

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craig have returned from Warrenton.

Mr. E. S. Young of Fishersville has returned from a trip to New York. Hon. Randolph Harrison and son Master Randolph are guests of Mr. Henry Harrison.

Mrs. M. Q. Holt who had been spending some time at the Sweet Chalybeate Springs is now visiting Chalybeate and Mrs. H. W. Holt. Hon. A. C. Braxton and his nephew Winston Holt, who had been spending some time climbing the Alps, sailed for home yesterday.

Miss Juliet Montgomery who spent some time with her father Mr. J. W. Montgomery at Deerfield returned to Richmond yesterday.

Messrs. A. A. Eskridge and B. F. Hughes have returned from a most delightful trip to Niagara Falls, Canada and Atlantic City.

Mrs. M. E. Keller left yesterday for a month's stay at Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York.

Miss Besse Turner has returned from Newport News.

Messrs. J. L. Kemper, C. S. Hunter and J. L. Templeton are guests of Mr. P. T. Holt in an automobile trip to Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Frank Bailey of Sanibel, Florida, who spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodward, left yesterday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Baylis and children, who spent several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Woodward, have returned to their home in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. M. E. Kyle received a telegram yesterday from Mr. Albert Dreifus telling of the death of his father, Mr. J. Dreifus which occurred in Alexandria on Monday.

Misses Stella and Beal Martin who spent the summer with Miss Susie Perry have left for Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Nannie Turk has returned to Washington after visiting at the home of Dr. G. S. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kerr have returned from their summer home near Swoope.

Rev. E. C. Jett is in Pulaski attending the meeting of the convocation of Southwest Virginia.

Rev. F. G. Hartman and wife of Geneva, Ala. who had been visiting at Bridgewater were here yesterday on their way to Clifton Forge.

Major and Mrs. J. H. Dooley who have recently returned from abroad are spending sometime with the Misses Elder.

Hon. A. F. Withrow of Bath County was in Staunton yesterday and last night attended a meeting of the Knights of the Templar at the Masonic Temple.

Mr. W. W. Tyree, formerly of Staunton but now of Hagerstown, Md., is in the city.

Mrs. G. S. Enritt and Miss Throckmorton reached here last night night to resume their duties at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Mrs. E. M. Pennock and Miss Carrie Condon are guests of Mrs. T. R. N. Speck.

Miss Elizabeth Cleveland who had been at the Normal school at Harrisonburg was here yesterday on her way to her home in Fluvanna county.

Miss Bessie Surber has returned from a visit to the home of Mr. Thos. W. Smiley in the Moffatt's Creek neighborhood.

Miss Laura Warren of Richmond is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. D. Ranson.

Mrs. Irvine has gone to Richmond to spend some time with her son there.

Miss Loretta Walter has returned from an extended trip abroad.

Misses May and Lelia Russell have gone to Anderson, S. C., after spending some time with her brothers, Major and Captain Russell.

Mrs. George Triplett has returned to Alexandria after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Talliferro.

Mrs. Hattie Boyler has returned to Mrs. J. D. Campbell's.

Prof. C. F. W. Eisenberg is at home after spending the summer in Germany.

Mrs. Haskins Hobson of Powhatan county, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Ashburner. Miss Eunice Ashburner returned with her grandmother.

Chief of Police Chandler of Waynesboro was here Tuesday to bring Ed Wescott who is sentenced to serve 60 days on the road for being drunk and disorderly.

Mr. Ferdinand Paulsacke has gone to New York where he will spend some time, during which he will attend a barbers college and acquire the latest and most approved methods of the tonsorial art. From there he will go to Philadelphia and Atlantic City before he returns to Staunton, where he is connected with eporium of E. Nothnagel.

Lemuel Zirkle and wife of Luray are visiting his brother, Mr. C. K. Zirkle.

Mrs. Lewis Harman and her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Harman Adams, after a visit to Mrs. Charles K. Robinson on Sherwood Avenue, have returned to their home in Philadelphia, stopping en route at Winchester, for a few days, on business.

DEATH OF MRS. N. P. CATLETT

Mrs. Elizabeth Breckinridge Catlett, widow of the late Nathaniel Pendleton Catlett, died at her residence on East Beverley street, in Staunton, Tuesday evening about half past eight o'clock. Mrs. Catlett was the only child of the late John B. Breckinridge, for many years a prominent merchant of Staunton, and his second wife, Maria Johnson Breckinridge.

