AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

DEATH OF CLAUDE B. DENSON. A WIDELY-KNOWN EDUCATOR.

AN EARLY MORNING BLAZE.

Home Fire Insurance Company's Building Badly Damaged—Secret Orders Sustain Heavy Losses—Major C. W. Mason's Fair Bride.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 15.—(Special.) Captain Claude B. Denson died early this morning at his home here, aged 65, of cancer of the throat, of which he had suffered almost a year. He was educated at Norfolk, served in the Confederate engineering corps, taught school at Pittsboro for a number of years, and had for almost twenty-five years been secretary or assistant secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina State Agricultural Society. For the latter he continued to work faithfully until the very end. He was one of the principals of the Raleigh Male Academy for about ten years. His acquaintance with people in the State was very large. His wife was Miss Cowan, of Wilmington, who, with three daughters and four sons survive him.

Fire, which broke out at 4 o'clock this morning in the North Carolina Home Fire Insurance Company's building on Fayetteville street, half a block from the capitol, did damage to the amount of from $5,000 to $6,000. The fire originated from an electric wire on the ground floor near the front door of the insurance company's office, and mounting upwards along the wall, skipped the second floor, but destroyed the third. On the latter floor were the rooms of two lodges of Odd Fellows, the Elks, Royal Arcanum, Order of Railway Conductors, and that of the Locomotive Engineers. Pretty nearly everything was destroyed, including an oil portrait of Past Sovereign Grand Master Charles M. Busbee, of the Odd Fellows, and other pictures, regalias, records, etc. Seaton Cales Lodge of Odd Fellows had $1,200 of insurance on $1,600 worth of property destroyed.

On the second floor were insurance offices of T. T. Hay & Bro., whose loss is by water, and mainly in records and papers. On this floor is also the office of Secretary Woodell, of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, whose loss is likewise by water. On the first floor are the offices of the N. C. Home and Crowell's drug store. Both were damaged a little by water.

It was the first fire of any consequence in more than a year, and is the third within six days. Exclusive of this fire, the whole loss in the city since April 1st, did not amount to $600.

The Elks last night held their second meeting in the hall. The temperature at the time of the fire was considerably below freezing, but the work of the fire department was something magnificent, and the water service and pressure excellent. No end of compliments are paid the firemen for their work.

A PRETTY WEDDING.

At 8 o'clock this evening, Major Charles Winder Mason, Fourth Infantry, United States army, stationed at Fort Brown, Tex., led to the altar Miss Marion Tillou Haywood, daughter of the late Dr. Richard B. Haywood, at the home here. The bride entered with her mother and Colonel Carl A. Woodruff, of the Artillery Corps, United States army, commanding Fort Slocum, New York harbor, was best man. The bride's dress was trimmed with point lace, which once adorned the court dress of her grandmother, Mrs. Meade, of New York city. Outside of the family only a few friends were present, including Governor and Mrs. Aycock, and Bishop and Mrs. Cheshire. Major and Mrs. Mason left to-night for Fort Brown, via Mexico, and May 1st will leave there for San Francisco, whence they will sail June 1st for Manila.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

The Grand Lodge of Masons did not adjourn until after 1 o'clock this morning. It was midnight when, after a number of ballots, it elected H. I. Clark grand master for the second term. The other officers elected are W. S. Liddell, deputy grand master; F. D. Winston, and S. M. Gattis, grand wardens; William Simpson, grand treasurer; John C. Drewry, grand secretary; Leo D. Heartt, assistant grand treasurer. The officers were all installed to-day, and the appointive officers named. The Grand Lodge will now get earnestly to work to raise the remainder of the funds needed to pay for the Masonic Temple, of which $80,000 has been subscribed; $30,000 more being needed. The Raleigh Savings Bank takes $50,000 of the bonds. It is understood that Francis D. Winston is to make a canvass of the State to raise the remaining funds needed.

The present corporation law of North Carolina is admirable, so much so that it is regarded as a model. It provides fully and well for the granting of charters by the secretary of State, from which the State derives a revenue. The system is far better than the old one, yet there is still gross lack of judgment. Bills are being introduced in the Legislature to charter all sorts of corporations. The members of the Legislature are probably not aware of the fact that it is a violation of section 1, article 8, of the constitution, to create corporations by special act, except for municipal purposes.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Among the bills introduced in the House to-day were the following:

Repealing the law providing that abandonment shall be cause for divorce; for the relief of soldiers, who lost a leg in active service; prohibiting the sale of fire crackers more than three inches long and toy pistols.

