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THE NEWS SUMMARY.

Forecast for Virginia: Fair, with slight changes in temperature. For North Carolina: Fair and stationary temperature.

The First Regiment detachment returned from the Mecklenburg hanging yesterday afternoon.—The case of Thos. Sally, in the Henrico Court, was continued until September.—The will of Scipio Lomax was admitted to probate in Henrico.—The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin was celebrated.—The Mechanics' Institute's quarters will be in the Arlington building next session.—Vortex won the race at the Exposition grounds.—A live infant was found in the street.—Charley Montague was injured in an elevator.

VIRGINIA.

The rate committee of the Southern Passenger Association met at the White Sulphur to fix rates to the West. The Virginia Freight Association met at the same time.—The barn and contents on the Fultz farm, near Staunton, has been destroyed by an incendiary fire. The loss was total.—John Phillips, the negro murderer of Captain Robert C. Overby, was hung at Boydton yesterday.—Deputy Sheriff J. H. Callahan, who shot and killed James Banks at Rustburg, has been indicted by the grand jury.—The Sidney Smith Lee will case was submitted to the jury at Fredericksburg yesterday, but they were unable to agree.—W. D. Cook, J. L. Abbott, and A. S. Herndon were sent as uninstructed delegates from Danville to the Rocky Mount Congressional Convention.—Alexander Wilson had both arms sawed off in a saw-mill at Ragsdale.—One or two freight cars jumped the track on the Norfolk and Western railroad near Suffolk.—Another sink has occurred on the farm of Mr. Gatling, in Prince George county.—Sora have appeared in marshes near Petersburg.—Mrs. Mary Jones, of Manchester, was struck by a wagon-tongue in Petersburg and badly injured.—While Mrs. George D. Watkins, of Alexandria, and her three children were returning from Fairfax station the horse ran away and two of the children were badly hurt.—There is talk of a fight between Billy Young and Joe Fielden near Alexandria.—A new Washington and Norfolk steamboat company will be started next spring. The steamers will be new and very fine.—The late William J. Entwisle, of Alexandria, was buried yesterday.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Mr. Vanderbilt Lewis, of Charleston, S. C., fell over a precipice at Highlands, in Western North Carolina, and was fatally injured.—The population of North Carolina by the late census is placed at 1,894,000.—Hon. W. B. Brown, of Winston, has been taken to the Hagerstown Insane Asylum.—A death from hydrophobia has created much excitement in Caldwell county.—The Cane Creek Quarry Company has been incorporated at Greensboro.—The prisoners escaped from the Goldsboro jail.—Sam Hines was killed by river while coupling cars.—William Clifton, manager of Bishop Lyman's farm, near Raleigh, has applied for a patent for a machine for measuring land.—The Circuit Court at Raleigh has decided that the imposition of a tax of $500 by the state on a Fertilizer Company is unconstitutional and void.

WASHINGTON.

The Senate yesterday laid aside the Tariff bill and took up the River and Harbor bill.—The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee yesterday completed its organization.—The vote in the caucus of Republican senators is regarded as practically killing the Force bill. Hoar and Spooner have determined to make bloody-shirt speeches, however, before the session ends.—Postmaster-General Wanamaker is still fighting the Louisiana lottery to the bitter end.

NEW YORK.

Eighty Mormons arrived in New York on the steamer Wisconsin. All left for Utah except a young woman who became dissatisfied with Mormon doctrines.—The Hudson River tunnel is to be completed in 1892.—Ex-President Cleveland has bought and paid for a cottage by the ocean at Marion, Massachusetts. Salvator and Firenzi will both probably go to England this fall.—Ward McAllister's subscription pic-nic is the talk of New York society.—The second annual convention of the King's Daughters has just closed at Ocean Grove.—$15,000,000 of Virginia securities have been deposited with the committee on the adjustment of the State debt. The committee will take no steps until a majority of the bonds are deposited.—An epidemic of ophthalmia, supposed to proceed from the public baths, is prevailing in New York. An epidemic of colds in New York has caused the fear of la grippe has made its appearance.—Mrs. Eleanor Tintie, of Stony Brook, N. J., has just died, aged 101 years.

GENERAL.

The Executive Board of the Knights of Labor are expected to take charge of affairs in the New York Central strike, and it is hoped will succeed in effecting a compromise.—Two of the Pinkerton detectives at West Albany were caught between the bumpers of two cars and instantly killed.—Atlantic express train No. 10 was thrown from the track of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Pittsburgh, and the engineer and two other persons were instantly killed.—Twenty thousand seal skins have captured in Behring Sea, and it is predicted that in a few years the seals will become extinct.—There is no change in the status of the railroad strike as yet.

FOREIGN.