She was born in Staunton, where she resided all her life, on the 21st day of August 1836 and had therefore only recently passed her seventy-fifth birthday.

She married when a young woman, Mr. Nathaniel P. Catlett, who was for many years actively identified with the banks of Staunton and who was at the time of his death in June, 1881, the cashier of the Augusta National Bank.

The children of their marriage who survive her, are Mrs. Armistead C. Gordon, Dr. John B. Catlett and Miss Frances B. Catlett, all of whom reside in Staunton. Her oldest son, Nathaniel P. Catlett, Jr., a resident of Montgomery, Alabama, died in STAUNTON about three years ago.

To the other residents of this city there was no one better known or more beloved than was Mrs. Catlett. Her home was always one of gracious hospitality, and during the years of her more active life she was noted for her many deeds of kindness. Her family connections were among the most prominent of the state, and her death, though in the ripeness of the years of the Psalmist, will bring sorrow to many hearts throughout the Commonwealth.

The funeral of Mrs. Nathaniel P. Catlett was held yesterday afternoon from Trinity church at 4:30. In the absence of both the Reverends W. Q. Hullen and R. C. Jett the services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Lee of Charlottesville and was assisted by the Rev. H. M. McIlhenny. The pall-bearers were:

Active—Mr. R. S. Turk, Judge H. W. Holt, Mr. E. J. Cushing, Dr. Franklin Hanger, Mr. W. P. Eskridge, Mr. H. H. Kerr and Mr. A. E. Robertson.

Honorary—Mr. J. R. Taylor, Mr. H. A. Walker, Mr. Eskine Gay, Mr. Jos. B. Woodward, Mr. Jas. H. Blackley, Mr. Murray Hillary and Mr. William Miller.

The interment was in Thorose cemetery.

Gone to the Penitentiary
No time was lost yesterday in the case of Arch Brown. The supreme court denied the petition for a rehearing and a few hours afterwards Brown was safely on his way to the penitentiary at Richmond, two officers having come here from that institution for the purpose of conveying him and Pink Barber of Rockingham to the scene of their executions. The guards went to Harrisonburg first and secured Pink Barber, and returning removed Brown from the county jail and departed with both prisoners on the 1:30 p. m. train. Brown's execution is set for Sept. 22nd and Barber's will follow on the 23rd. It is understood that Brown's relatives will make request on the authorities for remains, the bodies of exalted criminals usually being allotted to medical schools in the interest of anatomical research.

The guards had taken no chances with their prisoners. They were heavily manacled, and chained to each other, seeming to realize that with the fast fading hopes of the two men, that either or both might use desperate means of escape. Brown has never seemed to be a man of feeling, indeed during the trial his manner of speaking of the occurrence was one of stolid indifference, if not entirely devoid of feeling or regret. Not a word was spoken by him, which did not seem to show he cared little for the lives he had taken, but much regret over the fact that Abs. Hoy, another intended victim, had escaped his vengeance. Yesterday however, he presented a pitiful appearance, when chained to a negro convict, he seemed to some extent to realize the depths to which he had sunk, and the hopelessness of the conditions surrounding him. The defiant spirit in him was mastered and he broke down under the ordeal.

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THREE MAKE ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL

Jim Fitch, John Henry, and George Brown Decide the Simple Life is Too Confining and Leave For Parts Unknown

Jim Fitch, George Brown, and John Henry, all colored figured prominently in a sensational jail delivery which occurred at the county jail yesterday morning between 1:30 and 2:00 o'clock. It seems that at 2:30 o'clock Jailer Hutcheson and Assistant Jailer Powell heard some one walking around in the jail and upon investigation it proved to be Lewis Carter, a prisoner, who told them of the escape, and immediately things got busy. Messrs. Hutcheson and Powell called officers Goehner and Sutton to their assistance and scoured the railroad station, yards and premises in an effort to locate the escaped negroes. About daylight Jailer Hutcheson hired Ed. Oridle, an ex-policeman, unofficially, and together they left for Waynesboro and the mountains further east after notifying by telephone and telegraph the surrounding towns in every direction. Asst. Jailer Powell went as far west as Craigsville, but no trace of the fugitives could be discovered.

