

A TRAIN DERAILED NEAR SOUTH BOSTON

Passengers Have a Remarkable Escape From Injury.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN HURT

Charles Farmer and Horace Durvin Slightly Injured—Traffic Impeded Some Hours.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SOUTH BOSTON, Va., August 29.—Passenger train No. 11, bound for Danville, was wrecked two miles south of this place at 3:30 this morning. It is a miracle that no one was seriously injured, as the engine was half buried in the earth on the left side of the track, and four cars, including mail, baggage and passenger cars, all lay on the track. A Pullman sleeper stayed on the rails.

RICHMOND MEN HURT.

Engineer Charles Farmer, of Richmond, and Fireman Horace Durvin, also of Richmond, were slightly injured, but no one else received a scratch. Conductor John Smith, of Charlotte, N. C., walked back to town and informed the night operator of what had happened. A work train, which happened to be lying on the siding, quickly went to the scene and soon a large force of hands was put to work to get the cars back on the track.

The passengers were transferred from the wrecked cars to the Pullman and brought back to town. The engineer and fireman were taken to Hotel Garland where the necessary medical aid was rendered, but found that their injuries were only slight.

WORK OF A GANG.

Beyond the shadow of a doubt the train was willfully wrecked by a gang, who had prepared the scene as they were pulled by an iron bar and the rails were spread, which caused the train to leave the track. The wreck occurred just as the train was rounding a curve, and near an embankment. No better place for the crime could have been selected. The engine fared worse than any part of the train. It is almost completely demolished and lies half buried in the lowlands. That the fireman and engineer should have escaped being buried under the engine is remarkable.

A COINCIDENCE.

It is quite singular that the wreck occurred twenty-nine miles from Danville, on the 29th day of the month, and also just three days sooner than the Wolf Trap wreck, which happened September 1st of last year.

Engineer Charles Farmer was also on No. 11 passenger train, which was wrecked near Keyville about three years ago. There is at present no clue to the malicious wreckers, but no time is being lost to bring them to justice. Only a few cars have been gotten back on track, and it will take some time to get everything in proper shape. Traffic is somewhat delayed, but trains each way run as far as the wreck, and passengers and baggage are transferred.

FIRE IN SUFFOLK.

Hurricane Branch Pursues Thieves With Bloodhounds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, Va., August 29.—A fire believed to have been of incendiary origin, occurred early this morning on Morgan Street, where two residences were burned. The blaze broke out in a building owned by Timothy O. Copeland, and occupied by W. J. Boyett and wife, who lost nearly all their belongings.

The flames leaped to an adjoining home, owned by James H. Hill, and occupied by Henry Johnson and family. The loss of buildings is partially covered by insurance.

Johnson claims he heard some one walking about the premises shortly before the alarm, and also overheard the following remark: "This street is building up too fast; it's time to get out of here."

Mayor-elect Bradford Kibby, whose term of office will begin Friday, got home from a two months European trip. He was a passenger on the Umbria, of the Cunard line, whose singular experience with a big wave was told in some of yesterday's New York papers.

Mayor-elect Kibby says three of his crew were injured, one fatally, and that about thirty passengers were killed, several being more or less hurt. The store of Parker & Bro., of Eureka Station, N. C., was robbed last night, and Hurricane Branch went to seek the thieves with bloodhounds, which traced the thieves to a swamp.

HAMMONS WILL HANG.

Governor Glenn Refuses to Commute the Death Sentence.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., August 29.—Sheriff Alspaugh received a telegram this afternoon from Raleigh, in which the Governor Glenn refused to commute the sentence of J. W. Hammons, who shot and killed his wife in this city, April 29th last, and who is under sentence to hang in the county jail next Saturday.

When told that the Governor would not change his sentence to life imprisonment, Hammons replied that he was ready and willing to pay the penalty of his crime. Hammons said that he had no other sentence was commuted to life imprisonment he would agree never to ask for a pardon, "I had rather die now, while I am prepared, than go to the penitentiary for life," said the condemned man.

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\$4.00 White Buckskin Pumps for **\$2.75**
\$3.50 White Canvas Sailor Ties and Pumps, welts and turns, for **\$2.50**
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COVER AND DRAYTON SELL TO A TRUST

The Big Leather Firm is at Last Controlled By Combine.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, Va., August 29.—Negotiations which have been in progress for several weeks have practically completed late today the outright sale of the great leather firm of Cover and Drayton, of Winchester, Chicago and Philadelphia to the United States Leather Company, known as the trust, which is controlled by the Armour, of Chicago, and others.

