CHANGES AT NAVY-YARD

Admiral Harrington Succeeds Admiral Cotton in Command

NO MORE DIPHTHERIA

The Seven Marines Who Have Developed the Disease Are in Satisfactory Condition — Others Are Still in Quarantine.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., April 1.—Rear Admiral Charles S. Cotton, who has been assigned to command the European squadron, was relieved as commandant of the Norfolk navy-yard to-day at noon by Rear-Admiral P. F. Harrington, late captain of the New York yard. The marine battalion and band paraded and the flags of both officers were saluted. Rear-Admiral Cotton came here July 16, 1900. This was his second tour of duty hereabouts, for years before, when a captain, he was in command of Fort Norfolk, the old naval depot. Admiral Harrington comes from the New York navy-yard, of which he has been captain. He served at sea during the Spanish war, has been in the navy forty-two years, in all of which time he has been unemployed but three years. He has seen seventeen years' sea service, and twenty years' duty on shore. He entered the navy in 1861, from Delaware, his native State. The Admiral is in the prime of life, and is known as one of the most efficient officers in the service.

There has been no other case of diphtheria among the men in the Naval Hospital since Sunday. The seven men who have developed the disease are in satisfactory condition, and no others have been added to the suspect camp, and those held as suspects will be discharged from quarantine.

UNSOUND FOODS.

On the suggestion of the clerk of the Board of Health, Plummer Pannill, Mayor Riddick sent a letter to the clerk of the market this morning directing him to exercise great care against the sale, or the exposure for sale, of unsound fishments and vegetables. There has been some complaint against one of the merchants in the market, and the letter directs attention to the laws, which give the officers authority to inspect stuff offered for sale, and empower the Board of Health with authority to seize anything that is not fit for use, or that is tainted with decay. The market men are said to be careful generally, but there are exceptions which caused the letter to be written. This is the finest fish and oyster market in the country, and the officials are anxious to protect its reputation against those dealers who are too anxious to make money to be honest. There are very few such, but those are cautioned. They must not sell unsound foods. The fine is $10 to $100 for each offense.

TRIED TO SHIELD HUSBAND.

William Rodenberg was tried for a felonious assault on his wife in the Police Court this morning. They live at the Atlantic Garden, in Hill Street. The officers were called in to protect the woman. She is La Belle Asia on the stage, and is a dancer at the Atlantic. As Mrs. Rodenberg, her husband assaulted her with a sausage grinder and cut a wound in her forehead which required surgical attention. She would not accuse him before Justice Taylor this morning, and Rodenberg took the opportunity to deny the assault so generously that Justice Taylor fined him $100 for perjury, and sent him to the Corporation Court on the charge of felonious assault. Rodenberg was sent to jail. His wife showed distress that he should be put to any inconvenience for the assault on her. That influenced the attorney to say that, probably, he had corrected his wife before. But Rodenberg said he saw his wife's blood flowing, but he did not know what caused the wound.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Judge Thomas Wilson and Mr. F. Floate, of St. Paul, Minn., who have been spending some time at the Chamberlin, Old Point, came over to Norfolk yesterday to make a visit to the Hon. George E. Bowden, who served in Congress during the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth sessions with Judge Wilson. Judge Wilson was formerly a justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, and is was understood at the time that, if the Democrats had controlled the Fifty-first Congress he would have been made chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. He has retired from politics, and is one of the most influential citizens of Minnesota. Mr. Floate has immense interests in St. Paul and the West, and is visiting Vrgina for a short rest, accompanied by his wife. The visitors were taken in a launch by Mr. Bowden to see the points of interest in the harbor and at the navy-yard. After a drive through the residence portion of the city, Mr. Bowden entertained them at luncheon. They returned to Old Point Comfort.

INTEREST IN GOOD ROADS

Committee at Work in Essex Will Report on April Court Day.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TAPPAHANNOCK, VA., April 1.—There has been a well attended meeting of a good roads committee at this place. It was selected by a mass-meeting of the citizens of the county on March court day to meet and report a plan for better roads, to be acted upon by a mass-meeting to be held at April court. There seems to be a widespread and general interest in this county for better roads.

