HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

MOST OF THE VIRGINIA CONGRESSMEN NOW IN OLD DOMINION.

FIGHT FOR LEADERSHIP IN HOUSE.

Speaker Contest Therefor—Champ Clark a Candidate — But Most of the Virginia Delegation Will Probably Vote for John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, Who is Regarded as Peculiarly Well Fitted for the Position.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—(Special.)—Representative Rixey went to-day to Culpeper, where he has a case pending in court. Mr. Rixey will remain here during the holidays.

W. W. Marmaduke, of Westmoreland county, has been re-elected for the fifth consecutive time secretary of the American Ticket Brokers' Association. Mr. Marmaduke is one of the best-known ticket brokers in the country.

Representative Lamb, Lassiter, Rhea, and Glass have all gone home to spend the holidays.

The following Virginians are registered at Washington hotels: Miss Scott, Norfolk; Thomas O. Bonney, Norfolk; C. M. Condor, Riverside Park; C. M. Breighton, Herndon; T. M. Kemp, Middletown; C. H. Barnes, Clifton Forge; T. A. Daffron, Richmond; J. A. Smith; T. C. Perkinson and wife; G. E. Perkinson and wife; James Cox, Mount Jackson; William Lamb; J. W. Schoolfired, Danville; E. S. McCoy, Sowego; George S. Fletcher, Warrenton; W. J. Humphrey, T. N. Haas and wife, Harrisonburg; W. A. Clarke, Jr., Richmond; G. R. Coverston and wife, Warrenton; W. R. Fitzgerald, Danville; J. W. Boyer, Woodstock; S. N. Baker, Bristol; John C. Graham, Roanoke; Dr. R. J. Davison and daughter, Richmond; Miss Lenore Coleman, Brandy; W. G. Newman; A. P. Pinney, Richmond; C. I. Leonard, Richmond; A. J. Fleming, Richmond; T. O. Troy, Richmond.

The following pensions have been issued to Virginians to-day:

Increase, reissue, etc.—George Alexander, $12 (Mexican war).

Widows, minors, and dependent relatives—Louisa Thornton, Richmond, $8; Adline Bland, Petersburg, $12 (war with Spain).

A marriage license was issued to-day to Mr. George Thorne, of Newport News, and Miss Eva G. Skillman, of this city.

THE MINORITY LEADERSHIP.

The announcement of Representative Champ Clark that he will be a candidate for minority leader in the next House has thrown some spice into that contest. It is an empty honor, it is true, but, like the position of Keeper of the Chetern Hundreds in England, a position with nothing but a title, it is much sought after. John Sharp Williams and Champ Clark are now avowed candidates for the place. Major Richardson, of Tennessee, who holds the position at present, will take it, it is said by a member of the Virginia delegation, if he can get it, but is not willing to make a fight for it. He has told friends that he would not be a candidate, if there was any opposition.

It is probable that the majority of the delegation from the Old Dominion will line up with the Williams forces when the caucus meets to choose Richardson's successor. Williams is counted the keenest debater in the House, and is said to be without a peer when it comes to seeing all the possible sides of a question in a moment. Henry Clay once said that he would rather be right than President, and now Mr. Williams comes along and says, according to the Virginia congressman quoted above, that he would rather be floor leader than speaker.

RESPONSIBLE POSITION.

The position of minority leader, while an empty honor, is yet a responsible position. A party is judged more by its record in Congress than anything else. It devolves on the minority leader to get the cause of his party before the country in the best shape. He must watch the vulnerable spots in the opposition's armor and then he must pierce it at those spots and at the right time. He must be a thorough parliamentarian and have it all at his finger's ends. A good thought coming a moment slow may undo an important cause. These qualities, his friends claim, Mr. Williams possesses to a larger degree than any other member of the House.

It is a noteworthy fact that Mr. Williams, like a great many other prominent members of the house, was educated at the University of Virginia.

THE CAMPBELL CASE.

