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Damages Claimed for Assault on a Man in Warren.

A LETTER TO GOVERNOR TYLER.

Secretary Hay Sends Him the Correspondence—Result of the Court-Martial of Negro Soldiers—A Pardon Granted Horsley.

A communication was received by Governor Tyler yesterday from Hon. John Hay, Secretary of State, enclosing a copy of a note from the Turkish Minister at Washington, in which he brings to the attention of the State Department a case of assault by certain parties whose names are given, upon Serkis Nichanian, a Turkish subject, at Waterlick Station, Warren county, Virginia, and requests that the offending parties be punished and due reparation made to Nichanian.

The complaint to the Turkish Minister was made by Orlan Clyde Cullen, also of Waterlick Station, who charges that the parties named (four of them) attempted to execute a trumped up, false and wholly illegal warrant against himself. He says Serkis had not committed any offense, and was beaten and handcuffed by the parties without any provocation.

TO SUE THE GOVERNMENT.

He further says that Serkis Lenrs an excellent character, and "we have employed Judge Giles Cook, and the Hon. D. C. O'Flaherty, of Front Royal, to prosecute a claim of ten thousand dollars for damages against the United States government for the offenses committed against his person."

The Secretary of State in his letter to the Governor requests that His Excellency will cause a full and speedy investigation of the matter to be made, and advise the Department of the result thereof. The Governor will forward the papers to the proper authorities of Warren county.

THE COLORED SOLDIERS.

Governor Tyler ras received from the War Department at Washington official announcement of the result of the trial by court-martial of the members of the Sixth Virginia Regiment (colored), charged with violation of the Twenty-first and Sixty-second Articles of War while at Camp Haskell, Macon, Ga. Private John Banks, Company H; Private William Taliaferro, Company D; Private Thaddius Norris were found not guilty and acquitted. The findings in these cases are approved by the War Department. The finding in the case of Private John Goodwyn, Company G, Sixth Virginia Regiment, is also approved. This soldier was sentenced to be confined at hard labor under charge of the regimental guard for one month and to forfeit his pay for the same period. This regiment was recently mustered out of service.

PARDON GRANTED.

The Governor granted a pardon to Henry Horsley, who was serving a term of six months in jail at Charlottesville. He was convicted of assault. The petition was presented by Major Micajah Woods, the Commonwealth's Attorney of Albemarle.

HELPING THE POOR.

The Good Work Still Going on With Happy Results.

The disagreeable weather yesterday brought no relief to the needy, but the City Mission and the Citizen's Relief Association contributed much comfort to those whose wants were apparent, and all day the good work of distributing food, fuel and clothing was kept up.

The stations for the reception of donations for the poor that were established by the Citizen's Relief Association have been sources of much comfort to the worthy and they will continue in operation all the week.

Many cases of destitution have developed in families where sickness, especially among children prevails and the lack of fuel in many cases resulted in the burning of chairs and other pieces of household furniture to keep the little ones warm.

A number of merchants have shown commendable grace in forwarding contributions to the various distributing points, and flour, meal, sugar, coffee, buckwheat and other necessaries are being received in large quantities and distributed judiciously.

The rooms of the Fulton Reading rooms are open day and night and many of the poor of that section as well as from the adjoining country take advantage of the comfort there given.

Messrs. S. H. Cottrell, Julius Hobson and Marx Gunst, who were kept busy all day seeing that the poor were supplied with fuel, have established another station for the delivery of gas house coke at Mr. S. Dean's, Twenty-eighth and Leigh streets.

The four stations which have been already established, have been thronged all day, principally by colored people, and more than a hundred have been supplied at each place.

Those in charge of the stations are anxious that all those, both white and colored, who need fuel, should apply, and their wants will be promptly attended to.

The new station will be open for business this morning early.

The prices of provisions are still high and fowls, eggs and vegetables are scarce. The dealers in wood and coal are still having great difficulty in delivering orders.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

No One Killed but Several Men Were Injured.

As mentioned in The Times yesterday, a train on the James River Division of the the Chesapeake and Ohio, jumped the track near Stapleton about 2:30 o'clock that morning.

The eastbound train that left Lynchburg at 2:45 o'clock, an hour and a half behind regular time, composed of two passenger coaches and a combination baggage and mail car, jumped the track.

Fortunately no one was killed although two passengers were quite severely bruised.

