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JOE FIFE DIES.

He Meets His End Calmly

SAD TIMES AT THE PRISON

Prayers for the Doomed Boy.

THE MARCH TO THE GALLOWS.

Passed Away Without a Struggle.

A SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION.

The Last Chapter in the Drama

Joe Fife was hanged in the yard of the city jail Thursday, August 26th at 6:28 A. M.

He was baptized Tuesday in the bath-tub in the jail yard, Rev. S. C Burrell of the Young Men's Christian Association performing the ceremony

It was a gloomy scene at the city jail on last Thursday morning Ere the

THE CITY JAIL.

rays of the sun had lighted up the city persons were wending their way to the place where Fife would see the world for the last time.

THE MINISTERS ARRIVE.

It was 4:30 A. M., when Rev. Burrell arrive and a few moments later he was joined by Rev. E. Tart.

The reporters for the daily papers were in the office of the City Sergeant, while Mr. Claiborne Epps and his deputies in the brilliantly lighted rooms were awaiting the arrival of the solemn hour.

It was a touching scene. The air was heavy, the clouds had a menacing appearance, but no rain fell,

AROUSING THE PRISONER.

Proceeding to the door of the cell, Joe Fife was aroused and a black suit. —his shroud handed to him.

H. CLAIBORNE EPPS, City Sergeant.

Fife was cool and collected. At times, he was smiling—he said he was going to heaven and would be at rest He was sorry for all of the wrong which he had done. "He slept well last night," said one of the deputies. "He drank a cup of coffee and ate a sandwich this morning."

PREPARING THE LAST TIME.

But Joe Fife was preparing for the last walk. He dressed himself, saying he felt very well

Then followed the reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Burrell and prayer by Rev. Tart, and those glorious songs of Zion which resounded through the gloomy confines of the jail and reverberated in the streets below.

Deputy Hellstern, who has faithfully watched over the prisoner arrived during these exercises and his resonant, musical voice could be heard on the outside.

THE OFFICIALS ACTIVE.

Deputy R. W. West performed the duties assigned to him, holding the light by which Joe Fife dressed and superintending the arrangements for the final journey.

Deputy City Sergeant R. R Ralston, was a study. He stalked down the passage-way and back and forth on the bridge of the jail. His black mustache, military cut and quick pace told the story that something unusual would happen.

THE CITY SERGEANT.

City Sergeant Claiborne Epps was cool and collected, polite and affable He performed his duties without a hitch

But during all of this the ministers were joining in the religious services with Fife. A prayer was heard. It was that of the doomed youth. Oh. how fervently he prayed, never breaking or choking with emotion until he made the appeal for his poor, afflicted and heart-broken mother. A few words were caught as he said

FIFE'S PRAYER.

"Father, you said you would be with me in my sixth trouble and in the seventh would not forsake me. Oh Father will you remember my poor mother on her bed of affliction and have pity on her heart-broken condition.

Father, remember my sisters and brothers. Take care of all of them

Father, I shall soon be standing before your bar in judgement. Remember the officers of this place. Remember those who are here. There are some wicked people here, Father. Remember them and forgive them for their sins as you have forgiven me for my sins. Thou hast washed away my sins to appear against me no more in this world, nor in the world to come. There were responses of "amen" from Rev Burrell

A GRIEVED PARENT

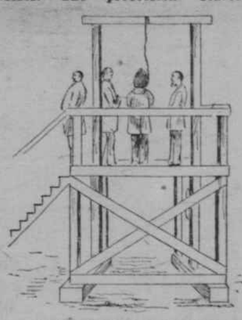
Joe Fife's father was an interested but pitiful spectator He prayed—a pitiful heart-rendering plea

But there was a sound of foot-steps. They had a peculiar sound. It was City Sergeant Epps. He carried in his hand the death warrant which he carried into the cell and read to the prisoner

Deputy Ralston carried the straps with which to bind him.

LEADING HIM TO THE GALLOWS

The hand cuffs were slipped on his wrists. The procession started.



FIFE ON THE GALLOWS.

Through the hail-way down the flight of stairway, through the iron gate into the jail yard, which had been sprinkled with saw-dust.

The prisoner walked firmly. Up the steps to the gallows he went. He was strapped on the trap-door. Deputy Weiseger held the rope before it was placed on the neck of the doomed boy

THE FINAL SERVICES

His collar was taken off Rev. Burrell and Rev Tart sang and prayed. Before the final act Rev. Burrell made a most pathetic appeal. Fife looked truly pitiful, but there was no apparent tremor in his frame.

Rev. Tart said that on last Wednesday, a week ago, our brother professed a belief in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is a practical demonstration of the power of religion.

Our brother says that if he had a choice this morning between life and death, he would choose death

THE LAST INJUNCTION.

