LIVE NEWS AND FRESH GOSSIP FROM THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF VIRGINIA

WILLING TO BET ON H. G. MILLER

Some Norfolk People Say He Will Be Collector of the Port.

ANTI-BOWDEN DELEGATION

Left Last Night for Washington to Urge Appointment of an Anti-Bowdenite for Postmaster—F. K. Huger May Succeed M. D. Maher.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., January 2.—A gentleman, speaking to-day of the contest for the collectorship of the port of Norfolk and Portsmouth, said he would be willing to bet $50 money that High Gordon Miller will be the next collector. A gentleman high in the Norfolk shipping business said that it looked much like Miller for collector. A delegation of Norfolk Republicans of the anti-Bowden persuasion left last night for Washington for an effort to have Colonel J. R. Waddy, the incumbent, or some one else not closely identified with the Bowden wing of the party, named as postmaster.

Major F. K. Huger, superintendent of the second division of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, is here to-day. The fact that he has been closeted with Vice-President and General Manager J. M. Barr gives color to the report that he is to succeed M. D. Maher as general superintendent of the Seaboard system. Major Huger is of Huguenot descent; is a man of large railroad experience, and has all the necessary qualifications to make him what is termed in railroad parlance a big railroad man. He was formerly connected with the Southern Railway.

MANY SHIPS IN PORT.

This year has started out well in the matter of ships in port to load cargoes for foreign ports. There arrived to-day the steamers Conningby, Fortuna and Kensington. The first named came from New York, and is bound to Hamburg. She will take on a portion of the cargo here. The Fortuna came from Portland, Maine, and will take on a cargo here. The Kensington came from Boston and will also load a cargo for a foreign port.

There are forty vessels at Lambert's Point to-day waiting for coal. Of these seventeen are for bunker coal; six are cargo steamers, and seventeen are schooners and barges. This is the largest number of vessels at the coal piers in a number of years. On Christmas Eve all of the coal at the piers had been dumped except one car. To-day twenty-six cars arrived from the mines. There is no congestion on the Norfolk and Western road, but the holidays are the cause of a short supply. Now that the holidays are over coal will begin arriving in large quantities. The three piers have a capacity of handling 12,000 tons daily.

WRETCHEDNESS AND DESPAIR.

Bruce Bowie and his wife have fallen into a pitiable condition of poverty and wretchedness. He is the man who cut his throat after he and his wife were excluded from a house on Cove Street. He was sent to the hospital, and when discharged from there he and his wife disappeared, to appear again by the record of the Police Court this morning. He was sent to the jail hospital as a sick nuisance. Meantime the woman clings to the man in their mutual wretchedness and in his despair.

An unexploded bomb-shell, found on the old Confederate breastworks at Sewell's Point by a New Yorker, who brought it to Norfolk and finally left it at Main Street Dairy Lunch Room, was thrown into the river to-day by order of the police, to whom the Dairy Lunch proprietor complained.

Frederick Waddy, of Bridgeton, Northampton county, filed a petition in the United States District Court as a bankrupt. The liabilities are stated as $3,038.52 and the assets $25 worth of wearing apparel, exempted. Among the creditors mentioned are Imperial Guano Company, $1,384; J. W. Bunting, Chincoteague, $844; Frank Kellam, Bellhaven, $534; Edward F. Nottingham, Eastville, $200 and others were $560. The petitioner is known here as the brother of Colonel W. P. Waddy, the postmaster of Norfolk.

FROM WEST POINT

Entered Upon the New Year in Darkness as Predicted.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WEST POINT, VA., January 2.—The first night of the new year found West Point with a dark and a wet town. The electric light plant was shut down as predicted.

Mrs. Bowden, of Gappsburg, King and Queen, mother of Mrs. Ned Bland, of West Point, fell and broke her hip a few days ago.

Mr. George Field, the Western Union telegraph operator, is very sick at his home in West Point.

Mr. Flournoy Spencer, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Spencer.

Three thousand dollars' worth of opened oysters were shipped from West Point Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23. This was by express and doesn't include the many gallons shipped by boat and freight trains.

Mr. W. S. Courtney, of King and Queen, has a photograph of Company L, 3d Infantry, now in the Philipine Islands, of which his son, J. W. Courtney, is a member. They present a fine appearance.