The train was in charge of Conductor Edward S. Whittaker, and he did excellent work in providing for the comfort of the people in the wreck.

The passengers lost no time in getting out of the cars. The atmosphere was cold and the snow was banked high on either side of the track. Capt. Whittaker sent the engine down the road to the telegraph station and a hurry message was sent to Gladstone for a wrecking train, which arrived as quickly as possible, the passengers were carried to Gladstone in a caboose, and took things as comfortable as possible, with the assistance of the train men and a local county doctor.

They were provided with supper, and a train in the meantime was made up at Scottsville and the passengers were brought to Richmond, reaching here about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The wrecked coaches were taken to Gladstone, and in a reasonably short while the track was open and in condition for the resumption of traffic.

Mail Agent W. D. Rodes was probably the most severely injured, although he was not seriously hurt. His shoulder was badly bruised and he suffered with several smaller bruises about the body.

TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

Capt. Stuart will Leave the Army. A Virginian Promoted.

Capt. J. E. B. Stuart of the Commissary Department of the United States volunteer army, has been ordered mustered out on the 7th of April. He was a clerk at the Merchants' National Bank prior to his appointment in the army and will resume his former duties.

Lieutenant Harry C. Cabell, of Virginia, has been promoted from first lieutenant of the Fourteenth United States Infantry to captain in the Third Infantry, date of rank to be from July 10th, 1898. He is a brother of Hon. J. Alston Cabell and is at present at Manila.

Funeral Services.

The funeral of Mr. David M. Vestal, who died at his residence No. 3605 east Marshall street Wednesday afternoon, will take place from the residence this morning at 11 o'clock.

The remains of Mr. Isaac Kronheimer, who died at Oxford, N. C., on Monday were brought to Richmond and the funeral took place from the Mortuary Chapel at the Hebrew Cemetery yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Minnie B. Weber, who died Wednesday morning at her residence in Fulton, will take place from Denny Street Methodist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the interment will be made in Oakwood.

Heating Apparatus All Right.

For the benefit of his patrons Manager Thomas G. Leath of the Academy of Music desires to announce that the heating apparatus of the Academy has recently been thoroughly remodeled and the temperature of the interior of the house will hereafter be comfortable even on the coldest nights.

B. Y. P. U. Postponed.

On account of fuel and water famine in Charlottesville, the sixth annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Virginia has been postponed until March 14th and 15th.

Mr. Redwood is Improved.

Mr. Elmore S. Redwood, general delivery clerk at the postoffice, who has been sick for some days at the residence of his father, Capt. J. H. Redwood, with appendicitis, was considered better yesterday.

"Ladies' Night."

"Ladies' Night" at Pickett Camp has been postponed from next Monday night to the 27th instant, because of the bad weather.

ROOFS GIVE WAY UNDER THE SNOW

Its Weight Causes Much Damage in This City.

A FRESHET IN RIVER PROBABLE.

The Water Has Not Yet Begun to Rise, However—A Unanimous Demand for the Plumber—Street Force at Work all Night.

The weight of the snow, which lies so heavily upon many houses in this city, has been in some cases productive of bad results, although, fortunately, there has been no loss of life or injury to anyone reported.

Early yesterday afternoon a portion of the roof of Cosby's stables, at No. 1336 east Franklin street, gave way and fell inward with a crash. Fortunately the owner had had warning of the impending catastrophe and had removed his stock to a place of safety.

A break also occurred in the roof of the residence of Mr. S. W. Harwood, corner of Tenth and Clay streets, and some damage was done by water.

AN OFFICE FLOODED.

The office of Mr. H. L. Denoon, the well known real estate man, was also flooded to some extent.

These are but a few instances of hundreds of similar occurrences, and the tinners and carpenters will probably have more work on their hands than they can possibly attend to.

The snow yesterday melted rapidly under the influence of the warm rain, and the crossings were flooded in many places to a depth of more than a foot, while the street-car tracks were transformed into perfect rivers.

Ever alive to the interests of the citizens of Richmond, Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, city engineer, had the street force at work all of last night in various portions of the city opening the culverts where they had become stopped up and letting the accumulation of water escape.

So rapidly did a portion of the snow disappear yesterday that serious fears are entertained regarding a rise in the river. There was no indication last night of any rise, but there has as yet scarcely been sufficient time for the melting snow to get in its work.

