

WILL UNITE WITH RICHMOND FIRM

Leading Petersburg Dry Goods Concern to Change Location.

DAVIS CREDITORS CONFER

Trunk and Bag Company Gives Banquet to Its Employees.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., December 30. It is understood that the Petersburg Dry Goods Company, of which E. B. Snyder is president, one of the largest wholesale establishments of the kind in the city, will wind up its business here during the coming spring and remove to Richmond to consolidate with the Cohen Dry Goods Company, also a former Petersburg firm.

The removal of this great business house is a matter of great regret and will prove a signal loss to the city for business hours. The building, worth approximately \$500,000, occupies a large building on Union Street, conveniently located for its trade. The members of the firm, beyond admitting the fact of their contemplated removal to the capital city, decline to discuss the matter. Within recent years Richmond has gained many of the enterprising citizens of Petersburg.

Creditors of Mr. Davis in Conference.

The creditors of Charles Hall Davis met yesterday in the law offices of Davis & Davis and were in conference for several hours. The meeting was called by Mr. Davis, and there was a full and free discussion of the situation in reference to Mr. Davis's liabilities and assets. These in attendance in person and by proxy are said to have represented about 75 per cent of his indebtedness. It was decided to leave in the hands of a committee the formulation of a plan for the most advantageous settlement of the indebtedness, in justice alike to the creditors and Mr. Davis. This committee is composed of Joseph W. Sewall, of Petersburg, chairman; Oliver J. Sands, president of the American National Bank, of Richmond; William L. Zimmer, president of the Appomattox Trust Company, of Petersburg; Philip Rogers, of Sedley, Va.; and Sidney Johnson, of Boynton. This committee will formulate its plans within the next thirty days.

It was also decided to ask the Appomattox Trust Company to postpone the sale of securities pledged with it by Mr. Davis as collateral for loans, which sale was advertised to take place today. To this the trust company agreed.

Banquet to Representatives.

The Virginia Trunk and Bag Company last night, in the Strand Hotel, gave its annual banquet to its traveling representatives and office employees, and the occasion was a happy and enjoyable one. The spread was superb, embracing an abundance of the good things of life, served in the best style. Representatives of the company from all the States and Territories in the Union were present, and the reunion partook of the character of that of a happy family. Joseph L. Friedberg, of New York, president, acted as master of ceremonies. Many speeches were made, all of a highly encouraging character. It was universally conceded that the year now closing was the best in the history of the company, with bigger things in prospect for the future.

Social Events.

The week has been one of interesting social events. The most brilliant was the reception given last night by Professor and Mrs. Arthur Kyle Davis, in honor of the debut of their charming daughter, Miss Lucy McIlwaine Davis. All of the parlors were thrown into one, and were beautifully and elaborately decorated with palms and flowers. The color scheme was in red and green, symbolical of Christmas. The receiving party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kyle Davis, Miss Lucy McIlwaine Davis, Miss Alice Coleman Nelson, of Richmond, and Miss Mary Plummer McIlwaine, stood in the drawing room. With the receiving party were the house guests of Miss Davis—Miss Agnes Louise Reed, of Tampa, Fla., and Miss Annie Macon Potts, of Ashland. The brilliant company represented the cream of Petersburg's young society, and the evening, with its dancing, was an especially pleasant and enjoyable one.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Malone handily entertained friends at their home in South Sycamore Street yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. H. G. Leigh entertained the Five Hundred Club yesterday afternoon at the residence, 109 North Sycamore Street. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Preston Roper, Mrs. James D. Mason and Mrs. P. H. Drewry.

Personal and Otherwise. Miss Leta Hartley, who has been spending Christmas with her relatives here, will return to New York tomorrow.

Hubbard Field, of Panama, who has been visiting his father, Colonel E. M. Field, has returned to his home.

William E. Godsey, who died yesterday at his home in Henrico county, was a former resident of Petersburg, and a brother of R. H. Godsey, of this city.

Moses Anderson, an elderly colored man, fell from an electric car in Washington Street last night and was painfully hurt. He was taken to the hospital.

Pythians Elect Officers. Naomi Lodge, No. 30, Knights of

Notice to Physicians

Just received a supply of that wonderful drug "606," delivered anywhere on receipt of price, \$3.50 a tube. TARRANT, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va.

