

# CONTRACTOR A SUICIDE

Drank Half a Pint of Laudanum at One Time.

At the Summer School to-day Mr. J. W. Peelle delivered quite an interesting address on North Carolina history, treating especially the colonial period and incidents connected with Roanoke Island. Dr. H. C. Tyler, of the University of North Carolina, delivered a brilliant address on "Scientific Training as a Means of Culture."

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., July 17.—Jesse Beal, a well known carpenter and contractor, committed suicide last night about 11:30 o'clock by drinking a half pint of laudanum. He had been drinking heavily all day. He leaves a wife and eight children. One, Mrs. Collier, lives in Portsmouth, and another, Mrs. George Williams, in Hamlet.

Excellent Prizes for the Firemen's Tournament at Durham—Ex-Alderman Found Guilty of Embezzlement—Burned to Death.

**PIREMEN'S PRIZES**  
The program and prizes for the Firemen's Tournament at Durham, August 11th, 12th and 13th, was issued today. The cash prizes aggregate \$600, not including the interstate contest prizes. The Charleston, S. C., Firemen Corps will compete with some other South Carolina companies.

**FIREMEN'S PRIZES**  
The jury in the case against C. C. McDonald, real estate agent and ex-alderman, has found him guilty of embezzlement in appropriate sums. He has since returned to his home in the Raleigh Hotel, where he was assessed as a delinquent. The suspension of the Raleigh Lodge, and after that he continued to collect assessments for some months, knowing the lodge was suspended. He has since returned to his home in the Raleigh Hotel, where he was assessed as a delinquent. The suspension of the Raleigh Lodge, and after that he continued to collect assessments for some months, knowing the lodge was suspended. He has since returned to his home in the Raleigh Hotel, where he was assessed as a delinquent.

**MANN BILL DID IT**  
A Warm Fight in Rappahannock County Over a License.

**FLINT HILL, VA., July 17.**—This little town has just passed through a warm and hotly contested temperance fight, in which the temperance people were victorious. The room that had been open upwards of fifty years was closed the first of May by the Mann law. The proprietor has been at work since his property was signed by a majority of the voters. This succeeded in doing by using the colored voters. His application came before the County Court of Rappahannock this week. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. were active in their efforts to prevent the license being granted, some of them going on the witness stand and testifying.

**CHARLES CITY PRIMARY**  
County Court in Session—Confederate Veterans to Meet.

**CHASE CITY, VA., July 17.**—The Democratic Executive Committee met yesterday at Charles City Court-house and ordered a primary to be held on August 27th jointly with the legislative primary. The select committee on the district officers on Democratic ticket for November elections.

**FARMER THROWN FROM HORSE AND KILLED**  
BUMPASS, VA., July 17.—Mr. C. L. Moyer was riding a colt last Sunday, when he became unbalanced and fell, losing his balance, and fell, while the horse was at full speed.

**SHAFER BUILDING**  
It Was Twice Threatened by Fire Yesterday Afternoon.

Twice yesterday there broke out on the eaves of the Shafer building a small blaze caused by a defective electric wire or something of the sort. There was each time a flare-up with a good deal of smoke, but it was quickly put out. The first time it happened a fire extinguisher was used. On the second occasion—late in the afternoon—a man was at work on top of the building when the wires burned out. He promptly cut them down and pulled up the tin so that he could better get at the little blaze and put it out.

**OFF FOR BALTIMORE**  
Large Delegation of Elks to Attend the Grand Lodge Meeting.

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## BAD BOYS IN MANCHESTER

### Captain Lipscomb Endeavoring to Break Up Disorderly Crowds.

Manchester Bureau Times-Dispatch, 1112 Hull Street.

Captain Lipscomb, of the Police Department, has instructed his men to break up the crowds of young men who congregated at Twelfth and Hull Streets every night, to the annoyance of the neighborhood. Several of the boys have been arrested and others have made threats that they intended to get even with the officer who arrested them.

## CHARTERS GRANTED

### Matters Before the Corporation Commission Yesterday.

Several charters were granted yesterday by the Corporation Commission, as follows:

**Radford-Portsmouth Veneer Company;** capital, \$10,000. Incorporators: A. T. Holcomb, W. S. Walker, George E. Mathews, George E. Tricker and Levi D. York, all of Portsmouth, Va. The principal office will be at Radford, Va.

**Southside Telephone Company,** of Worham, Va. Incorporators: J. D. Eggleston, Jr., P. Winston, K. T. Crawley, E. W. Venable and W. M. Holliday, all of Worham, Va.

**Eastern Beneficial Incorporated Insurance Company of Norfolk;** capital, \$500,000. Incorporators: M. R. Jackson, James Z. Laycock, Jr., and George W. Davenport.

**Pocahontas, Va.—St. Elizabeth Roman and Greek Catholic Society of Pocahontas, Va.** The object of the corporation is to care for its sick members.

