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THE SUICIDE'S NOTE.

FAC SIMILE OF THE PAPER FOUND UPON DECEASED'S PERSON.

Vain Clues as to the Identity of the Man Who Shot Himself at Oakwood Cemetery.

Public interest in the Oakwood suicide is undiminished.

Inquiries are pouring in from all parts of the country. It is a wonder how many men are missing; how many that are between twenty-five and thirty years of age and six feet high, as this deceased was.

The dead man was hardly a total stranger here. That he sought the loneliest part of Oakwood and at an hour of the evening when the cemetery was almost deserted by visitors shows that he knew something of the city and surroundings; and it is in proof that he walked straight along towards the spot where the act was committed, as if he knew the locality well, or at least had been there before. He no doubt shot himself in a cemetery that he might give the least possible trouble to those upon whom would devolve the duty of burying him.

It is argued that he shaved himself clean and put on fresh under-clothes that he might be ready to be coffined, but that by no means follows, as under ordinary circumstances a man of his genteel appearance would in all probability have decently dressed on a Sunday.

THE NOTE.

At best personal descriptions of people are poor, and often one such description will answer for a hundred men in a community of the size of Richmond, but it is hoped that some of the effects of deceased may be recognized by his relatives or friends, though unfortunately the clothing has gone into the grave with him.

The note found in a vest-pocket affords the best clue to his identity, though allowance will have to be made for the fact that he could not have written with a perfectly calm mind and steady hand.

The note in pencil is on a piece of Manila wrapper about 5x14 inches in size. On three sides the edges are uneven and jagged, where they were roughly separated from the sheet. The spelling is all correct and the punctuation fair.

"I am not insane as some people say," is an expression that would indicate deceased had been known, or at least referred to, as a man of unsound mind. This may help to identify him.

It is believed by some that he was of German extraction, and it may be so. The writing, however, indicates that he was taught in American, or at least English, schools. It has none of the German characteristics.

CORONER WANTED.

Henrico is very badly in need of a coroner. Hitherto no competent person could be found to take the place, as the pay attached is insignificant and the trouble considerable, but in view of the recent experience showing how ill-served the county may be by persons who have not the intelligence and experience necessary to deal with important cases, Judge Minor has made a successful effort to obtain the consent of a suitable gentleman to serve in the position. This is Dr. A. L. Leftwich, who lives on the Nine-Mile road about a mile from the city. The law requires the Judge to submit to the Governor two names from which to make a selection, and the Judge will forward the names of Dr. Leftwich and Mr. Henry Vogle.

THE CEMETERY.

Oakwood cemetery, the Sabbath stillness of which the suicide pistol broke, though it was a day afterwards that his body was found, is in the northeastern limits of the city and beyond the happily-located neighborhoods known as Church and Union hills.

The remains of 17,000 Confederate soldiers lie buried in the grounds, and the citizen dead is increasing to great numbers, though at the beginning of the war few sections had been taken, and ample room was found for burial of the Confederates who died from wounds or disease in the neighboring Chimborazo Hospital.

THE WOOD.

The cemetery is thickly dotted with trees, and on the east its eminence slopes to a creek, which winds around the ground and ends in a flat where many pauper dead have been buried; also many lunatics who died in jail or in the Central Asylum when (before it was located near Petersburg) it occupied ground near Howard's Grove.

AMID THE DEAD.

On one of these graves Monday morning lay the body of the unknown suicide was found.

After the discovery of the body it was remembered that a pistol-shot from that direction was heard on the previous Sunday evening, though at the time, owing to the frequency of such sounds on the borders of the cemetery, little attention was paid to it.

The man lay with his head resting on his hat, which in turn lay on a pauper's grave.

There was a bullet-hole over the right ear, a pistol tightly clasped in the right hand, and the brown-paper note (elsewhere produced in *fac-simile*) in one of the vest-pockets, and that was about all that the unknown furnished to the world of his history—of his savage despair, of his resolute determination and mad act.

AGE.

About his age differences of opinion exist. It has generally been stated at twenty-five; but it may have been ten or fifteen years more; it may have been a few years less.

It was one of those faces that tell very little in death and very little more in life of the age of the person.

A gentleman noted for acute observation and who is gentle and kindly said when first he saw the suicide, judging by the face, and before ever he heard of the note, that "deceased was a crank."

The note sustains this view, at least it suggests something worse—that is, that the unhappy fellow was known to some at least as a person of disordered mind.

MISSING.

In the long procession of people who all this week have gone to Oakwood the women have been numerous.

Alas, too many of them are seeking husbands astray; fathers gone off unaccountably; brothers mysteriously disappeared; sons who have wandered from the parental roof and gone, the good Lord only knows where.

It is a mighty and continual suggestion of the untold sorrow in this world.

Few of these women are willing that the world shall know that they suspect their dear ones of suicide, yet they go to view those belongings of the deceased (which good luck more than any colored official sagacity rescued from interment with the body) to see if they can be identified.

