FARMERS HOLD GOOD INSTITUTE

New Canning Factory if They Will Raise the Tomatoes.

THE BATTLEFIELD PARK BILL

The Ammons Case Nolle Prossed in Stafford County Court—Preparations to Entertain the Grand Lodge Knights of Honor.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 20.—A successful farmers' institute was held to-day, representative farmers from the counties of Spotsylvania, Caroline, Stafford and King George being present in force, and were greatly interested in the proceedings.

Mr. Henry Warden, of this city, presided, and the principal speaker was Professor W. F. Massey, of the North Carolina Agricultural College. He delivered a practical address on the improvement of the soil. The subject was generally discussed and much information derived.

CANNING FACTORY.

Mr. W. W. Roberts, of Roberts Brothers, Baltimore, addressed the farmers on the subject of growing tomatoes, and said his firm would establish a large canning factory here if the farmers would raise the necessary quantity of tomatoes. Many expressed willingness to contract for certain acreage, and Mr. Roberts was much encouraged, and hopes to build the plant. The farmers will be asked to sign contracts.

Mr. St. George Fitzhugh, Hon. H. F. Crismond, Capt. S. J. Quinn and Major T. E. Morris, of this city, went to Washington to-day, where they were joined by General Torrence, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and General Horatio C. King, secretary of the Army of the Potomac, and appeared before the House Military Committee in the interest of the bill to establish a national battlefields park on the battlefields of this vicinity. It is confidently expected that the committee will make a favorable report to the House.

AMMONS CASE DISMISSED.

The case of C. T. Ammons, of Richmond, charged with obtaining pickles from Wallace and Moncure to the amount of $400 under false pretenses, was nolle prossed in Stafford County Court yesterday. This action ends this much talked of case for the present, but it is reported that another indictment will be gotten out later.

The local lodge of Knights of Honor are making active preparations for entertaining the Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor of the State, which body will convene in this city March 4th to 7th inclusive.

There are many camps of gypsies in this section this winter. A large band of these restless people passed through this city yesterday and have camped in Stafford county, near Falmouth. In some localities, ducks, chickens, hams and corn have been given by the over curious to the fortune telling women in exchange for glimpses into the future. Some one attempted to test the foreknowledge of one of the gypsy women by asking her when the Constitutional Convention would adjourn. She said: "My dear child, no one on earth could answer that, for when preachers, lawyers, farmers, politicians and merchants are walking arm in arm, there is no one, or ever will be, who can solve the problem."

A BROKEN SHOULDER.

Mr. J. W. Lefoe, a prominent citizen of Caroline county, is confined to his home with a broken shoulder, suffering much pain, and it is thought an operation will have to be performed.

A handsome new passenger depot will soon be erected at Louisa Courthouse by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

A number of residents of this city visited Washington this week to witness the performance of Ben Hur at the National Theatre there.

The Democratic Committee of Essex county have recommended as members of the Electoral Board for that county Messrs. William Baird, B. B. Brockenbrough and R. W. Eubank.

Mr. D. B. Edinger, Past Grand Commander of Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias, of this city, is in Richmond attending the Grand Lodge of the State in session there.

The condition of Ernest D. Ray, who shot himself last night, is unchanged. He is lying unconscious in a critical condition, with a bullet in his head, which has been located, but cannot be extracted for fear of cutting into the brain. It is thought he cannot recover.

BRAIN FOOD

Is of Little Benefit Unless It Is Digested.

Nearly everyone will admit that as a nation we eat too much meat and too little of vegetables and the grains.

For business men, office men and clerks, and in fact everyone engaged in sedentary or indoor occupations, grains, milk and vegetables are much more healthful.

Only men engaged in severe, out-door manual labor can live on a heavy meat diet and continue in health.

As a general rule, meat once a day is sufficient for all classes of men, women and children, and grains, fruit and vegetables should constitute the bulk of food eaten.

But many of the most nutritious foods are difficult of digestion, and it is of no use to advise brain workers to eat largely of grains and vegetables where the digestion is too weak to assimilate them properly.

It is always best to get the best results from our food that some simple and harmless digestion should be taken after meals to assist the relaxed digestive organs, and several years experience have proven Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets to be a very safe, pleasant and effective digestive and a remedy which may be taken daily with the best results.

