

HUSTINGS COURT OF PETERSBURG

Young Man Acquitted of Highway Robbery on Own Statement.

FIRST CASE WITHOUT A JURY

Dixon V. Conn, Charged With Forgery Throws Himself on the Mercy of The Court—Fined Heavily for Betting on a Pool Game.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) PETERSBURG, Va., Sept. 29.—Bernard Nelson, the young man charged with highway robbery, was acquitted in the Corporation Court of this city to-day on his own statement.

Dixon V. Conn, the young man charged with obtaining \$125 from Mr. R. B. Davis on a worthless draft, plead guilty, and by the consent of the Commonwealth's Attorney the case was heard without a jury.

Miss Alice R. Seward, daughter of Mr. Simon Seward, of Petersburg, and Mr. Robert Powell, of Savannah, Ga., will be married at the residence of Mr. Seward, on Market Street, in this city, Tuesday evening, October 7th.

The trial of Goodman Brown in Surry county on the charge of killing his first cousin, is still in progress in that county. Mr. W. B. McIlwaine and Colonel R. E. Boykin are counsel for the defense, and W. A. Clark and W. P. Holland are counsel for the prosecution.

THEY LIKE GOOD MUSIC.

One of the largest and most brilliant audiences that has been seen at the Academy of Music in many seasons was present to hear the Gordon-Shay Opera Company this evening.

There is a great deal of interest manifested in the Elks' Bazaar, which will be held in Petersburg in November. The ladies of the city are taking an active interest in the matter.

Miss Annie Bolleson, daughter of Mr. George W. Bolleson, of Prince George county, contracted extremely ill at the hospital in this city.

Mrs. H. P. Stratton has returned to Petersburg after a delightful stay at the home of Miss Jean Trigg, in Abingdon, Va.

Mr. William Pannell, of Norfolk, is in the city.

Miss Carrie Milnes, of Ashland, is visiting Miss Emily Townes, on Sycamore Street.

Mrs. Mary S. Pugh will leave this evening for Richmond, where she will reside in the future.

ELEGANT RECEPTION

Blackstone is Proud of Its Splendid Postoffice.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BLACKSTONE, Va., Sept. 29.—A delightful reception was tendered by Colonel and Mrs. E. B. Fishburne, of the Iliac Academy, to the cadets of that institution on Saturday night from 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock.

The custom of Colonel and Mrs. Fishburne to entertain receptions at different periods during the season, and they are always a great source of pleasure both to the cadets and to the young people of the town who are so fortunate as to be included among the list of invited guests.

The one on Saturday night was the first one of this season, and proved as pleasant and enjoyable as its predecessors of the past seasons.

After the introduction of the new cadets several games of different nature were engaged in, and later delightful refreshments served in a manner which few can equal the popular hostess.

The receipts at this office have grown very considerable of late, and each quarter shows an increase over the one preceding.

WHOLESALE THEFTS FROM RAILROAD CARS

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 29.—Stealing from the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company has been going on since last May and during that time six hundred suits of clothes and over six thousand dollars' worth of shoes have been stolen from freight cars. Officers and detectives have been at work for weeks and developments may be expected at any time. The robbery was committed on a switch track in the Dismal Swamp, an

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Ideal spot for train robbers to ply their trade, as at night few persons pass that way and there is no one to interfere.

Shoes that sold for \$2.00 or \$3.00 a pair were passed over for those retailed for \$3.00 a pair. Officers have located 1,000 pairs of shoes in one country store, the proprietor of which was doing a flourishing business in retailing \$3.00 shoes for \$1.50 a pair.

In another store a great many suits of clothing were found and the search is being continued and the officers expect a general round up of the parties implicated at an early date. The whole loss is over \$12,000.

KLEIN A FREE MAN

Close of Remarkable Fight for Person of Insane Man.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ALEXANDRIA, Va., September 29.—George Klein, the insane murderer, who escaped from Spring Grove Asylum, near Baltimore, September 15th last, and returned to his father's home in the county and for whom the Maryland authorities have been fighting a battle royal to get him back to that State, had his trial concluded this afternoon before Judge J. M. Love of the Alexandria County Court, when Judge Love rendered his decision against the hospital authorities.

Klein is now a free man.

Klein was represented by Colonel F. L. Smith of this city, and Judge Pelham of the county. District Attorney Sopher, of Baltimore, and Lewis Machen, of this city, represented the hospital. The case occupied the attention of the court all day, and the attorneys for both sides put up a hard fight. Counsel for the hospital noted an appeal, and Judge Love granted it. They will take the case to the Circuit Court.

Afterwards the counsel for the hospital put up a hard fight to have Klein placed in their hands, but Judge Love refused their petition. The decision in this case is considered a very important one, never in the history of the court has a similar case been tried.

A verdict of not guilty was rendered by the Alexandria County Court to-day in the case of John Tishie, charged with arson at Jackson City, in which a number of gambling joints were destroyed. Nine other indictments were dropped at the request of the Commonwealth's Attorney.

GORED BY AN ANGRY BULL

An Aged Citizen Attacked While Watching a Drive Being Driven By.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CLIFTON FORGE, Va., September 29.—Mr. George Bird, an old resident of this place, was badly injured by an angry bull on Main Street Saturday evening.