WITH THE CLERK.

Squire Jonathan has turned over to Mr. Samuel P. Waddill, clerk of the Henrico County Court, the note, the pistol, the Elgin silver watch, pocket-knife, pocket-book, &c., of deceased, and they are now to be seen at the court-house.

The law charges against strangers found with property the expenses of inquest; but Mr. Waddill advised the Justice that in this case it was the Justice's duty first to expend enough to give the suicide suitable burial. If this was not done it was not because Mr. Waddill did not post the Justice.

The colored officers who acted in this case no doubt did the best they knew how, but the record will never be referred to as any signal evidence of the capacity of colored men to hold office—especially to hold important inquests.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

Mr. Dickenson thinks the coat and vest of the deceased were new and perhaps bought for burial clothes.

The trousers and hat were the worse for wear but were not much soiled.

The white silk handkerchief was also clean.

The soft white hands and general appearance of the deceased indicated that he was accustomed to little or no manual labor.

The fingers of the right hand were somewhat blackened as if from rolling cigarettes.

One tooth was broken out on the right side of the face, showing a sharp and ragged snag.

The appearance of deceased indicated that he was recently out of a sickness, as he was much emaciated, showing it principally in the face. Notwithstanding he measured over five feet and eleven inches no one has placed his weight at more than one hundred and forty pounds, and some as low as one hundred and twenty-five.

His pocket-book (smoke-colored) was of fine quality, and the money found upon his person was placed in the watch-pocket of his trousers instead of in the pocket-book or purse.

His pen-knife was small and contained three blades—one perfect one and two broken, one being broken off at the hilt and the other having simply the point broken.

The two keys were of somewhat peculiar make—the smaller one having the end or ring flattened out. It looked as if it had been bored out, and was altogether a clumsy job.

The wristband buttons seemed to be gold and were quite new. The cuff-buttons had been but little used and were gold-rimmed with black heads and the Goddess of Liberty was raised on them.

The collar was a clean standing one.

His face was clean; it looked as if it had been shaved on the day of his death.

Perhaps the cheapest things found upon his person were his watch and chain. The former was of silver (Elgin make) and looked old and much worn. The chain was of a common material, but gold washed, and was tied to the watch with a string.

The coat and vest were of diagonal black cloth.

The trousers were of a black and white stuff, the black predominating.

The coat was a four-button sack, rounded at the front.

When discovered deceased was found with his head resting upon his plum-colored Derby hat as a pillow, the hat being nicely crushed in as if for the head to rest on.

The pistol that sent the ball through his brains was a five-shooter, 32-calibre, double action, and of a brand called Young America.

HIS MISSION IS TO KILL.

The following is from the New York *Herald*:

MERCHANTVILLE, September 17, 1889.—Life in this part of New Jersey has been made exciting just now by the news that a lunatic had escaped from the private asylum of Dr. S. Preston Jones, near this place, and that he is suffering from a form of mania which makes him desire to kill either himself or somebody else. It is he who is referred to in the following advertisement, which was published in the *Herald* yesterday:

$50 REWARD.—This reward will be paid for safe return to Dr. S. Preston Jones, Merchantville, N. J., of W. J. Armstrong, who disappeared before daylight Tuesday, 10th instant, or liberal reward will be paid for information which will lead to his recovery. The missing patient, who has at times been affected by suicidal impulse, is five feet ten or eleven inches in height, broad-shouldered, large of frame, but spare from illness, and weighs about 155 pounds; has dark hair, gray-blue eyes, high cheek-bones, pale complexion, and is smooth-shaven; clothing dark and inconspicuous; of Irish nationality or descent, well informed, of good address and deportment; apparent age fifty years; supposed to be in Philadelphia, adjoining region of New Jersey, or at some point on Pennsylvania railroad, main line, westward; when last heard from was on the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania railroad going toward New York.

The person here described seems to be older than the Oakwood man, but otherwise the description is exact almost.

BLUCHER ALIVE AND KICKING.

The Washington *Post* of yesterday says: The fact that a neatly-dressed man, whose name has not been discovered, committed suicide in Richmond a few days ago, suggested to one of the evening papers yesterday afternoon that Gebhardt von Blucher, until recently a nurse at the Homeopathic Hospital in this city, was the man, and a very touching story was related in support of this theory. When the story was read by Mr. Blucher, who has been residing in South Washington since he left the hospital, he was not only surprised but somewhat indignant, and as Lieutenant Amiss's name had been mentioned in the story Mr. Blucher went in search of that gentleman.

When he entered the First precinct station-house he had become exceedingly indignant, and eagerly questioned Lieutenant Amiss regarding the best way to counteract the prevailing impression that he had taken his own life.

The Lieutenant was much mystified, as was Blucher, regarding what to do in the circumstances, but finally advised him to carry his grievance to the paper that had published the story. This Mr. Blucher decided to do.