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MRS. WEBBER'S PITIFUL STATE

Preparations to Bring Joe Higginbotham to Lynchburg to Hang Him.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 20.—City Sergeant S. H. Johnson is perfecting his arrangements for bringing Joe Higginbotham to Lynchburg in time for the execution, which will take place on next Monday at some time between sunrise and sunset. While the Sergeant will not divulge his plans, it is certain that Higginbotham will reach Lynchburg late Sunday night or early Monday morning, and he will be hanged in all probability between 8 and 9 o'clock.

Sergeant Johnson will have no military to assist him in handling the negro, and he intimates that not even the Lynchburg Home Guard will be asked to assist at the execution. The Sergeant will leave here Sunday afternoon for Roanoke and will take with him a member of the Lynchburg police force and the two will endeavor to bring the prisoner here without any additional assistance.

The authorities seem to be convinced that there is no disposition on the part of the public to resort to violence.

The condition of Mrs. Ralph Webber, who was assaulted by Higginbotham, is said to be very pitiful. Every effort is made by her friends and relatives to distract her mind from a morbid contemplation of her horrible experience, but her thoughts by day and night seem to dwell on nothing else, and she is constantly repeating to herself and to those near her the details of the agonizing terror which she suffered.

ROANOKE AGAINST BOND ISSUE.

Plan to Purchase Park and Cemetery—An Engineer Operated On for Appendicitis.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 20.—The property owners of Roanoke by a vote of 329 to 189 decided not to issue bonds for $25,000 to purchase a park and cemetery. Two wards voted for and three against the proposition.

Engineer Ben Cary, of the Norfolk and Western, was to-day operated on for appendicitis by Dr. Ben Johnston, of Richmond. His condition was very serious. He is getting along very well now.

MR. CLEVELAND ALL RIGHT,

After Fine Sport at One Club House, Has Gone to Another.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BACK BAY, VA., Feb. 20.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland is a guest of one of the gunning clubs about seven miles from this place; if such an unfortunate accident as his "shooting himself" had been true, it would have been known at this point in a very short time.

It is reported, however, that he has gone to visit one of the other clubs on the bay.

CASE POSTPONED.

Wilson-Lassiter Contest Will Be Heard On March 17th.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—The contest case of Wilson vs. Lassiter, for the seat from the Fourth Virginia Congressional District, which was to have been heard on Monday next, has been postponed.

Representative Weeks, chairman of Election Committee No. 3, announced this morning that the case would be heard on March 17th, instead of February 24th, the original date.

Wants to Buy Bloodhounds.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 20.—Prince Edward county, Va., is figuring on buying bloodhounds. The supervisors have appointed Mr. E. L. Dupy, of Worsham, Va., to investigate bloodhounds and to negotiate the purchase. Hurricane Branch to-day had a letter of inquiry from Mr. Dupy.

Chandler—Shields.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 20.—Miss Annie Carter Shields and Mr. James White Chandler, superintendent of the ice plant of the Citizens' Railway, Light and Power Company, were married at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. R. S. Shields, No. 1129 Twenty-seventh Street, Rev. J. Francis Ribble officiating. Only a few friends were present. The honeymoon will be spent in Baltimore, Washington and the North.

New Trial Refused.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., Feb. 20.—Rev. A. H. Smith, of McKeesport, Penn., has accepted the call from the Harrisville charge of the Lutheran Church, and expects to begin his pastoral duties on the first Sunday in May, 1902. This charge is composed of the churches at Toms Brook, Harrisville and Fisher's Hill, Shenandoah county.

Judge Tavenner has refused a new trial to John R. Linthicum, sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for the murder of Bruce Lonas last December.

Boy Drowned While Skating.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HEATHSVILLE, VA., Feb. 20.—Eddie Darcy, the twelve-year-old son of William Darcy, was drowned while skating on Blundon's mill pond. His sister, who was the only other person near, tried to rescue him, but broke in before reaching him.

Bates—Fry.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., Feb. 20.—Mr. Mahlon H. Bates and Miss Jessie Virginia Fry, both of this county, were quietly united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse in this town on Monday, the Rev. Dr. J. W. Lupton officiating. Only a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony.

Smith—Reed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., Feb. 20.—Mr. John T. Smith, a well known business man of Purcellville, and Miss Ida M. Reed were quietly married at the Baptist parsonage in Hamilton on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Charles T. Herndon officiated. They will reside in Purcellville.