It was stated to-night that the price agreed upon was \$1,995,000 for the business and plants of the leather firm, which includes four large tanneries, one at the Narrows, Giles county, Va., one at Moorefield; one at Lees City, and another at Capon Bridge, these being in the mountain district of West Virginia, from twenty to thirty miles west of Winchester.

The tanneries employ several hundred men, and most of them being members of families, practically the entire community in some sections depend upon these industries for their living. It is understood that the sale will not interfere with the operation of these plants.

Representatives of the firm of Cover and Drayton and the Leather Trust met and conferred this afternoon at the office of E. Holmes Boyd, counsel for the former, who had just returned from a trip to Philadelphia, New York and elsewhere, in the interests of his clients, and the papers were then put in shape for the transfer. The meeting lasted several hours, and the transaction created much interest in financial circles.

Thomas Cover, Sr., who established the firm that bears his name thirty years ago, owns about three-fourths of the stock. The other members of the firm are Henry E. Drayton, of Philadelphia, and Lorin A. Cover, of Winchester. Mr. Leonard, who was in the firm, disposed of his interests about two years ago. Thomas Cover, Jr., has been in charge of the Chicago office for several months.

The Cover-Drayton Company has for several years been one of the most formidable competitors of the trust, but a rumor that they were forced to sell was emphatically denied by men in financial affairs. The price, \$1,995,000, is understood, will not be paid in full, but a stated amount will be taken in bill-edge bonds of the corporation buying the firm's business and plants.

NO YELLOW FEVER.

Official Investigation By the Health Authorities.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MEMPHIS, Va., August 29.—There is no yellow fever, nor has there been any, in Lunenburg county, Dr. J. P. Camps gave out this statement after a thorough investigation of the condition of yellow fever near Lunenburg, Va., on the 29th inst. Dr. Camps, of the county Board of Health, consisting of Drs. C. D. Camps, of this place, and B. H. Dr. H. visited the scene of death cases in Florida, and returned to this city where the consultation was held and thoroughly investigated, with their giving out the above statement.

No doubt exists that Mr. Wade Hardy, who for the past six or eight years has made his home in Florida, where he went to catch the fishes of the revenue officers, contracted this Florida malaria while there, and, although he had had a health certificate when he had fever in his system when he left for home.

He was taken sick on the way and lived only days after his return. It is claimed by physicians that it is a peculiar fact that this malaria contracted in Florida, does not return full in it. It will turn its victim yellow, as it also will the bed covering.

The excitement subsided in the past two days, and a large majority have accepted the statement that there is no yellow fever in Lunenburg county.

A CALF RIDES IN A BABY CARRIAGE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SCOTTSVILLE, Va., August 29.—Near one of the old locks in the river above Scottsville a baby carriage, which had been used for a long time, was found on the railroad track. Just then the train howled in sight. It was the first time the baby carriage had ever been used. The baby carriage was found in a pump of bushes near the railroad track. Just then the train howled in sight. It was the first time the baby carriage had ever been used. The baby carriage was found in a pump of bushes near the railroad track. Just then the train howled in sight. It was the first time the baby carriage had ever been used.

TROLLEY WRECK ON A NORFOLK LINE

The Motorman Paid No Attention to the Usual Signal.

THIEF JUMPS THREE STORIES

His Pursuers, Expecting to Find a Corpse, Discover Only Tracks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 29.—The electric cars on the Old Dominion line ran into six flat cars of the Belt Railway on the outskirts of Berkeley this morning and derailed them. There were the usual signals at the crossing, but the motorman of the trolley did not stop. When the collision was inevitable Motorman Layne, Conductor Elliott and the only passenger, a negro woman, jumped. They were not hurt. The trolley car was demolished. It was several hours before the wreckage was cleared from the two tracks.

JUMPED THREE STORIES.

Zion Wilson, a negro thief, jumped three stories this morning to escape arrest. Mae Jones, colored, notified the police that Zion and Jesse Wilson, brothers, had stolen clothing from him and the police pursued the brothers to the third floor of a house in Proby's Court. They caught Jesse, but Zion jumped from the third story window and escaped. The police went to the rear of the house, expecting to find a dead, or, at least, a disabled negro. They found instead nothing but a smashed chicken coop and a lot of alarmed but unharmed chickens. There were no indications that the thirty-foot descent had disturbed the negro's flight.

HELD FOR LYNACY.

Margaret Moran, the good looking young girl who was shot by accident in a clubhouse at Pine Beach a month ago, has been discharged from the Protestant Hospital and taken up by the police Mr. Moran, who is held for lynacy, is a disabled negro. The girl had nothing but a smashed chicken coop and a lot of alarmed but unharmed chickens. There were no indications that the thirty-foot descent had disturbed the negro's flight.