Blucher is a young man, and claims to be a German count. He has been in the city for several months, and expects to remain here if he is able to find suitable employment. The announcement of his suicide was, therefore, very displeasing to him, as he states that since he reached the city he has been devoting all his energies to living.

A CARD FROM THE JUSTICE.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Your report in regard to the inquest and the burial of the suicide at Oakwood does me injustice.

I herewith give the facts so far as my official duty was performed: I, as magistrate, held the inquest. On the jury were three white and three colored men—all six of whom were of the most respectable class.

The inquest was held on the 16th of September, and I gave orders that the body should remain unburied until the next day till 4 P. M. About 10 o'clock A. M. on the 17th Mr. Dickenson, the keeper of Oakwood cemetery, sent a messenger to say that the body was rapidly decomposing, and was black and unrecognizable. I then gave orders for its burial.

I was not present, and supposed Mr. Dickenson, who had agreed to have a white minister to preach the funeral and to whom I had paid $6 to have the grave dug, would remove a sufficient quantity of clothes of deceased for recognition.

As to the colored physician, whilst I recognize Dr. Tonsel as a physician, yet I went to the office of four physicians (white) and could not succeed in getting one. This kept me for at least two hours; all of which time the body was exposed to the sun.

The pistol, pocket-book, and keys of the deceased (as well as the note found in the inside pocket) are at the clerk's office of the Henrico County Court and not at my fish-stall.

I could have had the body buried at the poorhouse of the county and not at Oakwood.

I tried to do my duty, which was, to say the least, a disagreeable one.

The burial of the dead man I left to the Constable and Mr. Dickenson. Could it have remained out of the ground until 4 P. M. I should have been there and reserved sufficient clothing.

Respectfully,
A. F. JONATHAN,
Justice of the Peace of Henrico County.

It is true that the body could not be kept from the grave any longer than it was, but in the very beginning it should have been either embalmed or put on ice, and then decomposition would have been delayed. Mr. Dickenson suggested that portions of the clothing should be saved, and it was not done. This was the serious error. Furthermore, Mr. Dickenson desired a neat $15 coffin to be bought, and the colored officials went off and got one for $13 from a colored undertaker.

Life is an awful burden to
one destitute of friends and
homeless. I am not insane
as some people say.
Sufficient money will be
found on my person to give
me a Christian burial

Fac-Simile of the Note Found on the Person of the Oakwood Suicide.

CAMPAIGN IN THE CITY.

Clay-Ward Actives and Old Dominion Club Meet—McKinney Still Here.

One of the most successful meetings thus far held during the present campaign was that of the Clay-Ward Actives at their headquarters, Reinhardt's Hall, last night. The room was comfortably filled, among the audience being a number of representative Democrats from the other wards of the city.

Captain B. A. Jacob presided with Secretary S. B. Brady at his post.

The first speaker of the evening was Senator Conway R. Sands, of Henrico.

He briefly stated the points at issue in the campaign and gave some good advice to the voters present.

Councilman J. Taylor Stratton followed in a short speech, which was well received.

Mr. Walter T. Booth was the third speaker, and appealed strongly to the workingmen, of whom he is a practical representative.

Ex-Mayor Carrington spoke next. He was peculiarly happy in his remarks, through which ran a vein of wit and humor. Liberal applause was accorded him.

The last to address the meeting was Senator William Lovenstein. As usual, he spoke well and to the point. He alluded to what the Democratic party had done and what they have yet to do.

After this a few light refreshments were served and the attendants wended their way home.

A feature of the evening was the remarkable attentiveness of the audience, all of whom seemed anxious to hear the issues discussed.

OLD DOMINION.

The Old Dominion Democratic Club held its weekly meeting last night with a large crowd in attendance.

The club had some important business to transact, and after that was disposed of Mr. Jackson Guy, chairman of the City Committee, made an address. He said the party in Richmond is in good trim, but hoped the Democrats will never stop working.

Mr. C. M. Wallace, Jr., was the next speaker and made many fine, telling remarks, which were heartily applauded.

The club is doing effective work, as it has ever done in the past twenty years.

FULTON DEMOCRACY.

The Fulton Democratic Club will hold a mass-meeting to-night at Donahoe's Hall at 8 o'clock. Mayor J. Taylor Ellyson, Messrs. H. M. Smith Jr., and S. Taylor Evans will be among the speakers.

POWHATAN CLUB.

A called meeting of Powhatan Club will be held at 8:30 to-night to nominate officers and also to elect new members.

TWO RUNAWAYS YESTERDAY.

Mrs. John Poe, Jr., Knocked from Her Vehicle and Slightly Injured.

Two runaways occurred yesterday morning in a short distance and within a few minutes of each other.

About 11 o'clock a horse attached to a wagon belonging to the Southern Express Company was left standing in front of the office of that company, on Main street. He took fright from some cause and ran down Main street to Ninth, and turning the corner, started up the latter street.

