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POLICEMAN COOMES EXONERATED.

Lynchburg Officer Charged With Cruelty to Animals.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 13.—(Special.)—Policeman J. R. Coomes had a hearing before the Board of Police Commissioners this afternoon on the charge of cruelty in connection with the recent killing of two dogs.

The officer was fined $20 on each charge in the Police Court a few days ago. The Police Board this afternoon heard a number of witnesses and argument of counsel on both sides, and then rendered a decision exonerating Mr. Coomes from the charges.

This restores him to his position on the force, from which he had been suspended pending the investigation.

The City Council has ordered the issuing of $100,000 of 3 1-2 per cent. city bonds to meet obligations incurred for permanent improvements.

The hearing in the Mayor's Court of the case of James Tucker, driver of the team that ran over and killed Mr. William Henry Jones Wednesday evening, was to have taken place this morning, but was continued.

The verdict of the Coroner's jury charges that the accident was due to the driver's carelessness.

Tucker is jail. The funeral of Mr. Jones took place this afternoon at St. Paul's, and was largely attended. He was buried with Masonic honors.

THE CRESCENT CITY RACES.

Crosby and Dick Furber the Beaten Favorites—Jockey Nutt Suspended.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 13.—Crosby and Dick Furber were the only beaten favorites to-day. Jockey Nutt was suspended indefinitely, on account of his ride on Frank Ireland, in the second race. Summaries:

First race—six furlongs—Crescent City (5 to 2) won, Meme Wastel (9 to 2) second, Missile (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:16.

Second race—selling; mile and a sixteenth—Star Cotton (5 to 1) won, Frank Ireland (6 to 1) second, Mattie Bazaar (60 to 1) third. Time, 1:51.

Third race—steeplechase handicap; short course—Divertisement (12 to 1) won, Bristol (30 to 1) second, Golden Link (8 to 1) third. Time, 3:16.

Fourth race—handicap; six furlongs—Burnie Bunton (8 to 5) won, If You Dare (7 to 1) second, B. G. Fox (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:14 1-4.

Fifth race—selling; one and a half miles—Deloraine (3 to 2) won, Azim (13 to 5) second, Lizzie A. (10 to 1) third. Time, 2:30.

Sixth race—mile and sixteenth; selling—Depona (13 to 5) won, Donator (7 to 1) second, Bequeath (9 to 1) third. Time, 1:50 1-2.

BELIEVED TO BE MURDER.

Virginia Negro Found Dead Near Washington City.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 13.—(Special.)—James Haskins, a negro, 24 years of age, who recently came here from Westmoreland county, Va., was found dead, with a bullet in his breast, at Chevy Chase to-day. A revolver was found near the dead body. It is thought he was killed by another negro, who made his escape.

Dry-Dock Company at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, VA., December 13.—The Union Construction and Dry-Dock Company has been granted a charter. The capital of the company is $250,000. D. D. Hutchins is president; J. E. Davis, vice-president; Charles T. Dean, of Ironton, O., secretary and treasurer. These, with R. A. Hutchings, of Portsmouth, Va.; W. S. Bowden and Wilson Reed, of Norfolk, and J. S. Ward, of Baltimore, are the directors.

The purpose of the company is to build floating or other dry-docks, and to repair, build, and operate vessels. The principal office of the company will be at Norfolk, and the plant, it is anticipated, will be located on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth river.

RIPANS.

I had been troubled a year, off and on, with constipation, biliousness and sick headaches. Nothing seemed to do me any good. One day a friend asked me what the trouble was. When I told him he recommended Ripans Tabules. That evening I got a box, and after the second box I began to feel so much relief that I kept on with them. I have Ripans Tabules always in the house now and carry a package of them in my pocket.

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RUSH OF THE WEED NEXT WEEK.

Last Chance for Farmers to Raise Christmas Money on Tobacco.

The coming week is the last for the sale of leaf tobacco on this market, the sales being discontinued from next Friday, December 20th, until about the 10th of January. This leaves but one more week for the farmers to raise "Christmas money" on their tobacco, and this fact, coupled with the present favorable prospect for the best season of the year, will certainly cause a rush of the weed to market all the week, and it is probable that the sales will be heavy every day.

The offerings were large in quantity yesterday, and the upward tendency of prices was well maintained. All the warehouses had very good sales, Shelburne's leading in the quantity sold and in price for single lots. At the Shockoe and Crenshaw warehouses there were good sales of wagoned tobacco at most satisfactory prices for the grades offered. Sales for the day again reached the 100,000-pound mark, Shelburne's selling 41,080, Crenshaw, 34,470, and Shockoe nearly as much, while the Stonewall had a very good sale.