Last night the Methodists gave their Christmas entertainment. A large crowd was in attendance. To-night the Baptist church will have their Christmas entertainment.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

Boy Attempts to Light a Cupful of Gunpowder with a Match.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHATHAM, VA., Jan. 2.—The oldest son of Mr. G. Linthicum, of Greenpond neighborhood, was very painfully and seriously burned on his head and face not many days since by the explosion of a cup of gun powder. Young Linthicum was applying a lighted match when the powder exploded very near his face with above results. When heard from Thursday his condition was serious.

FOR A GOOD PRICE

York County Farms Are Being Sold to Immigrants from Northwest.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

YORKTOWN, VA., January 2.—J. J. Whispell, of York county, has sold his farm for a handsome sum. This, as well as other sales, shows a decided increase in the price of real estate. The farm mentioned, Kentucky, is a magnificent estate of five hundred or more acres. The timber on this farm was sold to the York Lumber Company for four thousand dollars.

The influx of immigration has struck the lower portion of the county. They are quiet, peaceable citizens. It consists almost entirely of Western people, Michigan especially.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Maitland, of Newport News who have been spending the holidays with Mr. John Cruikshanks at the old Nelson House, returned home yesterday, accompanied by Mr. James M. Cruikshank.

The smallpox situation is improving daily. It has been confined to two cases by Dr. S. G. Cook, the efficient Board of Health physician, and all danger of its spreading is past.

TWO NEGROES SHOT

Halifax County is Opposed to the Pistol Toting Custom.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALTON, HALIFAX COUNTY, VA., Jan. 2.—The Christmas holidays were unusually quiet in this section, except among the colored people. Several fatal tragedies were enacted at their festivals or partise. The first occurred near Bold Spring, a negro settlement several miles from here, the first day of Christmas when Clem Robertson shot Mat Moore with a shotgun while the latter was dancing with Robertson's wife. Moore is still alive, but will die. Robertson so far has eluded the officers.

The second affray took place Monday night, the 29th, near Nathalie, at the home of Richmond Sydnor, colored, when Charles Coleman was killed by a pistol in the hands of Walter Willis, who claims that he and the victim were just engaged in a friendly scuffle.

All the parties mentioned are negroes, and the sentiment of the county is that something should be done to break up the carrying of pistols by young negro men, as well as others.

PROBABLY SUICIDE

But What Became of Rogers' $500 Is a Mystery.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALTON, HALIFAX COUNTY, VA., Jan. 2.—There are no new developments in the Virgilina tragedy since the finding of Policeman Roger's skeleton last Sunday in Blue Wing Creek swamp. The pistol, watch and clothing have been positively identified as those of the missing policeman, and he is mourned as dead by his parents and fiance, who now states that some days prior to the time he killed the negro prisoner and disappeared, Rogers remarked to her that if he ever killed any one he would be sure to take his own life; so the probability is that he committed suicide. If he did, what became of the $500 he drew from the bank when last seen is a mystery.

INCENDIARY FIRE

Martinsville Threatened by Attempt to Burn a Saloon.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROCKY MOUNT, VA., Jan. 2.—An incendiary fire occurred here last night, but fortunately it was extinguished before much damage was done. Some party piled barrel staves and rubbish against the saloon of Meadow and Webb, saturated with coal oil, and set the mass on fire. The fire was discovered at one o'clock and the alarm given. The blaze, which had made considerable headway, was extinguished. But for the timely discovery half of the town would have been destroyed.

Personals from Halifax.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALTON, HALIFAX COUNTY, VA., Jan. 2.—Rev. Clem Owen, M. D., the Korean missionary, who has been at Chase City for several months for his health, is visiting D. W. Owen, Esq., at Denniston.

W. F. Betts, Esq., of Richmond, is visiting relatives near Harmony.

Mrs. John Duff, of Denniston, has returned from a visit to her parents in Sussex county.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wagstaff, of Person county, N. C., are visiting friends near Residence.

To Meet in Lynchburg.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., January 2.—The Executive Committe of the State Sunday-school Association at a meeting here has decided that the next annual State convention shall be held in Lynchburg some time next April. The exact date will be fixed later by a subcommittee. The convention is expected to be a large body, it being estimated that last year at Petersburg there were twelve hundred members.

