PITIFUL PLIGHT OF PETERSBURG MAN

John S. Moody Assaulted and Robbed at Night.

LEFT FOR DEAD ON RAILROAD.

His Condition Is Extremely Critical. Congressman Lassiter Gathering Data to Resist the Search for His Seat—Young Man Arrested.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 1.—Mr. John S. Moody, formerly of this city, but now of Waverly, was assaulted and robbed late last night and left in a dying condition near the Norfolk and Western Railroad tracks one mile east of Disputanta.

When Moody was first found it was supposed that he had been struck by a train. Dr. W. H. Wallace, of Disputanta, reached him promptly, and at once communicated with the Norfolk and Western authorities. Dr. J. M. Burke, the company's physician in this city, was telegraphed for, and left about 2 o'clock this morning on a special engine. The two physicians succeeded in restoring Moody to partial consciousness and he told them that two men, unknown to him, had assaulted and robbed him. The highwaymen turned all of his pockets inside out and took everything of value he had on his person. Moody's condition is extremely critical. It cannot be said whether he will live or not. He was badly bruised and horrible gashes were cut in his face.

GATHERING DATA.

Congressman Lassiter is busy gathering such data as will be of use to him in the notice of contest served on him by Wilson. Mr. Lassiter has thirty days within which to complete this paper. The contestant will then begin taking depositions, which will consume probably forty days. Mr. W. B. McIlwaine is counsel for Major Lassiter.

Harvey Williams, a young man from Danville, was arrested here this morning on suspicion. He is believed to be the man who, more than a year ago, broke into a laundry on Bank Street.

C. P. Eanes, commissioner of the revenue, has appointed W. J. Wherry special deputy for the purpose of compiling a list of the ex-Confederates now living in Petersburg. The list is prepared in accordance with an act of the Legislature approved March 6, 1900.

THE CHIEF HONORED.

The officers and privates of the police corps presented Chief-of-Police Ragland with a handsome umbrella to-day. Mayor Pleasants delivered the New Year's gift to the Chief from his men, and Captain Ragland accepted it gracefully.

The name of the postoffice at San Marino, Dinwiddie county, has been changed to McKenney, in honor of W. R. McKenney, of this city. C. G. Medlock has been reappointed postmaster.

James E. Cuthbert and R. R. Percival, two prominent young men of this city, have formed a copartnership and will conduct a real estate and rental business in Petersburg under the firm name of Cuthbert and Percival.

Mr. Preston L. Roper will entertain the tobacco buyers of Petersburg at his home on Sycamore Street Thursday night.

Miss Maude Stringfellow, of Richmond, is visiting friends in Petersburg.

A card party was given by Miss Spotswood on High Street to-night in honor of Miss Cooper, of Wilmington, Del.

A KEEPER ROBBED.

J. A. Peterson, keeper of the lighter in Petersburg harbor, was robbed last night of all he had in his cabin save his gun.

Dr. John Herbert Claiborne entertained his friends to-day in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of his professional life. Dr. Claiborne is one of the most distinguished physicians in the State. He began the practice of medicine in Petersburg fifty years ago, and there are few families that have not been visited by him. The reception is being held from 12 o'clock to-day till midnight to-night, and his beautiful home is crowded with guests.

The girls will give their german at Library Hall to-morrow night.

"Why Smith Left Home" comes to the Academy Thursday night. There has been improvements made in the heating of the Aacademy, and the audience can now enjoy a play without discomfort from the cold.

Messrs. Kronheimer & Company, of Australia, sent $500 as a Christmas gift to the employers at Dunlop's [illegible] in this city.

The health officer's report, s[illegible] the total number of deaths in De[illegible] to be 47—white 17, colored 30.

There were 1,881 arrests mad[illegible] the police in Petersburg during 1[illegible]

A SOUR STOMACH

Is Often the Real Cause of a Sour Temper.