Among the bills passed were the following:

Incorporating Caney river railway, Yancey county; providing a joint committee of eight to prepare a code commission bill.

The State treasurer reported that it was impossible to ascertain the cost of the penitentiary building. A communication from the superintendent of the penitentiary stated that it was reported to have cost a million and a quarter, but he had no means of verifying the same from any records.

Several bank charters were held up because they did not contain a provision making stockholders individually liable to the extent of stock. Amendments to that effect were offered and the bills were sent back to committee.

The Senate was in session only fifteen minutes. A bill to repeal the Ashe county prohibition law was tabled.

MILITIA BILL PASSES.

Adjutant-General Royster was to-day notified that the Dick National Guard or militia bill, had passed the Senate, it having already passed the House. He said that within three or four days a call would be issued for all the officers of the State Guard to meet in convention at Raleigh, to make arrangements for carrying out the provisions of the bill. It is the purpose to have the National Guard of this State in the finest possible shape. The military men are delighted at the passage of this much hoped for bill.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent fire insurance companies doing business in this State from entering into combinations to control rates for fire insurance on property in this State, has been introduced by Senator Godwin.

A Glimpse of Greensboro.

GREENSBORO', N. C., January 15.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Club was held last night. The new officers elected were as follows: John J. Nelson, president; C. G. Wright, first vice-president; R. M. Amorgan, second vice-president; A. V. D. Smith, secretary and treasurer. Board of governors, John J. Nelson, C. G. Wright, R. M. Albright, A. V. D. Smith, W. G. Mebane, J. W. Cone, John L. King, E. R. Carter, W. T. Gayle, L. J. Brandt, and R. D. Dong[illegible]

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Greensboro National Bank

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Wednesday afternoon directors were chosen as follows: Neil Ellington, W. S. Hill, W. E. Bevill, S. McCulloch, W. H. Ragan, W. J. Armfield, and J. M. Odell. The directors elected the following officers and assistants: Neil Ellington, president; W. S. Hill, vice-president; A. H. Alderman, cashier; F. C. Boyles, teller; R. M. Crawford, Waldo Porter, Harold Taylor, and Charles Alderman, book-keepers.

MRS. JNO. B. SHEARER DEAD.

Wife of Dr. Shearer, Former President of Davidson College.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 15.—(Special.)—A telephone message this afternoon from Davidson announces the death there of Mrs. John B. Shearer, wife of Dr. Shearer, for many years president of Davidson College. The end came this morning at 9:30 o'clock, after an illness of about ten days.

Last Thursday Mrs. Shearer was taken with pneumonia, both lungs being affected from the beginning of her sickness. Her condition grew rapidly worse, and the end came peacefully at the hour named.

Mrs. Shearer was 75 years old, and had been a resident of Davidson for many years. As wife of the president of Davidson College, she was known far and wide, and was loved for her sterling worth and many beautiful traits of character. To the young men of Davidson College, and in fact the entire community, Mrs. Shearer was greatly loved, and to all her death is a deep sorrow.

Mrs. Emily Pharr, mother of State Senator H. N. Pharr, of this county, died in this city this morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Pharr was one of the oldest residents of the county, and was a member of one of the oldest families of the State.

IRWIN OVERCASH IN CUSTODY

Charged With the Betrayal of Miss Etta Barnett in Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 15.—(Special.)—Irwin Overcash, a young man of this city, was arrested in Thomasville last night on a warrant issued in Charlotte charging him with seduction.

On the receipt of the telegram, Officer M. E. Crowell left on the first train for Thomasville, and will return this afternoon with Overcash.

The young woman, who claims she has been wronged, is Miss Etta Barnett. She has resided in Charlottee for some months, having come to this city from her home near Huntersville.

The warrant charging the crime was issued several days ago. At the time, the whereabouts of Overcash was not known. Yesterday he was located in Thomasville, and his arrest followed.

The case is an exceedingly sad one, one in which a girl's love for a man blinded her to such an extent that she yielded and fell.

LIBRARY FOR WILMINGTON.

Carnegie Offers the Town $25,000 on the Usual Conditions.

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 15.—January 15.—(Special.)—Andrew Carnegie, the philanthropist, in response to a communication from John H. Gore, Jr., Esq., a prominent young lawyer of this city, has offered to donate a free public library to Wilmington, at a cost of $25,000, provided the city will maintain the same by an annual appropriation of not less than $2,500, and furnish a suitable site for the building.

