

Fair tonight and cooler;
Saturday, fair and cooler.
Light west winds.

Monday Night Will Decide

Aldermen Will be Asked, it is said, by over 500 Voters to Call Another Election

It is stated today that over 500 qualified voters have signed the petition to the aldermen asking them to call another election on the liquor question, several of the carriers giving out that since Wednesday they have secured from ten to thirty additional names. On last Monday it was said that the signers then numbered 425 and it is calculated that since then at least seventy-five have affixed their signatures. Yesterday the seven petitions were made one and it was otherwise prepared for presentation to the aldermen at their meeting Monday night.

With the exception of additional signers the situation has not changed during the week. Both elements apparently feel confident of victory and both are eager for the arrival of election day, if one is appointed, when the issue at stake will be settled for another two years.

On Monday night when the aldermen will be asked to grant an election, the largest crowd that has ever been squeezed into the municipal building will be present, for public interest is intense. The general belief is that the board will call an election, for more than enough names of qualified voters have been secured, the required number being one-third, and the voters numbering 779.

The anti-saloon people claim that many have signed the petitions to help secure the election in order to again vote against whiskey, but the other side claims that all who signed will vote for saloons and others besides.

WHY DID IT WIN WORLD'S FAIR PRIZE?

The entertainment given last evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall drew an audience which almost equalled the seating capacity of the house. The attraction was a series of the Kinetoscope pictures, and while the thing had been seen a thousand times before, it was rather enjoyed. The moving pictures showing a supposed likeness of the naval battle between Russia and Japan were a bit interesting, but the magic lantern numbers showing "Shakespeare" and "Moonlight on the Hudson" were of a very commonplace nature.

The audience did not expect to see much however and were not agreeably surprised to any extent.

REFUSED DAMAGES; USED KNIFE.

Newport News, Sept. 1.—B. F. Megginson, superintendent of the Newport News and Old Point Railway Company, was stabbed in the back and painfully injured today by C. W. Burkhead, a North Carolina temporarily residing in Hampton. Last night Burkhead ran his bicycle into a street car at a corner. He claimed that the street car company should pay for repairs to his wheel. Mr. Megginson refused to comply with his demand. Today Burkhead asked the superintendent to go to a repair shop to look at the wheel. Megginson went and a dispute ensued. Burkhead drew a knife, but was prevented from using it. Later he went out of the side door and going up to Megginson, stabbed him in the back. He jumped on his wheel to escape, but the wounded man seized the bicycle and threw his assailant to the ground. Burkhead was placed in jail. Megginson is not dangerously injured.

Young Wife Commits Suicide

Mrs. Emma Bond Kills Herself From Temporary Insanity

East Radford, Va., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Emma Bond, wife of Mr. Pleasant Bond, a prominent member of the Radford Wholesale Grocery Company, is dead from a pistol shot fired near her heart by her own hand, either accidentally or otherwise. Such was the verdict of the coroner's jury in the terrible tragedy that startled Radford this morning. Mrs. Bond was wont to keep a pistol in her room, and it is generally believed however, to be a case of suicide, thought there was no cause for the deed. Mrs. Bond's married life was ideally beautiful and happy; her husband the kindest and best of men, and no trouble of any kind clouded their horizon. If suicide it was temporary insanity was the cause. She had not been well for several weeks, and remarked to a neighbor that she feared she was going to have fever, her head felt so badly. Mrs. Bond prepared breakfast this morning about 7 o'clock, and told her husband, who was in the kitchen, to put it on the table while she dressed her children. She went upstairs, and a few minutes later a pistol shot rang through the house. Her husband found her lying upon the floor in an unconscious condition, the pistol clamped in her hand. Her clothes were powder-burned, as if the pistol was fired at close range. She lived but a few minutes.

Mrs. Bond was formerly Miss Emma Nance, of Bedford, county. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a beautiful Christian character.

SEMI-MONTHLY TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The regular Semi-Monthly Temperance meeting will be held in the City Road Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The principal speakers of the occasion will be Rev. M. A. McCullen of Wilmington, N. C. and Rev. Luther of Pearl St. Methodist Church.