The people along the Rappahannock are in a quiver of excitement over the freight and passenger war between the Weems and the Peoples' lines from Fredericksburg to Urbanna. The Weems line has just put on a new steamer, the Caroline, running from Fredericksburg to Urbanna three times a week, carrying tri-weekly mail as far as Tappahannock. She carries passengers from Urbanna to Fredericksburg for 25 cents, and from Tappahannock to Fredericksburg for 15 cents.

The present prospect is that the English pea crop will be very large along the Rappahannock this season.

POTATOES ROTTING

Heavy Rains Have Discouraged the Farmers in Northampton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FRANKTOWN, VA., April 1.—The very heavy rains and their long continuance have dispirited many of the farmers. The seed potatoes planted on lower lands are rottening. The cabbage crop is a large and promising one.

The political caldron begins to boil, and the various candidates seem to warm up with the nearer approach of the primary. Mr. John E. Nottingham, Jr., of this town, is running for Commonwealth's Attorney. Dr. Charles Smith is a candidate for the House of Delegates.

The Tankard Brothers have established a new mill in this neighborhood, and are turning out building material and many thousands of barrel staves to meet the coming wants of the truckers.

Mr. Jarvis, of Eastville, is erecting an elaborate canning factory, and invites the truckers to grow tomatoes and other vegetables suited to the canning industry.

JUMPED THE TRACK

Freight Engine Buries Itself in the Mud at Lynchburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 1.—While coming into the city this morning freight engine No. 457 jumped the track and was buried on its side deep in the mud. Engineer Godfrey was at the throttle and Conductor John L. Hughes was in the caboose, but fortunately neither they nor any of the rest of the crew were hurt. The exact cause of the accident has not yet been ascertained, but it is known that when the switch at the Lewis & Johns Fertilizer Factory was reached the trucks mounted the rail. Then one set of wheels bumped along the ties, while the others ploughed deep in the mud, gradually settling, until the engine lay completely on its side, but going over so quietly as to give the engineer an opportunity to reverse the engine and "put his air down" before he and the fireman jumped. A number of through trains were delayed by the accident.

Fowlkes—Holt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MEHERRIN, VA., April 1.—A pretty wedding was performed at the home of Mr. J. J. Holt, near here, this morning at 10 o'clock, when Mr. John Fowlkes, a prosperous young farmer of Prince Edward county, and Miss Viola Holt were married. Rev. Hugh Henry officiated. After the ceremony was performed a bountiful dinner was served.

GRASPED LIVE WIRE TO SAVE HIMSELF

Lineman Is Injured, Probably Fatally, by a Long Fall in Newport News.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 1.—L. L. Hawkins, a lineman employed by the Citizens Railway, Light and Power Company, was probably fatally hurt this afternoon by falling from a pole on Twenty-seventh Street. The man lost his balance while working near the top of the pole, and in order to keep from falling, grasped a live wire. Instanly, the unfortunate man was suspended in midair, with 200 volts of electricity coursing through his body. His piteous cries for help soon attracted a crowd to the scene, and one man started to mount the pole to go to the rescue, but he was too late. Hawkins succeeded in turning loose the wire and fell heavily to the ground, a distance of about thirty-five feet. He was removed to the hospital, and upon examination, it was found that no bones were broken. It is thought, however, that he is injured internally.

Smith—Unroe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., April 1.—Luther E. Smith and Miss Alice Unroe were married at Iron Gate last night, Rev. E. T. Mason officiating.

TRAIN CONDUCTOR WOUNDED BY NEGRO

He Had Ordered Him Off the Train—Assailant is Being Tracked by Hounds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CREWE, VA., April 1.—Luther Robertson, conductor on a Norfolk and Western freight train, was shot by a negro tramp between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock this morning. As he was pulling out of the Western yard he discovered the negro, and asked him to get off, which he did, but raising his pistol shot the conductor, and as he turned around shot him again in the back. He fell and was immediately taken to his home, in West Crewe. The negro ran before any one recovered sufficiently from their surprise to catch him.

Hurricane Branch and his bloodhounds were at once telegraphed for, and will arrive this morning. A strange negro has been loafing around the town for several days, and it is thought he is the man.

Mr. Robertson, it is feared, is fatally wounded. He has three railroad surgeons with him—Drs. Bryant and Wagriner, of this town, and Dr. Anderson, of Farmville.