About midway between Main and Bank the runaway collided with a dog-cart in which Mrs. John Poe, Jr., was seated. The force of the shock threw Mrs. Poe to the ground, and she was badly shaken up. She was taken into the office of the Life-Insurance Company of Virginia and was soon joined by her husband, the Chief of Police. Dr. Brock happened to be passing by and was called in, and pronounced the injuries in no wise serious.

Mrs. Poe was taken to her home on west Grace street by her husband.

At the time of the collision Mrs. Poe's vehicle was standing on one side of the street, as Miss Mollie Rady, her companion, had just alighted to go into a building near by for a few minutes.

Neither of the vehicles was injured to any extent.

The second runaway occurred on Main street soon after 11 o'clock. Some gentleman had left his horse and buggy standing down near Fourteenth street. The horse took fright and ran up Main. When just above the *Dispatch* office the runaway collided with a dray. The buggy was completely wrecked.

The horse broke away from the shafts and kept on up the street, but was soon captured.

A BRAKEMAN'S DEATH.

Mr. Theodore B. Bland Killed Near Eleventh Street.

Mr. T. B. Bland was killed about 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning on the Richmond and Alleghany railroad trestle near Eleventh street.

He was thirty-eight years of age; had been in the employment of the Chesapeake and Ohio road about six months, and leaves a widow and one child.

Mr. Bland's train left the Alleghany depot yard at 2:30 o'clock, going east, and moved on until Rocketts was reached, when the engine stalled. The other brakeman was sent back to find out the cause of the engine not being able to pull the train. Bland was missing and seven box-cars were found with the brakes on. The conductor of the train notified the yardmaster of the disappearance of Bland, and hands were sent over the track to look for him. The body was found lying across the track on the trestle at the point where it crosses Eleventh street. Wheels of several cars passed over the small of his back, cutting the body nearly in two.

It is supposed that Bland was passing from one car to another putting on the brakes when he accidentally fell off the train.

Coroner Taylor viewed the body, and from the circumstances surrounding the case decided an inquest unnecessary.

The deceased resided at No. 124½ south Fourth street.

Home from Europe.

Rev. Dr. George Cooper, who returned from Europe night before last, was warmly welcomed at the train by a number of his friends, and yesterday was the subject of general congratulations upon his pleasant voyage and safe return.

Body Viewed.

Coroner Taylor yesterday afternoon viewed the body of Nancy Washington (colored), who died in rear of No. 108 east Franklin street. Death was sudden, but was no doubt from natural causes—brain-disease probably.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

OPENING OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION YESTERDAY.

Addresses by the Governor, Mayor, Professor Puryear, and Dr. Hatcher—Prospects of the Year.

The fifty-seventh session of Richmond College opened on yesterday.

The day was cool and bracing and the wide campus and spacious buildings never looked more inviting and imposing.

Students began to arrive several days ago and the number of matriculates last night was large.

THE PROFESSORS.

The professors were all on hand except Professor Hassedeff, who has not yet returned from his European tour.

Professor Pollard was much refreshed by his summer in the British isles, where he gathered treasures for the School of English, over which he so ably presides.

Professor Puryear looked very natural in his old place as chairman of the faculty, and, with the assistance of several students, disposed of a great deal of work during the day.

The Committee of the Education Board was laboriously engaged through a prolonged session examining the young men who are to come under the patronage of that institution as students for the ministry.

WHERE THEY COME FROM.

There are men present from the North as far up as Massachusetts, from the Pacific Coast, and from Texas, Louisiana, and Florida along the Gulf.

When it is remembered that the college has no academic department and discourages the attendance of all who are not prepared for strictly college classes, the attendance is very gratifying.

The young men are fine-looking, and as they gathered in a solid body in the chapel at 8 o'clock to participate in the opening exercises they made a most favorable impression.

THE RECEPTION.

The public hall was brilliantly illuminated, and when Governor Lee, Mayor Ellyson, Rev. Drs. Frost, Hatcher, and other distinguished gentlemen came in under the escort of the faculty and trustees they were greeted with prolonged applause.

Rev. Dr. Frost, pastor of Leigh-Street church, was introduced as chaplain of the evening and made an appropriate prayer.

The Chairman then gracefully introduced the former chairman, Professor H. H. Harris.

The Professor said he welcomed to the office and duties of chairman the distinguished gentleman who had long been acquainted with the important duties of the presidency.

THE CHANGES.

He referred to the fact that the college had passed through the war of 1861-'65 and came out dismantled. Look around and see the changes on these grounds; the presence of the splendid buildings; the removal of old and sometimes ugly landmarks. Then we had to inaugurate a preparatory department to get the young men ready for college. Now we have a college pure and simple, and the patronage is rising in quantity and quality every year. Changes, too, have come into the teaching—everything is progressing. The characteristic of the day is change and progress. In society, labor, learning this is evident. But the One who directs all is guiding all by His own will.