That the condition of the digestive organs has a marked effect upon character or disposition is a truism as old as the hills. Old Ben Jonson wisely said "the pleasure of living depends upon the liver," and it is a fact which none may dispute, that a sunny disposition more often results from a healthy digestion than from any other cause.

Acid dyspepsia, commonly called sour stomach or heartburn, is caused by slow digestion of food; instead of being promptly digested and converted into blood, bone and muscle, it lies in the stomach for hours, fermenting and decaying, creating gases which cause pressure on the lungs and heart, short breath and general discomfort and irritation.

Such half digested food is, indeed, poor nourishment for the body, brain and nerves and the result is shown in irritable tempers, unaccountable headaches and that depressing condition usually called the "blues," but how quickly all these disappear when appetite and digestion are restored.

Laxative medicines only irritate the already irritated stomach and bowels and have no effect upon actual digestion of food.

The sensible course to follow is to make use of simple natural digestives like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals until the stomach has a chance to recuperate.

The natural digestives which every healthy stomach contains are peptones, diastase and Hydrochloric and lactic acids and when any of them are lacking the trouble begins; the reason Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are so valuable and successful in curing stomach troubles is because they contain, in a pleasant concentrated form all these absolutely necessary essentials for perfect digestion and assimilation of food.

Henry Kirkpatrick, of Lawrence, Mass., says: "Men and women whose occupation precludes an active out door life should make it a daily practice to use Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals. I have done so myself and I know positively that I owe my present health and vigor to their daily use.

"From the time I was 22, when I graduated from school with broken health from over work until I was 34, I scarcely knew what it was to be free from stomach weakness. I had no appetite whatever for breakfast and very little for any other meal.

"I had acidity and heart-burn nearly every day, and sometimes was alarmed by irregularity and palpitation of the heart, but all this gradually disappeared after I began using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and I can eat my meals with relish and satisfaction which I had not known since I was a growing boy."

The success and popularity of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is unprecedented, but it is [illegible] in the United States, Canada and Great Britain [illegible]

Sent Free To Men

Free Trial Package of this New Discovery Mailed to Every Man Sending Name and Address. Quickly Restores Strength and Vigor.

Free trial packages of a most remarkable remedy are being mailed to all who will write the State Medical Institute. They cured so many men who had suffered for years against the mental and physical suffering of lost manhood that the Institute has decided to distribute free packages to all who write. It is a treatment and all men who suffer from any form of sexual weakness resulting from youthful folly, premature loss of strength and memory, weak back, varicocele, or emaciation of parts, can cure themselves at home.

A. E. ROBINSON, M. D., C. M., Medical Director.

The remedy has a peculiarly strengthening effect of warmth and seems to act like magic to the desired location, giving strength and development just where it is needed. It cures all the ills and troubles that result from years of misuse of the natural functions and has been an absolute success in all cases. A request to the State Medical Institute, 791 Elektron Building, Fort Wayne, Ind., stating that you desire one of their free trial packages will be supplied with promptly. The Institute is anxious of reaching that great class of men who are unable to leave home to be cured and the free sample will enable them to see how easy it is to be cured of any weakness when the proper remedy is employed. The Institute makes no restrictions. Any man who writes may be sent a free sample, carefully wrapped in plain package so that its receipt need have no fear of embarrassment or publicity. Readers are requested to write without delay.

TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY.

Two Large Deals Consummated in the Chancery Court.

In the Chancery Court a deed of bargain and sale was recorded, by which the property on the east side of Twelfth Street is consigned to the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company by Lucy R. Tatum and Mary S. Tatum for the sum of $14,500.

The property on the southeast corner of Main and Twenty-sixth Streets was also transfered in the Chancery Court from W. T. Hancock to W. J. Anderson and R. G. Rennolds, of the Richmond Stove-Works, for $15,000.

The former piece of property is utilized for offices of the Virginia-Carolina Company, and the latter for a division of the Richmond Stove-Works.

Funeral Services.