STARTLED

By some sudden sound she drops the vase upon the floor. She is nervous and may be told that nervousness is a luxury which only a rich woman can afford to indulge in. Nervousness has cost many a woman her position. Sometimes when women run machinery the price of nervousness is mutilation,—a finger lost or perhaps the whole hand crushed.

Nervousness in women is commonly but a symptom of womanly disease. It is useless in such cases to "doctor" for the nerves alone. Cure the diseases which attack the delicate womanly organism and nervousness will be cured also.

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets clear the muddy complexion.

VIRGINIA'S TEN ERRORS

Tell the Story of Defeat Yesterday by Pennsylvania.

CRACRAFT'S FINE WORK

If Given Proper Support the Result of the Game Would Have Been Very Different—Allowed the Pennsylvanians Only Three Hits.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 1.—Pennsylvania turned the tables on Virginia to-day, winning the second game by the score of 3 to 1. Despite the many errors made by the Southerners the game was hard fought and exciting, the result being in doubt until the end. Virginia had a splendid chance to tie the score in the eighth. With runners on second and third, Groves proved equal to the occasion and struck out both Mason and Prichard, the latter being sent in to bat for Rosser.

As on yesterday, the contest was a pitchers' battle, the red and blue finding Cracraft even a tougher proposition than Prichard. Only three hits were made off his delivery, despite the wretched support he received. All the runs were made after chances had been given to retire the side. Groves, who twirled for the Quakers, was a veritable puzzle, having a total of thirteen strikeouts to his credit. Two of the four hits made off of him came in the eighth, Captain Pollard and Nalle getting singles in succession.

Pennsylvania scored in the second and fourth innings. In the second, errors by Stucky and Stearns allowed Stites to reach third. Cariss placed a neat bunt down the third-base line, scoring Stites. Stites opened up the fourth with a hit; Delisle was safe on Rosser's error, and both scored on Cariss' out to left field, Munger failing to handle the throw-in at the home-plate.

Virginia's single run was made by Captain Pollard, who scored from second on Stearns' hit. The fielding features of the contest were those running catches by Cocke and Nalle, the latter getting the ball back to third on a dead run and throwing to second in time to complete a double. Had Cocke allowed Aldendelfer's long fly to get away from him, it would have been good for three sacks.

For Pennsylvania, Captain Orbin had an off day at short, making two errors on easy chances. Cariss caught a fine game and kept the Virginians glued to the bases by his accurate throwing. In the fourth inning, Aldendelfer, while at bat, was struck in the mouth by a pitched ball and rendered unconscious. He soon recovered and pluckily walked to the gymnasium, refusing assistance. Gladfelter took his place at second, Bennett going to the initial bag. The Quakers left this evening for Annapolis, where they meet the Naval Cadets to-morrow, the last game on the Southern trip.

PENNSYLVANIA.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Aldendelfer, 2b	0	0	0	0	0
Swain, c. f	0	0	0	0	0
Gladfelter, 1b & 2b	0	0	7	2	1
Bennett, 1b	0	0	4	0	0
Orbin, s. s	0	0	1	1	2
Wilder, r. f	0	1	0	0	0
Stites, 3b	2	1	2	0	0
Delisle, l. f	1	0	0	0	0
Cariss, c	0	1	12	2	0
Groves, p	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	3	3	26	6	4

VIRGINIA.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Cocke, r. f	0	0	2	0	0
Stucky, s. s	0	0	1	1	3
Pollard, c. f	1	1	3	0	1
Nalle, l. f	0	1	2	1	0
Stearns, 1b	0	2	8	0	2
Mason, 3b	0	0	2	1	0
Rosser, 2b	0	0	4	0	3
Prichard, 2b	0	0	0	1	0
Munger, c	0	0	5	1	0
Cracraft, p	0	0	0	2	0
Council	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	4	27	7	10

Score by inning:

Pennsylvania	0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0	3
Virginia	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0	1

Pollard out, hit by batted ball.

Council batted for Munger in the ninth.

Sacrifice hits, Stites, Cracraft, Nalle, Stearns.

Bases on balls, off Groves, Cracraft, Stearns, off Cracraft, Gladfelter, Bennett 2.

Struck out, by Groves, Stucky 3, Pollard, Mason 3, Rosser 2, Munger 2, Cocke 2; by Cracraft, Orbin, Wilder 2, Cariss.

