

FOUR SWINDLE. INTERESTING CASE NOW PENDING IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK. THE POSTMASTERSHIP FIGHT.

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NORFOLK, Va., December 18.—(Special.)—William Hope, Michael Kelly, Charles Farley, Leon Marshall and F. B. Curtis were examined in the Police Court to-day upon indictments returned from the Corporation Court, and in which the defendants were charged with conspiracy in the alleged post-bill ticket swindle that has attracted so much attention.

Interference of the Maryland Administration Powers—Some Political Gossip—Landman Garry and the Needle He Swallowed—Thief Steals Heavy Iron Columns.

It developed here to-day that all the Republican administration powers in Maryland are being brought into the fight that Colonel J. W. Waddy, the present postmaster of Norfolk, is making to retain his position.

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State Senator J. C. Cromwell, of Norfolk county, secured the influence of Congressman Wacker for Colonel Waddy, and the Baltimore congressman has in turn, it is stated, interested Ashley M. Gould and Senator McComas, of Maryland, in the Norfolk matter.

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THE PHILIPPINE BILL. MEASURE REDUCING DUTIES ON IMPORTS PASSES THE HOUSE. DEMOCRATIC MANOEUVERING.

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YOUNG MRS. WINTHROP. HUNTINGTON, Va., December 18.—(Special.)—Near Ten Mile, in Loudoun County this afternoon, Joseph Blas and his father, R. A. Blas, were engaged in blasting rock on the Guyandotte Valley extension of the C. & O. There was a premature explosion and Joseph was killed and his father, Joseph Blas, Jr., was blown thirty feet away and a dozen bones in his body broken. He may die.

PURE-FOOD BILL. The pure-food bill was then taken up. Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, opposed it in an extended speech, taking the ground that it would be a costly and unnecessary deal with the situation. He said he believed thoroughly in the protection of the public against adulterated food.

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