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## Law Notes

Since their late experiences with juries the Virginia members of the senior law class are hearty in favor of the proposed change by the constitutional convention of the unanimity of jury verdicts. Their last experience in this line was on Feb. 6 in the case of Friend's adm'r vs. Kimball & Fink. The plaintiff's side of the case was ably conducted by Mr. J. R. Tucker, while Mr. Preston looked after the interests of Messrs. Kimball and Fink. The evidence was, as usual, very exciting, especially so to the counsel, who never knew what answers to expect from their witnesses. The chief features of the testimony were "Dusty" McCoy as railroad engineer, Dr. "Pinky" Crockett as appraiser of Mrs. Friend's agony, and Mahoney as a bicycle expert. After very eloquent argument by the counsel the case was submitted to the jury, who proceeded at once to disagree and remained in that state until they were adjourned over until the following morning at 9 o'clock. At 10 o'clock they were no nearer an agreement than they had been before, so Judge Burks discharged them, much to the regret of those members of the class who had side bets on the verdict. That the case was very well and evenly conducted was shown by the fact that the jury remained six for the plaintiff and six for the defendant throughout.

The chancery court met Tuesday afternoon, pursuant to adjournment, and the members of the bar were agreeably surprised when they found out that Mahoney and Rowe would be unable to take up the many cases that they had before the court. The court itself looked very much relieved when the announcement was made. The cases of Archie Magill against the rest of the Magills et als were disposed of in various ways, as suited infants who were possessed of lands which they were unable to make profitable and which they were unable to sell

Then, of course, there were several cases of Smith vs. Jones to be heard. These were disposed of, but it is not expected that the litigation between these two families has been put an end to yet, as they are continually getting into trouble with each other.

None of the cases in the common law court Thursday reached the jury, as most of them were either argued on preliminary questions or continued. The jurors who were in attendance seemed much disappointed at not being able to get together. Two of them, however, were lectured by the court for failing to put in their appearance at the last term of court to which they had been summoned. It is said that the entire junior class intends to join the fire company at an early date, as that is the only way they can escape jury duty. The case of Trent vs. Chappell has been set for next Thursday and will probably take up the entire term of the court, as there is a large amount of evidence to be introduced on each side.

## Organization of Tennis Club.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, a meeting was held for the organization of a tennis club.

The charter members are as follows: Bagley, Barnwell, C. Campbell, Glasgow, Hall, Moore, McPheeters, Osborne, Shively, Spencer, Swartz and Thomas; Andrews, Crawford and L. Smith being honorary members.

The following officers were elected: President, Thomas; vice-president, Shively; secretary, Hall; treasurer, Spencer; manager, Swartz.

It was decided to make the organization a permanent one, having for its intention the holding of an annual tennis tournament which will occur some time in the spring.

It is the present purpose of the club to affiliate with the athletic association.

New members will be elected by a two-thirds vote.

Cornell baseball practice began Oct. 21.

## Mr. Villard

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, associate editor and business manager of the New York Evening Post, who is a prominent young man of New York city and an ardent friend of Washington and Lee, addressed the students Wednesday morning.

Dr. Denny in his introduction told of the friendship of Mr. Villard for the late Wm. L. Wilson, and his untiring efforts to raise the Wilson Memorial fund.

Mr. Villard opened his address by expressing his joy at there being no longer any sectional differences between the North and South, saying that the Wilson fund is one of the links which is now binding the sections. He then took up his theme, the duty of college-bred men to city, state and nation, saying that their educational qualifications made it their duty to take part in politics, not as politicians but as a reformer, of the true type. Mr. Villard said that it was not difficult to find those who were patriotic when it came to national elections, but that it was in municipal affairs that they held back. That there were many college-bred men in New York city who would not take their part in the stamping out of corruption, although good and valuable citizens in other respects. Mr. Villard further said that many of the young men of the South upon going to New York city allied themselves with Tammany, believing it to be the organization which would bring them before the public most quickly. He also told of the necessity of running a city on the best possible plan, because of the poor who are not able to leave it, and of the great fight which had just been made against corrupt and negligent city government in New York.

He ended his address by stating that the South had problems before it, and urging all college men, North or South, to listen to the call of the state, not as partisan, but as American citizens.

