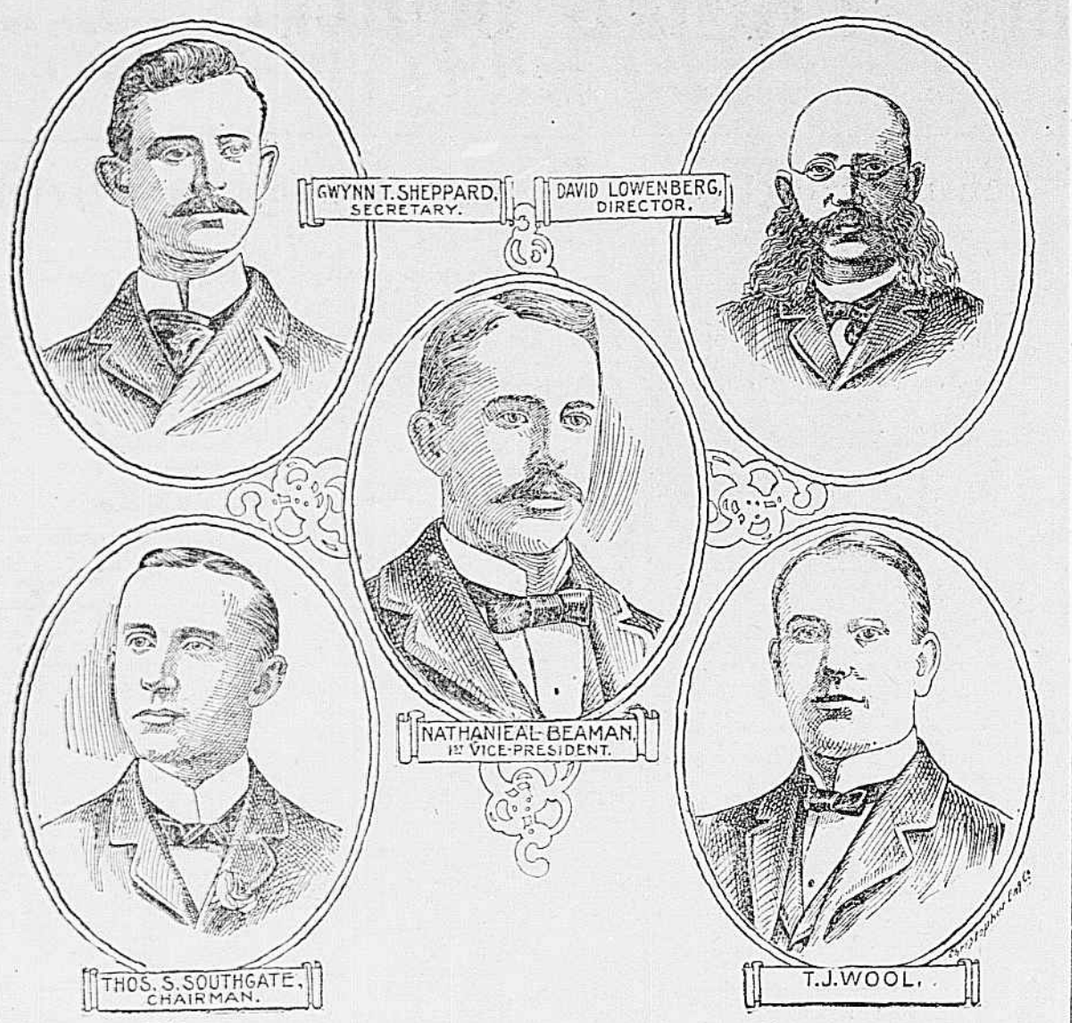
MEN WHO WILL DIRECT GREAT JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION



Short Sketches of All the Officers of the Company—They Are Well Able to Make a Brilliant Success of the Gigantic Undertaking.

