

BLACKMAILER GOES SIX MONTHS' TERM

L. H. Morrison Confessed; Brother Honorably Discharged.

SAVED BY ONE CENT

Had Prisoner Received Even a Penny in Answer to His Letters He Would Have Been Sent Away for Three Years at Least—Sunday Opening Alleged.

After confessing the attempted blackmailing of four saloons in this city, J. H. Morrison was yesterday sentenced to six months in prison, while his brother, W. T. Morrison, was honorably discharged, it being shown that he had no connection with nor knowledge of the scheme. It developed in the Police Court that Morrison had never before been arrested and that he came of an excellent family in Pennsylvania county, but Justice Crutchfield said he would make an example of him, and gave him the maximum penalty. The Morrison family is well known to Mr. Eugene Withers, the "Father of the Constitutional Convention."

Morrison's plea of extenuation was unavailing. He had, he declared, been on a spree for some time, and was practically irresponsible when he wrote the letters demanding huge money. In support of this lawyer Harry Smith, who appeared for him, the defendant showed his original letter to a drunk-revered brain, or else the mind of a fool. Incidentally the fact was brought out that if Morrison had received as much as one cent as a result of his letters the least the court could have given him would have been three years.

WROTE FOUR LETTERS.

So far as known Morrison wrote threatening letters to four persons, these being C. Onesty, Pat McDonough, the Triangle saloon and C. L. Howard. These letters are all practically identical. The letters to Morrison had been in the saloons on Friday and as he was hard up the owners would have to pay him. In his letter to the Triangle saloon Morrison stated that he was paid for reporting saloons which kept open, and that he would also soon have the saloon money as anybody else. To the letter to C. L. Howard, the name of H. Robertson, this being the only attempt he made at concealing his identity.

In court yesterday there was produced a letter purporting to be from Pat McDonough. In reply to Morrison's first letter it was as follows:

"Please call at my office, 700 West Broad Street, or appoint a place to meet you, so we can arrange matters between us. I am, very respectfully,

"PAT McDONOUGH."

It was in reply to this that Morrison wrote another letter of warning and threats, declaring that he had been asked by the young man, therefore the saloon-keeper sent a letter to Morrison, at the same time instructing two of his clerks to go down to the post-office and seize the man who called for the letter. This is how T. Morrison came into the case. He had been asked by the man to go by the post-office and get his mail, and innocently he did so. He had no idea of the letters that had been written nor of the replies expected.

SAVED HIS BROTHER.

On the witness stand J. H. Morrison testified that he wrote all the letters, but that he had been drunk for some time, and must have written them while drunk. His brother, he said, had only arrived in Richmond about a week ago after the letters had been written. He had come to this city from Portsmouth and worked for the Nowlan Company, in East Main Street. His brother came here to attend the Massey Business College.

This statement was corroborated through other sources, every particle of guilt being removed from T. W. Morrison. Then Attorney Harry M. Smith made his argument for the two young men. He dismissed in a few words the case of T. W. Morrison, expressing his opinion that he was a guilty fellow, and argued in extenuation of J. H. Morrison.

He said that the attempt at blackmail had been transparent and childish, showing that Morrison was either a fool or drunk, and as no one had lost through the letters he asked clemency for the man in client. He maintained that he would have written his own name incriminating the other signing his own name knowing full well that he could be traced. The crime consisted only of a misdemeanor, the failure of the purpose of the letters making the maximum penalty six months, while admitting that if Morrison had obtained one penny through the letters the least that the court could have done would be to send him to prison for three years.

JUSTICE CRUTCHFIELD'S OPINION.

After hearing this argument Justice Crutchfield held that the crime had been none the less, to all intents and purposes because it failed, although technically different punishments were provided. He said if the saloon men keep open on Sunday it is for some one to bring the matter to his attention and if he does not find it, but that he is compelled to protect them in so far as lay in his power and to make an example of Morrison by giving him six months.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Buggy Demolished, Horse Killed Instantly, but Occupants Were Unhurt.

Messrs. Jordan and Baudin escaped death yesterday morning in what seemed a miraculous way. The buggy in which they were driving was struck by a south-bound Atlantic Coast Line passenger train between Jarratts and Emporia. The vehicle, it is said, was smashed into kindling wood and the horse instantly killed, while the occupants escaped unhurt. An explanation of the miracle is that it is stated that both men were to tell the tale.

The train was running at probably forty miles an hour when the accident occurred. The horse was thrown twenty-five yards from the crossing. The gentlemen were driving through the crowd, and evidently did not notice the approach of the train when they attempted to cross the tracks.