The funeral of Mr. Caxnea[illegible] took place from the residence, [illegible] West Franklin Street, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Strauthmor of St. Paul's Church, officiating.

The pall-bearers were [illegible] Maxwell T. Clarke, Preston C[illegible], William C. Bentley, Colonel John Purcell, James T. Gray, William [illegible], Captain Cunningham Hall, David McCaw, James Caskie, Richard [illegible]well, of Fredericksburg; Judge L. [illegible], Blair Pegram and Thomas D. N[illegible].

A called meeting of the [illegible] Trade of Richmond was held yesterday. President Arrington called the [illegible] to order, and in a touching address announced the death of Secretary [illegible] and appointed a committee to [illegible] suitable resolutions of regret. The committee consisted of Messrs. Willi[illegible] Miller, R. C. Morton and T. D. [illegible], Jr.

The funeral of Veteran [illegible]ames H. Campbell took place Mo[illegible] morning from Sacred Heart Church.

The funeral of Mrs. [illegible] C. Lord took place at 3 o'clock [illegible] afternoon from Leigh Street [illegible] Church.

The funeral of Samue[illegible] son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S[illegible] took place yesterday morning at 11 [illegible] from the residence, No. 13[illegible] Leigh[illegible].

Hospital Nu[illegible].

Dr. M. E. Nuchols is still at the Virginia Hospital with [illegible] fever.

Mr. Gwathmey, a stu[illegible] Richmond College, who has been [illegible] at the Retreat for the Sick, [illegible] discharged yesterday morning.

Mrs. Davis, of Blac[illegible] was discharged from the Retreat [illegible] the Sick yesterday.

Miss Tillman has re[illegible] her post of duty at the Retreat [illegible] Sick.

Miss Pattie Womack [illegible] the nurses at the Retreat for [illegible] is quite ill.

Miss Agnes Randol[illegible] Superintendent of the Virginia Hospital [illegible]fering from an attack of mastoid[illegible].

Awarded C[illegible].

The bids for supplies [illegible] the Engineer's department were awarded yesterday morning, in accordance with instructions of the Street Committee, following contracts were awarded: Sewer castings, Charles Scott; terra cotta pipes, Warner [illegible]; cement, S. H. Hawes.

In the latter supply there were two bidders with the same [illegible] and Hawes received the contract by draw.

Alarm Bo[illegible].

Two small alarms were turned in yesterday, the first at [illegible] caused by a small [illegible] from Box 78, Thirty-third Street and [illegible] house fire at the tunnel. The damage was about [illegible].

A still alarm was [illegible] at 6 o'clock from Louisiana and [illegible]th Street, Fulton; no dam[illegible].

[illegible] Hous[illegible].

Mr. Hick[illegible] Postoffice Department, [illegible] into the matter of the contract [illegible]een-wagon service in Rich[illegible] not known as yet who [illegible]ntract. There are half a [illegible] bidders.

C[illegible] Wheels.

Baltimore [illegible]road men obliged to w[illegible]mas Day found numerous [illegible] crew of second distric[illegible] 1331, enjoyed the day on the [illegible]ning a Christmas tree on the [illegible] the caboose. The tree was [illegible] brakewheel and was dec[illegible]road torpedoes, red flags, [illegible]bored paper. The tree attra[illegible] of attention as the train [illegible] road.—Winches[illegible]

COLDS

The quickest relief for a cold is by Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil.

You will find the edge taken off in a night; and, in three or four days, you'll be wondering whether that cold amounted to anything anyhow.

That's relief. If you tackle it quick, the relief is quick; if you wait, the relief won't come—you know how colds hang on.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl Street, New York.

GREAT DISPENSER ON HIS METTLE

He Starts in the New Year With a Defiant Demeanor.

The mood of the Great Dispenser was entertaining yesterday. He wanted to start in the New-Year aright, and he began by jumping on the reporters. Then he took up the lawyers, and before centering upon the prisoners he took a dash at the spectators, and he came through it all unscathed and with a smile upon his cherubic countenance.