"Joe, go on into heaven rejoicing," were the last words of Rev. Tart.

The divines descended from the gallows, the rope was adjusted, the black cap placed over the head. City Sergeant Epps gave the signal. There was a clanging of chains. The trap-door fell and with it Joe Fife.

THE SLIPPING OF THE BLACK-CAP.

The black cap came partly off, and Fife's eyes could be seen opening and closing convulsively.

There was a slight tremor in the body as it swayed to and fro, The women prisoners had heard the drop and there was a great commotion followed by screams from that department. Deputy Weisiger secured a ladder and hurriedly adjusted the black-cap.

THE DROP FELL.

The drop had fallen at 6:28 a m. The prisoner had been led forth at 6:11, taking seventeen minutes to the end.

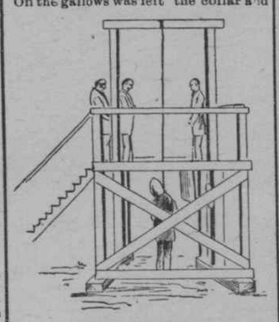
Fife had nothing to say to the public. Several times before the final act he had whispered to the City Sergeant and his deputies.

But it was all over now. Those who perhaps had been bitter against him said nothing as to his crime, while many an officer, and many other white men with muttered breath said, "It is awful."

LIFE WAS O'ER.

On the gallows as the doctors felt the pulse and pressed their ears against the body of the prisoner to hear if possible even the fluttering of the heart.

On the gallows was left the collar and



THE DROP.

black tie which would be needed no more by the prisoner in this world. The body was taken down at 6:45 A. M.

THE SOLEMN PROCESSION.

The crowd began to disperse as two colored men bore the lifeless form of Joe Fife while Funeral Director Bliley (white) with his fingers hooked in the pants near the feet led the way. Just outside of the gate was the father of Fife There also was Funeral Director A. D Price, representing the family.

DR. MATTHEWS' USUAL ACTION.

Dr. William P. Matthews, secretary of the Anatomical Board resorted to the same tactics, which he so unsuccessfully employed in the Solomon Marables case.

He told Rev. S. C. Burrell and Mrs. Fife, who together had called to see him that he could not tell to what college the body would be assigned until near the time for the execution.

When that was ascertained he could call on the college aforesaid and if it would waive its right to the body, the family could have it.

On the 24th inst, he informed Rev Burrell that it would be consigned to the Medical College of Virginia on College and Marshall Sts. According to the kindness of Dr W. Augustus Lee, Rev. Burrell secured the following order:

YIELDED UP THEIR RIGHT.

CLAIBORNE EPPS, Esq.,
Sergeant of City of Richmond,

Dear Sir:—The family of Fife, condemned to be hanged to-morrow, having asked for the privilege of interring the remains, the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, entitled to the possession of the body after execution (as I am informed) hereby waives its right and authorizes you to deliver it (Fife's body) to his near relatives

H. H. LEVY, M. D,
Chairman, Faculty of Medical College of Virginia.

THE SAD NEWS FOR A MOTHER.

Dr. Matthews was present at the execution, and after having encouraged the family to believe that they would secure the remains deliberately assigned them to the Medical Department of the University of Virginia, where the order in question would become inoperative

The heart-broken father had to return home, where a distressed mother was already incapacitated by the dreadful calamity which had overtaken her boy, and he dare not tell her the dreadful news which had come so suddenly to him.

Deputy Ralston said that Fife said, "I will send you a telegram March 14," He also asked to see his mother. This could not be complied with.

UNION STATION,
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.,
August 26th, 1897.

To REV. S. C. BURRELL,
Corner 3rd and Leigh Sts.,
Richmond, Va.,

The body has been released. See Dr. Matthews.

REV R. B. HARDY.

In reply to the telegram sent President W. G. Christian of the University of Virginia, the following was received.

GEORGE FIFE,
Richmond, Va.,

See Dr Matthews, Manchester, about body of Joe Fife.

W. G. CHRISTIAN

After much correspondence, another visit was made to Dr William P. Matthews by Rev Burrell.

He appeared to be very wrathy when shown the telegram from Dr W G Christian, of the University of Virginia.

It shoud be understood however that Dr. Christian would only act upon hearing from Dr. Matthews.

Finally this individual wrote the following:

DR. W. G. CHRISTIAN,
University of Virginia,

Dear Sir:
Have been seen—satisfactory.
W. P. MATTHEWS.

But it was too late, The expense was too great for Rev. Burrell and Fife's parents were penniless, so the struggle had to be given up and Fife's remains are now in Charlottesville, Virginia.

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To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Colored Man Lynched in North Carolina

Bob Brackett, the colored assailant of Miss Kitty Henderson, was lynched this afternoon.

