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8. JONES ARRESTED THERE YESTERDAY, AFTERNOON BY CONSTABLE COUCHMAN.

E IS CHARGED WITH SECURING MONEY ON THREE CHECKS APRIL 29, 1916.

AS FIRST ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN, BUT SHE LATER DISAPPEARED.

Yesterday afternoon Contsable W. Couchman, accompanied by Q. W. lller, the North Queen street meat aler, went to Four-Mile Woods, iere he arrested C. S. Jones, who is eged to have forged three checks this city on April 29, 1916. Jones s brought to the city and lodged jail pending a hearing before Juse Wolf.

fonce came to this section more in a year ago, accompanied by his ie. For a time they were employby Marion Crimm, near Beding-, and later Jones ran a boarding ise at Security. Leaving Security samained away for two weeks, and en he returned was alone.

oming to the city on April 29, 1916. stated that Mr. Crimm had said could purchase what he pleased he (Crimm) would be responsi-He gave checks on the Old Na-

ual Bank to the amount of \$69.08. en questioned about the checks he they were drawn on the Blue ge Orchard Company and signed G. W. Brown, treasurer. Believ. they were genuine three business cashed them, and later discovthey were drawn on the Blue ge League, which probably meant Blue Ridge Baseball League. The k refused to honor them.

he parties cashing the checks e G. W. Miller, \$29.42; John W. n Company, \$21.81, and George t, \$18.28.

arrants were issued for Jones' st immediately, but as he had eted his escape it was impossible ocate him. However, the search not abandoned, and as soon as whereabouts were learned the ofs got busy.

was stated this morning that a ge of theft would be preferred n't Jones by the Security Com-, it being alleged that he stole les valued at \$160.

PRESENT KEYSER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

mtion of Minoral County Instiition Conferring With Beard of Regents.

delegation from Keyser, repreag the Keyser preparatory school rome to Charleston for a conferwith the board of regents and of control on the subject of sabling act to give the school ight and facilities to take adge of vocational aid offered by ational government. This school be of the secondary grade, and courses proposed include agrie, manual training, commercial cts and domestic science, or all e course that would be approve the federal board which passon such matters. The delegaincludes J. W. Staman, princi the school; R. A. Welch, attor-C. C. Nethkin, sheriff of Minounty, and E. E. Hood, newspaditor.

Pleasant Affaffir in Presbyterian Church in Honor of Confederate Generals.

The birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson will be appropriately commemorated by the Berkeley county chapter U. D. C. Friday evening, January 17, at 7.30 o'clock in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church. The following program will be rendered:

Prayer-Rev. Dr. F. M. Woods, D. D. "I'se Gwine Back to Dixie"-Chorus of High school girls.

Jackson in West Virginia-Read by Mr. A. C. Nadenbousch.

"In the Land Where We Were Dreaming"-Read by the author's daughter, Miss Virginia Lucas, Charles Town.

Personal Reminiscences-Mr. Archibald Oden.

"Dixie"-Chorus High school girls. After this refreshments will be served. The public is cordially in-

Medical Student in Kansas City Held In Connection With the Stolen Currency.

News reached here yesterday that officers of the postoffice department had been taken. had arrested a medical student in Kansas City, Mo., in connection with the theft of \$100,000 in unsigned curreney from a B. & O. train at Central Station, W. Va., October 8, 1915.

A message stated that a part of the currency was recovered. It was being shipped from the Treasury Department to western banks.

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Quarter of a Cent a Mile in West Virginla Asked By Big Railroad Corporation.

Petition has been filed with the public service commission by the Bal timore and Ohio Railroad Company for permission to advance its intrastate passenger rate from two cents a mile as prescribed by the laws of West Virginia, to at least 2 1-2 cents a mile. The hearing was set for February 27.