Nothing seemed to please him, not even one of Harry Smith's convincing arguments, and after enjoying a beautiful flow of language and a bright display of oratory on the part of Mr. Smith, in behalf of three clients, for whom he wished to secure bail, the Great Dispenser interrupted Captain George D. Wise and said he had made up his mind not to grant bail, so there was no use for him to talk.

He said that he was cocked and primed for all emergencies, and was on the alert for any traps that might be sprung upon him. He felt able to cope with anybody, and told everybody so, and then the crowd gave him the laugh and an air of business settled over everything.

Charles Dandridge, the negro brought from Washington by Detective Wren Monday, was sent to the grand jury on the charge of assaulting Albert Greentree and taking a suit of clothes belonging to him and he was placed under $500 security for twelve months on general principles.

Sunny Henderson (colored) was charged by Ben. Shumaker with abusing him with a knife, but it didn't turn out to be such a serious matter, and Sunny was assessed $5.

John Williamson was sent on to the grand jury for assaulting T. W. Byasse with a big stick some weeks ago.

John Thomas (colored) is said to have taken a pistol belonging to Milton Hicks, but the case was continued for further evidence.

The case against R. C. Crowder for using unfit language, was carried over to the 3d, because no witnesses appeared against him.

The three Syrians, John Joseph, M. Coyer and C. Morris, who are charged with having assaulted Joe Thomas, another Syrian, were remanded to jail until Saturday, to await the appearance in court of Joe Thomas, who is at present in a state of hors du combat. No evidence was heard.

IN THE COUNTY.

Negro Man Tried—German in Barton Heights.

Peyton Robertson, charged with stealing a watch of the value of $10, was tried yesterday before Squire L. L. Richardson. He was given three months in jail.

The Board of Supervisors of Henrico county met yesterday morning, but without transacting any business adjourned until next Tuesday.

The Overseers of the Poor also met and adjourned until the same day.

Mrs. T. H. Samuels, wife of Constable Cyclone Samuels, is quite sick at her home, in Varina District.

Northside Hall, Chestnut Hill, was the scene of a most delightful german Monday night. When the new year was ushered in the merry-makers were dancing to the tune of Dixie. Supper was served at 11 P. M., after which dancing was continued until 2 A. M.

The german was very successfully led by Mr. Willis C. Pulliam with Miss Alma Saunders.

Among those present were Mr. Joseph H. Grubbs, with Miss Rosalie Evans; Mr. R. L. Tritton, with Miss Edith Cosby; Mr. C. W. Mercer, with Miss Maggie Horne, of Ellersons, Va.; Mr. Mercer Young, with Miss Callie Mercer; Mr. and Mrs. Knox Crutchfield; Mr. J. B. Swartwart, with Miss Gertrude Robinson, of Petersburg; Mr. D. B. Crockett, with Miss Roberta Christian, of Gaines' Mills, Va.; Mr. A. W. Evans, with Miss Grace Christian; Mr. E. O. Friend, with Miss Alma Christian; Mr. W. W. Croxton, with Miss Annie Bray; Mr. W. S. Rogers, with Miss Alice Reddy; Mr. Maurice Taylor, with Miss Bessie Rowe; Mr. W. B. Catlett, with Miss Constance Tritton; Mr. C. S. Livesay, with Miss Daisy B. Todd; Mr. L. O. Boone, with Miss Otey Minor; Mr. H. H. Stacy, with Miss Nannie Grigg; Dr. F. O. Mooklar, of Mangohick, Va., with Miss Rlea Hutchinson; Mr. C. R. Taylor, with Miss Mary Hutchinson; Mr. J. Herbert Mercer, with Miss Edith Tomlinson; Professor R. W. Williams, with Miss Mary Lindsay; Dr. Fred. Lefew, of Montvale, Va., with Miss Robinson; Mr. Harry Faulkner, with Miss Mamie Baldwin.