As announced in the Associated Press dispatch last night, a mob broke into the jail at this place and commenced to batter down the steel doors that led to the cells. The door soon yielded and it was then discovered that Brackett had been spirited away by the officers All the other prisoners in the jail were liberated Pursuit of the officers was at once commenced, and a crowd caught up with them at Terrell's Station.

On the Southern Railway, 18 miles east of Asheville early this morning. Brackett was taken from his protectors, but the mob could not agree as to the disposition of him

Some wished to hang him there, but the stronger party decided to take him back to the vicinity of his crime.

LED THE DOOMED MAN.

It was 4:30 o'clock when the party started out on foot, leading the man, now nearly exhausted and seemingly only half conscious, though he had not been ill-treated Breakfast was had with a farmer, the colored man having his share, and then the walk of some twelve miles was resumed.

At noon Hill's school house was reached and there the party was informed that the Asheville militia had been called out, and were on their way to meet the mob.

After consultation, Miss Kitty Henderson, the colored man's victim, was sent for, four and a half miles away, that she might see her assailant hanged.

When she arrived the man was strung up so quietly that half the hangers-on, who had gathered from the country around, did not know that it had been done. No shots were fired and the mob dispersed after a half hour, leaving the body hanging. At no time was it possible for the militia to have interfered.

This is the third lynching in Buncomb county in twelve years.

Y. M. C. A Notes

Meetings in the jail last Sunday under the direction of Brother V. L. Hawkins were very impressive.

The boys last Sunday were highly pleased with their President, Clifton Cabell who delivered to them a very able address.

Brother John G. Smith was in the right place last Sunday, assisting in the Men's meeting. He knows just how to hold the men. Brother Paul Pollard introduced the subject in such an able way that he brought nearly every man upon his feet. Brother Pat Robinson made some very plain remarks which were very timely and will do much good The singing was excellent under the directions of Brother G E Harris, assisted by Mr. T. H. Wyatt.

Meeting in the jail Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Boys' meeting Sunday at 4 o'clock.

The men's meeting is opened to all men Sunday at 5:30 at the rooms Come and take a part. Bring your Gospel Hymns. Subject, "If you expect to be rewarded you must work." 1 Corinthians 9:24; "So run that we may obtain." Come, free. Good music.

Remember the Young Men's Christian Association Jubilee under the direction of the pastors Wednesday, September 29th at 8 o'clock. A special programme. Committee:—Revs W. F. Graham, Evans Payne, L H. Dickerson, S. C. Burrell.

We are very grateful to the Committee of Ladies under the Direction of Miss Belle H. Fitzhugh and Miss Mary J. Williams. The ladies are very much interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association,

NEW YORK LETTER.

CHURCH NOTES.

Political Situation--Society News,

A NEW ASSOCIATION

Interesting Items ----Some Thing About the Young People.

NEW YORK, August 24th, 1897

Notwithstanding the cloudy forenoon and the heavy rain that fell in torrents during the early part of the evening the churches through out the city on Sunday were well attended

Rev. D. W. Wisher, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, was again absent from his church on Sunday, and is rusticating with his family on the Long Island coast while Rev. P. Butler Tompkins, pastor of Saint James Presbyterian Church, 108 West 32nd Street is inhaling the pure Jersey air at Sea Isle City, N. J.

At Mount Olivet Baptist Church Sunday evening, Rev. P. Hampton White filled the vacant pulpit of the pastor Rev. White introduced himself as an agent and representative of the John Hay Industrial School at Alexandria, Virginia. Rev. White made a most pathetic plea to the audience in behalf of the institution, declaring that the condition of the pupils and children in general of the vicinity which he represented was in a most lamentable and needful one. Five dollars and fifty-five cents were contributed by the sympathizing audience which was a manifestation for the cause he represented. The money was given to Mr White, afterwhich he informed his hearers that he would immediately forward it to the president, who would in return acknowlege the same in writing.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

At Mount Olivet Baptist Church Wednesday evening, August 18th, the Young People Association was favored with an interesting and talented programme which was as follows:—Selection, Miss Rosa Lee; Recitation, Miss Nettie Fish; Music, by the Association; Paper, 'Modern Progress and Discoveries," Mr J. W. Wilson; Recitation, Miss Gloria Cassell; Paper, Mr G. W. Butt; Address, Personal Confession and Some of its Benefits,' Mr. Wesley Norman; Selection, Mr. W. R. Rainer; Oration, 'Liberty,' Mr. S. G. Dabney.

At the Young People Baptist Association on Sunday afternoon much to the joy and satisfaction of all present an entertaining program was well rendered, with the following persons participating; Address, 'Prepare,' Mr F. W. Cruse; Oration, 'Opportunity' Master C. Lewellyn; Paper, 'The Greatness of Man,' Miss Katie Brittin; Miss Rosa Lee, recited the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

John C. Sheehan has openly assumed the position as boss of Tammany Hall, and received congratulations of many lesser leaders. The report of the enrollment committee of the Citizens Union showed the signatures of 103,000 Greater New York voters pledged to support the Hon. Seth Low for Mayor. Mr. Low counsels them to go slow.