J. B. Mosby & Co.

Women's Hosiery and Gloves at special prices to-day.

THOS. A. REDDIN

Wishes to Announce He Has Moved His Funeral Parlors to 507 NORTH FIFTH STREET.

Pythians met last night and elected the following officers: Chancellor, Commander, W. I. Wheary, Vice-Chancellor, A. J. Saunders, Prelate, L. V. Norton; Master of Arms, W. T. Slaughter; Master of Finance, James T. Ellis; Master of Exchequer, J. R. W. Smith; Keeper of Records and Seal, J. E. Crowder; Inside Guard, C. G. Marks; Outside Guard, C. B. Williams; Master of Works, James T. Pritchard; Deputy Guard, C. L. Atkins; Representative to Grand Lodge, J. T. Ellis; Alternate, W. A. Baxter; Trustees, W. A. Baxter, W. I. Wheary and J. H. Timms.

Watch Night Services.

Watch night services will be held in several of the churches and in many of the homes in this city to-morrow night. The old year will be bidden a "good-bye" with all its memories, and the new year welcomed with bright hopes.

BOY SHOTS HIS BROTHER.

Did Not Know Pistol Was Loaded, and Wound Proves Fatal.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Norfolk, Va., December 30.—"Suppose you were a burglar," said David Dawson Gaskins, fourteen years of age, today, plotting by his father's self-acting revolver, "and I had caught you," pointing the pistol at his twelve-year-old brother, Millard, and pressing the trigger. The lad was horrified by a deafening report, and Millard fell to the ground, shot through the abdomen. He died a few minutes later, though medical assistance was summoned, but no assistance reached his side.

The boys are the sons of Thomas D. Gaskins, of 1514 County Street, and they were playing in the yard. They didn't know the pistol was loaded, and thought it necessary to cock it before it could be fired.

AGED MAN SHOTS BOY.

Resented Persistent Teasing, and Intended Fatal Wound.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bristol, Va., December 30.—Matthew Tims, eighteen years old, was fatally shot last evening by Robert Hill, an old man, whom he had been persistently teasing. The ball lodged near Tims's heart, and he died this morning. His body was buried in the cemetery. Hill, who was employed in the construction work on the Holston River Railway, at Stony Point, Tenn. Hill was arrested. Tims's body was brought here today, and he was sent to his mother at Fish Springs.

Waddell—Witholt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Charlottesville, Va., December 30.—The marriage of Miss Mary Louise Witholt to Donald Ellis Waddell, both of Charlottesville, was celebrated at Olivet Presbyterian Church, near Charlottesville, on Wednesday, December 29, at 2 P. M. The church was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being pink and white, with masses of evergreens. Rev. J. C. Painter, assisted by Rev. J. M. Lusk, performed the ceremony. Miss Jamie Witholt presided at the organ.

The groom's niece, little Miss Clotilda Waddell, in white silk with pink sash, carried the ring on a white satin pillow filled with the letters of the bride. Miss Myrtle Witholt attended as maid of honor.

The ushers were Raymond Gentry, Tucker Gentry, Frank Calhoun and Dr. J. M. Lusk.

The bride entered with her maid of honor, and was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, John A. Waddell. The bride wore a traveling suit of dark blue cloth, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Waddell left for the home of the groom's brother, in Scranton, Pa., and will be at home after January 4.

The ceremony at the church was preceded by a breakfast at the home of the bride, which was attended by the bride party and a few of the near relatives. The bride and groom were showered with the usual assortment of articles. The bride and groom were accompanied by a miscellaneous shower given by the bride at the home of Mrs. E. L. Calhoun, and many useful articles were received.

PAY DEARLY FOR HIS HOSPITALITY

Legless Man, Charged With Robbing Traveler, Arrested With Wife in Washington.

Accused of having robbed F. H. Dunn, representative of a Norfolk lumber company, of \$100 and a pistol, in their house, 426 East Broad Street some time Thursday night, J. G. Green and his wife are being held by the Washington police awaiting the arrival of Detective-Sergeant Wiley, who is here with the warrant yesterday afternoon. Because both of his legs are cut off to the knee, Green is better known around the city as "Shorty."