The past week has seen the men chosen who are to be at the head of affairs in the Jamestown Ter-Centenary Exposition movement. The Board of Directors, at a meeting held in Norfolk on last Tuesday, elected as president of the Exposition Company Mr. Henry L. Schmelz, of Hampton, and as director-general Mr. David Lowenburg, of Norfolk. Both men were unanimously elected, and though prominent in the business world before, they are now, by these new honors, interesting figures in the eyes of Virginians and the country at large, which looks towards the Old Dominion for great things in connection with the proposed Jamestown Exposition. The organization is now perfect, with the exception of the Executive Committee, which is to be named this week.

H. L. Schmelz, President.

Nathaniel Beaman, First Vice-President.

George F. Adams, Second Vice-President.

T. J. Wool, Third Vice-President

S. Gordon Cumming—Fourth Vice-President

E. M. Tilley, Fifth Vice-President.

Gwynn T. Shepperd, Secretary.

David Lowenburg, General Director.

THE DIRECTORS.

Norfolk—C. Brooks Johnston, Joseph T. Lawlers, John G. Tilton, C. W. Priddy, H. L. Page, George E. Bowden, D. Lowenburg, M. W. Mason, J. P. A. Mottu, Nathaniel Beaman, W. D. Pender, E. T. Lamb, A. M. Higgins, T. S. Southgate, Jacob Hecht, W. H. Wales, Jr.

Portmouth—A. J. Phillips, C. S. Sherwood, Frank Lindsay, John L. Watson, J. W. Brown, Jr., G. T. Bell, Goodrich Hatton, T. J. Wool.

Berkley—E. M. Tilley, John A. Codd, J. H. Jayrock, D. M. Harding, Alvah H. Martin, W. L. Berkley, C. H. Williams.

Newport News—D. S. Jones, A. L. Powell, W. A. Post, George B. West, J. L. Patton, J. E. B. Stuart, W. E. Barrett, George F. Adams.

Hampton—John W. Rowe, S. Gordon Cumming, A. E. C. Kaiser, Frank W. Darling, H. L. Schmelz.

Tidewater Counties—E. E. Holland, George T. Snead, William Baulch, R. E. Boykin, M. R. Harrell.

State Commissioners—Rev. A. M. Randolph, Harry D. Echelberger, Walter B. Richards, J. Taylor Ellyson, Thomas N. Williams, S. R. Donohoe, E. D. Cole, J. H. Spencer, William H. Austin, Foster Black, Roy B. Smith, W. C. Parker.

State Commissioners at Large—Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, J. Taylor Ellyson.

The meeting in which these men were chosen was harmonious and enthusiastic.

In nominating Mr. Schmelz as the company's chief executive, Mr. Southgate said:

"Before placing before you the name of the gentleman who, in our opinion, is the most suitable one of many others for the State of Virgina to occupy so high a position of responsibility and trust, your committee desires to call your attention to the fact that before reaching a final and unanimous conclusion, they considered this matter most thoroughly from all standpoints, believing as they did, that there was no man within the borders of the Commonwealth too big to occupy this position. And after considering the adaptability, qualifications, etc., of no less than fifty prominent citizens of our State, we have agreed that the gentleman whose name we submit to you is above many of them best qualified in every particular to lend not only dignity, intelligence and a proper degree of business sagacity to this undertaking, but it is he who is most able in our opinion to completely make it that which it should be—one of the greatest historical, patriotic and successful commercial events in the history of our nation.

This introduction to President Schmelz's nomination gives one some idea of the man now the head of Virginia's great exposition movement.

Mr. Henry L. Schmelz, president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, was born and raised in Hampton, Va., where he now resides. He is a member of the firm of Schmelz Bros., bankers, of Hampton and Newport News, who have been interested in financing most of the larger enterprises in the Tidewater section. Mr. Schmelz is about fifty years of age, and is one of the most popular and influential men in Tidewater Virginia.

Director-General Lowenburg, of Norfolk, is a man who has devoted much of his life toward upbuilding his home city and promoting its interest in every way possible.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

Nathaniel Beaman, first vice-president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, is ex-mayor of the city of Norfolk and president of the National Bank of Commerce, one of the leading financial institutions of the State.

T. J. Wool, third vice-president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, is a prominent lawyer of Portsmouth, Va., a law partner of the Hon. H. L. Maynard, member of Congress from the Second District. He is one of the lessees of the Norfolk county ferries, and largely interested in the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Railway Company, of which he is a director.

