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DEATH ANGEL CALLS MRS. SARAH S. LION

END CAME LAST FRIDAY EVENING

Funeral Sunday from Trinity Episcopal Church—Life An Example of Noble and Lovely Womanhood.

Friday last Mrs. Sarah Somerville Lion closed her eyes and slept, her soul passing into eternity as gently and peacefully as it had dwelt on earth. All day long she had lingered, and when evening came she gradually entered rest. She died at ten o'clock. Death had forewarned visitation for several days, and little, if any, hope had been held out for the recovery of Mrs. Lion when, the week before, she was fatally stricken by the malady from which she had suffered intermittently for more than a year. But preparation for the separation could not lessen the grief of those who knew and loved this noble woman.

BEAUTIFUL CEREMONIES

Beautiful Episcopal funeral ceremonies, conducted by the Rev. Kennedy, touched tender, responsive chords in the hearts of the mourners in Trinity Church, and at the grave in Manassas Cemetery. Fragrant floral offering were eloquent tributes. The pallbearers were C. E. Nicol, A. W. Sinclair, C. A. Sinclair, John A. Nicol, F. E. Ransdell and W. M. Rice.

A deep-abiding Christian faith, love of her fellow-beings evidenced as well as words, these were characteristics of Mrs. Sarah Somerville Lion. Her gentle life inspired good in all who came within its influence. As wife, mother and friend she was an example of noble and lovely womanhood. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

NOBLE LIFE

There are those to whom the life of Mrs. Sarah Somerville Lion ever will be an inspiring and ennobling memory. They never will forget her sweet presence, and the influence of her simple, pure ideals. Her counsel has removed distress and her charity has relieved suffering. Such lives are a blessing and a benediction. In grateful remembrance they live on after translation.

LOVE FOR MOTHER

The love of her children for her was not less than worship. True in the highest sense is this characterization of the love of Miss Flora Lion for her mother, and the sons, Tom and George, loved her just as deeply. But Miss Flora was with her more in the home, watching over her, and the bond of devotion made them in life inseparable. During the last hours, Miss Flora kept constant vigil by her mother, permitting from none a service that her own hands might perform. And when slowly from her consciousness others had passed, a smile of recognition remained for the daughter, with her even to the borderland of eternity. And with their sister—the sons, Tom and George, lovingly ministered to their mother.

Had she lived until August Mrs. Sarah Somerville Lion would have been 74 years old. She is survived by three children: Thomas H. Lion, George J. Lion and Miss Florence Somerville Lion. She was the widow of Major Thomas Williams Lion and at the time of her marriage was living in Washington with her father, John Williams. She is the last of twelve children. Major Thomas William Lion was an Englishman, born in London.

BEGIN WORK ON NEW \$25,000 HOTEL

FINEST IMPROVEMENT OF YEAR

Site, Northeast Corner Main and Center Streets; R. S. Hynson Plans Opening of Hotel in September.

A handsome brick building three stories high, Colonial in architecture with broad, inviting porches typical of Southern hospitality, and surrounded by a pretty park of shade trees, of flower plots and shrubs and plants that will be the splendid improvement effected at the northeast corner of Main and Center streets next September upon completion of the modern new hotel now in course of construction by R. S. Hynson at an investment of \$25,000. The old frame building now occupying the site is to be moved immediately.

Ground was broken for the structure last Friday morning and laying of the foundation probably will be started within a week. Building will progress as rapidly as is consistent with the best workmanship, but plans contemplate completion of the hotel for opening in September.

The new hotel will front 60 feet on Main street and extend 60 feet along Center street. Spacious porches supported by massive pillars will extend the entire front of each of the three stories. The main entrance on Center street will open into the hotel office and lobby, 23x30 feet. The dining room, 24x29 feet will be on the first floor. From Center street an entrance leads into a barber shop and into a sample display room for commercial travelers.

The hotel will contain 26 guest rooms, several with bath. There will be running hot and cold water throughout the house and baths on each floor.

Mr. Hynson is negotiating with parties desirous of securing the management. Ira Cannon and B. C. Cornwell are contractors for erection of the building.

PAVING-BLOCK PLANT LOCATES IN MANASSAS

SEASON OPERATIONS TOMORROW

Represents \$10,000 Investment Daily Output 5,000 Paving-Blocks Lampo in Conner Building Near Railroad.