Section Director E. A. Evans said last night that he had as yet heard nothing from his correspondents up the river. He said further that if the temperature continued as low as it was yesterday there was little danger, but should the mercury rise much a freshet was probable.

PLUMBER IN DEMAND.

The mercury yesterday was around the freezing point most of the day, but it was warm enough for many of the water pipes in residences, which have been frozen, to thaw out. Many cellars were partially flooded before the water was turned off, and there was a unanimous cry for the plumber.

That individual was sought high and low. Some secured his services, but the majority had to rest satisfied with promises.

"It is hardly an exaggeration to say," remarked a well known plumber yesterday, "that there is scarcely a house in town without a bursted water pipe in it. My men are as busy as they can be, and I have had to turn down quite a number of orders.

"These ranges are going to cause more trouble," he added, "unless people are very particular. Some have turned all the water out of their boilers and firebacks. If the water is allowed to run in again when the range is hot there is bound to be an explosion, which will leave scarcely a piece of the range and may kill some one."

The coal dealers are still struggling with their orders, but they have been so completely swamped that it will be some time before they are able to come anywhere near catching up. The only sure way to get coal is to hire a cart or wagon and go after it yourself.

THE RUNNING OF TRAINS.

Trains on all the roads entering Richmond are running practically on time. The one due here from Washington at 7:10 last evening was a little over an hour late and the one from the South over the Southern road due at 6:25 was delayed an hour or more.

Tons of mail were received at the postoffice and the employes there had more work than they would do without working overtime, which they did.

The street car companies have only succeeded in running cars on their main lines. The branches may be operated today but this is by no means certain.

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WERE TWO CHARGES.

Witnesses Not Put in on One for Fear of Proving the Other.

Mr. Saumel Parrish, who represented Mr. Jacob Bernstein and his two sons, was put in the disagreeable plight in the Police Court yesterday morning of being afraid to put on witnesses for his client in an alleged assault case lest another charge should be substantiated.

Mr. Jacob Bernstein and his two sons, Messrs. M. and Solomon Bernstein, who conduct a saloon and restaurant, were charged with assaulting and beating a negro named Tom Palmer. There was also entered against Mr. Jacob Bernstein the charge of keeping his barroom open last Sunday, and selling liquor.

The assault case came up before 'Squire Nat. Tyler Monday when Justice John was snow-bound, and Palmer then testified that he had gone to Mr. Bernstein's place drunk, had talked too much, and had gotten a beating for his pains.

Palmer told a different story yesterday, saying that he had dropped some money in Mr. Bernstein's place and refused to go until he had found it, and that the Bernsteins beat him meanwhile.

Two witnesses corroborated Palmer, and all three declared that they had not been in Bernstein's bar, and did not know that any liquor was sold.

Justice John only examined each witness briefly, and when Mr. Parrish started in to make a cross-examination, he warned him that if he kept on the result might be proof that liquor had been sold on Sunday.

Mr. Parrish argued for a while, but finally submitted, and the Justice fined the Bernsteins $250 each for assault, dismissing the liquor-selling charge. Mr. Jacob Bernstein paid the amount, but all three protested vigorously.

T. Davis was arrested Wednesday night on the charge of jumping his board bill at the Davis House, amounting to $12.75. The evidence of Mr. W. C. Hundley, and the testimony of Davis himself went to show that he had been on a spree, and had run out of money. He is a drummer, and he told Justice John that if he could get his sample cases, now in the possession of the proprietor of the Windsor House, to which place he went from the Davis House, he could soon make enough to pay everything he owed.

Justice John instructed Mr. Kilbourn, proprietor of the Windsor, to turn over to Mr. Davis his two sample cases, and told Mr. Hundley, of the Davis House, to hold one while Davis used the other.

Davis then voluntarily took the oath of total abstinence for twelve months, and went off with the understanding that he should appear in court again on the 25th, and report progress.

A Sowell, charged with being drunk, was required to give $100 security for 10 days.

In the United States Court.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with Judges Goff, Morris and Brawley presiding.

No. 293. Mrs. Clemye James, administratrix of W. A. James, et al., appellants, vs. Central Trust Company of New York, and Southern Railway Company, appellees. Appeal from Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Charlotte. Argued by Judge A. C. Avery, of Morganton, N. C., for appellants, and by Charles Price, general counsel Southern Railway Company, of Salisbury, N. C., for appellees, and submitted.