SECRETARY.

Gwynn T. Shepperd, secretary of the Jamestown Exposition Company, is quite a young man, being only thirty-two years old. He was born and raised in Warrenton, Fauquier county, Va., and is the son of the late Hambleton Shepperd, who, with the Hon. John S. Barbour, was at the head of the Democratic party organization in Virginia for so many years. Mr. Shepperd has lived in Norfolk since 1891. He was one of the originators of the Jamestown Exposition idea, and has and will labor hard for its success.

CHAIRMAN.

Thos. S. Southgate, chairman of the Committee on the Selection of a President, and a director of the Jamestown Exposition Company, is a leading merchant of Norfolk and a member of the City Council. Mr. Southgate has been a moving spirit in the Exposition project, and is untiring in his efforts to promote the success of the enterprise.

PERCUSSION CAPS EXPLODE

One Man Seriously and Others Painfully Injured.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 9.—A box of percussion caps being dumped from a truck to the floor of a freight car at pier six, Chesapeake and Ohio terminals, exploded this afternoon with terrific force. W. J. Cannon, loading clerk, standing at the door, was painfully hurt about the head, breast and legs, but his injuries are not serious. Leslie Washington, a stevedore, who was bending over the box, was blown against the roof of the car, his eyes blown out and his head almost blown off. His injuries were serious but not fatal. Two other negroes in the gang were badly but not fatally injured. All three negroes were taken to the hospital. Chas. Clark, sitting outside the car, was thrown over and stunned. Several pedestrians were knocked down. The roof of the car was blown up several feet and a hole was blown in the bottom. Many of the skylights of the pier were blown out.

A Gambling House Pulled.

A man giving his name as B. Simmons was arrested by Officer Werner, of the First Station, on charge of unlawfully conducting a gambling house. The arrest was made at No. 1608 East Franklin Street, and was the result of a complaint filed with the officers by two young boys, employes at the shipyards. They informed the officer that they had been in the place and "trimmed" for $5. Simmons furnished bail immediately upon reaching the station-house.

A LIVELY FIGHT

The Police of First Station Raid Negro Gambling Den.

Sergeant Jeter and Patrolmen Werner, Kuhn and Talley had a lively time on Mayo Street at 11 o'clock last night when they raided a negro gambling den, which was located at No. 121. After a general scrap the dark two of the culprits, Jackson Timberlake and William Johnson, were captured and jailed in the First Police-Station.

The officers received information to the effect that the men, four in number, were having a jam up game of "skin" in the place above referred to, and it was decided to raid the place forthwith.

Upon reaching the house, which is located in one of the darkest parts of Richmond, the officers set about raiding the place. When they demanded that the doors be opened there was a general scramble on the inside, and within a pair of seconds policemen and negroes were having a lively time of it on the street.

During the mix-up Sergeant Jeter knocked one of the negroes down, and turning to grab him arrested a tree, thinking it was the negro whom he had just struck. The fight was fast and furious for a short time, and created much excitement in the neighborhood.

WHITE INFANT FOUND

Baby Placed on Steps of Residence on Thirty-second Street.

A white infant was found early this morning on the porch of the residence, No. 405 North Thirty-second Street, by the persons residing there. They were awakened by the cries of the child, which was wrapped in a cloth, and notified the police of the First District. The child was taken to the Infants' Home, on North Thirty-second Street.

Aged Servant Dead.

Sarah Minor, colored, an aged, respected servant in the home of Mr. F. D. Hill for more than thirty years, died yestreday morning at the Retreat for the Sick.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the First African Baptist Church.

HENRY L. SCHMELZ.
President of Jamestown Exposition Company.

MANCHESTER MAY HAVE A HANGING

Three Men in Jail Suspected of Murder of John Stokes.

ALL THREE TELL STORIES

Two of Them Say Davis Killed the Negro, While He Says They are Telling Lies On Him—Coroner's Jury will Meet Again Monday.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, No. 1102 Hull Street.

