

CITY ITEMS.

NEWSY NOTES GATHERED BY THE "TIMES" REPORTERS.

Was a Murder Committed?—The Mozart Musical—Death of Mrs. Nicholas Redford—A Young Burglar—The Elks—The "Dad's Girl" Company Badly Left—Funeral—St. Paul's Church—A Ghastly Find.

A WIFE'S AWFUL CHARGE.

A Murder Alleged to Have Been Committed and the Body Concealed.

Saturday Mrs. Sheenick, who lives on the west side of Sixth street, between Broad and Marshall, sent for Police Justice Richardson. Justice Richardson called to see her, and found her in an almost dying condition. Mrs. Sheenick stated to the Justice that several months ago her husband murdered a man and buried the body on the premises, and, fearing detection, left the city. Richard Sheenick, the party alluded to, did sell his bar-room out several months ago and leave the city, and left his wife here also. After receiving this information, Justice Richardson consulted with Major Poe and an investigation was determined on. Yesterday afternoon a detail of policemen went up to the place. The services of a carpenter and well-digger were secured, and the search was begun. Justice Richardson, Major Poe, and Commonwealth's Attorney Witt were present most of the time. The search was continued until a late hour last night without any developments being made. Mrs. Sheenick was reported in extremis last night. She adheres to her statement, but opinions as to its truth are very conflicting.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Changes at this Venerable Place of Worship.

The following facts in reference to proposed changes at St. Paul's are made by authority:

At the request of Rev. Dr. Minnigerode's family the vestry propose to make the venerable and beloved pastor a rector *emeritus*; or in other words retire him from the active duties of the pastorate with a stated salary. But Dr. Minnigerode has not yet resigned, and consequently no formal action has been taken. He is therefore still the rector of the church.

Rev. W. L. Gravatt, who has been the assistant rector of St. Paul's church for several years, resigns to accept the rectorship of St. Peter's, Norfolk—a new church not yet dedicated. He will enter upon his new duties about the 1st of February. Mr. Gravatt resigned about six months ago, but the vestry asked him to remain, and to show their appreciation of his services increased his salary. The call from Norfolk being an exceedingly desirable one, the vestry concluded that it would not be right for them to decline to accept the resignation tendered at this time.

THE DEATH-ROLL.

Interesting Facts About the Mortality of Richmond.

Whole number of deaths in the city for the week ending December 18th was 30; still-births, 3. For the week ending December 4th the deaths were 32; for the week ending December 11th, 34.

There were 6 white males and 9 colored males, and 8 white females and 7 colored females. Of the number 9 white and 7 colored were married; 4 white and 7 colored single, and 1 white and 2 colored widowers.

Sixteen were natives of Richmond, 12 of other parts of the United States, 1 of Germany, and 1 was unknown.

Eleven were under five years of age, and 8 over fifty; 3 were from seventy to eighty.

By wards the deaths were as follows: Marshall, 2; Jefferson, 6; Madison, 3; Monroe, 5; Clay, 4; Jackson, 8; at the Almshouse, 2.

Among the causes of death were cancer, 1; consumption, 5; exhaustion, 1; heart disease, 3; infanticide, 1; paralysis, 2; pneumonia, 3.

The report is a very good one for a city of the size of Richmond.

In Hard Luck.

Wilson's comedians on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week performed "Dad's Girl" at the Mozart Academy. J. F. Sloper was the business manager of the company, and handled all the money. On Saturday night Mr. Castine settled up with Sloper, giving him the company's share of the receipts. Early Sunday morning Sloper took the fast mail North, leaving his wife behind. Mrs. Sloper has considerable property in New York, and at the instance of the members of the company she was arrested on a capias and lodged in the city jail. Ten suits were instituted against Mrs. Sloper in the city Circuit Court yesterday.

It is all very well to say that there is nothing in a name, but in this case it strikes one as peculiarly appropriate that the absconder was not only in name but in fact a "sloper."

Death of Mr. Robert Howard.

Mr. Robert Howard died at Liberty, Bedford county, last Saturday night. He was fifty-nine years of age. He was a brother of Mr. Philip F. Howard, whose death was announced a few days since. He was deputy-clerk of the Hustings Court from 1845 to 1853, and for many years clerk of that court. He afterwards practiced law and was a commissioner of chancery.

The funeral will take place to-day at 11 o'clock from Dr. Hoge's church. The deceased had been an elder in that church for a number of years, and the elders have been requested to act as pall-bearers.

Death of an Estimable Lady.