European papers generally regard the result of the Welsh railroad strikes as a triumph for the men.—Funds have been provided to meet the National loan of the Argentine Republic, the coupons of which are due September 1st.—Captain Pulott, commander of the fishery protection cruiser Connaught, has been dismissed the Canadian service.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

One of the most disastrous rains, which resulted in a cloud burst, in Colorado Springs, Thursday. Two lives were lost. Damage at least $200,000.

Thursday morning three men drilled in an oil well north of Findlay, O., which is, without doubt, the greatest producer ever struck. It flowed over 1,000 barrels the first hour, and up to 6 o'clock in the evening the production was 6,240 barrels.

Hanlon defeated Teemer at Beatrice, Neb., Thursday, in a sculling match.

Fire still rages in the Hill Farm mines, at Avondale, Penn., where the fire-damp explosion occurred a short time ago and killed forty-one men.

The Utica (N. Y.) Observer warns the newspapers throughout the country about two swindlers named Aubry C. Hamilton and James A. Dawson, and earnestly asks for information regarding their whereabouts.

An investigation by the city council of Terre Haute, it is alleged, has disclosed a shortage of $9,400 in the accounts of ex-City Treasurer Fitzpatrick, who is now president of the Inter-State Base-Ball League.

Norman R. Towne, a well-to-do farmer of Arlington, Nebraska, was shot through the heart, and his daughter Hattie dangerously wounded, yesterday by a tramp, who was captured shortly after the tragedy and lodged in jail. The murderer proved to be Charles Pratt, a former employee whom Towne had discharged four years ago for making love to Hattie.

Special Census Agent Bain reports that the population of St. Louis is 460,220.

About noon yesterday, Miss Nora Pleitz was shot at Wheeling, and, it is believed, fatally wounded, by her brother, David Pleitz, who has been in the insane asylum.

The switchmen employed by the Wabash railroad have struck, and business in the yards is at a stand-still.

The Atlantic Association.

BALTIMORE, MD., Aug. 15.—William Barnie, manager of the Baltimore Base-Ball Club, to-night received a telegram from the Hartford (Connecticut) Club which stated that that club had disbanded. This will, owing to the disbandment of the Washington Club, leave but six clubs in the Atlantic Association for the remainder of the season.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

NEWS FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Result of the Meeting of the Southern Passenger Association at the White—The Lee Will Case—Political, General, and Personal Items.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. VA., Aug. 15.—[Special.]—The Rate Committee of the Southern Passenger Association, at their meeting on Wednesday at the White Sulphur Springs, fixed the rates for Western towns. The rates were named on the same basis as last season. The rates from Ohio and Mississippi river points and from Potomac subways will be four cents per mile for the round trip, and three and a half cents per mile from Chicago and New England territory. The routine work was interesting only to Southern territory.

The Virginia Freight Association met at the same time, and elected E. D. Hotchkiss president, and perfected an organization which will keep intact the rates from all Virginia territory. Among the prominent railroad men present were Messrs. Mercer Slaughter, Sol Haas, S. H. Hardwick, of the Georgia Pacific; T. M. Emerson, Atlantic Coast Line; James L. Taylor, of the Richmond and Danville; R. W. Wrenn, East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia; C. W. Taylor, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac; L. W. M. Davidson, Savannah, Florida and Western; E. D. Ackerley, Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West; C. P. Atmore, Louisville and Nashville; D. G. Edwards, Queen and Crescent; H. W. Fuller, Chesapeake and Ohio; C. E. Harman, Western and Atlantic; Howard Roger, Shenandoah Valley.

ANCIENT ALEXANDRIA.

Two Runaway Accidents—Brief Notes and Personal Mention.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Aug. 15.—[Special.]—Two serious driving accidents are reported from Fairfax: On Tuesday, about dusk, Mrs. George D. Watkins, with her three children, were returning from Fairfax station, when Harry, the oldest, who was driving, dropped one of the reins, and in attempting to recover it frightened the horse, causing him to run up an embankment, just where the Braddock road crosses the station road at Farr's cross-roads, and upset the Dayton wagon, throwing them all out except Harry, who in some way became entangled in the lines and running gear of the wagon and was dragged by the horse, with one wheel and the axle, for over half a mile, until stopped in the stable-yard at Mr. Watkins' house. When found the little fellow was almost dead, and was literally skinned alive; but as no bones were broken, the doctor who attended him (Dr. F. M. Brooks) thinks he will pull through. The little girl was thrown under the wagon, and her mother had to lift it off of her. Mrs. Watkins and the other children were not much hurt, but it was a miracle they were not all killed, especially Harry. Mr. Watkins was away from home at the time and had to be sent for.

On Monday, as Mr. Robert G. Nevitt and his son, Dod, were driving near Lorton station, their horse was attacked by yellow-jackets and became unmanageable. Mr. N. was thrown from his buggy and knocked senseless, but soon recovered. His face and head were considerably bruised. His little boy sprang from the buggy and was not injured.