In the jail, it is supposed that the negroes effected their exit from the cage or cell in which they were confined on the ground floor, by means of a rudely fashioned key which one of the prisoners, now in jail, says they battered out of a shoe buttoner with great patience and perseverance, experimenting a little at a time, as opportunity presented itself. He also says they effectively closed his mouth by threats of death if he ever told on them.

After getting out of their cell, which was comparatively a simple matter with a key, it was easy to trace the method by which they gained the open air and freedom. By means of a heavy piece of pipe, dislodged from the iron railing on the second floor they wrenched the bars loose at the bottom from their seating in the stone sill of the third back window on that floor, separated them sufficiently to permit their bodies to pass between, tied their blankets together for a rope and slid down.

The other prisoners all claim to have been asleep and unaware of the proceedings. A mistaken impression seems to have gotten abroad that Arch Brown was one of those who escaped. This is a mistake. Arch conversed with a DISPATCH representative after the occurrence yesterday morning. He is located on the 3rd floor and says he was asleep at the time. It is thought that all of the escaped prisoners will be apprehended.

This is the first trouble of any kind which has occurred at the jail under Jailer Hutcheson's administration, covering a period of 4 years. There has been on hand at that institution an average of from 35 to 50 prisoners continuously and at times as many as 75 have been accommodated successfully.

In the absence of the Jailer, Assistant Jailer T. H. Powell gave out the following statement and descriptions of the fugitives to a Dispatch representative:

"The only statement we can give is that the inner cage was opened evidently by a false key, because I locked them up myself last night at about 8 o'clock. At that time I know they were all there because I

counted them and I know that I locked the door. After they got into the corridor, they took a piece of pipe from the railing and using it as a lever prised the bars apart in a second floor window, lowered themselves by means of blankets tied together and escaped. The supposition is that the prisoners have been working some time on a rude key as this is the only means by which they could have gained the corridor.

"The following, I think, is a correct description of the escaped negroes: "Jim Fitch is a dark negro, about 18 years old, weight about 110 lbs., rather small features, wore a light tailor made suit of clothes which he took with him.

"George Brown is a light complexioned darkey about 5 feet 8 inches in height, about 25 years of age, wore fairly good clothes, the only thing conspicuous about him being a prominent scar about his mouth, his weight is about 140 lbs.

"John Henry is a rather black darkey of almost stolid expression and was dressed shabbily. He weighed about 175 lbs. and is about 5 feet 9 inches in height. He had on working clothes."

Jim Fitch, it will be recalled is the little darkey who shined shoes at the Osh Olgar Store and who was being held for the grand jury on a charge of robbing that establishment of about \$20. Jim was noted for his love of extravagant dress and now adds to his fame by the energy with which he champions the cause of liberty. George Brown and John Henry had both served terms for fighting scrapes, and were at the time also being held for the grand jury on a charge of robbing Jim Fitch, while in jail, of about \$40, which the latter had sewed in his under clothing previous to his preliminary hearing before Justice Glasgow in the police court.

KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN
Luray, Va., Sept. 2.—In a small graveyard located about two miles east of Rileysville, was interred Wednesday, the body of John Jewell, who was found dead on Monday near Front Royal. No one knows the cause of Jewell's death, though it is supposed he fell from a freight train while on his way home to Rileysville. He had for some time been working at Martinsburg, W. Va. The little country burial ground, overgrown with weeds appears to have been made for those who had met violent deaths. In recent years have been buried in it, Sam Nicolson, killed on the Norfolk and Western railroad; "Sunny" Jewell, found dead on the Norfolk and Western railroad near Compton; John W. Jewell, killed by falling from a train at Front Royal; James Stoneberger, killed by the explosion of a sawmill engine near Rileysville, and "Bud" Nicholson, stabbed to death near where his body is buried.

TO BE SETTLED IN COURT
County Treasurer Claims Benefit of Interest Arising from Funds

Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 7.—The right of the county treasurer to get the benefit of interest arising from daily balances of county funds on bank deposit, is to be settled at Rastburg at the next session of the Campbell Circuit court. Treasurer Calloham claims he is entitled to this, but his contention is being resisted by the county school board, which wants the interest paid by the banks on balances to the credit of the school fund.

Miss Lella Kirtland, formerly of the faculty of Stuart Hall is a guest at the school, but expects to leave to-night for San Francisco, from which place she will sail for China where she goes as a missionary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Starke Burke have returned from Hotel Alleghany, where they spent several weeks very delightfully.