Thrashed Out His Crop.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

TWYMAN'S MILL, VA., Jan. 2.—The New Year was begun in rather an odd way by one of Madison's farmers. He thrashed out a large crop of wheat on January 1st.

Professor J. D. Tinsley, of New Mexico, is visiting relatives here and in Culpeper. He leaves Virginia to return to New Mexico the 7th.

Shot, Defending His Sister.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FINCASTLE, VA., January 2.—Shafton Woodridge, who last Saturday shot Young Wills, who struck him for making insulting remarks about Wills' sister, was captured at Roanoke. Sheriff Brugh has gone after him.

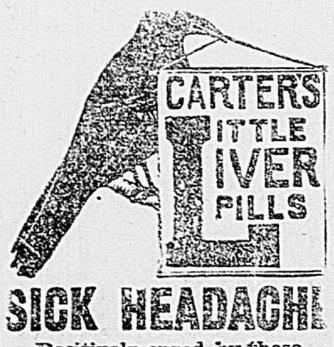
Disease Among Cattle.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., January 2.—A fatal cattle disease has made its appearance near Upperville, this county. Colonel R. H. Dulaney has lost twenty-five out of a herd of thirty head. The disease is unknown.

Called to Roanoke.

ROANOKE, VA., January 2.—Calvary Baptist Church, which has been without a pastor for nearly a year, has called Rev. J. M. Thompson, of Pittsburg, Pa., who, it is thought, will accept. Mr. Thompson's wife is a sister of Miss Mary Johnston, the authoress.



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VERY POPULAR IN PETERSBURG

Dr. Battle's Removal to Greensboro Would Be Much Regretted

BISHOP IS STILL IN JAIL

He is Well Cared for in Charlotte—His Trial is Set for February 10th—Three Able Criminal Lawyers of Charlotte Have Been Engaged.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 2.—The first news that came to Dr. Battle's people in Petersburg that he would be extended a call by the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, N. C., came through published reports in the newspapers. No one of the congregation has had any intimation from Dr. Battle that he anticipated such call. Dr. Battle is one of the most popular preachers in Petersburg and under his pastorate the First Baptist Church has made rapid strides. He is an exceedingly brilliant orator and is well known along the Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida. It would bring deep regret to his congregation and to the people of Petersburg if he should see fit to accept the call, which it now seems will be extended him by the First Baptist Church of Greensboro.

The friend of Arthur Bishop, who went to Charlotte, N. C., to help arrange for his trial, returned to Petersburg to-day and says that Bishop is well cared for in the Charlotte jail and is visited daily by many persons who express their sympathy. His trial is set for February 10th, and three of the ablest criminal lawyers of Charlotte have been engaged to defend him.

Mr. Sidney Smith, who is critically ill in Wise county as a result of an operation for appendicitis, is still in a serious condition. His physician this afternoon telegraph that his patient was resting quietly, but that his condition gave little hope for recovery. A trained nurse left Petersburg this morning to attend him.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

The Past Grand Regent, C. C. Berry, of Staunton, will pay an official visit to Sycamore Council, Royal Arcanum, next Tusday and officers for the term will be installed on that evening.

District Deputy Grand Master Edward Currier, of Petersburg, has presented the Petersburg Lodge of Odd Fellows with a gavel made from the wood of a mountain Laurel, cut from Lookout Mountain, overlooking the famous battlefield of Missionary Ridge.

Robert Dobson, the negro who broke into the office of Young's wood yard and stole a bicycle, has been sent on to the Corporation Court for trial.

The police have advised the people of Petersburg to lock their front doors throughout the day, as hall thieves are now at work in this city. Many articles have been stolen from the halls of many residence in Petersburg this week.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Council last evening adopted an ordinance providing for the issue of $190,000 four per cent. city bonds to retire bonds of this amount, which fall due April 1st and May 1st next, $40,000 falling due April 1st, and $150,000 May 1st. The bonds are to be dated May 1st, 1903, and are payable 40 years after date in gold coin.

Colonel C. P. E. Burgwyn, president of the Petersburg Iron Works, addressed the Council in the interest of an appropriation of $7,000 for the purpose of completing the dredging of certain bars in Appamattox River from the present depth of nine feet to a depth of twelve feet.