THEY. CONFERENCE IN PETERSBURG

Auxiliary Body Ask Reforms of the Parent Organization.

MRS. JOBSON WAS WRONGED

Mayor Pleasants May Have Opposition for That Office—Seaboard Air Line to Stop Commutation Trains. Will Probated.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 20.—The State Conference of the Y. W. C. T. U. was in unofficial session at Market-Street Church to-day.

Mrs. George Jones, president of the Jennie Cassady "Y" in Petersburg, was chairman of the meeting, and Miss E. A. Johnakin, of Norfolk, secretary. The morning session was late in convening and no business was transacted, the time being occupied with resolutions and discussions. There were about forty delegates present from Richmond, Norfolk and other parts of the State.

The principal business transacted at this meeting was the adoption of the following report by the "Y" Conference. Copies were ordered to be sent to the offices of each local union in the State, and with the signatures received it will be presented to the State Convention next October.

ASK FOR REFORMS.

"At the 1901 convention of the Virginia State W. C. T. U. a Y secretary was elected by the W's present in opposition to the outspoken protest of the Y delegates present, and the State president refused to recognize delegates.

"No explanation was given, except that it was the will of the executive. It was charged that Mrs. Jobson had exceeded her allowance from the State Convention for annual expenses, although she has always paid the excess over her allowance. Although Mrs. Jobson has been too expensive a secretary, Miss Smith received an allowance of $75 for expenses and was granted traveling expenses to Fort Worth, something never granted a Y secretary before.

"We make the following requests:

"1. That the paragraph on page 17 of the State minutes of 1901, regarding Mrs. Jobson's typewriter, be corrected in the minutes of next year, as the typewriter was Mrs. Jobson's private property, and she has the dealer's receipts.

"2. That our delegates have equal privileges to the W's upon the floor of the convention, proportionate representation in the executive and among the general officers, and proportionate representation upon all committees appointed and a whole day before the convention for a Y conference.

"3. That the by-laws be so changed as to allow the election of the Y secretary and L. T. L. secretary by ballot in open convention.

"We ask for these reforms because we believe that the wrongs pointed out will result in injury to our work and to the Christian character of individual members.

(Signed) "MISS M. C. FAVILLE,
"MRS. W. H. JENKS,
"MISS JENNIE WATTS".

MISS ROBERSON'S GUARDIAN.

Mr. James Crawley, of Lambert's Point, qualified in the Hustings Court to-day as guardian of Miss Paige C. Roberson in order that he might give his consent to her marriage. Immediately after the qualification, Mr. Crawley secured a license and he and Miss Roberson were married this afternoon.

Mayor John M. Pleasants has announced himself a candidate for re-election. A petition is being circulated for signatures, requesting Mr. William M. Jones, of the firm of Jones and Stevens, insurance agents in this city, to become a candidate for the office.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company will discontinue their commutation trains between Richmond and Petersburg after next Sunday.

The will of the late William T. Plummer was proved in the court to-day. His son, John F. Plummer, qualified as executor, giving bond in the sum of $20,000, the estimated value of the estate.

NEW TELEPHONES.

The Mutual Telephone Company will in a few days install a switchboard with the capacity of 1,000 telephones. The company has orders for nearly a hundred new 'phones and hopes soon to begin putting them up.

Friday evening the Young Ladies' Aid Society of First Baptist Church will give a Washington boot-tea in the basement of the church. A splendid musical programme has been prepared and a large crowd is expected.

Mr. Thad Young, employed at the office of Mr. W. W. Donnan, is extremely ill at his home on High Street.

City Sergeant John B. Evans, who has been confined to his home for several days, is able to be out.

Mr. D. H. Jackson expects to leave on a trip to Central America.

COST FIFTY DOLLARS.

W. B. Copeland Paid That Much for Hitting Negro Boy With Iron Staple.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 20.—The jury in the case of W. H. Williams, Jr., against W. B. Copeland to-day decided that Mr. Copeland should pay $50 for the privilege of hitting the plaintiff in the head with an iron staple. The plaintiff is a four-year-old boy, who sued through his father for $1,000.

Next Tuesday Newport News will send a delegation to Richmond to urge the claims of Tidewater Virginia in connection with the Jamestown Exposition. The same committee will urge the Legislature to make an appropriation for a Virginia exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

The Sinclair Curtis Garrison, No. 58, Army and Navy Union, has been instituted at Hampton with Lieutenant H. H. Holt as commander.