A meeting of the Republican leaders is to be held Monday evening. August 23d. The object of which is to effect a unity among all the anti-Tammany forces, before a candidate for Mayor has been decided upon.

The colored republicans are still advocating their cause, expressing their grievances urging unanimous concurrence and demanding a just recognition and retaliation The outlook is still complicated.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Grand Chancellor, Col. H. L Jones and his staff left the city Saturday August 21st, to institute a new lodge of Knights of Pythias at Port Chester, N Y.

The Odd Fellows hall which has been recently purchased by the Odd Fellows of New York City is being rapidly remodeled and when fully completed will be a magnificent and well constructed building.

All of the repairing including masonry, carpentering, painting and kalsomining, is being done by skillful colored laborers, who are masters of their profession.

There are many excursions which will be run by various associations, clubs and societies during the month of August.

A NEW ASSOCIATION.

The Christian National Mutual and Industrial Order, is a new association founded by Hon. H. C Smith, ex-Consul to Santos, Brazil.

The object of the order is to secure situations and employment for all colored persons who indulge in various kinds of work—whether professional or domestic, with established offices in all of the southern and southeastern states. For particulars write to Mr. R. H. DeSayles, 150 west 52nd Street, New York City.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

A sea-lion sighted off Baynton Beach in the Staten Island Sound by Captain Gaines, is said to be about the size of a barrel, and is about 15 feet long

The number of visitors from different towns and cities throughout the United States who have availed themselves of the inducements of the Merchants' Association are said to be larger this week than any of the previous weeks, and many valuable and large purchases are being made. Many passengers returning to this country from Europe and other continents and being confronted with the Dingley Tariff and having their valuables and belongings carefully scrutinized and examined, expressed great indignation. Besides the strict enforcement of the Dingley Tariff, the immigration officers are seeing that in some instances, the immigration laws as intended are also being enforced.

A party of fifty chinamen, among whom was Tue Ling, the pretty wife of Lee Hung, were arrested on suspicion that they were being smuggled into this country from Canada in violation of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

The excursion run by the Abyssinian Baptist Church and Sunday School, 166 Waverly Place, to Grand View Park on Tuesday 17th, carried a large crowd, and all had a good old time. A. W. W. Evans breaks the road record to Philadelphia and return. He started from the city hall, New York City at 4:55 a m and arrived there on return trip at 7:30 p m having stopped only long enough to mix a way a milk punch

The New York Giants are playing good ball and making admirable record

At present there seem to be quite a dispersion in certain branches of business The East-side Turkish Cigarette-makers, the most of whom are girls, are out on a strike, pending an increase in wages.

MANY DIE FROM VARIOUS AILMENTS.

Whether by accident, carelessness, lack of proper attention, natural causes or contagious diseases the death list of Greater New York continues to increase and many beings are daily borne from our churches to their last resting place

We deeply regret to inform you of the death of Bishop Hopkins of the A. M. Church, who departed this life Friday morning, August 20th.

The last time Rev. Hopkins attended service at his church on 53d Street, was Thursday, August 19th. He did not preach but after the conclusion of a sermon by another divine, the Bishop made a few remarks in the course of which he predicted his death in the following words:

"I feel a heaviness in my chest and I know my end is near As this may be the last opportunity I will ever have of addressing you, I hope, brethren and sisters you will all pray for me I need spiritual help for this night I may die. I have served God all my days, I have carried his word wherever He has led me. I have fought the 'good fight' and now I go to my Father'"

We mourn his death; but we hope to meet him again when our life's battle on earth is ended.

S.G DABNEY

ATHENIAN OUTING.

Tuesday, August 24th, was a gala day with Athenian Social Club, and Mount Pleasant was the scene of gaiety; this being the third annual outing of the club.

A train consisting of a baggage car and three coaches had been chartered and waited the arrival of the club and their guests at the C. and O depot Seemingly, all of the rubber-tire carriages in the city had been engaged for the occasion and the club colors, orange and blue, could be seen floating from the lapels of the coats. Some had bands around their hats made of blue and orange ribbons

Many of the young misses wore the colors and the word Athenian filled the air. In fact everything seemed to give away for the Athenians The day was especially suited to the occasion and mirth and merriment reigned supreme

The invited guests were among the most select and many young married couples together with those of a more mature age were among the happy throng. Many sought refuge on the calm waters of the lake, boating and fishing, while the pavillion was thronged with those whose delight it was to engage in the dizzy whirl.

