

SAFE OF BROKER RIFLED BY THIEF

Between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in Stocks and Bonds Recovered During Day.

MONEY AND JEWELRY MISSING

Negro Man Probably Fatally Shot by Boy—Other Petersburg News.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau. 5 Bollingbrook Street. Telephone 1453. Petersburg, December 27. The safe in the store of Rodgers, McCabe & Co., commission brokers, on Swanboro Street, was opened and robbed last night of between \$25,000 and \$30,000 of bonds and stocks belonging to the firm, \$40 in money, a gold watch and some jewelry, and a diamond belonging to Frank T. Plummer, manager of the Petersburg branch of the company's business, valued at \$175.

The thief gained entrance to the building through a rear cellar window, and ascended to the main floor through the elevator opening. The safe had been, as was frequently the case, left half locked, of which fact the thief was evidently cognizant, and the door was easily opened without injury to the safe. Other indications connected with the robbery point to the fact that the thief was familiar with the inner arrangements of the store. The contents of the safe were this morning found scattered in confusion on the floor and the strong box containing the bonds, money and other valuables was gone. It had been taken out bodily and carried away.

This morning early Mortimer Williams, while on his way from home to his place of business, discovered the bonds and stocks scattered along the side of the railroad track on Madison Street, some distance away from the store of the robbery, and identifying the ownership by the names on them, promptly returned them to the store. All of the bonds and stocks were thus recovered with the exception of two—one for \$1,000 and one for \$200. These were found by other parties later. But the thief held to the money, which, the ring and jewelry, and these have never yet been found.

Two colored porters employed at the store were taken into custody by the police to-day on suspicion of connection with the robbery. One of them was subsequently released, but the other is held for further investigation. The police are actively at work on the case, with the expectation that the matter will be successfully cleared up.

A little daughter of John Wood, a merchant on South Avenue, was struck by an automobile yesterday afternoon, and while not seriously injured, was painfully bruised. David Moody was badly burned about the face and head last night on Main street, in Blanford, by the sudden ignition and explosion of some yellow powder, which had been placed on the sidewalk. It is a mystery how the powder was exploded, and the boy does not know.

Probably Fatally Shot. While reaching for a .22 caliber gun on Christmas Eve near Cook's Bridge, on the border line of Prince George and Surry Counties, Charles Gilchrist, a small negro boy, shot and probably fatally wounded a colored man named Peter Harris. The ball entered the groin of the injured man, and has not been removed. Harris' condition is said to be critical. The shooting was accidental, but the result of carelessness.

Pythians Elect Officers. At the regular meeting of Naomi Lodge, No. 39, Knights of Pythias, last night officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: Chancellor, S. A. Jordan; vice-chancellor, J. G. Woodall; prelate, E. H. Titmus; master of work, W. T. Slaughter; keeper of records and seal, Walter E. Eanes; master of finance, A. J. Saunders; master of exchequer, J. R. W. Smith; master-at-arms, H. E. Talbot; inside guard, G. L. English; outside guard, W. W. Andrews; representative to Grand Lodge, W. I. Wherry; alternate, J. W. Norton; deputy grand chancellor, L. A. Adkins; trustees—E. H. Titmus, W. T. Slaughter and W. A. Baxter.

Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will publicly dedicate their handsome new Castle Hall on the evening of January 3, on which occasion a number of the grand officers will be present. Personal and Otherwise. On Christmas night in Richmond, the Rev. A. E. Love, of this city, officiating. Miss Florence Dodson, formerly of Petersburg, was married to Henry L. Short, of Asheville, N. C. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southside Fair Association, scheduled for last night, was not held for want of a quorum. The meeting was postponed to January 15. James D. Mason, the courteous teller of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, is seriously ill at his home in Union Street in heart trouble. The condition of Harry M. Rogers,

RECENTLY OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

at the Petersburg Hospital, shows so much improvement that he will soon return to his home. A negro named Banks, wanted in Dinwiddie County for felonious shooting, was arrested and jailed in this city last night, just as he was about to take a northbound train. J. H. Perkins announces the marriage of his daughter, Miss Margaret Claiborne Perkins, to George Herman Allen, which took place in Washington yesterday. Both bride and bridegroom have many friends in this city.