The City Council will be urged by citizens to accept the proposition.

HE WON'T BE A CATKEEPER.

NEW YORK, January 15.—(Special.)—Among the many wills of Mrs. Charlotte M. Hoyt, wife of Reuben M. Hoyt, of New York, which have been filed in Tiffin, O., there is one which makes provision for Rev. Father Arthur Ritchie, pastor of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The provision is so strange, however, that the priest will not accept it.

According to it Father Ritchie is to receive $5 a week for caring for Mrs. Hoyt's cats. He knew nothing about this rather remarkable bequest when the dispatch from Tiffin containing the information was shown him to-day.

"I knew Mrs. Hoyt," he said, "but what's the use of talking about such a bequest as that? I'd make myself ridiculous if I accepted it. I like cats, but do not purpose becoming a cat keeper at so much a week. If the cats are sent to me I shall turn them over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mrs. Hoyt was at one time a member of my church, but I have not seen her in a number of years."

There isn't much danger in Father Ritchie being bothered with the cats for a long time to come, as litigation over the estate of the dead woman is pretty sure to follow. The estate consists of about $200,000, and two wills of the same date have already been filed. They give varying amounts to her relatives. It is said that there are still other wills in existence. Mrs. Hoyt was so peculiar that her mental status will be questioned.

Fifteen Hours to Jacksonville—A New Flyer Over the Seaboard for Florida and the South.

Commencing Jan. 12, the Seaboard will inaugurate its new trains—Nos. 31 and 34, to be known as the "Seaboard Florida Limited," southbound, and the "Seaboard New York Limited," northbound. This train will stop at Henderson, Raleigh, Southern Pines, Hamlet, Camden, Columbia and Savannah only, between Richmond and Jacksonville, and is positively the fastest train that will be operated this season between the East and Florida, and will be operated daily.

The schedule will be as follows: Leave Richmond 10:28 P. M. (Main-Street Station); arrive Henderson 1:20 A. M., arrive Raleigh 2:23 A. M., arrive Southern Pines 4:11 A. M., arrive Hamlet 4:52 A. M., arrive Camden 6:36 A. M., arrive Columbia 7:24 A. M., arrive Savannah 9:45 A. M., arrive Jacksonville 1:20 P. M., arrive St. Augustine 2:20 P. M.

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WATSON COMING UP.

CAROLINA'S HOT SENATORIAL FIGHT NOW NEARING ITS FINISH.

GENERAL CARR WITHDRAWS.

Senator London Submitted a Noble Letter on Behalf of the Old Soldier—Adjournment After the 26th Ballot.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 15.—(Special.) The Democratic caucus made up in interest and excitement to-night what it has lacked from the beginning—dramatic features.

As soon as it was organized, Senator London said: "I beg the indulgence of the caucus to read a letter just handed me, which will be of interest to you as it is a surprise to me."

He read the following letter from General Julian S. Carr:

"As one who places party harmony and success above the personal ambition of any man, I will thank you to inform the Democratic caucus that I desire to end the protracted contest for United States Senator, and for that purpose I wish you to withdraw my name. I thank each and every member who has supported me in this contest, which has been at all times characterized by the best of feeling, and I sincerely hope that this same spirit of harmony may continue until it shall be finally decided who shall receive the coveted honor.

"I desire in advance to congratulate the Democrats of the caucus, as well as all our people, upon the selection which shall be made; for any one of the distinguished gentlemen remaining in the race is well worthy to represent North Carolina in the United States Senate. In thus sacrificing the ambition which I have cherished for years, I desire you to state that as long as life shall last, I shall strive in the future as I have in the past, to promote the success of the Democratic party, and the prosperity of our dear old State."

CYRUS B. WATSON.

He Made Tremendous Gains in North Carolina Senatorial Caucus Last Night.

London then said: "It is needless for me to say what name is signed, for but one man in all North Carolina could have written it, and that one you all know is Julian S. Carr. (Great applause.) I am surprised at this great sacrifice, and I only speak the sentiment of all of us who have stood by him for twenty-two ballots, when I declare that we are prouder of him now than ever before, for while he has not won success, he has shown that he deserved it, which is better." (Great demonstration and applause).

IN DEAD EARNEST NOW.