The government has appropriated $7,500 for this purpose, and if the channel is dredged twelve feet the Petersburg Company will be able to take contracts for building large vessels. Colonel Burgwyn laid before the Council a profile of the work needed, the distance to be dredged about six and a half miles from the Petersburg Iron Works shipyards to Rushmore.

Messrs. Bishop, Seward and others, members of the Council, spoke in behalf of the measure and the matter was reported to the Lower Appomattox Board and the City Engineer for report.

The Scottish orator, Mr. Ambrose MacNeil, has played in rather hard luck in the selection of the evening on which to deliver his lecture, "The Legacy of Honor." The lecture is to be delivered under the auspices of A. P. Hill Camp. The lecture was postpond Monday on account of exceedingly inclement weather, and is set for to-night, when it will probably take place, despite the condition of the elements.

TIN CAN FACTORY

Negotiations Are on Foot to Establish One at Buchanan.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BUCHANAN, VA., January 2.—Negotiations are on foot for the establishment of a tin can factory in Buchanan. This new enterprise has an enterprising young business man at its head, and there is little doubt, if properly encouraged, he will be successful. There are about five million cans packed in this county alone besides adjoining counties, and a factory at Buchanan prepared to do the right kind of work would doubtless prove not only beneficial to the county packers, but a financial success to those engaged in the business. This county has about seventy-five canning factories. The average pack of each is about three thousand cases.

The entertainment held in the town hall last night for the benefit of the Methodist Church was a decided success. The best local talent of the town under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Myerly, did credit to themselves and deserve much credit for the way in which they acquitted themselves. The laughable farce, "Mouse Trap" was well rendered and roars of laughter. The play was a decided success financially. After the performance refreshments were served. Buchanan is noted for local theatrical talent.

CUPID WAS IDLE

But in Other Respects Botetourt Has Had a Prosperous Year.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FINCASTLE, VA., January 2.—Prosperity is unquestionably a fine thing for a country, and so is matrimony, but the two do not seem to go hand in hand. The clerk of Botetourt County Court issued only one hundred and thirty-two marriage license in 1902, the most prosperous year the county has seen since her establishment in 1770. While in 1900 one of the toughest years, a time of general and loud spoken complaint, there were issued one hundred and sixty-nine licenses, the greatest number in the history of the county. Why is this thus?

SUIT INVOLVING MANY MILLIONS

Federal Court at Abingdon Will Hear Henry C. King Case.

VALUABLE MINERAL PROPERTY

King Claims Property Rights from Original Grants—Property Lies in Mingo County, W Va., and in Adjoining Counties in Virginia.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BRISTOL, VA., January 2.—The case of Henry C. King vs. Joshua Justice and others, a case of unusual importance, which was tried in the Federal Court at Abingdon a few years ago, will come up for re-trial at a special term of the court to be convened at Abingdon, Va., on the 19th inst.

This cause was heard before Judge John Paul, now deceased, when it came up before. Mr. King, the plaintiff, is endeavoring to eject the defendants, who are numerous, from valuable lands in Mingo County, West Virginia, and adjoining counties in that State and in Virginia, having laid claim to the properties in accordance with old grants which, it is claimed, he has in his possession.

The land referred to covers an area of thousands of acres, is worth millions of dollars and is rich in coal, timber and minerals. The inhabitants, who have occupied the lands without hinddrance for years up to this time, have built up prosperous communities, which Mr. King would now claim according to his alleged grants. An idea of the strength of his claims to the property may be had when it is stated that the late Judge Paul, when the cause was tried in his court, instructed the jury to find in favor of the plaintiff, which it did. The case was appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and was there remanded to the Circuit Court for a re-hearing. Judge Henry McDowell will hear the cause.

Mr. S. G. Keller has purchased the beautiful homeplace of Robert Pile, having paid $6,000 for the property. This was but little more than half the value of the property. Mr. Pile is endeavoring to sell all of his property here, with a view to locating in California.

The Bristol Y. M. C. A. gave a New Year's reception at its hall last night, which was largely attended. The young ladies from the colleges were present, and the young people enjoyed a delightful time socially. Refreshments were served by the ladies' auxiliary.

