

NEWS FROM SUFFOLK AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA

EVIDENCE ALL IN.

The Wells Railroad Damage Suit In Hands of the Jury.

Henry Britt Being Tried On a Serious Charge—Fire in Gates County—Death of Miss Eley—To Rebuild Dry Kilns.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Suffolk, Va., July 3.—After six days' consideration of the Wells railroad damage suit, the jury was to-night adjourned till Thursday. They now have the case, argument having been finished, and they will return that day and try to arrive at a verdict.

William Wells, a brakeman on the Norfolk and Western railroad, was killed in a wreck at Lake Kibby June 9 of last year. His people asked for \$10,000.

The day was occupied chiefly with a long string of argument, which did not conclude till after 7 o'clock. There were about seven hours of pleading, which means a great deal this sort of weather. The attorneys came like this: Judge Kilby, Mr. Bernard, Mr. Holland, Judge Mann, Mr. Eney.

After the examination of witnesses Morgan and Angell instructions were gone into and finished about 11 o'clock.

EXPENSIVE WRECK. The wreck at Lake Kibby was very expensive to the railroad company. Aside from the great damage to property, the cost of litigation comes high. Fireman William J. Pool's administrator, Rev. E. T. Dadmun, of Petersburg, got a verdict for \$5,000 for his death. His said that the relatives of Engineer Clayton who met death at the same time, will not bring suit, the matter having been satisfactorily adjusted on the outside.

An appeal was taken in Pool's case.

THE BUCKHORN TROUBLE.

There was a rather large sized bunch of legal paraphernalia at Buckhorn to-day. The outfit, barring the principals in the case and constables, consisted of three magistrates—all well seasoned, and four lawyers—two of ripe experience, and two of the younger sort, but all good people.

Joe Henry Britt was there on the charge of betraying Miss Cora Butler, nineteen years old. She is a good-looking young woman. Miss Butler and Britt expected to get married last winter. I think February was the time set.

The alleged betrayal which brought about an indefinite postponement of nuptials, and then culminated in a court of justice, happened about November of last year.

LIVELY TIME AMONG LAWYERS.

The following additional facts of the case were received early this morning: After mature deliberation the four justices agreed about 10 o'clock to-night that Britt should be acquitted. The defense sought to break down the character of the prosecutrix, notwithstanding some witnesses swore as to her previous good reputation. One of the attorneys, who returned to Suffolk between 11 and 12 o'clock to-night, said there were several fights on the outside and a spirited episode inside the courtroom. Lawyer William S. Holland, of Gilligan trial fame, and Algy Butler, a witness, were rising from their seats and were about to "mix" when spectators interfered. While referring to a previous difficulty in which Butler took part, the witness said that he had been shot in the head instead of the foot. Then Butler said something bad about the lawyer. The attorneys were Mr. Holland and Mr. Withers for the prosecution and Judge Rawles and Mr. Everett for the defense. Mr. Withers says there was a big crowd and much excitement, and when he left at a late hour feeling was not yet allayed.

FIRE IN GATES COUNTY.

The lumber plant of George Rountree, at Willow, Gates county, N. C., took fire early last Friday morning and was burned. The sawmill, planing-mill and a small quantity of lumber were destroyed. The blaze was first discovered about 2 o'clock in the morning. Its origin is not known. The loss is \$250,000, no insurance. Rountree is expected to rebuild.

MISS ELEY'S DEATH.

Miss Josephine Eley died about 7 o'clock this evening at her home, No. 89 Kibby street. She had been ill with fever since Friday of last week. The deceased was a member of the Christian Church, and was a good Christian lady.

She was a daughter of the late Colonel William Eley. The deceased is survived by four sisters and four brothers—Mrs. Virginia Portlock, Mrs. Virtie Duke, Mrs. Dora Kilby, Miss Minnie Eley, William Francis, William Walter, William and William Andrew Eley.

ABOUT REBUILDING KILNS.

President R. Rowland Moore, of the Suffolk Sawmill Company, returns to-day from Maryland, where he went to see his family and also on business. Mr. Moore says the dry kilns recently burned will likely be rebuilt, but nothing definite can be stated as yet. Though the kilns belonged to the Gay Manufacturing Company the sawmill company's contract requires that they be rebuilt. It is the intention to have fewer and larger kilns next time.

NEWS OF PERSONS.

Miss Mary Scott, daughter of former Sheriff Andrew Scott, of Greenwood, Jackson county, Fla., and a niece of Mr. Rufus Scott, of Nanse-

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NEWPORT NEWS.

Suicide of Foreman Hite, of the Evening Telegram.

A Very Sad and Unaccountable Affair—A Young Man Sends His Soul Into Eternity Without Apparent Cause—The City's New Officers—A New Organ.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Newport News, Va., July 3.—One of the saddest, and at the same time, most unaccountable cases of suicide that has occurred in Newport News for some time is that of E. L. Hite, that occurred yesterday at his room in the Elkton, on Lafayette avenue.