It is needless to say that the stu-

dents enjoyed the address of one whose college days have not been long past, but who has risen so rapidly in such a short time. They appreciate him and the interest that he is taking in Southern education, and especially in Washington and Lee and the Wilson fund.

## Dance at the Gym.

Last Monday night a very enjoyable dance was given by the Cotillion club in honor of the visiting girls.

There were about three boys to every girl, but the law of compensation is applicable to a dance as well as to other things, and it was evident at this one, inasmuch as there were no wall flowers and none who "got stuck." But no one would have gotten stuck any way as the girls could all dance and would have gotten the same rush even had the difference in numbers not been so great.

According to a very unfortunate custom (as it seemed at the time) the dance ended at 1 o'clock to the strains of Home Sweet Home.

Those present were Misses Tucker, Howe, Brockenbrough, Houston and the Misses Lee of Lexington, McGuire of Winchester, Patton of Blacksburg, Jordan of Lynchburg, Pike of Washington city, and Welford of Richmond; and Messrs. Bridges, Osborn, Jones, Waddell, Rouss, Barnwell, Pritchett, Pendleton, Pancake, Baker, Witherspoon, Shively, Harrison, Arbuckle, Young, Smith, Hall, Bagley, Swartz, Mason, Price, Tucker, Glass, Breckenridge, Booker, Crawford, Keeble, Wise, Duncan, G. C. Powell of Norfolk, Roy Mitchell, and Major Marshall, Captains Cabell and Stockdale and Messrs. Hudson and Alderdice of the V. M. I.

The chaperones were Mrs. S. B. Walker, Mrs. Jas. Lewis Howe and Mrs. Morgan Peadleton.

Nearly 250 men entered the recent Michigan trial debates.

John D. Rockefeller gave the University of Chicago a check for \$1,000,000 as a Christmas present.

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## MR. VILLARD'S ADDRESS.

Perhaps no address that has been delivered in the chapel during the present session has so well expressed the object of the constructive politicians of our day as did that of Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, President Denny in his very appropriate introduction of the speaker, truly described the same idea from another standpoint—that of conscious organization of social forces toward a particular end. He said that end which such men as Mr. Villard had in view was to bring together the heterogeneous mass of reformers into a more homogeneous one in order to secure more definite and particular results.

There can be no doubt that the reformer, wherever he is and whatever method he uses, is of benefit to society, provided he be imbued with the spirit of righteousness and seeks unselfish ends. There are many of these all through our country. But their efforts have wrought very few striking results, because they do not act in concert. And the only way for such a large mass of men to act concertedly is for them to introduce timely reforms. Such a great amount of energy is being "wasted" for useful purposes by being misdirected; there are so many people picking out the little flaws in the way the world has been and will be run without looking at the really dangerous errors in the tendency of the day. Mr. Villard showed this to be a fact in the gov-

ernment of New York city. If William Jennings Bryan would quit "calamity howling"—to use a vulgar phrase, and devote his splendid energies to some timely purpose he would be much more of a statesman and take a greater part in directing the welfare of his country.

But aside from the fact that reformers must be constructive instead of destructive as well as timely in their efforts, there remains to be considered and impressed upon the young men of today that they must be self-constructive. We think that the peculiar function of Washington and Lee is to train men to be good citizens—to train them to go in the path of self-advancement by exercising a spirit of benevolence in thought and deed toward their fellowmen which shall spring from the well of personal excellence and righteousness. In other words, to make them men who are worthy to be examples of right living in the South. Inconsistency has long time and always will be a fault in those who seek to do good, yet it may be lessened to a great extent by the presence of good in the reformers themselves. One of our professors, in a recent article to the Christian Observer, very justly pointed to the inconsistency of our religious papers in arraigning the faults of other nations while slurring over the misdeeds of Uncle Sam.

Lastly, all reformers cannot be cosmic—worldwide reformers. For the vast majority the opportunity for reform is in their own towns. And in this period of municipal importance, the crying need is civic reform. We think that Washington and Lee men should be careful to appreciate the import of Mr. Villard's appeal. If they do this—if they try to stand for the right in their own circles, no matter how small those circles may be, the donors of the Wilson fund will not feel that they have sacrificed in vain, and our future alumni will do honor to the memory of those who fought for the right and made Washington and Lee what it is, be those benefactors of the North or of the South.

