

CITY OF PETERSBURG

JUDGE HANCOCK TO OPEN THE CIRCUIT COURT TO-DAY.

THE CONTRACT FOR DREDGING

Awarded to Col Burgwyn—Scope of the Improvements—The Elks Fund

PETERSBURG, VA., December 4.—(Special)—Judge B. A. Hancock will open the December term of the Circuit Court of Petersburg to-morrow with several common law and chancery cases on the docket. The case of R. G. Kent against Colonel Henry C. Roper, which has been on the docket for some time, and which is the most important case, is set for trial at 10 o'clock. This is a suit for \$10,000 damages for assault and for personal injuries inflicted by Colonel Roper on one of Petersburg's wealthy citizens. Eminent counsel are engaged on both sides.

CONTRACT FOR DREDGING. As previously stated in this correspondence, the United States Government has awarded to Colonel Burgwyn, of the Petersburg Iron Works Company, the contract for dredging the Appomattox river from the harbor to a point some seven miles below.

The work, which will cost about \$20,000, is to be completed in three months, and the channel is to be deepened to twelve feet in the center. The dredge has a membership of nearly 250, and the time is not distant until their united efforts when the home will be an established fact. Strenuous efforts are being made to this end.

Miss Nellie Elizabeth Wheary, daughter of Captain W. H. Wheary, of Ettrick, was married yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, to Dr. Walter Briggs Richardson, a prominent young physician of South Hampton county. The ceremony was performed in the Ettrick Methodist Episcopal church, in the presence of a crowded assemblage. Rev. G. F. Greene, of Blackstone, officiating. Miss Bessie Hall was maid of honor, and Miss W. A. H. was best man. The bride is an exceedingly attractive and popular lady. After a bridal reception Dr. and Mrs. Richardson left for their home in Southampton.

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL. The Executive Committee of the State Central Hospital held their usual monthly meeting at that institution to-day, for the transaction of routine business.

In his annual report, just published, Superintendent W. E. Drewry, in stating what had been accomplished at the hospital during the past fiscal year, says that taken as a whole, the year was a very successful one, and that during his command of sixteen years, he had never witnessed more progress, seen more advances and improvements made, or observed deeper interest or greater activity throughout the institution.

There are 1,200 patients in the hospital, a ratio of one inmate to 600 of the negro population of the State. The maintenance of these patients, costs \$55.79 per capita. Since the opening of this hospital in 1855, 4,734 cases have been admitted, of these 2,243 have been discharged, 1,491 have died, leaving 1,000 in the hospital, of whom 489 are men and 514 are women.

THE YEAR'S IMPROVEMENTS. The improvements last year were: Purchase of a 100-horse power, \$2,000, construction of a 100-gallon capacity steel tower and tank, \$4,000.00; laying of 5,000 feet cast iron water mains, and twenty fire plugs, \$2,000.00; a total of \$8,000.00 out of a special appropriation of \$10,000 made by the Legislature. Many other necessary improvements were made, and among these are interior telephone system, with a switchboard and twenty-two stations. Contracts have been awarded for constructing a new pump house, with a power boiler and three compound pumps, with 60 gallons capacity, each.

The hospital is filled to its normal capacity, and more room must be provided within a year, else patients must be kept in the jail at great expense to the State. For this purpose and for enlarging the dining-rooms, chapel, and amusement hall, a special appropriation of \$25,000 will be needed.

Two more naval destroyers were arrested last night. Four were sent back to their ships at Norfolk yesterday, and four are in jail here waiting to be returned.

COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

Process Invented by M. Miley, of Lexington—Big Cattle Shipments.

LEXINGTON, VA., December 4.—(Special)—Mr. Henry Miley, of the firm of M. Miley & Son, Photographers, is a New York making arrangements for the manufacture of material which is used in the newly patented process invented by M. Miley for color photography, and which reproduces nature's colors exactly as they are. The photographs are not painted as some would think, but are made by the same process as other photographs, except for the colors. A company has been formed and incorporated under the laws of New York for the purpose of putting color photography before the public. It is known as the Miley Photograph Company, and Mr. Miley will shortly attend a meeting of the directors of the concern in New York. Mr. Miley's process is one of the most wonderful inventions of this century, and was only perfected after years of hard work. The process has also been patented in Europe.