Several Grand-Army-of-the-Republic men are going southward via the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad.

There is talk of a prize fight between Joe Fielden and Billy Young, to take place hereabouts shortly, for the championship of this locality, and the light-weight championship of Washington. The authorities here will prevent the mill in this locality.

The Loudoun people are making great preparations for the Leesburg fair—26th and 28th.

A new Washington and Norfolk Steamboat Company will by next spring have two new steamers on the line, making three boats daily, and if the old lines run daily boats there will be six. These new steamers will be finer than any now on the river and equal to the Bay Line steamers Virginia, Florida, Carolina, and Georgia. The bulk of the New York and Boston freight comes by Norfolk steamer now and from twenty-four to forty-eight hours quicker than by rail. The new steamers are building at Wilmington now.

Whooping-cough is quite prevalent among the children hereabouts now.

The new Presbyterian cemetery just back of the present grounds, and taking in Hooff's Run for a considerable distance, is now nearly ready for interments. This is the third new cemetery opened up within the past few years, and the corporation will soon be called on to buy a new Renney-Hill tract.

The late Wilmer J. Entwisle was buried from Christ church this evening, a large number of citizens attending. Mr. Entwisle was a quiet and unassuming citizen, of excellent traits of character. He was sixty-one years of age, and the second son of the late James Entwisle, Sr., with whom he long kept a book and stationery store under the firm name of J. & W. J. Entwisle, which was the headquarters of the Episcopalians of this neighborhood and seminary. He had been long a member of the vestry board of Christ church, and until recently, when he became very delicate from dropsy trouble, its treasurer. Up to a short time ago he had his father's old place in the First National bank.

THE LEE WILL CASE.

The Jury Unable to Agree, and the Court Adjourns.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Aug. 15.—[Special.]—The Lee will case was argued today by counsel, Mr. White opening the argument. His argument was pronounced to be one of the finest efforts ever made by a counsel at this bar. St. George R. Fitzhugh, for the collateral heirs, spoke for about three hours. His argument was in keeping with his well-known reputation. The argument was concluded by Judge J. B. Sener, in a three-hours speech, which was of acknowledged ability.

The jury retired, and after three hours were unable to agree, and the court adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

PETERSBURG POINTS.

Interesting Items In and About the Cockade City.

PETERSBURG, VA., Aug. 15.—[Special.]—Alexander Wilson, aged sixteen years, met with a terrible accident at Ragsdale saw-mill, in Dinwiddie county, a few days ago. He was not employed at the mill, but his brother was employed there as fireman. Wilson, in moving about the mill near the machinery, was struck by the saw, which was running at a rapid rate, and both of his arms were cut off. He died from his injuries the next day.

One or two freight cars on the Norfolk and Western railroad jumped the track near Suffolk this morning, and, as a consequence, the west-bound passenger train was delayed for several hours. A wrecking-train with trucks, etc., was sent from here to remove the wreck.

It will be remembered that about a year ago quite a phenomenon occurred on the farm of Mr. Gatling, in Prince George county, when the earth for some distance caved in to a considerable depth. The occurrence was such a remarkable one that it attracted large crowds from Richmond and Petersburg. It is learned from Mr. Gatling's son, who was in the city to-day, that during the past few days there has been another sinking in of the earth in the same vicinity, but not to as great an extent as the one a year ago.

Sora in considerable numbers have made their appearance in the marshes on the river. A gentleman went out this morning and in a short time had killed thirteen. These birds generally come about the latter part of this month.

A protracted meeting will commence on Sunday next at Mt. Gilead church, in Chesterfield county, to be conducted by Rev. Mr. Stith, who will be assisted by other ministers.

Mrs. Mary Jones, of Manchester, who is here on a visit to friends, was struck by the tongue of a wagon on west Washington street last evening and knocked down. She had her leg badgen by the fall.

Mrs. M. W. Sterne and daughter Carrie and Miss Gracie D. Eanes are visiting Mrs. John W. Staples in Dinwiddie county.

Misses May Ellen Whyte, Susie Whyte, Sainty Jackson, and Sallie Hamilton left this morning for Lawrenceville on a visit to friends.

Miss Hattie Choate, of Portsmouth, is visiting Mrs. S. H. Nugent.

Mr. Benjamin Robenett and wife, of Crewe, are visiting Mrs. Mary Robenett.

Mr. Edward H. Hinton, of Duluth, son of Captain E. O. Hinton, is in the city.

Miss Lottie Nugent, who has been visiting Mrs. Captain John Wood, of Portsmouth, has returned home.

A MASONIC IMPOSTER.

