

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.  
The thermometer ranged as follows at:  
The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 75;  
12 M., 79; 3 P. M., 82; 6 P. M., 80; 9 P.  
M., 76; 12 midnight, 78; average, 78.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:  
Virginia—Fair in north; showers in  
south; showers Tuesday; Wednesday fair;  
light south winds.  
North Carolina—Showers Tuesday and  
probably Wednesday; light to fresh  
southeast to south winds.

## SESSION OF COUNCIL WAS VERY BUSY ONE

### Mayor Sends Message and Many Measures Proposed.

### PLAN FOR BETTER STREETS

### Mr. Clowes Offers a Resolution Looking to This End.

### MANUAL TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

### Mr. Pollock Introduces an Important and far Reaching Resolution in regard to the Extension of City Limits, and the Redistricting of the City into Wards.

The new Common Council held its first meeting for general business last night. A considerable number of measures of large importance were introduced and referred to committees. As there was no business from committees to be acted upon the session was a short one.

A long and comprehensive message from Mayor Taylor, printed elsewhere, was read and sent on to the Board of Aldermen for the consideration of that body.

A communication from the City Council of Manchester in relation to Richmond's taking up the scheme for a free bridge on the site of the present Mayo's Bridge was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform.

The Carnegie Library Board of Trustees reported that they had decided upon the northeast corner of Eleventh and Broad as the proper site for a library, and asked the Council for \$22,000 with which to purchase the property.

Mr. Allen offered an amendment to the charter of the city providing that Fire and Police Commissioners shall be ineligible to re-election to a second term. This went to the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform.

Mr. Bloomberg offered a resolution changing the present law in relation to the sinking fund, which went to the Finance Committee, and also the following, which was adopted:

"Be it resolved by the Common Council of the city of Richmond:

"That the Auditor of the city of Richmond be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare and have printed in a convenient form for the use of the members of the Council.

"A descriptive list of the location, character and size of all improved real estate owned by the city, the purpose for which the same is used, the amount of fire insurance carried thereon, and the approximate value thereof.

"A descriptive list of all unimproved and unproductive real estate owned by the city, and the size, character, location and approximate value thereof.

"And be it further resolved, That the Special Accountant, City Engineer, Commissioner of Revenue, Superintendent of the Water Works, Superintendent of the Gas Works, and the Police, Fire and School Boards be, and they are hereby requested to render all necessary assistance to the Auditor, to enable him to prepare an authentic and perfect list."

Mr. Bottom introduced a resolution requesting the Water Committee to investigate the poor water supply on certain streets on the south side of Clay Ward. This was adopted. Mr. Bottom also had a resolution providing for a joint committee of seven to revise the rules of the Council and Board, which was adopted.

STREET IMPROVEMENT.  
Mr. Clowes offered one of the most important and far reaching resolutions of the evening. It went to the Street Committee, and was as follows:

"Be it resolved by the Council of the city of Richmond, the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Finance, assisted by the City Engineer, report to the body for its adoption a plan for the general and permanent improvement of the streets of the city, and an ordinance prohibiting the division of the street funds among the several wards of the city.

MANUAL TRAINING IN SCHOOLS.  
Mr. Crenshaw offered a joint resolution providing for a joint committee of nine to investigate and report on the advisability of introducing manual training and kindergarten instruction into the schools of this city. The resolution was adopted and the joint committee will be named as soon as the Board acts on the resolution.

Mr. Crenshaw's ordinance prohibiting the sale of dogs, and other animals from being allowed to graze on the streets went to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Ellett offered a resolution that the Broad Street Bank be one of the city depositories. This went to the Finance Committee.

COMFORT HOUSES IN PARKS.  
A very valuable and popular resolution was that of Mr. Ferguson that the Grounds and Building Committee take up the matter of building houses of public comfort at Chamberlayne and Reservoir Parks. The general need of such buildings has been long appreciated. The matter went to the committee.

Mr. Heslip's resolution that Justice John J. Crutchfield be given a month's vacation, and which was passed through with a heartiness that attested that official's popularity. There were several "Hurrahs for Justice John" from his enthusiastic admirers of the Council. More than one suggested privately that the city make it two or three months, but it was objected that this might not be in accordance with Justice Crutchfield's wishes.