Three Prominent Attorneys to Represent the Prosecution.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 22.—(Special.)—The attorneys who will represent the petitioners in the investigation of Judge C. J. Campbell's case before the Legislature are now preparing a list of witnesses. These attorneys are Judge W. C. Loving and Judge Thomas Brown, of Nelson, and Mr. A. E. Strode, of Lynchburg, who will meet at Amherst Courthouse to-morrow afternoon for the purpose of discussing the case and getting up as fast as possible a list of those whom they wish to have summoned before the Legislature to testify as to the charges that have been brought against Judge Campbell.

It is expected that there will be twenty-five or thirty witnesses, and it is not improbable that the number will run up as high as thirty-five or forty.

It is the intention of Messrs. Loving, Brown, and Strode, who have been engaged to undertake the conduct of the prosecution by the members of the bars of Amherst, Nelson, and Lynchburg, and the citizens of Amherst who signed the petition asking for an examination, to have all their side of the case ready when the investigation begins, on January 14th.

ALL STILL AT LARGE.

No Tidings of Prisoners Who Escaped from City Jail.

Up to a late hour last night no arrests had been made of the five men who escaped from the city jail early Sunday morning. The police and detectives are on the alert, and descriptions of the escaped prisoners have been telegraphed to many points.

The escape of the men was effected by the simplest means possible, that of sawing through the middle support of the bars and bending the latter out of place. The whole scheme was planned and directed by Charles Spencer, a notorious negro desperado, who was sentenced to the penitentiary, and would have been removed to that place some time this week. The saw with which the bar was cut was furnished by two young negroes, named Alfred White and Eliza Wallace.

The following descriptions of the men have been sent out

Charles Spencer (colored), dark brown; weight about 160 pounds; age, 25-26; about 5-10; smooth, round face; talks quick.

Thomas Thompson (colored), black; about 135 pounds; age, 24-25; about 5-7; rather long, narrow face; rough kind of ashy skin.

Walter Jenkins (white), sallow complexion; thin face, black hair, rather long; age 23-24; weight about 140 pounds; 5-9; clean shaven.

James Hackett (white), aged 17 or 18; height, 5-5; weight, about 120 pounds; light hair; wears glasses.

Joseph Heckman (white), age 17 or 18; height, 5-4; weight, about 125 pounds; brown hair.

CONDITION OF VANDERBILT.

Whatever Change There May Be is on Side of Improvement.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The usual early evening consultation of the physicians who are attending Cornelius Vanderbilt was not held to-night. Dr. Flint said he thought no bulletins would be posted before to-morrow.

This morning the physicians made public the following bulletin:

"Mr. Vanderbilt had a very restless night, and is still seriously ill. His general condition and temperature remain about the same. Any slight changes, perhaps, are on the side of improvement."

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Mr. James Thomas Gilman, son of Mr. John E. Gilman, of the firm of Gilman & Sons, died at the home of his father, No. 913 west Clay street, yesterday morning.

The death was an unusually sad one. Mr. Gilman was one of the most promising young men of the city. He was 22 years of age, and had been employed at the office of the Virginia State Insurance Company for the past four years, where he was quite popular, and was the next in the line of promotion, which was to come January 1st. He was taken sick last Thursday week with typhoid fever, and though his case was a desperate one, it was hoped that he might recover.

He was a man of excellent habits, and was very popular, socially. He was held

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in high esteem by the insurance company, and was pronounced one of the most promising insurance men in the business.

He is survived by his parents, three sisters—Misses Bessie Taylor, Harriet Ruth, and B. D. Gilman, and two brothers—Messrs. Edgar Atwell, and Stuart Gilman.

The funeral will take place from the Clay-Street Methodist church to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pall-bearers will be:

Active—Julian Hill, William F. Gordon, Gessner Harrison, Archie Richardson, Frank Epps, Pope Nash, H. Baglis Epps, and Tim Kerse.

Honorary—Joseph Kimbrough, J. L. Hill, Creed Davis, Charles K. Willis, William L. Carneal, Robert Lecky, W. A. Crenshaw, and Judge G. L. Christian.