The Professor appealed to the young men to rise to a just appreciation of their privileges and duties. The grand train of life is moving forward. Will you, he asked, be fireman, engineer, or conductor?

A MODEL MAN.

Closing with a beautiful tribute to General Lee, whose monument had by our noble Governor been begun and he hoped would be crowned ere he left his high office, the speaker urged the students to take him for a model—the man who never received a demerit at West Point and who never forgot to attend to little things. Above him, the eloquent speaker said, was the one perfect model to whom Lee bowed, and to whom we must ever look as the pattern of our lives.

THE GOVERNOR.

Governor Lee was the next speaker and was greeted with great applause. He acknowledged the high compliments of Professor Puryear and said he only wished he was worthy of half the praise he had received.

The Governor was at his best and greatly charmed his audience with anecdote and wit. He said he would begin with Christopher Columbus and come down to the present time, and used his theme to illustrate high purpose and calm courage as making successful life.

The Governor presented most felicitously statesmanlike thoughts and principles, which instructed and charmed his intelligent audience, paying a splendid tribute to old Virginia and her position in the origin of our Government. He showed how education makes men different and brought about divergent views upon national questions which to-day exist in our country, and urged that the great questions of constitutional doctrine and liberty be taught in our colleges, so that our growing men may be prepared to meet the questions of the day wisely. He had seen the frightful field of carnage and wished for continued peace to every State and to the whole country.

The speaker closed with a beautiful classic quotation which brought down the house.

DR. HATCHER.

Rev. Dr. Hatcher congratulated the boys on coming to college and quoted President Hill as saying a college in a city is the best college for the highest training. A college in Richmond—the best city—must be high indeed and best indeed.

He congratulated the boys on the confidence reposed in them by their parents by clipping the apron-string and turning them loose to care for themselves. Remember, there are certain limitations which must be recognized and obeyed. Do not violate and break over them.

With a telling illustration the Doctor urged the youth about him to regard the limitations of personal purity, the rights of other people, and transparent honesty of sentiment and of act. He congratulated his audience that in Richmond College the sentiment of honesty was drawn with consummate power and strength. Church venerations, reverence for woman, respect for holy days, and the character and service of God, and the barriers of a safe and splendid life will be yours.

The speaker told his hearers that there are several ways to get out of college; one to drop out, another from the feeling that you cannot do the work, another to be cast out, yet another with cheap honors to depart. The only right way is to win your way and come out with honor.

Dr. Hatcher's address was interspersed with a number of beautiful illustrations drawn from his recollections of European travel, and greatly pleased his audience.

THE MAYOR.

Mayor Ellyson made a chaste address, and said he was a boy coming back home. He loved young men—the hope of the nation. Let your aims be high. Cultivate your whole nature. He had, while a boy, cherished the ambition of regular soldiery, but Confederate service cured this ambition. Then he thought of teaching, then of editorship. How different his present life and duties. So it may be with you. Be ready to fill any station to which you may be called. This is the young men's age. Grand opportunities await educated young men. He welcomed all as a citizen and he hoped to see and know them all.

The Chairman closed with well-chosen words and the happy evening closed.

DEALINGS IN PROPERTY.

Deeds of Bargain and Sale Recorded Yesterday.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were recorded yesterday:

William Isaac Johnson to B. F. Turner, 33 feet on east side Twenty-seventh between Leigh and Mason streets (subject to deed of trust of $250), $550.

Mary A. Keil to Joseph Hoffman, 33½ feet on west side Monroe between Clay and Catherine streets, improved, $2,000.

William B. Newell to Joseph M. Newell, 19 feet on west side Twenty-fourth between Marshall and Clay streets, $237.50.

William F. Reddy to A. J. Chewning and Edward S. Rose, 80 feet on north side Grace between Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets, improved, $1,150.

Frederick Sitterding and wife to A. J. Chewning, one half interest in 57 feet on St. James street, improved, being part of Lot 63 in Duval's addition, $200.

Emanuel Ullman to Frank P. Fletcher, 33 feet on Scott southeast corner Pleasants street, $495.

Frank M. Woon, special commissioner, to F. Sitterding, 57 feet on St James street, improved, being part of Lot 63 in Duval's addition, $400.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT.

Leslie Watson and wife to William Porter, 4 acres east of Richmond, $100.

Mozart Academy.