"Any man who has served Richmond like John Crutchfield has all these years as he get whatever he wants," said one of the older members of the Council in the lobby.

Mr. Peters introduced the amended franchise ordinance which was before the Telephone Company which was before the Street Committee in the spring. It was referred to the committee again.

EXTENSION OF REAPPORTMENTMENT.  
Mr. Pollock offered a resolution which was adopted, and which directs the Ordinance Committee to investigate and report upon the question of legislation affecting the extension of the corporate limits of the city and giving to the city the right of fixing a

## JUMPS INTO BAY FOR GIRL'S BONNET

### Miss Gordon, of Richmond, Puts Cadet Admirers to the Test.

### WAS A STARTLING RESPONSE

### Young Garland Mourning, of Kentucky Guest of Hon. John S. Wise, Swims for Bonnet and Gallantly Returns it—"Kiptopeke" Club.

Occasionally knighthood blossoms even in these days of money-getting and material progress. When it does the most harden and practical cannot withhold a smile of appreciation and approval.

Sunday morning at the Richmond members of the "Kiptopeke" club, who had been the guests of Hon. John S. Wise, of New York, at his Virginia home near Cape Charles, departed a scene was enacted that would have graced the distant time "when knighthood was in flower."

Miss Nellie Gordon, the young and beautiful daughter of Mr. John W. Gordon, of this city, visiting the daughter of Mr. Wise, threw her bonnet into the Chesapeake Bay to test the sincerity of the attentions of a number of V. M. I. cadets who were also guests at the Wise home. What followed was worthy of more romantic days. The gallant young man was Cadet Garland Mourning, of Louisville, Ky.

WAIVING REGRETFUL FAREWELLS.  
The Kiptopeke Club, named for Mr. Wise's home, had been in session since last Thursday. Sunday morning the members leaving for Old Point, home-ward bound. The vessel which was to take them across the bay lay some distance from the wharf and the party went out to her in a rowboat. In the departing company were the Richmond members of the club and the V. M. I. cadets. Those on the wharf who had come down to say good-bye were Mr. Wise, Mrs. Wise, their daughter, Miss Nellie Gordon, her friend and guest, Miss Nellie Gordon, of Richmond. The cadets had all been paying Miss Gordon, as well as Miss Wise, the most arduous and knightly attention. Now they were waving regretful farewells. Miss Gordon, whose nature has been lavish to adorn, wore a sun-bonnet, such as girls in the country wear to protect their fair faces from the sun. She never looked more beautiful. As the boat passed out, Mr. G. D. Wingfield, of this city, called to her: "Throw your bonnet in the water and see which of these young gallants will jump in for it."

"PLUNGED HEADFOREMOST."  
Instantly the girl took it from her head, and making a tiny, soft, white bundle of it tossed it into the bay with all her strength.

No anticipated act upon the modern stage was ever met more triumphantly by its natural counterpart. The little bunch of whiteness had not touched the water before young Garland Mourning, in immaculate summer garb, plunged in head foremost and was swimming strongly for the white-headed swimmer on the sunlit waves. The young knight was dressed in new straw hat, soft light coat, white trousers, patent-leather shoes, negligee shirt, dotted tie—every item of latest fashion and an honor to the laundress's art. But these were forgotten. So quick was the young man's thought and action it seemed to the surprised and amused company that he left the boat almost the instant that the bonnet flew from the small hand of the owner.

TREW A KISS BACK.  
Getting the bonnet before it had gotten fairly wet, the cadet threw it back to the girl upon the wharf, and a smile and a kiss of the hand went with it. The gallant and graceful act was greeted with cheers from the rest of the party, who had looked on with intense interest and bated breath.

The gallant young Kentuckian swam to the boat, and was rowed away to the vessel.

Those who left Richmond last Thursday to be the guests of Mr. Wise were Mayor Clay Drewry, "Uncle" John L. Grubbs, assistant postmaster of Richmond, Mr. E. D. Hotchkiss, Mr. E. A. Catlin, Mr. W. S. Archer, Mr. John H.