Dense timber tracts, practically inexhaustible in Prince William county, have given Manassas a new industry. A paving-block mill with a daily capacity of 5,000 blocks and employing seven men tomorrow will begin operations in the Conner-building at the corner of West street and Railroad avenue.

The mill will manufacture paving blocks from ties, fresh from

the forest, and will supply the demand for this class material in the great cities. Three machines for cutting blocks already have been installed and two more will be moved here from Baltimore within a week. The plant represents an approximate investment of \$10,000, and is owned by Edward O'cotte, who is filling contracts with New York City, Baltimore, Washington and Norfolk. He has contracted with M. Lynch to furnish the ties.

The blocks are cut four inches long and three inches thick. When placed in the streets the interstices are filled with gravel and covered with tar and a coating of gravel completes a paving treatment that is pronounced superior to vitrified brick or asphalt.

CLASP HANDS IN PEACE ON SCENE OF WAR

REUNION OF THE GRAY AND BLUE

Love Feast on Bull Run Battlefield July 21 Will Mark Fiftieth Anniversary of First Battle of Manassas.

Peace now dwells in sunny fields twice darkened by dread war, and now upon the semi-centennial of the first memorial struggle veterans in gray and blue, the men who fought on this historic scene, will meet in reunion on the Bull Run battle-

field near Manassas. Feeble veterans of the First Battle of Manassas, brothers now in a united land, men who fought one another for cause each believed was right, together will commemorate on July 21, the fiftieth anniversary of the battle on the very scene of conflict.

The veterans have termed the commemoration a reunion and a love feast and truly it will be a remarkable reunion, one possible only in the land of America. No nation on earth can present a scene like this now in the forming.

Committees of the gray and blue met on the battlefield last Tuesday to arrange for the commemoration. Luncheon was served by the Daughters of the Confederacy and a flag was unfurled on the pole erected by Duryea's New York Zouaves. The principal address was delivered by Colonel Edmund Berkeley. He was followed by three prominent G. A. R. Commanders: Ross, Entriken and Hendricks. Addresses also were made by Captain Hutchison, of Lee's bodyguard, Captain Brown, of a Texas regiment, and Sergeant Crompton, one of Pickett's men.

Presence of the Groveton school children, many of whom are descendants of veterans, added impressive charm to the scene. They sang "America," "Dixie" and "Star Spangled Banner." An appeal to support the Bull Run battlefield park bill, now pending before Congress was made by Chaplain Lowell.

LETTER FROM BULL RUN CHAPTER

The following letter from Mrs. May Dogan, President of the Bull Run Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, was read by Lieut. Round:

Trotwood, May 2, 1911.

Dear Bro. Round: Your letter with reference to a Love Feast and Jubilee to be held on the Bull Run battlefield on the 21st of July next is at hand.

I think it a most excellent suggestion and feel quite certain I can safely promise you the hearty co-operation of the Bull Run Chapter, H. D. C.

Hoping to see you today at Groveton and see the ball set "a rolling."

Most cordially yours,
E. MAY DOGAN.
Lieut. Geo. C. Round.

BROTHERS IN GRAY AND BLUE

Colonel Edmund Berkeley, of the Eighth Virginia Regiment, said in part:

"Brothers of the Blue and the Gray: We meet here today for the purpose of throwing 'Old Glory' to the breeze on the first battlefield of a war that made of a divided country the greatest and most indissolubly united one on this planet."

Nearly a half century has elapsed since we first met here with hearts

filled with hate and bitterness, but thanks to a merciful Providence those feelings have entirely disappeared, and we meet here today with love and admiration for each other, as men who dared to do what they thought to be right, although from different standpoints.

It mattered little what the first or second battle resulted in. The Ruler of the Universe decreed it must be a fight to a finish and a perfectly exhausting one, and I have no hesitation in believing that the manner of its ending was the best possible for the South as well as the North. Had it ended differently we would in all probability have had another war later on and the bloody echoes would be still yawning between the North and the South. Now it is hushed up smooth from side to side and we have one country with one flag waving over it.