A drive of cattle were being driven through the town for shipment from the Chesapeake and Ohio cattle pen, and Mr. Bird was standing in a vacant lot near by. One of the bulls left the drive and started toward Mr. Bird, who instantly turned, but the beast struck him in the side, knocking him down. A negro man working close by hit the bull in the head with a rock, knocking him down also. The rock glanced and broke the large glass in the show window of Mr. Crawford's store.

Mr. Bird's injuries are not thought to be dangerous, but as he is quite up in years, it may be some weeks before he will be about again.

MAYOR RICE WILL STAY

He Was the First Mayor the Town Ever Had—Citizens Want Him.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BRISTOL, Va., Sept. 29.—Responding to the wishes of many leading citizens Captain W. L. Rice to-day withdrew his resignation of the mayoralty of Bristol, Va., and will serve out his term regarding of alleged differences between himself and members of the Council.

Captain Rice was Bristol's first Mayor and is about seventy years of age.

MR. TUCHER TO MOVE

RESIDENCE TO STAUNTON

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LEXINGTON, Va., September 29.—It is reported here that the Hon. Henry St. George Tucker expects to take up his residence in Staunton about the close of the year for the practice of his profession, the law. He will not dispose of his home here.

It is with regret that his many friends in Rockbridge and Lexington learn of this decision.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN WEST VIRGINIA

Deputy Sheriff Watts Kills Black Diamond and is Himself Killed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LYNCHBURG, Va., Sept. 29.—The remains of Roland H. Watts, of Bedford county, accompanied by Justus Collins, of Charleston, W. Va., president of the Collins Coffery Company, arrived in the city on the Chesapeake and Ohio train from Glen Jean, W. Va., this afternoon and were conveyed over the Norfolk and Western to Bedford City for interment to-morrow.

Mr. Collins in telling of the death of Mr. Roland Watts said that since last June the latter had been deputy sheriff and in command of the guard at the mines. Sunday afternoon, about 10 o'clock, he was out on duty with a stranger at Glen Jean, known as William Diamond, or Black Diamond, had been shooting crap in a saloon, and in a row that followed, shot Samuel Washington, also colored.

Mr. Roland Watts as deputy sheriff undertook to arrest Diamond and started after him on horseback. The negro finding that he was in danger of being caught, took to the woods. Mr. Watts then dismounted and followed him into the woods. Exactly what took place is not known, but several shots were heard and the posse that followed soon came upon the prostrate bodies of Mr. Watts and Black Diamond. Mr. Watts was dead, having been shot four times in the breast, through the side, in the leg and in the arm. It is believed that he was shot in the breast killed him instantly, as it severed the main artery.

The negro lived a few minutes after he was shot, and was found a stable half a mile from the scene of the tragedy, white, resisting arrest, and died just before a crowd of white and colored friends of Mr. Watts arrived with a rope to lynch him.

Roland H. Watts was twenty-six years of age, unmarried, six feet two and a half inches high and a perfect specimen of manhood. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Watts, who live near Bedford City, and is survived by them, also by two sisters, Mrs. Harry Burks and Miss Mattie Watts, of Bedford City, and by one brother, Mr. C. R. Watts, of Lynchburg.

Mr. Watts was educated at Randolph-Macon Academy, and was a gentleman of marked intelligence. He has many wealthy relatives in this city.

BLOODHOUND MONEY GOES FOR NEW PAINT

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHATHAM, Va., Sept. 29.—The Board of County Supervisors Friday awarded E. A. Giles a contract to build a stable for the county, valued at \$200, in the town of Chatham. The terms of the contract read machines will in the future be quartered at the almshouse during the winter months.

The board ordered that money now in Sheriff Shellhouse's hands, to purchase a pair of bloodhounds for the county, be used in painting inside the courthouse.

The two county read machines will be discontinued.

THE BANK OF BRUNSWICK

To Be Opened as Soon as a Home Can Be Erected.

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Among the stockholders are some of the wealthiest and most enterprising men of the county. The following officers were elected: President, E. P. Buford; Vice-President, Dr. R. S. Powell; Cashier, J. H. Drewry; Directors, L. S. Purdy, R. S. Powell, W. S. Thomas, J. D. Barkley, J. E. Mallory, E. P. Buford, W. H. Valentine, J. D. Elam, J. S. Newell, L. A. Harris, J. Reuben.

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General Sumner Sends Such a Letter to the Sultans.

(By Associated Press.) MANILA, September 29.—General Sumner, in reporting to General Chaffee the departure of second Major Pershing, telegraphs that he hopes that the strength of Captain Pershing's column will show the Maenit sultans the folly of further opposition.

General Sumner sent the sultans a letter advising them to be friendly, and advising against shooting Americans, and advising Captain Pershing not to attack the natives or destroy property unless the sultans insist on being hostile.

General Chaffee has now decided to leave here for San Francisco, October 21, on the United States transport Sumner. He will be accompanied by Vice-Governor Wright.