This morning a .22 calibre rifle bullet was fired through the window of a South Swanboro Street residence, by whom is not known. Fortunately no one was struck. The American Bank and Trust Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent on its capital stock.

Death of a Young Dinwiddian. Poythress E. Ragsdale, aged twenty-seven years, a well known citizen and lumber dealer of Dinwiddie County, died shortly before noon to-day in the Petersburg Hospital of pneumonia. He had only been in the hospital a few days. The body will be taken to his late home in the county to-morrow for burial. Deceased was the son of R. H. Ragsdale, of DeWitt, and was widely known and popular in the county.

Citizen Paralyzed. Virgil H. a well known citizen, is ill in his home on St. Andrew Street, the result of paralysis with which he was stricken this morning. His condition is thought to be serious.

SEPARATE STAMPS FOR PARCELS POST

Will Go on Sale Wednesday, Along With Panama-Pacific Variety.

The Panama-Pacific commemorative stamps, bearing the likeness of the Gatun Locks and the Golden Gate, will not be the only new stamps placed on sale at Uncle Sam's post-office on January 1. The new parcel post stamps—several varieties of them, according to value—will be ready for distribution at the local office and elsewhere on the same date. The inauguration of the parcel post on next Wednesday will mark the abandonment of two principles which have hitherto been cardinal points in the postal system of the United States. The one of them is the employment of the zone system, abolishing the former fixed charge for all distances.

The second is the introduction of the separate stamps for parcels, which discontinues the previous practice of honoring all stamps equally for the transportation of all matter. It so happens that the Panama stamps and the parcel post stamps are placed on sale at the same time, but the former are commemorative of an event, while the latter are an event in themselves. Very stringent regulations have been prescribed by the Post-Office Department for the use of the parcel post stamps. They will be good only when affixed to parcels, and fourth-class matter will be mailable only when it bears the parcel post stamps.

The fourth-class matter mail system with the commemorative stamps attached will be "held for postage." It will not be delivered unless the addressee furnishes the necessary parcel post stamps.

Description of Stamps. The images engraved on the new stamps will differ widely from those appearing on the older forms. Instead of bearing the likenesses of men renowned in the nation's history, they will represent the different phases of the postal service in a graphic manner, and also some of the industries which will profit most by the new system. The stamps will be larger than those of the regular stamps, measuring one by one and one-half inches between the perforation lines. The color will be green for all denominations.

The 1-cent stamp will represent a post-office clerk; the 2-cent stamp, a railway postal clerk; the 4-cent stamp, a mail carrier; the 6-cent stamp, a mail train; the 10-cent stamp, a steamship and mail tender; the 15-cent stamp, an automobile in the postal service; the 20-cent stamp, an aeroplane carrying mail; a 25-cent stamp, the manufacturing industry; the 30-cent variety, dairying; the 35-cent kind, harvesting; and the \$1 stamp, fruit growing.

In a curved panel across the top of the stamps will be inscribed the words "U. S. Parcel Post." The denomination of each stamp will be printed in each lower corner, with the words "one cent" or "Dollar" between. There will be the usual ornamentation, and the subject of the picture will be given.

ERROR ALLOWED

Philip Levy & Co. Wins Appeal in Suit from Norfolk Court. A writ of error and certiorari was granted yesterday by the Supreme Court of Appeals to Philip Levy and Harry Levy, partners, doing business under the style of Philip Levy & Co., plaintiffs, in a common law action of detinue against Gertrude Davis, brought up from the Law and Chancery Court of the city of Norfolk. The suit, which was decided adversely to the plaintiffs on December 8, 1912, involves \$2,000 worth of furniture and personal property said Gertrude Davis.

THE HUNDRED SIT AT BANQUET

Masons Have Banquet. St. John's Night is Celebrated With Century-Old Custom.

Men on the Road Quick to Accept Invitations to Big Chamber Dinner.

Will Just Fill Auditorium. Reception Committee of Nineteen Business Men Will Welcome Travelers.

From the rate at which the traveling men of Richmond are accepting the invitations to the big Chamber of Commerce dinner, which will be given to-night at 7 o'clock in the Jefferson Hotel Auditorium, Secretary Dunlop estimated yesterday afternoon that about 500 persons would be in attendance. This is just the number which the auditorium can accommodate at dinner tables in a comfortable manner.