Week of Prayer Services.

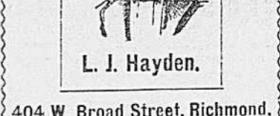
The week of prayer will close at Immanuel Baptist Church to-night with a service under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. The pastor, Rev. David A. Solly, will deliver the address on "Woman's Work." Mr. Burton Mouncaux will play a cornet solo. The Presbyterian Union service will be held to-night at the Church of the Covenant. Rev. Mr. Eggleston will conduct the service and take as theme for his subject, "The Church and the Home."

Mr. J. L. Whitmore, Residence, 3003 Lester St. Richmond, Va.

Occupation, Engineer, Lexington Hotel, Says: "I have suffered with stricture for sixteen months and had spent over one hundred dollars with many different doctors and found no relief and finally I heard of

404 W. Broad Street, Richmond, Va., and his wonderful Indian remedy and used only one bottle and it made a perfect cure of me. I waited three months to be sure that I was cured before giving this Testimonial. Respectfully,

J. L. WHITMORE, Residence, 3003 Lester St, Richmond, Va. Occupation, Engineer, Lexington Hotel.



L. J. Hayden.

MR. GOODE AND JUDGE CHRISTIAN

They Were the Orators at Confederate Museum Yesterday.

A handsome portrait of Hon. Thomas S. Boone, who was Speaker of the Confederate House of Representatives, was presented to the Confederate Museum yesterday morning. The Rev. Dr. J. P. Smith, chaplain of the institution, had charge of the exercises as master of ceremonies.

Many members of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society were present. Hon. George L. Christian, in making the presentation, said:

"Thomas Stanhope Boone was the son of John Thomas Boone and Mary Flood, of his wife, late of Buckingham county. He was born May 18, 1815, and died August 3, 1891. He graduated at an early age with distinguished honors from Hampden-Sydney College. He first represented the county of Buckingham in the Virginia Legislature. His second term was in 1852. He was elected to the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1852. He was elected to Congress in 1847, and during his congressional career inaugurated useful reforms in the navy.

"February 18, 1862, Mr. Boone was made Speaker of the Confederate House of Representatives. He held the position until the close of the Civil War. In 1869-70 he was sent as a delegate to the General Assembly of Virginia, and was one of the authors of the Boone-Cooker bill. In 1881 he was an ardent supporter of John W. Daniel in the contest for Governor. His last public debate was with Governor Cameron at Appomattox during this canvass."

Hon. John Goode accepted the portrait on behalf of the ladies of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society. He said that the portrait was a fitting memorial to a man who was a citizen, without fear of reproach; as a friend, I know he was as constant as the needle to the pole; as a husband, tender, true; as a father, affectionate and kind; and as a Christian, had a childlike faith. When Virginia shall come to make up her jewels and call the long roll of Thomas S. Boone's illustrious sons, the name of Boone will be prominent. Several artists shall have died the day and the everlasting hills be vanished."

POLICE ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Held Last Night.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Police Benevolent Association was held in the office of the president, Major B. F. Howard, last night at 8 o'clock. There was a full attendance, including the three members from each district and the three citizen members—Messrs. C. H. Phillips, L. Z. Morris and James N. Boyd.

The old officers were all re-elected, as follows: President, B. F. Howard; vice-president, A. K. Cousins; secretary, J. B. Angle; treasurer, G. H. Matthews. The Executive Board was chosen, as follows: L. Z. Morris, J. N. Boyd, E. H. Holderford, Detective Sergeant C. A. Gibson was chosen on the Auditing Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sergeant J. A. Cosby.

An Amusement Committee was created, with these members: C. H. Phillips, J. B. Angle and C. H. Talley.

Phoenix Officers. At a regular meeting of the Phoenix Club, held Tuesday, January 7th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Samuel Steiner; Vice-President, Albert Tentsch; Secretary, Aaron Latta; Treasurer, Jacob S. Cohn; Trustees, Isadore B. Cohen, Gustave Jacobson and Zeth Rotkin. The membership of this club is rapidly increasing and the club is in a flourishing condition. The club will give a ball on the 29th of this month.

Meeting of Presbytery To-Morrow. East Hanover Presbytery will meet at the Second Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning at 11:30 o'clock in an adjourned session. The meeting was adjourned to-day, but there was some confusion as to dates in the call and it will be held Saturday. The meeting is called for the purpose of hearing the request for permission to prosecute before Greenbrier Presbytery, of West Virginia, a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. McC. White.