Crenshaw and Shelburne both sold lots as high as $21 per hundred, and Shockoe had some high averages. At Shelburne's Warehouse Bob Nicholas sold 230 pounds at $8.75; 360 at $12.25; 135 at $17.50, and 165 at $21. The same house for J. Green sold 130 pounds at $9.25; 70 at $14; and 70 at $21. For A. F. Childress 60 at $11; 290 at $16, and 115 at $17.50. Other high averages were made.

There will be no sales to-day, as usual on Saturdays.

TRIAL OF STENGLE CASE.

Action for $25,000, for Malicious Prosecution, Commenced Yesterday.

The suit of Charles I. Stengle against Hal. M. David for $25,000 for alleged malicious prosecution came up in the Law and Equity Court yesterday. The suit is brought on the ground that the plaintiff was arrested on the charge of misappropriating funds belonging to David, and that upon trial it was shown that he had done nothing to warrant such proceedings. The two men had been associated in the publication of a special edition of an afternoon paper.

The case was not finished, and will continue two or three days longer. Mr. Stengle is represented by Mr. William L. Royall, and Mr. David by Messrs. H. M. Smith and Hill Carter.

Mr. A. R. Holderby and Mr. Stengle were on the stand yesterday. Other witnesses called are Justice Crutchfield, Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson, Captain Tomlinson, and Colonel J. Hampton Hoge.

ANTE-CHRISTMAS PRICES.

How Table Necessities and Luxuries Are Selling in Richmond.

The commission merchants on Cary street are well supplied with country produce. Potatoes (Irish) are selling at $1.10 per bushel, and onions are worth from $3.50 to $4 per barrel. These prices are unusually good. Benanas are plentiful at from 60 to 70c. per bunch. Large shipments of California oranges are looked for soon; the Florida variety brings a better price than these, as they are considered sweeter.

Eggs are high, and those brought from the country are in demand, being much preferred by housekeepers for the cold-storage eggs.

The commission merchants concur in the belief that there will be an abundance of fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, butter, etc., on hand for the Christmas holidays.

POUND PARTY FOR THE POOR.

Ladies' of St. Ann's Benevolent Society To Hold Such Next Week.

On Wednesday and Thursday next the ladies of St. Ann's Benevolent Society will hold a pound-party in the basement of St. Peter's Cathedral, from 10 A. M., to 5 P. M.

It is the desire of these ladies to give joy and comfort to as many of God's poor as possible. They appeal, therefore, to the generosity of the public for liberal response. Donations of money, clothing, fuel, provisions, etc., may be sent on these days, and a committee will be on hand to receive them. However, for the convenience of those who cannot send on these days, their donations will be received, on whichever day may suit them best, at the Episcopal residence, No. 804 east Grace street.

St. Ann's Benevolent Society reaches many who otherwise would not be helped, as they hesitate from exposing their poverty to the eyes of the world, and will only make their wants known when some of these ladies go to visit them.

At this, the most glorious festival of the year, one is impressed with the injunction to live up to the divine precept, "visit the sick," "feed the hungry," "clothe the naked."

Tissot's Collection To-Night.

To-night at All Saints's chapel, under the direction of the Richmond Art Club, Mr. J. Strawn de Silva will present over one hundred delicately colored views from the famous Tissot collection of paintings from the life of Christ, each picture is enlarger to life-size by the aid of a powerful dissolving stereopticon. The Tissot paintings are the acknowledged religious art achievements of the century.

Election of Belvidere Council.

The annual election of officers of Belvidere Council, 1139, Royal Arcanum, was held in Lee Camp Hall on Thursday night, with the following result:

Regent, N. T. Redford; Vice-Regent, John Stamper; Orator, Micajah L. Willis; Past Regent, C. Y. Bargamin; Secretary, B. Morgan Shepherd; Collector, B. A. Jacob; Treasurer, Dr Charles A. Mercer; Chaplain, Rev. J. Calvin Stewart; Guide, Hatton A. Amos; Warden, A. L. Davis; Sentry, J. A. Purdie; Trustees—Leroy E. Brown, J. H. Derbyshire, and J. Frank Jacob. Delegate to Grand Council, N. T. Redford; Alternate, C. Y. Bargamin.