CAPT. JONES'S CASE.

J. W. Haberton, a farmer of Selma, N. C., the father of Maud Cameron Robertson, who was killed by Captain E. W. Jones last week, qualified in the Corporation Court today as administrator of the estate of his daughter under a bond of \$1,000. The late Mrs. Maud Robertson, Commonwealth's Attorney George Tilton and R. V. Hitchens, janitor of the city hall, were appointed appraisers of the estate which consists of \$50 in the Marine Bank and jewelry and clothing valued at \$300.

The girl's name especially to qualify upon the estate and secure his daughter's effects, was accompanied by his son, Guy Robertson. The case of Capt. Jones was called in the police court this morning, but continuing on statement that he is still in the police court, where he was sent after he had cut his own throat. He is recovering, but will not come out till it is time for the meeting of the Corporation Court, which will have examination in the police court.

CRUSHED BY A HORSE.

Capt. James Lassiter, of Bowers Hill, Norfolk county, died yesterday, as the result of the injuries he received when a horse fell against him. His body was so badly crushed that the surgeons found it impossible to reset and unite the broken bones.

PETTIT'S MAJORITY.

Sufficient to Deter the Mooted Independent Candidate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PALMYRA, Va., August 29.—The County Democratic Executive Committee met here today and canvassed the vote polled at the recent primary. There is no material difference between the official figures, given out by the official reporters, and those reported by Mr. Pettit, of this county, over Mr. Page, of Goochland, for member of the House of Delegates, from this district, composed of the two counties, is large enough, it is believed, to discourage the movement for an independent candidate, of which there has been some talk ever since the committee in declining to join with Pluviana, in a legislative primary.

That there is no excuse for any such independent movement, and that all good Democrats of the district are bound to support Mr. Pettit, the nominee, was clearly demonstrated here today in a speech by Judge J. O. Shepherd, who, at the request of the committee, explained the request of a crowd of assembled citizens the political situation in the legislative district.

He mentioned the fact that early in the campaign the Goochland committee met and fixed upon the 22d day of August as the date for holding the district primary; that thereafter the Pluviana committee met, and acquiescing in the date fixed by the Goochland committee, provided for holding the primary on the same day, as required by the primary plan promulgated by the State Executive Committee; that before the date thus agreed upon by the two committees arrived, the members of it, met and passed a resolution ordering a unite with Pluviana in declining to the primary therefore agreed upon by the two committees. This latter action of the Goochland committee was, in the opinion of the speaker, in the opinion of every Democrat who has expressed himself on the subject in your correspondence, utterly void; and in spite of the failure of Goochland to join in the primary, it seems to be universally held here that she is in honor bound to support the nominee.

DIED ON SOUTHERN TRAIN

Capt. Geo. Lemon Expires Between Alexandria and Manassas.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MANASSAS, Va., August 29.—Captain George Lemon, an ex-Confederate soldier and officer on General William Payson's staff, died on a Southern train in Fairfax county this afternoon, en route to Reston, Va. Captain Lemon had been for several years past an inmate of the Soldiers Home at Elkinsville, Md. He was a brother of J. Southgate Lemon, who married a daughter of Colonel Robert Dulany, of Fauquier county. Captain Lemon took the Southern train in Washington, and at the time said to the conductor that he was feeling very bad. A doctor was procured for him, but he died shortly after leaving Alexandria. The remains were turned over to an undertaker here, and will doubtless be shipped to Maryland for burial.

WAS ABOUT TO HANG NEGRO WHEN HELP CAME

Summary Action of Grocer, Whose Lunch Wagon Was Robbed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va., August 29.—Andrew Holbrook, a negro, who attempted to break into a movable lunch wagon belonging to F. L. Townsend, a grocer, narrowly escaped death at the hands of the grocer. Townsend had put a rope about the negro's neck and was about to string him up, when persons who had been attracted to the scene by the negro's cries intervened.

WORK OF LIGHTNING.

Shatters the House, Leaving Little Tots Untouched.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PALMYRA, Va., August 29.—The eccentricity of lightning was forcibly proved in a recent storm near this place. The house of Jordan Cavanaugh was struck by a bolt, which tore its way down through the roof, crushing beams and floors and shattering all the glass in the house, throwing the large chimney right and left through the rooms, and skipping over three small children in a room on the first floor. When the mother, who was in an adjoining house, came in she found the room black with dust and ash, and the children the only unharmed things in the room.

Brewery Opening.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va., August 29.—Great crowds of people thronged to the plant of the Old Dominion Brewery Company today to attend the formal opening of the establishment. Large parties came from Richmond and Norfolk to participate in the festivities incident to the occasion, and the brewery was the liveliest place in the city today. The plant, which has been in operation for several months, was thrown open for public inspection at 10 o'clock this morning and no doors were closed until 5 o'clock this evening.