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Every college debater at Yale in the future must take the regular course in debating and be recommended by the instructor.

## Y. M. C. A.

The students of the association were addressed last Sunday, the 9th, by Ralston, who gave one of the most eloquent and earnest talks ever given by a student in that hall. He began by saying that he was going to speak about one of the sweetest songs ever sung on earth, which was the twenty-third Psalm. Taking the verses as they came he brought out the force of each as regards our comforts and our hopes. Then he made an earnest request that the members of the Y. M. C. A. and personal workers' class should strive with redoubled energy to bring others into the fold of Christ. He declared that, if they would try, God would help them to win every soul in old W. & L. U. Turning to the non-Christians of the crowd he appealed to them from the bottom of his heart to enter into the fold of Christ, quoting several passages of invitation and picturing to them the comforts of the Christian life as set forth in the Psalm "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want."

It is certainly hoped that those who heard this talk will be inspired to better work for Christ, so that the banner of our Lord may wave freely over dear old W. L. U.

## Harry Lees Meet

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Harry Lee Boat club was held in Dr. Denny's class room last Friday afternoon. W. T. Ellis was elected chairman, and Henry Hall secretary and treasurer. The following committee was elected to choose the crew for this year: C. S. McNulty, chairman, W. T. Ellis, and Robert McCrum.

The subject of getting a new boat was then taken up, and as it will be impossible to have a race in June without a new boat, a committee consisting of Messrs. Wm. Allan, C. S. McNulty and A. Tabb were appointed to solicit subscriptions for this purpose. It is, of course, understood that this committee is to act under the supervision of the Faculty committee. While the Harry Lees have taken the initiative in this matter, yet it is to the interest of both crews and of every one interested in this branch of our athletic sports to aid in a substantial way in getting a new boat on the river by April 1. X.

## Graham-Lee Society.

Again, [we are sorry to say, a good many members of the Graham-Lee were absent, and we are especially sorry to note that of the six debaters whose names were posted two weeks before, four were absent. An active member of a good literary society, who is always present and ready when called on, will get more good out of the society work than any one ticket he can take at college. Now if we wish to have a good society for the rest of the session, we cannot do it unless the members will come to the meetings, and especially those who are on duty, and take interest in the work.

Mr. Pilkinton, who was on for an oration, was excused, and the society heard from Messrs. Schaefer and Steves under the head of declamations, both of whom are new men and are doing good work in the society. The question, Resolved "That our government is permanent," was debated with interest by Messrs. Huddle, King and Pilkinton on the affirmative, and by Messrs. Mahoney and Moffett on the negative.

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### Owen—Brockenbrough

Last Wednesday evening the Presbyterian church was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Miss Louise Brockenbrough and Mr. Robert Owen were united in marriage. The altar was tastefully decorated with a profusion of Madame de Stoute roses and ferns. The church was filled to overflowing with friends and admirers eager to witness the union of one of Lexington's fairest daughters to one of its most prominent business men. At 9 o'clock the bridesmaids entered the church at the right of the chancel to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, and passed down the middle aisle, where they were met by the ushers. As the music changed to Lohengrin's march they returned and arranged themselves in a semi-circle about the altar. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Nell Brockenbrough, followed by the bride, leaning on the arm of her father. The groom, attended by Mr. Roy Mitchell, met the bride at the end of the aisle and proceeded to the altar, where the ceremony was most impressively performed by Dr. Whaling. When they were pronounced man and wife and the final benediction had been given, this time to Tanhauser's march they passed down the aisle and out of the church.

The bride was gowned in white crepe de chien over taffeta silk. The maid of honor wore yellow organdie and carried Brides' roses. The bridesmaids were dressed as follows: Miss Wellford of Warsaw, Va., and Miss Rosa Tucker of Lexington, in lavender organdie; Miss Allene Paxton and Miss Martha Paxton of Natural Bridge, in blue organdie; Miss Eliza Dillon of Indian Rock, Va., and Miss May Ross of Lexington, wore pink organdie; Miss Isadore Pike of Washington, and Mrs. Core of Lexington, were gowned in green organdie; Miss May Haskins of Lexington, and Miss Bettie Wilson of Charlestown, W. Va., in white organdie.