Mrs. Florence Redford, beloved wife of Mr. W. Nicholas Redford, one of Richmond's well-known and most popular residents, died yesterday at 12:30 at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. George Ellis Redford. Mrs. Redford has been in ill health for some time and the announcement of her death will be received with general regret. Her husband will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in his dread bereavement. Mrs. Redford has been residing for some time at Ashland. She was on a visit to Richmond, and was taken sick and grew worse until death ensued.

Weather Strips.

William P. Morrow & Son, No. 13 North Seventh street, will make your doors and windows secure from draughts of cold air and dampness with their weather strips, which they apply and guarantee for 1 cent per linear foot.

"ALWAYS WITH YOU."

Remember the Orphans at the Christmas-tide.

The annual party of the St. Joseph Orphan Asylum began yesterday and will continue during the week. The friends of the orphans are cordially invited to visit the institution, which is situated on the corner of Fourth and Marshall streets. During the party the work of the Orphan Industrial School will be on exhibition, consisting of hand embroidery and fine needle work of every description. These specimens of their work will be shown with pleasure to patrons and to those who may visit the asylum.

The annual dinner for the boys of the Male Orphan Asylum will be given this year Wednesday, December 29th. Boxes for contributions will be placed at the offices of the Times, State, Dispatch, and Whip, and at the stores of Wingo, Ellett & Crump, R. P. Richardson & Co., Judson Cunningham, William H. Tatum, and at places to be hereafter announced. Any contribution of money or provisions will be thankfully received and will be forwarded. The Male Orphan Asylum needs no word of commendation, nor should it need a special appeal. There are fifty orphan boys eagerly looking forward to a kindly remembrance from those who are in comfortable circumstances. It is safe to predict that they will not look in vain, and that their orphan hearts will be cheered during the Christmas week by many substantial tokens.

These are the only two institutions of which the Times has been requested to make special mention. Of course, in this season of good will and peace all the asylums will be looked after by their patrons and a generous public. Let not one without regard to class, condition, creed, or color be forgotten.

BENEVOLENT ORDERS.

The Annual Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting of Friendship Lodge, No. 47, I. O. F. S. of L. held at Central Hall on Sunday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President, M. J. Rosendorf; vice-president, M. Holtz; past president, H. E. Hirsberg; secretary, William Flegenheimer; treasurer, M. Kaufman; conductor, H. Nachman; warden (P. P.), W. Reinheimer; tiler, I. Rosenfield; guardian, I. Michael; trustees, E. Ullman, P. Hellstern, and H. E. Hirsberg.

The comrades of Stonewall Jackson Camp, No. 54, Department of Virginia, of Fraternal Legion, held their annual election Sunday night at Tholl's Hall. The following officers were elected: C. C., J. Edel; S. V. C., J. Wallman; J. V. C., Charles A. Messmer; adjutant, William J. Risse; E. O., M. Z. Percival; treasurer, Theodore Heinson; guide, J. Feldner; warden, Joseph Meyer; sentry, L. S. Wassman; medical examiner, Charles K. Gardner; P. C., P. C. Johnson; deputy, F. E. Tholl; trustees, A. Simon, J. Wallman and C. L. Hewett.

The camp is in a flourishing condition.

Police Court.

Walter Baker, alias Fox, charged with shooting at and striking the Branch school-house while the school was in session. Baker was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

The alleged offence having been committed in the county, the case was dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

G. A. Benne was fined \$5 and Thomas Griffin \$10 for fighting in the store of A. Greentree.

J. B. Coffee, trespassing upon the premises of and striking John McGraw. Coffee failed to appear, and an attachment was issued for him.

Holly Buce (colored) was fined \$10 for assaulting and biting Alice Twyman. Buce was under bond for \$200 for his good behavior for twelve months. This bond was declared forfeited, and additional security in the sum of \$500 for his good behavior for twelve months. Committed in default.

Special Sunday Services.

Sunday night, at the Presbyterian church, there was a large attendance, and Rev. Mr. Kerr preached what was considered by many one of the best sermons he has ever preached.

The Christian Association parlors were crowded Sunday evening. The meeting was led by Mr. J. D. K. Sleight. The subject was "Hot and Cold," and the effort, like all of that gentleman's Sunday-school addresses, was an able one, and was highly enjoyed by all in attendance.

The union prayer-meeting of all of the Baptist churches was held at the First church Sunday evening. It was led by Mr. E. P. Jones. Gospel hymns were used and an instructive and profitable season of prayer and praise was spent.

Gambling Raid.

About 2 o'clock Sunday morning the police raided the apartments over the barber-shop on the north side of Seventh street, two doors from the alley. About twenty-five colored men were present, most of whom were engaged in playing Italian faro. Three of the party escaped out of the window, and the remaining twenty-two were marched to the station-house and recognized for their appearance before the Police Court yesterday morning.