His marriage about two years ago was quite a talk. For several years he has sold pencils and shoeshines in the streets.

Dunn came into police headquarters yesterday morning with a useful tale. He said that he and "Shorty" had been drinking together the night before, and he had picked up quite a friendship.

When bed time came, the legless one became insistent in his hospitality. He wanted his new found friend to spend the night at his house and Dunn consented. He slept profoundly, and when they go up the first thought was to get a drink, for which Green insisted upon paying. At this time Dunn missed his money and asked "Shorty" about it. "Shorty" remembered "vaguely" that Dunn had given him \$100 to keep for him. The victim was not satisfied with this and put it up to him.

Green told him that he would have to go down the street to his employers, then they would go to meet him at a certain corner, and Dunn waited until he got very tired and more uneasy. Losing patience, he went back to Green's apartments, where he was informed that they had left on the morning train for Philadelphia.

He hurried to police headquarters where he told the story. Then Detective-Captain McMahon had to do some talking over the long distance telephone in order that Major Sylvester's men might be able to catch the pair. Fortunately it took but a few seconds to give such information as would positively identify him. Green and his wife fell into the hands of a waiting police, who took them in charge and notified the department here. Wiley left on the 5 P. M. train, armed with a warrant.

Engagement Announced.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fredericksburg, Va., December 30.—Mrs. Ida D. Dimes, of this city, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Dell Vernon Jaynes, to Dr. George W. Dimes, of New York City. The wedding will take place at the home of the prospective bride's mother in this city during January. Dr. Dimes is a prominent physician of New York, and is a Virginian by birth.

Minister's Home Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Harrisonburg, Va., December 30.—Fire from a defective flue this afternoon destroyed the home of Rev. Chas. M. Blair. The prominent minister and his family were sleeping in a bucket brigade and saved the barn and outbuildings.

The clothing of the pastor's seven children in a room was lost when the property is owned by Rev. D. H. Zeigler, of Broadway. Both are insured, but the loss is about \$1,000, with no insurance.

MAIL-CARRIERS TO PAY FULL FARE

Half Rate on Street Cars Will Not Be Granted After To-Morrow.

LIKELY TO AFFECT SERVICE

Postmaster Allan Formally Notified That Old Agreement Is at an End.

A serious problem concerning the question of fare for carriers now confronts the Richmond post-office. Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., has been notified by officers of the Virginia Railway and Power Company that after January 1 Uncle Sam's gray-coated messengers will have to pay 5 cents transportation, instead of half that rate. For years the postmen of Richmond have had to pay 2-1/2 cents, and the department pronounced this sum excessive, and would pay the fare of carriers only when necessary to ride ten or more blocks. Prior to the 1-2 cent rate a yearly contract price was paid the power company, and on this basis the uniforms were accepted as passes.

No Reason Assigned.

No reason has been assigned by the railway for this 50 per cent increase. Postmaster Allan has had several conferences with officials of the road since he received notification of the increase but has been unable to have them rescind their action.

"Nearly all of the street railways, especially those in the large cities," said Mr. Allan yesterday, "pass carriers in uniform as they do policemen and firemen. Although we have requested the local corporation to reconsider this action I have been unsuccessful. I cannot say whether it will affect the present delivery system, though it may be necessary to revise the present routes."

Full Service for Carriers.

Mr. Allan pointed out that in view of the economic situation of the Post-Office Department under the administration of Postmaster-General Hitchcock, double fare will not be looked upon with favor, and on account of the small appropriation for this purpose it is likely that retrenchment in some other direction, which may materially affect the local office, will have to be adopted.

Review of Trade.

New York, December 30.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade to-morrow will say: After a satisfactory retail holiday trade, business in nearly all branches is quiet, with the usual minor adjustments. The outlook, while not as promising for immediate activity as might be desired, contains none the less many elements of strength. The iron and steel trade is still confronted with a consumption of only half of the producing capacity, and the dry goods business with the problem of costs, but there is an absence of demoralizing speculation and overstocked shelves in all mercantile lines, while the agricultural prosperity of the past year and the general feeling of conservative confidence make conditions better than the trade statistics indicate. The financial situation as a whole is improved, and the prospect of the heavy dividend and interest disbursements due January 1 imparts greater briskness to the strictly investment market.

