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JACK DUNN IN THE CITY, READY TO TALK BUSINESS

Orioles' Owner-Manager Will Attend Meeting To-Night at Business Men's Club in Interest of Better Ball.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE NOT TO MEET

President Boatwright, However, Will Be on Hand and Discuss Matters Concerning Release of Richmond From the Circuit.

To-night is the time for those interested in Richmond's baseball future to come forward and declare themselves. The meeting of those interested in placing this city on the baseball map will be called at the rooms of the Business Men's Club at 8:30 o'clock, and those present will hear just what Dunn and those connected with the local situation intend to do towards bringing better baseball to this city.

While it appears that the meeting of the Virginia League, called for to-day at noon, will not take place, President Boatwright will be in the city, and the whole matter will be taken up with him by Bradley, Dunn and others; and it will be shown him that it is better to accept the terms offered by Secretary Bradley than to be ousted by the National association, with a 50 per cent decrease in the amount as offered.

Richmond demands a better grade of baseball than that given by the Virginia League—and what Richmond wants she generally gets. The local fans have had a surfeit of the Bush league article, and, as the chance is now at hand to get the better grade, will not be satisfied with or support the class of sport dished up by the Virginia circuit.

Boatwright Sends Out Letters.

President Boatwright sent out letters to every club in the circuit, and has received replies from Newport News and Suffolk, both clubs replying that they would rather attend a meeting held outside of this city. A few extracts from a letter sent to Secretary Bradley by Boatwright will show how the club owners view the matter of holding the meeting in this city:

"In reference to the meeting, you will note my letter to the clubs to-day. I have heard nothing from either Portsmouth or Petersburg. Newport News and Suffolk prefer to have the meeting outside of Richmond. It looks now that we cannot have the meeting Tuesday.

"Since dictating the above, I received yours of yesterday, and I will be in Richmond Tuesday, even though we do not have the meeting of the league on that date. I have written to those clubs who made objections to meeting in Richmond, that I consider it the logical place under the circumstances to hold it."

Last night, over the long distance telephone, Boatwright said that he would leave on the midnight train, and would be in this city early this morning. If there is to be no meeting of the Virginia League, the natural question arises, why is the league president coming? And the only reply that seems logical is that he wishes to dope out the situation, ascertain the sentiment in this city and report to the other clubs in the circuit.

Sentiment Strong for Better Ball.

When Boatwright comes he will find that the sentiment here is for the International League or no baseball, and it is quite certain that he will advise the club owners to accept Bradley's offer and gracefully release the territory.

At to-morrow night's meeting, which will be a "get together" affair, there will be no attempt made to line-up any subscriptions to the stock, as this matter will be taken up by Secretary Bradley and the officials of the Richmond club later on. The meeting is for the sole purpose of meeting Dunn and those interested in the International League club and to hear what the city is to expect from association with the clubs representing Newark, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Providence, Toronto and Montreal. The advertising the city will receive next season will far exceed any cost, and Richmond will then assume its proper place in the ranks of big cities.

Dunn Meets Sporting Writers.

Last night Dunn and Bradley met the sporting writers, and the whole situation was gone into. Dunn stated that he was in the city ready to place the Oriole team here, if the fans wanted him, and the way was made clear for him. The elimination of the Virginia League club was the first important move, and, when that was accomplished, then the International would move in. Secretary Bradley stated that there was no question about the stock being taken by the local business men, and that he felt sure that way would be opened for Dunn to go to the meeting next month and assure the International League leaders that Richmond was on the map to stay.

When asked who would manager the Orioles should they be transferred, Dunn said that it was his intention to come to this city and take active charge of everything, and it would be his object to gather such a squad together that the name of Richmond would be respected throughout the International League territory, and fans of Rochester, Toronto and Buffalo would turn out in large numbers to see the athletes repreesnting the local club perform.

According to Dunn and Bradley, there is no question but that the International League would include Richmond in its circuit, and, while neither would divulge the inside secrets of the late meeting in New York, the inference to be taken from their remarks was that "the word has been passed and Richmond must get better ball."

