS.

Farmers buy Land Plaster of Hull & Staley and mix it with your high grade fertilizers and you will then have a better fertilizer than the cheap grade fertilizers that are on the market. A good number of Farmers near Marion mixed Plaster with their fertilizers last year for wheat and they all say that they raised better wheat than usual, and that they have fine stands of grass. Hull & Staley sells Plaster at 25 cents per hundred or \$5.00 per ton.

FARM FOR RENT.

I desire to rent a 90 acre farm situated in Rye Valley, near Sugar Grove Post Office—about 50 acres cleared land. For terms apply to
JOEL PIERCE,
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Aug. 24th, '99.

A Private Class.

I will teach this year a private class. Those who desire to enter such a class, under my tuition, will please consult me at their earliest convenience.

V. J. HILL.

Sept. 1st, 1899.

Take Note!

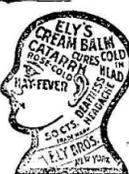
All claims presented for payment, whether transferred or otherwise, will first have all Taxes deducted against the person for whom the claim was originally drawn.

GEO. W. WRIGHT,

Sept. 1, '99.

Nasal CATARRH

In all its stages there should be cleanliness.
Ely's Cream Balm cleanses, soothes and heals the diseased membrane. It penetrates and drives away a cold in the head quickly.
Cream Balm is placed into the nostrils, spreads over the membrane and is absorbed. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying—does not produce sneezing. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail.
ELY BROTHERS, 51 Warren Street, New York.



New Dray Wagon.

Harry Wilmore has secured the contract to carry the mail from the Depot to the Post Office. In addition to this work he will run a Dray regularly and is well equipped to haul baggage, merchandise or freight of any kind to any point in the town. Give the young man a share of your patronage and he will serve you efficiently.

The Boy Behind the Cigarette.

An exchange says: "One of the most disgusting sights on earth is to see a small spike-headed kid, who still wears safety-pins, going along the streets puffing a cigarette. It is a remarkable fact that nine-tenths of such children are impudent and utterly devoid of politeness. They would stop President McKinley on the street and say "gimme a match, partner," and would in many instances bestow a sound cursing upon his excellency if he refused or dared to remark upon the impropriety of such a small boy using tobacco.

Drying preparations simply develop dry catarrh; they dry up the secretions which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying inhalants and use that which cleanses, soothes and heals, Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or cold in the head easily pleasantly. All druggists sell it at 50 cents or it will be mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St. N. Y.

FARMERS:—Go to Hull and Staley for pure Bone Meal. They don't sell you steamed bone meal. Buy your Bone Meal from them and you will get the best on the market.

I am receiving daily, New Goods for Fall and Winter wear.

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NOTICE

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Smyth County at the Court House, Sept. 4, 1899.

It is ordered that the Road Surveyors of the several road districts of this county, be and they are hereby instructed to notify all parties, who have constructed fences on, or within the limits of the public highways of this county, to remove within ten days after such notice, which notice shall be in writing, and that if said fences or other obstructions, are not within said ten days summoned, then they shall take out warrants against such parties for obstructing said highways. This action shall be taken by such Surveyors at all points where such obstructions, interfere with the full and free enjoyment and use of said roads of the public, or with the necessary and proper working and keeping said roads in repair. And that said Surveyors will not allow new fences built or old one repaired on the land condemned for public use as highways, not allow telegraph or telephone poles to be placed so as to interfere with the ditching and repairing said roads.

Teste:—W. C. SEXTON,
Clerk of Board.



We beg to call the especial attention of all the ladies that we are sole agents for the DREW SELBY, Custom Made Ladies, Misses and Childrens fine Shoes. This the most Perfect Fitting Neatest and Latest Style shoe on the market. Farther more we guarantee every pair to give satisfaction. We respectfully solicit the careful inspection of one and all. One trial of this shoe will prove to you the best money ever invested in shoes. The Drew Selby Co. are the largest Manufacturers of Ladies Fine Shoes in the United States. We get these shoes direct from the factory with a guarantee of their durability and comfort, and at very low prices. Give them a trial.