Stolen bases, Cracraft.

Hit by pitched ball, Aldendelfer, Pollard.

Double play, Nalle to Rosser.

Umpires, Calloway and Williams.

AT RANDOLPH-MACON

Home Team Loses to Gettysburg College in a Loosely Played Game.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ASHLAND, VA., April 1.—Gettysburg College met Randolph-Macon this afternoon before a large crowd. The game was loose on both sides, showing the men were not yet limbered up. Hits were straggling and errors costly for the home men. The visitors outclassed the Virginia boys, being much older and more stocky.

The home men lack practice, but the game to-day has been a great help, and in the game with Fredericksburg they hope for better results. The visitors were a fine lot of gentlemanly players.

Score by innings:		R.
Gettysburg	3 2 0 0 0 2 8 0 *	9
R. M. C.	0 0 2 0 1 1 0 0 0	4

Batteries: Gettysburg—Plank and White; R. M. C.—Leake and Schoolfield.

Struck out—by Plank, 11; by Leake, 10. Errors—Gettysburg, 8; R. M. C., 6. Bases on balls—Leake, 1. Umpire—Leitch Lancaster. Hits—R. M. C., 6; Gettysburg, 9.

A JURIST TO WED

Miss Nellie Cover Soon to be Bride of Judge Thos. W. Harrison.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., April 1.—A surprise in fashionable society circles was created this afternoon by the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Nellie Cover, a society belle, to Judge Thomas Walter Harrison, of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Virginia. Miss Cover is a daughter of Thomas Cover, head of the big leather corporation of Cover, Drayton & Leonard, of this city, and Judge Harrison is recognized as one of the ablest jurists in Virginia.

Williams—Clarke.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PORTSMOUTH, VA., April 1.—Mrs. Annie E. Clarke was married last night to Mr. Robert H. Williams at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Hodges, the parents of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Z. S. Farland, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, in the presence of only the members of the immediate families and a few intimate friends. After the ceremony the husband and wife left for their future home at Pinner's Point. The bride was handsomely dressed in a gown of mode nun's veiling over blue taffeta, with applique trimmings. She carried bride's roses. The bride is an accomplished and attractive lady of Portsmouth, and the groom is a popular employe in the clerical department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. Mr. and Mrs. Williams received handsome presents, among which was a silver service from Mr. Williams' fellow-workmen.

Harrison—Marks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., April 1.—Mr. Charles Harrison, a prominent young farmer of Prince George county, and Miss Helen Marks, also of that county, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Eva Marks, near Garysville, Prince George county. The bride is a young lady of many accomplishments and is a sister of Dr. Marks, also of that county. The couple left for a wedding journey North.

Sue to Recover Lots.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 1.—Powell Brothers to-day instituted suit in the Circuit Court of Elizabeth City county against S. Gordon Cumming, Harry L. Gordon and County Clerk H. H. Holt to recover possession of 170 lots between this city and Hampton. It is charged that the lots were taken up under the land-grabbers' act, and only $12.51 was paid for the lots.

GOOD SALES MADE IN MECKLENBURG

Movement in Clarksville to Build a Bridge Over the Roanoke River.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOYDTON, VA., April 1.—There has been two important land sales in Mecklenburg recently. One was the farm belonging to Taylor Jackson, to Laird Gafford. The other was Occoneechee, which was owned by Fay Cruchup, and sold to a party from Chicago. Both farms were sold at good prices. Occoneechee is one of the finest farms on Roanoke River, and was the home of the late William Townes, Sr. It had upon it one of the handsomest dwellings in the county, but that was destroyed by fire a few years since.

The people of Clarksville appear to be in earnest about building a bridge across Roanoke River at their town. The old flat boat has been used for crossing ever since the town was built, and the citizens are waking up to the necessity of having safe and easy access to their market. Clarksville has a considerable tobacco trade, and owing to its inaccessibility from the eastern side, much of the tobacco goes to other markets. The toll bridge company is fully organized, and the company has taken steps to have the land adjacent to the river, necessary for their purposes, condemned.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Vigorous Work of the Hanover and King William Association.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ETNA MILLS, VA., April 1.—At the last meeting of the Hanover and King William Counties Good Roads Association, held recently at Mangohick, the executive committee was increased to sixty-seven members, who supervise sixty-seven miles of road. This being a very large committee, and as it would evidently prove difficult to secure a quorum at called meetings during the farmers' busy season, now opening, a subcommittee of five active members was appointed and empowered to transact all business arising after April 4th, and to make a full report at the annual meeting, to be held on the last Saturday in December.