Mr. Harry Kemp, Supreme Deputy Grand Regent of Virginia, was present and made a highly interesting and instructive address.

HAPPENINGS IN RALEIGH.

Agricultural and Mechanical College Crowded.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 13.—(Special.)—The news from the bedside of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction was very encouraging to-day. His physician said he would recover.

The space at the Agricultural and Mechanical College here is so cramped, owing to the recent fire, that for the present no new students from other States can be received. There are over fifty applications for the admission of advanced students.

It is probable that buildings near the college, or in Raleigh, will be rented for the students to occupy. At one time it was the plan to use tents, but this idea has been abandoned.

The United States District Court here will end its term to-morrow. There have been many convictions.

J. W. Grady, of Mt. Olive, a white man who took letters belonging to a negro of the same name and stole their contents, got thirteen months in the penitentiary at Nashville, while George McKay, a white man, who stole the letters of R. P. Baldwin, a soldier in the Philippines, gets a seven-years' sentence and is fined $500.

D. H. Milton, of Reidsville, is the new chief clerk in the office of the Insurance Commissioner, succeeding R. M. Phillips.

The Supreme Court will probably adjourn on the 22d. All arguments are finished. The few cases which go over do so on motion of attorneys.

Secretary T. K. Bruner, who is installing the exhibit of the State Agricultural Department at the Charleston exposition, writes Commissioner Patterson: "February will be the earliest moment when visitors will be repaid for coming." He is impressed by the proverbial slowness of the Charlestonians, which is particularly striking to such a hustler as he.

The local council, Knights of Honor, here sues the Supreme Council for reinstatement. By the gross carelessness and misconduct of an official its dues, paid in, were not sent on.

Alex. Cox, of Surry county, was in 1899 sentenced to a five-year term in the penitentiary. His sentence is so commuted as to expire January 1st next. His crime was manslaughter.

A. W. Graham, of Oxford, who is here, says the great development of the copper-mining industry continues. Over half a million has recently been invested in Person and Granville counties, N. C., and in part of Halifax county, Va., nearest the North Carolina line.

New York, Ohio, and West Virginia men are the principal investors. He says the new cotton-mill at Oxford will be ready to begin work next week. Tobacco breaks at Oxford are very large, and prices higher than in ten years past.

IN KESWICK SOCIETY.

Members of the Whist Club Striving for the Prize.

KESWICK, VA., December 13.—(Special.)—As the season draws to its close, it seems that every one is trying to make the Whist Club more interesting than ever. Wednesday's entertainment was a brilliant example of this. "East Belmont," the lovely home of Mr. Isaac Long, was more attractive than ever that afternoon, when the club was entertained there by Mr. Grigsby Long.

The house had been darkened and beautifully decorated, and everywhere candles gleamed among the evergreens, making a charming picture.

The meeting was very large and enthusiastic, and a delightful game was played, after which most delicious refreshments were served.

At the close of the game a committee was appointed to buy the first and second prize, to be presented at the closing game to the member holding the largest score for the year.

This committee consists of Mrs. Carey Randolph, Mrs. Chisholm, and Mrs. Bowcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Magruder, Mr. Bowcock, and Mrs. Thurman were appointed a committee to look over the scores and award the prizes.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. W. C. Reed's, on January 1st.

Great excitement is felt over this game, as it is the last of the season.

Those present on Wednesday were Mrs. Magruder, Mr. Everett, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Bowcock, Mr. Magruder, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Pugh, Mr. Grigsby Long, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Thurman, Mrs. Bowcock, Mr. Ernest Mead, Mrs. Chisholm, Miss Bessie Long, Miss Margaret Fox, Mrs. Bowcock, Mr. and Mrs. McMurder, Miss Mary Mead, Miss Lorenzo, Miss Harris, Mrs. William Money, Miss Mary Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Long, and Miss Fannie Long.

CAUGHT A MOONSHINER.

John E. Utz Captured by Officers in Madison County.

CULPEPER, VA., December 13.—(Special.)—Revenue-Officers H. C. Eddins, Charles Dear, and Captain Fountain Beatty made a very successful raid upon a moonshine distillery in Madison county last night.

The attack of these officers was so adroitly made that John E. Utz, who was running the distillery at the time, was so completely surprised that he could offer no resistance.

The "joint" was in full operation, and the officers seized and destroyed a large quantity of the "crooked," together with the entire outfit.

Notes of Society.