**The Bell Hampton Coal Mining Company,** of New York, a \$200,000 corporation, was granted authority to do business in the State of Virginia, of East Radford, will be State agent.

## OLD FIRST TO-DAY

### Annual Meeting is to Be Held at Forest Hill Park.

The anniversary of the old First Virginia Regiment will be celebrated to-day. An important business session will be held in connection with the celebration. Officers will be elected and the question of reviving the name of the First Virginia Regiment of the city of Richmond will be under consideration. Mr. F. S. Green, of New York, the grandson of Colonel F. S. Skinner, will be in attendance. He desires to have the sword of Colonel Skinner, now in the possession of the Confederate Museum, turned over to him. Colonel Charles Euker, who has charge of Forest Hill Park, is assisting the arrangement committee in making everything comfortable for the day.

## MAJORS B. M. YOUNG TO SUCCEED MILES

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—The President has announced the promotion of Majors B. M. Young and General Miles, who retire August 31st.

## Accidentally Shot.

The well-known night watchman, J. T. Smith, was shot in the leg yesterday morning. The ball struck him in the leg, and Dr. Syble sent him home after treating him.

## A NEGRO LYNCHED FOR WHAT HE KNEW

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 17.—Because of the murder of Hall, a white farmer of Lexington county, near Batesburg, Dennis was accused of complicity in the crime, but was supposed to know of the whereabouts of the man. This he stoutly denied to the last. He was a Negro companion of Dennis, and escaped from the mob, which fired at him many times.

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# WORK OF TORNADO

Five Persons Killed Out in Illinois.  
SCORES ARE INJURED

Buildings Swept Clean Away and a Property Loss of Two Million Dollars Inflicted—Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down.

(By Associated Press.)  
STREATER, ILL., July 17.—A tornado killed five persons, injured a score of others and caused a property loss of \$2,000,000 here to-day. The dead: HARRY DOYLE, NELS H. BIVENS, R. PURCELL, CHARLES SNYDER, UNKNOWN NEGRO.

All except Purcell were killed at the race track. A new building had just been erected and the races were to have been given week after next. Not a building was left standing. All the buildings at Case Electric Works were destroyed and the fence and amphitheatre at the ball park were blown away. Stauer's clothing factory, a two-story brick building, was blown down and all the stock was ruined.

The Yulcan Western Company's plant suffered heavy loss. Purcell was killed there. The Illinois, Indiana and Iowa bridge, costing \$1,000,000, is nearly half gone; the hoisting works and buildings at Springfield in Kangley, four miles west of Streater, were blown down and several persons were injured. Many houses were unroofed and otherwise damaged. Telephone and telegraph lines are nearly all down and details are meagre.

**Train Blown Over.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
BLOOMINGTON, ILL., July 17.—A wind storm swept Central Illinois to-night and caused damage in McLean county to wires and buildings. Many small buildings were blown down. Near Gardiner, Ill., a passenger train was blown down, destroying communication, and an entire train of freight cars on a siding blown over.

**Four Lives Lost.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
MENDOTA, ILL., July 17.—Four persons were killed and ten others seriously injured by a tornado which struck the northern part of this city. The path of the storm was about eight miles in length. Everything in the storm's track was leveled to the ground. The known dead are: CORA A. BOONDOFF, aged fifteen; SCHAMEL, boy, aged thirteen; ORA LUNY, aged nine; SCHAMEL, boy, aged four.

**Town Reported Destroyed.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, July 17.—There were unconfirmed reports that the town of Gardiner, in Grundy county, had been destroyed and many people killed. All wires leading to the town are down and no definite information can be secured.

## SANTIAGO VETERANS FEAST IN DETROIT

(By Associated Press.)  
DETROIT, MICH., July 17.—Veterans of the Santiago campaign, to the number of one hundred, including many prominent officers, attended the banquet in the Masonic Temple to the members of the Society of the Army of Santiago de Cuba who are attending the convention of the society here. Hon. John M. Thurston was the speaker of the evening, responding to the toast "Our country." Colonel Arthur L. Wagner responded to the toast "The Regular Army." General Joseph Wheeler to "The Cavalry Division." General Hamilton S. Hawkins to "The Infantry," and Major-General Charles Dick to "The National Guard," to "The American Soldier."

## PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF HIS HOLINESS

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, July 17.—The Rome correspondent of the Gaulois says when Dr. Mazzoni entered the sick room yesterday morning and found the Pope seated in his armchair and feeling less exhausted, he said: "What would you say, Holy Father, if the doctor transformed himself into a photograph?"

## ARMISTICE ENDED; BATTLE NOT OPENED

(By Associated Press.)  
SOLEDAJ, VENEZUELA, Thursday noon, July 16.—Notwithstanding that the armistice, arranged between General Gomez, commanding the troops of the Venezuelan government, and the revolutionary forces at Ciudad Bolivar, commanded by General Boland, terminated at midnight, no engagement between the government forces and the rebels had taken place up to 7 o'clock this morning. General Gomez has completed the investment of Ciudad Bolivar, and no one can now leave the city.