Developments in the killing of John Stokes, colored employe of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, were brought out thick and fast yesterday, both before the coroner's jury and by the confession of three negro men—M. Hatcher, W. Callais and Ernest Davis—all now confined in the city jail, and the concensus of opinion seems to be that Manchester will in this case have the first hanging of its history.

By confession of the three men in jail, charged with being implicated with the crime, Ernest Davis appears to be the guilty party. He confesses that he struck Stokes with his left hand while in his right he carried a long knife, but denies that he struck a blow with this. The other two say that Davis not only ed the row, but killed the man. Their started the row, but killed the man. They a war of words the men came to blows, and Davis drew a long knife in his right hand. He then struck Stokes in the face with his left and when he (Stokes) turned partly around, that Davis stabbed him in the back with the knife. Stokes then as is shown by facts afterwards brought out, ran down Twentieth Street until he came to an alley and dashing up this a short way, fell dead with his life blood slowly oozing from the wound in his back which had penetrated his heart.

Davis in his confession apparently tries to shift the blame of the killing upon one of the others by saying that they are telling lies on him to clear themselves. That all three were near the scene of the killing no one denies. That either of the three could easily tell who is the guilty party of the wilful murder is also positive, yet to prove the guilt upon either may be a hard matter. Anyway, the coroner and the jury summoned will have to hear the evidence of these men Monday evening at seven o'clock. After being in session nearly all of yesterday the jury adjourned until this hour, when they will continue the case. The Commonwealth's Attorney, Mr. C. L. Page, will be present and the confessions of the three men will prove of interest in the case.

In the event that either of the three negroes are convicted of the murder and a hanging occurs it will be the first Manhester ever witnessed.

BASE-BALL.

Even the forming of a tri-city league for the advancement of base-ball has not quenched the spirit of the great American game, instilled so deeply in the hearts of Manchesterians, and on Saturdays there are games played on nearly every vacant lot.

The most interesting played yesterday was between the "Blue Jeans" (reorganized) and the Church Hill Sluggers, at Forest Hill Park. Though the score is shrouded in a maze of doubt and perplexity, yet the game itself was clean and well played, both sides doing excellent work. In the opening of the ninth inning, with the score standing 7 to 7, the "Blue Jeans" went to bat and succeeded in making four runs. Suddenly a terrific gale came over the diamond, sending the dust in such pools that the game had to be stopped. The Manchester boys held the diamond and claim they have won the victory, while the Church Hill aggregation went to Richmond, claiming a tie game.

By a score of 13 to 5 the Battle-Axe team defeated the Twelfth-Street Sluggers yesterday afternoon in a game played on a vacant lot in Manchester.

To the delight of their friends and sympathizers, the Swansboro team, newly organized, played and won their first game yesterday afternoon, the Alerts, of Manchester, being the defeated boys. The score stood 14 to 8 for the Swansboro boys.

Considerable disappointment is felt in Manchester over the poor showing of the team representing this city in the Tri-City League. The team known as the Manchester Grays now occupies the last place on the list.

STREET COMMITTEE.

The Street Committee met yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the corner of Sixth and Stockton Streets and decided that a culvert was needed to drain the water from vacant lots and the sidewalk on Stockton Street. To this end the City Engineer was instructed to get estimates on the cost. It was recommended to the Council that such be done. The old warehouse or storage room formerly of the Standard Oil Company, or Southern Company, was inspected by the committee and decided to be a fire trap. It was accordingly referred to the Fire Commissioners and the Board of Health, who will investigate it and if necessary pull it down. A chimney and a well were ordered to be pulled down and filled up, as being a menace to the safety of the public.

DELINQUENT TAXES.

In the Board of Aldermen at its next meeting there will be a resolution offered providing for a committee to be appointed, whose duty it shall be to work in conjunction with the city collector of delinquent taxes and make a report of all the taxes delinquent by city officials.

"There will be nine calendar months taught in the public schools next session," said a prominent member of the City School Board, speaking on the question last night. In a gathering there were some of the most representative citizens of the place, as well as being the people in position to state decidedly what will be done to the public schools.

PITTS BAILED.

Thomas Pitts, who was on Friday afternoon sent on to the grand jury from the police court on the charge of attempting criminal assault upon Miss Willia Morris, of No. 1319 Porter Street, was bailed yesterday in the Corporation Court in the amount of $500, Mr. J. S. Montgomery, of Richmond, going his bond.