It was a seasonably quiet week in the primary dry goods market, with prices well maintained, but still generally close to or below the cost of production. In cotton goods cartilage of production is generally believed to be inevitable after the turn of the year, when present contracts expire. There is a slightly firmer tone to the market for the most kinds of domestic hides. Trade in leather continues dull. There is no change to report in footwear conditions, the market being quiet and featureless, as heretofore.

Poe—Medlin.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Weldon, Va., December 30.—Miss Carrie Medlin and Herbert McLean Poe were married here last night at half-past 9 o'clock, at the home of the bride. The ceremony was held immediately after the ceremony for a bridal trip to Florida.

Miss Medlin was the pretty stenographer in the law office of George C. Green.

Mr. Poe was formerly of Richmond, where he was employed by the Southern Express Company for years, but is now with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

Remarkable Christmas Present.

Among the curious Christmas presents of this year will be one for a man of national reputation, which has been all ready to be sent to him. It is a Way last January the present was decided upon, and a friend of the prominent gentleman requested the Burrelle Press Clipping Bureau, of New York, to watch every paper in America and to take up every item which appeared concerning the man.

The clipping bureau people followed instructions, and now present the history of one year in the life of this especial man.

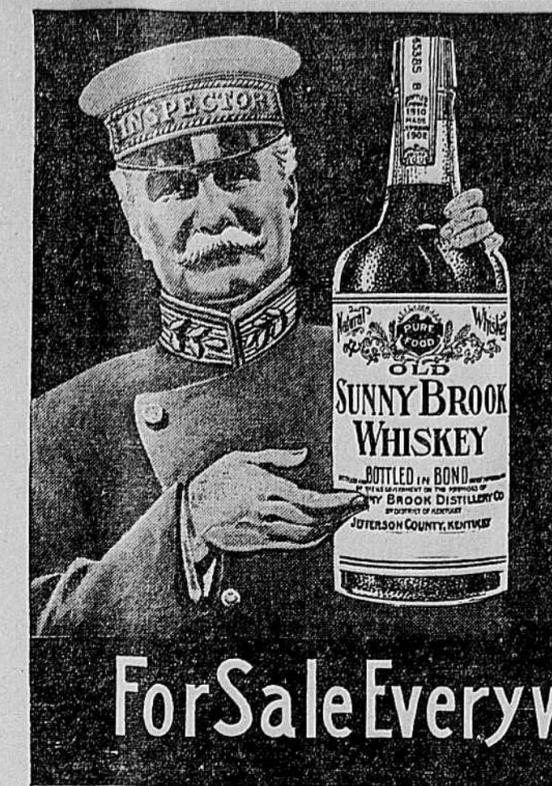
The history ends just after election, and the 23,422 newspaper items found include everything from a three-line editorial mention to full-page illustrated stories. These have been mounted on 3,200 great sheets of Irish linen paper and bound into three massive volumes.

At the head of each item is the name and date of paper clipped from, this information having been put in with a book typewriter. The words thus inserted amount to 184,853.

In actual time, a very strict record of which has been kept, the work has required sixty-four working days throughout the year, and has kept in employment during that time thirty people, as readers, clippers, sorters, printers and binders. Every newspaper of importance is represented.

This is merely a specimen of some of the unique orders which get into the Burrelle Bureau, for the extent to which clippings are used by individuals and by business concerns seems to be remarkable.

There are many people in private as well as in public life who need press-clippings and don't know it. It might be well for them to look up this man Burrelle, who is said to be a well known name in a letter which addressed "Burrelle, New York," will reach him with no delay.



His Fight Successful

WARREN S. STONE, Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to whom in large measure is due the increase of pay for Western trainmen.



TAX-PAYERS GET ONE MORE CHANGE

City Collector's Office Open Today and Monday to Help Save Delinquents.

Today is the last day of the city year. It is also the last day for the payment of the last half of city taxes, unless the tax-payer is willing to have a percentage added for delinquency.

Anticipating a rush of the late ones who put off such matters until the last, City Collector Frank W. Cunningham has arranged to keep his office open all day, notwithstanding the ordinary Saturday half holiday, and he and his deputies will be present to serve those who have failed heretofore to settle.

