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NORFOLK BANKS UNITE

A Brave Negro Prevents the Robbery of the Safe of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Electric Company.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., August 24.—Under the laws of Virginia Frank Prout, sentenced to two years' imprisonment for house-breaking, will spend the remainder of his days in the penitentiary. The offense of which he was convicted is his third conviction.

The deal for the consolidation of the National Bank of Commerce and the City National Bank has now been consummated, and the final meeting to close the negotiations was held this afternoon. It is expected that the two banks will be united in the Bank of Commerce building in a few days. The preliminary arrangements for the erection of the big bank and office building at the northeast corner of Main and Atlantic streets, to be occupied by the consolidated bank, are in progress.

STRYCHNINE BY MISTAKE. Mrs. Olin Dey, wife of Mr. William S. Dey, died this morning at her home, No. 505 North Park Avenue, Brambleton, as the result of a mistake in taking a dose of medicine. Mrs. Dey decided to take a dose of salts just as she was sitting down to breakfast. Earlier in the morning she had mixed strychnine to give to rats, and it is thought that she either took some of the strychnine for salts, or that she mixed the salts with the strychnine, and in an hour she died, despite the best efforts of Drs. Meredith and Moncreux to save her.

Mrs. Dey was formerly Miss Olin Simpson, daughter of W. Simpson, a wealthy Norfolk county tucker. Five masked men invaded the Port Norfolk power-house of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company, at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, with the intention of robbing the conductor's safe there, containing the Saturday receipts of both the Portsmouth lines. They were driven off by the heroic act of a negro employe, Robert Hill, who was shot twice, in each leg, and beaten over the head with a pistol butt. He will recover.

There appears to be no clue to the identity of the robbers, but bloodhounds were yesterday set upon the trail and the men tracked to a nearby swamp, where the trail was lost. The story, as told by Superintendent Jones, is as follows: Three of the men came first upon the fireman, Jim McCreary, who was seized, bound and gagged and thrown on the ash pile. They then entered the barn, revolvers in hand, and found Assistant Fireman F. D. Ackerman working on the cars which had been made to run in the car. Gained a colored employe, sought refuge under the engine, and is now missing.

ROBERT HILL'S HEROISM. Robert Hill heard the noise at the barn and came to investigate. As soon as they saw him one of them grappled with him and struck him over the head with a pistol. He tore himself loose and ran and they fired at him thrice. Two shots took effect, one in the right leg and the other in the left arm of the conductor. The men fled to the homes of the conductors and motormen living in the vicinity.

Mr. Driscoll, the foreman of the power house night shift, was away, but for all the invading party knew they may have had to face five men armed with revolvers and pistols. Under the circumstances is a matter of wonder to the railway officials. The safe containing the large Saturday collections from both the lines was in the room through which Hill was pursued, but although he was hit, he was not the object of the men, they failed to stop, evidently fearing that their shooting had aroused the neighborhood.

AERONAUT'S NARROW ESCAPE. Charles H. Bland, the aeronaut, while about to make an ascent at Cape Henry last evening, had a narrow escape. Just as the balloon was about to be released for its 2,000 foot flight, the canvas top of the big inflated bag began to flutter and the balloon dragged back to earth. Had the accident occurred high in the air Raymond would have fallen to certain death.

Mrs. William Buxton, of Cottage Place, while boarding a train at Richmond yesterday was knocked down and her foot crushed by the sudden backing of the train.

A NEW FEEDER. The Seaboard Air Line and this port is likely to have another feeder, tapping the rich fields and vast timber wealth of the country about Dunn and Clinton, North Carolina, and incidentally invading the territory heretofore ceded to be Atlantic Coast Line.

They have built a number of cotton and other mills through the territory mentioned, and these are now reached by that portion of the road that has been already constructed. This runs from Apex to Duke, a new manufacturing settlement. The products of the mills along the new line are already being shipped through here, and some of the lumber to be found along the new road is being shipped here.

Mr. John C. Angler, who is building the road, was in the city to-day. He was a caller at the general offices of the Seaboard Air Line Railway this morning, and it is thought that traffic arrangements were in process of arrangement, but nothing, naturally, was given out on the subject.

BLACKSTONE GERMAN CLUB

Give an Elegant Entertainment in Honor of Visiting Young Ladies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLACKSTONE, Va., August 24.—One of the largest and most enjoyable dances given here for a long while was the one by the Blackstone German Club last Friday night.