Two carloads of cattle have been shipped to Hancock, Pa., by Mr. E. J. McCullough, who is United States deputy collector of Internal Revenue for this section. They were two-year-olds and averaged 1,150 pounds. They were sent from this county and shipped him from this and surrounding counties over 1,200 head of the cattle.

Wheat throughout Rockbridge county is reported to be in better condition at present than for several seasons past, and with a continuance of the season prevalent, fine crop will be harvested in the county.

In Rockbridge, in what is known as Collierstown, in the western part of the county there are, within a radius of four miles, eight stores that sell dry goods and other commodities. It is rather remarkable.

CARTERSVILLE, VA., December 4.—(Special)—Mrs. M. W. Thomas Addison, of this vicinity, died at an early hour to-day, aged about 49 years. She has been ill for about three months, and had contracted pneumonia, which resulted fatally. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock. She is survived by her husband, Mr. James Addison, Miss Jennie Willis before her marriage. She leaves a husband and three children, her son, James, and her daughters, Mrs. T. S. Hopkins, of Tazewell.

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ALL GROCERS.

able for a county to have so many stores doing business in its farming section and no other portion of the county outside of Lexington can make such a showing. Although bearing the name of a town, the place is not incorporated. It has been stated that it is ten miles long or rather that the principal street has that length and tapers in the mountain rear.

TAPPANNOCK TID-BITS.

Dr. Robinson's Law Suit—Two Weddings—Telephone Tinglyings.

TAPPANNOCK, VA., December 4.—(Special)—The November term of the County Court closed without the transaction of any particularly important business. There was one case of interest, however—that of Dr. W. B. Robinson against the Board of Supervisors of Essex, for the sum of \$500 for examining a doctor to some small-pox cases thought to be existing in the county last year.

When the bill was presented the board refused to pay the sum of \$500. After hearing argument in the case, the court decided in favor of Dr. Robinson, and the sum of \$500 was ordered to be paid. Cupid has been busy in Essex during the autumn season, and the fruits of his work are most obvious. Last Wednesday morning merchant and Miss Anne Burwell Scott, both of this county, were quickly wedded at the home of the bride's grandfather, Mr. R. L. Ware, of Ware's Wharf.

A few evenings since Mr. Harry Parkins and Miss Nellie Andrews, of Mount Landing, eloped and were married in Washington. The bride and groom are both very young and the wedding was quite a surprise to even their most intimate friends.

Mr. H. Caswell and his family, of Redland, Md., who have been spending several weeks in Essex, as the guests of Mr. Caswell, returned to their home last of the week. Mr. Caswell came on a hunting expedition, bringing with him four small birds, which he had nearly two hundred partridges. The supply of game seems to be abundant in the woods here, and the birds are being killed by the score.

One of our local sportsmen, the first of last week, realizing that Thanksgiving-day was drawing near and wishing to secure a turkey, went out in the woods. But a short time elapsed when he returned with a turkey which tipped the scales at 16 pounds.

Essex Council, J. O. U. A. M., are looking forward with much pleasure to Thursday, December 11th, on which day the State Council secretary, Thomas B. Ivey, will be here to make arrangements for the present, and a banquet will be a feature of the occasion.

The telephone line between this place and Fredericksburg is about completed, and the people in the upper end of the county are being entirely cut off from communication with the outside world, are rejoicing. About thirty private phones are being put in.

Some amusing incidents have been told in connection with the establishment of these phones. It has been reported that on one place where the family are so much interested in hearing what is going on over the wires that some one is always at the phone when it rings. A dog has become so well accustomed to the ways of the household, it is said, that when the telephone is rung, he quietly walks to the telephone, and takes his stand with ears uplifted to catch the words that are being said. He does not believe this, but it is told as a fact, and if they do not—well, I don't care if they do not.