The large, shady trees for which Mt. Pleasant is noted formed an important part in the day's pleasure and many took advantage of the opportunity for a stroll with the ones of their choice only to be molested by the gentle zephyrs which floated through the air.

Prof Harris and his corp of artists sent sweet strains of music through the entire place, which added greatly to the pleasures of the day.

The swings were not forsaken. The entire club was photographed in a group and a more intelligent looking set of young men never looked into a camera on such an occasion.

The hospitality of the Athenians will ever be remembered and words of praise could be heard in every direction.

The following are the officers:—Charles E Wider, president; Robert F Brooks, vice-president; Clarence M. Bowler, secretary, Harvey Christian, assistant secretary; Charles B. Thompson, treasurer; Evangelist H. Jackson, chaplain; William Brown, sergeant-at-arms

To the following named gentlemen is due the greater part of the success of the outing and they have the commendation of the guests.

Committee of arrangements:—Chas. B. Thompson, T. Neverson Lewis, Lafayette Harris Edward Lightfoot, Clarence M Bowler, Evangelist Jackson, Charles E Wilder, chairman.

Thus ends another page in the Athenians' history.

EYE WITNESS.

NOT A COLORED MAN.

Was the Error Intentional?

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VA.

Editor PLANET:—

Allow us space in your valuable paper to correct an error that we saw printed in the Dispatch of your city.

We saw in the Dispatch, July 24, 1897, that the Negro, Zack Armstrong, who attempted an assault on a Goochland lady was brought here by the sheriff of Goochland and lodged in jail, his sentence being 7½ years in the penitentiary.

We want the public to know that Zack Armstrong was a white man, arrested a white man; tried and convicted at the July term of the County Court, a white man to seven years and six months in state prison

We admit that we have some bad men among us, but we are not willing to have any more charged to us than we are guilty of. If any one doubts this the records of the court will verify the same.

A Hay Ride

CARTERSVILLE, VA., August 23, '97.

A party of young people of Cartersville gave a Hay-ride Saturday afternoon. The start was from Cartersville up to Arvonton about five miles.

The party consisted of Misses Annie M. Booker, Mary L Jordan, Martha J. Jackson, Mary Jenkins, Misses Albena Fox, Drucilla Marks and Martha Booker of Richmond, Virginia Moss of Scottsville, Nannie Jones of Powhatan; Samuel Booker, Wilson Giles, Jr., Walter Jordan, Pauline Booker, Frank Booker, Ralph Moore; Robert Jones of New York, Samuel W. Jackson of Richmond; Samuel Jefferson of Powhatan; George Cox

After an enjoyable ride the party stopped at Miss Jackson's and all indulged in a merry feast

A Surprise Marriage.

On Wednesday Evening August 11th at 8:30 p. m., Mr. William Fuller and Miss Bertie Aytes were married at the residence of Rev. Richard Wells.

The marriage was a very quiet affair and a great surprise to the community. The couple still reside at the home of the bride's parents, 208½ W. Baker Street.

MAGNO'S MESSAGE.

Sunday in Our Churches.

REAPER DEATH MAKES FREQUENT CALLS.

Wedding Bells Yet A-Ringing—Doings of Our People.

Last Sabbath morning seemed to have brought sunshine to many gloomy hearts, as well as inspiration to lighter ones. Early in the morning, the little ones could be seen making their way to the various Sunday Schools. Our churches were also well attended.

At the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Rev Tart, the young preacher who has been substituting for the pastor during this month, preached an excellent sermon. On next Sunday night, he will probably preach his last sermon before leaving the city. His subject will be "Handwriting on the Wall."

The communion services at the Moore Street Baptist Church last Sunday evening was well attended and much interest manifested.

The other churches held their usual services at their usual hours.

Many of our homes have been made sad by the loss of those who were near and dear to them by death.

Miss Morten, a public schoolteacher of Washington is visiting Miss Martha Burrell, North St. John St.

Misses Mamie Gibson and Julia Chatman, of Baltimore, Md, who have been visiting in this city, the guest of Mr and Mrs Cornelius A. Scott, 816 N 6th Street, returned home last Thursday.

Miss Sarah Johnson left the city last Thursday for Manakin, where she will visit her mother awhile.

The wedding bells continue to ring, and many are trying the bitters and sweets of married life.

We appreciate the compliment paid us by some of our girls in styling us their friend, while others consider us a terror.

Fife is no more. A victim of the gallows on last Thursday. Young men, think of it. A young man less than twenty-one has ended his life by the way of the gallows. Young men seek good associates, keep away from bad company.

We don't see why some of our girls will rove the streets at night by themselves. Girls, be careful.

"Ajax," informs us that he feasted fat in those country places not long since He shows all signs of it, and we only wished it was us.

Don't you know she made him take his choice the other night? Yes, and this is what she says: "Now John, you must say whether you are coming to see me, or going to see S. T. John spoke not a word.