Consul for Newport News.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 20.—Colonel William, German consul at Norfolk, to-day officially notified Collector Elliott, of this port, that Newport News has been taken by that Government from the Dichmond district and transferred to the Norfolk district as a preliminary step to the appointment of a German consul here.

ONE OF WALKER'S VICTIMS DIES

Gray, Whom He Claims Was Accidentally Hit, Passes Away.

THE NORFOLK COUNTY CASE

Judge Portlock Does Not Like the Atmosphere Surrounding It—A Gasoline Explosion in a Boat Injures Two Men.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 20.—The death at 11 o'clock this morning of Walter J. Gray was announced. Mr. Gray died at his home in the suburbs of Brambleton, where he was conveyed after he was shot last Tuesday by Levi Walker. Young Walker, after he shot William O. Shipp, whom his sister, Miss Bessie Walker, charged with betraying her, and also shot young Gray, who testified in Shipp's favor at the police court trial, said that he shot Gray accidentally.

Walker now has counsel and will not discuss the case. He maintains the air of conscious innocence he has worn ever since he avenged his sister's wrong.

Attorney N. T. Green, of counsel for certain citizens of Norfolk county, appeared in the Norfolk County Court today and asked Judge William Portlock, who sat upon the bench, whether he might properly make a motion that Judge Portlock do not sit at the trial of the case of the members of the Board of Supervisors charged with malfeasance, in that they drew compensation for their services in excess of the legal amount, which is $30 a year.

Judge Portlock replied that such motion would be useless, as although he considered himself unbiased, he had determined not to sit in the case, as he did not like the atmosphere surrounding it.

Mr. Green then expressed his desire that a jury be summoned from some section where the political feeling does not run so high as at Portsmouth and Berkley. This question could, Mr. Hopper, for the defense, said, only be settled properly by the trial judge. Judge B. D. White, of Princess Anne county, will sit.

Mr. Green's action has caused much talk. It is characterized by the fusionists as impertinent, but it is defended by the straightouts. The battle is largely political and is between the straightout and fusion factions of Norfolk county. The supervisors' trial is set for February 28th.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

An explosion occurred this morning at the Standard Oil Company's pier, and shortly afterward another followed, and the bugeye Sarah W. Wingate, which was lying at the pier, burst into flames, endangering much valuable property.

The Wingate is bound for Baltimore from Edenton, N. C., with guano. She was taking on naptha for her auxiliary engine when the explosion occurred, and soon afterwards Elmer Clark and one "Patsey," another member of her crew, whose surname is not known, were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, dangerously burned and hurt. No cause for the explosion is assigned.

AN ELOPEMENT.

Young Man Uses His Sweetheart's Father's Horse to Steal his Bride.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHILDRESS, VA., Feb. 20.—Mr. John E. Peterson, of Little River, Montgomery county, and Miss Daisy Kinfer, daughter of Mr. Jasper Kinfer, a substantial farmer of that vicinity, left home on Sunday morning last in the old gentleman's buggy and with his horse, saying that they were going to attend church a few miles away. Instead of going to church, however, they went on to Christiansburg, where a marriage license had been arranged previously for, and were married by the Rev. Mr. Grubb. They went to Roanoke Sunday night, stopping at the St. James Hotel, and by telephone announced to the father of the bride where his horse and buggy had been left. Mr. T. B. Gibson, brother-in-law of the bride, accompanied them to Roanoke.

A VIRGINIAN'S SUICIDE.

Kenneth McCoy Cuts His Own Throat With a Knife.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

STAUNTON, VA., Feb. 20.—A telegram just received from Dr. J. S. Horsley, of El Paso, Tex., states that Kenneth McCoy, formerly of Staunton, and who left here some months ago with his wife and little son, died in El Paso Wednesday night. Mr. McCoy was for a number of years engaged in business in this city and was a member of the Staunton Elks.

Further reports state that Mr. McCoy took his own life with a pocket knife, having cut his throat and bled to death. He was found in this room after being dead some hours. He left no message to show why he took his own life.

STATE FUNERAL.