BUSY SCENES ON PUBLIC BUILDING LOT

The material for the public building is now rapidly arriving and each day shows a marked advancement in the work. The derricks, composed of massive pieces of scantling, with the usual paraphernalia of ropes, blocks and arms, have been placed on the grounds, and to operate them a large engine and boiler have been put in place. The derrick will be used to lift the large blocks of granite, the steel girders and other ponderous weights. As stated before, the foundation is now in readiness for the stone work, and the shipment of granite from Maine of which notice has been received is being awaited.

In the meantime thousands of all grades of brick are being hauled to the lot, besides the other necessities and the old Greenleaf square presents one of the business scenes in the city.

The tram road to the Suffolk and Carolina tracks, on Martin street, has been finished and is in operation.



OLD ACQUAINTANCES HAVE THEIR LITTLE JOKE AGAIN
The Coal Trust—I dig up the coal and you dig up for the coal.

Eight Italians Killed by Mafia

Hut in Which Victims Were Sleeping Was Blown to Atoms by DynAmite

Richmond, Va., Sept. 1.—Delayed information from the Greenbrier Valley along the West Virginia border near Bartow Station, tells of the killing of eight Italians in a lumber camp by what is believed to have been the machinations of the dreaded Mafia.

Nine men and boy were quartered in a hut. Early in the night two of the men left and soon thereafter a tremendous explosion was heard. Where the hut had been was a deep hole in the ground, while for hundreds of yards around were dismembered limbs and fragments of flesh.

The trees far and near were burdened with ghastly portions of humanity.

Only the body of the boy was intact. Theat was found intact lying in the Greenbrier river.

The men who left the hut before the explosion have disappeared. They are thought to have been agents of the Mafia.

The Italians are in a state of the greatest terror and can only be induced to work while the camps are guarded by armed men.

An Accomplished Elocutionist.

Miss Bertie Tayloe, a graduate in the A. M. course and in Elocution from the Virginia Institute of Bristol, Tenn. and who has taken a post graduate course in the Baptist Female University at Raleigh, will teach Elocution in the Atlantic Collegiate Institute this year. Miss Tayloe received her instructions in Elocution from graduate teachers from the celebrated Emerson School of Oratory and her last teacher was a pupil of Miss Bloods, of Chicago, one of the most distinguished teachers of elocution in the United States.

Miss Tayloe is an accomplished teacher and the students who take work under her, will be fortunate in having so accomplished an instructor.

Suicide Results From Elopement

Girl Took Two Doses of Laudanum in Carolina Town. Death Causing Sensation.

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—The town of Dunn has a sensation in which two men from South Carolina, A. Hinson and his partner, B. W. Floyd, and two young women, Rebecca Jackson, of South Carolina, and Emma Sellers, from this State, figured.

A few days ago the young men and young women came to Dunn and stopped at a boarding house, the men being picture dealers, who went to work in that section. The next day Miss Sellers took laudanum. A doctor saved her, but a little later she took a second dose and died in an hour. Her brother was telegraphed for, and has taken her body to her home, at Whiteville, near the southern border of this State.

Miss Jackson, who is from Dillon, S. C., remained, and when Hinson came in the next night he was arrested. It was demanded that there should be an immediate marriage. A messenger was sent on horseback to the county seat, twenty miles away for a license, and at 1 o'clock in the morning a minister performed the ceremony. The father of the young women has arrived to take her and her husband to Dillon.

Floyd has not been seen since Miss Sellers took poison. It is believed that he has left this State.

High in Air, Aeronaut Was Blown To Pieces.

Greenville, O., Sept. 1.—Aeronaut Baldwin, of Losantiville, Ind., was to-day blown to shreds as his balloon was floating high in the air. He was giving at the county fair, an exhibition of the use of dynamite from a balloon for war purposes. He had three sticks of the explosive with him. When he had reached a height of 2,000 feet the dynamite accidentally exploded, and balloon and man were literally torn to fragments. Baldwin's wife was one of the several thousand persons who saw the accident.

DRANK ROUGH-ON-RATS; DIED IN GREAT AGONY

Mrs. Blount, Aged 70, Committed Suicide Yesterday Afternoon At Her Home, The Blount Farm, Near This City.

Child Heard Her Say "I Cannot Stand This Any Longer and I Will End it All"—A Few Hours Later She Was Dead.

Mrs. Bettie Blount, aged 70 years, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at her home, the Blount farm, which is about four miles from town, and the details of the deplorable affair shocked the whole city this morning. Aged and infirm and with some great mental perturbation weighing upon her, at a time when she was the sole occupant of the house, she took the fatal dose of poison, and several hours later, after she had endured untold suffering, died in great anguish. The rash deed was discovered before she expired and everything was done to save her, but she had made sure of death and the poison did its work.