STREET SERVICE TO BE UP-TO-DATE

Superintendent Cohn Asks for a Number of Improvements.

INCREASED FORCE IS NEEDED

Question of Removal of Railway Tracks Left to City Attorney for Report—Committee Without a Job—No Monkeys for the City—Committee Meetings.

The Committee on Health is determined to give to Richmond a perfect street cleaning system, and to help Superintendent Cohn in his efforts to secure an up-to-date department.

At the meeting of the committee last night speeches were made by Messrs. Miner, Seay, Shea and Hubson, and each speaker emphasized the fact of an inadequate force of street hands, as was shown in the recent fire when the department was crippled in its service throughout other sections of the city, by its concentration in the flooded district.

The result of the discussion was a recommendation to the Finance Committee for an appropriation sufficient to make of the department a first-class one, and an additional appropriation to be known as an emergency fund, to be used to employ extra men in cases of floods and heavy snows.

Superintendent Cohn reviewed the work during his administration, and made a number of recommendations for an additional appropriation in the eastern section of the city for twenty more men and for fourteen carts. He also suggested that his men be uniformed. He asked for an additional appropriation of \$17,190 for the coming year. Last year's appropriation amounted to \$8,100. There were employed by this department 116 men.

Mr. Miner thought that a cart and man should be stationed on Main Street and on Broad Street all day to remove refuse, and Mr. Hubson said work should be done much more satisfactorily than that by day, because there were few obstacles in the way of the man.

The pay-roll and bills were approved. Those present were Chairman Hubson, Messrs. Burton, Miner, Shea, Seay, Shea.

The Subcommittee on Streets, with the question of the advisability of removing the tracks of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and Richmond and Petersburg Railway connecting companies in the city, was the order of business for the evening. The committee was held up by the question of the removal of the tracks of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and Richmond and Petersburg Railway connecting companies in the city, was the order of business for the evening.

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FIRST GUN IN OLD CLAY WARD

City Campaign to Open Up To-Morrow Night.

ATTITUDE OF LABOR PEOPLE

May Not Go Into the Primary—Plan to Cause Fight—Political Gossip, Democratic and Republican.

LEE CAMP'S MEMORIAL

Interesting Services to Be Held To-Night in Honor of the Dead.

Lee Camp urges all of his members and invites the general public, especially the ladies, to attend their memorial service to-night. Rev. Drs. L. R. Mason and James Power Smith and General A. L. Phillips have arranged the following programme:

Opening Prayer. "Our Country," by the choir. Roll call of the dead of 1901. Thomas L. Atfield, James D. Craig, Samuel T. Dowdy, Leroy S. Edwards, James H. Edmonds, James R. Medicott, Channing E. Redford, A. J. Randlett, George S. Savage, Charles S. Smith, Thomas W. Sydnor.

Address by members of the camp in memoriam of their comrades. Selection by the choir. Address by Hon. John Goode, president of the Constitutional Convention. Solo by Mrs. McGeehe.

HUNG JURY IN DAMAGE CASE.

Could Not Agree in the Suit of T. N. Dickson Against the C. & O.

The jury in the suit of T. N. Dickson against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for \$5,000, on trial in the Law and Equity Court for two days, was hung to the jury yesterday afternoon. After several hours' deliberation the jury found it impossible to agree, and they were discharged. Judge Lamb, of the Chancery Court, sat for Judge Minor in this case, the latter being out of the city.

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WASHINGTON, RICHMOND & JACKSONVILLE LIMITED, VIA SOUTH-BERN RAILWAY.

Leaves Richmond daily 2:30 P. M. Solid train for Jacksonville, via Charlotte, Columbia and Savannah. Through Pullmans and day coaches. Dining car. Drawing room Pullman for Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining with through dining cars for all the South and Southwest.

THE HIGHWAY OF TRADE AND TRAVEL.

The Southern Railway begs to call attention to its unequalled facilities for reaching all points in Florida, the South and Southwest. It is justly termed the highway of trade and travel. Its important through connections, through car arrangements, complete dining-car service, quick and convenient schedules, commends it to the traveling public.

In addition to many local trains operated by this progressive company, the following through limited trains are run daily: "The Washington and Southwest Express Limited," "The New York and Florida Express," "The United States Fast Mail," "The New York and Atlanta Express," "The Washington, Richmond and Florida Limited," "The Washington and Chattanooga Limited."