Military Escort for Gen. Toon's Remains. Auditorium Company Buys Academy.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 20.—The programme for an elaborate State funeral for General T. F. Toon, late Superintendent of Public Instruction, was arranged this afternoon.

Features of the cortege will be a military escort of five companies—Confederate veterans, Masonic fraternity, Governor and State officers, Ladies' Memorial Association and Daughters of the Confederacy. The interment will be here in Oakwood Cemetery.

The proposition of the Raleigh Auditorium Company to buy the Academy of Music has been accepted, and this building will be enlarged and improved to such an extent as to make it the largest and handsomest auditorium and theatre in the State.

Thompson—Lewis

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

TAZEWELL, VA., Feb. 19.—Miss Mattie Lewis, a most attractive young lady of this place, and Mr. Samuel B. Thompson, a prosperous farmer of Thompson's Valley, this county, were to-day married at the home of her father, Mr. J. H. Lewis, on Main Street, at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Henrihan, of the Presbyterian Church. They left on the evening train for Charleston, S. C., to attend the Exposition at that place.

Atlee Smith Indicted.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

TAZEWELL, VA., Feb. 19.—Atlee Smith was to-day indicted by the grand jury for an assault upon Prof. J. A. Livesay at Graham, Va., in December last.

Smith was paying attention to a young lady who was an assistant of Prof. Livesay in the High School at that place, and the young lady having heard remarks concerning the character of her suitor made inquiry of Prof. Livesay and was advised to cease receiving him attention. She told Smith of this conversation. He procured a pair of steel knucks and struck Livesay.

Members Discuss the Incident.

At an informal meeting of as many members of the Lee Literary Society as could be gotten together last night, the unfortunate affair between Messrs. Taylor and Gurney was discussed, and while action by this body cannot be taken until their regular meeting to be held Saturday night, the conduct of Mr. Gurney in making public a private and trivial disagreement was unanimously condemned by all the members present.

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MAYOR IGNORES CAPT. M'CARTHY

(Continued From First Page.)

That firm and its business is well known to you. In January, 1896, I withdrew from that firm. My record shows whether I am a capable merchant or not, and whether I am able to manage the affairs of your city. I have come here not to make a speech, but to thank you for the confidence and support you have given me. From the expressions of your interest and good will, I believe that that confidence and support continues. I thank you one and all, and I leave it to you whether I am a safe man to be the Chief Executive of your city. I thank you."

The Mayor spoke about six or eight minutes; was heartily applauded; remained in the hall some ten minutes after speaking, and left during an intermission in Mr. McCarthy's somewhat interrupted address before the conclusion of the meeting.

MR. M'CARTHY COMES IN.

About the close of the Mayor's speech Mr. McCarthy was seen at the door, and there were cries for "McCarthy," "Live Wire."

Mr. McCarthy came forward. He stated that he was late, as he had stopped to see the Broad Street fire. This called forth several witty inquiries from the crowd touching the methods by which the fire was fought, whether with twenty-inch cannon and grappling irons, etc. Mr. McCarthy stood this running fire of breezy repartee well. He had had the building examined that day, and believed that in so doing he had conferred a favor on Fulton. He wanted no accident, and that every one should have to vote on April 10th. "For Honest Dick," interjected a deep, bass voice at the back of the hall.

Mr. McCarthy invited any questions. There were some questions about fire fighting and grappling irons. Mr. John L. Botto launched vigorously upon a more fertile line of inquiry concerning the Epps defalcation. Mr. McCarthy explained that the money stolen belonged not to the city, but to individuals, and stated that the embezzlement could not have been proved, but for Epps' confession. The money had been paid to the trust company by the man's family before it settled with the city.

The Council Committee had found the charges made by the Mayor against Mr. Warren and himself to be "absolutely groundless and unjust." So far as he was concerned, he had no connection with the matter and could have dropped the whole thing and gone fishing. He had stayed to assist his brother officers.

At this stage Mayor Taylor retired amid cheers.

After the Mayor's departure, Mr. McCarthy spoke for about ten minutes on the responsibility of the voter and citizen and kindred topics.

He wound up with a reference to one of the papers of the city as "a suborned liar," which led President Duffy to call him to task.

MR. MOROSO HEARD.

After Mr. McCarthy had ended his address, Mr. John A. Moroso asked the privilege of speaking a minute or two.

"Is he a voter?" asked Mr. McCarthy.