Mrs. J. Thos. Addison Dead. EASTVILLE, VA., December 4.—(Special)—Mrs. J. Thomas Addison, of this vicinity, died at an early hour to-day, aged about 49 years. She has been ill for about three months, and had contracted pneumonia, which resulted fatally. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock. She is survived by her husband, Mr. James Addison, Miss Jennie Willis before her marriage. She leaves a husband and three children, her son, James, and her daughters, Mrs. T. S. Hopkins, of Tazewell.

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The report is without the slightest foundation, he said. "Mrs. Tevis and my son are old friends, but there is absolutely no reason for the report that he is engaged to marry her. The story about a runaway match is absurd."

Young Walker passes much of his time in Denver, where he is the former San Francisco millionaire. He married him on the eve of her union with another lover. He is now in the employ of the former Governor of New York, and is only 20 years old.

NEW YORK, December 4.—At Burlington, where Mrs. Tevis has recently made her home, in this city, it was said to-day that she is traveling in Virginia, and at the present moment is visiting friends in Richmond. Her letters are being forwarded to Hot Springs, Va.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

THE SUICIDE OF WALKER H. MOSS IN PETERSBURG YESTERDAY.

ENTERTAINED NIGHT BEFORE.

Friends Departed After Midnight and the Host's Body Found in the Morning—Act Was Deliberately Planned.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 4.—(Special)—Walker H. Moss, aged about 21 years, a well-known and successful tobacco buyer of this city, committed suicide by a shot through the head, at an early hour this morning, at his home on Washington street, and all appearances indicate that the act was calmly and deliberately planned and executed. The young man was the son of the late Thomas D. Moss, for many years a prominent and respected tobacco dealer, and who lived with his mother, on Washington street, who for several days past has been away from home, visiting a sick sister in Mecklenburg county. Tenants in the house are Mrs. W. T. Peed and son.

HAD A PARTY THE NIGHT BEFORE. Last night Mr. Moss had several friends as guests to play a social game of cards. They departed shortly after midnight, leaving Mr. Moss to himself. Mrs. Peed was awake at the time, and heard the pleasant "good night" pass between host and guest as they separated. That was the last seen of Mr. Moss alive. His body was found in the wood-house this morning.

Mr. Moss had gathered up some bed-clothing, and carrying a lamp to light his way, went out to the wood-house in the back-yard. There he carefully ranged a pallet on the floor, and laid a pillow. Then, pulling his coat and collar, he stretched himself upon the bed and fired a bullet through his brain. This is supposed to have been a self-inflicted wound, and that time Mrs. Peed heard a muffled sound, which may have been the report of the pistol, though it aroused no suspicion of anything wrong.

A PISTOL IN HIS HAND. When Mr. Moss was found not to be in his room this morning, search was made, and the body was discovered in the wood-house by Master Peed, who quickly gave the alarm. The body was lying on the right side, covering the right arm. On being turned over a pistol, with one chamber emptied, was found grasped in the right hand, the ball from which had been fired through the right temple, just back of the eye. Death was evidently resulted very quickly, as the body was cold.

No cause can be assigned for the act, except possible financial worry. It is said the young man attempted suicide by a pistol shot the night before last, and was only saved from death by the timely discovery of Mrs. Peed, who, being aroused by the odor of gas, made prompt investigation. Young Moss was found near the stove, with gas in the kitchen, where he stretched himself on a pallet on a table, and turned on the gas from the cooking range. He revived from this and explained that it was a case of accident. He was down town yesterday, and talked freely with his friends about his narrow escape from asphyxiation.

HAD RECENTLY MADE MONEY. Mr. Moss was a liberal buyer of tobacco, and is reported to have made a very good thing out of it. He was a free spender and with a very liberal hearted man.

Besides his mother, who has been notified of the sad occurrence, the following have been notified: Mr. J. H. Moss, of Norfolk, and Robert Moss, of Paducah, Ky. No inquest was deemed necessary. He purchased the pistol with which he killed himself last Tuesday.

A HOSPITAL FOR BRISTOL.