Dunn the Only Committee.

Regarding the reported committee that was to settle the Richmond affair, Dunn said that there was no such committee appointed, as he was authorized to go ahead and place his team in this city, and he only was to be consulted in making arrangements. The committees appointed were to look after Syracuse and Buffalo interests, and from reports have settled the matter to the satisfaction of the league leaders.

The Rotarians are scheduled to meet at the Business Men's Club at 8 o'clock to-night, and, as this club represents every line of business in the city, quite a representation will be on hand to welcome Dunn before the regular "get together" meeting starts.

Charles Knapp, of Baltimore, who is the legal representative of the Baltimore Orioles, will be a visitor, and will likely add a few words to what Dunn and the others will have to say.

Draw for K. O. Brown.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Knockout Brown earned a draw in a ten-round bout at the Longacre Athletic Club to-night with Harry Lenny, of Baltimore. Brown piled up a lead in the first eight rounds, but Lenny's whirlwind finish equalized matters.

Joe Bedell defeated Marty Brown in a ten-round mill at the Military Athletic Club in Brooklyn to-night.

AMERICAN LEAGUE MEETS AT CHICAGO

Magnates Respond to Call of President Johnson to Aid in Closing Sale of Yankees.

M'GRAW ALSO IN WINDY CITY

Giants' Manager Trying to Capture Hans Lobert to Play Third Base for New York—Has Authority to Talk Business.

CHICAGO, December 21.—American League magnates dropped into Chicago to-day, at the request of Ban Johnson, president of the league. They are here, it is said, for the purpose of helping swing the deal whereby Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Captain "Til" Huston are to take over the belongings of the New York American League club. If they accomplished anything during the day, it was not disclosed. From their silence, it is to be taken that the deal still "hangs fire."

The Philadelphia and New York clubs were the only ones not represented at the gathering. Johnson, it is believed, had authority to act for Farrell and Devery, present owners of the New York outfit.

A meeting was held before noon in Johnson's offices. Then the magnates adjourned for luncheon. They met again in the afternoon, but the place of their meeting was kept a secret. Later, Ban Johnson announced that the New York deal was still "cooking."

It is almost a certainty that the proposed New York deal brought the magnates here. Colonel Ruppert has told Ban Johnson under what conditions he would take the Yankees. Those conditions must be met before the millionaire brewer will buy. He wants certain players and a manager. It was to talk over those angles that the magnates were summoned. Matters could be adjusted to suit the colonel during the next few days.

Clark Griffith returned to Washington this afternoon. He said before leaving that he had no fear of Walter Johnson leaping back to the Federals.

McGraw After Lobert.

John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, is here quietly trying to sign Infielder Hans Lobert, of the Phillies, who has all but put his name to a contract with the St. Louis Federals. McGraw slipped quietly into the city this afternoon and kept his whereabouts unknown, but his arrival and mission soon became known.

Lobert, accompanied by Phil Ball, of the St. Louis Federals, came from St. Louis during the morning. They called at the Federal League headquarters, only to learn that President Gilmore had suddenly left for parts unknown. The third sacker talked with Joe Tinker and President Weeghman, of the Chicago Federals, but he did not sign a contract.

McGraw is anxious to save Lobert to the National League. Furthermore he is anxious to sign the speedy Philly to a New York National League contract. The Giant boss, it is said, has been given authority by the Philadelphia owners to talk business with Lobert.

In the event that Lobert consents to sign a New York contract, some kind of a deal will take place when certain Giants will be transferred to the Philadelphia club in exchange for the third sacker.

TORONTO, December 21.—President James Gilmore, of the Federal League paid a hurried visit to Toronto to-day, and before leaving to-night for Chicago made the statement that Toronto would be a member of the Federal League circuit in 1916.

"I can see that conditions in Toronto are more or less unsettled, owing to the European war, said Gilmore. "We think it would not be advisable to place a team in this city in 1915. Our circuit is not as compact as we desire, and Toronto offers the solution of the difficulty. Were conditions normal, we would assuredly place a team here next season."