When the guests arrive attired, according to specifications sent out by the committee on arrangements, in the garments they would wear if going after a big order, they will be greeted and assigned to their seats by a reception committee composed of nineteen of Richmond's business men.

The committee will include the following: W. Meade Addison, H. S. Hinwanger, Samuel Cohen, John G. Corley, John C. Esley, C. Herbert Hunter, Julian H. Hill, John H. Miller, Jr., S. T. Morgan, John B. Pinder, Charles G. Reed, W. F. Richardson, Jr., J. F. Ryland, G. J. Sands, Fritz Sitterding, Edmund Strudwick, Warren P. Taylor, Gordon Wallace, and J. L. Wingo.

Many Speakers on Program. Besides this committee, the persons present will be limited to the speakers, the arranged committee representatives of the city, and the salesmen. In the latter class will be included only those who travel for firms that have membership in the Chamber of Commerce. The size of the building makes it impossible to invite additional persons.

In the publication of the list of speakers given yesterday, the name of C. L. Coleman, a representative of the Travelers' Protective Association, was omitted. Mr. Coleman will take his place along with the other speakers in alphabetical order, immediately after Julius C. Lewitt, of the Retail Merchants' Association, and before George L. Reed, of the United Commercial Travelers. He will speak on "The Commercial Traveler and the Community Spirit."

The other speakers will be mentioned in another column. They are Mayor Ansley, Vice-President W. T. Reed, of the Chamber of Commerce; Horace E. Smith, of the Richmond Merchants' Club; Thomas P. Ryan, president of the Business Men's Club, and W. T. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dabney has undertaken to say "What the Other Speakers Did Not Say." President T. M. Carrington, who will act as master of ceremonies will lead off the program with a talk on "The Relation of the Chamber to the Traveling Men."

A Boost for Richmond. The oratory will not be the only article for general consumption at the tables, for orders have been given for a Christmas feast that will be served in the country hotels to which some of the guests must go again next week, forever in the shade. The menu will be substantially the same as that served several weeks ago at the get-together dinner attended by the entire membership of the Chamber of Commerce.

The expectation of the promoters of the banquet now is that it will be the biggest affair of its kind ever pulled off in Richmond. While the dinner is being given for the prime purpose of entertaining the men who push Richmond products in the surrounding territory, it is expected to react favorably on the growing trade of the city, since it will serve to bring Richmond's traveling boosters closer together.

The fact that every salesman, whether he reside in Richmond or out in the territory which he covers is invited to the banquet, is looked upon as especially significant, since the man who sells Richmond goods must always be regarded as an essential factor in the city's commercial development.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Fair Saturday and probably Sunday.

Table with weather data for various locations including Richmond, Norfolk, and other nearby cities, listing temperature, wind, and precipitation.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Table with weather data for various cities including Asheville, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, and others, listing temperature, wind, and precipitation.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. HIGH TIDE: Morning 7:43, Evening 8:10.

News of South Richmond

MASONS HAVE BANQUET

St. John's Night is Celebrated With Century-Old Custom. St. John's night was celebrated last night by Manchester Lodge No. 14, A. F. and A. M., with appropriate exercises, followed by a banquet in the lodge rooms in Masonic Temple, Co. Ward Avenue and Hull Street. As has been the custom for more than a century, the chief dish was fat, juicy possums, served with baked sweet potatoes. The supper, prepared by Sergeant J. G. Saunders, steward of the organization, was thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of members and several prominent visitors.

The committee that had charge of the arrangements consisted of Ben P. Owen, Captain A. S. Wright, J. G. Saunders, H. A. Maurice, W. F. Bryce, W. J. Morrisette, T. H. Fisher, J. J. Fry, G. W. Reams and W. J. Lewis.

Syrian's Case in Continued.

Owing to the condition of his victim, the case of James Kouri, a Syrian, charged with feloniously assaulting Abraham Watkins, colored, was continued yesterday by Squire S. G. Cowan in the Swanboro Magistrate's Court. Watkins, while recovering from his wounds, was too weak to attend court. He is still confined to his bed. Herbert and Mosby Wilkinson, both colored, were fined \$2.50 and costs on a charge of fighting.