Pitts was unable to arrange his bond on Friday afternoon, consequently was recommitted to jail for the night. Pitts' case will be presented to the September grand jury.

E. L. Webb, the young white man shot in the leg a few weeks ago by Mrs. Ida Ferguson while trespassing upon her premises, was fined $25 in the Police Court yesterday. It was shown by the evidence that Webb was intoxicated and on the day shot had been warned by Mrs. Ferguson to keep away from the house.

He persisted, however, and while in the act of climbing in a rear window was shot.

He put one leg into the window and as he did, he was shot in that limb.

Judge William I. Clopton represented Webb.

MARSHAL BENDIT FLOURISHES GUN

With Pistol in Hand They Threaten to Clear Custom-House.

HE HAD BLOOD IN HIS EYE

Trouble Grew Out of a Disputed Bet With Deputy Collector Smith on a Horse; Race—Disarmed, the Deputy Was Himself Again

Deputy United States Marshal Samuel Bendit, who, when not hot upon the trail of a mountain moonshiner, or touched as to his purse, is a fat, slick-headed man, who sleeps much upon the comfortable leather couch in his commodious office, spread terror through the proverbially quiet halls of the historic old custom-house on yesterday by flourishing a 44-calibre revolver and defying the invasion of his office by his friends, who had suddenly become his pursuers. That wild spirit of the Deputy Marshal, wild stories of which have from time to time been brought back from the moonshining district of old Virginia on the lips of his captives to fall upon incredulous ears, was aroused, and the flame of his passion shone from his flashing eyes. As there was no tree, Bendit stood forth in his wrath, and as the invasion of his quarters, which he invited with threats, was not dared, he sallied forth to clean out the old building.

He was aroused this time not by the track of an illicit distiller, but by a touch that was about to be made on his purse. The scene of Bendit's arousal was the office of the collector of customs, and the cause was a disputed bet. The trouble began to blow some months ago, when the Deputy Marshal and his life-long friend, Deputy Collector and Post Appraiser Smith, first got hold of the New York Daily Telegram and found its sporting page.

Each day they watched with peculiar interest the news of the turf, and grew wise as to horse racing. Their judgment varied, but as they grew wiser, their self-confidence grew stronger, until they were willing to back their opinions with their "tin."

On Friday they disagreed as to a certain horse. A bet was duly made, Mr. Smith being confident that the understanding was clear that the bet was on, run or no, and whether the particular horse made his appearance at the post or was marked off the board. The Deputy Marshal did not understand the condition so. On yesterday, when the report of the race was read, it was found that Bendit's favorite had been scratched. Smith claimed the money. Bendit said no, and Mr. John Campbell was called in to decide the question. Hearing the case with attention, Mr. Campbell decided the money was won by Smith. When the Marshal saw the case go against him, he made a grab for the roll, which was lying on the desk, and fled.

Holding the bunch of money tightly gripped, the marshal made for his office on the second floor, closely followed by Mr. Smith, who stayed in reach, and at every step landed a blow upon the deputy's back.

The unusual commotion emptied the offices along the hall, and as the deputy marshal made his way up the stairs a cheer went from the company below.

Bendit made his way to the marshal's office, and there depositing the money in the basement of his pocket, seized the 44 gun and started back down stairs.

When the wild-eyed Bendit appeared, gun in hand, there was a popular movement towards outdoor places. However, before he could reach the lower hall, Mr. Robert H. Talley, referee in bankruptcy, had met Bendit, on the steps, and taken the pistol from his hand. Unarmed Bendit was himself again, and no one was afraid.

Mr. Talley still has the weapon in his possession.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J W. Minson.

Mr. J. W. Minson died at his residence, No. 3827 Fifth Street, Fulton, last night at 12:30 o'clock. Mr. Minson was a man advanced in life, and had lived in Fulton most of his life, being an employe at the Lower Gas Works. He is survived by his wife and ten children.

The funeral will take place to-morrow evening at 4 o'clock from Fulton Baptist Church, the service being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Leake. Interment will be in Oakwood.