HARVARD MAKES CHANGES ON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., December 21.—The 1915 Harvard football schedule, officially announced to-night, includes the most radical changes ever made by the Crimson. Five of the nine dates are filled by new teams.

Cornell takes the place of Michigan; Carlisle supplants Tuft's; University of Virginia displaces Washington and Jefferson; Colby is taken on instead of Bates, and Massachusetts Agricultural College displaces Springfield Y. M. C. A. College. The Yale, Princeton, Brown and Pennsylvania State games remain.

All contests except with Princeton, which will be played at the Palmer stadium, are to be held at Cambridge.

ITHACA, N. Y., December 21.—The 1915 Cornell football schedule, announced to-day, contains a game with Harvard at Cambridge October 23. Colgate, Pittsburgh and the Carlisle Indians are dropped, Oberlin, Gettysburg and Williams being substituted. Virginia Polytechnic School and Washington and Lee are new comers. The Michigan and Pennsylvania games are retained.

CAPTAIN ROWE REPLIES TO LYNCHBURG ARTICLE

Sporting Editor, Richmond Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—Regarding article in The Times-Dispatch yesterday morning, headed: "Howitzers Claim Disputed by Lynchburg Quint," which was evidently written by some one in Lynchburg who does not know what he is talking about.

Spaulding's Basketball Guide, which the party at Lynchburg refers to as just having come out has been out over two months.

The writer of the article in The Times-Dispatch stated that "Captain Rowe was enthusiastic when he tipped the Spaulding Guide off." Replying to this, I did not give this information until two months after February 22, and two months after an article along the same line had appeared in several other papers, all awarding to our team the championship of the State on our record.

There was never a howl from Lynchburg challenging our right to the championship until yesterday morning.

The writer of the article took particular pains to call attention to the games we lost and misstated some of the facts, unintentionally, I suppose, he says Richmond College was easy for Lynchburg, while the Howitzers were satisfied with a four point victory with the same quint, neglecting to state that the Howitzers also defeated Richmond College by a score of 40 to 12, beside the four-point victory. He refers to Church Civic Association team winning one out of five games. We lost to that quint by five points, winning four out of five games, with a total score of 218 to 140 points.

He also refers to Union Theological Seminary, who defeated us by five points, but does not state that we defeated them by a score of 37 to 19.

He also tells us of a defeat by Randolph-Macon, but fails to state that they were, in turn, defeated by us.

The only team that defeated us last season that we, in turn, did not defeat was Washington, D. C., Young Men's Christian Association, and the winning or losing of this game certainly had no bearing on the basketball championship of the State of Virginia.

He states also that the Howitzers signed contracts for two games, which is another misstatement, as we never signed a contract for either game. In fact, so sure was Lynchburg of defeating the Howitzers here that they did not ask for a return game until after their defeat.

Now, in regard to the game which the Howitzers were to play in Lynchburg on a prior date and missed train connections, he states that after a large crowd had gathered in the association gymnasium on the night of the game, a telegram was received announcing the Richmonders had missed train connections and could not keep the engagement, this was probably the fault of Coach Salassa, of the Lynchburg team, as we wired him at 3 P. M., while the game was not scheduled until 8:30 P. M.

Would like to ask the writer of the article in The Times-Dispatch why Lynchburg winning from several North Carolina teams and Washington Young Men's Christian Association should be considered in the Virginia State championship?

FRANK H. ROWE,
Captain 1913-1914 Team.
December 21, 1914.

TRAVERS AFTER SEAT IN N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, December 21.—Jerome D. Travers, amateur golf champion, has made application for membership on the New York Cotton Exchange. There is every prospect that he will be accepted, particularly because the Cotton Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange are hot rivals in all fields of amateur sports, and the acquisition of Travers would offset the athletic handicap given by the Stock Exchange memberships of the Wrenn Brothers, tennis champions.