The Colonial Dames held their regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. I. N. Jones. Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne presided, and much business was transacted. It was decided to give an elegant entertainment with historical features in January. It was also decided to renew the offer of a gold medal, or scholarship, to any student of the University of Virginia writing the best paper upon the Colonial History of Virginia.

Notice was given that at the next meeting a vote would be taken upon an amendment to the constitution, which would allow the Board of Managers to be increased to fifteen members.

The circular-letter from the Maine Society was read. Mrs. William G. Standard read extracts from the essay of Mr. John W. Wayland on "The Germans of the Valley," which won the Colonial Dames's prize last year at the University. It was a most interesting and valuable historic paper. It was a happy coincidence that the paper gave a description of Governor Spotswood's excursion across the Blue Ridge mountains, as the hostess is a lineal descendant of Governor Spotswood's, whose portrait looked down from the wall upon the assembled guests.

A meeting of the board will take place Monday at 5 o'clock at Mrs. Claiborne's.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the Dames were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Jones, who has just moved into her lovely new home. The dining-room was decorated in American Beauties. Applique drawn work covered the mahogany table, while candles in old-fashioned brass candlestick were at the four corners. In the centre was a tall cut-glass vase holding American Beauties.

Mrs. A. J. Montague served the punch, and Mrs. William Tompkins the coffee. Salads, ices, and other delicious refreshments were served by Misses Todd Baird, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Katherine Whitehead, of Erie, Pa.; Elizabeth Robins, and Pauline Powers.

Among those present were Mesdames William T. Reed, W. T. Oppenhimer, Chiles Mason Ferrall, Virginius Hall, Dana Rucker, Howard Hoge, Bland Smith, Phil. Taliaferro, William Tompkins, C. V. Carrington, Arthur Scrivenor, Blanton, Lancaster, Drake, Walter Christian, George Mayo W. T. Robins, Herbert Funsten, Stephen Hunter; Misses Helen Montague, Belle Perkins, and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Armistead, of 2400 Grove avenue, gave an Anagram party Thursday night at 8 o'clock, in honor of Miss Louise Nelson, of Louisville, Ky. The handsome residence was decorated in running cedar, holly, and evergreens. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Armistead were Miss Nelson, Miss Lucy Armistead, and Miss Emily Armistead.

The first ladies' prize was a pretty Oriental chain, and the gentleman's a framed water-color sketch of the old church at Jamestown. The consolation was a Japanese calendar and the booby a dainty pin-cushion, with "Stuck Again" written on it. A delicious collation was served later upon the card-tables. Those present were Misses Jane Fisher, Mary James, Evelyn Bridges, Elizabeth Bosher, Lola Jones, Estelle DeSaussure, Sadie Sutton, Rebecca Storrs, Normie Jones, Caroline Armistead, Elizabeth Morton, Marie Archer, Caroline Holliday, Mattie Brown, and Messrs. Leslie and Stanley Reid, Latimer Gordon, Witherspoon, Gaston, Meyers, Mac Doble, Lane Lacy, Moffet, Bruce, Willie Bridges, Stanley Freeman, R. Catesby Jones, Storrs, Peyton Morton, Robert Jones, and Algernon Chandler.

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Mrs. William Perkins and her daughter, Miss Grace Perkins, of Washington, will spend the winter with Mrs. A. B. Camm.

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Miss Nora Leary will leave the city after Christmas and will spend the winter in the South.

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Dr. and Mrs. Boyce Duncan Brooker have issued invitations to the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage, on December 18th, from 8:30 to 10 o'clock, at 711 west Main street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Wortham have returned home from their wedding, and will be for the present at 421 east Franklin street.

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Miss Louise Nelson, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting her aunt, Miss Emily Armistead, 1 east Cary street.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Venable, of Norfolk, are in the city the guests of the Messrs. Wight, 1010 west Main street.

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Little Miss Elizabeth Taliaferro has issued invitations to a Christmas party which reads: "I'm going to have a party. Will you come? The tots will be out in ful force."

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Miss Ellen Bagby, of this city, attended the Wednesday cotillon at Delmonico's New York, last Wednesday.

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Miss Mary Dulaney Ball, after spending about six weeks in Florence, S. C., has returned to her home.

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Miss Mamie Boykin and Mr. Robert H. Norman, formerly of Richmond, but more recently of New York, will be married January 2d. Miss Boykin is the daughter of Mrs. H. M. Boykin, and is a social favorite. Mr. Norman is connected in business with a New York manufacturing firm, and has his headquarters in that city.