The next general meeting of the executive committee will be held at Bulahville at noon on Saturday, April 4th, and as it will be the last general meeting of the entire committee prior to the annual meeting, and as several important matters will arise, and everybody interested is invited to participate, a large attendance and a very considerable extension of the present territory is expected.

Arrested as Absconding Debtor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., April 1.—J. H. Gurganus, of North Carolina, was arrested upon an absconding debtor capias, issued from the clerk's office at the instance of the J. W. Perry Company, which alleged that Mr. Gurganus was about to quit the State. The Perry Company alleges that the defendant is in its debt $479.50. A settlement is expected to-night.

NEGRO DETECTIVE'S SUCCESSFUL WORK

Caught a Young Negro From North Carolina in Norfolk. His Unique Record.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., April 1.—Van Griffin is a negro detective from North Carolina. He came here from Charlotte at the suggestion of N. W. Wallace, the sheriff, and got the criminal, William Harris, alias James Sanders, a young negro of a bacon color, for whom he was sent. Harris is a desperate outlaw. He was pursued by bloodhounds and detectives in North Carolina for various crimes, and escaped them all except Van Griffin. Harris is small and only twenty-six years of age, but he is an escaped convict, a barn burner, postoffice robber, housebreaker, and is also charged with attempting to kill Van Griffin, at whom he shot through a window near Charlotte, and with shooting James Dodd. Dodd was seriously wounded in the leg while in bed with his children, and it was strange that the children escaped being wounded. Harris burned Hunter's and Alexander's barns, robbed the Huntersville postoffice, and burned William Cochran's house at De Rita. There are other charges against him, from which he escaped punishment and came here to live with his sister-in-law. His sister-in-law wrote to his wife, making promises and threats, and to announce that "Will had gone West." Van Griffin, the detective, says that he surmised from that statement that Harris was right beside her at the time the letter was written, and he came here after him. He will be taken to North Carolina for trial. He escaped from the officers of Danville after arrest, but Chief Vellines says he will not escape from here.

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A WHARF ON DEEP WATER

Seaboard May Run Spur Track to Mouth of Failing Creek.

HARBOR IS FULL OF SAND

Revenue Officers Say There is More Illicit Distilling in "Dry" Than in "Wet" and That the Mann Bill Will Increase Their Work.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., April 1.—It was learned in Petersburg to-day that Richmond will make an effort to get the Seaboard Air Line Railway to build a wharf at Failing Creek. The railroad company owns property at that point, and it would be necessary to build only one mile of track to connect with the main line. Failing Creek empties into James River. It is said that there is plenty of deep water where it is proposed to build the wharf, and that the place would make an admirable shipping point.

A citizen of Petersburg who owns several hundred feet along the wharf at Petersburg may sue the city for not keeping the river in front of his wharf free from sand. The lessee of the wharf has been unable to use it since January on account of the sand-bars. The city ordinance requires that the harbor be kept clear of all obstructions.

Special Revenue Agent Charles Gee, who, by reason of his position, visits many counties in the State, said in Petersburg to-day that there are more illicit stills in dry counties than there are saloons in wet counties. The only two places in Mecklenburg county where whiskey is lawfully dispensed are at the courthouse and at La Crosse. Fifteen illicit stills have been discovered and destroyed in this county. In Brunswick county, where there are no licensed barrooms, six illicit stills have been destroyed, and there is no doubt but that there are many more in the county. The revenue agents expect that their work will be greatly increased should the Mann bill become a law.

An attractive entertainment will be given by the Hebron Library Club at Brown's Hall, Hebron, Va., on the 12th of April. The entertainment is given for the benefit of the club and promises to be both instructive and entertaining. The programme will consist of selections from Paul Leicester Ford's popular story, "Wanted—A Chaperon," a comedy, entitled "A Box of Monkeys," tableaux and music.

There were two hundred arrests made in Petersburg during the past month, one hundred and nineteen of which were for violations of city ordinances.