The twenty-third ballot was immediately taken under intense excitement, and when the result showed a gain of fourteen votes for Watson over the last ballot of last night, and of only two for Overman, it was realized that the race had begun in dead earnest. On the twenty-sixth ballot the Alexander vote disappeared, and Watson touched high water mark at 52 to Overman's 55, Craig standing with his old ranks unbroken at 30. It was a distinct surprise again when ex-Lieutenant-Governor Doughton, leader of Watson's forces, moved to adjourn until to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, and the Craig and Watson forces, showing perfect organization, carried the motion like a whirlwind, plainly to the dismay of the opposing forces.

When the tremendous swell of ayes reached to the roof and echoed back, and the adjournment was a certainty, the first spontaneous old-time shout of the session was heard, the chamber resounding with round after round of yells of delight.

IT'S "UP TO CRAIG."

The question on everybody's lips now is: "Will Watson and Craig join hands?" or "Will the Craig and Overman forces coalesce?" Every one admits that it is now up to Craig. If he can control forces, he can pick the winner of the other two, or name whom he will for the next United States Senate. People who have always said that Overman would never go beyond 30, are to be heard everywhere with their, "I-told-you-so's."

The Overman men say they are not at all disheartened, and that they knew all along that Carr's strength was going principally to Watson.

At 11:30 to-night the three leading contests were interviewed.

Watson was jubilant. He said: "Matters are going just as I expected from the beginning. I believe the people of the State favor me, and I hope I will win." Watson declined to say whether he expected the nomination to-morrow night. The old soldier vote and influence appears to be for him.

Overman said: "I am one vote nearer election than I have been all the time, and still think I am going to win. I have nothing to be discouraged at."

One of Overman's friends said: "There was an attempt to-night to run Watson ahead of Overman, but it failed."

Craig said: "I have supporting me men who are perfectly loyal, and who will firmly maintain our position."

THEIR FEET WENT SKYWARD.

Fluvanna Citizens Slipped Up On the Ice and Hurt Themselves.

FORK UNION, VA., January 15.—(Special.)—The sleet which formed on the night of the 11th instant, and which did not begin to soften until to-day, has been a great hindrance to ice getting, and has proven a treacherous foothold for many of Fluvanna's people. Among the pedestrians whose feet went from under them yesterday, was Mr. Howell Duncan, whose fall dislocated a hip joint. Being nearly eighty years old, the accident is regarded as a serious one. Mr. G. Blackburn, of Central Plains, also had a fall on the road, the back of his head coming in such violent contact with the ice as to require medical attention—for Mr. Blackburn. The slip-up of Mr. William A. Anderson, of this place, resulted in painful, but not very serious injuries.

TRIUMPHS OF 1902.

Seldom, if ever, in any one year of the history of the world have so many important events of universal interest taken place. America, England, Germany, and France have each participated. The President of the United States welcomed and entertained H. R. H. Prince Henry of Prussia at the White House, Edward the VII. was crowned King of England and Emperor of India, the German Emperor had his American-built yacht, "Meteor," christened; France had the unveiling of the Rochambeau Statue, and at all functions attending these celebrations Moet & Chandon's Champagne was used exclusively. This, indeed, is an unparalleled record, which is proof positive of the superiority and popularity of the renowned brand of Moet & Chandon White Seal.

A Loudoun Wedding.

LEESBURG, VA., January 15.—(Special.)—Rev. Sydnor G. Ferguson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of this place, united in marriage on Wednesday, at his residence, Mr. Harry M. Sanbower, son of Mr. Eli Sanbower, of Lovettsville, and Miss Mary B. Shoemaker, daughter of Mr. James Shoemaker. The contracting parties are popular socially in the northern part of the county. They will reside at Lovettsville.

SHE KISSED WILCOX.

ALLEGED MURDERER'S MOTHER WEEPS ON THE PRISONER'S BOSOM

EXPERTS TELL OF A CRIME.

They Say Poor Nell Cropsey Was Struck on the Head Before Being Thrown Into the Water—Doctors and Witnesses Positive About This.

HERTFORD, N. C., January 15.—(Special.)—With a thousand eyes focussed upon her, the mother of James E. Wilcox entered the courtroom this morning, and, stepping to the side of her boy, imprinted a kiss on his brow and, pillowing her head on his bosom, wept with emotion. It was a pathetic scene. The woman is a sufferer from heart trouble, and even last night was reported dying. To-day she recovered and met her son for the first time since March, of last year. She sat in the courtroom much of the day, and announces it as her intention to testify in his behalf should her health permit.