P. F. Greenwood died suddenly yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, at his home, 1208 Park avenue.

Mr. Greenwood was about sixty years old and was born in Lancastershire, Eng. He came to this country when he was forty years old. For fifteen years Mr. Greenwood has been the head of the horse-shoe department at the Tredegar Iron Works. He leaves a wife, daughter and one son.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the house.

Mr. Greenwood's death is attributed to heart disease. Sunday night he attended Grove-Avenue Baptist church and seemed in his usual state of health. This morning when he arose he complained of feeling bad and Dr. Peppels was summoned, but before the physician arrived the man had passed away.

Mr. Stapleton Gooch, of Louisa, Va., died at the home of his son, Mr. William S. Gooch, of south Third street, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Gooch came to Richmond several weeks ago to consult Dr. George Ben Johnston. He has been very ill ever since, and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife, his son, Judge William S. Gooch, of this city; his daughter, Mrs. George K. Anderson, of Clifton Forge, and his brother, Mr. Garrett G. Gooch, of Staunton.

Mr. Gooch's body was taken by the C. & O. train yesterday afternoon to his home, "Ingleside," at Louisa, for burial. He will be much missed in the community, where he spent a long and useful life and where he has been an upright and influential citizen.

The funeral services will take place from the Louisa Christian church, of which the deceased was a member.

Richard A. Adams died Saturday afternoon at 3:10 o'clock, in his home, 3835 Fourth street Fulton, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Adams was 53 years old, and leaves a wife and several children. He was for many years an employee of the Passenger and Power Company.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the house.

Thomas H. Dansey died Saturday evening at his home, 505 north Twenty-fourth street, after an illness of several months.

The funeral took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the house. The burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

John B. Haley died Sunday morning at 10:10 o'clock at his home, 1708 Taylor street, after a short illness. For many years Mr. Haley was employed as foreman for Thomas B. Hicks, in the paint shop. He was 47 years old.

The funeral took place yesterday evening at 3:30 o'clock from the house. The burial was in River View Cemetery.

Lewis A. Duggins, the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duggins, died Saturday morning, at 4 o'clock at his home, 1204 west Cary street, after an illness of two weeks of a complication of diseases. Mr. Duggins was 30 years old, and was unmarried.

The funeral will take place this evening at 4 o'clock from Marshall-Street Christian church. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Melton, will conduct the services. The burial will be in Hollywood cemetery.

J. W. McGee died Saturday night at 12 o'clock, at his home, in Fulton.

Mr. McGee was for a number of years a conductor on the James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway. He leaves a wife, mother, sister, and four children.

The body was taken on the 10:15 rtain to Columbia, where the funeral took place at Columbia yesterday.

Mrs. Mary L. Nolte died at her residence, No. 603 Brook avenue, yesterday afternoon. She was 71 years of age, and leaves two sons, Messrs. J. H. and Herman Nolte.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from St. Mary's Catholic churhc.

The body of Mr. Lee R. Shell, who died in Berkley, Va., Sunday, will reach this city to-day. The funeral services will be held at the grave. The interment will be in Hollywood.

Lewes, Del.—The schooner Nellie W. Craig, from Norfolk for New York, with pig-iron, struck an obstruction, and is leaking 2,500 strokes an hour.

SCHOOL IN EAST END

AN APPROPRIATION OF $35,000 IS RECOMMENDED.

HOLIDAY UNTIL JAN. 5TH.

Christmas Season for the Children Will Begin To-Day—Manual Training and Kindergarten Recommended—More Pay for Male High School Teachers.

The School Board last night passed upon three matters of prime importance:

1. They declared a Christmas holiday commencing and including December 23, 1902, and ending Monday, January 5, 1903.

2. They reported the estimate of the sums required to run the educational system next year, and appointed a committee to urge the same before Council.

3. They heard and endorsed the report of the special committees of Council on manual training and kindergarten with reference to inaugurating these features in the public school system of the city.

PLEA FOR ESTABLISHMENT.