The Petersburg Lodge of Elks to-night installed officers for the ensuing term.

The Charles Miller Walsh Marble Works in this city have just received two orders for mausoleums to be erected in Pennsylvania. The monuments will be cut from Dinwiddie granite.

Miss Florence Larrabee gave a piano recital this afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. O. Robertson, in this city.

CHASE CITY TOBACCO

Over Four Million Pounds Sold During the Past Year.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHASE CITY, VA., April 1.—This place has attained high rank as a tobacco market. The large and increased sales of leaf give it importance. From August 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903, there were sold here on the warehouse floors 4,245,562 pounds. Good prices were maintained for all grades.

The town hall is approaching completion. It is of brick, two stories, forty by eighty feet, and will cost when furnished about $8,000. It is the property of the corporation.

Work will commence this week on the Blackstone and Chase City Railroad. In addition to this road there are two telephone lines, which will make their termini here—one from Drake's Branch, via Red Oak, in Charlotte county, and one from Blackstone, through Lunenburg county. The country people are waking up to secure more speedy communication.

Attorney-General and Mrs. Anderson are at the Mecklenburg, and continue to receive benefit from the waters.

Mrs. Susan Gibson and Miss Gibson, of Philadelphia; John S. Ellett and Mrs. Ellett, of Richmond, are at the hotel.

Mr. A. W. Powers looks several years younger, and Mrs. Powers is much improved.

Mr. I. N. Jones and daughters, of Richmond, are expected this week.

KILLED BY AN ENGINE

A Young Man Run Over at Franklin Junction.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., April 1.—William Saunders, of Ward Springs, was killed at Franklin Junction Tuesday evening by a shifting freight engine. Saunders was employed on the section and was walking on the track in the direction from which a fast mail train was approaching, and in stepping from the main line to the siding was run over and horribly mangled by an engine going in the opposite direction. Saunders was about forty-five years old, and is survived by a wife, eight daughters and four sons.

The residence of Mrs. Sarah C. Carter, on White Oak Mountain, was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. Loss could not be ascertained.

Mr. James Carter succeeded Mrs. M. E. Goolsby as postmaster at this place Wednesday, April 1st. Mr. Carter has secured the services of Mr. James W. Collie, who so efficiently discharged the duties of assistant postmaster during Mrs. Goolsby's term of office.

'PHONE RATES FIGHT

Waynesboro is Kicking at a New Schedule of Charges.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WAYNESBORO, VA., April 1.—There is friction here between the Waynesboro Mutual Telephone Company and the 'phone holders, growing out of an advance of rates by the company. A franchise was granted the company by the Town Council in 1901, and a tariff of charges mutually agreed upon, which has been in effect until now. The subscribers were notified several weeks ago that, after April 1st, additional charges would be made for service over the Jarman Gap, the Mountain Top, the Nelson county, the Greenwood, the Watts & Kerr and the Waynesboro and Staunton telephone lines, the use of these lines having been granted subscribers heretofore at the agreed rate. The 'phone holders held a meeting last night and resolved, almost unanimously, to refuse to pay this advance and ordered the 'phones taken out. A committee appointed last night of Mayor W. J. Loth, J. B. Patterson and R. G. Vance had a conference this morning with N. C. Watts to see if the matter could be amicably arranged, but failed, and the work of removing the 'phones is in progress.

The citizens purpose building a mutual line to Staunton, independent of the present one.

Fruit has not been injured in Augusta county, and there is present promise of a bountiful yield.