This morning Worshipful Master George Potts had a white man named Joseph Leither arrested on the charge of being an imposter. Leither came here on the negro excursion from Raleigh, which passed through Petersburg two or three evenings ago for Richmond, and has been here ever since, imposing on the credulity of the Masonic fraternity of this place. He represented himself as being a member of Manhattan Lodge, 489, A. F. and A. M., of New York city, and claimed to be a resident of Jacksonville, Fla. He also said that he was well acquainted with Mr. Samuel Jones, senior warden of Solomon lodge, No. 20, of Jacksonville, Fla. Worshipful Master Potts, after putting the stranger through a Masonic test, found him to be an imposter, and had him arrested. He was taken to the station-house where he was kept until late this evening, when he was escorted to the corporate limits by a police officer and ordered to leave the city. Leither got some small change from different members of the Masonic fraternity here, who believed the story he told.

INCENDIARY WORK.

A Barn and Several Horses and Dogs Destroyed.

STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 15.—[Special.]—The barn and contents on the Fultz farm, two and a half miles from town, were destroyed by fire last night at 11:30 o'clock. The blaze was so large that it aroused the town. The fire alarm was turned in, and hundreds of citizens turned out. Dr. J. H. Fultz, Hoskiell Argenbright, Hampton Wayt, and Ed Bell were at the farm for a fox hunt. This morning they had their horses and dogs in the stables. Dr. Fultz lost seven horses, Wayt two horses and three dogs, and Ed Bell a horse hired from a livery stable. The farm has recently been sold to W. F. Ast, on whom the loss of the barn falls. Dr. Fultz loses, besides his horses, four hundred bushels of wheat and all his farming implements, which had been arranged for sale on the 20th instant. The loss was total, and the only insurance was on the wheat. The fire was the work of an incendiary. It is reported that a man was seen to run away from the barn just as the fire was first seen.

DANVILLE DEMOCRATS.

Uninstructed Delegates to the Rocky Mount Convention.

DANVILLE, VA, Aug. 15.—[Special.]—A largely-attended meeting of Democrats was held in North Danville to-night, and delegates to the District Congressional Convention, which meets on the 28th instant at Rocky Mount, were chosen as follows: W. D. Cook, J. L. Abbott, and A. S. Herndon. The delegates were uninstructed.

There is a well-organized movement on foot here to erect a first-class hotel.

LYCNHBURG.

Indicted for Murder—Mahone and His Son Butler.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Aug. 15.—[Special.]—Deputy Sheriff I. H. Callahan, of Campbell county, who shot and killed James Banks, at Rustburg, last Sunday night, while he was attempting to break into his store-house, was yesterday indicted by the grand jury for the offense and sent on trial to the court. The whole community justifies Callahan in the act, and there is no doubt of his prompt acquittal.

Mahone and his son Butler passed through this city last night on a visit to Tazewell county, in the Southwest, where he has extensive mineral and other interests.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A Train on the B. and O. Thrown from the Track.

PITTSBURG, PA., Aug. 15.—At 10 o'clock last night the Atlantic express, No. 10, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, carrying a large excursion party en route to Atlantic City, ran into a huge pile of railroad ties and rails piled upon the track at Osceola station, twenty miles from Pittsburg. The engine and baggage car were thrown fifty feet over the embankment. The remainder of the train, consisting of seven sleeping cars, were all thrown from the track and upon their sides. The escape of the occupants from fatal injury was miraculous. Only four of the passengers were injured, and they but slightly. Engineer York Sullivan and a friend, Robert Goodwin, also an engineer, who was riding on the engine, and a man named Hirsch, who was stealing a ride on the front of the baggage car, were instantly killed.

STATE OF TRADE.

The Outlook Considered Excellent and Very Encouraging.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade will say:

The industries are doing rather less and the speculators are doing more. That is the week's history in brief; but the volume of legitimate business is still very good, exceeding last year's at this season of about 10 per cent., and the outlook for fall trade is considered excellent at almost all commercial centres.

Business failures during the last seven days number: For the United States, 174; Canada, 23—total, 197, as compared with 208 last week. For the corresponding week of last year, total, 213, representing 181 in the United States and 32 in Canada.

CUTTING SCRAPE.

A Well-Known Turfman One of the Principals of the Affray.

LEXINGTON, KY., Aug. 15.—The well-known turfman Jack Chinn comes to the front in another cutting scrape. Last night, in a Nicholsville bar-room, he was attacked by George McCabe, who made a motion as if to draw a pistol. Chinn quickly drew his knife from his collar and attempted to cut McCabe's throat. The knife missed the jugular vein by a quarter of an inch, and plowed a deep gash in his cheek. After the cutting McCabe swore he would kill Chinn, and as he is noted for being a desperate man, a fatal meeting is likely.