It is also stated that James Wilcox himself will testify and break the silence which he has for months maintained. The defence had no witnesses at the last trial, but this time they will, in addition to others, produce expert testimony to show the court that Nell Cropsey committed suicide.

The famous trial is now under way. Early in today's session the twelfth juror was selected, the jury empanelled and the taking of testimony began.

Dr. J. E. Wood was the first witness called by the prosecution. He qualified as an expert. He stated that he was the Cropseys' family physician, and that he was present at the post mortem examination of Nell Cropsey's body. He described the condition of the corpse. He said that there were lacking symptoms of drowning; there being being an entire absence of water in the lungs, pleural cavity and stomach, and an absence of blood in the heart. The witness then told of finding a severe bruise on Nell's left temple, and of the decomposition of the brain incident to same.

After overruling certain objections offered by the defence, Dr. Wood continued in clear, emphatic tones:

"In my opinion the bruise was produced by a direct blow, some covered or blunt instrument being used."

Dr. Wood was succeeded on the witness stand by Dr. I. Fearing, who assisted him at the autopsy. Dr. Fearing's testimony was substantially the same as Dr. Wood's.

In the cross examination by the defence Fearing was asked if he could swear that Nell Cropsey was dealt a blow. He replied:

"I can swear that someone dealt that blow and rendered her unconscious. In the latter state she was thrown in the water."

Other witnesses corroborating the testimony of the experts were heard. Among these was C. A. Long, who found Miss Cropsey's body. He stated that the corpse was discovered in shallow water and that the girl's skirts clung to the river's bottom.

The mud, too, was stirred up by the removal of the body.

Present indications are that trial will consume two weeks. The opinion that the prisoner will be acquitted is gaining in popularity.

WHAT DR. WOOD SAID.

Dr. Wood declared that he was present at the autopsy over the body of Nellie Cropsey. Dr. Isaac Fearing, coroner of Pasquotank county, Dr. McMullen and the Coroner's jury were with him. They found the body of the girl on a table in an outhouse near the Cropsey home. An internal examination revealed the following facts:

The girl was a virgin; the heart, lungs, pleural cavities and stomach were free from water, and the lungs when squeezed, emitted a little bloody froth. Dr. Wood said he went back for a second autopsy after some time had elapsed. It was then that a bruise on the side of the head was noticed and examined. The bruise, when cut, was found to contain dark blood. The brain, though in outward appearance all right, had begun to decay.

The witness declared that, in his opinion, the bruise on the left temple of the head of Nellie Cropsey was made by a direct blow. He could not give a positive answer to the kind of instrument used in making it. However, he thought, some blunt or covered instrument would have produced it. Such a blow would have stunned the girl and rendered her unconscious. The witness did not believe, from the absence of water in the lungs, the heart, the pleural cavities and the stomach that the girl could have been killed by drownig.

She must have been knocked unconscious and then put in the water.

The State turned the witness over to the defence. Mr. Aylett cross-examined him, and among other things he admitted that no notice of the bruise on the head had been taken during the first autopsy.

Dr. Isaac Fearing followed Dr. Wood. He is the coroner, and gave it as his opinion that the bruise on the temple was caused by some round instrument.

Dr. Wood's testimony was corroborated by Messrs. Leroy, Shipp, and Ferribee, members of the jury that held the autopsy. Miss Ollie Cropsey will take the witness stand to-morrow.

A Collision of Ships.

Accident at Newport News—Suicide of Capt. Lingeske.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 15.—(Special.)—The British steamship Castano, Captain Penwill, arrived to-day from Liverpool twenty-two days out. Soon after arriving the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company's steamer Essex collided with the Castano. Neither ship was badly damaged.

Captain L. R. Grayhill, United States army, arrived from Washington to-day and will superintend the construction of the new Federal building as the government's representative on the ground.

The United States training-ship Prairie went over to the navy-yard today and to-morrow she will sail for Philadelphia.

The appeal of the city from the verdict of $5,000 allowed the plaintiff in the suit of Potter vs. the city of Newport News, has been set for argument in the United States Court of Appeals next week.

Captain-Lieutenant Lingeske, of the German cruiser Vineta, who committed suicide because he was ordered home in disgrace after sinking a Venezuelan gunboat, was well known here, having visited Newport News twice for long stays on the Vineta.