NORFOLK COUNTY OFFICER IN JAIL

He Recently Shot and Killed His Brother in Self-Defense. Says It Was an Accident.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., April 1.—For shooting Adolphus Skeeter, a resident of Scottsville, Percy Adams, a county officer, was last night committed to the custody of Deputy Sheriff Huybert, of Norfolk county, at Portsmouth to await a preliminary examination. The shooting was unprovoked, and can be accounted for only from the fact that Adams was under the influence of liquor. Mr. Skeeter stated that he and a friend were engaged in a game of pool when Adams came in the room with a cocked pistol in his hand. He (Skeeter) was about to make a shot, when Adams raised his pistol, remarking: "If you shoot that ball, I'll shoot you." Skeeter thought Adams was joking and answered, "Oh, no you won't, Percy; you wouldn't shoot me, I know." He shot the ball and as he did so Adams placed the handle of his pistol on the pool table and fired, the ball entering Skeeter's stomach below the navel. As Skeeter threw up his hands Adams caught him around the neck and told him he was sorry for what he had done; that it was an accident. The report of the pistol was heard by County Officer McWilliams, who arrested Adams. Skeeter stated that there had never been any bad feeling existing between him and Adams, and he is at a loss to understand why he committed the act. The wounded man was frightened. He is about twenty-five years old and a painter by trade, residing in Glasgow Street. Percy Adams is a son Constable Adams, of Norfolk county, and recently shot and killed his brother, Ben Adams, in self-defense. Eye-witnesses to the shooting say it was entirely unprovoked, while Adams says it was an accident, and that he knows this crime, together with having killed his brother, will bring him to an untimely end.

TRUCK FARMERS SUBMERGED

Norfolk Man and His Son Almost Drifted Out of the Capes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LABAN, VA., April 1.—A most terrific wind and rain storm raged here yesterday, making the highest tide since 1899. Large portions of the truck farms are totally submerged. But there is so much fresh water on the ground that it is hoped the salt will not injure the land.

Mr. Charles Hurst, a prominent citizen of Norfolk, has purchased a fine farm here, and last Wednesday he and his son started from Norfolk to Mathews in a small sail boat. Not being well acquainted with the route, and the wind being contrary, they beat about in the bay till Friday they found themselves drifting through the capes out into the Atlantic Ocean. They were picked up and taken care of by the life-saving crew at Smith's Island. They reached this harbor late Saturday evening after a thrilling experience with the wind and waves.

MAYOR ACQUITTED

Charged with Selling Liquor Contrary to Law in Gate City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GATE CITY, VA., April 1.—The unusual attention now given to the liquor question in Virginia makes especially interesting the unique state of affairs existing in Gate City. This is and has for several years been a dry town. A short time ago the Mayor issued two warrants against a member of the Town Council, a druggist, for selling liquor contrary to law and fined him one hundred dollars in each case. Then a warrant was issued by a justice of the peace for the same offense against the Mayor. The case was tried, but the Mayor was acquitted. The Councilman has appealed his cases to court.

Failure in Lynchburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 1.—J. W. Augustus, a merchant, made an assignment here to-day, conveying to Lee and Howard, trustees, his stock of goods, etc., for the benefit of creditors, whose claims amount to about eight thousand dollars. The assets are estimated at five thousand dollars. A majority of the creditors reside in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

For Malicious Propecution.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., April 1.—The suit of George R. Kingeter against J. W. Augustus, the basis of which was the malicious prosecution of an attachment suit against Kingeter by Augustus, which has been on trial in the Corporation Court for the past ten dyas, was to-day concluded. The jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for two thousand dollars. The damages claimed were five thousand.

SUICIDE RATHER THAN STAND TRIAL

Geo. W. Dix, of Alexandria, Under Indictment, Drowns Himself in a Bath Tub.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 1.—Without employment and under the shadow of a grave charge, George W. Dix, a former letter carrier of this city, committed suicide about 6 o'clock this morning by drowning himself in a bath tub at his home. He was discovered while expiring by his aged mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Dix, who summoned Officer Sherwood. When the latter arrived life was extinct. From the position of the dead man in the tub it appeared that he had braced himself with his hands and feet against the sides to keep himself under water. Coroner William R. Purvis, who viewed the body, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. Dix is survived by a widow and one little girl. Up to last November he had been a member of the local force of letter carriers for fifteen years, since its organization. At that time charges were made against him by members of Osceola Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men, of which he was treasurer, to the effect that he had stolen large sums of money from the order. His friends soon secured counsel to defend him, but his indictment followed, and his trial in the Corporation Court would probably have taken place in the near future. He told his mother recently that he could bear up no longer under the load that was oppressing him. He was about fifty years of age.