"The Burglar," from the Madison-Square Theatre, New York, was presented last night at this house before a large and refined audience, and gave great satisfaction. The character of the play is not in any way designated by the title, it being instead of a noisy and sensational melodrama, a refined comedy, combined with pathetic drama, such as has always been associated with the New York theatre in which it was produced. An entirely new feature was the introduction of a seven-year-old child in what was almost the most important character of the play, and the interest of the audience was fairly divided between Editha, Lewis, and Ned. Mr. A. S. Lipman as Lewis the burglar exhibited a combination of heroism, comedy, and emotion that swayed the audience completely. His scene with Editha in the third act and his death in the last were thoroughly artistic, and his ability was amply rewarded by the approval of his listeners. Little Aimee Stoddard as Editha immediately established herself a favorite, and must be awarded the distinction of being the greatest of all child actresses who have visited our city. Nothing prettier than her scene with the burglar has yet been presented here. Miss Sydney Armstrong was as pathetic and strong in her portrayal of the sorrowful wife Alice as the part required, and she pleased all. Sidney Drew furnished the fun in his inimitable manner and his laurels were easily shared by his young and charming wife, Gladys Rankin Drew. Messrs. James S. Maffitt, Jr., J. B. Everham, and J. H. Shewell, and Miss Olive Stoddard were instrumental in completing a company as evenly balanced and as well adapted to their duties as we have yet seen. "The Burglar" will be repeated this and to-morrow evening and at the matinée to-morrow.

CHARGED WITH A FELONY.

A Young White Man Arrested Upon Information from Washington.

Early yesterday afternoon Police-Sergeants Tomlinson and Hulce had rather an exciting time arresting a young white man.

He is about twenty-seven years of age and his hair is dyed black, though its natural color is red.

It was upon a telegram from Washington charging C. M. Rowe *alias* Christopher Robinson with a felony committed in that city that the young man was to be taken into custody.

He was found in the third story of house No. 107 north Seventeenth street.

Sergeant Hulce waited down at the door while his companion went up to the room where the alleged fugitive was supposed to be in hiding. As Sergeant Tomlinson entered the apartment Rowe made a break down stairs. Sergeant Hulce was told to watch out, and he captured the young man at the door.

Rowe was taken to the Second station-house and the Washington officials were informed of his arrest.

The young man is very reticent regarding the charge against him.

HUSTINGS COURT, TO-DAY.

Between Sixty and Seventy Grand Jury Cases to Be Examined.

To-day the grand jury of the Hustings Court will meet.

As the court was not in session during August the docket will be an exceedingly heavy one. There are between sixty and seventy cases for the grand jury to examine.

The following gentlemen have been summoned to serve as petit jurors:

M. J. Dimmock, Louis Rawlings, Luther R. Raines, C. C. Baughman, John T. Booth, Abram Gunst, Stephen T. Beveridge, John E. Palmer, Jacob Lewitt, Cunningham Hall, Edgar S. Hutchison, Ira P. Bland, W. R. D. Gascoyne, P. S. Burford, George R. Bagby, W. B. Blakey, George F. Lumpkin, Benjamin A. Harris, Clement Brooke, T. Archibald Cary, George B. Sydnor, Jr., Samuel Regester, Alphonzo Pizzini, Willis E. Johnson, J. P. Bargamin, Robert E. English, R. M. H. Harrison, Otto Morgenstern, Robert McNaughton, John F. Kohler, John D. Baseler, William Ferguson, William Tobien, Jr., William Johnson, John Bowers, Jr., Jasper Rowe, John Laird, John L. Houch, Thomas M. Hilzheimer, and James M. Thompson.

Police Court, Yesterday.

The only case of consequence in the Police Court yesterday morning was the continued one of William McCabe, Jack Johnson, Nicholas Roney, and R. L. Melton, charged with feloniously assaulting William F. Hord.

Dr. Jackson said Mr. Hord's wounds were not serious, and could have been made with a blunt instrument or by falling.

Mr. Hord testified that while on his way home Saturday night he was met by McCabe, who asked him a question. He told McCabe he did not wish to speak to him. He was then set on by the whole crowd and badly handled.

McCabe denied this and said Hord struck him first.

The case was sent on to the grand jury.

OTHER CASES.

Emmett Jenkins was fined $5 and costs for fighting in the street.

Ellen Graham (colored), cursing and abusing Policeman J. W. Williams. Fined $5 and costs.

L. Cinceci, for keeping his bar-room open and selling liquor on Sunday, was fined $20 and costs.

D. W. Robinson (colored), disorderly at the Chesapeake and Ohio depot and interfering with Policeman Robinson in the discharge of his duty. Fined $2.50 and costs.

Captain McKinney and the Governor's Chair.

Captain Phil. McKinney was a visitor to Governor Lee's office yesterday.

As the Captain will occupy the office after the 1st of January he was invited to sit in the Governor's chair to see how the piece of furniture would suit him.

The chair was made for a man of considerable avoirdupois as well as of great intellect, and the general verdict of the Capitol officials who witnessed the test was that Captain McKinney will fill it with ability, grace, and dignity.

Captain McKinney came down from Hanover Courthouse night before last expecting to leave here yesterday for Fredericksburg to fill an engagement in that section, but before taking the train got a telegram from Mr. Barbour informing him that the appointment had been cancelled. So he remained here all day, and will go to Fredericksburg this morning.

Colonel Evans.

The condition of Colonel Thomas J. Evans last night was regarded as giving no promise of his recovery, though he seemed a trifle stronger than the night before.