Doctors Wiley and Gammon to Start It—Town Improvements.

BRISTOL, VA., December 4.—(Special)—Dr. George E. Wiley and Dr. L. S. Gammon, successful physicians of Saltville, Va., who recently purchased valuable property here, are coming to Bristol to reside about the first of the coming year, having given up lucrative positions in the alkali works at Saltville. It is an announced fact that Dr. Wiley and Gammon have determined to establish a large hospital here, which will be conducted as a private institution. In addition to the proposed hospital, they own valuable property here, and have made purchases in both Bristol, Tenn., and Bristol, Va., recently. Bristol affords a fine opportunity for such enterprising gentlemen, and the special need of a hospital here has long been felt.

Mr. Churchill, engineer of maintenance of way of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, was here this week inspecting the work in the handsome new union passenger station. While here Mr. Church had an extension of the station shed on the east side of the station southward to State street, and northward to the railway telegraph office, adding about 130 feet to the length of the shed, making 600 feet in length. The Macadam driveway is also to be extended northward to connect with Front street, while an entrance for passengers is to be constructed up the bank from Front street to the new building.

MR. W. P. HAMILTON, proprietor of Hotel Hamilton, who went to Louisville ten weeks ago, in company with Mrs. Hamilton, for the benefit of his health, being then in bad condition physically, returned with his health fully restored.

Mr. James is confined to his room as the result of a seriously fractured ankle, due to an accidental fall on a sidewalk. His slipped from the walk, his foot catching in his way, and his position as a result of the fall, was such that he struck the bones in the ankle. Mr. Stone is a prominent lumber manufacturer, and formerly held the position of clerk of the Corporation and Circuit courts here.

The city has received bids on its latest issue of water-works bonds, amounting to \$25,000. Seven different firms have submitted bids. A Cincinnati firm was the highest bidder, offering a premium of \$1,250 on the entire issue. This bid will probably be accepted. The work of making the improvements planned in connection with the water-works is progressing, and before spring the city will have an average of 500,000 gallons of water more per day than at present.

A number of commodious business buildings are now nearing completion in the two Bristols, and after the first of the year the city will be better accommodated in its growing wholesale trade. An important wholesale dry-goods and notion house will begin business here on the first day of January. The name of the firm is the Mahoney-Jones Company. It will have ample capital to do an extensive business. The manager, John A. Mahoney, is an experienced wholesale man, and has been in business here for several years. He has a substantial interest in the wholesale hat house of Mahoney, Fox & Co.

MRS. A. LEE THURMAN DEAD. Former Resident of Charlottesville, Passes Away in Columbus, Ohio.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 4.—(Special)—A telegram announces the death of Mrs. A. Lee Thurman in Columbus, O., at 5 o'clock this morning. The intelligence was received with deep regret by the very large number of persons here who had known Mrs. Thurman as Mary Cochran, the daughter of the late Judge John L. Cochran. Her funeral will take place in Columbus, Sunday morning.

Mrs. Thurman had been ill of typhoid fever for some weeks, and so seriously that her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Massie, of this city, and her cousin, Miss Julia Thompson, of Baltimore, had been summoned a month ago. Ten days ago her mother and her brother, John L. Cochran, of this city, hastened to her bedside.

In addition to her mother and brother and sister already named, she is survived by Mrs. Frank A. Massie, of this city, and Mrs. Malvern Patterson, of Richmond.

Miss Mary Cochran was married to A. Lee Thurman, a grandson of the late Senator Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio, in 1841. Mr. Thurman had wood and won her in his college days at the University of Virginia.

Few ever left their native town with more pride than she. Lovely in person, engaging in manner, and of sterling character she attracted and held the love and esteem of all with whom she was ever associated.