We learn that that young lady has decided to go home (Washington) at last Wonder will that fellow pay for the ticket he tore up. We hope she will call again.

We learn that the Athenian Outing was a success, and those who attended spent a pleasant time. We were sorry we could not attend.

MAGNO UNO.

NORFOLK DOINGS.

The Planet Man in Norfolk—Business Men—Personals.

We arrived here on last Saturday and on Sunday were made welcome to make an announcement at the different churches. In the early morning we visited the Sunday School of Bute Street Baptist Church, and found things in an excellent order with Mr Richard Tucker as superintendent

At 10 o'clock, we visited Bank Street Baptist Church. The pastor being absent, Rev. Metts of Shiloh Baptist Church, Barboursville filled his place, taking for his subject "Sin and Death" He preached with power and many left much benefitted.

At night, we were with Rev J. B. K. Butler pastor and congregation of the Queen Street Baptist Church. At this service, the Rev. took as his theme, "Hen and chickens;" found in Matthew, taken from the lamentation of Christ over Jerusalem. Many hearts were made to feel happy, touched with the usual eloquence of the able divine.

PERSONALS.

Quite a number of Norfolkians attended the Encampment of the G. A. R., in Buffalo this week. Among the many we know of the following: Messrs. J P. Carter, J. E Fuller, Revs. H. H Mitchell, R H. Bowling, D. P. Seaton and Misses R. L. Edwards, M. E. Poole, A. M. Poole and Carrie E. Fuller.

Lawyer J. E Byrd of Richmond, the President of the United Aid and Insurance Company is in the city.

Mr John E Taylor of Richmond is in the city, shaking hands with friends.

Miss Elnora Frye of Richmond spent the week in the city among her many friends

Mr. William C. Baker, representing the Elliott Company Undertakers at Suffolk, also agent for The PLANET here, was home this week.

Dr. C B. Jackson has moved his office to 617 Church St. Remember him

A very pleasant social was given last Monday evening in honor of Miss Chenney Combs of Hampton by her friend, Miss Daisy E. Corprew of 72 James St. Quite a number of friends were out and a good time was had.

The Traveling Representative of the Richmond PLANET is in your city canvassing from home to home and begs that when he reaches you, that you will give him patient hearing.

We are glad to call attention of our many friends to the colored men engaged in different business in the city now and next week, and bespeak for them from time to time a part of your patronage, for "United we stand, divided we fall.

IN BUSINESS CIRCLES.

The Tidewater Beneficial Association, was organized in 1895, commencing business in February 1896 Since that time they have enrolled over 2000 members and paid out over $1,000 as sick and death benefits. The office of the Association is located at 101 Willoughby St. At this time the Association stand fair to live always, as such men as Mr J. P. Carter for President, Rev. H. H. Mitchell, Vice-president, Mr John L. Gibbs for Treasurer and with Mr. William E Carter, Secretary. With such a young man as Mr. Carter to meet the people and record the business, the Association is sure to succeed.

King Moseley & Co., the firm which has been feeding the people for thirty years—always giving satisfaction, is doing business at the same old stand, 108 Commercial Place. Mr. Samuel L. Tucker is to be found there, and will serve you nicely Drop down.

The Mount Vernon House, corner of Smith and Queen Streets, carries all kinds of the finest brands of whiskies, tobacco and cigars Your patronage solicited. He will treat you nice. L W. Bright, Proprietor.

Mr S. D. Whidbee is the reliable wholesale and retail dealer in beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork and fresh meats and sausage of every description. Give him a chance, Ballentine Arcade.

Economy Eating House, J. P. Carter, Proprietor, 82 Commercial Place. Serve meals from 5 a. m. to 8 p. m.; on the European Plan. All orders promptly filled. Before getting hungry. Remember economy.

He keep the best, James Brooks, dealer in vegetables, poultry, eggs and such. Fresh goods. Low prices. Marketing delivered free, Ballentine Arcade.

Go to "Funny" Walker, if you want fresh vegetables. He has them of all kinds, including Poultry and Eggs with his force of polite clerks, you will be nicely cared for.

What is the use of running all over town for tonsorial artists when you can find them at 310 Church Street. 1st chair, Mr J. E. Cole; 2nd chair, Mr. W. A. Mossenburg.

Go to your redeemer to have your soul fixed; but go to J. J. Corprew to have your shoe sores repaired cheap, quick and nice, 495 Church St.

There is no use wearing those hairs on your face, when you can have them removed at 615 Church. 1st chair, William T. James; 2nd chair, Frank Wilkins, 3rd chair, John Wilkins, also proprietor.

Mr. Noah Smith has among the many stalls at the Ballentine Arcade, one of the nicest. He is a first class butcher, and has the best meats on the market.