Mr. Hite had a room in the Elkton and took his meals with Mr. Joe Collins in the same building. About noon to-day Mrs. Collins rang the bell for dinner and as Mr. Hite did not come down she supposed him to be asleep, and sent Charlie Gilliland, a boy 11 years old, living with her, up to call him.

The boy, after receiving no answer, opened the door and looked in. He discovered Mr. Hite lying on the bed and became frightened and ran down stairs and told Mrs. Collins that he was in the bed with a pistol lying by his side. Mr. W. Lewis, the bartender at the Elkton, who rooms with Hite, was summoned and went into the room.

When he entered he discovered Hite lying across the bed, all of his clothes except his coat and vest, which were neatly folded and lying on a chair. A .38 calibre Harrington & Richardson pearl-handle revolver was lying by his side.

Directly in the center of his breast was a wound that must have produced death almost instantly. Deputy Sergeant Herndon was summoned immediately, and he took possession of the room until Coroner Gary could arrive. In the absence of any known reason for his act, it has been suggested that the pistol might have gone off accidentally.

This is a plausible theory and deserves equally as much credence, in view of the facts developed up to the present time, as the suicide theory.

Mr. Hite was young, not about 30 years old, and regarded as one of the most efficient workmen in his line in the city. He came to this city about three years ago, where he leaves a mother, Mrs. Alva Hamilton, a brother, Clifton Hite, at present employed on the Staunton News, and an uncle, Dr. Hite.

Mr. Hite has always been an ardent advocate and supporter of labor unions. He was until recently treasurer of the Typographical Union, delegate from the Typographical Union to the Central Labor Union, and was recently a delegate to the State Federation of Labor, which met at Richmond. He was also secretary of the Knights of the Mystic Chain and financial secretary of the Newport News General Hospital Association.

Mr. Hite was for many months past foreman on the Evening Telegram of this city.

Arrangements for the funeral were made by the Typographical Union, and the remains sent to Staunton for burial.

NEW CITY OFFICERS.

To-day all of the newly-elected city officials assume their duties and take possession of their offices.

While they are newly elected, there are only two of them who are new officials.

Mayor Moss, City Sergeant Millstead and Commonwealth Attorney Robinson are all old hands at their business, and Commissioner of Revenue Crump and Constable Lipscomb are starting in on new experiences.

Of the new faces that will appear in the council, Messrs. Frankfort and Montgomery are without experience in the legislative halls, but will have to familiarize themselves with the intricate workings of that body.

The newly-elected officials had all qualified by Saturday, Councilman Davis being the last to do so. His term of office began July 1, but as that was Sunday to-day was the first opportunity they had to make their appearance in their new roles.

A NEW ORGAN.

The handsome new Hook & Hastings pipe organ, which has been under construction at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, on Thirty-fourth street, between Washington and Lafayette avenues, for some weeks past, will be in use for the first time next Sunday.

The organ is said to be one of the finest and sweetest in the State, and the vesting choir, for a choral service next Sunday, when the pipe organ will be opened. During the present week the finishing touches will be put on the instrument, and it will be ready, in all probability, by Wednesday or Thursday.

WILLIAMSBURG.

SUCCESSFUL BANK PAY 29 PER CENT. IN SIX MONTHS. (Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Williamsburg, Va., July 3.—Among the visitors here during the week were John A. Barnes, chairman of the James City Democratic committee, and Edward Goffigan, chairman of the Democratic party in York.

These veteran politicians while in town talked a little politics with their friends, and in speaking of the chances in this section of the different gentlemen whose names are mentioned in connection with the Congressional nomination, Mr. Barnes said he thought James City would send Tyler delegates, while from York the news as brought by Chairman Goffigan was very favorable to Hon. E. E. Montague, of Hampton.

Williamsburg will send a delegation favorable to the nomination of Hon. D. G. Tyler, though H. L. Maynard, of Portsmouth, has many friends in this section. They may be able to give him the vote of the upper peninsula counties should Tyler be dropped.

The Democrats in these parts want the convention held not later than the middle of August. They prefer Ocean View as the place.

PETERSBURG.

FIRE AT PARHAM'S STORE—NEW COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Petersburg, Va., July 3.—A day or two ago fire occurred at Parham's store, in Sussex county, a short distance from Stony Creek, which destroyed 225,000 feet of lumber belonging to W. G. Leavelle and J. M. Tyras. The loss is estimated at \$2,500.

The first meeting of the new city council was held last night and did not adjourn until 2 o'clock this morning. Much business was transacted. Mr. Nelson T. Porter, Jr., was re-elected president of the council and Mr. German B. Gill was re-elected city auditor and clerk of the council.