Chamberlain at Port Said. PORT SAID, EGYPT, December 4.—The British cruiser Good Hope, having on board Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, and party, bound for South Africa, arrived here to-day. The vessel has been delayed by storms in the Mediterranean. Mr. Chamberlain landed, and went to Cairo.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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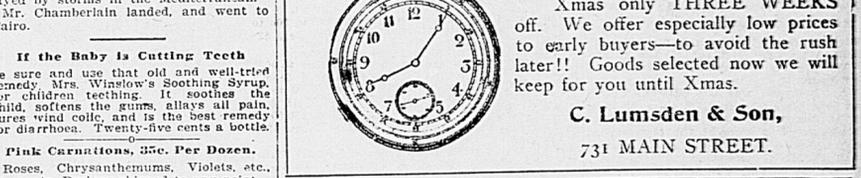
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CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Castor Oil. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES, 1902 and 1903. On account of Christmas and New Year holidays, the Southern Railway will sell special round trip tickets between all points on its lines, and to points on lines of its connections at greatly reduced rates, basis one and a third fares for the round trip. These special tickets to be in effect from December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and January 1st, 1903, with return it February 3rd, 1903. These special rates will apply to all points south of the Potomac and east of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

GREENSBORO MAN HELD. Ripe Strawberries in North Carolina—Miss Grimes Married. RALEIGH, N. C., December 4.—(Special)—The recommendations requiring, what may be termed a new plan of taxation, as made by the State Tax Commission, are well received by the public, to judge by the comments.

The Board of Agriculture to-day made up its budget for the half year. The receipts from the sale of tax tags for farmers are some \$200 less than they were last year for the autumn business. An increase of at least \$1,500 had been expected.

Among to-day's arrivals were H. A. Gilliam and John Mayo, Tarboro; John H. Gore, Wilmington; Z. F. Long, Rockingham.

At the State Museum a queer wolf is on view—a cross between a turkey and a guinea. It is to be placed in the "Zoo" at the city park.

During November there was 25 deaths and 27 births here. Four cases of scarlet fever and 2 of typhoid fever were reported.

The States grants a charter to the J. W. Anderson Sons Company of Charlottesville, to deal in horses, etc.; capital, \$125,000.

Your correspondent was at Kittrell yesterday afternoon, and found very large quantities of strawberries in the berry farm of Mr. Oscar W. Blackwell. This easily breaks the record for this part of North Carolina.

Governor Aycock declines to pardon John Murrow, of Greensboro. Great efforts to secure a pardon for this man have been made for weeks past.

Mr. John Ward and Miss Vella Grimes, both of Raleigh, are to be married December 10th. The bride-elect is a niece of the late General J. Bryan Grimes and a cousin of Secretary of State Grimes.

Representatives of the system's industrial and immigration departments are planning to interest tobacco growers of Kentucky, Virginia, and other parts in the possibilities of Texas. It is their purpose to afford a systematic course of

education to tobacco-growers with a view to inducing them to migrate to Texas. It is believed that Texas can be made to equal, if not surpass, Cuba and Sumatra, as a producer of high-class goods.

Tobacco men say, however, that even should the plan fulfill all that is expected of it, the seed-leaf planters of the North will not suffer, but that the foreign leaf would be displaced by that of Texas.

Rathbone Presses His Petition. WASHINGTON, December 4.—Major Estes G. Rathbone, who was convicted of irregularities during his incumbency as director of posts of Cuba, and who was pardoned after the American occupation ended, was at the Capitol to-day for the purpose of pressing his petition, which was filed with the Senate at the last session, for a investigation of the methods used in his conviction by the Cuban courts.

PURCELL, LADD & CO., WHOLESALE AGENTS, Richmond, Va.

C. A. COLHOUN, Proprietor, Alleghany Springs, Va.

TOBACCO-GROWING IN TEXAS.

Southern Pacific Railway Experimenting and Imparting Education. NEW YORK, December 4.—(Special)—The Southern Pacific Railway purposes to establish a school in one of the nation's foremost tobacco-producing regions. For some time the road's agents have been experimenting with the soil of certain sections of the State, and they are convinced it is well adapted to the culture of high-grade tobacco, such as is now imported.

To teachers and students holding certificates from president, principal, or superintendent of institute, the holiday tickets will be valid until December 31, 1902, with limit to expire January 5.

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