Next case in call for argument is No. 290. Board of Commissioners of Stanley county, N. C., appellants vs. W. N. Coler & Co., appellees. Appeal from Circuit Court of North Carolina at Charlotte. To be argued by Judge A. C. Avery, of Morganton, N. C., and D. Lebench, Jr., of Greensboro, N. C., for appellants and Charles Price, of Salisburg, N. C., for appellees.

Court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

The Summer Normal Schools.

The Department of Public Instruction is receiving numerous applications from persons who wish to teach in the summer normal schools. Many cities and towns are asking for the schools.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

Cities and Towns Ask for Establishment of Dispensaries.

JUDGE NORWOOD HAS RESIGNED

Many Bills Passed Incorporating New Railroads—The Committee Has Reported a Bill for Disfranchising Negroes—Discussed To-Day.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 16.—Special.—The Legislature is passing many dispensary bills. To-day there was a lively discussion of the bill to give Charlotte a dispensary. This is the most important of all such bills. Greensboro to-day held a primary on the dispensary question.

JUDGE NORWOOD.

The Senate again postponed until to-morrow the matter of the impeachment of Judge W. L. Norwood, as Governor Russell has received Norwood's resignation.

Many railway bills passed, among these being bills to incorporate the Northern and Southern, the Pungo and Mattamuskeet, the Elizabeth City and Western.

The Senate passed the bill creating Scotland county out of the four lower townships of Richmond.

TO DISFRANCHISE THE NEGRO.

The House will to-morrow take up the bill to disfranchise the negroes. The committee to-day reported it. For a month the Democratic caucus and the committee have been at work on this matter.

A bill was introduced in the House to incorporate the Danville Granite City and Western railway.

This evening the Finance Committees of the two houses of the Legislature reached and agreed to favorably report the Willard bill, to impose a tax on the gross earnings of railways. The bill will be reported tomorrow.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Head Camp Organized for this District Yesterday.

The Head Camp Convention Woodmen of the World met at New Ford's yesterday morning, and a Head Camp for this district, known as "L" district, was organized with the following officers:

Past Head Council Commander—J. H. Haroy, of Norfolk.

Sovereign Head Commander—A. C. Fine, of Norfolk.

Head Advisory Lieutenant—John B. Allen, of Richmond.

Head Banker—John S. Morris, of Richmond.

Head Clerk—James W. Gentry, of Richmond.

Head Escort—E. B. Lewis, of Kinston, N. C.

Head Watchman—Labor Commissioner A. P. Montague.

Head Sentry—W. B. Garlick, of Richmond.

Head Managers—W. T. Atkinson, Richmond; C. G. Johnson, Kinston, N. C.; Isaac Held, Richmond; J. F. Baker, Kinston, N. C.

Delegate to Grand Camp Convention at Memphis, on the second Tuesday in March—E. B. Lewis, Kinston, N. C. Memphis—E. B. Lewis, Kinston, N. C.

After the election of officers and transacting some routine business the Head Camp took a recess until 1:30 o'clock.

"L" district embraces Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and Delaware.

The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of reports, resolutions and letters, and it was decided to hold the next convention in Norfolk, on February 14th, 1901.

At the conclusion of the business session the Camp adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be extended to the proprietors of the New Ford's Hotel for the excellent manner in which they have provided for the comfort of the convention under the most adverse circumstances possible.

The delegates from a distance will leave for their homes to-day.

Chairman of the Board of Managers, C. C. Farmer, of Omaha, Nebraska, who attended the convention in his official capacity, and who created a most pleasant impression, left for Chicago last night.

MIDWINTER WEDDINGS.

A Groom 20 Years of Age and His Bride Just 18.

Mr. William E. Talley, of Henrico, and Miss Va Constance Turner were married Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, at the East-End Baptist church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joel T. Tucker. The bride is a daughter of Mr. George T. Turner, of No. 316 north Twenty-fifth street, and a popular young lady. Mr. Talley is a foreman at the Randolph Paper-Box plant, and is favorably known.