Skinner Colwell, colored, for disorderly conduct, was assessed the same amount.

Have Annual Entertainments.

Many Southside churches held their annual Christmas entertainments last night. At the Decatur Street Methodist Church an extra elaborate program was well rendered by the children of the Sunday school. Donations for the Methodist Orphanage were also received.

Each member of the Wesley Bible Class of the Central Methodist Church was the recipient of a handsome gift. The exercises were brief but well chosen. Judge Ernest H. Wells made the presentation address.

The Sunday school of the Clepton Street Baptist Church last night held the annual entertainment. A handsome tree, heavily laden with gifts for the little ones, was an added attraction to the attractive program.

Entertains Card Party.

Miss Emily Fitzgerald entertained a number of friends Thursday night at a card party at her home, Eleventh and Porter Streets. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a delightful evening was enjoyed. Miss Frances Humphrey and Hansford Gregory were awarded first prizes.

Chop of Fingers.

While chopping kindling wood yesterday morning, A. V. Brodie, who maintains a cleaning and pressing establishment at Thirteenth and Hull streets, accidentally hacked off a portion of the index finger of his left hand. The severed member was cast into the stove with the wood before its loss was discovered. The injured digit was treated by his family physician.

Thief Robs Highway.

A sneak thief, presumably a negro, last night at 8:30 o'clock, was discovered in the hallway at the home of Mrs. M. I. Brooks, 1907 Porter Street. Before he had a chance to escape, the premises his presence was discovered. He dashed for the door with a woman's blue serge coat, which was on the coat rack, and succeeded in making good his escape before the arrival of the police, who were summoned by telephone.

Mrs. Laura S. Garnett.

Mrs. Laura S. Garnett, widow of Dr. Thomas N. Garnett, a prominent Southside physician, died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Retreat For the Sick, after an illness of one week. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bernard P. Watson.

The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. Rev. F. Ernest Warren, rector of the church will officiate. The interment will be in Maury Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE W. BIDDLE.

Funeral services over the body of George W. Biddle, who died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock in the home of his daughter, Miss A. D. Biddle, of 206 Stockton Street, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the grave in Maury Cemetery. Mr. Biddle was in his seventy-third year. He leaves three daughters, Miss Biddle, Mrs. Landon Green and Mrs. L. A. Mann. He is also survived by one brother, F. C. Biddle, and one son, S. C. Biddle.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SNEED.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances Sneed, who died Thursday morning, was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Drumheller, 803 Porter Street. The services were conducted by Rev. W. B. Ball, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church. The burial was in Maury Cemetery.

HURST-DE BRITO.

News was received in this city yesterday of the marriage in Washington of Miss Agnes De Brito, daughter of Joachim T. De Brito, of 202 East Twelfth Street, to Hugh P. Hurst, of prominent Southside druggist. The ceremony was performed Thursday morning. After a brief wedding trip the young couple will make their home here.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Misses Anna and Lennie Talbot, of Rocky Mount, N. C., are visiting their cousin, Miss Addie Talbot, of 414 Mark Street.

Miss Rosa Garnett, of Farmville, is the guest of Mrs. B. P. Watson, of 1514 Hull Street.

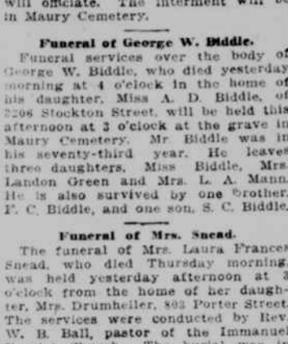
Mrs. Augusta Volmer, formerly of Chesterfield County, is seriously ill at her home in Hoboken, N. J., according to advices received by Southside relatives. When she gains sufficient strength to make the trip, she will become the guest of her sister, Mrs. Alvin Wareham, at her country home "Shady Lawn," on the new Broad Rock Road, in Chesterfield County.

Percy Jenkins, a former Southside boy who has been spending the holidays with his relatives in this city, has returned to his home in Roanoke.

George DuVal, of Lancaster, Pa., who spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. H. E. DuVal, has returned to his home.