"I have voted here and will vote again in this primary," replied Mr. Moroso.

Mr. Moroso stated that Captain McCarthy ("Captain of what?" from a voice in the rear of the hall) had tried to bully him and threatened to denounce him before 85,000 people. He had told him if he made unfounded statements concerning him he would denounce him as a liar. He had necessarily been absent from the previous meetings, when Mr. McCarthy had attacked him. He was now speaking personally and not as connected with any publication or employer. He had published affidavits showing that the statements of Mr. McCarthy were untrue.

"I told him that if he made statements of this character about me I would call him a liar to his teeth, and I do it now. He is a liar, a contemptible liar!"

This was said with all the energy and vim of which the speaker was capable. It was heartily applauded, and Mr. McCarthy made no reply or expression of resentment.

REPLY TO SHAW.

Lady Who Complained of Customs Regulations Writes Again.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Secretary Shaw has received from Elizabeth C. Hobson, secretary of the committee of ladies who recently made complaint of the personal baggage inspection methods at New York and other ports in the United States, an answer to his letter to the ladies making complaint, asking them numerous questions on the subject. The answer says the Secretary's letter "seems to be quite beside the mark."

"The real question," writes Mrs. Hobson, "is whether or not you propose to maintain the regulations or alter them. You know that receipted bills are not accepted as proof of value. Other of your questions relate to the recollections of travelers as to what happened on different voyages during a period of three years, and their futility suggests that they were prepared by the same one of your subordinates as drafted the impossible regulations.

"It is not for us to say how you should administer the law, but it seems proper to point out wherein regulations constitute an offense."

Mrs. Hobson states that if Secretary Shaw desires to cross-examine the ladies and will allow them counsel the petitioners will be happy to be present at such examination.

FLOYD TURMAN ARRESTED.

Brother of Man He Killed Traced Him Up and Assisted at the Arrest.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HILLSVILLE, VA., Feb. 18.—Deputy Sheriff Morris left here this morning with Floyd Turman in charge, bound for Pulaski City, where Turman will be confined in jail to await an indictment on a charge of killing John Phillips on Christmas Day at a mill on Greasy Creek, just across the Floyd county line. Both were citizens of Carroll county.

Phillips got into a fight with some one at the mill. He had a breechloading shotgun in his hand. Turman stepped up and asked for the gun. When Phillips handed it to him he took it in both hands and struck Phillips on the head with iron barrel, breaking his skull and inflicting a mortal wound. Turman immediately inserted a cartridge, and turning to Thomas Phillips, a brother of the wounded man, dared him to open his mouth at the risk of his life.

While he had the "drop" on the crowd he quietly turned and walked away. He succeeded in making his way across the mountains into Pocahontas county, W. Va. Thomas Phillips located him by keeping a close watch on the mails. When he succeeded in getting his plans perfected, he made a trip to Pocahontas county. Arriving there he hunted up the sheriff of the county and got him to go along with him. They found Turman in a box car. He never discovered his pursuers until Thomas Phillips laid his hand on his shoulders and ordered him to throw up his hands. On looking around and confronting a thirty-eight-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver, he obeyed the order without a word and was handcuffed.

STREETS WERE SLIPPERY.

Pedestrians Took to Middle of Streets for Safety.

Pedestrination was a difficult operation in Richmond last night. Those who were forced to be out slipped and slided and took to the middle of the road to save themselves from broken limbs.

The temperature fell soon after dark and the drizzling rain froze hard, making the sidewalks as slick as glass.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. J. B. Marriott.

Mrs. J. B. Morriott, mother of Mrs. Adolph Osterloh, of this city, died yesterday morning in Baltimore. The remains will be taken to Fredericksburg, where the interment will be made today.

Mrs. Marriott leaves two children—Dr. Y. S. Marriott, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Osterloh.

R. W. Stores.

Mr. R. W. Stores died yesterday morning at his home, No. 20 South Adams Street, in the sixtieth year of his age. Mr. Stores was the father of Mr. R. W. Stores, Jr., manager of the Richmond Dry Cold Storage Company, and a man quite widely known throughout the city.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Immanuel Church, Henrico county.

William R. Jolly.

William R. Jolly died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. Robert W. and Mrs. Elizabeth Jolly, No. 3946 Williamsburg Avenue, aged sixteen years and nine months. The cause of his death was pneumonia.