Rev. E. T. Wellford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, left to-day for Baltimore to accompany to Gloucester county for interment the remains of his aunt, Mrs. Susan Tallaferro, who died in Baltimore yesterday.

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THAT TWENTY-DOLLAR MURDERER TO HANG.

Hiram Riley, Who Killed Mary Clark, in W. Va., to Die on the Gallows.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., January 15.—(Special.)—The trial of Hiram Riely, to whom his mother gave $20 to kill Mary Clark, came to a close in the Criminal Court at Princeton this evening.

The jury was out only a short time, and brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. This makes the first person ever sentenced to be hanged in this (Mercer) county.

Arthur Eetter, who went with the Riley boy to assist him in killing Mrs. Clark, will be put on trial to-morrow, and it will be a miracle if he escapes the gallows.

SECRETARY OF WAR TAFT.

It is Understood He Will Succeed Secretary Root.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15.—(Special.)—An unofficial, but authorized announcement that Judge Day will be appointed to the United States Supreme Court bench, has caused renewed gossip with regard to the future career of Governor Taft, of the Philippine Islands, who declined the appointment. It was known to be the ambition of Judge Taft to sit on the Supreme Court bench and it is also known that it was the intention of McKinley to gratify his ambition. It was the intention of Mr. McKinley to appoint Judge Day also, and it is in furtherance of this plan that he has now been selected.

As for Judge Taft, he will probably get the next vacancy on the bench, but in the meantime, it is understood to be the programme that he will come home from the Philippines some time in the spring or the summer, to become Secretary of War, to succeed Secretary Root. Judge Taft's declination of the proffered place on the bench, was due to his belief that his services are needed for the settlement of important questions constantly arising in the Philippines.

But as Secretary of War, Judge Taft would be in more direct and complete control of insular affairs than he is now as civil governor. Although, it would be unusual for two men from the same State to occupy places on the bench at the same time, it would not be unprecedented. John Marshall and Bushrod Washington were simultaneously members of the court from Virginia, during the same period.

MANCHESTER AND CHESTERFIELD

AMID PINK AND GREEN.

MISS ETHEL HARDING BECOMES THE BRIDE OF MR. T. E. BURTON.

SHARP SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Samuel Hogue Arrested on Warrant Sworn Out by Alexander Hix—Ollie Elder's Case Continued—Death of Virgie Toney.

In the presence of a large assemblage and underneath the chancel, which was beautifully decorated with pink and green carnations, Miss Ethel Clare Harding became the bride of Mr. Thomas Edward Burton, in the Bainbridge-street Baptist church at 7 o'clock last evening. The ceremony, which was simple and impressive, was performed by the Rev. Edward V. Baldy.

Just as the bridal party entered the church the choir sang "Hail Happy Morn," which was modulated into Mendelsohn's wedding march, which was played by Mr. Frank Cosby, of Richmond. The crowded condition of the church made it difficult for the bridal party to proceed to the altar by way of the main aisle. The vestibules and gallery were also crowded to overflowing.

The ushers led the way to the altar. They were followed by Mr. Burton and his best man, Mr. Vernon Burton. The bride was accompanied by her maid of honor, Miss Lois Bass.

The bride was attired in a traveling dress of brown cloth and wore a hat to match. She carried bridal roses. The maid of honor was attired in white organdy over pink, with pink ribbon and carried pink carnations.

SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

Some of those present at the wedding were Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Mathews, Mrs. Walter Cheatham, Thomas Smith, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harding, of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. William Burton, of Washington; Mrs. R. B. Carrington, of Selma, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, of Richmond; Mrs. J. J. Bayley, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Mathews, Mrs. S. S. Perkins, Mrs. Macon Coleman, Mrs. Susie Blankenship, Miss Hinnant, Mrs. Ernest Atwell, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Nunnally, Mrs. Owen, of Manchester; Mrs. J. M. Whitfield, of Richmond; Misses Carrie Bayley, Ethel Morrisette, Mildred Odell, Mollie Gregory, Page Snellings, Edna Bayley, Coley Lovell, Essie Harrison, Mrs. Florence Hughes, Mrs. Baldy, Mrs. Cora Cosby, Mrs. Arthur Tyler, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. William Bass, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Broaddus, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton left at 9 o'clock last night for a trip North, after which they will make their future home in Manchester.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Promiscuous firing of a pistol at Fourteenth and Hull street, about 8 o'clock last night created much excitement and attracted a large number of persons to the scene. After quiet was restored Samuel Hague, colored, was arrested on a warrant issued by Mayor Maurice, charging him with shooting at Alexander Hix, a colored man, of whom the prisoner seemed to be jealous. The arrest was made by Policeman R. C. Jones. The witnesses to the difficulty are William Bailey and B. Bailey, who have been summoned to appear before Mayor Maurice this morning when Hague is to be tried.