Miss Mary Smith and Miss Florence Woodis, are the lady dealers of the Ballentine Arcade.—Vegetables, fresh poultry, fresh eggs and country produce in general always on hand. Don't slight the ladies.

Mr. S. T Harris is located at 638 Church Street, and is still giving his friends satisfaction as a Tonsorialist. He is ably assisted by Mr. Robert Lee. Don't forget him.

"There are others, but not so fine." Thomas Watkins, the up-to-date barber will certainly rob you of those hairs if you will only give him a chance.

Wanted all persons who are seeking work to know,—We furnish work for cooks, chambermaids, laundresses, waitresses and general house-work. Women wanted every day in the year. Pay all expenses to any part of the North. Women from other places who can pay way to Norfolk, will not have any trouble, as we have names ready every day. Call at 468 Church Street, B. F. Vaiden, Agency.

Persons can reach me for the next month by calling or writing to 391 Bank Street, or United Aid and Insurance. Office at the same number.

Mr Lewis Dowley of Shaw Post, G. A R, was one of the three representatives of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina to the National Encampment at Buffalo, New York this week.

About three years ago, a man attired in the garb of a minister of the gospel and a very smooth tongue and genial demeanor, took up his abode in Norfolk and soon was in the confidence of some of the officials of some of the churches in the adjoining counties. Last but not least he was called to succeed quite a distinguished minister as pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Princess Anne County, but not by the unanimous consent of officers and laity. This man, George Lomax succeeded in building a new church, on which the members borrowed $900. The same was entrusted to him less the expenses of the loan to the contractor, Mr. Wells, colored, but instead of obeying the orders of his church he left with the money to parts unknown, taking $40 also of an aged member (sister) who loaned the same to the church, and was returned to her through him. Not satisfied with that he left his wife and an unpaid board bill at one of the deacon's of his other church at Lambert's Point At the same time, the wife of another deacon is missing, and it is said that they met in Petersburg and have gone to parts unknown. Detectives are on their tracks, but as yet they have not been apprehended. Another case of misplaced confidence.

It is an old adage that an untrue report goes miles while the truth is getting to the corner. The same is being seriously considered which is which, what is what in the report that the pastor of a certain church is endeavoring to secure a charge and if successful will leave his present congregation in the church. We shall endeavor to give particulars in our next letter

A series of revival meetings are being held nightly in Rev. Madison Lewis' church (known as little Calvary) The meetings are well attended and has been the result of several conversions.

W. S. SELDEN,
Agent and Correspondent.
W. BOLIVAR DAVIS,
Traveling Agent.

SERVED TWENTY YEARS.

Charged With Stealing Chickens.

George Brown was released from the Georgia penitentiary last Monday after having served out a sentence of twenty years for stealing a game rooster which he still asserts he did not steal. Brown was sent up from this city Having been tried and convicted of burglary in the Muscogee Superior Court he was sent to the coal mines at Cole City, and there he has toiled for several years under the ground. He cannot see in the day time now from having been so long in darkness, but at night says he can see as well as ever. When he was first discharged he was forced by the light of day to keep his eyes shut.

Brown was thirty-nine years of age when he was sent from here and he now returns nearly sixty. He is very gray-haired and meets but very few familiar faces. He was given a ticket to Columbus when he was released and reached here this week. When interviewed he said. "I feels queer walking around with no boss over me. I don't feel like myself at all. I have 'bout well nigh spent all my life in that place, now I am an old man." Only a few people of Columbus remember any thing about the old man, and his condition is truly pitiable.—Columbus, Ga., Chronicle.

Entered into Rest.

Mr. Oliver Lewis died at his residence, 1011 North 6th St., August 10, 1897 in the full triumph of faith. His funeral took place from his late residence, Thursday, the 12th inst.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

By his Wife and Children.

CAMP JEWETT OPENED.

The Picturesque Tent City of the Grand Army Veterans.

M'KINLEY ADDRESSES VETERANS

The Patriotism That Inspires Americans in Defense of Their Nation's Honor—The President's Tribute to the Soldiers of the South.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Camp Jewett, the picturesque tent city erected for the accommodation of visiting veterans, on the bluff overlooking Lake Erie and the mouth of the Niagara river, was officially opened by Commander-in-Chief Clarkson yesterday afternoon. The commander-in-chief was escorted from his headquarters by Mayor Jewett and other citizens, and by Bidwell Wilkeson post, of Buffalo, and Columbia post, of Chicago, headed by the regimental band of the Thirteenth United States Infantry, which is assigned to Fort Porter during the encampment. As the commander-in-chief entered the camp a salute of 15 guns was fired in his honor by the federal troops at the fort.