Miss Jennie Bowles.

Miss Jennie Bowles died yesterday morning at her home, No. 201 South Linden Street. She was nineteen years of age and had been ill only a short while.

Mr. Thomas L. Dansey.

Mr. Thomas L. Dansey, a well known young bricklayer, died yesterday morning at the residence of his father at Highland Springs.

Funeral of Mr. Knight.

The funeral of Mr. George Knight, who dropped dead Wednesday afternoon at Twenty-eighth and Dock Streets, while at work, will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Fulton Baptist Church. The interment will be in Oakwood.

Mrs. R. H. Moss.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CLARKSVILLE, VA., Feb. 20.—Mrs. R. H. Moss died at her home in Clarksville last night, after a brief illness, in the thirty-fifth year of her age. She leaves a husband and four small children, the youngest not quite two weeks old. She had been for some years a member of the Presbyterian Church. When told that she could not survive, she said: "If it had been God's will, I would like to live and help raise by little children, but I know they will be cared for, and I am not afraid to die."

After giving definite instructions as to her children and other matters, and bidding her husband and friends an affectionate farewell, she quietly fell asleep.

Captain William Pryor Lewis.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 20.—Captain William Pryor Lewis, father of Mrs. L. P. Harper, died at 11 o'clock to-day, aged eighty years. The funeral took place at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn., Saturday morning, where Mrs. Lewis was buried about a week ago.

Captain Lewis during the Civil War commanded Company D, Fifty-third Tennessee Infantry. Though born in Goochland county, Va., he moved to Nashville when a child and lived there up to two years ago, when he came here to live with Colonel and Mrs. Harper. He married Helen Sturdevant in Nashville during November, 1847. Captain Lewis and his wife joined the Methodist Church before their marriage, fifty-seven years ago.

Thomas R. Burroughs.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BEDFORD CITY, VA., Feb. 20.—Mr. Thomas R. Burroughs, aged seventy-four years, an old Confederate, member of General Munford's old regiment, born and raised in this county and one of Bedford's best citizens, died suddenly yesterday. He was a man of sterling integrity and worth. He was a farmer and resided about three miles from town.

Mrs. Sarah Wolverton.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Sarah Wolverton died at the home of her husband, Mr. John Wolverton, near Saumsville, Shenandoah county, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Wolverton was sick only a few days, and her death was a shock to her family and friends. She was about seventy years old and is survived by three sons and five daughters—Messrs. Frank, George and John Wolverton, Mrs. D. J. Hattel, Mrs. Perry Miller, Mrs. William Smoot, Mrs. John Conner and Mrs. David Buckham, all residents of this county.

Guilford Craven.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., Feb. 20.—Mr. Guilford Craven died at his home near Lincoln, this county, last night at 12 o'clock. He was about seventy years of age, was twice married and is survived by a widow and one son, Mr. Ross Craven, of this county. His funeral will take place in Lincoln to-morrow.

DEATHS.

TURNER.—Died at the residence of his son, Dr. Edwin P. Turner, Isle of Wight county, after a long and severe illness, THOS. P. TURNER. Interment in Richmond Sunday.

Funeral notice later.

DANSEY.—Died, at the residence of his parents, Highland Springs, THOMAS LYNWOOD DANSEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Dansey; aged thirty-one years.

Funeral will take place TO-MORROW at 3:30 P. M. from the car sheds at Twenty-ninth and P Streets.

TELLS STORY OF RICE'S DEATH

Valet Jones Makes Dramatic Recital on Witness Stand.

ALL THE DETAILS GONE OVER

The Debilitating Pills of Mercury and Iron Administered for Days, and End Brought By Use of Chloroform.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—A very dramatic point in the trial of Lawyer Albert Patrick, for the murder of the millionaire William Marsh Rice, was reached to-day, Charles Jones, the valet, was relating the circumstances leading up to the somewhat sudden death of Mr. Rice in September. Then plunging into the details, he held the attention of his audience to the end of recital. Freed of minor points, his story follows:

In August Patrick grew impatent. Mr. Rice, though an invalid, was living too long to suit the lawyer's purposes. Patrick said he would come to the house and kill him himself if necessary. He suggested chloroform and Jones said he would get some. The idea of chloroform as a means was suggested by a magazine article. Jones talked with a physician, who said that a person whose heart was affected, as was Mr. Rice, could be most easily killed with it and little trace of the drug would be left. Jones got a two ounce vial of it by writing to his brother in Texas.