FIRE INTERRUPTS RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SHACKLEFORD PROPERTY LOSS

Congregation Leaves Church to Fight Blaze—Barn and Cornhouse Burn Down With Contents—Damage \$1,000.

Worshippers in the Presbyterian church, near Mireneville last Sunday afternoon were startled by an alarm of fire and before the pastor Dr. Saville had finished reading the text for his sermon the edifice was deserted. Away in the distance they saw

flames leaping through clouds of smoke and the warning messenger informed them that it was the property of E. D. Shackleford that was being destroyed. Mr. Shackleford and his family were in church when the fire broke out. The religious services were postponed while the congregation went to the scene of the conflagration.

They found the barn and corn house a mass of flame and only by heroic efforts of a bucket brigade the fire was checked from communicating to the residence.

The barn and cornhouse burned to the ground and with them were destroyed a great quantity of feed, including fifteen barrels of corn and a number of farming implements. A baby calf perished in the flames. The total loss is estimated at \$1,000 and is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NOTABLE MUSIC EVENT

Elaborate preparations are being made for the May Musical Festival, the crowning feature of the dedication of Eastern College gymnasium on May 25.

Miss Ethel Tozier, the noted pianist, who was enthusiastically received here last season, will make her last public appearance here before going abroad.

Miss Kathryn Horrisburg, a celebrated soprano, church soloist and grand opera singer, is an attraction of the Festival, secured by the director, Mrs. Frances Thomas Gordon. Miss Horrisburg is as beautiful as she is talented. She possesses a wonderful voice of unusual sweetness and depth. Among her recent successes are "Aida" and "The Egyptian Princess."

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TRY TO WREST RED AND WHITE LAURELS

JOHNS HOPKINS HERE SATURDAY

Great College Team Will Struggle With

Eastern—Fourteen Straight Victories

for Fast Local Aggregation.

By J. R. HAYES

Manager Eastern College Base Ball Team.

Laurels of the Red and White,

an unbroken string of victories,

need be strongly defended when

Eastern College and the great

Johns Hopkins team meet on

Eastern field next Saturday af-

ternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Al-

though Eastern defeated Dart-

mouth, a noted College team,

Johns Hopkins presents a more

difficult proposition, and the win-

ning team, in any event, will

know that it has been in a real

game of base ball.

DEFEATS WEST VIRGINIA

After defeating Roanoke Col-

lege and giving V. P. I. two

doses of the same medicine,

Eastern returned home and on

Thursday continued the good

work by defeating the strong

University of West Virginia team

5 to 2.

VISITORS DIE HARD

The game was marred by much

unnecessary wrangling on the

part of the University of West

Virginia players, who are the

hardest losers ever seen here.

They even complained of the

rooting. However, the game

was fast and interesting.

WHITE ON FIRING LINE

White was on the firing line,

and although not up to his usual

form kept Eastern out of danger

and the result was always

apparent.

FIRST HOME RUN

For the visitors Hutchinson

scored the first home run on

Eastern field this season. He

played a strong third.

Stratton

pitched well but weakened at

critical periods.

MABRY HITS BALL

For Eastern, Mabry's hitting

was the stellar feature. Out of

four times up, he walked once,

and three times landed on the

leather toy. Of course, his

catching was a factor. Curry,

Eastern's star first baseman and

batsman, again injured his knee,

and had to be taken from the

game.

RESOLUTIONS

The Manassas Chapter United

daughters of the Confederacy at

a regular meeting held on May 8,

1911, adopted the following res-

olutions:

"In the death of Mrs. George

W. Hixson the Chapter has lost

a faithful and valued member,

notwithstanding that failing

VIRGINIA NEWS

An Atlanta firm was the lowest bidder for building a bridge over Slate River at Buckingham. The bid was \$11,961. There were three other bidders.

Elmer Grizzel was shot and killed at Artrip, Russell county by Silas Owens. The trouble grew out of a quarrel between Grizzel and Owens' father.

Despondent by reason of ill health, I. E. Jennings, a notorious young man of Spears Ferry, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. He died in fifteen minutes.

E. W. Shumate, the post barber at Fort Monroe, was accidentally shot and probably fatally wounded in a bowing alley by George Hedgepath, a boy. The bullet entered the left side of Shumate, near the heart, and lodged in the right lung.