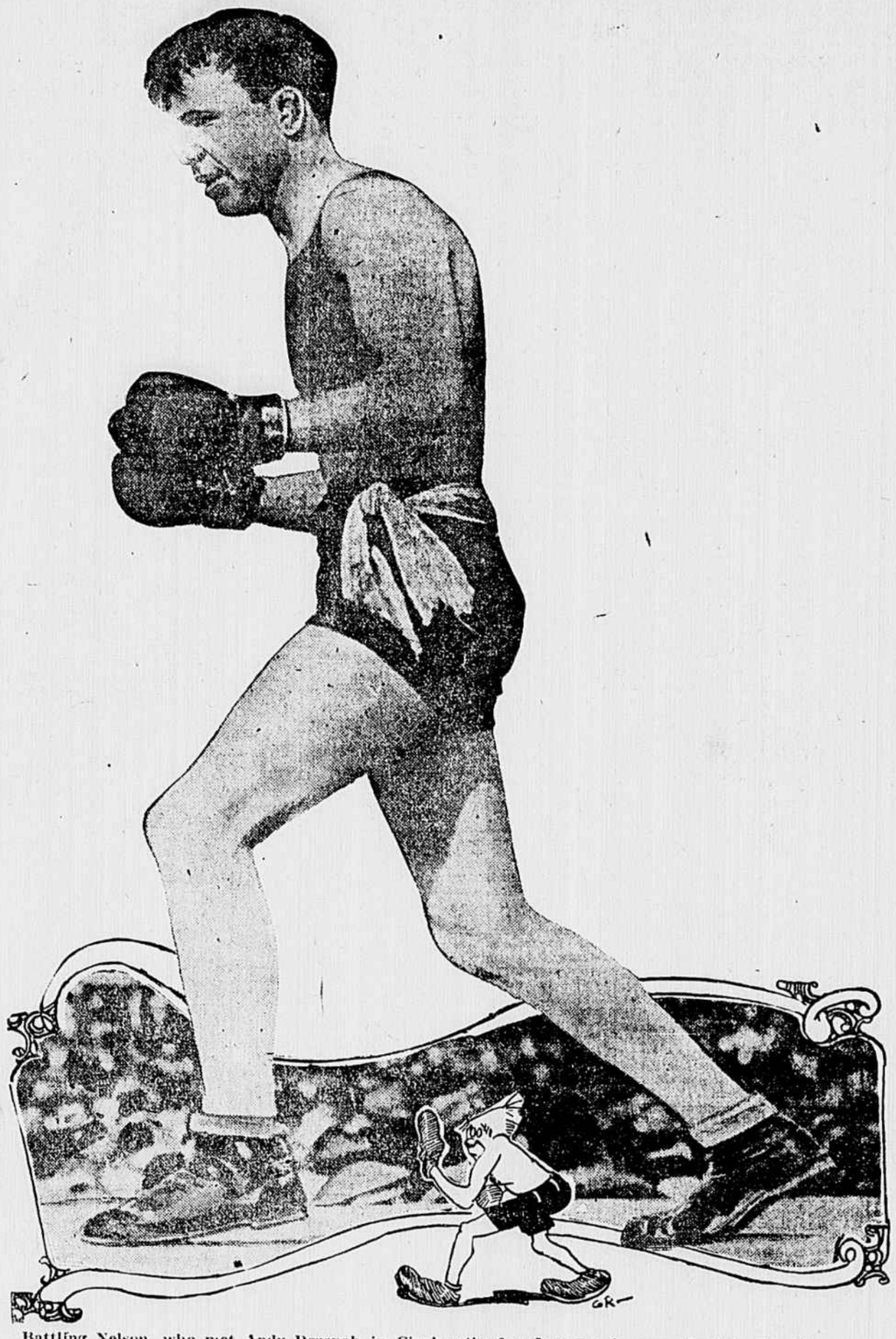
HARNESS HORSEMEN TO CONSIDER NEW RULES

CLEVELAND, O., December 21.—Marked changes in the racing rules which will revolutionize the methods of conducting light harness racing are recommended by the rules committee of the Grand Circuit in their report completed here to-day.