BECAME DELIRIOUS.

Jones then branched off into the alleged plan adopted to weaken the already sick old man. This was by giving him mercury and iron pills. The pills brought on debilitating diarrhoea. Then a friend brought Mr. Rice a present of bananas. Of these the old man ate nine. The fruit made him exceedingly ill, and yet the weakening doses of mercury were kept up. By Saturday, being about the eighth day of the last illness, Mr. Rice became delirious. This testimony brought the events up to Sunday, the day of death, and the witness had said that during these ten days of illness he had kept Patrck informed of the details personally and by telephone.

William Marsh Rice's quick death, declared the witness, was decided at a conference between Patrick and Jones held Saturday night. Jones had told the lawyer of the arrival of a draft for $35,000. Patrick told him it was time to apply the chloroform, now that the draft had come, and Captain Baker was coming, or they would lose all. Jones agreed.

Jones here told his story of the actual killing. He made a cone of a towel, in the small end of which was a chloroform soaked sponge. Creeping into the room where Mr. Rice lay sleeping he quickly covered the sleeper's face with the large end of the cone. Jones rushed from the room. In half an hour he came back. He removed the cone. Mr. Rice was dead. Jones swore he telephoned to Patrick the words: "Mr. Rice is very ill," the agreed signal between the two in the event of death.

Jones' story of the end was concluded by the statement that Patrick came to the house and removed all of Mr. Rice's papers.

CUSTOM-HOUSE NEWS.

Jury Adjourned in Bell Case—Isaac Meyer a Bankrupt.

The illness of Mr. Jackson Guy, counsel for defendants in the case of Bell's heirs against Allard et als, which was being tried in the United States Circuit Court, caused the adjournment of the jury yesterday morning until March 18th.

The case will be continued until that time. Judge Goff left yesterday evening for his home in West Virginia.

Judge Goff entered a decree in the United States Circuit Court yesterday sustaining the report of the United States Commissioners in the claims of the Chapman Jack Company and Ensign Manufacturing Company against the Richmond and Danville Railroad, and commissioner's decision was in favor of claimants.

On Washington's birthday, February 22d, the post-office will be open only from 10 A. M. to 12 M.

Civil service examination will be held for the office of Assistant Inspector of Boilers on February 24th. The office carries a salary of $2,000.

Isaac Meyer, the clothier and gents' furnisher, of No. 601 East Broad Street, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the clerk's office of the United States District Court yesterday morning, through his attorney, Henry Flegenheimer.

Mr. Myer gives as the amount of his indebtedness $8,390.86. His assets are $5,337.54, of which amount he claims $1,994.70 personal property exempt.

Isaac Meyer has been in business in Richmond for some time, and until a few months ago, when he advertised a cut-rate sale, with a view to making a change in business, he handled an elegant line of gents' furnishing goods.

Colonel Beach, deputy revenue collector of Colonel Charles H. Ingram's staff, left yesterday morning for Roanoke, where he has been assigned for duty for several weeks.

PYTHIANS ADJOURN.

Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge Closed.

The Grand Lodge of Pythians of Virginia completed its work yesterday morning and adjourned to meet next year in Roanoke on the third Tuesday in February.

On all sides the meeting is declared to have been one of the best in the history of the body. The attendance has been very large and sessions were perfectly harmonious. The regular business has been transacted in a highly satisfactory manner.

The session yesterday was lengthy, but, so far as could be learned, was taken up mostly in the transaction of routine matters. Reports of various committees were received and there were some interesting and breezy debates on lodge questions, appropriations and other things. The exact nature of these matters could not be ascertained. Mr. Edwards, the Grand Keeper of the Records and Seal, who is the official mouthpiece of the body, said yesterday afternoon that the lodge transacted only routine business yesterday morning.

NEW CITY JAIL.

Mr. Bowman Says the Cells Will Be Ready in Time.

Mr. W. N. Bowman, of the Stewart Iron Work, of Cincinnati, is in the city.

Mr. Bowman's firm have the contract for building the new jail. He said last night that his firm was ready to put in the iron work now, and that just as soon as contractor Fox was ready, that part of the new jail would be put in. The cells are in course of construction now, and will be ready easily within contract time.