Respectfully,
COLLINS BROS.

Headquarters Gibson-McCreedy Camp, Confederate Veterans, Marion, Va., Sept. 6, 1899.

The fourth annual re-union of Gibson-McCreedy Camp, Confederate Veterans of Smyth county will take place at Marion, Va., on Thursday, Oct. 5, 1899. Monday, (court day,) September, 18, 1899, has been fixed for a meeting of the camp to appoint all necessary committees to arrange a programme and to formulate such plans as will make this re-union the best and happiest event of our existence as an organization. Let each veteran and his friend do his duty and success is sure.

J. H. GOLLEHON,
Adjutant.

Fred Painter's Cost Sale For CASH!

In order to make room for a larger and more complete line of Fall Goods, I will place my entire stock of
Summer Dress Goods
on sale at **Cost Prices.**
You will find latest styles in **Organdies, Piques, Lawns, Dimities &c.**
I will also run a remnant counter and can offer some good bargains in **Dress Goods, Millinery and Notions.**
This is Positively a **Cash Sale.**

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After 35 years of business in your community,

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Greets you with this announcement:

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| Brown Sugar, 5 1/2 Spot Cash. | Jeans Pants, 50c Spot Cash. |
| Granulated Sugar 6 1-4 " " | 1 Box Schep's Coconut 10c |
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| Better Grade Coffee 10 " " | 1 Box Cove Oysters, 9c |
| 2 Pks. Oat Meal 15 " " | 1 Box Ground Mustard, 5c |
| 2 Lbs. Soda 5 " " | 1 Bundle Macaroni, 10c |
| 2 Pks. Diamond Dye 15 " " | 2 Boxes Coblers Nails, 5c |
| Heavy 4-4 Brown Domestic 5c | Men's Overalls, 25c and up |
| 4-4 Bleached Domestic 5c and up | Men's Undershirts, 20c and up |
| Bed Ticking, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16 and 18c | Men's Overshirts, 25c and up |
| Calico, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2 and 5c | Fine Line Shoes, 18c to \$4.00 |
| Ladies Hoes, 5c and up | Ladies Wool Dress Goods 8 1-3c to \$1 |
| Men's Half Hoes, 5c and up | Ladies 50 in. Flannels in all colors. |

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Thanking my customers for their past patronage, and extending to them and all others a cordial invitation to call on me, I will guarantee to give you the GREATEST BARGAINS ever offered you. Produce taken in exchange for goods.

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By all means come and see us.

DON'T FAIL TO CALL ON M. WEILER,

Yours for bargains and fair treatment.

Marcella

In the late hours of a summer afternoon, a young man passed slowly along the Calle del Ray in old Havana. Now and then his eyes turned toward a certain house at the end of the street, and the nearer he approached it the more hesitating became his steps. When quite close he stopped, seeming uncertain as to his next move. But at the sound of weeping, which came from the interior, his attitude changed. In a moment he had crossed the street and entered the house.

"Good evening, Senora Basilio. Good evening, senorita," he said in greeting, and turned somewhat wistfully toward the younger of the two ladies. A look of anger and scorn flashed at him from out her dark eyes.

"Mariano Salva, is it thus you prove yourself a man of honor?" she questioned. His expressive face colored with annoyance. He drew himself up to his full height and answered with quiet dignity: "Senorita, when I gave you my word of honor to leave you unmolested by the unwanted demonstrations of my love, I did not promise to keep aloof in the hour of your sorrow. My intrusion must be excused on the pure grounds of friendly sympathy. Have I explained myself to your satisfaction?"

The girl turned away with a silent gesture and a half-suppressed sob. "Do not scruple yourself about your welcome, senor," said the older woman in her gentle way. "Friends are few in these sorrowful times, therefore, they are doubly valued. Stay and be seated, although I fear you will find us but poor entertainers to-night."