Mrs. Lavi ia C. Minor.

Entered into rest on Tuesday, August 5, 1902, in St. Paul, Minn., at the home of her only daughter, Mrs. Clara M. Lynn, Mrs. Lavinia C. Minor, widow of Professor Lucian Minor, former professor of law at William and Mary College, and sister of the late Thomas R. Price, of Richmond. Two children survice her—Mrs. Lynn, of St. Paul, and Tarrell Dabney Minor, of Texas.

Mr. John Unger.

Mr. John Unger, Sr., of this city, died on Friday at Ballsville, Powhatan county, Va., where he had gone in the hopes of regaining health. He was one of the oldest and best known merchants of this city.

J. H. Hart.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

IVOR, VA., August 9.—Mr. J. H. Hart, a most highly respected citizen of Richmond and employe of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, in the capacity of clerk, in the auditor's office of that city, died here at 5 o'clock last evening. The burial service will take place this afternoon near here. Mr. Hart leaves an invalid widow.

Thomas C. King.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 9.—Mr. Thomas C. King, a well known citizen and gallant ex-Confederate, being drum major in the band of the Thirtieth Virginia Regiment, dropped dead here to-day while attending to his duties at the carriage manufactory of George Gravatt. He was suffering from heart disease and was aged sixty-seven years. He is survived by a widow and seven children.

Miss Ellie Guthrie Day.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WARRENTON, VA., Aug. 9.—After a short illness Miss Ellie Guthrie Day, daughter of Mrs. Virginia T. Day, died at her home here this morning.

DEATHS.

MINOR.—Departed this life, August 9, 1902, SARAH MINOR, aged sixty-three years. She was a faithful servant of Mr. Frank D. Hill's family for thirty years.

The funeral will take place from the First African Baptist Church MONDAY, August 11th, at 3 o'clock P. M.

HIGGINS.—Died, at the residence of her husband, No. 412 E. Byrd, at 8:50 P. M., Mrs. ANNA E. HIGGINS; born in Galia county, O., on the 24th day of February, 1860. She is survived by her husband, Henry P. Higgins, and six children.

Funeral notice later.

Portsmouth (Ohio) papers please copy

HORNER.—Died, yesterday afternoon, at 4:15 o'clock, VIRGINIA ROSALIE HORNER, daughter of J. B. and Rosa M. Horner, aged eleven months.

Funeral from the residence, No. [illegible] Old Mill Road, THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON at 3:30 o'clock.

KILLED HIS MOTHER FOR HER PROPERTY

Missing Man Suspected of Two Brutal Murders Within a Week.

BODY FOUND BY REPORTERS

There Was Physical Evidence That She Had Been Strangled or Smothered to Death—Body Buried Beneath Cellar Floor.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., August 9.—With a jagged wound in the left temple, and physical evidence that she had been strangled or smothered, the almost nude body of Mrs. Annie Bartholin was found this evening buried beneath the cellar floor of the house in which she had lived, at 4310 Calumet Avenue.

Coincident with the finding of the body, the police redoubled their efforts to find the mising son, William Bartholin, who is also suspected of the murder of Miss Minnie Mitchell, whose body was found in a vacant lot at 74th and State Streets last Thursday evening.

The police have evidence that Bartholin slept in the house on Calumet Avenue last Tuesday night, three weeks after his mother had been murdered and after he is supposed to have killed Minnie Mitchell. He is believed to be still in the vicinity.

The body of Mrs. Bartholin was found by a party of newspaper men after the police had searched the house and had concluded that if the woman had been murdered, her body was concealed somewhere away from the residence.

SKILLFULLY CONCEALED.

A crowbar, apparently covered with blood, and a hatchet which bore dark marks were found in the basement. To-night some one found a small crevice in the cement floor indicating that the cement had been disturbed and then skillfully patched.

The cement was broken away and under a bed of white sand was found a skirt and other articles of woman's apparel. When these had been removed the body of the woman was found. It was wrapped in a blanket and practically was without clothing, there being only a stocking on the left foot and a corset cover around the chest. From the appearance of the body it was believed that Mrs. Bartholin was struck down either while disrobing for the night or when dressing in the morning.