DOCTORS IN CONFERENCE

Rappahannock Valley Med. Assn. Meets in Fredericksb'g

MAILBAG WAS RESCUED

Spotsylvania Carrier Swam Out to the Tree Upon Which it Had Lodged. Street Paving in Fredericksburg Has Been Begun.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 1.—A meeting of the Rappahannock Valley Medical Association was held here last night in the reading rooms of the Washington Guards, the attendance being large. Among the out-of-town members present were Drs. C. A. Massey and W. A. Harris, of Spotsylvania county; Dr. W. B. Robinson, of Tappahannock; Dr. R. J. Payne, of Stafford county; Drs. W. J. Crittenden and W. A. Gordon, of Orange county. Nearly all of the local doctors were also present. Interesting reports were made on cases of typhoid fever, lockjaw and appendicitis, together with a statement of the treatment in each case. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: Dr. B. Hales, of this city, president; Dr. W. J. Crittenden, of Orange county, vice-president; Dr. W. J. Chewning, of this city, secretary and treasurer. After the business of the session was over the members of the association were entertained at Williams' cafe, where an elegant repast was served.

William H. Dewey, who carries the mail between this city and Spotsylvania Courthouse, had a narrow escape one day this week. Massaponax Run was very high, as a result of the heavy rains, and when he attempted to cross his horse and vehicle, with the mail, were swept down the current. Dewey managed to swim to the shore, and the horse in his struggles became detached from the vehicle and also swam out. The mail pouch caught in a tree about 200 yards below the ford. Dewey swam out and secured the mail pouch, caught his horse and continued on his journey with the mail on horseback and finished his trip. The vehicle was lost.

Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, who for the past four years has been the presiding elder of the Lewisburg District, and was last night in the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assigned by Bishop Smith to this charge, is not a stranger here, having been pastor of this church sixteen years ago, and he will be warmly welcomed to his old charge by the community generally. Rev. George T. Tyler, his predecessor, was also popular here, and will bear with him to his new field, as presiding elder of Lewisburg District, the best wishes of not only his congregation, but of the citizens generally.

The work of paving the streets here has commenced in earnest, and Contractor J. A. Gude, of Richmond, will push the work rapidly. He has not yet secured his full force of hands, as many of the laborers are holding off for higher prices than he is offering, but he expects to secure all of the help he needs.

Mr. W. S. Monteith, a well known fisherman of Stafford county, brought in a lot of fish and terrapins to the market here to-day, in which were several diamond back terrapins, which are not often seen in this market. They are in great demand in Washington and Baltimore, where the dish made from them is considered a rare delicacy. These diamond backs were caught in Potomac Creek in a net with fish. Fish are running well now, and there has been a tumble in prices.

Mr. A. D. Alexander, of this city, having accepted the position as mechanical foreman of the Excelsior Mills, at Urbanna, on the lower Rappahannock, will move to that place with his family to reside.

MASONIC BUILDING

The Lower Floor Will be Covington's Opera House.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COVINGTON, VA., April 1.—It is generally reported that the Masons of Covington will erect a large building here this summer. It is not known definitely what the plans are, but the building will be a credit to Covington. The lot next to the Citizens' National Bank will be the location for the new structure. It is also stated on good authority that the lower floor of the building will be used as an opera house. This will be quite an addition to Covington, as the need of an opera house has been especially felt during the last several years. Covington has few entertainments on account of the lack of a sufficiently commodious and comfortable building of this kind, and it is hoped that the plans of the Masons will be executed in the near future.

WAS ONLY SIXTEEN

Parents of Youthful Runaway Groom Threaten to Prosecute His Friends.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 1.—Mayor Simpson to-day received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Franklin, of Baltimore, asking for assistance in tracing the person who secured the license here last week on which their sixteen-year-old son, Denny Franklin, and Miss Katie Pugh, also of Baltimore, two years his senior, were married here the same day. The parents say that they intend to prosecute those connected with the affair.

Doctors of the Southwest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PULASKI, VA., April 1.—The Southwest Virginia Medical Association held its first quarterly meeting here to-day. This association has a membership of sixty-three. The next meeting will be held in Bristol.

New Banks Started.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., April 1.—The new bank at Toano started business yesterday. The deposits were quite heavy, and the promoters are much encouraged. The Dirickson Bank will open for business in Williamsburg next Saturday morning.

Indiana Teachers Sight-Seeing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 1.—The school teachers of Indianapolis and Muncie, Ind., arrived here to-day, and spent several hours seeing the sights. They left in the afternoon for Williamsburg and went from there to Richmond.

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