ROCKBRIDGE WEDDINGS

Several Have Taken Place During the Holidays.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Jan. 2.—A number of marriages have taken place in Rockbridge during the holidays, and since. On Wednesday, December 31st, Miss Maggie Brown Beatty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Beatty, was quietly married at her home to Mr. John Baxter Fix, Rev. D. A. Penick officiating. The bride is one of the teachers of Kerr's Creek District, and the groom is an enterprising young farmer.

On Thursday, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Samuel A. Adair, of Kerr's Creek, Miss Florence Mary Adair was married to Mr. Samuel Thompson Early, of Alcorn county, Miss., Rev. D. A. Penick performing the ceremony.

Girl Burned to Death.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

DANVILLE, VA., January 2.—Miss Nettie Dixon, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Sidney Dixon, was burned to death at her home near Stony Mills. She was standing before the fire, holding her baby sister, when her skirt became ignited, and in a moment she was enveloped in flames. She started to run for the spring, but was overcome, and neighbors found her lying dead, burned almost to a crisp. The baby was carefully laid on the bed, and when found was unharmed.

PLANS SELECTED FOR NEW LIBRARY

A Description of the Beautiful Building to Be Built in Norfolk by Carnegie.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., January 2.—Plans have been adopted for the fine new Carnegie library to be erected in this city. The committee has awarded the contract to Herbert D. Hall, of Boston, and his associate, Henry Y. Morse, Jr., of Philadelphia.

The committee, consisting of Captain John L. Roper (chairman, Messrs. Barton Myers, John B. Jenkins, Captain B. P. Loyall and Mr. W. M. Sargeant, assisted by Architect Wyatt of Baltimore, who was chosen to assist the committee in its selection, discussed the merits of each set of plans thoroughly. The plan selected is classic in design. The exterior will be gray brick, with limestone trimmings. The interior finish in all the rooms will be quartered oak, with upper walls of plaster or imitation stone.

On entering the building from Freemason Street one will pass through a high porch, which leads to a hall on the basement floor, from which a staircase leads to the main floor. In the basement is located the children's reading room and directors' room, the boiler room and heating apparatus.

In the main hall there will be a general reading room on the right and a reference reading room on the left. The delivery hall will be located in the center. In the rear of this will be the stack room, with the librarian's and cataloguing room on the left side and reading room on the right.

The main staircase will be of marble, with an ornamental iron rail. This will lead to the delivery hall, which will be paved with marble mosaic.

Around the cornice of the front of the building will be cut the names of Virgil, "Norfolk Public Library" and "Homer." On the Thomas Street side will be cut the names of Emerson, Whittier, Lowell, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Irving and Bryant.

According to the terms of the contract, the building is not to cost over $45,000, and of this amount the architect is to receive five per cent.

SUES POSTMASTER FOR PROMISED FEE

Capt. Warren S. Lurty Institutes Interesting Proceedings

FOR SECURING APPOINTMENT

Postmaster A. P. Funkhouser is Summoned Before a Magistrate in an Effort to Secure Payment of a $100 Fee Promised.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HARRISONBURG, VA., Jan. 2.—A suit was instituted here to-day that is attracting a great deal of attention, owing to the prominence of the parties and the issue involved. Warren S. Lurty, who was for years the United States district attorney for this district, and who has on several occasions been a candidate before Republican conventions for the nomination for governor, to-day had Postmaster A. P. Funkhouser, of this place, summoned before a magistrate in an effort to collect a fee of 100, said to be due him for services in aiding Mr. Funkerhouser to obtain the office.

Capt. Lurty is a member of the well known firm of Liggett and Lurty, of this place. He alleges to have in his possession a letter from Mr. Funkhouser, written last winter, in which he requested Capt. Lurty to go to Washington in his behalf. He said that he was without money and could not pay him anything unless he secured the office, but that in the event he was successful he would pay him $50 or more, as Capt. Lurty might elect. The letter went on to say that he was making a fight for reappointment, without any home indorsement, except that of Capt. Lurty, and urged him to come. There was a fight against his reappointment, and it was at that time that the letter was written.

Mr. Funkhouser's appointment has never been a popular one at this place, and he was appointed each time over the opposition of 80 per cent. of the business men of the town. This time he did not even have the backing of the local political organization, which belonged to the same faction in the party as he did; but he won over the combined opposition. Mr. Funkhouser appeared this morning before the magistrate and had the case removed to the County Court without trial.