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## A MODERN LITTLE BREECHES IN SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

### Buried Under Thirty Feet of Rock, and When Rescued After Many Hours of Arduous Labor by His Father's Neighbors, He Demands a Chew of Tobacco.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
HOLLADAY, VA., July 7.—Willie Day, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. W. L. Day, who for twenty years has been a tenant of Mr. Julian T. Kendall, near this place, on Saturday last underwent a most thrilling and perilous experience and had a miraculous escape from a painful and harrowing death.

Willie was at work for Mr. Alexander Green, near Thorn Hill, in Orange county, about six miles from this place and about one o'clock on Saturday climbed down the wall into the well to get the bucket, which had become detached from the chain.

When he got down near the surface of the water the entire wall caved in and Willie was buried under the mass of rock nearly thirty feet underground. By some strange chance the rock so lodged as not to crush him to death instantly.

Mr. Green immediately set to work with his hands and the neighbors who responded to the call for help. It was eleven o'clock that night before Willie was rescued from his hazardous position. He came out game and as soon as his head emerged from the mass of stone demanded a chew of tobacco.

Spotsylvania boys are not easily daunted, and Willie Day seems to possess some of the spirit of "Little Breeches." It is a remarkable fact that Mr. Rob-

## FIRST MESSAGE OF MAYOR TAYLOR SENT TO THE COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

### Mayor Taylor sent the following message to the Common Council at its first business session, held last night:

To the Honorable Council of the City of Richmond: Gentlemen:

"The new Constitution, to be promulgated on the 10th instant, clothes the Executive of the city with powers hitherto withheld, and will make the office of mayor an important factor in the municipal government. Appreciating the new conditions, and congratulating you on your selection by our fellow citizens to be the custodians of their interests, and desiring to place the Executive and Legislative branches in harmonious association, I assure your honorable body that my efforts shall be earnestly directed to co-operating with you in all advantageous legislation.

"It should be our aim to be a progressive city, keeping pace with the times, but with a conservative policy that will maintain the good conditions now prevailing in the city government. It is, and should be, our duty to live within our means, not allowing extravagance in our expenditures to prejudice our high financial standing. The committees of your honorable body will shape the business to be taken up by you, and all matters should be carefully considered before they are submitted to the Mayor for final action.

"Above all we should insist upon integrity and zeal in every department, and officials should be held to strict accountability for the proper conduct of their several offices and of the employes under their charge.

WANTS SPECIAL ACCOUNTANTS.  
"Inasmuch as it is the duty of the Mayor to see that the books of the various departments are properly kept I recommend that he be authorized to appoint from time to time expert accountants to be under his supervision and control, whose duty it shall be to critically examine into the various city departments; the reports of their examinations to be submitted directly to you by the Mayor. By this means you will be put in closer touch with city affairs, and at the same time, our official acts will be open to the scrutiny of our fellow-citizens, who have made us their trustees in the management of the city and have a right to know what we are doing.

VALUABLE RECOMMENDATIONS.  
"I would call your attention specially to matters relating to streets, health, water, fire, schools, light, police, public grounds and buildings, and the poor, as departments essential to the proper condition of the city and which should actively engage our interest.

"The substitution of other roadways for the macadam which has become a great discomfort and a possible menace to health, proper sewerage and culvert systems to prevent inundations, and consequent law suits against the city, and a general improvement of the streets, should have the immediate attention of the new committee on streets. Nothing could add so materially to the interests of the city as a good health report, and the Council should, therefore, be liberal in its appropriations to the Health Department. I particularly recommend measures for insuring the strength and purity of milk, for this article is the food of great numbers of those who are to be our future men and women, and we should not allow them to be robbed of their proper nourishment. Our water supply is ample and wholesome but not always sight y, and the recent action of the Council looking to the construction of a settling basin should be pressed to its completion. The recent additions to the Fire Department will aid them materially in handling fires, but the necessity for more apparatus is apparent and your attention is called to this. I recommend the addition of an extra new company, fully manned and equipped. Our schools require your constant attention and supervision.

OVERCROWDED SCHOOL-HOUSES.  
"The school-houses are in bad condition, overcrowded and poorly ventilated, and some action should be taken to put them in good repair before the next session begins. To guard the health of the children efficiently I recommend that one or more physicians be placed upon the School Board. The Light Department should be encouraged in its efforts to have a new gas-holder erected in the western part of the city in order to prevent a repetition of the troubles the workers have had to undergo in times of flood. Proper police protection is necessary for the growing city, and we are sadly in need of more policemen. I recommend an increase of twenty-five patrolmen and the necessary officers.