Messrs. Crenshaw, Minor, and Bottom, of the last-named special committee, appeared before the board and presented their report, Chairman Crenshaw enforcing the recommendations contained therein with an exhaustive paper which he read, on the practical workings of the system as he had been able to gather from nine months' study of the subject. The report is as follows:

We beg to respectively recommend that the establishment and maintenance of kindergarten teaching and manual training in the public schools of this city is feasible because

1. It is recommended by the most advanced and successful educators of the age;

2. It has been in successful operation in many cities of the United States having reached in 1899 (after twenty-years' trial) in number over 250 cities, taught by 6,000 teachers to over 460,000 pupils.

The educational necessity exists because,

1. The enlarged powers of absorption developed makes wiser pupils, pupils more tractable, more truthful, more thorough, and relieves the teacher of a very great strain.

2. It prevents to a very large degree the educational waste now existing by offering greater inducements to pupils to complete the whole course.

The cost we estimate to be:

Three kindergartens (one in each school district), $3,000; manual training in first primary grade in all schools, $1,000; manual training in first grammar grade in all schools, $1,000; manual training in lowest grade of high school, $2,000.

The continuation of the system up and through the higher grades of the district schools will entail scarcely appreciable increased expense. The extension and continuation of the work in the high school will entail a larger expense, never aggregating more than $8,000 for the most elaborately conducted high school. Each kindergarten added to the system will cost about $1,000 per annum.

After some discussion of the report Mr. Hutzler made the following motion, which was adopted:

"We have heard the explanation of the method of introducing a kindergarten system and manual instruction in the public schools of the city of Richmond, as presented by the special committee and hereby declare our sanction of this feature as one of the branches of the public school system and would be pleased to undertake its management, whenever the Council shall see fit to give us a sufficient appropriation for the purpose."

The report of the teachers and schools committee was adopted in the following particulars: That the schools close for the Christmas holidays commencing December 23d to be called again on January 5th.

Mr. Turpin offered a substitute that the holidays be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week and January 1st. Defeated.

Recommending an appropriation of $150 for necessary expenses of a series of lectures on educational subjects before the teachers of the schools.

MORE PAY FOR MALE TEACHERS.

Recommendation that the pay of the male teachers of the High School be made $100 per month, commencing next session. Two of them now get $75 each and one $85.

The recommendation previously adopted for medical examinations of teachers in public schools was ordered to be presented to the Council.

The total enrolment of the public schools, 11,176.

Monthly enrolment, 10,483.

Average attendance, 10,024.

The board decided to advertise for a teacher to teach Latin at the High School to succeed Mr. Fitzgerald.

NEEDS FOR THE YEAR.

The Committee on Buildings and Furniture presented the following estimate of the needs for the year 1903:

General expenses, $12,865.

Special repairs and improvements, $9,140.

For new building in the East End, lots, $4,950; buildings, $30,000.

Annual estimate of expenses for the year 1903—Pay-roll account, $136,320.

Miscellaneous, $150,848.50. Deduct for State of Virginia funds same as 1902, $35,254. Total for city, $115,594.50.

RECAPITULATION. ESTIMATE FOR 1903.

	Amounts received. 1902.	Estimated. 1903.
Pay-roll account	$112,371 26	$115,594 50
General expense account	12,500 00	12,865 00
Special repairs and improvements	7,000 00	9,140 00
Extension Randolph School	20,000 00	
Building in East End		34,950 00
	$151,871 26	$172,549 50

For medical examination of pupils and teachers.

Two Deer in Two Shots.

Dr. L. J. Hayden, of No. 404 west Broad street, has just returned from a most successful hunting trip. He was the guest of Mr. Royall, of Chula, Amelia county, with whom he succeeded in killing, during the two days they hunted, thirty-six birds and twelve rabbits. The great triumph of the hunt, however, was achieved by Dr. Hayden, who killed two fine deer in as many shots.

Mr. Anderson Ill.

Mr. John H. Anderson, of No. 308 north Twenty-sixth street, is very ill.

A Christmas Social.

One of the social functions of the coming week will be an entertainment given by Miss Mattie Rose New-Year's Eve night from 8 to 12 at her beautiful home, on Barton Heights. Virginia Polytechnic Institute colors will predominate in honor of her brother, who is spending his holidays at home. Those assisting Miss Rose will be Misses Satterfield, Warwick, and Minor.