Captain Cunningham proposes to allow even another day of grace. Monday is a legal and general holiday, and the new city year does not begin until the opening of business on Tuesday morning. The office of the City Collector will be open all day Monday for those who wish to pay up and not be reported delinquent, and so avoid the penalty and the publication of their names in the delinquent columns.

Those who wish can come and settle for their dues to the city. Those who are indifferent can settle later with Delinquent Tax Collector Walford, with 5 per cent added, or can have their property sold to the land-grabbers.

CHARTERS ISSUED

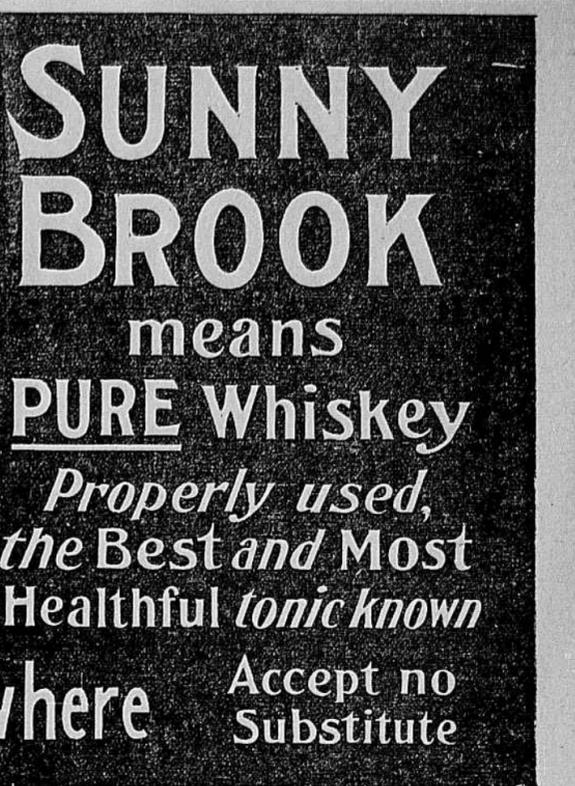
The following charters were issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission: Kenbridge Handle and Spoke Company (Inc.), Kenbridge, Va. J. M. Harris, president; A. H. Temple, vice-president; F. W. Clark, secretary and treasurer. Capital, \$50,000. Objects: Manufacturing and handling business.

Better Health

A Pleasing Sense of Health and Strength Renewed and of Ease and Comfort

follows the use of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, as it acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, when constipated, or bilious, and dispels colds and headaches.

To get its beneficial effects, always buy the genuine, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.



AUDITOR REPLIES TO CRITICISMS

Judge Dew Issues Statement Regarding Appointment of Bookkeeper.

Second Auditor John G. Dew yesterday issued the following statement regarding the criticisms of his official conduct made by the Joint Auditing Committee of the General Assembly, in its report to the Governor:

"While I neither seek nor desire to be drawn into a newspaper controversy in regard to any legitimate criticism of my official conduct, yet feeling that the report of the Auditing Committee of the legislature of Virginia, which was published in your paper of yesterday, is misleading and unfair, not to say unjust, in its criticism of the office of Second Auditor of Virginia, I have been urged by friends to make a plain statement of the facts, so that the public may decide if there has been any ground for judgment in the premises which would justify such severe criticism at the hands of the committee.

Has No Fault. "The appointment of clerks in every department is the sole prerogative of the head of each, and he of all others is most vitally interested in procuring the best and most efficient service, which the appropriation given the office will afford. The office had been up to the last session of the legislature provided with four clerks, viz., first clerk, \$1,400; and two other clerks, at \$1,100 each.

"It was as much as this small force could do to discharge the daily routine work of the office and make proper entries on the subsidiary book carrying accounts of the various funds administered in the office. The work of the office has greatly increased, in large part perhaps through the cost of litigation. The clerical force has done excellent work, observed longer hours than those prescribed by law, and has been paid comparatively small salaries. I recognized the importance several years ago of having a general bookkeeper for the office, to take the accounts and transactions of the office might be carried on one general ledger, and sought an appropriation therefor at the hands of the legislature.