The visitor was completely in sympathy with the mood of the two ladies, and through his gentle words succeeded in partially quieting the senora.

"My son, my only son," she smiled softly. "That he has ended so ingloriously. But, alas! it was well deserved."

"Mother, how can you say that?" interposed her daughter hotly, though her voice was choked with tears. "How can you calmly say that Jose Basilio deserved the death of a spy?" Under that cruel word the senora broke down anew.

"Senorita, Marcella," began Mariano, rising, "spare the senora such needless agony as your words must bring her. As for Jose"—he came closer and lowered his voice that the weeping woman might not hear all that he said—"take care to whom you speak his praises. True, he was my comrade. But—there is no use denying the facts, senorita, Jose knew well the consequences of his conspiracy with the enemies of the Spanish government. It was a daring thing for a Cuban volunteer to undertake. We can only regret—"

"Regret!" exclaimed Marcella scornfully. "A tame word. No, no! Revenge upon his murderers—Oh! that I were a man."

Her wild grief cut into his heart. Ah! he had loved her so long and so well. "Be comforted, Marcella."

But she did not heed him. Forgetting all but that her heart was wounded and sore, he possessed himself of one of her hands and passed his palm over her hair with a soft caress.

"Do not weep so, Marcella," he implored. "God knows, I would give my life for thee."

She lifted her head as if under a sudden inspiration. Her gaze burned with a strange intensity. "And do you love me still?"

"Always and ever, Marcella."

"Upon one condition, then, I will be yours."

Joyful expectancy lit up his every feature. "And that condition?"

"Think well before you answer. Upon the day you become the avenger of my brother's death I will be your wife."

A cry burst from the senora. "Marcella, child—no, no! Would you have him go to his certain death?"

"Let him prove his love. Words are easily spoken."

"You will not listen to her, Senor Salva. You will not endanger your life for a woman's whim," entreated the mother.

Then, for the space of a few seconds the silence remained unbroken. The eyes of both women were intent upon the man. Evidently the struggle within him was severe; for his head was bent, his face pale, his lips set—a complete contrast to his appearance a moment since.

"And have you nothing to say, Mariano?"

When he looked at the eager questioner it was with a glance so proud and clear that it startled her.

"It shall be done, senora."

And all the protestations of the senora did not move him.

Still, there was that in his manner which perplexed Marcella. "You must avail yourself of all your well-known anguety, Mariano," she suggested, after an awkward pause. "You see, it is, of course, of the utmost importance to our bargain that no harm come to you."

"Fie," he returned. "For the second time she was at a loss to interpret his conduct."

She leaned toward him, her voice almost a whisper as she said: "And listen, Mariano; it must be—Blanco, the captain general."

"Well said, it must be Blanco," he answered low, "and afterwards—"

She was conscious of a disappointment in her heart, but knew not from whence it came. However, she did not take time to analyze her feelings. Her one thought was now of her brother.

She went into the next room and returned immediately with a rifle in her hand. "This was my brother's, Mariano. You will take it. None other is worth the deed."

"It is well. I will return for it in a moment. Excuse me till then. The sun will be down in an hour."

A strange significance lurked in his last sentence which she caught on the instant. For immediately after sunset in Havana, darkness comes with a startling suddenness. Her large, questioning eyes followed him, and he paused, saying: "What must be done may as well be done—to-day," and disappeared.

Marcella scarcely heard the re-

proaches of her mother, so intent was she upon her bitter meditation. Even Mariano was forgotten for the moment. It was only Jose, her lost and dearly loved brother, who dwelt in her thoughts.

It might have been ten minutes before Salva appeared again, pale and determined. He spoke fast and low.

"The captain general has been to the harbor without an escort. He is even now on his way to the palace. Therefore—time is precious. In half an hour the sun will be set."

"You calculate finely, Mariano. Your shot will fall immediately before sunset and—then—the darkness will swallow you," she whispered.