The clerk of the Henrico County Court yesterday issued a marriage license to Mr. Joseph A. Minsar and Miss Mary V. Pitt. The groom-elect is a well-known business man and the bride-elect the daughter of Mr. John Pitt. The ceremony was to be performed at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 1317 Twenty-first street, Fairmount, last night at 9 o'clock.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday by the Henrico county clerk to Mr. Edward V. Chewning and Miss Mary A. Spiller. The young man is a farmer of Henrico, and is only 20 years of age. His bride is 18 years of age and is the daughter of Mr. W. Spiller. The marriage took place Wednesday.

There were no cases tried at the Henrico County Court yesterday, and the court was not in session.

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY.

It Has Suffered Much from the Effects of the Storm.

No enterprise in Richmond has suffered more from the effects of the snow and sleet or had more difficulties to contend with than the Richmond Telephone Company. They have been making the most strenuous efforts to keep up the service against great odds. Besides many broken circuits, several of their big cables were disarranged, and it required heavy work to put them in condition.

The company has had geat difficulty in securing competent hands to work in the terrible cold.

The work of repair is going on as rapidly as possible, and Colonel McCluer, the superintendent, said yesterday that matters were getting in better shape, and if their patrons would be patient the service would be fully restored in a very short time.

MEETINGS POSTPONED.

The Weather Proved Too Rough for the Councilmen.

The Committee on Streets, First Market, Water, and Grounds and Buildings were scheduled to meet yesterday, but on account of the extremely bad weather, all meetings were called off.

The Street Committee will attempt to meet next Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock; o'clock; the Committee on Grounds and Buildings at 7:30 that night, and the Committee on Water will meet at 1013 east Main street this morning to approve pay-roll.

The Light Committee yesterday afternoon approved the pay-roll for the month.

Free Kindling Wood.

Beginning at 9 A. M. to-day Mr. T. E. Tragle, of the Tragle Medicine Company, 11 east Broad street, will give two hundred empty boxes for kindling wood only to those that are in great need of kindling. Mr. Tragle hopes that other merchants will do likewise, especially those that have their cellars full of empty boxes. It will help many a poor family that have no money to procure wood at the price caused by the recent bad weather. Mr. Tragle's store is just opposite S. H. Cottrell's coal yard, where the city has a free station for gas-house coke.

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LOST FOUR TOES.

Mr. Herman F. Thacker Falls Under a Moving Train.

Mr. Herman F. Thacker, telegraph operator for the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad at Bolton, was painfully injured at Elba yesterday morning and had a narrow escape from instant death. As it was his foot was so badly injured that several toes had to be amputated.

Mr. Thacker attempted to board a northbound passenger train at the point mentioned about 11 o'clock. The train was moving slowly, but he slipped on the ice and fell, a bank of snow by the side of the track throwing him toward the train.

He struggled desperately to keep out of the way, but one foot got under the wheels and was severely mashed.

Dr. J. M. Winfree was quickly summoned and in a few minutes the ambulance arrived in charge of Dr. A. G. Brown, Jr. The injured man was taken to the Retreat for the Sick and received every attention.

Upon examination by Dr. Winfree it was found necessary to amputate four toes. Mr. Thacker was reported to be getting along very well last night.

The Coming of Rosenthal.

The music lovers of this city are, no doubt, eagerly awaiting the coming of Rosenthal, whose only appearance will take place at the Academy of Music on the 25th. This wonderful artist has been termed "The Giant of the Keyboard," stupendous, amazing, astounding, sympathetic, magnificent, and further, to quote from the pen of New York's most eminent critic, Mr. H. E. Krehbiel, "Rosenthal said farewell for the time being to the New York people at the recital in Carnegie Hall to over four thousand people. Before he returns to us he will have demonstrated the extreme possibilities in many respects of piano playing to the people whose faces are turned westward. Westward. Happy people! Infinitely happy, in the prospect of hearing such an artist! Happy, then, is the opportunity is to begin at the beginning of the list of adjectives which has been exhausted here in the efforts to characterize the wonderful playing of this master-poet of the pianoforte, this profoundly analytical musician. All are now turned over to the men who must write and talk hereafter, while New Yorkers permit the spell that he wove around them to wear off, or maintain the intoxication by going over what they heard in memory until he returns to them."

To Publish a Paper.

The stewards of the Denny-Street Methodist church have decided to publish monthly, a nice little newspaper, in the interest of the church. They elected the pastor, the Rev. J. T. Routten, editor and Mr. R. Nelsen business manager. The first issue will appear next Monday.

The funeral services of Mrs. Weber, of Louisiana street, will be conducted from the Denny-Street church to-day at 3 o'clock.