DID NOT MEET.

The Committee on Light did not meet last night, as Messrs Nunnally and Gill were absent. Mr. Trafford, superintendent of the electric lighting of the Passenger and Power Company, City Attorney Clopton, and Messrs. C. C. Cox and R. L. Patram appeared in the Council Chamber and waited until nearly 9 o'clock hoping that enough members would soon arrive to constitute a quorum.

TO REMAIN WITH CHURCH.

Mr. William J. Morrisett has decided not to resign as chorister of the Clopton-Street Baptist church for the present, as he has been requested by many of the members to remain there. Mr. Morrisett has therefore declined to become a member of the choir of the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church. Mr. Morrisett is regarded as one of the best baritone singers of Manchester, and his singing on various occasion has been highly praised.

LOST HIS OVERCOAT.

Whil skating at Forest Hill Park Wednesday afternoon one of the clerks lost a valuable overcoat. A reward of $5 is offered for the return of the coat to its owner. Pawnshops are being searched by detectives, and if the coat were stolen it is likely that the thief will be located. It is not likely, however, that the coat was stolen, as it is believed that some person picked it up, thinking that it had been lost.

BENEFIT FOR MR. TURNER.

An entertainment is to be given in the Leader Hall Jan. 17 by the West-End Comedy Company for the benefit of Mr. William H. Turner, a former employe of the Southern railway shops, who is now an invalid. Mr. Turner was held in high esteem by the employes of the Southern railway shops, and it is believed that many of them will be present at the entertainment for his benefit.

FAVOR THE INCREASE.

Several members of the city council have spoken favorably of the increase asked for by the station firemen of the Manchester fire department. The amount asked for is $5 more a month for each stationman.

The station firemen are regarded as faithful and deserving city employes, and it is believed that they will be rewarded for their efficient work in the past by receiving the increase they have asked for. Several other city employes have asked for increases in their salaries.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mrs. Richard C. Carrington, of Danville, is visiting Mrs. A. C. Harding.

Mr. W. H. Washington, of the firm of Washington & Early, druggists, is on a hunting trip in Chesterfield county.

J. W. Burnett, who is connected with the Western Union Telegraph Company, is taking a regular course in the school of acting of Professor Melville Daniels, of Richmond. Mr. Brunett is spoken of by Mr. Daniels as his most apt pupil, and in a play recently at the Academy he made good. Another play to be given soon for the Police Benevolent Association of Richmond by Mr. Daniels will have a strong part for Mr. Burnett to handle.

Mr. Emmet Blount, son of Mr. Thomas Blount, who has been a fireman on the Greensboro' division of the Southern railway, is in Manchester on a visit.

An important meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Council Chamber to-night.

The Car Men's Union will meet at Eighth and Hull streets to-morrow night.

DEATH OF A LITTLE GIRL.

Virgie Toney, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Toney, of 1115 Hull street, died last evening about 6 o'clock after a brief illness.

Several physicians attended the little girl, and did all in their power to save her life. She was an exceedingly bright child and was much beloved by all who knew her.

The heartbroken parents have the sympatsy of a large circle of friends, both in Manchester and Richmond, in their sad bereavement.

The little girl was 11 years old. She was the sister of Edna, Chesley, and David Toney. Her father is a representative in the Legislature.

The following boys will act as pallbearers at the funeral, which will take place from the home at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon: Luther Wells, Ernest Robertson, Meredith Owen, Waverly Goodman, Marshall Nunnally, and Henry Beattie, Jr.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. E. V. Baldy, and the burial will be in Maury cemetery.

ELDER CASE WAS CONTINUED.

The attention of the court of Justice Crutchfield, in Richmond, was consumed yesterday morning in the hearing of the case against O. B. Elder, who is charged by Mrs. S. L. Tooney with stealing a gold watch and chain from her on Aug. 19 last, while she was at work in Cameron's tobacco factory.

The case was reported to the police at the time of the alleged theft, and Elder was suspected of the crime. He was kept under surveillance since that time by Detectives Gibson and Wren. Since then the officers learned that Elder had pawned a ladies' chain to a man in Fulton last September. This man was located and Mrs. Tooney identified the chain as hers.