The report will be presented to the stewards of the circuit in Detroit on January 12, and it is practically certain the changes will be adopted.

Under the new rules, the stewards will appoint a starter and judges for the circuit; the judges will have power to inflict an eligibility record on a horse which wins a heat, but does not win a race, providing the judges believe the driver intentionally lost, and "green" horses are barred from early closing events.

Former World's Champion Lightweight Boxer Battling Nelson Attempts to Come Back



Battling Nelson, who met Andy Dezenah in Cincinnati a few days ago, is earnestly determined to regain the lightweight championship. He is working hard, and is seeking bouts with first raters. All who saw him in his match with Dezenah say he showed his old-time dash and aggressiveness.

Sport Spice Can's er

"LET'S TALK IT OVER."

Richmond will get better baseball. This was the keynote last night, when Jack Dunn was introduced to the sporting writers at an informal meeting. The only thing that will hold up the deal that will bring the Orioles here is the action of the Virginia League club owners. Their action, however, will only postpone matters for about forty-eight hours at the longest, when it will be announced that the Orioles will battle for the honor and glory of this city during the coming season.

Don't fail to attend the meeting to-night at the Business Men's Club.

The Richmond Howitzer basketball team takes exception to the story sent out from Lynchburg disputing the claim of the local quint to championship honors, and in an article in this issue Captain Rowe tells why the Howitzers are the champs.

If you don't attend the meeting to-night you will fail in your duty to Richmond. Come and help boost for better baseball.

There are big doings in Chicago. The American League magnates are in session, and John McGraw is scouting around the windy city trying to locate Hans Lobert to get his signature to a Giant's contract.

Dunn, in talking over prospects in this city last night, said that Richmond had outgrown class D baseball, and with the support of loyal fans he would put a first-class team on the field, one capable of upholding the honor of the Old Virginia Capital.

Paste this in your hats: The baseball "get together" meeting will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock to-night at the Business Men's Club. Don't let anything keep you away.

Hunt Accepts Presidency.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., December 21.—Governor George P. Hunt announced to-day that he had accepted the presidency of the Anticapital Punishment Society of America, recently organized with headquarters in Chicago.

BIG PRICES PAID FOR STARS BY ORGANIZED BALL

Collins's Transfer to Chicago One Instance—Federals Not Only League Able to Pay Large Salaries.

JOHNSON ANOTHER INSTANCE

Washington Twirler Is Promised $37,500 for a Three-Year Term "Outlaws" Not Overly Anxious to Get Under Wing of O. B.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Ban Johnson and his organized pals, who are bellowing about the Feds committing financial suicide by paying huge salaries to such men as Walter Johnson, Joe Tinker et al., might take a squint at the hari-kari doings of themselves.

The Walter Johnson and Eddie Collins cases furnish an excellent instance of why the Feds are able to give the organized folks the hoarse horse laugh.

Johnson and Collins ranked as among the most valuable men in organized baseball. Both were leaders in their respective positions. Both had about the same money value if placed on the marked.

Well, Charles Comiskey, "the brains of the American League" and the owner of the White Sox, wanted Collins. He got him—at a price. Press agents of the American League say Comiskey paid $50,000 for Collins. We doubt the figures. About $25,000 was more like it. But let us take the word of the press agent for it. Collins cost Comiskey $50,000 in cash at the outset.

After paying $50,000 for Collins, the White Sox owner bound himself to pay to Collins for a term of five years an annual salary, said to be $15,000. So it will be seen that to get and keep Collins, Comiskey had to part with $50,000 and bind himself to pay another $75,000.

In other words, it cost Comiskey $125,000 to get Collins from one of his colleagues.

And now as to Johnson:

If Collins was worth $50,000, so was Johnson. The Washington club, to keep Johnson, promised him $12,500 a year for three years, according to reports.

Is it any wonder that the Feds aren't overly anxious at this time to get under the wing of organized baseball? What's the advantage just now? At present they can get $98,000 worth of baseball value for $36,000. If they joined hands with O. B., they couldn't get bargain rates. They would have to pay the regular price, as Comiskey did.