Special Services at Pine-Street.

Rev. F. H. Martin, assisting Rev. Dr. J. B. Hutson, the pastor, commenced special services at Pine-Street Baptist church Wednesday night, and a very good audience attended despite the inclement weather. Services will be held each night this week.

Mr. Martin was to have been here the first Monday in February, but was detained on account of the sleet. On last Monday night it was expected to open the meeting, but Mr. Martin was snowbound at his home in Salem.

Fire in a Coal Yard.

Fire broke out at 5:46 o'clock yesterday morning in J. B. Lacy's coal yard, corner of Cary and Madison streets. There were three still alarms, to which No. 6 engine company, No. 3 truck, and company No. 6 responded.

The water-plug was frozen, and before it could be gotten in working order the office and blacksmith shop was destroyed. No fuel was burned, and the loss is not great.

"THE CIRCUS GIRL."

Slush and Rain Did Not Prevent a Good Audience Last Night.

A surprisingly large audience braved the extremely disagreeable weather last night to see the much-talked-of musical comedy, "The Circus Girl."

There was some disappointment in the production, for being of English extraction, it, naturally, fell behind the expectations of an American audience, who have become accustomed to Hoyt's farces and the New York productions.

The first act contains most of the spice of the piece, and several pantomime musical insertions were repeatedly encored. The music in parts is catchy and light, particularly that introduced by Miss Minnie Ashley as "Dora," and one or two of the choruses. There is very little perceptible plot to the story, which runs along in the alleged humorous style of the English farceur, and which winds up just as every one is given to see in the first act, so that there is no necessity of waiting through the long acts for an uncertain result.

Miss Ashley easily leads the cast on the gentler side, and Mr. Bert C. Thayer, as "Dick," Mr. Thomas Picketts, as "Sir Titus," and Mr. Charles Danby, as "Bigg," interpolated enough American humor into their parts to make them go.

The remainder of the caste were only fair, and the chorus, composed of about twenty quite good-looking girls, with acceptable voices, made as much of their music as could be done.

"The Geisha" will be given at the matinee this afternoon and to-night.

Mr. Leath promises that little difficulty will be experienced in crossing the flagstings that lead to the Academy to-day, as he has arranged to have them cleared of the snow and slush that made them almost impassable last night.

A rare treat is in store for lovers of Hoytian humor to-morow, matinee and night, when Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York," which made such a pronounced hit, with theatre-goers when last presented here, will return polished and improved, up-to date.

"The Stranger" is a bright, rollicking comedy, a satire on every-day life as viewed in the great Metropolis, and is this season being presented by a company of clever comedians and comediennes, headed by John D. Gilbert, Alice Holbrook, John Gilroy, Amy Muller, Tom Martin, and others.

Bursting Radiators Cause Damage.

The bursting of two radiators in the Customs House Wednesday caused considerable inconvenience and some damage. The water leaked through into the Internal Revenue office and disfigured the upper wall.

A number of the records in the United States District Clerk's office were damaged slightly. Mr. Brady promptly removed the records to a dry place, and thus avoided considerable damage. A telegram was sent to Washington yesterday asking the sanction of the department to have the damage to the radiators repaired.

Court News.

Notices of motion for judgment were docketed in the Circuit Court yesterday in the following cases, both of which were contested:

Whitlock & Hanson against Peter Hagan for $300.

W. M. Parrish against Wm. G. Singleton for $34.24.

The Friend Snowbound.

Owing to the severity of the weather, The Catholic Friend press is not in operation, consequently The Friend will not make its usual visit this week.

Money for Charity.

Mr. Jake Wells, manager of the Bijou Theatre, yesterday turned over to the Citizens' Relief Association $30, the proceeds of the matinee given for charity.

Boydton Had a Scare.

BOYDTON, VA., February 16.—Special. The excitement over what was supposed to be a case of varioloid was relieved today when Dr. Riddick, the specialist from the Board of Health of Norfolk, pronounced that the suspect had neither small-pox nor varioloid, but the eruption was the effect of vaccination.

The Council called a special meeting at once and the quarantine was removed.

BISHOP CHARLES B. GALLOWAY will meet the Methodist preachers of Richmond, Petersburg and vicinity THIS MORNING in the pastor's study of Centenary church, Fifth and Grace streets, at 10 o'clock.

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