THE DEATH OF KERNS

THOUGHT THAT YOUTH FELL FROM HORIZONTAL BAR.

IT IS AN INTERESTING CASE.

But Doctors Do Not Consider It Remarkable—One of the Physicians Discusses This and Like Injuries of the Brain.

The funeral of young Frank L. Kerns, Jr., who died early Sunday morning at the Virginia Hospital, took place at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Centenary Methodist church. The services were conducted by Dr. W. W. Lear and Dr. W. V. Tudor. The interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Doubt developed yesterday that young Kerns received his injury yesterday while playing at basket ball. One of the attending physicians, who made further inquiry on this point during the day, told a Dispatch reporter last night that he had learned from two sources that Kerns fell from a horizontal bar and struck his head. This, he said, would account for the nature of the injury, which the doctors could not reconcile with the statement that the boy had struck his head against a post.

Secretary McKee, of the Young Men's Christian Association, said last night that no official inquiry had been made to ascertain exactly how Kerns was hurt. A memorial service will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday.

INTERESTING; NOT REMARKABLE.

One of the physicians who attended young Kerns, whose sad death from an accidental rupture of a blood vessel on the brain was recorded in Sunday's Dispatch, was asked yesterday if there was anything remarkable or unusual about the manner of his death. He replied that there was not, it being only the rupture of a blood vessel such as might occur with an old person in apoplexy, in which case it would be termed idiopathic, but in this case, the rupture having been due to an injury from an external blow, it would be termed traumatic.

"The most interesting feature of this rupture is in the fact that it occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning and symptoms of brain compression did not come on until night. The explanation of this is that it was a small blood vessel and not enough blood escaped at first to produce pressure symptoms. It had to collect little by little until the clot produced compression, and then the boy became unconscious.

"The interval of consciouness between the time of receiving the injury and the time when the patient becomes unconscious is the key to the diagnosis, and enables the doctor to ascertain that it is due to the rupture of a blood vessel and the gradual outpour of the blood on the brain, which produces the pressure symptoms.

EACH CONTROLS A FUNCTION.

"Another interesting feature in this connection is that every square inch of the brain presides over some function of the body, some limb, muscle, or physical organ, and the site in the brain at which the blood is poured out and pressing is known by the disturbance of that function or muscle or organ. As, for instance, loss of speech or sense of sight from injury to the brain, or paralysis of an arm or leg—all indicate the point at which the brain is injured, and enables the surgeon unerringly to locate and operate at the right point.

"I don't think it would have made any difference in the result in the case of young Kerns if a doctor could have been called in at the outset, but there are cases almost commonly occurring where life or health or reason might be saved if the seriousness of an injury to the brain could be realized and prompt action taken.

THIS IS A TRUISM.

"The saying of a great surgeon that there is no injury to the brain so slight that it may not be serious, and, on the other hand, none so serious that the patient may not recover from it, has become a truism in the experience of the profession.

"A mistake that many mothers and others make when such injuries are sustained is in letting the child run about and I have even known cases in which the child has been forced to keep awake when quiet and sleep are the very remedies which nature prescribes in such cases.

"As I have said, similar instances of injury to the brain are not nearly as uncommon as people suppose. Physicians are quite familiar with a great variety of cases in their practice which, when not fatal, may result in different afflictions, such as epileptic fits, insanity, etc.

"It would be well therefore to impress upon the public the importance of timely attention being given to such injuries, as the clot of blood which is formed and causes the trouble may be safely and successfully remedied if treated in time."

An Aged Thief.

William Johnson, a negro man about 60 years of age, is confined in the First Police Station, charged with being a suspicious character. The man is supposed to have stolen $5.50 from Mrs. L. T. Northern, of No. 313 north Twenty-fourth street.

DEATHS.

DUGGINS.—Died, at his late residence, 1204 West Clay street, LEWIS A. DUGGINS, youngest son of the late W. J. and L. A. Duggins, at 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

Funeral takes place on TUESDAY, Dec. 23, at 4 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Request no flowers.