The body was removed to an undertaking establishment, where the coroner's inquest will be held on Monday.

There is no apparent motive for the killing of Mrs. Bartholin or of Minnie Mitchell. The theory that finds most favor at present is that the young man, being in debt, killed his mother in order that her equity in the mortgaged property might revert to him.

WHY SCHOEN WAS SORE

Thought Knox Had Helped to Force Him Out of a Large Car Company.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PITTSBURG, August 8.—The fight at Atlantic City in which Attorney-General Knox was assaulted was caused by the fact that C. T. Schoen was forced out of the Pressed Steel Car Company last year, and that Knox and Reed, attorneys for the company, drew up the papers and gave legal advice on the subject.

J. H. Reed, Knox's law partner, was also elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by Schoen's retirement. At the meeting held in New York early in 1901 F. N. Hoffstadt, chairman of the executive committee, showed that the concern was insolvent.

President Schoen had taken contracts for millions of dollars of work on which there could be no profit. The corporation needed $5,000,000 to file the contracts. Hoffstadt resigned, saying he would have nothing to do with the concern unless the Schoens, father and son, retired from the management.

The Schoens failed to raise the necessary money. John B. Larkin, now Controller, of Pittsburg, then a director in the company, called on Hoffstadt at the Waldorf-Astoria and invited him to return to the meeting. Hoffstadt demanded that the Schoens give the directors an option on their stock, and that neither of them could hold any executive post.

This was done, and Knox and Reed changed the by-laws of the corporation and made out the necessary papers. President Scoen started for Europe, so that the action would not become public and show the shaky position of the company. When he returned in October the option on his stock had been taken up, and he and his son were out. They immediately set about organizing another company, the Standard Steel Car Company, of which John M. Hansen is the president.

Schoen always blamed Knox with having much to do with his forced retirement, and at Atlantic City he saw Knox for the first time since leaving the corporation he created.

GENERAL BATTLE BITTEN BY MAD DOG

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG VA. August 9.—General Cullen A. Battle, the venerable father of Rev. Dr. Battle pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, was badly bitten this afternoon by Dr. Battle's fine setter, which gave evidence of hydrophobia. The dog was killed and its head has been sent to the Pasteur Institute in Richmond for analysis.

The dog was a fine setter and Dr. Battle's favorite hunting dog. It was petted by the family and when it showed signs of sickness yesterday was confined and treated. To-day when General Battle turned the dog out of its kennel it sprang at him fiercely and tore the skin and flesh of his arm. A neighbor was called and the dog immediately killed. When Dr. Battle reached home from Essex county, where he had been on his vacation, he had the dog's head sent to the Pasteur Institute in Richmond for analysis.

General Battle is not suffering unusual pain, though the wound is a bad one. The dog had several fights with other dogs and bit a cat which was promptly killed by Dr. Battle.

Dr. Battle reached Petersburg to-day to conduct the funeral services of the late Miss Edith Pitcher, whose sad death has been announced. He drove 24 miles to the station, starting about three o'clock this morning. He was spending a part of his vacation conducting a protracted service in that county. He left his luggage, expecting to return at once to King and Queen county, but his father's accident will prevent his return. Dr. Battle will go to Richmond to-morrow to fill Dr. Pitcher's appointment to speak on the Sunday School and Bible Board of Barton Heights Church.

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CHAS. MORGAN IN PORTSMOUTH JAIL

Charged With Attempting Assault on Two Girls.

THREATENED TO KILL THEM

In This Way He Has Kept His Crime Secret Since July 20th—Lawless-Watson Incident is Deprecated in Norfolk.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., August 9.—Charles Morgan, a negro, was committed to the county jail, Portmouth, to-day by Justice J. W. Smith, of Pleasant Grove District charged with the horrible crime of attempted criminal assault on his daughter, Ada, and on Sallie F. Milton. The crimes are alleged to have been committed on July 18th and July 20th, but by threatening to kill the women Morgan kept them from informing on him until yesterday, when he was arrested and sent on to the next grand jury.