BABY'S TERRIBLE SKIN HUMOR

Body Like Piece of Raw Beef—Suffered Terribly—Cried All the Time—Cuticura Soap and Ointment Cured Her in Two Weeks.

CUTICURA REMEDIES SAVE DOCTOR'S BILLS

"I never used the Cuticura Remedies for anything serious myself, but a friend of mine brought her four-month-old baby in from the country nearly two years ago and stopped at my house and told me she had brought it in to take to the doctors. I had some Cuticura Ointment and a piece of Cuticura Soap which I told her to use and see if that would not help it, as they could hardly afford a doctor's bill at the time. The baby's little body from the waist down was as red as a piece of fresh beef, and it must have suffered terribly as it cried all the time. I sent her some more Cuticura in about two weeks, and she wrote back that her baby was well, and that she always intended to keep Cuticura in the house. Yours truly, Mrs. Millie Ellis, San Antonio, Texas, May 23, 1905."

THE DUTY OF MOTHERS

At the First Sign of Disfiguring Humors Is to Use Cuticura. Every child born into the world with an inherited tendency to scurvy, becoming an object of the most tender solicitude, not only because of its suffering, but because of the dreadful fear that the disfigurement is to be lifelong and mar its future happiness and prosperity. Hence it becomes the duty of mothers of such afflicted children to acquaint themselves with the best, the purest, and most effective treatment available, viz.: the Cuticura Treatment, consisting of warm baths with Cuticura Soap, and the ointments with Cuticura Ointment, the great Skin Cure. Cures made in childhood are speedy, permanent, and economical.

STREET FIGHT CASE.

At Goldsboro last May, Arnold Borden and E. L. Edmundson, two of the most prominent men in the town, had a street fight, in which Borden struck Edmundson with his fist on the forehead, whereupon Edmundson shot him twice, the escape from death being very narrow. The case has attracted a great deal of attention, and Edmundson has been tried for assault with intent to kill. Borden admitted his guilt, and he was found guilty, while Edmundson was acquitted. The point involved was whether Edmundson used more force than was necessary to protect himself from great bodily harm.

W. R. Hudson, now superintendent of the second division of the Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters at Raleigh, is transferred to Portsmouth to succeed Charles Hix, the new general superintendent Hudson was transferred here from Jacksonville, Fla., two years ago, and will be succeeded by Superintendent W. J. Jenks, who also comes from Florida.

TWO FIRES.

Two fires in succession have done \$40,000 damage to the Blades knitting mill at Newberne, the last fire being due to the removal of material from a partially burned annex of the mill, sparks being in the material. The amount of insurance on the property destroyed is \$50,000.

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Archbell filed a number of exceptions in the case, on which it came up to the Supreme Court, one of these was to a statement made by the solicitor to the jury, that he would rather be one of the dead wives of Archbell than the living one, who had been forced to testify for him.

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RAILROAD MAN IS AN INVENTOR

Patents and Will Manufacture a Railway Crossing Safety Device.

AN OIL LAMP EXPLODES

The Channel Dredged and Diversion Work is Now Going On.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, Va., August 29.—Mr. Peter W. Lancaster, an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company in this city, is the inventor of a device designed to prevent railroad and street railway accidents at crossings. It has been patented and is so thorough in its action as to become in general use on the railroads of the company. It acts automatically.

To manufacture and sell this device, the Corporation Commission has chartered the "Lancaster Automatic Railway Crossing Company," with a capital of \$75,000 to \$100,000. The officers of the company are all Petersburg men: President, George W. Lancaster; Secretary and Treasurer, M. A. Finn. Directors: Charles T. Lassiter, George W. Lancaster and M. A. Finn. The company will get to work at once, and will give a test of the merits of the device at an early day.

Information has been received here of the death in Asheville, N. C., on Sunday night, of Mr. Hugh Winn, youngest son of Rev. Dr. S. K. Winn, for many years the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city. Death was the result of consumption, from which he had long suffered. Deceased was a most worthy and popular young man, and leaves relatives and many friends in this city.

An oil lamp exploded at a late hour last night in the residence of Mr. W. R. McEwen, on West Washington Street, causing some damage to furniture and bedding. Fortunately no one was hurt, and the fire was extinguished with slight damage and without calling out the department.

The dredging of the Appomattox River having been completed under government control, the big steam suction dredge has been put to work digging the channel for the diversion of the surplus water of the river. This work will now be pushed steadily forward.

Official returns from Dinwiddie give Martin a majority of 148