Merle Bemiss, who recently accepted a position with the Engineering Corps of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, with headquarters in West Virginia, is the guest of his parents.

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HOOKWORM WORK BREAKS RECORD

5,000 Examined of Caroline's 16,000 Population—Lowest Ratio of Infections.

With the final report which was rendered yesterday afternoon concerning the month's work in the eradication of the hookworm in Caroline County, the State Department of Health is looking for statistics on this work to see if all records for the South have not been shattered by the dispensary's operations in Caroline.

The most important facts in regard to the Caroline dispensary are, first, that a total of 4,848 persons were examined for the presence of the devastating hookworm, and second, that only 956 cases of infection were found and treated out of the enormous number of patients examined. The percentage of infections found was nineteen, which is the lowest ratio by far yet found in any Virginia counties in which the hookworm dispensary has been operated. Bedford formerly held this record with twenty-odd per cent of infections.

To the health experts, perhaps a more vital phase of the report is the fact that out of a total population of 16,596 people in Caroline County, 4,848 applied for examination in one short month. In other words, 29 per cent of the population took advantage of the opportunity to be examined and treated for hookworm at the expense of the State. This is believed to be a record for the whole South.

The Caroline County Free Hookworm Dispensary was established through the co-operation of the Rockefeller Hookworm Commission, the State Department of Health, the State Department of Education and the Board of Supervisors of Caroline County. Dr. E. E. Worrell, of the State Department of Health, was in charge of the work, and was assisted by other men from the department. On a single day 423 persons were examined in Caroline County, breaking all records for the State.

The department will immediately take up the question of where the dispensary is to be operated next. It is not probable that the work will be undertaken in any other county until the weather becomes warmer.

WALDO WAS NOT SURE OF ANYONE

Police Commissioner Had No Confidence in Single Man in His Department.

New York, December 27.—"Are you sure of Becker?" "I am not sure of any one at police headquarters."

This is the question which former Commissioner of Accounts Woodick to-day told the aldermanic committee investigating the police department that he asked Police Commissioner Waldo early this year, and the answer which he declared Mr. Waldo made.

Former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, referred to by Mr. Woodick, was recently convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, and is now confined in the death house in Sing Sing.

"Early in the year," Mr. Woodick declared, "I told the police commissioner I had been getting a large number of complaints regarding Lieutenant Becker, and they came in such numbers that we were uneasy about him. He was not sure of any one at headquarters, but that under the system by which the men watched each other closely, and jealousy, he thought it would be impossible to carry on such operations. I told him I did not know any papers in America and we found it hard to run the rumor down."

The clipping bureau people followed instructions, and now get into the Bureau every day in the life of this special man.

REMARKABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Among the curious Christmas presents of this year will be one for a man of national reputation, which has been all year in the making.

The history ends just after election, and the 25,442 newspaper items found, including every thing, 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 being done by means of a special book typewriter. The words thus inserted amount to 153,352.

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 runners, clerks, sorters, packers and binders. Every newspaper of importance is represented.

This is merely a specimen of some of the unique orders which get into the Bureau, for the extent to which 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, Burdette, who it is said to be so well known that a letter simply addressed "Burdette, New York," will reach him with no delay. (Advertisement.)

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Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text: 'Indoor Occupations of every kind prevent the freedom of sunlight exercise which nature intended, and vital body-forces are slowly reduced. Scott's Emulsion is the concentrated pure food-medicine to check this decline. It refreshes the body by making healthy blood and is nature's greatest aid to fortify the lungs and prevent tuberculosis. Scott's Emulsion makes energy, health and strength.'

Advertisement for Baker Bros. Text: 'SEE Baker Bros.'

Advertisement for Baker Bros. restaurant menu. Text: 'BAKER BROS. 8 W. Broad St. Best Pot Roast 9c and 10c Sirloin Steak 16c Round Steak 15c Chuck Steak 11c Stewing Beef 8c Pork Chops 17c Regular Hams 17c Picnic Hams 14c Best Block Butter 38c Best Butterine 25c Hamburger Steak 10c Pan Sausage 11c Pickled Tripe 7c Pickled Pig Feet 7c Frankfort, Bologna, Garlic and Smoked Liver Sausage 12c'