The company operates in thirty-two counties of the state, with a total of 1,132 miles of main line and branches, that being about one-fourth of the total mileage of the road. Since the act of the legislature of 1907 went into effect requiring railroads to reduce their passenger rates, the Baltimore and Ohio has charged two cents a mile to passengers traveling within

The petitioner claims that the capital invested by the company for the conduct of its passenger business has materially increased since 1907.

PLEAD GUILTY AND ARE SENTENCED

JOSEPH BUSEY AND JOSEPH BURNS, STEALING HORSE AND BUGGY, GET 2 YEARS.

HUGH FERGUSON, FOR STEALING GOODS, IS ALSO GIVEN TWO YEARS.

PETIT JURORS REPORT BUT ARE EXCUSED UNTIL NEXT TUES-DAY MORNING.

Five prisoners were arraigned in circuit court this morning, and answered to the indictments returned against them. Three entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced, while two said they were not guilty.

Joseph Busey, of Chicago, and Joseph Burns, of New York state, who were charged with stealing a horse and buggy owned by B. F. Mongon. said they were guilty and were sen tenced to serve two years each in the penitentiary.

It appears that the young men, and they are only 20 years old, met in Cumberland, where they proceeded to drink to excess. Coming to this city on a freight they took Mr. Mongon's horse and buggy, which they found on North Queen street, and proceeded on their journey.

Reaching Baltimore they endeavored to sell both, and while, as they thought they were closing a deal, an officer appeared and arrested them. They were returned to the city and held for the action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Mongon had driven to the city to meet her husband, who is employed by the B. & O. That day he was working at Relay, Md., and was to return home that night. While waiting for her husband Mrs. Mongon went to a picture show, and when she went for her conveyance found it

Busey said he was a printer, but his last job was working in a munition plant. Burns claims to be a blacksmith. R. H. Boyd represented Busey and Senator McIntire represented Burns, both being appointed by the court.

Hugh Ferguson, colored, charged with entering the home of Herbert Coleman in October, 1916, and stealing goods valued at \$150, pleaded guilty and was also sentenced to serve two years in the state penitentiary.

Elmer Brooks, charged with attempting to rob Clemm Lewis, pleaded not guilty. The date for his trial was not fixed, as he is serving time in the county jail for pistol toting. He is represented by John H. Zirkle. Jess Allen charged with shooting

Mary Roxie Green, will be tried at a later date.

Petit Jury Excused.

The petit jurors appeared this morning, but as there were no trials ready they were excused until next Tuesday morning. The jurors are: C. W. Shaull, Howard Fisher, John Files, George Mason, Thomas A. Brown, Smith G. Stuckey, James Saunders, Allan Walker, Elmer Myers, James F. Geyer, George D. Weller, J. A. Seiders, C. E. Everhart, J. W. Shade Fred Kilmer, L. G. Harper, D. O. Bartles, J. D. Dillon, Holland Sperow. Felto Wilson, Harlan Thatcher, George Legg, S. A. Shriver, A. S. Garrett, W. B. Lingamfelter, Harlan Seibert, A. R. Stillwell, Frank J. Zill, J L. Bateman, George Myers, William Shepherd, Wm. H. Morrison, J. L. Seibert, Charles O'Brien, J. W. Copenbayer, Robert McWilliams, W. A. Burkhart and John W. Dailey.

The case of H. H. Emmert, Admr., of George Rutherford and wife who were asphyxiated by gas about two years ago, vs. the Martinsburg Gas Company were set for trial on Jana ary 25. The case of Sperow vs. the county court was set for the same date.

Court adjourned until 9:30 Friday

SENTENCED TO DIE; HOW LLOYD-GEORGE MAINTAINS SILENCE

Mysterious Negro In Harrisburg Jail Refuses to Speak to Any

HARRISBURG, Pa. Jan. 17.-The mysterious negro, John Nelson, who appeared from nowhere on Hallowe'en night, 1915, rushed up to J. M. Sickler, a farmer, and stabbed him to death for no apparent reason, will get one more chance to talk to the Pardon Board about his death sen-

Nelson is a well-educated, intelligent, cultured negro, about 50. Some of his features are not African. He is a true "man of mystery." He appeared suddenly out of the dark, without provocation attacked three men standing in front of a door and Sickler died from knife wounds.