The Southern's Palm Limited, formerly known as the New York and Florida Limited, will be inaugurated early in January, 1902, and will run solid between New York and St. Augustine, Florida. All of these trains carry dining-cars, thus providing a great convenience and time-saver to the public.

NORTH CAROLINA POULTRY ASSOCIATION, High Point, N. C., January 14th-17th.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway announces one fare for the round trip from all points in North Carolina, including Columbia and intermediate points in North Carolina; also from Richmond, Norfolk, Suffolk and Danville, Va., to High Point, N. C., and return. Tickets on sale January 10th to 17th inclusive, with return limit January 19, 1902.

METING VIRGINIA ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE, Richmond, Va., January 16th-17th, 1902.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway announces special rate of one fare for the round trip from all points in Virginia, and one-third first-class fares for the round trip in the sale of tickets to Richmond, Va., and return. Tickets to be on sale January 14th to 16th inclusive, with return limit January 20, 1902.

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In and Around The Hotels.

"New York is right now in the throes of a change of administration," said Mr. William B. Richards, a traveling man from that city, yesterday. "Tammany is hanging on by brute strength, and from everything I can learn, it looks a little as if the police magistrates would win out. Police courts are barricaded and although the situation, beyond its seriousness, is amusing. The police magistrates draw good salaries, and they are fighting for the privilege of continuing to do so. The matter will come up for final adjudication in a few days."

"The orange trees of Florida seem to be all right thus far, despite the cold weather recently," said Mr. George Merritt, of Jacksonville, now in Richmond. At one time there was a grave fear for the trees. This was when the thermometer was hanging around zero and everything, even as far South as Brunswick, Ga., was frozen up. Happily, however, the freezing weather did not extend as far South as Florida, and everything is all right there. "Florida is just recovering from the freeze several years ago, and another just at this time would be disastrous for many years to come."

According to Mr. T. Hulseby Brown, of Jersey City, anarchy in this city, which has fostered and fed the New York crop for years, is on the wane, since the assassination of President McKinley. "Immediately after the assassination," he said yesterday at the Lexington, "one or two anarchistic clubs passed resolutions up to Cozigois, but this aroused such a storm of indignation everywhere that lately the anarchists have passed out of the reckoning. Possibly nothing has had more to do with the fading away of this class of people than the efforts made at Washington to crush the creed out of existence."

"I don't believe this country will ever be perfectly safe until the anarchists are either driven out of it or laws which will absolutely tie them up have been enacted. When it comes down to it, in some of the baser, one must believe in some of the baser, the penalty for the anarchists generally, I believe, will effectually drive them into their holes."

"One of these days," remarked Mr. Tupper Harrison, widely-known as "Tup" to the shoe trade, "there is going to be a floor up in New Orleans, and it will be there. Ever there? Well, don't get there during the spring and winter floods. New Orleans, as you probably know, is located on a level with the Mississippi River, but rather below it. Whenever there is a heavy rain up the valley it keeps the population busy to confine the river to the levees, and one of these days there is coming a break which will pass beyond control of human beings, and there will be a disaster at New Orleans, which will make the Galveston flood insignificant. If it ever comes, and I firmly believe it will, the loss to life and property will be stupendous."

"I am here to appear before the Court of Appeals in the question of the tenure of office among politicians," said Judge Adam Staples, a prominent lawyer of Roanoke, yesterday at Murphy's. "It is the case of Smith against the Mayor. Entirely, by the way, I am nursing a very bad attack of neuralgia."

Several of the most prominent lawyers of the State were here yesterday to appear before the Court of Appeals in various cases. Among these were Colonel R. G. Bixford, of Newport News; Captain John Johnson, of Christiansburg, and Colonel J. Hampton Hoge.

Captain W. G. Geoch, of Staunton, one of the big railroad contractors of the State, is at Murphy's. He will remain in the city for several days. Among the prominent Virginians registered at Murphy's yesterday were Judge John Johnson, of Christiansburg, and Colonel J. Hampton Hoge.

Other well known Virginians at the various hotels yesterday were Mr. J. B. Stovall, of Lynchburg; Mr. M. Crook, of Roanoke; Mr. J. F. Boone, of Roanoke; Mr. J. T. Coville, and L. B. Mason, of Clover, Mr. W. D. Roberts, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Coffey, of Norfolk and Mr. R. A. Owen, of South Boston—wife at the Lexington; Mr. S. Edward, wife and child, Surry Courthouse; Mr. E. F. Farrar, Staunton; Mr. J. M. Harris, Staunton; Mr. J. M. Rook, Staunton; Mr. J. D. Meller, South Boston, and Mr. W. H. Eggeom, of Cuthbert, at New Ford's; and Mr. A. A. Stagg, Normanville; Mr. Charles Pool, Mr. A. E. Christian, Norfolk; Mr. J. G. Roanoke, Staunton, and Mr. John R. Jurrant, Roanoke, at Murphy's.