Shortly after three o'clock yesterday, Mr. Walter Gilbert, a white man employed on the farm, chanced to be near the house and heard Mrs. Blount vomiting. He hurried to her room and asked if she was sick. Mrs. Blount, then being horribly contorted by the dose she had taken, replying weakly that she drank rough-on-rats. Rushing to the yard Mr. Gilbert secured the horse and buggy and drove furiously to town and summoned Dr. W. J. Lumsden, the physician not waiting to get his own team but returning in the buggy with Gilbert. When he entered the sick room Mrs. Blount was conscious and suffering greatly. The doctor asked her what she had taken, and she replied, "a little whiskey" but when asked what else, she replied, rough-on-rats. The doctor worked rapidly, but the deadly poison had advanced too far in its effects to be checked by science, and suffering intense agony, but never losing consciousness until the last few minutes, she passed away. That she had been brooding darkly over trouble of some nature is accepted by her people. Little Ruth Gilbert, who had slept in the same room with her for the last two years, yesterday morning heard her say, just after she had arose, "I cannot stand this any longer and I will end it all!" The child, however, never dreamed for an instant that she was planning self-destruction and had soon forgotten the words, which, if they had been heard by an older person, probably would have prevented the act. Never by word or deed, had Mrs. Blount intimated her intention to any of her people. They knew that she had been worrying over something for sometime but never imagined that the depression was so serious.

Mrs. Blount is survived by several children, among them being Mr. Thomas B. Blount, who lives on West Fearing street, a number of grand-children and some distant relatives. The funeral arrangements at this time have not been made but it is thought the ceremony will be conducted from the home tomorrow and the remains interred in the family buryingground.

Mrs. Blount was known and deeply loved by many in this city and her death is causing profound sorrow.

Found Body In Well.

Grafton, W. Va., Sept. 1.—When members of the family returned home yesterday evening, Mrs. Alfred Freeman, aged sixty-one years, who had been at the

house alone during the day, could not be found. An investigation revealed her body in the well. The Freemans lived at Moatsville, near here. It is not known whether her death was due to suicide or accident.

The woman had no known cause to commit suicide, and the officers who have made an investigation believe they have a case of murder to solve. It was known that considerable money was kept in the Freeman house, and the crime may have been committed in the hope of obtaining this. Nothing, however, was missing from the house.

Mrs. Freeman was a sister of E. H. Compton, clerk of the Circuit of Barbour County, W. Va., at Philadelphia.

Preparations For Heavy Fall Trade.

The mercantile establishments of the city are now preparing for the reception of heavy shipments of goods with which their stocks will be replenished for the fall and winter trade. Some have already received large quantities of goods but the heavier shipments are yet to come. The evidences are that they are all expecting a large trade.

It is stated that the farmers will realize handsome profits from their cotton crops and it is predicted that the fishing industry, carried on so extensively in the lower sounds country, will be successful this fall, both of which will tend to increase general prosperity, and to supply the farmers and fishermen with their necessities, the merchants are making preparations.

Mr. George Twiddy, Jr. returned yesterday from Baltimore where he had an operation performed on his knee. He has not yet recovered the use of the injured member and has to use crutches.

Report of the Condition of Savings Bank and Trust Co.

at Elizabeth City, in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business, August 25th, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$68,311 85
Overdrafts, unsecured	8 35
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	5 956 00
Premium on Bonds	37 50
Furniture and Fixtures	2,165 00
Demand Loans	17,379 63
Due from Banks and Bankers	9,874 14
Cash Items	534 88
Gold Coin	105 00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	331 94
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	859 00
Accrued interest receivable	1,211 26
Total	\$106,747 92

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000 00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,261 85
Dividends unpaid	9 00
Time Certificates of Deposit	6,480 19
Deposits subject to check	72,027 58
Cashier's checks outstanding	19 00
Accrued interest due depositors	350 00
Total	\$106,747 92

State of North Carolina, }
County of Pasquotank, } ss:

I, Geo. B. Pendleton, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Geo. B. PENDLETON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of September, 1905.
W. W. GRIFFIN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
E. F. AYDLETT,
Geo. R. BRIGHT,
J. B. FLORA, } Directors.