Buffalo, Aug. 25.—From dawn to darkness, and from twilight to midnight, the great gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic waxed greater

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CLARKSON.

and grander. The weather has been all that could be wished for. The Grand Army has turned out more men than ever before attended a national encampment, and this is true also of the ex-Prisoners of War association, the Naval Veterans and the Woman's Auxiliary bodies. From early morning till late at night Main street held a continuous procession of posts. Scores of them brought bands, and few, indeed, had no music. The features of the day were the arrival of President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Alger and Governor Black, of New York, the banquet to the president last evening and the parade of the Naval Veterans and ex-Prisoners of War in the morning.

At the request of the citizens of Buffalo President McKinley consented to ride at the head of the line in the G. A. R. parade today as far as the reviewing stand.

From the moment that the special train that bore the president and his retinue to the city arrived until he retired last night there was one glorious and spontaneous demonstration, and President McKinley said that he had never before half appreciated the warmth of sentiment among the veterans. From the depot to the Niagara hotel, a distance of two miles, the streets were lined with people, and at the hotel, in front of which there is a great square, the police and soldiers from the nearby barracks, even with the reinforcement of extras, had difficult work to keep the multitude in line.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Columbia post, dressed in handsome fatigue coats and white duck trousers, arrived at the hotel and acted as escort to the president to the Elliott building, where the post entertained the president at a banquet.

When an elaborate menu had been discussed to the satisfaction of the guests the toastmaster called for Governor Frank S. Black, who extended a welcome, for Columbia post, to President McKinley.

At 8 o'clock Senator Mark A. Hanna, who had just arrived in the city, came into the banquet hall. His entry was noted by applause at the further end of the hall, and as the proceedings paused President McKinley rose from his seat and moved along the hall to meet him. There was a shout of applause as the two men clasped hands and the president's left hand went up on Mr. Hanna's shoulder. Both took their seats amid applause. Mr. Hanna had to hold a levee.

The toastmaster then announced the next toast, "The City of Buffalo Welcomes the Grand Army." Mayor Jewett responded.

When Mr. Jewett had finished his address President McKinley was introduced, and for fully five minutes it seemed as though the roof would have to fall or the side walls bulge with the roars of applause and greeting. Then the president said, very slowly and distinctly:

"I wish I might frame fitting words to make suitable response to the more than gracious welcome which you have accorded me. I come with no studied phrases to present to you, but I come in the spirit of comradeship, to talk with you as we have often talked in the past, around the campfires in war as well as at campfires in peace. To me, I see by the program, has been assigned the toast, 'The Country and Its Defenders.' My fellow citizens, blessed is that country whose defenders are patriots. Blessed is that country whose soldiers fight for it and are willing to give the best they have, the best that any man has—their own lives—to preserve it because they love it. Such an army the United States has always commanded in every crisis of her history.

"From the war of the revolution to the late civil war the men followed that flag in battle because they loved that flag and believed in what it represented. That was the stuff of which the volunteer army of '61 was made.

"And so more than two million brave men thus responded and made up an army grander than any army that ever shook the earth with its tread. And then, as allies in any future war, we have the brave men who fought against us on southern battlefields. The army of Grant and the army of Lee are together. They are one new in fact, in peace, in fraternity, in purpose, and in an invincible patriotism, and therefore the country is in no danger."

John C. Linehan, of Concord, N. H., now commissioner of insurance for that state, and former junior vice commander of the Grand Army, is the most formidable of the new candidates for commander-in-chief. His headquarters were opened yesterday.

Pennsylvania veterans are booming Colonel Gobin, of that state, for commander-in-chief. Already over 500 Pennsylvania men are here, and they are all working hard for Colonel Gobin's success. Colonel Gobin arrived yesterday, and has opened headquarters.

PYTHIAN NOTES.

Samson Lodge, 16, held an interesting meeting Monday night at their Castle Hall on Baker Street. The attendance was excellent.

Blooming Lily Lodge, 15, held their regular meeting Tuesday night The Sir Knights connected with this lodge are all thoroughly aroused to the principles of Pythianism and the lodge bids fare to rank among the foremost of the State.

Blooming Lily Division is making rapid progress and will doubtless be uniformed in the near future. When this feature is met the Division will equal any in the State. They are making efforts to go to Danville thoroughly equipped.

To-morrow will be a big time for the Uniformed Sir Knights of Tidewater and they will be cordially treated by their brethren of this city. About (80) eighty are expected to be present The Sir Knights will comprise National, Hannibal, Norfolk and Roanoke Divisions and will be under the command of Major Meekins of Norfolk.

Excelsior Court held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening. The attendance was good notwithstanding the threatening appearance of the weather.

Mrs. Anna Taylor of Pure Gold Court is a tireless worker for that part of the organization and has done much to bring about its present success. She was instrumental in the organization of Anna's Eureka Court and also a Court which is an auxiliary to Samson Lodge. She