Far beyond this world of trouble,
Far beyond this world of care,
We shall find our missing loved one
In our Father's mansion fair.

One by one earth's ties are broken
As we see our love decay,
And the hopes so fondly cherished
Brighten but to pass away.

One by one our hopes grow brighter
As we near the shining shore,
For we know across the river
Waits the loved one gone before.

Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding
O'er the spoils that death has won;
We would at this solemn moment
Calmly say: "Thy will be done."

Sleep on, beloved, sweetly sleep,
For angels sing with you up there;
They ever will their vigil keep
In our Father's mansion fair.

COLE.—Died, at the residence of his parents, on Three Chop road, Henrico county, Va., GILMER FOREST COLE, son of Gilmer L and Minnie G. Cole, aged 3 months and 20 days.

Funeral took place yesterday at 1 o'clock P. M., in River View Cemetery.

God needed one more angel dear,
Amid His shining band;
And so He sent His loving head,
And clasped our darling's hand.
BY HIS MOTHER.

GRIMES.—Died, at his residence, 5 west Leigh street, A. T. GRIMES, in his 64th year, after an illness of twelve months.

Funeral from Second Baptist church WEDNESDAY, December 24th, at 11 A. M.

GREENWOOD.—Died, at his residence, 1208 Park avenue, Richmond, Va., about 8 o'clock A. M., December 22, 1902 P. F. GREENWOOD.

Funeral from his residence at 3 o'clock P. M. WEDNESDAY, December 24, 1902.

NOLTE.—Died, at her late residence, 603 Brook avenue, at 10 minutes after 1 o'clock, December 22d, Mrs. MARY L. NOLTE, in her 71st year. She leaves two sons—J. H. and Herman Nolte

Funeral will take place THIS EVENING at St. Mary's Catholic church at 4 P. M.

SHELL.—Died, in Berkley, Va., December 21st, at 10:30 o'clock P. M., LEE R. SHELL, in the 63d year of his age.

The remains will reach here to-day over the Norfolk and Western railroad. Services at the grave. Interment in Hollywood Cemetery Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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BOOKS BOOKS

HIS MIND GAVE WAY

STORY OF THE DOWNFALL OF A RICHMOND MAN.

ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE.

Alphonsa Gordon Afflicted With Dipsomania and Aberration of the Mind Due to Excessive Cigarette Smoking—He Believes His Brothers Have Been Killed.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 22.—(Special.)—A man who gave his name as Alphonz Gordon, to-day told the police that a companion had been cut to pieces in a railroad yard in the suburbs. No trace of such an accident could be found, and finally the police held Gordon, under suspicion of his being one of the men who escaped from the Richmond jail. Gordon said he had a brother in Richmond and another in Newport News.

Later in the day Gordon told the police that he had at one time been confined in the hospital for the insane at Staunton, and it was decided that he was demented.

To-night he became ill in the police station, and he was taken to a hospital. He will be released to-morrow if he recovers.

Story of the Downfall.

An investigation that carried a reporter of the Dispatch into the muddy roads of Henrico county last night after mid-night brought out the fact that Alphonsa Gordon, the Richmond man who is held in custody in Baltimore, is not one of the prisoners who escaped from the jail Sunday morning. He has been absent from his home at No. 1709 North 21st street since the first week of November, and not a word has been heard from him until the special above was received from Baltimore stating that he was held by the police authorities there as a suspicious character.

Every day for the past two months his aged mother has visited the home of her son, Thomas D. Gordon, at the number given, seeking information of the whereabouts of her missing son. The unfortunate fellow was adjudged insane last June by a commission of lunacy, and sent to the Western Asylum at Staunton.

SADLY AFFLICTED.

He was afflicted with dipsomania and aberration of the mind, due to excessive cigarette smoking. In his disordered state of mind Alphonsa Gordon, a young man not over twenty-three years of age, had gone about the city and secured goods on the good name of his brothers, who are respectable and hard-working men. He was arrested and confined in the city jail. An examination of his condition showed that he was not responsible for his acts, and he was sent to the asylum at Staunton. In September he was discharged as cured, and he returned to his home in this city.