One of the most prominent electricians of Baltimore, Mr. Thomas E. DeLoach, is registered at New Ford's. He is here to superintend the placing of new machinery in a local plant.

Well known visitors to Richmond from other States yesterday were Mr. J. N. Dickey, of Philadelphia, at New Ford's; Mr. William H. Thompson, of Philadelphia; Mr. W. H. Walker, and Mr. W. H. Syles, of Columbia, S. C., at Murphy's; and Mr. Alexander S. Cates, of Pittsburg, and Mr. J. A. Owen, of South Boston—wife at the Lexington; Mr. S. Edward, wife and child, Surry Courthouse; Mr. E. F. Farrar, Staunton; Mr. J. M. Harris, Staunton; Mr. J. M. Rook, Staunton; Mr. J. D. Meller, South Boston, and Mr. W. H. Eggeom, of Cuthbert, at New Ford's; and Mr. A. A. Stagg, Normanville; Mr. Charles Pool, Mr. A. E. Christian, Norfolk; Mr. J. G. Roanoke, Staunton, and Mr. John R. Jurrant, Roanoke, at Murphy's.

HAMPTON INSTITUTE CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF ITS FOUNDER, GENERAL ARMSTRONG, TO BE CELEBRATED.

Hampton Institute will celebrate on Sunday, January 26th, the birthday of its founder, the late General S. C. Armstrong. The address of the occasion will be delightfully understood that the work of the office is purely educational. There is no intention to shift the burden and responsibility of construction of improved roads from the States and counties to the General Government. In order to meet the constantly increasing demands that are being made from time to time for practical assistance and advice the directors suggest the purchase of road-making machinery, which has been sent to the various places of the department and where preparation has been made for actual road construction. Each of these outfits should be accompanied by one or two practical road builders and a competent road engineer.

The director asks an increase of \$75,000 of the appropriation for his office.

BATTLESHIP ILLINOIS. She Will Be the Flagship of Rear-Admiral Crowlinsblod.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 3.—The Battleship Illinois, which was docked at Newport News on Saturday or Sunday, will go to Pensacola or Havana to coal. She will then join the North Atlantic Squadron for a short time, before coming North to make ready to convey Rear-Admiral Crowlinsblod, whose flagship she will be, to the Naval Station, and take part in the naval display at the Coronation of King Edward VII.

REAR ADMIRAL CROWLINSBLOD. (By Associated Press.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 9.—Jack Donnelly, the boarding master, is again here. Yesterday he was discharged from the charge of housebreaking. Today he was in court on the charge of perjury. The case was continued on Monday.

Cicero Crock, who was indicted in Bloodfield for the charge of housebreaking, is believed to be the man who entered the saloon of W. H. Moore last night, stealing a gold watch, \$25 in cash and about \$50 worth of tobacco, cigars and whiskey.

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Big Saving in Groceries!

White A Sugar 45c
Blackberry or Catawba Wine, per qt. 9c
Small California Hams, per pound 10c
5-pound pill Home-made Preserves 30c
6 1/2 pounds Lump Starch 25c
New Buckwheat, 4c, or 7 pounds for 25c
New Large Raisins, per peck 7c
Fine Irish Potatoes, per peck 7c
Large Florida Oranges, extra large and sweet, per dozen, 15c, 20c and 25c
Flaked Rice and Beans, large package 5c

Best American Granulated Sugar, 5c pound.

Snowflake Flour, \$3.95 bbl., or bag 25c
Silver King Flour, \$4.35 bbl., or bag 25c
Mountain Roll Butter, per lb. 15c
Washing Powders, 3 packages 5c
Pure Lard, per pound 9c
New Raisins, Seeded, 1 lb. pkg 25c

Canned Tomatoes or Corn, 7c.

Large Table Peaches, per can 10c
Small Smithfield Hams, per pound 14c

100-lb. Sack Best Table Salt, 55c.

Sour Kraut, per quart 5c
Sour Pickles, per gallon 20c
Small Fresh or Canned California Hams, per pound 9c
6 lbs. Light Brown Sugar 25c
Tomatoes, per can 25c

Plum Pudding, 10c Can or