Wholesale Slaughter of Seals.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 15.—Captain Erskine, of the steamship St. Paul, which arrived yesterday from Gunalaska, says the poachers at Victoria this year have secured 20,000 seal skins, and in consequence the North American Commercial Company, which leases the rookeries from the Government, finds its take reduced to 20,000 skins. The Captain says it is only a matter of a few years when seals will become extinct. At Gunalaska it was reported there were fifty-five poaching vessels at Sand Point on their way to Behring Sea, and that not a single attempt has been made thus far to interfere with any of these contraband vessels.

THE MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION.

Main Features of the Proposed New State Constitution.

JACKSON, MISS., Aug. 15.—The constitutional convention adjourned at 2 o'clock today until Monday morning. The day was spent in perfecting the rules to govern the convention, and in submitting the views of the members in regard to suffrage, taxation, legislation, etc. They were referred to the proper committees. A memorial from the Farmers' Alliance was submitted. It protests against educational or property qualification for elections, but leans toward the Australian system.

The President has approved the sentence of dismissal in the case of Captain Alonzo E. Miltimer, of the Quartermaster's Department, who was recently convicted by court-martial of falsifying his accounts. The sentence will take effect on the 31st instant.

JOHN PHILLIPS HUNG.

HE EXPIATES WITH HIS LIFE CAPTAIN OVERBY'S MURDER.

Cool and Collected on the Gallows—Confesses His Guilt and Declares Himself Ready to Die—Death Instantaneous and Pronounced Painless.

BOYDTON, VA., Aug. 15.—[Special.]—John Phillips, the negro murderer of Captain Robert C. Overby, was hanged in the jail-yard here, at 10:25 this morning. He was brought from the Petersburg jail by a detachment of the Richmond military, under command of Captain C. G. Bossieux, which left Petersburg at 4 P. M. yesterday, and after several hours' delay at Belfield, reached here at 4 o'clock this morning. One-half of the population turned out at that unseasonable hour to see the show. Phillips' wife reached here from South Carolina yesterday, and spent all the morning with her husband in his cell. She bade him good-bye about a half an hour before the execution, and then for the first time Phillips showed some feeling and wept bitterly, which he soon checked, however, and then quietly took from his pocket the part of a plug of tobacco, bit off a chew, and put the remainder back in his pocket. He chewed tobacco until he was just about to walk upon the scaffold, when he threw the quid from his mouth. Rev. H. W. Dickerson (colored), of Petersburg, and Rev. P. M. Boyden (white), of this place, were with the prisoner all the morning, and walked with him on the scaffold.

CONFESSES HIS GUILT AND READY TO DIE.

After the sheriff had read the death warrant Phillips spoke, saying his sins were pardoned, and that he was going to heaven; that the spirit of Captain Overby had come to him only once, and then to forgive him, and by that he knew that Captain Overby was in heaven. He declared that Irving and Wilkinson, two of the witnesses against him, had sworn falsely; that while he alone killed Captain Overby, Irving urged him to do it, and but for Irving, Overby would be living to-day. He claimed that he acted in self-defense. However, he was satisfied, and would not say his punishment was unjust.

DEATH INSTANTANEOUS.

After scripture reading, and prayer by the ministers, the noose was placed around Phillips' neck, the black cap adjusted, and Sheriff Jones dropped a red handkerchief as a signal to unseen deputies in a room of the jail to spring the trap. The trap fell at 10:25, and it being a clear drop of four and a half feet, the neck was instantly broken, in fact, literally crushed. There was little or no twitching or other movements of the body, and the doctors think the dying man experienced no pain at all. After nineteen minutes the heart ceased, and the doctors declared life totally extinct. The body was cut down, placed in a cheap pine coffin, and buried by the county.

It is probable that there was never a man hung in Virginia who had as little sympathy in the community in which he was executed as had Phillips. A large crowd of people came in town expecting to get a chance to see the execution, but it was strictly in accordance with law, and none except legal witnesses were allowed in the jail yard. The Richmond troops left by the 11:50 train. The execution was pronounced by visiting sheriffs to be fair in every respect, and better than killing by electricity.

CONDENSED ACCOUNT OF THE CRIME.

Captain Overby was killed by Phillips during a dispute arising from the Captain's reproving the negro for using obscene language on his premises. Phillips left Captain Overby in an unconscious and bleeding condition on the ground and fled to the woods, where he was captured the next day at the point of a pistol by a railroad hand with whom he had worked. After his arrest he was taken to the county jail at Boydton, but he was not kept there very long before he was sent to Petersburg and committed to jail for safe keeping. Phillips was brought to this city by order of the Judge of the county, who was afraid that the prisoner would be lynched if he was kept at the Boydton jail. Captain Overby was one of the most prominent citizens of Mecklenburg county, and when the news of his tragic death, and the circumstances attending it, became known in the county, the people became very indignant, and open threats were made of lynching the murderer.