With over sixty-seven years of age upon him, and after two months of illness which has almost daily threatened to end in death, it is not regarded as possible that he can much longer withstand the disease which is affecting him. Until night before last he suffered comparatively little, but since then nausea has set in and it is very distressing and weakening.

The number of people constantly calling at his house to inquire as to his condition and their affectionate expressions indicate how strong a hold the Colonel has upon the regard of the community.

The Public Printing and Binding.

The Superintendent of Public Printing yesterday awarded the printing for the Commonwealth for the next fiscal year as follows:

Senate and House Journals, documents, bills, &c., annual reports and pamphlet work, to the J. L. Hill Printing Company; Acts of Assembly, to E. Waddey; eighty-fifth volume Virginia Reports, to W. Ellis Jones; job work, to J. E. Goode.

The binding contracts are distributed among the different binders of the city.

Chancery-Court Matters.

The will of Lavinia J. McFall was probated in the Chancery Court yesterday.

The estate is valued at $8,000, and is to be divided into two equal parts, one of which is to be divided equally between Julia and Thomas Wesley, and the other is to go to the nearest of kin of the deceased.

John Wesley and Charles W. Mull qualified as executors without security.

Mrs. Ella J. Snead qualified as administratrix of the estate of George W. Snead, deceased.

No Marriage-Certificate.

The Memphis papers record that Mr. R. J. Wynne, who was reared near Richmond and now lives in Texas, was recently induced to attest as a witness what was represented to him to be a marriage-certificate, but which afterwards turned out to be a note for $1,164.85.

The note was discounted at a Texas bank.

Mr. Wynne is hunting for the swindler.

The Cars Disabled.

The service on the Electric Line was miserable last night.

There were only five cars running, the remainder having become disabled in the early hours of the night.

People going home from the Academy and from Richmond College had to wait some of them for nearly an hour or else walk to their destination.

Mr. Evans Better.

Rev. W. E. Evans is very much improved and is now considered convalescent, and will very soon leave the Eastern Shore of Maryland for the mountains of Virginia.

Clay-Ward Market.

Work on this structure, at the southeast corner of Cary and Linden streets, is being very actively pushed indeed.

Keeper of a Light-House.

Mr. John F. Gaines, a Clay-Ward voter, has been appointed keeper of the light-house at Dutch Gap.

Chilliness.

The air last night had a frosty suggestion in it and fires in dwellings and overcoats worn on the streets gave a rather winterish appearance to the city.

MORE SCHOOL MONEY.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE FOR 1889.

A Total Sum of $636,148.82 to Be Put to the Credit of Superintendents.

The first of the month a cash distribution of $195,318.72 was announced as having been made to the public schools of the State from moneys derived from the Literary Fund. Now the Superintendent of Public Instruction has made a further apportionment at the rate of $1.07½ per head of school population from funds due from the general revenues assessed for the year 1889, as follows:

Accomack, $9,958.80; Albemarle, $14,281.37; Alexandria city, $5,209.45; Alexandria county, $1,567.35; Alleghany, $2,940.13; Amelia, $4,723.55; Amherst, $8,316.20; Appomattox, $4,176.37; Augusta, $11,768.03; Bath, $1,918.88; Bedford, $12,967.72; Bland, $2,228.48; Botetourt, $6,247.90; Brunswick, $7,777.62; Buchanan, $2,595.10; Buckingham, $7,559.45; Campbell, $9,054.73; Caroline, $7,859.33; Carroll, $6,350.02; Charles City, $2,468.05; Charlotte, $7,354.10; Chesterfield, $7,125.10; Clarke, $2,227.15; Craig, $1,653.35; Culpeper, $5,881.32; Cumberland, $4,430.08; Danville, $3,320.67; Dickenson, $19,43.60; Dinwiddie, $6,056.55; Elizabeth City, $3,853.87; Essex, $1,476.30; Fairfax, $6,704.78; Fauquier, $10,451.15; Floyd, $6,288.75; Fluvanna, $4,375.23; Franklin, $11,278.90; Frederick, $5,072.33; Winchester, $1,892; Fredericksburg, $1,709.25; Giles, $4,087.15; Gloucester, $5,398.37; Goochland, $4,106.50; Grayson, $6,037.20; Greene, $2,371.45; Greensville, $3,295.95; Halifax, $14,796.30; Hanover, $8,031.33; Henrico, $7,662.60; Henry, $8,050.67; Highland, $2,186.55; Isle of Wight, $3,985.03; James City, $1,610.35; King and Queen, $4,280.65; King George, $3,361.53; King William, $4,197.87; Lancaster, $2,691.80; Lee, $7,239.05; Loudoun, $8,946.15; Louisa, $8,691.38; Lunenburg, $5,184.72; Lynchburg, $6,761.75; Madison, $4,577.35; Manchester, $2,683.20; Mathews, $3,006.78; Mecklenburg, $11,271.37; Middlesex, $2,759.20; Montgomery, $7,878.52; Nansemond, $6,772.50; Nelson, $7,287.43; New Kent, $2,359.63; Norfolk city, $7,897.25; Norfolk county, $10,744.62; Northampton, $3,609.85; Northumberland, $3,475.48; Nottoway, $5,026.70; Orange, $5,971.63; Page, $4,888.02; Patrick, $6,018.92; Petersburg, $7,880.82; Pittsylvania, $22,636.27; Portsmouth, $8,563.63; Powhatan, $3,387.33; Prince Edward, $6,429.57; Prince George, $3,827; Princess Anne, $4,197.88; Prince William, $4,069.95; Pulaski, $3,931.28; Rappahannock, $4,042; Richmond city, $23,304.92; Richmond county, $3,290.58; Roanoke city, $1,468.45; Roanoke county, $5,418; Rockbridge, $8,788.12; Rockingham, $12,596.85; Russell, $6,336.05; Scott, $7,975.43; Shenandoah, $7,566.92; Smyth, $5,566.35; Southampton, $7,724.95; Spotsylvania, $4,341.87; Stafford, $3,049.78; Staunton, $2,071.53; Surry, $2,933.67; Sussex, $4,509.63; Tazewell, $6,840.22; Warren, $3,003.55; Warwick, $1,195.28; Washington, $11,394.90; Westmoreland, $3,567.92; Williamsburg, $477.30; Wise, $7,086.32; Wythe, $6,529.55; York, $3,361.53. Total, $636,148.82.