"Our public buildings, erected and cared for at great cost, should not be neglected, but suitable provision should be made for their proper keeping and continual improvement. Our parks, useful and ornamental, should be made always attractive by maintaining them in a clean and neat condition.

"The poor at all times need the sympathy of your honorable body, and means for helping them in their distress should be an object of your earnest efforts. The work of placing electrical wires under ground should be continued and not ended until all overhead wires are safely disposed of. I call attention to a tendency on the part of the boards and committees to look outside of the city for officials and employes to supply vacancies in city positions, and suggest that suitable ordinances be framed to secure to our own citizens the preference for these places, and thus encourage those who have prepared themselves for these positions, and have the best right to them.

"I have in this message attempted to outline some of the necessities that confront us, but in closing I cannot impress you too deeply with the conviction that in all things must be careful in making our appropriations, so as not to exceed the income of the city.

"Very respectfully, RICHARD M. TAYLOR, Mayor."

## HOUSES, BARN AND STOCK SWEPT AWAY IN FLOOD.

(By Associated Press.)  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 7.—News from the flood devastated districts of this State is coming in slowly. A cloudburst struck Medina Saturday night and early Sunday morning, doing great damage. To-day wreckage is piled up along waterways, which have been dried up for a month. Lightning destroyed barns

at Shelby, Dindenville and other points north of Medina. Lightning struck the house of George Bennis, southwest of Medina, wrecking it and burning the family in the debris. A boy was taken out of the ruins so badly injured that it is doubtful if he will survive.

From Poughkeepsie comes reports that the lowlands are under water, and that the flood is as high or even higher than ever known during any spring freshet.

The cloudbursts yesterday have interfered with railroad traffic on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad, and the Western New York division of the Pennsylvania system. Neither company was able to get trains out to-day. The Erie tracks between Attica and Batavia are washed out, but trains on this division are running on slow time.

From Churchville comes reports that Black Creek is the highest known even in spring freshets. It is out of its channel, and causing great damage to growing crops along its banks. Hundreds of acres of corn, beans and potatoes, sugar beets and the other crops are under water and ruined. The dam at Byron is reported broken and the creek is still rising at a great rate.

Honeyeater reports six bridges, including an iron structure on Mill Creek, washed away and heavy damage to crops.

Pennar says that many thousands of dollars' damage has been done to the property of the course of the creek flowing through Hammondsport, and cattle were rescued from flooded pastures with great difficulty.

Mount Moria reports the water at that point two feet higher than ever before. Many fine farms have been ruined.

Nunda reports that the State foot bridge over Kishiqua Creek has been washed away and the town is in darkness. Large fields of growing crops have been washed away, ground and all. Dalton has also suffered greatly.

## FREIGHT HANDLERS STRIKE IN CHICAGO

### NORFOLK SITUATION DATES AWAY BACK

### Had its Incipency in the Swanson-Montague Fight.

### TREHY AND DEY FACTIONS

### Politics Makes Strange Bedfellows and There Are Some Highly Conflicting Interests to Be Reconciled in the Schedule to Be Attempted.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
NORFOLK, VA., July 7.—Norfolk has a reform Mayor and an interesting situation. The Mayor assumed office on the 1st, and the situation began Saturday. It cannot be understood without an explanation of the strike of the freight handlers' union, which was decried by officials of the union and members of the State Board of Arbitration. The officials of the union at a conference to-night, told Chairman Job, of the Board of Arbitration, that they were willing to permit employees of the different companies to meet officials of the same to discuss the wage scale, providing a joint conference should be held at which officials of the union would be permitted to act as advisers of the men. The arbitration board is now working to bring about a conference between the railway men and committees representing the men.

There is little doubt that the strike can be settled satisfactorily to both sides if the conference shall be arranged. Lack of unanimity already permeates the strike. The Chicago Federation of Labor was ignored when the order was issued for the strike, and its executive officials are somewhat offended and are inclined to let the freight handlers fight out their battle in their own way. There are 1,200 freight handlers in and about the various freight houses of the twenty-four railroads centering in Chicago. Of this number more than 5,000 are now involved in the strike. Some of the men who quit work did so under protest. Notably this was the case in the freight houses of the Lake Shore and Michigan Central Road.