The salaries of Mr. Gill, city auditor, was increased from \$1,300 to \$1,500 per annum, and that of Mr. George Mason, city attorney, from \$500 to \$1,000 per annum. The rate of taxation was fixed at \$1.60 of the \$100 of value. The annual report of the port warden showed the value of inward commerce to have been \$13,758.40, and the value of the outward commerce \$503,618.45. Grand total, \$749,374.85. Tonnage of the port, 160,420 20-100.

Mr. A. Rosenstock, of this city, and his daughter, Miss Marie, will sail on Thursday for Europe, and will be gone until September.

The large tobacco factory of Mr. David Dunlap has been closed to put in some new machinery. The factory will be closed about a week, which will temporarily throw out of employment about six hundred operatives.

At a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor held this afternoon R. W. Collier was elected president of the board and George Cameron secretary. Mr. Doc Smith, the present superintendent of the almshouse, was re-elected.

ROANOKE.

A SERIOUS CRIME—CLEAN UP SMALLPOX.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Roanoke, Va., July 3.—John T. Norman, a white man, is locked up at the station-house charged with attempting to assault Patsey Clark, a white girl aged 11, and Rosa Layton, colored, aged 10 years. The little girls were on Campbell avenue, and the suspicious movements of the man attracted the notice of C. T. Willis. When the girls left Norman followed, and Mr. Willis called on Claytor, Blue Mountain Joe's strong man, and the two followed Norman. The party went out in the neighborhood of Mill Mountain, and the actions of Norman were such that the two men took him in charge and brought him to the city. Norman, who is a married man, had been drinking. He protests his innocence.

CLEAN UP SMALLPOX.

A special from Martinsburg says: The Board of Trade of Martinsburg has offered a reward for the name of the person who started the report that smallpox exists here. The statement is untrue, upon the authority of the health officers of the city. It was started, it is suspected, by the Board of Trade, to keep the visitors from the Fourth of July celebration, which will be on an elaborate scale.

SALEM.

DEDICATION OF NEW BAPTIST ORPHANAGE COLLEGE.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Salem, Va., July 3.—The Ellett Cottage, given by Mr. T. H. Ellett, of Richmond, to the Baptist Orphanage, was formally opened to-day. This evening at 8 o'clock, in the Salem Baptist Church, the cottage was formally presented to the trustees. Dr. R. H. Pitt, one of the editors of the Religious Herald, made the presentation address, and Dr. William E. Hatcher accepted the cottage on behalf of the trustees. Judge Henry E. Blair, of Salem, spoke on behalf of the community. Brief addresses were also made by Dr. Painter and Dr. Hale, of Roanoke, and Mr. C. D. Dent, of the Salem Times-Register. Dr. Charles L. Cooke, principal of Hollins Institute, presided.

To-morrow the Executive Board of the orphanage held an adjourned meeting and the cottage was thrown open for the inspection of the public.

Some time ago Mr. Ellett offered to build this cottage, and this offer was gratefully accepted by the trustees. The handsome building cost over \$4,500, and was furnished by Mr. Ellett in memory of his mother at an additional cost of over \$500. The building is now ready for use and is an ornament to the grounds.

V. M. I. Institute.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Lexington, Va., July 3.—This was annual day at the Virginia Military Institute, and several hundred alumni from all States of the Union were present.

Military features of the day were morning parade, salute to the alumni of 21 guns by the cadet battery; battalion drill and battle formation with sham battle and firing with blank cartridges, and review before the alumni and regimental drill.

The annual banquet took place to-night.

The Peabody Normal School for Teachers opened here to-day for a four weeks' session.

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OUR FIRST FIRECRACKERS.

A Fourth of July Poem by Joe Lincoln.