LEFT WITH COMPANION.

After staying around his brother's home for a month, he left the city in company with a young man whose name could not be secured, and was last seen going out the Ninth street road. Nothing was heard of him after that time until last night. Day after day, his old mother, who has been faithful to her son through all his erring ways, has gone to the home of her son, Thomas, to inquire if any tidings had been received of the wandering boy, whose unsound mental condition had been a source of distress to his family for the past two years. He was a candy maker by trade, and had a steady job until he fell in with evil companions who led him to drink, and his excess in this direction and his abnormal use of cigarettes, completely unbalanced him, and made him unfit for any responsible duty.

HIS HALLUCINATIONS.

His hallucinations have led him to believe that his brothers have been killed, and when arrested in Baltimore, he first stated that his brother had been killed while beating his way on a freight train. His brother, T. D. Gordon, living at No. 1709 Twenty-first street, said last night that there was no truth in the statement, for all of his brothers can be accounted for. His statements to the police in Baltimore bear out what is known of him here, that when suffering from dipsomania, he imagines that one of his brothers has been killed.

THE MOTHER'S INFLUENCE.

After being discharged from the asylum at Staunton, young Gordon returned to his home here, but he kept himself in seclusion most of the time, but would occasionally visit his aged mother, and her affection and companionship would temporarily restore him to his rational senses.

His brother stated last night that he had not seen him after his return from the insane asylum, nor had he heard one word as to his whereabouts until the information contained in the dispatch from Baltimore was brought to him by a Dispatch reporter.

SMOKED INCESANTLY.

"He smoked cigarettes all the time," said his brother last night, "and when under the influence of tobacco and whiskey, he would talk in the most ramblin sort of manner. Mr. Gordon said he would write to the chief of police in Baltimore, and acquaint him with the facts of his brother's infirmity, so that he might not be held as a criminal, but confined in an insane asylum, until he could recover from the effects of the narcotics to which he is addicted.

COLORED ODD-FELLOW CUT HIS THROAT.

Born a Slave in North Carolina, and Had Prospered in Ithaca, New York.

ITHACA, N. Y., December 22.—(Special.)—After having carefully placed his body in a manner conformable with the secret signs of the order, Henry H. Coleman, the most prominent member of the colored Odd Fellows' Society in Tompkins county, committed suicide to-day in the lodge rooms of that society, by cutting his throat with a razor from ear to ear.

Coleman, who was about 60 years old, was born a slave in North Carolina, but he had prospered in Ithaca, and was quite an extensive real-estate owner. Despondency over financial losses is believed to have been the cause of the act.

Griffin, Ga.—Former Governor James S. Boynton died at his home, Griffin, aged 69.

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PRINCESS VANISHES

VAIN SEARCH FOR WIFE OF HEIR TO SAXON THRONE.

COURT FUNCTIONS CANCELLED

Theory of Suicide Suggested, and All Pieces of Water in Vicinity of Castle Dragged, Without Result—Has the Lady Eloped?

DRESREN, SAXONY, Dec. 22.—The Crown Prince of Saxony fled from her home on the night of December 11.

The Dresdener Journal to-day says: "The princess, in a state of intense mental excitement, suddenly deserted her family at Salzburg and went abroad The Saxon court functions for the winter, including the New Year's reception, have been cancelled."

The following paragraph in to-day's official journal, which was inserted by order of the King and Crown Prince of Saxony, has turned into truth what has for several days past been regarded as an incredible tale. The Crown Princess of Saxony, surrounded by her ladies in waiting, and numerous attendants and servants of the royal household, has vanished so utterly that the police of every kingdom of Europe have for ten days been unable to trace her. The official announcement was made in order to obtain the aid of the general public in finding the Princess, and because the court fiction that she preferred to remain in retirement at Salzburg rather than to return to her husband and children at Dresden cannot longer be maintained.

FITS OF NERVOUSNESS.

