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The "White House" is not so called because it is white or because it is the President's mansion. It was named after the old "White House" near Williamsburg, Virginia, where Martha Washington was born.

The littleistic affair which occurred in the New Castle court room Saturday afternoon must have been rather a cheerful diversion in the long drawn out trial of the case of Dobbins vs. the C. R. & M. railroad company. Richmond is reasonably conservative and can stand about as much monotony as human endurance ought to be taxed with anywhere. But when the limit has been reached her warm-blooded sons enter such a vigorous protest that our neighbors stand aghast and even adjourn their courts in confusion. Here such diversions expedite rather than retard business in the courts. They are regarded as the escape valves for the electricity that accumulates in a court room from a week's steady friction of brilliant intellects. Without means of escape the sultry fluid might cause an explosion that would endanger life and property. Compared with such a possible catastrophe a little mouth shooting, hair pulling or removal of cuticles are the most harmless diversions imaginable.

The recent action of some of the church conferences in forbidding the use of tobacco by the clergy has called attention to the important part the "filthy weed" played in the support of the early "established church" in this country. Mr. Wm. C. Clegg of the Chicago Record-Herald has lately been delving into this subject. He finds that "by a law of Virginia enacted in 1696 the salary of every clergyman in that colony, without regard to the size of his parish, was fixed at 16,000 pounds of tobacco a year, and parishes where tobacco could not be cultivated were left without ministers until the Baptists, Presbyterians or Quakers came in and occupied the vacant churches. There seems to have been a suspicion on the part of the vestry of St. George's that some of the planters in that parish were dodging their religious dues, for on January 16, 1726, a resolution was passed appointing a committee to ascertain and make a record of the names of every person growing tobacco and the number of plants grown on each plantation. This was called "plantation," and tithes were assessed in tobacco accordingly. The next year Robert Green and Isaac Norman were appointed to again "procession" the parish. In 1733 the vestry made a contract with Colonel Henry Willis, whose wife was an aunt of George Washington, to build them a church for 75,000 pounds of tobacco and the planters were "processioned" and assessed to raise that amount in addition to their regular tithes."

CEDAR SPRINGS

Seeking a Branch from the Proposed D. & W. Traction Line Extension from Eaton to Richmond.

(Dayton Press) Efforts are being made by the stockholders of Cedar Springs, the summer resort, located near New Paris, to have the Dayton & Western Traction company run a branch from Westerville to the extension proposed from Eaton to Richmond, that will pass the springs and run into New Paris. C. E. Underwood and George M. Smart, Dayton, and A. H. Johnson, of Eaton, will meet President Valentine, manager of the traction company at this place to consider the matter. John R. Fletcher, of Dayton, is a large stockholder in the springs, and in addition to those named there are thirty or forty other Dayton persons interested.

Special Excursion to Cincinnati via Pennsylvania Lines.

Sunday, June 16th, excursion tickets will be sold at \$1.00 round trip from Richmond to Cincinnati, good going on special train leaving at 7:00 a.m., Central time.

BIG FOUR LINE

The New Castle Tribune says the C. R. & M. is, and gives some argument to back the assertion.

The New Castle Tribune is doing some good work. C. R. & M. is the line of proving that it is to be a Big Four line and produces some pretty interesting straws to support the assertion that this is a fact. Among other things it asserts that the new paint being used along the line is the Big Four color, the one adopted by that road as a trade mark, depots and water tanks are all of that color.

Engineers are at work surveying an extension from Cottage Grove to Harrison, where connection with the Big Four is made and tracks of that road are to be used to get into Cincinnati. Attention is called to the fact that while the C. R. & M. is the line of the Big Four, the belt line of the Big Four has no terminal at Chicago, going over the Illinois Central, whose track the Big Four uses from Kankakee to Chicago. It would be cheaper for the Big Four to build this line than to build from Kankakee and secure terminal facilities.

The Tribune says:

"A formal agreement is made between the Pennsylvania and the Big Four, under the terms of which the former was to 'keep out' of Muncie and the latter out of Richmond. However nothing would be easier than the Pennsylvania to already be in Muncie at the time of the Christian Endeavor at Cincinnati, July 6 to 10. As many were unable to attend the convention in London last year a larger attendance than usual is expected, especially since these conventions hereafter will be held only once in two years. The choir of fifteen hundred trained voices will be in Muncie, July 10. Other large choruses have been trained for the exposition and other halls, while all the churches and their choirs have been engaged for the occasion. Bands will discourse sacred music in Washington park adjoining Music Hall for the open air meetings. Governor Nash, Mayor Fleischmann and other prominent citizens will be present on coming addresses. Saturday afternoon, July 6, Dr. Clark will deliver his annual address and Secretary Baer will make his annual report Saturday evening. On Sunday morning there will be special addresses on 'Twenty Years of Christian Endeavor' in the afternoon temperance rallies and in the evening meetings and other observances. The regular programs with meetings by sects will be carried out on the four following days, with many of the most eminent men in Christian work participating.

Police Court.

In police court this morning Charles Brown was up for a drunk. He said he had a drink or two but was entirely sober, but officer McManus swore he was called by telephone to north third street and found him in an old house too much inclined to get out, and he brought him to headquarters. It was a dollar and costs.

Edgar Richards and Fred Miller, two boys, were up for some kind of a bar fight, each charged with assault and battery upon each other. Each

An old man was given leave to go if he would leave at once which he promised to do.

Excursions.

The excursion and basket picnic given yesterday under the auspices of the K. of P. to Kitchell's grove over the C. R. & M. was a perfect success in every respect. There was not an occurrence of any character to mar the pleasure of those who attended. There were several families who joined together after reaching the grove and enjoyed themselves as only can be done on occasions of this kind. There were 1,014 tickets sold out of this city.

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