The United States collier Aberenda arrived at the navy yard this afternoon from San Juan, Porto Rico, and will be converted into a repair ship. The machinery that was used in the ship Vulcan during the Spanish-American war and removed when that ship was sold by the government, will be put in the Aberenda and this will enable extensive repairs to be made at sea to the machinery of the fleets.

WATSON-LAWLESS FIGHT.

The fight at the Brambleton meeting last night is the talk of the city this morning. One Democratic official said that he deprecated the disorder at the meeting and the blows which resulted, but he had no definite idea which candidate it would affect most seriously, Lawless or Maynard, but his impression is that Bryant will get the benefit if any comes from the meeting to any one of the candidates. He stated that Mr. Watson might have called for facts he wished published in such a way as to have brought them out to benefit Mr. Maynard and to win the favor of the crowd. But he pursued the opposite course. There will be war from now on between the Maynard and the Lawless followers, and the contest, he says, will be hot. Meanwhile the incident is generally deprecated.

Percy Harrison (colored) was before the Police Court this morning on the charge of attempting to kill Lizzie Ford, also colored. Lizzie Ford has been in the hospital with the threat of death before her since July 31st. On that day Harrison cut and stabbed her so viciously in the shoulder and abdomen with a knife that she was expected to die. She was able to appear in court to-day, however, and on her testimony Harrison was sent on to the Corporation Court for indictment and trial.

RUMORS OF RESIGNATION.

Three are rumors of the resignation of Dr. F. C. Newbill. Dr. Newbill, his family and his friends have been exasperated by the attitude in which the vaccine and smallpox controversy have placed him. His friends declare that he did his duty in the position he held, took many personal risks and sacrificed a great deal of family practice by attending so closely to the public health. They say that the vote of the Council and the general opinion of the public have vindicated him so that he might properly resign.

Seventy new looms arrived for the silk mill at Lambert's Point to-day. These, added to the 325 looms already at work, will cover the entire floor space of the mill.

STRUCK HIS FORMER BOSS

P. D. Marrow Rocked the Man Who Fired Him.

P. D. Morrow, formerly of Forrest City, N. C., but lately connected with George L. Tenney, contracting mason of Richmond, was last night arrested on a warrant charging him with assaulting and striking with a rock D. L. Arthur. The latter is well known in labor circles, having been general superintendent for Tenney for a number of years.

According to the statement of Morrow, he came here some five months ago to accept a position as a foreman for Tenney, working directly under Arthur, the man who is now prosecuting him. Yesterday morning the two fellows had words regarding some work, and Arthur fired Morrow.

Just before noon yesterday Morrow went back to the establishment from which he had been discharged. He was ordered to leave the place with all haste by Arthur, who, so he says, otherwise abused and cursed him. He resented the rough talk of his former boss, whereupon, so claims the prisoner, Arthur pulled a pistol and threatened to shoot him.

Thinking that his life was in immediate danger, Morrow hit Arthur in the head with a rock. He then dodged behind a boiler and made his escape. He was arrested about ten hours after the difficulty and spent the night in the First Police-Station.

Morrow is a very decent looking sort of a fellow being fairly well dressed and a good talker. He succeeded in arousing the sympathies of all who listened to his story, and an effort will be made to bail him out to-day.

Set Fire to Bed.

For setting fire to the bed of Hattie Celmons and stealing a skirt worth $3, Annie Brown was arrested last night by Sergeant Jeter and Patrolman Goodman. The patrol wagon was sent after the woman, and as she was being conveyed to the First Police Station she made a sudden leap and escaped from the wagon. After being chased several squares she was recaptured and placed in a cell.

The Brown woman denies that she fired the bed of her accuser, and claims that her arrest is due to spite work on the part of the woman.

Was Fired Upon.

While riding along Fifth Street near Duval last night Paul Jones, a messenger in the employe of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was fired upon by some negroes, and had it not been for the heavy books which all telegraph messengers carry, he would have doubtless been seriously injured. The bullet from the pistol buried itself among the folds of several telegrams, failing to reach the body of the boy.

L. O. Davis, of Powhatan, was in the city yesterday. He reports crops in a flourishing condition, and that corn never looked better.