HANOVER GAYETY

A Number of Delightful Dances During the Holidays.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MONTPELIER, VA., January 2.—This section of Hanover, as usual, was very lively during the Chistmas holidays. Many receptions and dances were given, notably one at Mr. Fox Haggason's home on Wednesday evening when many of Hanover's prettiest girls were present to usher the new year in with their dancing.

A great many farmers are stripping their tobacco, and the warehousemen may look out for large breaks of good tobacco after the holidays.

The public schools in Hanover will open January 5. The schools have been somewhat interfered with this season by the prevalence of whooping cough.

Mr. Travers Thompson, steward of the "Clazemont" home, is sick at his home here.

ROBBER UNSUCCESSFUL

Entered a Lexington Store by Breaking Through Plate-glass Window.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., January 2.—The wholesale grocery house of Huger-Davidson-Sale Company, at the Union Station, was broken into last night, but the intruder was not successful in obtaining any booty. The would-be thief entered through a window by breaking the large plate glass, with cut him severely, as many bloodmarks were left. The handle of the safe was covered with blood, where he had attempted to secure money, but failed. There is no clue to the intruder.

A SAN JUAN HERO

A Roanoke "Boy," Who is Successful in Love as in War.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BUCHANAN VA., January 2.—Many young people have been victims to Cupid's shafts during the holidays. One minister of the town, Rev. R. J. Dogan, united six couples during Christmas week, the last being the church marriage of the daughter of Mr. Robert L. Good of Lithia, Miss Mertie Good, to Mr. Z. B. Campbell, of Roanoke. Mr. Campbell is one of the boys who climbed San Juan Hill.

A YOUTHFUL COUPLE

The Groom Was Sixteen While the Bride was Only Fourteen.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LURAY VA., Jan. 2.—Mr. Homer Burner, of Springfield District, and Miss Daisy Bray, daughter of Mr. A. J. Bray, postmaster at Brand, this county, were married by Rev. G. S. Kennard in Luray yesterday. This is the youngest couple married in Page county for a number of years, the groom being sixteen, while the bride is only fourteen.

Broaddus—Gray.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MONTPELIER, VA., January 2.—Springfield Diciple's church was the scene last Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock of a pretty wedding when Miss Mary Massey Gray became the bride of Dr. Broddus of Richmond. The bride and bridesmaids were dressed in white. The church was beautifully decorated in cut flowers and evergreens. After the ceremony the couple left for an extended northern tour.

Grandstaff—Downey.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., January 2.—Miss Lucy Downey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Downey, of Bowman, Shenandoah county, was quietly married at the home of the bride's parents to Mr. William C. Grandstaff. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Cocke, pastor of the Christian church at Edenburg.

Six Tablets of Strychnine.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., January 2.—The nurse in charge of Captain J. J. Hunter, who is ill of pneumonia, by mistake, gave him six tablets of strychnine instead of one, as prescribed by his physician.

The mistake was discovered shortly after, and a doctor was hastily summoned.

Captain Hunter seems none the worse from the strychnine, but is dangerously ill of pneumonia.

Orndorff—Pingle.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., January 2.—Miss Effie C. Pingle and Mr. Walter R. Orndorff, of Oranda, Shenandoah county, were quietly married at Toms Brook yesterday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. J. Feaster, at the United Brethren parsonage.

FILTERING PLANT

Greensboro Hopes to Have it Installed After Long Delay.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 2.—The northern contractors for the new water works and filtering plant have notified the officials here that the pumps have been shipped and other structural parts and that orders have been sent to the constructing and erecting force of men now engaged in theSouth to report at Greensboro at an early day to put together and up the much coveted andlong delayed structure.

Burrel Davis, who lives five miles northwest of Greensboro, has discovered valuable gold and copper ores. He has made several blasts and continues to find it.

Mr. James Reed Jones, of Surry county, says that the county commissioners of Surry county have never passed upon applications to issue liquor license at Mount Airy. The suit recently tried here before Judge Shaw was for the purpose of compelling the Mount Airy authorities to issue license, as the county commissioners would not grant license, except on the recommendation of the Mount Airy commissioners.