In vain were the senora's entreaties. With a gentle tenderness he led her back to the sofa. "Do not hold yourself responsible for this in any way, senora—nor anyone else. It is entirely my own will which decides the matter."

Marcella stood near the door as he passed, and through some unaccountable impulse she hid out her hand to him. He grasped it with a sudden fierceness, but into the fire of his eyes there stole a look which left her pale and trembling after he was gone.

"Mother," she whispered, "her eyes wide and dark as night, 'what—'"

Here she broke off and went into the adjoining room, a feverish haste in all her movements. When she returned her whole form was enveloped in a sort of dark tunic.

"Do not be anxious, mother. I will be back soon," she said, hurriedly.

Rapidly she walked along until she reached the corner of the Calle del Ray. Here she stood irresolute. The sun was quite low, and the streets were somewhat deserted. Most of the houses also were empty, the inhabitants having left the capital. Marcella hurried on.

Suddenly, upon turning another corner, she saw but a single man a few steps ahead. It was Salva. Just then he stopped; and, lest he should discover her, Marcella retreated into an open door, where she could observe his movements unseen.

Her ear caught the sound of horse's hoofs in the distance. At the same time she saw Mariano also disappear within the nearest doorway. Not a soul remained in the street. The rider meanwhile was approaching. Marcella covered her face with her hands and listened to the horse's feet coming nearer—nearer, and a tremor ran through her frame. "It is Blanco, and yonder—Mariano is—waiting," was the one clear thought that ran through her mind. How was it all to end? With Moro Castle or a wedding-day? And her feverish brain pictured Mariano amid the terrible night and solitude of the dungeon. From its depths his eyes seem to flash at her with an ominous fire and a look—not of accusation—but of scorn and mockery.

She shuddered. She lifted her eyes and took a step forward, only to fall back against the wall in terrified silence. She stared wildly at the horseman directly opposite her. She wanted to cry out, to move—rush at the rider and stop him in his path; but her tongue failed her, and her feet refused to go.

The captain general rode on in quiet unconcern. His brow was thoughtful. His eyes were bent upon the ground. Once he looked up, and, as if aware of the lateness of the hour, gently urged his horse to a faster pace.

"Now he has passed him," flashed through Marcella's mind. She ventured out of her hiding-place to keep Mariano in view. She saw him leaning against the doorpost not far away, his eyes turned upon Blanco a few steps past him.

With heart wildly beating she waited for Salva's next move in an agony of suspense. Her eyes dilated as she saw him raise his gun. His right hand—how she watched it!—seemed to become fixed at a certain point. Now—now!

Like a noiseless whirlwind she rushed down to the silent man. With all her force she caught his arm—a shot—an outcry—the galloping of horses' feet—and two dark figures fled on into the blackness of night; for the sun was setting. Marcella gasped. Her body trembled violently. But for Mariano's arm she would have sunk to the ground, and she stopped, holding her close. She felt the wild throbbing of his heart against her own, and in a reaction of feeling, she buried her head upon his shoulder and burst into tears. Perhaps it was his consciousness of possible danger which prompted him to press her head close to him that her sobs might be smothered.

"Mariano, Mariano, I am so glad," she whispered.

"Because the charge went into the air?" he whispered back. "And what about your vengeance?"

"I do not want it, Mariano, because—because I love you. I never knew it until—Do you forgive me even if I have played with your very life? Will you never look at me—like—that—and love me still?"

Even in the darkness he could discern the anguish in her hot gaze. "Marcella, yes," he assured her. "I love you even more since you have risked your own life upon such an errand. As for vengeance—"

"Forget it, Mariano." Two soft arms stole around his neck, and in his newfound happiness he kissed her with all the passion of his love. Around them there was darkness and silence and the peace after past danger. "Come away," she said. And with her hand fast in his, he led her away.—Midland Monthly.