Until two days before he had never been seen in the community. He declines to talk about himself or where he has been. He has manifested no interest in efforts to save him from the electric chair.

"Absentees" Will be Notified by Ticker When the Roll is Being Called.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 .- Tick! Tick! Tick! "No quorum-the doorkeeper will lock the doors, the sergeant-at-arms (via the ticker) will notify the absentees and the clerk will call the roll." And the "absentees," reclining in their private offices in the senate office building, several blocks from the capitol, will subterranean passageway, to the senate chamber to answer "present."

This will be the future procedure in the upper house of congress, and possibly the lower, if plans being formulated today carry. The senate chamber is to be connected up with the senate office building, across the way, with a regular "ticker" service, as are stock brokerage offices.

MILLIONS OF TONS

For Every 214,000 Tons Produced In State One Life Was Lost

The production of coal in West Virginia during the year which ended June 30, 1916, increased more than 15,000,000 gross tons over that of the previous year, while the coke tonnage showed an increase of 1,000,000 tons, compared with the same period, according to the biennial report of the State Department of Mines, just made public. The total production amounted to 79,443,768 tons of coal and 1,-957.632 tons of coke, while last year the tonnage amounted to 64,118,677 and 854,628 tons, respectively.

The report also shows that the tonnage of coal mined in West Virginia for each mine fatality was 214,713 tons, compared with 151,223 tons last year. Fourteen counties of the state mined more than 1,000,000 tons each. There were 399 fatal accidents during the past year of which 370 occurred inside the mines.

GOT IN PUBLIC LIFE

Became Popular Through Advising Carnarvon People to Break Into Graveyand.

('Lloyd George in Christian Tit-Bite.) "My first case was a complicated equity case in which no fewer than 10 or 11 solicitors were employed. I worked on, starting for my office every morning at half past 7 from Criccieth-then and now my home.

"I dare say I should have remained many years longer a country solicitor if my name had not been brought into the Llanfrothan burial case. It was one of these peculiarly harsh cases which excite passion and attract public attention. The circumstances were these: A quarryman in dying had asked to be buried by the side of a daughter whom he had greatly loved. The daughter was buried in the parish churchyard and the quarryman was a dissenter. The vicar at first was ready to comply with the prayer, but being served with a notice under the Burials act Lassed by the late Mr. Osborne Morgan-s notice which compelled the vicar to give the body a place in the burial ground-he became angry. He replied that he would bury the body in the churchyard, but that he would bury it where he liked, and he chose as the spot for the poor quarryman nct the place he had asked beside his daughter's grave, but a spot bleak and sinister, in which were buried the bodies of the unknown drowned that were washed up from the see in this region of shipwrecks, or of suicides, or of the few Jews that died in the district. The people came to me; I advised that the gates of the churchyard should be forced. They were forced. There were fine for trespass and then long litigation. By the time the struggle had come to an end my glance at the tape and hurry, via their name was known all over the principality.

"This is, perhaps, what led partly to my selection to fight the Carnarvon Boroughs in 1889."

ONLY DR. JEPSON CAN DECLARE QUARANTINE

State Commissioner of Health Only One Who Has That Authority

In West Virginia. No one in West Virginia has anthority to establish a quarantine in connection with infantile paralysis except the commissioner of health, who is Dr. S. L. Jepson, of Charleston, except to regulate the transportation of children under sixteen years old. This was announced yesterday by the department of health following an order from that department suspending the quarantines against the city of Elkins which has been established by a number of other cities and towns.

Dr. Jepson has announced that he is unalterably opposed to the closing of public schools because of the existence of a case or more of this malady. He said it is better for the community to keep the children together, but also that it is highly important that all physicians having under their care a potential case, should isolate it immediately from all members of the household until the positive diagnosis determines the exact nature of the disorder.