

VOYAGE HORSE-THIEF.

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The Strange Aberration of Mr. W. A. Perkins, a Restless and Ready Witted Man, Death—Severe Collections.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

Petersburg, Va., January 16.—An amateur horse-thief was arrested here this morning, tried in the Mayor's Court, and held for trial in the Hustings Court, which meets next week. The thief's name is Robert Carter (white), of Richmond, and he is apparently about nineteen years of age. Last Thursday he went to the stables of the Petersburg street railway and forced to take a horse. Mr. Shell, a one horse burr, gave him the name of Eddie Jackson, of Hanover county, and stated that his father had sent him to Petersburg to dispose of the horse. The animal was a dark one and Mr. Shell was willing to pay the price demanded, \$75, upon the condition that the young man's father was communicated with and that he should be sent to the proper authorities. To this the thief assented, but subsequently returned and said that he could sell the horse for more money to an up-town purchaser. He went off with the animal and Mr. Shell informed the police. Yesterday Captain W. H. Farnes, chief of police, went over to Richmond on other business and while there made inquiries which resulted in the discovery that Mr. Theodore Heck of that city, had lost a valuable animal. Mr. Heck and Officer Talley, of the Richmond force, came over this morning and appeared against the thief in the preliminary hearing before Mayor Collier. Mr. Heck identified his property.

A BAD CASE.

Mr. W. A. Perkins, a young dry-goods merchant doing business on Second street, was taken into custody this morning by the police and committed to jail pending an examination of his mental condition. Mr. Perkins' aberration appears to be confined for the most part to certain fictitious business transactions and this morning he advised his creditors to accept a coaly-sing in his dry-goods store. He was anxious to buy the coal business of T. W. McCance & Co., in this city, and was for a time in communication with the trustees to whom the firm assigned. He failed, however, to raise the purchase-money and this has so roused upon his mind as to have affected his reason. A commission of the court was appointed to hold this afternoon, but at the request of his friends the investigation has been postponed until next week and he will be carefully treated.

RETURNED TO DEATH.

Information was received here this morning of the fatal burning of Mrs. Thomas Williams at her residence in Powhatan county. The sad accident occurred on Tuesday night. She was at home with her three children, the oldest of which was only four years of age. The fire was caused by a gas lamp which was overturned and discovered Mrs. Williams was dead, her body being burned most severely. She had resided in Powhatan county for many years. Her husband, a well-known farmer, who lives near the Dinwiddie line. The body was taken to the residence of her father, Mr. George B. Williams, in Dinwiddie county, where the funeral services were held on Thursday.

REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The internal-revenue collections in the Second district for the period beginning January 1st and ending January 15th were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Tobacco: \$32,782.86; Cigars: \$2,221.79; Brandy: \$303.31; Beer: \$22.50; Lard: \$45.52.

Total: \$35,186.58

The receipts of the week ending 15th instant were 433 barrels. The sales of loose tobacco for the week were 109,280 pounds. The receipts for the same time were 113 hogsheads.

ADMINISTRATORS.

Messrs. W. R. McKenney and Alexander Hamilton have qualified as administrators of the estate of the late John T. Tinsley, of Prince George county, giving bond of \$50,000.

Mr. J. T. Young, the veteran jeweller, is very ill, and his friends are very anxious about his condition.

Mrs. Mary W. Couch is ill with the grip at her residence on Washington street.

THE MONTICELLO WINE COMPANY.

Officers Elected, Dividend Declared, and a Banquet—Mrs. Meade's Funeral.

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CHARLESTONVILLE, Va., Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monticello Wine Company was held yesterday. The following officers and directors were elected: Mr. H. E. Magruder, president; Colonel R. T. Duke, vice-president; Theodor Schmitt, secretary and treasurer; and Mr. J. C. Young, Jr., clerk.

A splendid luncheon and the regular business meeting, at which many bottles of the best brands of the company's wines were distributed. Among those who lingered to discuss the wine were Colonel F. F. White, Dr. T. W. Duke, Judge John M. White, Dr. A. R. McKee, Judge R. E. W. Duke, Jr., Dr. C. F. Carter, Mr. H. W. Pugh, Mr. J. M. Patton, of the Jeffersonian, and many others.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Officers of the Charlottesville Perpetual Building and Loan Association have also been elected as follows: George Perkins, president; M. Kaufman, vice-president; Dr. W. E. Norris, secretary and treasurer. The president and vice-president are also the following gentlemen are the directors: Colonel G. O. Wertebaker, Henry M. Glasson, C. D. F. Williams, W. H. Walker, Dr. W. H. Phillips, Dr. W. H. Duke, T. E. Carter, and Herbert Wingfield. A semi-annual dividend of 7 per cent was declared. April next the stock will be paid up.

The remains of the late Mrs. A. R. Meade, who died at Roanoke, were brought here this afternoon and will be placed in the Episcopal church to-morrow. Mr. Meade is a son of the Rev. R. K. Meade of this city.

The thermometer reached its lowest point here this winter early this morning and the cold is intense.

It is learned that two children of Mrs. George B. Stevens, who were burned yesterday at Ivy Depot, are extremely ill, with but little hope of the recovery of the daughter. Dr. Stevens suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COVINGTON.

An Enabling Act to Issue Bonds—Bank and Y. M. C. A. Officers Elected.

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The proprietors of a tannery have several men in the pen here prospecting for oak bark. The building will be built right away, and contracts for bark will be let as rapidly as the owners of the property can be reached.

The work on the double track between here and Low Moor is being rapidly pushed. Captain J. A. Rinehart is in command just on the outskirts of Covington.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Covington National Bank the following officers were elected: Dr. W. H. Phillips, president; Mr. A. McAllister, W. A. Rinehart, John S. Ham, E. M. Nettleton, J. J. Hobbs, and J. F. Padgett. Captain R. L. Perkins was elected secretary. Mr. C. H. Allister, vice-president; J. S. Rollins, cashier; W. H. McConahy, book-keeper. The bank is in flourishing condition and the directors are 100 per cent in the stockholders.

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