Such was the bitter feeling felt towards Phillips in the county by reason of his brutal crime, that when his trial came off Governor McKinney thought it necessary to send a military guard along with Phillips to protect him from mob violence, and the Petersburg Grays, under the command of Captain F. R. Lassiter, carried the prisoner to Boydton, and remained all during his trial. Upon trial Phillips was convicted of murder in the first degree, and the court sentenced him to be hanged. After his trial Phillips was brought back to Petersburg under guard of the Petersburg Grays, and committed to jail.

NORTH STATE NEWS.

Heartrending Accident—Population of North Carolina—Miscellaneous.

GREENSBORO, N. C., AUG. 15—[Special.]—A report of a heartrending accident that happened at Highland, a popular and attractive mountain resort in Western North Carolina, last Tuesday, reached this place to-day. A Mr. Vanderhorst Lewis, of Charleston, S. C., with his wife and child were spending some time at the above-named place and these three, accompanied by a Miss Vanderhorst, a niece of Mr. Lewis, were walking out and strolled along the brow of a mountain precipice. Suddenly Mr. Lewis slipped and fell over, the distance of a hundred feet, striking upon the rocks below, where he lay motionless. The balance of the party looked on in helpless agony. There was no way to render assistance. The nearest house was three miles off and to this Miss Vanderhorst ran with all possible haste, while Mrs. Lewis stood and watched her husband for hours till help arrived. After several hours of most trying delay and effort the wounded man was hoisted up the face of the crag and taken to a house, where he lived only an hour.

The executive committee of the annual State Fair Association has offered a reward of $25 to the person making the most nearly correct estimate of the population of the State under the late census. All competitors are required to send with the estimate a two-cent stamp to pay for the registration of the guess. The popular estimate has already been made by some competent authority, and is placed at 1,800,000, which is said to entitle the State to two more representatives in Congress.

Jack Barbee, a constable of Durham county, had arrested and was taking to jail a negro, on last Monday, and while going with his prisoner along what is known as the Patterson road, the negro attempted to take away the officer's pistol, and got hold of it, but the constable managed to wrench it around in range of the negro's body and shot him in the bowels. He then went and obtained help and carried the wounded man to the house of another negro, about two miles off, where he soon died.

Hon. W. B. Glenn, of Winston, a prominent lawyer of that place, has just been taken by his friends for treatment to the Morganton Insane Asylum. Mr. Glenn represented Forsyth county a few years ago in the State Senate, and was one of only four Senators in the body who made such an aggressive fight for the passage of a prohibition bill. He has more recently been engaged in compiling a work, "The North Carolina Bar," which is unfinished, but was looked for among the members of the profession with lively interest.

Letters of incorporation have been taken out at this place authorizing the formation of the Cane Creek Quarry Company. Articles of agreement were drawn by Dr. W. P. Beall, of this place, who is president; Nathan Stafford, and George W. Sylvester. The capital stock is $6,000, with shares at $100 each.

RALEIGH.

Items of More or Less Interest from the North State Capital.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 15.—[Special.]—Three prisoners escaped from the jail in Goldsboro last night. They were all in for larceny and made the escape just before day by prying open a window.

Sam Hines, colored, was killed instantly while coupling cars at Dover, N. C., yesterday. His head was caught between the protruding lumber of the two cars and his skull was instantly crushed. It was a shocking death, but must have been without pain to the unfortunate man.

William Screven, a porter in a drug store at Wilmington, took laudanum yesterday, from the effects of which he died. It is not known whether it was a case of suicide or not.

William Clifton, manager of Bishop Lyman's farm, claims that he has invented a machine for measuring land. It registers its own measurement. It weighs only ten or twelve pounds, and can be run like a hand-wheel. A patent has been applied for.

The county convention delegates have been arriving all the afternoon. The convention will be the largest ever held here, and a stormy time is expected.

A most important decision has just been handed down to the Circuit Court. It involves the validity of the imposition of the tax on the Fertilizer Company of $500 by the State. It is held to be unconstitutional and void. It is held that it is a tax on commerce and an import duty, and for both reasons is unconstitutional. The court says that the tax is not within scope of the police power of the State; nor is it a mere inspection tax which the State might impose merely to cover the cost of an inspection and which would be lawful. It is the topic of conversation here.

A VERMONT HIGHWAYMAN.

Rather a Poor Field to Cary on His Operations.