All this money is to be used exclusively for the pay of teachers.

These are the largest apportionments of State funds made since the organization of the school system.

From the Chesterfield Side.

Simon Walker, the negro youth who is confined in the Chesterfield jail under sentence of death, made another unsuccessful attempt to escape several nights ago by endeavoring to dig through the thick wall with a piece of heavy wood.

The Manchester Hustings Court (Judge Ingram presiding) was engaged yesterday in hearing argument in the case of the Merchants and Planters Savings Bank against J. R. Herndon for the appointment of a receiver of the property involved, located on the corner of Eleventh and Decatur streets. Judge Ingram appointed City-Sergeant Fitzgerald receiver.

Judge R. A. Hancock leaves to-day for Dinwiddie county, where he will hold the first term of his fall courts.

The case of R. S. Powell and Others against the Atlantic and Danville Railroad Company was before Judge Hancock this week for a decree in vacation. By consent the matter was continued until the first day of the Brunswick Circuit Court, which begins October 10th. The validity of $75,000 in bonds issued by the county to the railroad is involved in this city.

About one hundred new settlers have been located in Chesterfield by Commissioner-of-Agriculture Whitehead since he has been in office.

The old Powhatan Troop held its annual reunion yesterday at the Courthouse.

Mayor Attkisson was out again yesterday after a spell of sickness of several days' duration.

Misses Prichard and Ladd, of Petersburg, who have been visiting this city, have returned home.

Up to date 409 dog-medals have been issued in Manchester.

Fire this Morning.

The alarm of fire sounded at 12:40 o'clock this morning from Box 57, corner of Harrison and Leigh streets, was caused by the partial destruction by fire of the two frame tenement-houses Nos. 1405 and 1407 Moore street. Loss estimated at $1,000.

Water Supply.

Owing to certain water-pipe connections being made at Third and Broad streets today there will be but a limited supply of water north of Broad and east of Third streets.

A Petite Park.

A part of the fencing taken from around Monroe Park has been used to enclose the triangle bounded by Reservoir, Cary, and Beech streets.

Two Years for Assault.

Becky Ruffin was received at the penitentiary yesterday from Henry county to serve two years for assault with intent to kill.

Personals and Briefs.

R. Archie Schutte returned to the city yesterday after a visit West.

Mrs. Schutte and Miss Louisa Schutte have returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

Professor S. D. Davies has announced his purpose to open a law school in this city in October.

Joseph T. Fudge, treasurer of Alleghany, and J. P. Davis, sheriff of Henry county, were at the Capitol yesterday.

Mr. L. B. Vaughan, of Vaughan & Sarvey, who went with the Norfolk capitalists to Glasgow, has returned to this city.

Mr. Daniel Hannigan, of Philadelphia, but formerly of Richmond, is in the city visiting his children and his brother, Thomas F. Hannigan, at 821 Brook avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gavin, of Memphis, Tenn., with Mrs. M. E. Carter and family, Miss Nelly Kelly, and Mr. Joseph Gavin, after spending the summer at the seashore and White Sulphur, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Traylor, at 301 north Twelfth street.

Purest Liquors and Fancy Groceries.

Having resumed the Liquor business we invite our friends and the public who are in want of pure medicinal Whiskeys, Brandies, Wines, &c., to call upon us. Our stock of Fancy and Staple Groceries, as usual, are of the finest quality, and our prices are very moderate.

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