Sixty-seven pieces of Virginia wood have been donated to the Virginia mineral, timber and historical exhibit by a lumber company. The wood was grown in Buchanan county. The specimens are being cut, polished and placed in position in the Hall of Exhibits in the State Library Building at Richmond.

Mrs. J. H. Nunn and seven children, ranging in age from grown-ups to an infant, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home in Roanoke.

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Col. George Carrington Cabell, city attorney of Norfolk, Va., in an anniversary Odd Fellows address in Suffolk, advocated kissing among men. He said that the osculatory greeting between masculine acquaintances carries more depth of friendship than the formal handshake and declared that he would be glad to see the custom prevail.

A white convict named Cary made a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to escape from the State convict camp, north about one mile from Gordonsville, and was badly but not dangerously shot in the back by Guard A. J. Smith. Twenty buckshot took effect. Cary is said to be one of the most unruly convicts in this camp, which is making roads in the Madison district of Orange county.

Mrs. W. H. Chapman of Orange, was awarded \$2,500 damages in her suit filed April, 1909, against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway company, charging that the company was responsible for a fire which burned over 700 acres of land in this county.

Madison county for burial Tuesday night. Fletcher was a Southern Railway car inspector.

A wedding in Bristol last week made a romantic courtship, which began in Roanoke, when Miss Caroline M. Mitchell, of Foxcroft, Me., came to Roanoke for the first consummation about five miles of wood, but the Chapman suit was considered a test case.

A motion to set the verdict aside and order a new trial will be argued May 16.

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Mine operators of Southwest Virginia and West Virginia are organizing to make Hampton Roads ports, Newport News and Norfolk the greatest soft coal depots in the world. The matter under consideration and will probably enter the race.

There are two other candidates. H. Thacker Berry and G. O. Tayloe, both of King George county.

David S. Bowers, raiding deputy of the internal revenue service has returned to Bristol from Wise county, where he and his associates made a number of important raids, having captured

Guest River, Stony Creek and other mountain sections serving

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The body of R. Clarence Fletcher, forty-four years old, was found floating in the river in Bristol, over the persistent rumors from Washington that

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Some teeth and the jawbones of a mammoth animal were brought to the Homestead Hotel at Hot Springs by J. M. McClintock, who found them several feet below the surface while digging a well. At the suggestion of some of those who inspected them McClintock will send the remains to the Smithsonian Institute. The jaws measure 14 inches across and are but slightly longer. In front are two huge teeth, and at either side is the back of the lower jaw is sockets that appear to have held teeth over two inches in diameter.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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Henry Hall, of Warrenton, was in town yesterday.

The county supervisor will meet Saturday, May 13.

Elder Hader has returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

E. K. Mitchell, of Dumfries, is in Manassas for a few days.

H. C. Ryckman spent Sunday with friends in Georgetown.

George Allenworth was home yesterday from Washington on a visit.

Mrs. Bailey Davis, who has been ill in a Richmond hospital, is improving.

Miss Ruth Holt, of Washington, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Walter Bernhard.

An improvement is reported in the condition of Mrs. L. M. Mistled.

Commencement exercises will be held at the Manassas Industrial School, Tuesday, May 30.

W. M. Bragg, of Ashville, N.C., was the guest of P. P. Chapman and F. E. Morris on Monday.

Miss Lillian Leachman will entertain tomorrow evening with dancing at her home near Bristow.

The Rev. W. S. Cole of Remington, will preach in the Baptist Church, Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

On account of the Social Friday night for the W. C. T. U. there will be no meeting on Friday afternoon.

J. F. Moser, of Warrenton, is a guest of relatives here. With his brother, J. L. Moser, he visited Washington Tuesday.

Mrs. Huscher, of Aden, is visiting her children who are attending school here and residing at the home of Mrs. J. F. Glick.

L. O. Lynn returns today to Alexandria after several weeks visit with relatives here. He is employed as engineer in a silk mill there.

Mrs. J. Walter Bernhard entertained at dancing last evening in honor of their guests, Miss Ruth Holt and Will Research, of Washington.

A burning fire called the fire department to the residence of A. Spoden last Tuesday evening. The blaze was extinguished without damage.

J. G. Lansford and family expect to move this week into their residence property recently purchased from T. R. Whebley on Porter Avenue.