A dispatch from White River Junction, Vermont, to the Boston Journal, says: A daring highway robbery was perpetrated three miles from here on the White River road last night. William Champion, a farmer, while returning home at 9 o'clock was held up a by highwayman, who fired a shot over his head and demanded his money or his life. Champion handed out his purse, containing less than a dollar. The highwayman asked if that was all he had, and Champion said it was. The highwayman returned the purse, saying, "Your are not the man I'm looking for. Move along." On arriving home, Champion sent a messenger to notify Constable Peck, of Hartford, and Deputy Sheriff O. A. Randall and Constable N. P. Wheeler, of this place. The two latter, supposing that the alleged highwayman was some one under the influence of liquor, started out unarmed with a team, followed by Peck. Half a mile from where Champion was stopped, the highwayman stepped from concealment, grasped the horse's bit and commanded them to hand over their money. Deputy Sheriff Randall parleyed with the robber, hoping to get an opportunity to turn the tables, or allow Peck, who was a few rods behind, to come up, and handed over his purse containing a small amount of money. The highwayman, hearing Peck approaching, ordered them to move on. They started too slowly to suit the robber, and he exclaimed, with an oath: "Go along or I'll bore you." The robber then turned his attention to Peck, firing three shots. Peck's horse became frightened, throwing him out and stunning him. The robber started for the railroad near by, followed by Randall and Wheeler, who fell into a culvert. When they had recovered themselves, the robber had disappeared. Randall, Wheeler, and Peck remained out all night looking for the robber. About noon to-day he was found asleep in the woods in the rear of the Catholic church, by Officer Peck and Dr. Watson, of Hartford, and he was locked up. He gives his name as George Wright, of Chicago, claims to be one of a gang of four, which he joined Monday night, and acknowledges that he is the man that held up Peddler Williams near Sharon Tuesday afternoon. He tells the following peculiar story of his connection with the gang. He was held up near here by three men Monday night, and was relieved of over $100, after which he was induced to join the gang and his money was returned. He was bound by solemn oaths to follow instructions, and in all operations he has been the only one to show himself, the other three remaining out of sight prepared to fire on any one showing fight. He was sent to town early this morning to secure food, but finding the groceries, etc., closed, he was only able to get a lunch for himself at a private house, after which he laid down to rest, awakening to find Officer Beck, revolver in hand, standing over him. A double-action 38-calibre revolver and $113 were found on him. Wright says that his companions were known as the Antoinettes, and he describes them as being tall and slim, with very broad shoulders, weighing 160 to 180 pounds each, all having brown hair and sandy moustaches; one, having a red spot over the left eye, is called "Red-Eyed Jim." They had planned to remain in an empty barn near Woodstock bridge until to-night, and then operate here. At a preliminary hearing to-night Wright was held under $2,500 bail for trial in December.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

An Engine Crushes Through a Depot and Explodes, Killing the Engineer.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., Aug. 15.—As the east-bound North Shore limited train on the Michigan Central railroad was passing Augusta, a small town, nine miles west of here, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, it ran into a standing freight train while going at full speed, and crushed through the depot building, completely demolishing it. The engine then exploded, blowing the fireman literally to pieces, and killing the engineer, Charles McRoberts. One brakeman is missing, and it is thought he is buried in the debris. Many others are more or less injured. Physicians were summoned from this city.

The limited did not stop at Augusta, having the right of way, and was running about fifty miles an hour. The freight was waiting on a side track for the express to pass. From some unaccountable reason, a switch at the spur was left turned on to the main track, and the express came into the freight at full speed. Eight cars were tossed into the air and the engine plowed through the debris and crashed into the depot. Engineer Charles McRoberts was blown twenty feet into the air and his mangled remains were picked up some distance off. Of the passengers only nine were injured seriously.

The railroad officials have little to say on the subject, and made every effort to belittle the accident. It was at first supposed that seventeen people were killed, but the latest reports confirm the facts herein stated.

BASE-BALL.

Results of the Various Games Played Yesterday.

National League.—At Boston: Brooklyns, 6; Bostons, 4 (ten innings). At Cleveland: Clevelands, 15; Pittsburgs, 0. At Cincinnati: Cincinnatis, 2; Chicagos, 9. At New York: New Yorks, 3; Philadelphias, 2.

Players' League.—At Boston: Bostons, 7, Philadelphias, 3. At Cleveland: Clevelands, 2; Buffalos, 11. At New York: New Yorks, 5; Brooklyns, 4. At Chicago: Chicagos, 3; Pittsburgs, 1.

American Association.—At Columbus: Columbus, 2; Syracuse, 5. At Toledo: Toledos, 14; Brooklyns, 11.

Atlantic League.—At New Haven: New Havens, 12; Wilmingtons, 1. At Baltimore: Baltimores, 8; Harrisburgs, 3. At Hartford: Hartfords, 1; Newarks, 5.

Monument to Daguerre.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—The feature of the eleventh annual convention of the Photographers' Association of America, which has been in session here this week, took place to-day, when the memorial of Daguerre, the inventor of the art of sun painting, was unveiled with impressive ceremonies in the rotunda of the National Museum, in the presence of a large number of enthusiastic knights of the camera and others. Secretary Noble delivered an eloquent address suitable to the occasion, in which he paid high tribute to the genius of the great French inventor.