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The marriage of Miss Ethelene E. Wall, the sister of Messrs. G. B. and H. B. Wall, of Richmond, to Mr. James H. Phillips, of Des Moines, will take place December 18th, in the home of the bride at Maysville, Ky. A party, including Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wall and family, Mr. H. B. Wall., and Mr. Francis W. Scarborough, will leave to-day to attend the wedding.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Old Dominion Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held Monday, December 16th, at 12 M., in the rooms of the Virginia Historical Society.

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Miss Daisy G. Conway, daughter of Mr. J. C. Conway, of south Belvidere street, and Mr. James H. Reed, were married yesterday in Halifax, N. C. For the present they will reside at the home of the bride's father. Mr. Reed is with the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company.

AT NOON TO-DAY

THE BOOKSHOPS WILL SELL THE SECOND NUMBER OF

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES SUNDAY.

LUTHERAN.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH (Seventh street between Broad and Grace)—Rev. C. A. Marks, Pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Services Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Luther League Friday evening at 8 o'clock. ts

PRESBYTERIAN.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock A. M. and 5 P. M. ts

GRACE-STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D. D., Pastor.—Services morning and at night, 11 o'clock and 8 o'clock. The pastor will preach. Sunday-school service at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Wednesday-night service at 8 o'clock. ts

CARTERSVILLE ITEMS.

Condition of the Sick — Personal Points and Neighborhood—Gossip.

CARTERSVILLE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA., December 13.—(Special.)—Captain C. B. Davis leaves for Richmond to-day, and will return next week. He will be the guest of the Rev. C. P. Scott, of Barton Heights, while away.

Mrs. Randolph Harrison is still quite ill, but hope she is better to-day. Her sister, Mrs. Wilson, of Norfolk, is with her now.

Mrs. Mary L. Palmore is still confined to her room.

No ice has been harvested here yet. We hope, soon, however, to have an ice harvest in abundance.

The depot at Brookton is blocked with lumber and poplar wood. It seems hard to procure cars to move it.

Miss Ida H. Rhodes, our popular and attractive vocalist of the Methodist church here, has been quite indisposed for a few days, but is out again, and will render sweet music in the churches here next Sunday.

Tobacco has commenced moving, and both of the buyers here, Messrs. W. H. and H. J. Rhodes, are getting in some small crops.

The 'phone craze is still on. A line is being extended from this point to Coremona, in Cumberland county, three miles from Columbia, on the opposite side of the river.

It is rumored that the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company contemplates in the near future making a cut through Howard's Neck farm, opposite here. They will save two miles by the cut and straighten their road.

Twentieth Century Men's Meeting.

The interest in the men's meetings at the association building has greatly increased. Last month over thirty-four hundred men attended the meetings, and this month promises to excel all December efforts. For to-morrow's meeting a new plan will be introduced—men must secure tickets of admission. These will be left at prominent stores in various parts of the city, and the first 700 men presenting them will get in. Dr. C. E. Bishop, of Williamsburg, will be the speaker to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The theme for the afternoon will be "Personal Purity." Boys under 16 years of age will not be admitted to this meeting.

Hack Driver Recovering.

W. W. Johnson, the colored hack-driver, who was injured recently in a collision with a Passenger and Power car, is progressing towards recovery. Both bones of the right forearm were broken, and the right hip was bruised. Johnson is under the care of Dr. W. Armistead Gills.

Conference of Association Workers.

There will be a conference of college and city association workers in the parlor of the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. International College Secretary Hugh McIlhany, of Staunton, will be present.

Calendars Coming In.

Beautiful calendars are already coming in from different parts of the country to the Young Men's Christian Association. Richmond merchants and institutions are urged to send in their calendars promptly, so that they may be given a prominent place in the display.

Sunday-School This Afternoon.

A meeting of the Sunday-school workers, for the study of the international lesson, will be held in the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. Dr. E. L. Pell will give one of his talks. Over one hundred attended the study last Saturday. All teachers and students, both ladies and gentlemen, are most cordially invited.

Y. M. C. A. Boys' Meeting.

The Young Men's Christian Association boys' meeting will be held at 2:30 Sunday in the library, in charge of the new boys' secretary, Mr. V. T. Grizzard. There will be spirited songs, vocal solo, and a short talk. This meeting is for boys over 13 years of age, and will last 45 minutes.