Stags—Messrs. H. H. McElmurray, Abner Pope, Louis Shafer and Willie Dabney.

Chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tomlinson, Mrs. Tritton and Mrs. George A. Minor.

IN THE CHURCHES.

New Building for Broaddus-Memorial. Christmas Entertainment.

The near future will probably see the congregation of Broaddus-Memorial Baptist Church worshipping in a new and handsome house. A movement has been inaugurated, and is progressing rapidly to have a new building erected, and work will probably be begun shortly.

The congregation purposes, with the help of the other churches of Richmond, to build a house more convenient to the present needs of the church, and to make it a thoroughly up-to-date modern structure. It will be located on a lot of land purchased some time ago by the church. This lot is in the immediate neighborhood of the present location.

The new building is to cost $15,000. Of this Broaddus-Memorial, with considerable money already in hand, will raise $10,000, and the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Richmond has consented to assist in having the other churches contribute to the amount of $5,000.

Masses were celebrated yesterday morning at 7 and 8 o'clock in all the Catholic Churches of the city. A Yew Year's service was also held at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, while special services were held at 12 o'clock at St. Paul's and at 11 o'clock at Monumental.

Dr. W. R. L. Smith and wife, who are in St. Louis, attending the semi-centennial celebration of the organization of the Third Baptist Church of that city, will return to Richmond on Saturday.

Dr. John William Jones, who was in the city for the past few days visiting his son, Rev. M. Asby Jones, returned Monday to his home, at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Mrs. Chambers, missionary to China, who is now on a visit to this country, will give a talk on missions to all ladies interested in that work at Broaddus-Memorial Church this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

The children of the Sunday-school of the Seventh-Street Christian Church were given their annual Christmas entertainment last night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The programme consisted of songs and recitations, refreshments being served at its close.

The Richmond Young Women's Temperance Union held at the close of their "Book Social" Monday night a watch-night service. There was a short address by Mrs. Bates, of the Leading Temperance Workers, of Washington, D. C., and devotional service conducted by Mr. Reginald Walker, one of the honorary members of the Y.

THE BROWN UNIVERSITY CLUBS.

To Appear at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday Night, January 3d.

On Thursday night of this week the Brown University Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs will give the second number of the Members' Course in the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium. Their coming will be heard of with delight by all lovers of college music. They will be remembered as having been on the Star Course three years ago, when their entertainment was a splendid success. The programme will be varied, including both vocal and instrumental selections. They will give marches, college songs, readings, quartettes, Southern songs, medleys and solos. The Browns are being received everywhere with cordial greetings, and will undoubtedly be received here by a full house.

Each member of the Association is entitled to one reserved seat free of any charge. Regular admission, including reserved seat, 50 cents. Tickets were placed on distribution and sale yesterday, the 1st of January, at 1 o'clock P. M., and can be secured any time to-day or to-morrow at the counter.

ALL DOING WELL.

Those Injured in the Runaway Are Recovering.

All persons injured in the runaway which occurred Monday evening on Fourth Street seem to be doing quite well and, while all were painfully hurt, their wounds are not of a fatal nature.

Misses Birdsong and Garnett are under the treatment of Dr. Moses Hoge at the residence of Mrs. Helen G. Manson, No. 313 East Franklin Street. Both were reported by their physician last evening as doing quite well.

Miss Birdsong's injuries are considered the more serious of the two.

Mrs. W. H. Sadler is at her home, No. 17 North Fourth Street, and was able to be up for part of yesterday.

Dr. Davidson's injuries were found to be very slight, and it is probable he will be in his office by to-day.

The colored driver is also recovering.

Officers Nominated.

The regular meeting of George E. Pickett Camp, C. V., was called to order Monday night by Commander W. U. Bass.

The annual sermon to the camp will be preached by Rev. Dr. John Hannon, at Union-Station church. R. E. Lee Camp and Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Auxiliary of both camps.