Chief Engineer George C. McGregor, of the Raleigh and Western Railway, writes that the expression of this correspondent to The Times, "he thinks that coal from the newly purchased Cummock coal mines will be delivered to plants along the line at a cost not exceeding $3 per ton" is not exact enough, and states that the figures should have been $1.50 per ton.

DIED FROM INJURIES

Dr. I. W. Sutton, of Arkansas, Robbed and Murdered in Wilson.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILSON, N. C., Jan. 2.—Dr. I. W. Sutton, of Arkansas, who was murderously assaulted and robbed on the streets of this city, died in Calypso, near Goldsboro, from the result of his injuries. The deceased arrived in Wilson on the late train.

The doctor, according to his statement, made shortly before death, immediately on leaving the depot, started in search of hotel accommodations. He started up the street, being a stranger in the city, did not know what street he was on, and had not gone but a short distance before he was knocked senseless. He remained in an unconscious condition until about day-break when he was found by an officer. His satchel was found in a ditch near the railroad track, some distance from the point where the unfortunate man received his death blow.

As yet there is no clue as to the identity or whereabouts of the perpetrators of this crime.

COTTON AT CHARLOTTE

They Show a Gratifying Increase Over Those of a Year Ago.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 2.—The receipt sof the city cotton platform Wednesday were thirteen bales, the highest price being 8.25 cents per pound. The receipts for the corresponding date of last year were fifteen bales, at 7.80 cents. The receipts for the past month have been 2,498 bales; the receipts for December, 1901, were 3,154 bales. The receipts for the season, beginning September 1st, up to date, have been 17,209; teh receipts for the corresponding time of last season were 14,755. Since the holidays the daily receipts have been very light, as they always are after a holiday. More cotton has been sold this season for the corresponding time than last season, but more cotton was raised this year, and there is a great deal of the staple to be marketed yet.

HIGH POINT SILK MILL

Another Important Enterprise for This Growing Town is Assured.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HIGH POINT, N. C., Jan. 2.—The large silk mill projected for this place is a certainty. Interested parties are here and have bought five acres of ground from Mr. J. Elwood Cox, on which to erect the plant. Work on the buildings will commence at once. They will be of brick. The main building will be two stories with prospects of six hundred feet in length. The location is the Kendall property in the southern part of town. It is a private company, the interested parties being Swiss people. A higher class of labor than is found in cotton factories will be employed, as it will be much nicer work. Over one thousand will be employed when the mill is in full operation. The raw silk will be shipped direct from Japan and Italy and manufactured in all grades of silks.

NEWPORT NEWS TO BID ON CRUISERS

Shipyard Hopes to Get the Washington and Tennessee, or at Least One of Them.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 2.—The shipyard has prepared its bid for the two new armored cruisers, Washington and Tennessee, for which proposals will be opened at the Navy Department next Tuesday. The company expects to get one of the contracts at least. General Superintendent W. A. Post will go to Washington to be on the ground when the bids are opened.

City Sergeant Milstead, who has three persons adjudged insane in the jail, has been notified that all of the State asylums are closed to them, owing to their overcrowded condition.

It is understood that the next novel of Mary Johnston, of Richmond, who has been sojourning at Old Point, will deal with the early incidents in the history of Hampton and vicinity.

The monitor Puritan arrived at Old Point this evening, bound from Yorktown to the navy yard.

The steam yacht Meyerdale arrived at Old Point to-day from Atlantic City.

Chief Engineer C. F. Bailey, of the shipyard, is en route to San Francisco to take a voyage on the Newport News-built Leviathan for the purpose of observing her engines and machinery.

The total imports for the month of December exceeded $1,000,000.

BREACH BETWEEN PASTOR AND CHURCH

Rev. W. D. Hubbard and Large Tabernacle Congregation.

HE WILL RESIGN ON SUNDAY

The Result of the Trouble Will Be the Formation of a New Church in the Northern Part of the City—Report on Deaf and Dumb.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

RALEIGH, N. C., January 2.—The breach between the dominant element of the Tabernacle Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. W. D. Hubbard, promises to result in a new Baptist Church. A movement to this end developed to-day. Dr. Hubbard will submit his resignation Sunday. The new church is to be in the northern part of the city. It seems to be assured. The Tabernacle is one of the most noted churches in the State, being the one in which N. B. Broughton has had his famous Sunday-school. His work will continue at the Tabernacle.