Black Branch, Judge Ross and Wren, winners last week at Jamestown, W. I. Hinch and four two-year-olds, are entered by Ernest Utterback in the Pimlico meet.

The gasoline motor car used on the Manassas branch between Manassas and Strasburg during the summer of 1905, passed through here Monday en route to Memphis, Tenn., for suburban service.

The Rev. Philip Arthur, new rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, with his mother arrived here this week from Richmond and are moving into the rectory. He will hold services in Trinity next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Communion and confirmation services will be held in the Lutheran Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when the Rev. J. F. Spangler, of Fairfax, will preach. There will also be preaching in the church next Saturday at 3 o'clock.

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Miss Mayme Alexander and Miss Oslo Bailey, of Minnieville, spent Tuesday in Manassas.

Bankhead Davies is home from Catawba Springs visiting his mother, Mrs. Mildred Davies.

By a score of 14 to 9 Eastern College Tuesday defeated Massa-

nittan Academy, of Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Donohoe and daughter, of Washington, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lipacomb.

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glas Merchant were here Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant.

Ira and Roy Pote within the next two weeks will start a saw-mill in the Cockrell timber tract, one mile west of town.

Work on the foundation was begun Tuesday for the fine new residence to be erected in Nokesville at a cost of \$5,000 by H. A. Graybill, of the Bank of Nokesville.

The building will be brick veneer, modern, two stories and contain ten rooms.

H. Kinsel Lewis, proprietor with his father, E. D. Laws, of the Afton Inn, Front Royal, one of the best hotels in the State, was in town Saturday. He was formerly bookkeeper in the National Bank of Manassas and left there three years ago.

The speech of Congressman E. B. Prettyman, son of Dr. F. J. Prettyman, presiding elder of this district of the M. E. Church, South, won in the annual debate for Randolph-Macon Academy at Richmond last week.

While sliding bases in practice on Eastern field Monday afternoon, L. O. Kibler, star fielder of the Eastern College team, fractured a bone just above the left ankle. He will be out of the game for a week or two.

The first excursion of the season to Washington will be run by the Southern next Wednesday, May 10. The special rate tickets we good only on the excursion train leaving Manassas shortly before noon and departing from Washington the following afternoon at 5 o'clock. Thursday, May 11. Excursionists will disembark and embark at the Union station, Washington. No stop will be made at Seventh Street.

Virgil's belief that departing justice last leaves the country districts may have inspired the young ladies of the Washington mother.

With interesting exercises the parcell school closed Wednesday last week. The school has been conducted most successfully for the last two years by Miss Gertrude Seaton, of Rectortown, and the parents express hope that she may be re-appointed.

Holiday service will be in effect at the postoffice on National Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30. All departments, except money order, will be open from 9 o'clock in the morning until noon, and Miss Florence Roth, the negative. There will be music by the Society, and article by Miss Vida Wolford, herald, by Miss Louise Mather, and solo by Miss Myrtle Hall.

Two many little fellows from Bradley, Charles Herman Vollmer, seven year-old; and Fred

erick Maxey Vollmer, nine, won the admiration of the crowd on Round field at the grade track meet last Saturday. Their athletic prowess is evidenced by the pretty prize ribbons they are

worn within the month of June.

A Union Sunday School was organized at King's Cross Roads last Sunday. E. S. Hoon was elected superintendent, William H. Herring, assistant superintendent, Miss Edith Smith, sec-

retary, Mrs. C. C. Herring and Mrs. J. C. Herring, choristers.

H. W. Herring, treasurer, and William Hale, E. S. Hoon and H. W. Herring a committee to select teachers.

The commencement program of the Washington Irving Literary Society to be given Monday evening, May 22, follows: Wel-

come Incoming President; paper,

Miss Marbury; music, quartet;

hymn, Miss Moffett; reading,

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"Resolved,"

and a few other speeches.

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ness.

An ornamental porch, the workmanship of Roy Pote, has been made to dedicate the building about June 1.

With a capacity of twenty barrels daily, Waverly Mills, near Haymarket, will resume this week under direction of W. H. Bond, who recently purchased the property from W. F. Shaver.

Mr. Shaver will remain until June 1.

The Manassas Agricultural High School and the graded schools

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Half price admission.

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