Accountant Engaged. "In anticipation of the last legislative term, and upon the urgent recommendation of the Joint Auditing Committee and the accountant employed by the committee, the Governor engaged the said accountant, with the aid of an expert bookkeeper, to take the necessary books to carry all the accounts of the several funds under the control of the Second Auditor, with the hope and expectation that provision would be made by the Legislature at the approaching session for an appropriation for the salary of the competent bookkeeper in said office.

"The Senate Finance Committee considered the proposition to appropriate the salary of the bookkeeper at the present session, and after inquiry, fixed the sum of \$2,000 as the least amount that would be necessary to engage the service of such a bookkeeper as was contemplated. When the appropriation bill was passed it carried an appropriation for the salary of the bookkeeper in the office of Second Auditor. When the appointment had to be made I consulted the salary of the bookkeeper who had opened up the books and installed the new system, and the most expert bookkeeper of whom I knew, and he was recommended and advised the appointment of Mr. Marshall, who was a good accountant, thoroughly acquainted with the records of the office, and the several funds handled in the office, and, besides, had qualified himself under the instructions of the special auditor, to take the accounts, and set up the several accounts as to the bookkeeping feature of the work; and, further, he would advise me as to the amount of any time it might be desired.

Appointed Bookkeeper. "Under those circumstances, Mr. Marshall resigned his clerkship and I appointed him bookkeeper with the salary as provided under the appropriation bill of \$1,800, upon which basis he has been regularly paid, and no part of same has been diverted to any other use or purpose. The other clerks were designated at the salaries attached to same. The next clerk below was advanced to Mr. Marshall's former salary, and the bookkeeper, who had been appointed, was advanced to that position. In selecting a fourth clerk I was fortunate in finding one who is also a competent stenographer, which, in my opinion, is a desirable feature, and at the same time saves the expense of a special stenographer, which would be a heavy burden on every public as well as private office.

"From the foregoing it will readily be seen that there has been no diversion of funds for the purpose of increasing salaries, and no appointment of a stenographer, 'an office created without authority or law.' But on the contrary, the spirit as well as the letter of the appropriation act have been followed, and the sequence has shown that the work of the office has been promptly and efficiently discharged, and up to the present time I have had no occasion to doubt the wisdom of the selections made."

One Man Shoots Another. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Roanoke, Va., December 30.—Newly arrived here to-day from Wallers Ford, in Henry county, of the killing there yesterday of Taylor Kenner, a highly respected farmer of that section, by his brother, Peter Kendrick. The men were rabbit hunting in the woods near the farm, and accidentally, the load taking effect in Taylor's breast and abdomen.

Store Burned by Robbers. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bristol, Va., December 30.—Investigation reveals that the burning of James H. Calhoun's store, in Sullivan county, near the Virginia line, before daylight Thursday, was the work of robbers, the safe having been robbed of \$2,000. The loss is \$2,000, with \$1,500 insurance.

World's Cotton Supply. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) New York, December 30.—Newly issued statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued to-day, shows the total visible to be 6,293,872 bales for the week ending 24th inst., against 6,495,316 last week. Of this, the total of American cotton is 4,285,979 bales, against 4,692,225 last week, and 3,990,216 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 2,007,893 bales, against 1,802,897 last week, and 1,012,000 against 874,000 last year. Or the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 5,715,000 bales, against 5,715,000 last year, and 2,260,000 last year, in India, 333,000 against 304,000 last year, and in the United States 1,559,000 against 1,552,000 last year.

Man Accidentally Kills Brother. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Roanoke, Va., December 30.—Newly received here to-day from Wallers Ford, in Henry county, of the killing there yesterday of Taylor Kenner, a highly respected farmer of that section, by his brother, Peter Kendrick. The men were rabbit hunting in the woods near the farm, and accidentally, the load taking effect in Taylor's breast and abdomen.

AN OLD ADAGE SAYS

"A light purse is a heavy curse." Sickness makes a light purse. THE LIVER is the seat of nine tenths of all disease.

go to the root of the whole matter, thoroughly, quickly safely and restore the action of the LIVER to normal condition. Give tone to the system and solid flesh to the body. Take No Substitute.

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