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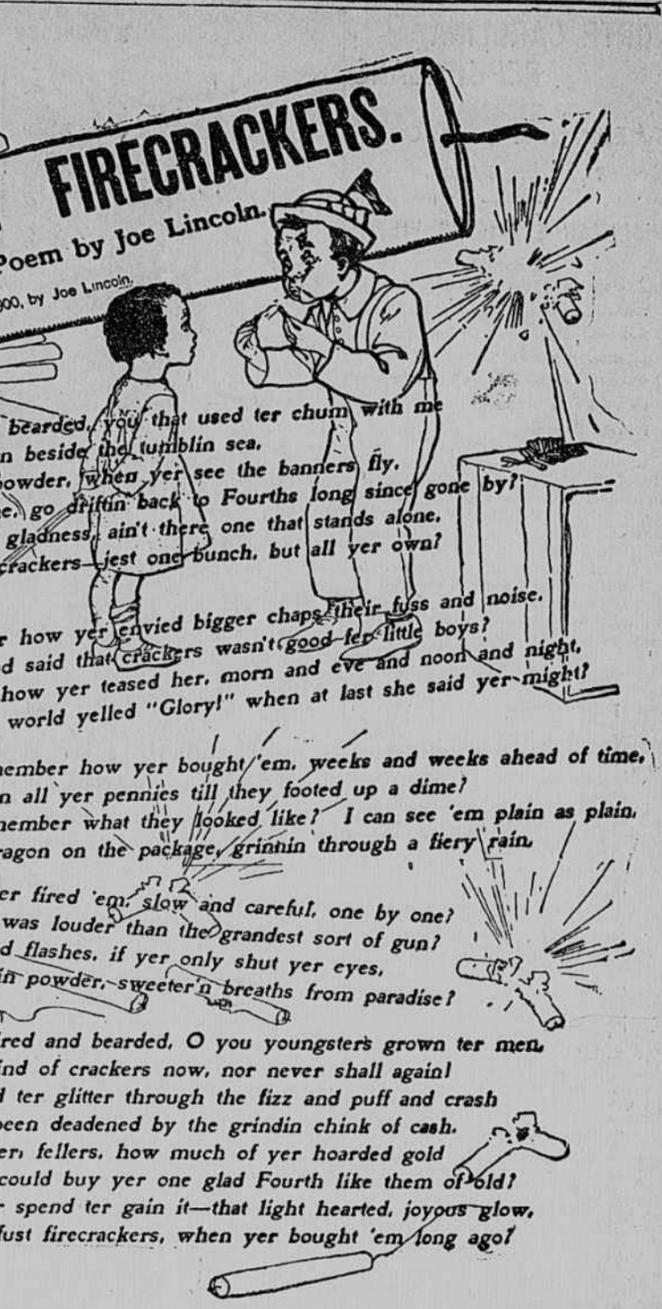
O you boys grown gray and bearded, you that used ter chum with me In that lazy little village down beside the tumblin' sea. When yer sniff the burnin powder, when yer see the banners fly. Don't yer thoughts, like mine, go driftin' back to Fourths long since gone by! And, amongst them days of gladness, ain't there one that stands alone. When yer had yer fust firecrackers—jest one bunch, but all yer own!

Don't yer member how yer envied bigger chaps their fust and noise. 'Cause yer ma had said that crackers wasn't good fer little boys? Do yer member how yer teased her, morn and eve and noon and night, And how all the world yelled "Glory!" when at last she said yer might!

Do yer member how yer bought 'em, weeks and weeks ahead of time, After savin all yer pennies till they footed up a dime? Do yer member what they looked like? I can see 'em plain as plain, With a dragon on the package, grinnin through a fiery rain.

Do yer member how yer fired 'em, slow and careful, one by one? Don't it seem like each was louder than the grandest sort of gun? Can't yer see the big red flashes, if yer only shut yer eyes, And jest smell the burnin powder, sweeter'n breaths from paradise?

O you boys, gray-haired and bearded, O you youngsters grown ter men We can't buy them kind of crackers now, nor never shall again! Fer the joys that used ter glitter through the fizz and puff and crash Has, ter most of us, been deadened by the grindin chink of cash. But I'd like ter ask yer, fellers, how much of yer hoarded gold Would yer give if it could buy yer one glad Fourth like them of old? How much would yer spend ter gain it—that light hearted, joyous glow, That comê with yer fust firecrackers, when yer bought 'em long ago!



AN AWFUL CHARGE.

MADE BY THIRD OFFICER OF THE PHONECIA AGAINST TUG CAPTAIN. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, July 3.—Information was sworn to before Recorder Stanton, in Hoboken, to-day by Ferdinand H. Krouse, third officer of the Phonecia, who charged that he tried to get aboard a tug from the end of the North German Loyd pier, and succeeded in boarding her, but was put off because he had no money. Krouse, in his sworn statement, says that the name of the tug was "The Dandy," and in his affidavit he says the captain asked "Have you any money?" "None in my pocket," Krouse said he replied.

The affidavit says that the captain retorted, "Then I've no time for you. I have other business to attend to."

Krouse says that he asked the tugboat captain to go to the assistance of persons aboard the Saule, but that the captain refused. This information also was sworn to by Rudolph Grahn, physician on the Phonecia.

The recorder said he would look up the law on the subject to select the best method for proceeding against the offending captain.

HORRIBLE INHUMANITY.

New York, July 3.—A sensation was created to-day by an announcement from Mayor Fagan, of Hoboken, that he will prosecute all tugboat captains against whom charges of refusing to save life can be substantiated. The Mayor says he will apply at once for warrants charging two tugboat captains with murder, and that he has evidence to prove that these men used bathtubs to keep drowning men from climbing on their tugs, because the unfortunates had no money.

An effort is to be made, also, to have the licenses of offending captains revoked.

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