Pope Leo Very Thin.

Signor de Cesare writes from Rome that the Pope, though grown very thin, is in good health considering his eighty-one years. In walking he bends forward and leans on a stick; he eats less than usual, and keeps up his strength by means of strong broth. While at the Casino in the day the Pope only receives visits from the Cardinals or some diplomatist, and it is very possible he finds the time tedious, while the Cardinals do not like to go there on account of the strong prejudice against the place at this season because of the malaria.—London Daily News.

VIRGINIA SECURITIES.

$12,500,000 DEPOSITED WITH THE DEBT COMMITTEE.

No Steps to be Taken until a Majority of the Bonds be Deposited—Epidemics of Ophthalmia and Colds—News From New York and Vicinity.

NEW YORK BUREAU
RICHMOND DAILY TIMES,
August 15, 1890.

The committee on the Virginia State debt gives notice that obligations of the State, amounting to $12,500,000, have been deposited under the agreement of May 12, 1889. Holders of such obligations should deposit them at once in order to avail themselves of the benefit of the agreement. Upon receipt of a majority of the securities, the committee will only receive additional securities, within such time and upon such conditions, as may then be advertised. The committee declare they will take no steps in the matter of the adjustment until a majority of the bonds have been deposited, but express no doubt that such majority will be deposited, and are perfectly satisfied at the way they are coming in at present. Most of the bonds already deposited are with Brown, Shipley & Co., in London. The committee refuse to divulge their future plans regarding the debt until the majority of the bonds have been deposited.

EPIDEMIC OF OPHTHALMIA.

An epidemic of purulent opthalmia threatens parts of this city. For many days past the staff of the eye and ear hospital has been treating dozens of boys and girls from the crowded tenement houses close to the river. In nearly every case treated the patient has been in the habit of using the public baths. Dr. Pooley, the specialist in eye diseases, hopes the press will succeed in rousing the public on this question. That the spread of the disease is connected with the baths is proved by the fact that last year he treated for the same complaint fifty cases, all from the Twenty-seventh street bath.

LA GRIPPE AGAIN.

An epidemic of colds, with many of the symptoms experienced by those who suffered from "la grippe," has given rise to the fear that our city might be in the clutch of that disease for a second time. The doctors say that the present trouble is not Russian influenza, because it is not contagious, and is entirely due to sudden atmospheric changes. They are confident that the present great number of colds will not result seriously.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

Mrs. Eleanor Tintie has just died at Stony Brook, N. J., in her one hundred and first year. She celebrated her one hundredth anniversary February 7th, and entertained at her "century supper" 350 guests, of whom 119 were direct descendants. Mrs. Tintie had seven children, the eldest of whom seventy-four years of age, is still living.

DISGUSTED WITH MORMONISM.

Eighty Mormons arrived here on the Union Steamship Wisconsin. Most of them were from England, and, with one exception, all proceeded on their way to Utah. The exception was a seventeen-year-old girl, Ella Gee, from Nottingham. Her father has been a resident of Utah for some years and has been trying to induce her to join him there and enter the Mormon Church. On the outward passage, however, she became dissatisfied with the teachings of the Mormon elders and determined not to go to Utah. On explaining her situation at the Barge office, she was assured that she would be allowed to return, and will start back in a few days.

HUDSON RIVER TUNNEL.

The completition of the Hudson River tunnel is now assured for about the year 1896. The actual transfer of the terminii of the various important railroads from Jersey City to the center of New York city will be a momentous change. Such roads might reach depressed Broadway stations at several points north of Canal street by tunnels, and the change would not only affect the trade of the city but the localities of various industries and trade. The longest-look-ahead of the wisest men cannot fully recognize what transformation may follow the completion of this work.

MR. CLEVELAND BUYS A COTTAGE.

An announcement from Marion, Mass., says: Ex-President Cleveland has purchased a cottage by the sea. Unlike President Harrison, Mr. Cleveland bought his cottage and the land around it outright; he did not wait to see if he liked it or anything of that kind. The cottage is on Buzzard's Bay, just across from Marion. With it Mr. Cleveland has purchased a hundred acres of wooded coast on Buzzard's Bay. The place was formerly known as Ludor Haven, and belonged to the Ludors, of Boston. The house is a large, low, ivy-covered wooden structure with a stone foundation. It stands on the rocks near the shore, and is one of the best bits of architecture on the bay. There is good fishing all about, and the waters afford good sailing and swimming. The hundred acres of land which surrounds the house are not laid out in park fashion. Mr. Cleveland intends to use what he wants for grounds, and sell the rest. It is said it is already laid out in small lots, to be sold if the owner can succeed in getting a suitable purchaser for a neighbor. That it is a money-making investment, Mr. Cle