The camp nominated the following officers:

W. U. Bass, commander; C. J. Johnson, first lieutenant-commander; S. R. Gates, second lieutenant-commander; W. E. Portington, third lieutenant-commonder; Col. R. F. Morris, surgeon, and Drs. J. A. Hillsman, T. E. Stratton and J. G. Trevilian, adjutants; M. W. Hazlewood, second; J. D. Redwood, commissary; J. E. Stansberry; Chaplains, P. P. Winston and Rev. W. E. Tally; Officers of Day, R. L. Childry; Officer of Guard, O. P. Gentry; Color Bearer, W. H. Summons.

Street-Car Matters.

The work of rehabilitation of the lines operated by the Richmond Passenger and Power Company will be rapidly pushed.

Chief Engineer Whiteley has prepared all the plans and they have been approved. His report includes descriptions of all cars and what is necessary to put them in proper shape.

Mr. Whiteley will have entire charge of the construction work, and Mr. J. W. Wilbur, the superintendent, will be held responsible to the company for the management of the operating department. Each of these officials can discharge or employ persons who serve under him at his pleasure.

It is understood that the estimate given of the cost of rehabilitation is half a million dollars.

Superintendent Wilbur has made a slight reduction in the force under him, but it is understood that there will be no other immediate changes.

To Hold Conference.

Shortly before the Legislature convenes in extra session on the 23rd of this month, some of the leading men in the Democratic party will hold an informal conference for the purpose of discussing the questions of the time of meeting of the Constitutional Convention, and the basis of representation.

There will be a great many of the party leaders here a day or two before the date fixed for the extra session. A great many lobbyists will be on hand to try to get through bills in which they are interested.

A Soldier's Funeral.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FARMVILLE, VA., Jan. 1.—Mr. C. W. Gills, who died yesterday, was buried this afternoon. Mr. Gills being an old member of the Farmville Guard and served in the company when in the Spanish-American War, was buried with military honors.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

A petition in bankruptcy has been filed by Ray M. Hirshberg, of Richmond, dealer in dry goods and shoes, through William and Henry Flegenheimer, counsel. The liabilities are $12,051.22, and assets $7,557.05.

Mr. Melvin Flegenheimer was appointed receiver, and gave bond in the sum of $2,000.

Battalion Dress Drill.

The two companies of the Blues will give a full dress battalion drill on the night of January 10th. It is hoped by the soldiers that Major Sol Cutchins will be able to attend.

He has been very much indisposed during the last few days. He will resign on the 14th.

Landed on His Head.

Mr. E. Y. Sydnor, while at work at the foot of Twelfth Street about [illegible] o'clock yesterday morning, fell twelve feet with a ladder. He struck the ground head first and badly bruised himself, but is not thought by Dr. W. Armistead Gills, of the ambulance corps, who attended him, to be in a serious condition. He was treated and sent to his home, at First and Marshall Streets.

"CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN AND BOYS."

A Sacrifice of Men's Overcoats

The GANS-RADY COMPANY offers—beginning this morning—hundreds of FALL-WEIGHT OVERCOATS in medium and light colors—short and medium lengths—silk and Italian lined—and which were made to sell at *$15 and $16.50,*

AT **$9.50** EACH

No opportunity for such extraordinary bargains has been offered to you in years. The goods are entirely new—correct in fit and finish, and made for the best trade.

In our desire to please every taste we provided too liberally—and we are now ready to pay the penalty.

Gans-Rady Company

Entire Building. 1005 East Main Street. Opposite Postoffice.

THE COAST LINE TRAIN HELD UP

Thirty Masked Men Rush in and Took a Negro Off the Train, But Molested No One Else.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 1.—Particulars reached here to-day regarding the hold-up of train No. 40 of the Atlantic Coast Line near Mt. Olive last night. The train was pulling out from the station when some one pulled the cord, signalling it to stop. Twenty or thirty masked men swarmed into the car where negroes were riding, took one and got off the train with him, telling the conductor that he could go ahead.