Fox and the Grapes.
Once upon a time a fox espied some grapes growing upon a tall tree or a telegraph pole; it does not matter which. The fox tried to borrow a step-ladder of a neighboring farmer, but failed. "I don't want your old grapes anyway!" the fox now declared. "Appetitis isn't anything like as swag as it used to be!" Then he bestowed the "ugh" upon the bystanders, who looked for him to say the grapes were sour.—Detroit Journal.

At Winfield, Kan., every arrangement had been made for a funeral when the gravedigger came rushing in and announced that he had struck solid rock in the grave and would require considerable time to blast through it. The funeral was postponed for a day.

FASHION'S FANCIES

The Latest Frills in Dress
Cause: Light

A fur hat? draped around the edge and a mass of white tulle bows and ends at one side is a bit of typical headgear.

Gold bracelets are in big round bands, as large as the jade bracelet, set, at regular intervals, with big knobs formed of jade, amethysts, or effective semiprecious stones. They are stylish.

Little collars of fur are made sailor shape, round, and are fastened in front with velvet tied in a sailor knot; chinchilla fur, with blue velvet, makes a pretty combination.

A pretty white scarf for the neck is of the finest and sheerest mull, hemstitched across the ends and down the sides with a narrow hem. On each end, for a few inches up, is a pattern of conventional violets, lightly embroidered, all in white.

A striking gown of brown, made with the plain back, and fastened across just below the waist, with two oblong buttons or pins of gold, had orange velvet let into the front of the jacket in a square, zigzag pattern. A bit of orange velvet was in the brown hat.

A handsome chinchilla collar has a straight round cape of blue velvet, embroidered with cut steel, for a foundation, while the chinchilla falls over it in points, the standing collar being of the fur. It is a handsome collar, though no one pretends that any combination could be more beautiful than a simple fine fur. However, the combination is a fad of fashion, and makes for change.

A pretty gown worn by a pretty girl the other day had the bodice of dove gray silk tucked lengthwise with fine tucks, the sleeves were tucked across. The gown was of pale yellow velvet; the silk below it was edged with a little shirred gray velvet ribbon, which ran down the opening of the blouse, which was at the side. The gown was appliqued with white lace. Around her neck the girl wore a string of big gold beads.

Fur toques, which are so popular this year, have the rims and sides solid with fur, the soft crown in many shavings little that it is hardly noticeable. Many of them are trimmed with either one or two ostrich plumes passing from the front to the back of the hat. They are usually of some shade of soft gray or brown, those indescribable shades neither light nor dark, but dull in effect, and which have new names each year, which this season blend with the fur of the toque, which seldom has flowers upon it to brighten it.

Mademoiselle, who is tired of pulling her watch out from the inside of her gown—usually pulling a bunch of underwaist ribbons with it—who objects to a clumsy bracelet, and is afraid of losing a watch set in her purse, and doesn't believe in having a chateaine, now wears a buttonhole chronometer. It is really too tiny to be called a chronometer, for the watch part is about the size of the small compass once popular with men as watch charms. This is the button part, which she puts through the buttonhole of her coat, while beneath it the under side of the button is as large as a quarter dollar, and prevents the little watch from slipping through.

A pretty girl who wears a bright red ribbon high and tight around her throat wears over it a pretty piece of lace which she ties in a bow at the front. The lace is softening, and the whole is stylish and pretty. This lace is white, but different effects can be made with black lace. The woman can now get out her short, narrow lace "barbs" that she wore some years ago and utilize them in this way or loan them to her daughter. There are a good many pretty pieces of real lace, in the form of "barbs," neatly packed away with the family lace, which it has been thought from the ugly, conventional appearance could never be utilized. Now is the time for them.—N. Y. Times.