In a year or so, when the bargain counter offers no more inducements, the Feds may join organized baseball. And they may not. Maybe at that time, even if organized baseball waves a supporting hand, the Feds may ignore it and decide to go on alone and unaided.

Sometimes, y're, infants grow so rapidly that they are able to get along without any outside help, especially if during their early days they are compelled to shift for themselves, and thereby are forced to develop at an early age their own resourcefulness.

VIRGINIA TO PLAY AT CAMBRIDGE APRIL 29

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., December 21.—Provision for a three-game series with both Yale and Princeton to be played out, notwithstanding the result of the first two contests, is made in the 1915 schedule of the Harvard baseball team, announced to-day.

The schedule comprises thirty games, and includes a game with Virginia at Cambridge April 29, and a game with Georgetown at Georgetown April 23.

BASKETBALL

The Howitzers will clash to-night with the Blues at the latter's armory in the last league basketball game of the season.

The Blues are one game behind the Artillerymen, and a win for them to-night will tie both teams for first place. However, the Howitzers are confident of winning, and are looking forward to the time when they can play for the city and State championship.

Fairmount meets Barton Heights on Thursday, January 7, at the Howitzer court. The winner of this game plays McGill, and the victor in that contest will stack up against to-night's winners in a three-game series for the championship of the city.

The game to-night will be started by Referee Hughes at 9 o'clock.

McGill Second, 33; Y. M. H. A., 18.

The McGill Catholic Union second team defeated the Young Men's Hebrew Association in a fast and snappy game last night on the McGill court. The whole McGill team played steady throughout, while Levine starred for the association team. The line-up:

McGill Second.	Position.	Y. M. H. A.
Taylor	left forward	Levin
Marrin	right forward	Rosenburg
Kelley	centre	Leberwitch
J. Brand	left guard	Sink
Finnegan	right guard	Caplon

Score—McGill second, 33; Y. M. H. A., 18. Substitutions—A. Brand for Marrin, Ross for J. Brand. Goals from field—Taylor (6), Marrin (4), Kelly (3), Finnegan (1), Levin (5), Leberwitch (1), Rosenburg (1). Goals from foul—Kelley (4), Leberwitch (4). Referee, Van Buren. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

YOUNG JOE SHUGRUE HAS HANDS INSURED FOR $20,000

NEW YORK, December 21.—"Young Joe" Shugrue to-day insured his hands for $20,000. These hands are not "artistic" mitts, such as Paderewski carries a heavy policy on, but although they are hard and somewhat deformed of knuckle, they are just as precious to their owner. And so he has induced an accident insurance company, at a handsome premium, to carry $20,000 risk on them until he has fought three fights. He is to fight Welsh, White and Ritchie.

The policy covers not only possible injuries in the three fights, but also agrees to pay face value if any other accident prevents him appearing in any or all the battles.

SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT BRISTOL'S POOR CHILDREN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., December 21.—Bristol is making ready for one of the most notable Christmas trees in the country's history. A cedar tree twenty-five feet high will be placed in front of the city hall, and upon a platform nearby 400 local singers will render Christmas carols while Santa Claus hands out gifts from the tree to a throng of children. Both Bristol, Tenn., and Bristol, Va., will be represented in the tree. A list of about 500 children who are to be remembered is being made up. In addition to this, Santa Claus will find on the ground under the tree all the missing gifts necessary to make happy any little soul that may be overlooked in the first distribution. All the churches are interested in this tree, which is to be so large as to require the use of extension ladders to reach the gifts that will be hung on the topmost branches. The tree will be lighted by electricity.

KILLS HIS RIVAL IN LOVE THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., December 21.—James Poston, the eighteen-year-old boy who shot and killed Appy Chambers, his rival for the affections of a Princeton, W. Va., girl, was a native of Marion, Va., forty miles east of Bristol. Young Poston, driven to desparation by jealousy, after shooting Chambers, fired a bullet into his own heart. The tragedy was enacted at Princeton, W. Va., on Friday.

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