The negro was believed to have been responsible for numerous fires in Mt. Olive. His captors, so far as learned, did not do more than thrash him severely.

COTTON MILL OFFICERS.

Changes in the Cooleemee Factory. Judge Bynum for Supreme Bench.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 1.—Some important changes in the management of the Cooleemee cotton-mills, the largest cotton manufacturing concern in North Carolina, are to take place this week. B. Frank Mebane and G. A. Mebane have resigned the offices of president and secretary and treasurer, respectively. W. A. Erwin, of the Ermin cotton-mills, Durham, will be elected president, and it is understood that the office of secretary and treasurer will be filled by E. E. Powe, who is also engaged in the cotton-mill business at Durham.

The Cooleemee mills are equipped with 30,000 spindles and 1,250 looms, and employ over 2,000 operatives. When Mr. Erwin is elected president he will have charge of more spindles, looms and operatives than any other one man in the South.

It is thought here that the death of Chief Justice Faircloth, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, may result in placing Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., of this city, on the bench as an associate justice.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Tyree, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, has been called to the pastorate of the West Washington-Street Baptist Church of this city. He has not yet accepted the call.

CHRISTMAS WEEK IN BOYDTON.

Six Persons' Hands Destroyed by the Deadly Dynamite Cracker.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BOYDTON, VA., Jan. 1.—The Christmas holidays passed off here without any trouble whatever. It is true that John Barleycorn was indulged in quite freely, particularly among colored people, but it has had no effect in producing a row. Quite a number of accidents occurred from the use of the dynamite fire-crackers. One negro had his hand blow off and others were more or less injured. One of the town physicians told me that no less than six persons' hands had been practically destroyed or seriously injured from firing these cannon-crackers. The Legislature ought to forbid the sale of them in the State. Many persons ignorant of the danger of them are made to suffer the loss of a hand or are injured in other respects, in order that a few pennies may be placed in the pockets of the manufacturers and sellers of these dangerous articles.

Mr. L. W. Wimbish, who resides on Roanoke River near Haskins' ferry, had a valuable mule stolen from him a few days since. All efforts to trace the thief have been unavailing. This is the first instance of the theft of an animal I have heard of in Mecklenburg for several years.

Mr. Thomas F. Goode, Jr., of the banking firm of Williams & Goode, who has been on an extended trip of several months to Europe, returned here on Friday last.

Mrs. Atkins, wife of Dr. H. L. Atkins, who has been critically ill for the past week, is greatly improved, and her friends are hopeful of her early recovery.

The condition of Mr. E. W. Overbey, cashier of the Bank of Mecklenburg, who broke his leg last week while out fox hunting, is not so favorable. He is greatly prostrated by the severe nervous shock. Mrs. Overbey, who is on a visit North, has been written to, and will return home to attend at the bedside of her injured husband.

After a short vacation the Boydton public school will reopen to-day.

DISGRACEFUL DRUNKEN ROW.

A Man Shot and Killed — A Lady Thrown and Badly Hurt.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

GLADESBORO, VA., Dec. 31.—Miss Jane Love was thrown from a horse a few days since and very seriously hurt, but she may recover. Her horse became frightened at a runaway team of horses and threw her against the wagon of the runaway team, and she was caught in the wheels and dragged several feet.

There was a general drunken row here at a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve, several fights occurring. It seems as if there were not sober men enough to handle the drunkards.

News has just reached here of a shooting affair at Hillsville, this (Carroll) county, at a Christmas tree. One Mr. Cockrun was shot in the neck and shoulder with a shotgun and killed by one Mr. Howlett in a drunken row.

Rev. R. R. Sowers, of Bland county, is visiting his old charge here, and preached some excellent sermons at the Lutheran Church.