The men employed there were receiving all the consideration they had asked. They were forced to strike, however, by the order of the Executive Committee of their union. Before going out the men informed the railroad officials of the situation and said they would seek an immediate return under orders from the authority that ordered them out.

PERSONNEL OF FACTIONS.  
The personnel of the two factions is interesting. James V. Trehy is an ambitious young Catholic of Irish descent, who is a shrewd and bold political manager. He has conducted several successful local campaigns, and is enjoying the salary of the clerk of the courts in consequence of his ability as a manager and his promises for the future. He has a large following and distinguished himself as a loyal subject to the "Martin-Thomas" party. His mantle fell on the shoulders of Claude A. Swanson as his political heir.

Captain W. W. Dey got his title and much of his political prestige from a crack military company here, which was utilized to make him commissioner of revenue and improved to give him the leadership of the "Montague" faction.

SALOON LIETENANTS.  
Dey and Trehy have lieutenants as local assistants. The latter is assisted by Napoleon B. Joyne, who has a lot of saloons and their followers and influences, while the Dey faction is assisted by James E. Prince, who is likewise a saloon owner and leader.

STRANGE ALLIANCE.  
In Norfolk, as in many other cities, there are violations of the laws, which, especially on Sunday, exasperate the element known as the good government faction. After the distinct alignment following the Swanson-Montague contest it was deemed that nearly all of the offices, including the political department, were filled with adherents of the Martin-Swanson-Trehy ring.

The problem with Dey was to defeat Trehy in the city, as Swanson had been defeated in the State. Hence followed a union of the Dey faction with the Good Government Club, the Sabbath Observance Association and all other dissatisfied and expectant elements, which were not enjoying any of the favors or profits by the immunities, as the case may be, of the Trehy faction.

DR. JAMES G. RIDDICK.  
To lead this strange alliance, Dr. James G. Riddick, a defeated candidate of previous reform movements and a popular physician, who had the reputation of not

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### Nine Thousand Men Quit Work and March Out.

### WAREHOUSES ARE TIED UP

### Twenty-four Railroads and Over 400 Warehouses Affected.

### FIERCE STRUGGLE EXPECTED

### Teamsters Do Not Conceal Their Sympathy With Strikers—Mayor Harrison Has Postponed His Vacation—A Railway Detective Buys Large Stock of Billies—New Men.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, ILL., July 7.—Hopes of a speedy settlement of the strike of the Freight Handlers' Union, which was decried here to-day, are entertained to-night by officials of the union and members of the State Board of Arbitration. The officials of the union at a conference to-night, told Chairman Job, of the Board of Arbitration, that they were willing to permit employees of the different companies to meet officials of the same to discuss the wage scale, providing a joint conference should be held at which officials of the union would be permitted to act as advisers of the men. The arbitration board is now working to bring about a conference between the railway men and committees representing the men.

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ACCEPTED SUSPENSION OF CUSTOMARY OPERATIONS BY THE FREIGHT HANDLERS TO-DAY occasioned considerable trouble in and about the various railroad warehouses and depots, but the inconvenience and delay were but a drop in the bucket to what will happen to-morrow and later in the week if the strike shall not be settled sooner.

To add to the present difficulties of the railroads the Teamsters and Truck-drivers' Union threatens to join in a sympathetic strike. If this shall occur it will affect all incoming and outgoing freight.

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## SUMMARY OF THE WEATHER

FORECAST.  
Tuesday fair in north, showers in south. Wednesday fair, light south winds.  
Highest temperature yesterday..... 81  
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 67  
Mean temperature yesterday..... 75  
Normal temperature for July..... 79  
Departure from normal temperature..... -4  
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... .55

LOCAL.  
Mayor Taylor sends his annual message to the Council to-day, striking many important recommendations.

First regular session of the new Common Council a busy one and many interesting matters offered.

Imperial Tobacco Company make important announcement that they will no longer buy Virginia and Carolina tobacco abroad.

A young lady instantly killed and several other persons stricken in Powhatan by lightning.