Accompanied by the Crown Prince, the Princess went to the castle of Emperor Francis Joseph, near Salzburg, a month ago. A week after their arrival at the castle, the Prince broke his leg while hunting, and was brought back to Dresden. The Princess, however, remained at the castle. Why she did so the people of the court did not know, except that, with gloomy tenacity, the Princess usually does what she pleases. For a little while this explanation sufficed, then fragments of gossip began to reach Dresden It was said that the Princess had surrendered herself to periods of nervous excitement, and that her eccentricities of deportment caused much concern to her suite and to her Austrian kinsfolk, who were staying in the castle with her. It is now believed that she was under surveillence, and if this is true, it makes her disappearance more extraordinary.

THE DISAPPEARANCE.

The narrative of events at Salzburg during the night of December 11-12, as reported in Dresden, is that the Princess, who appeared to be in a more than tranquil mood, retired before 12 o'clock. Three hours later, when a maid looked into the royal bed-chamber, something in the appearance of the bed prompted her to go closer and examine it. Instead of the Princess, the maid preceived a dummy figure. She wakened the lady in waiting, and the latter, with other members of the Princess's suite, searched all the neighboring apartments, then the entire castle, and finally the grounds of the castle, for the Princess, but no trace of the missing woman was found.

At dawn the police of Salzburg were informed of the disappearance, and inquiries were made throughout the whole countryside, but with no tangible result. A number of what had seemed to be traces of the Princess were shown to be without foundation upon careful examination by the police. The enquiry by the end of that day had extended to all parts of the Kingdom of Saxony, and on authority from Dresden, by the end of the second day to all of Europe.

THEORY OF SUICIDE.

The theory of suicide was suggested, and a fruitless search for the Princess's body was made. All the ponds and other places of water in the vicinity of the castle have been dragged without result.

The disappearance of the Princess doubtless will cause the circulation of many stories. It is already related that she eloped, but inquiries have brought out nothing to substantiate or support this statement.

Prince Fredrich August, Crown Prince of Saxony, married November 21, 1891, the Princess Louise, of Tuscany. The couple have five children.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

bring me three Dolls and a carriage and a Bed stead and a baby laying in it and candy and nuts and every sing you can bring. I live with my Pa Pa and Mamma at No. 217 west Cary street. Your Dear little girl GRACE HARGROVE.

Dear Santa Claus.—Please bring me a velocipede, plenty of fireworks, some nuts and candy, cause I save my money and try to be a good boy.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Fairmount Baptist Church Will Celebrate Christmas Night.

The annual Christmas celebration of the Fairmount Baptist Sunday school will take place Christmas night. All living in the community are invited to be present.

Dr. John Hannon will lecture at this church on Friday night, the 26th instant, on the subject, "Dynamite."

CREDITORS VS. SCOW.

A Case Argued in the United States District Court.

The case of Mayor & Co. against floating scow, Justin McCarthy owner, was argued before Judge Waddill in the United States District Court by Edwards and Kelly, representing Richmond and West Point creditors, and Harry K. Wolcott, of Wolcott & Gage, of Norfolk, representing the scow. The scow was used at West Point by McCarthy, who was building a dyke. McCarthy went to Inland and the creditors levied on the scow, which is valued at several thousand dollars. The point at issue is whether the scow can be attacified for McCarthy's debts. The court took the matter under advisement.

Christmas and New-Year Service.

A union watch-night service will be held on the evening of the last day of the year at Centenary Methodist church. The Methodist churches of the city will unite in this service. The service will begin at 9 o'clock. The Rev. L. B. Betty, of Clay-Street, will preach the sermon, and Dr. W. V. Tudor will lead in a love feast. Bishop Granbery will administer the Lord's Supper.

On Christmas-Day a union service will be held at Park-Place, and the Rev. R. H. Bennett will preach. A service will be held at Trinity, where Dr. H. E. Johnson will preach.

Lee Camp Baskets.

The Lee Camp Auxiliary will send out their Christmas baskets Wednesday. Any contributions may be left at W. E. Cottrum's grocery, on Broad street.

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