A Dance in Northampton.

EXMORE, VA., December 13.—(Special.)—A fashionable ball was given by the ladies and gentlemen of Northampton county at Bellehaven Hall this evening, and was largely attended by persons from different parts of the county. A select orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

Stiff No Better.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 13.—(Special.)—James Q. Stiff is still at the Emergency Hospital, in the same condition. His father and sister are with him, simply awaiting for the end.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES SUNDAY.

EPISCOPAL.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—REV. Robert Strange, D. D., Rector.—Divine service at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Strangers always welcome. tMh 1

THE MONUMENTAL CHURCH (Broad street below Twelfth)—Rev. W. E. Evans, D. D., Rector.—Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and afternoon at 4 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. ts

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (SERvices held in St. Andrew's Hall, Beverly street, between Laurel and Cherry, pending the building of new church)—Rev. Thomas Semmes, Rector.—Sunday services 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school, 9:15 A. M. Tuesday night Bible class for congregation at 8 o'clock. ts

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH (CORner Main and Foushee streets, two squares from Jefferson Hotel)—Rev. Landon R. Mason, Rector.—Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., and every Wednesday at 8 P. M. Seats free and all worshippers cordially welcomed. ts

METHODIST.

PARK-PLACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHUCH (corner west Franklin and Pine streets)—Rev. John T. Bosman, Pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Epworth League Friday at 8 P. M. ts

ST. JAMES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Marshall and Twenty-ninth streets)—Rev. J. D. Langley, Pastor.—Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The Most Wonderful Thing in the World"; subject at night, "By the Rivers of Babylon." Sabbath school, 9:30 A. M. Junior League, 3 P. M. Devotional services Senior League, 7 P. M. Midweek service, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH (corner Broad and Twentieth streets)—Rev. George H. Spooner, Pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Morning subject, "One Shepherd"; evening subject, "Poison." Seats free and strangers especially invited.

UNION-STATION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—11 A. M., Rev. Herbert Hope, of the Richmond Christian Advocate, will preach. Rev. John Hannon will be present and assist in the service. 8 P. M., Rev. John Hannon will preach.

CLAY-STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (corner Adams and Clay streets)—Rev. L. B. Betty, Pastor.—Preaching Sunday 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Subject morning, "The Praiseworthy Act of a Youthful King"; subject night, "The Model Congregation." Sunday school, 9:15 A. M. Junior Epworth League, 3 P. M. Monday, official meeting. Tuesday, class meeting. Wednesday, song and prayer service. Friday, Epworth League. All week services begin at 8 P. M.

CHRISTIAN.

WEST-END CHRISTIAN CHURCH (on Morris street, between Main and Floyd avenue).—Preaching to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins, at 11 A. M.—subject, "Steps to Perfection." At 8 P. M., Rev. P. A. Cave, of the Third Christian church, will preach. Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock. Seats free. A cordial welcome awaits all.

THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH (CORner Twenty-sixth and Marshall streets)—Preston A. Cave, Pastor.—Preaching to-morrow at 11 A. M. by the pastor; 8 P. M., by Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins. Seats are free and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M.

LIFE AND ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH (1206 west Cary street).—Preaching Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 9:15 A. M. Prayer and conference meeting. Wednesday at 8 P. M. A welcome to all. James Howle, pastor.

UNDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIANS. AT MARSHALL HALL, 2505 EAST Broad street, Sunday, December 15th. Preaching at 3:30 P. M. by Brother Charles N. Friend—subject, "God's Love for Men." The public is cordially invited to attend.

BAPTIST.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.—SERvices as usual Sunday at 11 A. M. and at 8 P. M., conducted by the pastor, Dr. W. R. L. Smith. Bible school at 9:15 A. M. ts

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—WORship at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The pastor, Dr. Cooper, will preach at both services. Bible school at 9:30 A. M. Church business meeting on Monday night.

GRACE-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (corner Grace and Foushee streets).—Rev. Charles S. Gardner, D. D., Pastor.—Sunday school at 9:15 A. M. Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. ts

GROVE-AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Hawthorne, D. D., will preach at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The Soul's Rest"; evening subject, "The Compassion of Jesus for His Enemies."

LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (corner Twenty-fifth and Leigh streets)—Rev. M. Ashby Jones, Pastor.—Preaching 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Morning subject, "Carrying Out a Trust"; evening subject, "Multiplying the Truth." Reading-room and free circulating library open 7:30 to 10:30 every evening.

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