DEATH OF MR. W. W. FRETWELL

In the death of Mr. William W. Fretwell, which occurred at his home Sunday morning, Staunton has lost one of her oldest and best known citizens. Mr. Fretwell was born in Augusta county on Oct. 17th 1830 and was therefore in his eighty first year, though he was so very active that no one would have taken him to be so old. He had spent most of his life in Staunton and was particularly beloved by his near neighbors nearly all of whom greeted him as "Pap."

About ten days ago he went to the King's Daughters hospital for an operation and had seemed to be much better but on his way home his heart became affected and he died a few moments after getting in his room.

Mr. Fretwell married Miss Sarah Traylor who preceded him to the grave by twelve years. He leaves the following children Messrs. G. W., J. C. and C. E. of this city and Ernest of Richmond and two daughters Miss Lena and Mr. Herbert Fretwell he had raised and they had been as his own children. He was the last of a large family one sister having died in Columbus Ohio about six months ago.

Mr. Fretwell was a devoted old Confederate, being an original member of the West Augusta Guards. He enlisted in Co. L. 5th Va. Infantry, was greeted with much interest by many people who crowded about for a closer observation. General admiration was prevalent and "Sherwood" and "Sweetbriar," in their initial trip performed with credit both to their operators and their owners.

Nothing else, aside from money, is so universally sought for as a cure for headache. Headache powders are not safe and they give only temporary relief in any event. The chocolate-coated and capsule-shaped pills called Sherman's Headache Remedy and sold by druggists and dealers at 10c and 25c are recommended as the best headache cure.

Clyde Weaver and Luther Woods are in jail here awaiting trial for breaking into the depot at Fordwick and stealing two packages of whiskey. They were arrested on North Mountain with the goods.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tribbet of Staunton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Beard.

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Stonewall Jackson Camp C. V. met last night in their hall, this being their first meeting since June.

Commander Minor was in the chair and after prayer by Chaplain Scott, the roll was called by acting Adjutant Armstrong. James B. Crane was elected a member of the camp. Mr. Crane, was a member of the 12th Va. Cavalry and now lives in the west. An old veteran needs a rolling chair and if any one has one they can send, a message left at this office will put the owner in communication with the gentleman in question. Several books were received with thanks from Dr. C. T. Lewis and a picture from Comrade McFarland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Catlin and Miss Catlin of Richmond, who spent some time at the Rawley Springs, were in the city yesterday on the way to their home.

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H. L. LANG.
OPTOMETRIST.
FROM MOFFETT'S CREEK

Moffatt's Creek, Sept. 6.—There will be a protracted meeting at New Providence church beginning on Sunday night next. The pastor Rev. L. W. McLaughlin, will be assisted in these services by Rev. Dr. W. H. Milroy of Louisville, Ky.

The Misses Parr of Culpeper county are visiting the Misses George of this place.

The farm of the late Jno. W. Gordon was sold on Saturday, Aug. 20, to Henry D. Arelhart, consideration \$2,725.

Miss Blanche Wright of Mint Spring is visiting Miss Louise Martin.

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Court of Appeals in Session
The Court of Appeals convened here yesterday morning, judges presiding, Keith, Buchanan, Whittle and Harrison.

Case of Commonwealth vs. Gleason submitted on briefs.

Case of Davidson vs. Watts argued and submitted.

Case of Yost vs. Critcher argued in part and continued.

Following petitions for rehearing were received: Wickham and Northern, receivers, vs. C. H. Green.

Greensburg National bank vs. S. Izer and Company.

R. F. and P.R.R. vs. Walters administrator.

N. and O. V. R. Y. Co. vs. Consolidated Turnpike Co. Miller vs. Turner.

Edmondson and Reeks, receivers, vs. Potts' administrators.

Whitehead vs. Cape Henry Syndicate Co.

Tunners' administrators vs. Citizens Bank of Norfolk.

Pollard and Haw vs. American Stone Co.

Was Former Student at Mary Baldwin Seminary

The sad death of Mrs. Edward McCoe has cast a gloom over the neighborhood of Fort Defiance where she was known and loved by everybody. She was Miss Margaret Crawford daughter of the late Mr. Edward and Mrs. Sadie McCoe. She attended the Mary Baldwin Seminary where she made a number of friends. She leaves five small children. The funeral will take place this morning at Old Stone Church at 11 o'clock.

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