Deaths in King George.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

KING GEORGE COUNTY, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Willie Rollins died at the home of her husband, near Ninde's store, on Saturday and the interment was made at Hanover Baptist Church, of which she was a member. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Fitzhugh, a prominent Baptist and politician of this city.

Mr. Henry Jenkins, well known and respected here, died here a day or two ago, aged about fifty years. He leaves a widow and several small children. He was buried at Round Hill Baptist Church in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.

TALK IS CHEAP; THE REASON WHY.

The best proof is the very large sale of Graphophones this Xmas. These wonderful little machines were never more popular than now. Remember it is the "COLUMBIA." We have them at all prices from $5.00 upwards. We have just the latest Records. They are clear and loud.

WALTER D MOSES & CO., 103 E. Broad St.

PIANOS! PIANOS!!

If you wish to buy a piano, it will pay you in the long run to buy a high-grade instrument. We have a full line of them. 'Twill pay you to give us a call and examine these instruments. Steinway, Knabe, Hardman, Kimball, Standard and Haines Pianos. We also have cheaper instruments. We can interest you.

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TWO BARGAINS.

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We apologize to our many patrons for delay in looking after tuning and repairing orders, but the volume of business was so great this year that we did, under the circumstances, all that could be done. Our aim is always to be prompt, and all delayed orders will now be looked after.

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THE NEW YEAR IN NORFOLK.

The Public Offices Closed and the Streets Listless.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 1.—The baby century cried lustily at Norfolk this morning at the hour of its birth. When midnight struck cannon boomed, tugs and steamers shrieked and blazing rockets arose and burst on high. There was a frightful din in Norfolk followed by a day of almost unparalleled quiet. The public offices were closed. Although most business houses were open, little business was done, and the city was only enlivened by the few who went about the streets listlessly, or as listlessly lounged in their places of business, wishing they were at home and wished others that they might "have a happy and prosperous new century—and many of them."

Toward evening the city woke up, opened one eye, as it were, and the streets showed this.

Norfolk has had a very prosperous year, ending with the last year of the century its year of greatest achievements.

The enterprise of The Times in printing to-day the record of Virginia's progress during the past year was very favorably commented upon here. Singularly enough no local paper attempted to-day to print the record even of Norfolk's progress.

HOSE WAGON RACE.

Juniors Win the Stone Cup—The Mystic Chain Elects Officers.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 1.—The race this afternoon for the Stone cup by hose wagons of local fire companies was won by the Juniors. The race was between the Juniors and Friendships, the latter having won the cup in 1899. The time was: Juniors, 1:33; Friendships, 1:34 1-2.

The officers of the Mystic Chain were installed to-night by Supreme Secretary and Acting President T. J. Ingram and Supreme Treasurer William Beasley, of Lynchburg. Don P. Halsey, president of the Lynchburg Council, made an address, and the Roanoke Machine Works Band furnished the music.

Miss Fannie D. Carnefix, author of the Carnefix School Chart, and M. L. [illegible]ster, of this city, will be married in Washington to-morrow.

A FAMILY INSANE.

Father and Two Daughters Maniacs from Religious Excitement.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mr. John Greenwood and daughter, members of one of Surry county's best families, were carried to the Morganton Hospital to-night. Four men had them in charge. Mr. Greenwood and two of his daughters became violently insane at the same hour a few days ago. The elder daughter died soon after the attack. The other two have since been raving maniacs, and at times it is necessary to restrain them by force from killing some one.

The two physicians attending them are of the opinion that their insanity is caused by religious excitement.

The Ballard House.

It is reported that the Ballard House, across the street from the old Exchange Hotel, may be remodelled and used for some business purpose. Mr. Fritz Sittering has been asked to give an estimate of the cost of certain changes.

In a New Business.

Mr. Allan Talbott, Jr., of 208 East Franklin Street, has accepted a position with Messrs. Blackford & Wilmer, general agents for Virginia, of the Prudential Insurance Company of America.