The electric storm of Sunday the most violent of the summer in this section.

Mr. Frank G. Goulet, an old party worker to Richmond, which may be significant.

Confederate veterans of Chesterfield organize to erect a monument to their fallen comrades.

Committees of both the Richmond and Manchester Councils organized.

VIRGINIA.  
The Conference of School Superintendents of Virginia and the one called by Dr. Barringer of persons specially interested in education were merged at Charlottesville to-day. Major Anderson delivered a splendid address. The conference organized for work. Much good expected from Saturday's convention. Mr. Fitz Lee restates his idea of another normal school.

Major Winfree's will probated in Lynchburg, leaving large estate to his sons.

Citizens' meeting in Albemarle county reply to the article in the New Era and condemn Judge Campbell's conduct. The Legislature asked to investigate his fitness to hold the position.

A pedestrian fatally hurt by the attack of a bulldog in Goulet's Park on a boy in the city.

Rev. Dr. Thames, of Danville, resigns his pastorate.

A young man of Norfolk decamps with a large sum of his employer uncle's money.

The municipal conditions in Norfolk are much mixed and very difficult to shape into a settled policy.

Severe storms throughout the State, with heavy damage to crops and life.

GENERAL.  
Nine thousand freight handlers in Chicago go on strike and tie up the four hundred warehouses in that city.

General Fitz Lee takes a gloomy view of the outlook in Cuba and thinks anarchy or annexation will be the ultimate result.

President Castro will himself take the field at the head of the Government troops and begin offensive operations against the revolutionists.

British troops in the comfortable day and the Prince of Wales speaks of his recovery as an accomplished fact.

Stocks yesterday were very dull, even the Washington papers who had closed their accounts for the three days' holiday hesitating to go into any new venture.

New York State visited by deluge of rain and worst floods in its history.

## GIRL KILLED BY LIGHTNING IN FULL VIEW OF HER PARENTS

### Fatal Bolt Strikes Miss Annie Belle Sledd, in Powhatan and Her Brothers, Sister, Mother and Friend are Shocked, more or Less Severely.

There was no other child in the yard. Since the shock he has suffered greatly, while his eyes are affected and it is possible that he will lose the sight of one eye. Florence Sledd, his oldest sister by two years, was unconscious for more than an hour, and though quite badly burned, she will recover. Little Miss Wendinger has entirely recovered from the shock.

SEEN BY THE PARENTS.  
The terrible tragedy occurred within plain view of both mother and father of the little girl who was killed. It was about 7 o'clock after a heavy, driving wind, and as the downpour had ceased the children had gone below the house to drive the cows to the milking stalls.

Just as they came beneath the red oak tree in the yard the flash came from the dark clouds, being driven by the wind in a clearing sky. The great oak was splintered and every child thrown to the ground.

Hugh Sledd, who was less stunned, rose, and clapping the limp body of his sister, Annie, called for his father, who was quickly at his side, and assisted in carrying her into the house.

Mr. Sledd is one of the best known men in Powhatan county, and since the tragedy his friends have flocked to his home to render what assistance they may. The funeral of the little girl will take place this afternoon.

## MINERS RETURNING TO WORK

### Young Man Charged With Embezzling is Honorably Discharged.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
POANOKE, VA., July 7.—One hundred and fifty colored laborers passed through here to-day en route to the coal fields from Martinsville and North Carolina. Another crowd of miners came in from the East, returning to work.

A. L. Corbin, who was arrested in Danville, charged with embezzling \$18.30 from the branch installment house of Crooks, Mead & Co. in this city, had a hearing in the police court to-day and was honorably discharged.

During the terrible electrical storm which passed over this section of the State Sunday evening Miss Annie Belle Sledd, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. D. J. Sledd, a farmer residing about two miles from Powhatan Courthouse, was instantly killed by lightning in the yard of her home.

The same bolt terribly stunned four other children standing near the little girl who was killed, shocked the mother, Mrs. Sledd, who was in the house, some distance away, and split in many pieces a great red-oak tree, which had stood for years in the yard of the country home.

The children most injured by the shock were the brother and sister, David and Florence Sledd, and a little girl named Wendinger, residing in this city, but visiting at the time at the home of the Sledds.