Dancing was begun about 10 o'clock and kept up until after 3 o'clock in the morning. Music was furnished by a string band from Petersburg, and the large music hall, which had been cleared of all seats, was filled with the couples taking part. Light refreshments were served at Ripberger's restaurant, just across the street. There were many visiting young ladies present, among some of whom are Miss Vass, of Mobile, Ala.; Miss Martin, of Tidewater, Va.; Miss Martin, of Farmville; Miss Tucker, of Danville;

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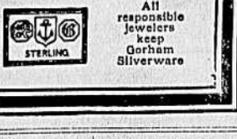
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"Preserving the sweetness of proportion" —Ben Jonson The Elizabethan poet recognized the overwhelming artistic value of proportion. So also has the GORHAM CO. Silversmiths the beauty of whose silverware depends in many cases almost entirely on the "sweetness of proportion," due attention being paid to graceful line and delicate ornament, while that first essential, sterling quality of material, is ever present.



Mrs. Martha and Mary Epps, Miss Atkinson and Miss Gaither, of Notaway Courthouse; the Messrs. Mansen, of the new county; Misses Weisger, of Richmond. Besides these nearly all the young ladies of the town were out. There were also several visiting young men. It was truly a gay party that sought their places of repose at the early hours of the next morning, and the recollections of the evening's events will be borne in mind for many moons.

POLITICS IN LOUDOUN

Hon. John F. Ryan Will have no Opposition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEESBURG, Va., August 24.—The county Democratic primary election to be held August 26th, for the nomination of candidates for the county and district offices and for the selection of a member of the House of Delegates for Loudoun, is exciting considerable interest. Hon. John F. Ryan, the present Speaker of the House of Delegates, will have no opposition. For sheriff there are three applicants—Thomas W. Edwards, George W. Virts and Eugene Moncreux; for county clerk W. D. Hempton, the present clerk; B. V. White, an E. W. Garrett; for treasurer George W. Popkins, John I. Gill, William L. Powell, W. A. McFarland and H. H. Russell. There are three candidates for commissioner of the revenue in Leesburg district, and in all the districts there are many applicants for the various offices. No State senator will be chosen this fall, and Mr. George T. Ford, the present incumbent, will hold over another term.

A RACE RIOT WAS IMMINENT.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, Va., Aug. 24.—What came near resulting in a race riot happened on State Street, this city, Saturday afternoon. A burly, insolent negro man pushed a lady off the sidewalk. The incident was witnessed by several white men, and one took the lady's part, having made at the negro and struck him. The negro showed fight, and another dangerous-looking negro man rushed to the assistance of the negro who had committed the offense. The negroes drew knives, and when the white man started across the street to arm himself, the negroes followed him with open knives. By this time a considerable crowd had gathered, and there were cries of "shoot," "lynch."

Tournament and Trap Shoot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MONTEREY, Va., August 24.—September 28th is the date fixed for a tournament and trap shoot at Monterey, the day's programme having been arranged by the Monterey Gun Club. A handsome loving cup and medal are the trophies to be won by the champion of the pigeon traps, while to the successful knight, Highland will offer a host of winsome, queenly lasses from which he may choose. A big day is anticipated.

The having is greatly retarded by the unsettled weather, and the crop is not more than one-half harvested. Aside from this unfavorable feature, no more reasonable and promising year has ever been known in Highland.

THE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN SHORE

Mr. Bland Takes the Stump for Mr. S. W. Mathews

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ONANCOCK, Va., Aug. 24.—The Virginia Legislative Committee to examine the ocean grounds is now on the steamer Accomack, at Oyster on the Ocean side. It is thought the information secured in the Norfolk section was against the breaking of the Baylor survey. One of the members from the mountains has expressed that opinion.

The contest for member of the House of Representatives from Accomack is still very animated. At a recent meeting on Guard Shore, Pocomoke Sound, Mr. C. T. Bland, of Portsmouth, asked the privilege of dividing one with Mr. James R. Hays, who is opposed by Mr. S. W. Mathews, for reelection. Mr. Bland said he appeared as a friend of Mr. Mathews, it being well known that he was absent at work in the Legislative Committee in behalf of his friend.

Mr. Bland manfully defended his friend and made a good impression. The twenty-sixth annual exhibition of the Keller Fair commences Tuesday next, and continues four days. The entries are larger than usual. Accome now has four fairs, two white and two colored. The fair of the colored people near Accomack, just closed, was creditable in many respects.

Mr. William Ellinger, of Fox Island, has sunk an artesian well near his residence and a depth of 35 feet secured a copious supply of excellent water. The pipe used was three and a half and the flow is sufficient for the oyster houses and dwellings.

Sweet potatoes are being shipped in large quantities and commands good prices. The daily shipment from Accomack since August 1st has not averaged large quantities and command good the net price was about \$2 per barrel. Parsley claims the largest shipment for one day, 2,871 barrels, having left that station Saturday.

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