The sixth biennial report of the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton, presented to the Governor to-day, shows an attendance of 237, with an average cost of $180 per child. Recommendations are that the maintenance fund be increased $7,500, making it $47,500, and $2,500 be allowed for permanent improvements. It is urged that the Legislature provide a school for the feeble-minded.

Governor Aycock issued a commission to Judge E. B. Jones, of Winston, today to hold a special civil term of Lenoir County Court January 12th.

The Secretary of State issued charters to-day to the E. Chesson Mercantile Company, of Elizabeth City; capital, $25,000, and the McEwen-Gibson Lumber Company, of Azlea, Buncombe county; capital $25,000.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

Willie Davis Killed Instantly by His Friend While Hunting.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

DURHAM, N. C., January 2.—News reached the city last night of a fatal accident some eight miles west of the city. Two popular young men, Bud Daniels and Willie Davis, intimate friends, were out hunting on Wednesday evening. Daniels was in front with his gun on his shoulder, and Davis immediately behind him. Daniels' gun went off, lodging its entire contents in the breast of Davis, killing him instantly. Particulars are meagre, but there is no suspicion of foul play, and Daniels is reported as prostrated with grief.

The Cheek-Royster Company, a prominent grocery concern here, was closed by the sheriff yesterday under an execution for about $75. Late in the evening three other executions, amounting to about $300, were levied. The firm has been doing a large business for the past six months, and the cause of their failure is unknown to the public.

The fire in the First National Bank building yesterday morning, which burned out the switchboard of the Interstate Telephone Company, entirely annulling the system, has proven a great loss and inconvenience to the entire city.

The company has a switchboard in Raleigh, which they will bring here, and make every effort to establish communication as soon as possible.

The saloons in Oxford were all closed on the 1st, the town Aldermen having refused to grant licenses. The liquor men claim that this sudden stoppage, without giving them time to dispose of their stock and fixtures, is a great hardship on them.

A Pennsylvania firm has bought four acres of land near the corporate limits and is at work putting up buildings and machinery for an extensive sash, blind and door factory.

NAPKIN RING CASE

Settled in the Federal Court in Asheville Yesterday.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., January 2.—It seems that the endless chain schemes are doomed to annihilation. At the December term of the Federal Court in Charlotte the Amos Owens Cherry Tree people were made to pay heavy fines and one or two were given a jail sentence. At Asheville yesterday the Cherokee Napkin Ring cases were settled. The case against J. S. Elmore, of Bryson City, one of the defendants, was nolle prossed. The District Attorney stated that while technically guilty, he believed there was no intention to defraud.

The arrest of those interested in the scheme created a big stir in the western counties. The bill of indictment charged a conspiracy to defraud by the use of the mails. It set out that the projectors of "The Cherokee Napkin Ring Company" offered for $12 to give agencies which would pay $20 per month for writing letters—in brief, an endless chain scheme similar to the Amos Owens Cherry Tree scheme in Rutherford county—to dispose of napkin rings made by the Cherokee Indians and "represented to be of great value and the most beautiful souvenir of the children of the forest."

NORTH CAROLINA PRISON

Report to Gov. Aycock Makes Excellent Showing for the Year.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

RALEIGH, N. C., January 2.—The biennial report of the State penitentiary, made to Governor Aycock to-day, shows that two years ago the Legislature appropriated $100,000 to pay penitentiary debts contracted under the fusion administration. Of this $80,000 was expended. The penitentiary now has a balance of $20,000 in cash and other assets, which make the total over $50,000 for the two years. Part of the assets are 2,5 bales of cotton. There are no debts. It is by far the best showing ever made. The 400 convicts who are building a railway in Mitchell county will be taken from that work January 20th. It is very cold on that side of the mountains, and a number have died of pneumonia. It was expected the work would reach this side of the mountain by this time, but its progress is slower than expected.

Increases the Capital.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., January 2.—The Wachovia Loan and Trust Company increased its capital stock from $500,000 to $500,000, all of which has been subscribed. This is now the largest banking institution in the State.

The Kernersville National Bank opened to-day. The deposits aggregate $4,000. The bank starts with a capital of $15,000.