A Dainty Ribbon Box.
Anyone who has used all her ribbon baskets, trinket boxes and dressing table drawers in search of the narrow ribbons which she uses as drawstrings for her lingerie would hail with delight a dainty little box designed expressly for such as she. The box itself is just big enough to hold two large spools, on which are wound satin ribbon. The box is covered with woven ribbon of two or more tints and lined with white soft silk; on the inner side of the cover an ivory bodkin is fastened. The two big spools are wound with beige ribbon, one in blue and one in white or one pink and one blue or both white, according to one's fancy. Not until one has tasted the joy of having a place especially designed for those tagging, elusive, narrow ribbons and a bodkin that can be found when wanted can the comfort and convenience of these pretty trifles be appreciated.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Roast Pork.
The loin is the best for roasting. It should be well rubbed with salt, pepper and sage, dusted with flour and put to cook in a moderate oven. Add a little boiling water when the fat has begun to flow, and baste often. Twenty minutes to the pound is the rule for pork. When done remove the meat, pour off all but four or five tablespoonfuls of fat, blend in two tablespoonfuls of flour, brown it well, adding pepper, salt and sage, then cold water, till a gravy of proper consistency is attained.—Woman's Home Companion.

Cauliflower Cabbage.
Cut the cabbage fine as for slaw, put into a stewpan, cover with water and keep closely covered. When tender drain off the water, put in a small piece of butter, with salt, pepper and either one-half cupful of cream or one cupful of milk. Let simmer a few moments and serve. If preferred add vinegar in place of milk or cream.—Boston Globe.

Strange Bed Warmers.
Strange bed-warmers are used by Chilian women. In cold weather, when in bed, they keep their feet warm by placing them on a dog.

Single Persons.
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You will please observe the following proportions in preparing your ingredients:

To every pound of fish—cod or haddock is the best for the purpose—use a one-inch cube of salt pork half an onion, two potatoes, a pinch of pepper, one tablespoonful of flour, one tablespoonful of butter, one cupful of milk and two crackers.

See that the fish is carefully cleaned and cut into pieces after the bone is removed. You may have the fish your self, or the marketman will do it for you. It will save you trouble if you have it done. Cook the bones of the fish and the head in boiling water for half an hour, then strain the water and save it. Cut the salt pork and the onion into dice and fry until they are a light brown. In the meantime peel and slice the potatoes and let them scald for five minutes; pour off the water and add to the scalded potatoes the water in which the bones were boiled, and the pork fat which has been strained to remove the pieces of onion and the solid bits of pork. Put this over the fire in a stewpan, and when it is boiling add the fish and simmer ten minutes, or until the potatoes are tender; last of all, add the pepper, butter, milk and crackers.

I am sure if any of you try this recipe you will find that the chowder is delicious, even if you do not care much about the ordinary fish chowder. But you see that this is an extraordinary one.—Sallie Joy White, in Woman's Home Companion.

Near Macon, Mo., not long ago a hunter chopped down a tree in which was a nest of little squirrels. The mamma squirrel and two of the little ones were killed by the fall of the tree, but three of them were saved, and these three were given to an old cat, who had lost her kittens. She cared for the little orphans as if they had been her own lost babies, and when she lay down they would crawl over her, play with her ears and tail and have a good time. But as they got older they would run away and climb high trees where the cat, who is old and feeble, could not follow them, and then pussy would sit at the bottom of the tree and howl till they came down again. Sometimes when she boxed their ears they would run away into the woods for the whole afternoon, but they always came back to be forgiven at night.

While naval officers express the greatest affection for Admiral Dewey, it is stated that a homeward trip on board a vessel carrying an officer of Dewey's rank will not be one of great pleasure. The admiral will be given receptions and banquets, all of which the junior officers will be obliged to attend. There will be inspections, reviews and exhibition drills, consequently those who return with Admiral Dewey are not especially envied by their brother officers. To return with the admiral is conceded to be a high honor, but, as one officer expressed it to a newspaper correspondent at Washington: "It means dress coats and hades."

Bowling Green, O., has a mayor who thinks he has struck a new reform in the right spot. He sentenced a "tough" to attend Sunday school and church every Sunday for eight weeks or go to prison for 20 days.

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