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Clark had confessed to one of the most atrocious assaults and murders in the history of Mississippi, and said that he deserved his awful fate. On August 19th he was found in a field near here, and the woman had been assaulted. Her head was practically severed from her body. Both Whitefield and his wife were related to several of the most prominent families in the South. Corinth and the surrounding country was secured in an effort to find the murderer, but diligent search failed to disclose his identity. Two suspects were arrested, but in each case an alibi was proved. A committee of twelve citizens was named to continue the search for the murderer, and these men have been active in their work.

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After hearing the confession the committee decided that the negro should be hanged from a telegraph pole in the street. Clark said he deserved death, but asked that the execution be delayed until

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Were Well Armed and Equipped With Horses and Wagons—Demonstrator of Anatomy With Them.

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 29.—Whoa! a roostery of graves in the cemeteries about Indianapolis, which has been going on for some time, was brought to a close early this morning by the arrest of a gang of seven negroes.

The negroes under arrest are: Walter Daniels, Sol Grady, Sam Martin, Garfield Bulker, William Jones, Rufus Cantrell and Islam Donnell. All live in Indianapolis. Rufus Cantrell made a complete confession and implicated the others. He said the demonstrator accompanied the negroes on several of the grave robbing expeditions.

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"Rufus" was the password at the colleges, and when uttered by the returning ghouls the doors of the colleges would be opened without question.

The statement that the ghouls have probably invaded other cemeteries in the United States has caused great indignation. The law of Indiana is very strict, and provisions for effective punishment of ghouls by long imprisonment are in effect.

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TELEPHONE ORDINANCE

Is Referred to Engineer and City Attorney for Report.

The Committee on Streets held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The attendance was slim, owing to the fact that a number of members were out of the city on other business.

The meeting lasted for some time, but beyond the referring of several important matters to the City Engineer and Attorney for report to the Council, nothing but routine business came up.

Subcommittee R. L. Peters called the meeting to order at 5:29 o'clock P. M., a bare quorum being present.

On motion of Mr. West, the special committee having charge of the Richmond Telephone Company's ordinance was discharged. Mr. West moved that the matter of preparing the ordinance be left to the City Attorney and City Engineer for report to the Council. This was adopted, and Mr. Samuel A. Anderson presented the petition of Mr. O. O. Owens, asking that Bowe Street, from Lee to Boyd, be widened and that Mr. F. Sitteing be enjoined from plowing up and building upon said street as indicated. Mr. Mann moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney and Engineer, and it was so referred.

The remainder of the session was devoted to the transaction of routine business.

TOBACCO TO SAWDUST

A Brick Plug Factory to Be Turned Into a Sash and Blind Factory.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHATHAM, Va., September 29.—The brick plug tobacco factory, owned by J. H. Hargrave & Son, at the depot, will be used in the future for a sash, door and blind factory. Mr. D. H. Cartwright, of Lynchburg, Va., will move his plant here very soon. The business will be conducted under the firm name of Hargrave & Cartwright.

RAILROADS FILE ANSWER

Deny That Their Rates to Wilmington Are Unreasonable.

(By Associated Press.) WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 29.—Twenty-four railroad companies, defendants in an action recently brought by the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce its order requiring the companies to provide more equitable freight rates to Wilmington from the West in competition with Norfolk, Richmond and other Virginia points, to-day filed answers in the United States District Court to the bill of complaint which charges the railroad companies with utter disregard of the Commission's order.

The respondents deny that the order now remains in full force and effect, because they assert that it is illegal and void. They pray that the bill be dismissed. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, one of the defendants, set forth in a demurrer, among other things, that the bill of complaint is not sufficient in law and that the rates of the Chesapeake and Ohio are reasonable in the premises.

MARRIED FROM HOME

Not an Elopement That Mr. Graw and Miss Childress Took.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ROCANOK, Va., September 29.—Yesterday morning V. B. Graw, a young business man of Lynchburg, and Miss Jennie Margaret Childress, of the same city, arrived here on the 9 o'clock train. They went to the Stratford Hotel, where they were met by Rev. C. M. Hawkins, of Green Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and were united in marriage. The young couple were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Childress, parents of the bride. They had secured a marriage license in Lynchburg.

Wife Wanted as Witness.

On the request of Baltimore authorities the Richmond police have located Mrs. Walter S. Kidd, who is wanted there as a witness for the prosecution of the bigamy charge against her husband. She will go on to Baltimore next week, when the case will be heard.

Shubrick Out of Commission.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., September 29.—The torpedo boat Shubrick was placed out of commission to-day at the Norfolk navy yard.

Cadet Robert W. Pretlow, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Artillery Corp, left yesterday evening after a long vacation.

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SUCCEEDS DR. CARSON. Rev. J. M. Owens Called to Full Rec-torship of St. Paul's. Died From His Injuries. Results at Harlem.

Consolidated Shipyards. WASHINGTON, N. C., Sept. 29.—The latest consolidation of interest here is the leasing of the Farrow and Chauncey Shipyard by the Mutual Machine Company. The Mutual is a recently formed corporation, and it has one shipyard in connection with its own plant. This acquiring of the old yard puts them in control of the shipbuilding interests of Washington and the formation of

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