The ushers were Messrs. Cuthbert Powell of Norfolk, William Owen of South Boston, McGuire Newton of Richmond, Owen Wilson of U. and L. U., Edgar Waddell, J. R. Tucker, C. F. Spencer, Charles Brockenbrough and Mr. Corse of Lexington.

After the ceremony the wedding

party were entertained at the home of Mrs. T. M. Semmes of V. M. I. The happy couple left on a night train for Northern cities.

### Dickinson-Preston

From the County News.

A pretty home wedding took place last evening at the residence of Mrs. Thomas L. Preston on Washington street, when her daughter, Miss Janet Alexander Preston, was married to Mr. William Dickinson of Charleston, W. Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Harry W. Pratt of Petersburg, a cousin of the bride, assisted by Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with plants and flowers. In the parlor long silk ribbons held by little Misses Caroline Preston and Laura Tucker and Masters Preston White and James White formed an aisle through which the bridal party walked.

Mrs. Reid White, sister of the bride, was dame of honor, and Mr. Charles Cameron Dickinson of Malden, W. Va., a brother of the groom, was best man. The bridal gown was of white silk and diamond ornaments were worn. The bride carried a bouquet of Bride roses. The dame of honor wore white silk and carried pink roses. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Mrs. Andrew D. Estill.

A reception was given after the wedding at which only relatives of the bride and groom were present. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Dickinson of Charleston, W. Va., parents of the groom; Messrs. Charles C. Dickinson and John L. Dickinson, brothers of the groom, and Mrs. Charles C. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lewis of Charleston, Mrs. M. L. Smeade of Salem, and Miss Mattie Bolling of Richmond.

The bride is the daughter of the late Rev. Thomas L. Preston, pastor of the Lexington Presbyterian church. The groom was educated at the Virginia Military Institute from which he was graduated in 1887. He is engaged in coal mining and lumbering in West Virginia with headquarters at Charleston.

Mr. Dickinson and his bride went off on a special train over the Baltimore and Ohio road at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Owen and his bride, whose marriage followed their's by but an hour, accompanied them to Staunton as their guests.

They will be at home in Charleston, W. Va., after an extended trip through the South and West.

Mr. Edward M. Shepard of New York city, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address before the literary societies of Washington and Lee university in June. Mr. Shepard is a man of wide reputation for high character and abilities, and an attractive speaker. The attention of the country was drawn to him during the mayoralty contest in New York city last fall, when, though a reformer, he accepted the Tammany nomination for mayor of the city and made a brilliant canvass, but was defeated by Seth Low.

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**Washington Literary Society.**

In the absence of President McDowell the society was called to order by Vice-President H.W. Hamilton, who performed the duties of his office with much dignity.

Gruver then favored those present with an oration on "Communism," in which he set forth the advantages of this system of government and denounced the present system. His speech showed considerable thought and was very well delivered. The next orator, Mr. Conover, gave a very instructive discourse on our commercial position among the nations of the world.

For certain good and adequate reasons the regular question for debate was postponed two weeks and the house was thrown open to a voluntary discussion as to whether old bachelors should be taxed for the support of old maids. This was a peculiar kind of question, but a very pleasant change from political and economic topics. Sam Glasgow led off with a few anecdotes which were supposed to illustrate the fact that the old maids were able to take care of themselves. He was opposed by A. M. Hamilton, Kelly and Lamar, all of whom likewise did narrate tales. His colleagues were Cane, Williams and Duncan. This last man said that if the old bachelors of this country had to be taxed to support not only our old maids but also those of Europe, Asia and Africa, he would get married as soon as possible. This argument won for his side the debate.

**'05 Class Meeting**

The Freshmen class met Tuesday evening in Dr. Currell's room to elect captain and manager of the baseball team and discuss the designs for class pin. J. P. Walker of West Virginia, was unanimously elected captain, and S. C. Harrison of Florida, was elected manager. The class has a number of good men and should turn out a winning team. Mr. Walker has played first base on several teams and will doubtless play that position on the Freshman team. Games will be arranged with all the class teams and probably the '05 class of the V. M. I.

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