There is no doubt in the mind of Mrs. Tooney and her husband that the chain is the one stolen from her. Elder admitted that he pawned it, but claimed he purchased it in Montreal, Canada, six years ago.

The case went over after a portion of the evidence was heard until next Wednesday. C. H. Page, of Manchester, is representing the accused.

CHAS. HAYES HANGED

A Mecklenburg Negro Expiates a Terrible Crime on the Gallows.

BOYDTON, VA., January 15.—(Special.) The execution of the negro murderer, Charles Hayes, who last summer shot and killed Missie Gregory, took place here today in the jail yard. The drop fell promptly at 1 o'clock and the condemned man died without a struggle. The body was allowed to remain on the gallows fifteen and a half minutes, when Drs. Hamilton and Carter pronounced Hayes dead. His family begged for the body, but Sheriff Coghill declined to allow them to have it, and it will be sent to the Medical College, as the law directs. About 11 o'clock nine colored ministers met in the cell and held religious services in which the prisoner joined and himself prayed aloud. He professed to have made his peace and was ready to die.

The crime for which Hayes was hung was the murder of a young girl, hardly grown, with whom he had been living unlawfully. Her name was Missie Gregory. The murder was committed last summer. It appeared from the evidence that the girl wanted to go to some entertainment near his home, and that Hayes objected. She insisted on going and Hayes told her he would kill her if she did so, and without more parleying, Hayes raised his gun and fired the whole load into Missie's head, tearing away one side of her face and killing her instantly. He made no effort to escape though he had every opportunity to do so. He stated upon the witness stand when tried that the killing was accidental, that he and another man were in a scuffle for the possession of the gun and that in the scuffle the weapon was discharged. He claimed that there was a conspiracy among his race and that the witnesses were swearing his life away. Yesterday he made a full confession to Deputy Sheriff Beales, and told of the killing. He said he was drunk, and in a temper shot her for disobeying him.

DIED OF FRIGHT AT SEA.

A Steerage Passenger Scared to Death on Ocean Steamer.

NEW YORK, January 15.—(Special.)—Meril Francesco, one of the 150 steerage passengers, died of fright during the twelfth day that the Spanish steamship Montevideo was at sea bound for New York. The Montevideo left Cadiz December 30th and was due here last Sunday. She reached here to-day.

Captain Grau said it was the worst passage he ever made from start to finish. From the day he left the Spanish coast until he reached Sandy Hook it was one succession of gales. At times the seas ran seventy feet high, coming from all quarters and combing over his ship, burying her under tons of water.

On the fifth day the starboard deckhouse stove in, the starboard rail was crushed, and the starboard lifeboats lifted out of their chocks and left awash. The water broke through every possible opening, and soon everything above and below was a mass of ice.

The ship had 242 passengers. For the greater part they are unaccustomed to the rigors of the northern winter. They spent most of the time on their knees before rudely constructed shrines, which they placed in every corner of the steerage. On January 12th the ship encountered one of the worst gales of the voyage. It broke on the ship with high head seas, which carried away the companionway on the port side and the steerage bathroom on the after deck. The water poured below deck into the steerage compartment. Francesco, who was weakened by terror and inability to eat, was unable to leave his berth. The next morning he was found dead.

THE INDIANOLA POSTOFFICE MATTER.

Request That Mail for Indianola Be Send to Heathmann, Instead of Greenville, Denied by Authorities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15.—Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi, to-day urged Postmaster-General Payne to have the mails for Indianola sent to Heathmann, Miss., instead of Greenville, pending the reopening of the Indianola office. Heathmann is four miles from Indianola, while Greenville is thirty miles distant. The department found it impracticable to forward the Indianola mail to Heathmann, instead of Greenville. The daily receipts of Heathmann now average a little over $1 cents, and the office is declared to be inadequate to take care of a business that involved several thousand dollars additional revenue.

Senator McLaurin says there is no disposition on the part of the peace authorities to give assurances in an official way that the postmaster, Minnie Cox, will be protected in her personal safety, because, he says, there has been no intimation that she was in the least danger. The giving of such assurances as are demanded by the Post-Office Department would be an admission, in the opinion of the officials and people of Indianola, that some danger threatened the woman. They do not admit anything of the kind.

Reiteration of Postmaster-General Payne's statement that the office at Indianola would not be reopened until such assurances were given is made to-day.

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