## WILL WE ACQUIRE MORE EASTERN BURDENS?

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, July 16.—A dispatch from Wellington, New Zealand, to the Daily Mail, calls attention to a rumor emanating from the French colony at Papeete, Island of Tahiti, which is current in New Zealand, that France intends to transfer its possessions in the Eastern Pacific to the United States.

## TEACHERS EXAMINED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MONTEREY, VA., July 17.—The annual examination of teachers for the free schools of Highland county, near Monterey on Wednesday and Thursday, under County Superintendent Jared L. Jones, will be held to-day. A large attendance, this being a hold-over year for many teachers of the first and second grades.

# The Big Store's Colossal Mid-Summer Stock Relief LOADING SALE

## Unconditional Sacrificing! Non-Sparing Reduction! Greatest Bargain Event Ever Introduced to the Public!

To-day, Saturday, July 18th, the doors of the Big Store swing open to a bargain event, the like of which has never been attempted before here or anywhere else. Clearance of all Spring and Summer merchandise is the keynote to the situation. Richmond's shrewd economists wait and watch for this grand money-saving opportunity with deep interest; the recollection of former lucky buying chances at similar events is still before them. They may whet their bargain appetite to the keenest edge, for beyond a shadow of a doubt the reckless price slashings have resulted into price marvels, the like of which have never been offered at this store, and, as a matter of course, at no other store.

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Unrestricted Choice of \$18.00 and \$20.00 Suits, made of best imported materials, exclusive tailoring designs, made up in the very best form and in every respect equal to the finest tailors' products. Suits which sold for \$18.00 and \$20.00, entire stock now slashed to

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Any Boys' Suit in the house, value up to \$4.00, stock relief up to 50% off, only	Boys' Long Trousers Suits, the pick and choice of any \$10.00 Suits, only	Boys' Cool Shirt-Waist Blouses, Mother's Friend make, absolutely 50 and 75c. values, choice
Any Boys' Suit in the house, value up to \$5.00, rare oppor- tunity, stock relief price, only	Boys' Long Trousers Suits, the pick and choice of any Suit worth \$12.50 and \$13.50, only	Boys' 50c. Straw Hats, Juniors and Sennet, Brads, choice
Any Boys' Suit in the house, value up to \$6.50, stock relief price, only	Boys' Long Trousers Suits, the pick and choice of any \$15.00 Suit, only	Boys' Neglige Shirts, Madras, Chambray and Percalé, cuffs to match, 50, 65 and 75c. values, slashed to

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## URGED TO OPEN PORT AS MEANS OF DEFENSE

(By Associated Press.)  
PEKIN, July 17.—The Korean minister here has urged Prince Ching, head of the Foreign Office, to instruct the Chinese government to authorize the opening of Korea to open with Korea, to foreign trade, as a means of mutual defense against Russian aggression, but his plan is regarded as futile.

## MISS MARY ELLEN TANNER

Miss Mary Ellen Tanner died at 3:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. I. W. Crew, No. 217 East Main Street.

## OBITUARY.

**Miss Mary Ellen Tanner.**  
Miss Mary Ellen Tanner died at 3:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. I. W. Crew, No. 217 East Main Street.

**Mrs. Rebecca Watson.**  
The death of Mrs. William H. Booker occurred Thursday afternoon at his home, No. 279 East Marshall Street.

**Milton Bolton.**  
Milton F. son of E. L. and C. L. Bolton, died at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, aged two years and 5 months. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the residence in Manchester. The interment was in River View Cemetery.

**Dr. J. M. Perry.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GATE CITY, VA., July 17.—Dr. J. M. Perry, of Gate City, died this morning at 10 o'clock of fever and will be buried to-morrow at the family cemetery at Morris Church.

**Dr. J. M. Perry.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., July 17.—Mr. Samuel Viar, one of Roanoke's oldest and most worthy citizens, died this morning, aged sixty-seven years. He was a native of Botetourt; served in the Confederate army. He is survived by seven children, five sons and two daughters.

**Fred Baker.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., July 17.—Fred Baker, a popular youth of seventeen years, died this evening at the Memorial Hospital after an operation for appendicitis.

**DEATHS.**  
BOOKER—Died, at his residence, 2730 East Marshall Street, WILLIAM H. BOOKER, in the seventy-first year of his age. The funeral will take place from the Third Presbyterian Church THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, the 18th, at 4 o'clock. No flowers.

**BURRELL.**—The funeral of JOSEPH BURRELL will take place at Ebenezer Baptist Church (colored) SUNDAY AFTERNOON, July 19th, at 12:30 o'clock, instead of 11 o'clock, as stated in the News Leader.

**TANNER.**—Died, at the residence of Mrs. I. W. Crew, 217 East Main Street, at 3:40 P. M., July 17th, Miss MARY ELLEN TANNER. Funeral from the Church of the Holy Trinity SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 5:30 o'clock.