At court yesterday the case was fully heard, and William Shepperson, the proprietor of the establishment, was sent on to the grand jury for keeping a gambling-room. The other parties were acquitted.

The Coupon Case.

In the United States Court yesterday the case of Middleton against Edmunds, treasurer of Fauquier county, was partially heard and adjourned over to 11 o'clock to-day.

Hon. J. Randolph Tucker and Messrs. Figgatt and Burke appeared for the defendant, and Messrs. William L. Royall, A. B. Guigon, and W. H. Sands for the plaintiff.

The Salvation Army.

The old Laboratory, on South Cherry street, was crowded three times Sunday with interested and orderly congregations. At the last service Captain (Mrs. Fannie) Glover made her farewell address. Captain Glover leaves to-morrow for Washington, from whence she will be transferred to other fields of labor and usefulness.

Gents' \$4.00 slippers reduced to \$2.00 at Spence, Tyree & Co.'s, No. 815 East Broad street.

Gents' \$3.00 slippers are now reduced to \$1.50 at Spence, Tyree & Co.'s, No. 815 East Broad street.

BREVITIES.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS, MINOR MENTION, AND LOCAL LAONICS.

The News of the Day Boiled Down and Served Up in Condensed Shape—About Folks You Know, and Interesting Items Happily and Hastily Hit.

The Hustings Court has adjourned for the term. Richmond and West Point Terminal closed at 3:24 in New York yesterday.

In the Circuit Court the petit jury was discharged yesterday. The court will adjourn to-day.

To-day the sun enters the winter solstice, and is the shortest day in the year. Sun rises 7:22—sets 4:55.

James Burke was reported by the police yesterday for keeping his bar-room open and selling liquor on Sunday, December 19th.

Councilman Ned Starke and family will leave to-day for Jamestown, O., to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Starke's parents.

During Christmas week there will be a grand carnival entertainment at Corcoran Hall for the benefit of Steamer Fire Company, No. 1.

Mrs. Anana B. Deane, relict of the late Francis B. Deane, a former well known citizen, died at Lynchburg Saturday night, aged 82 years.

The local poet laureate of the DAILY TIMES has received no less than three invitations to furnish verses for forthcoming Christmas Sunday-school celebrations.

Among the latest church rumors is one that Bishop Keane is to be president of the American Catholic University, and that Bishop Kain, of Wheeling, will be transferred to this diocese.

The many friends of Mrs. Bessie C. and the late George A. Payne, will sympathize with the former on the loss of her bright and interesting little daughter, Gay Anderson, who died Sunday morning.

Work is progressing as rapidly on both the Christian Association Hall and the Confederate Chapel as the weather and other circumstances will admit. The outlook for both is very favorable.

Mr. James H. Dooley has been elected second vice-president of the Richmond and Allegheny Railroad Company. Mr. Dooley's blushing honors come thick upon him and he is worthy of them all.

Rev. William G. Lumpkin, who withdrew from the Methodist Conference, has located in Manchester. Mr. Lumpkin was formerly pastor of the Central Methodist church of that city, and owns the brick residence next to the church.

It was stated a few days since that all of the French brothers had died of consumption. The reporter's informant was in error. Only one died of that disease. The item was written with the kindest motives, and it is a matter of regret that it was not appreciated.

The Washington Critic of yesterday had the following: Colonel Richard F. Beine of Governor Lee's staff and the editor and proprietor of the Richmond, Va., State, was among the gay promenade's on Pennsylvania avenue to-day.

The firing of crackers and the blowing of horns has already commenced. It is hoped the police will look after these ante-Christmas revellers. It is also hoped that the ordinance against that senseless, abominable noise and horn-blowing will be strictly enforced this year.

The Washington Critic of yesterday says Comptroller Dunham, of the R. and D. R. R., who resigned that position to accept one on the C. and L. R. R., left here Saturday night for Chicago. He will be temporarily succeeded by Mr. E. A. Barber, formerly auditor of the road.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Unknown" at the Academy.
There will be no matinee to-day. To-night Miss Lottie Church, an actress of great merit, will appear in her own creation in the well-known play "Unknown." Miss Church will have the support of a strong company. The music and scenic effects will be as usual a feature of the week. Miss Church will also appear in "Trix" and "River Pirates" during the week, and a real Christmas carnival of melodrama, mixed with fun, may be expected.

Miss Myra Goodwin at the Theatre.
To-morrow and Thursday nights Miss Myra Goodwin the Comedy Sunbeam will appear at the Theatre in E. E. Kidder's comedy drama "Sis" supported by an excellent company. Miss Goodwin is one of the most sprightly actresses on the boards, and "Sis" is brim full of merriment and fine situations. Every lady holding a reserved seat will be presented with a souvenir photograph of Miss Goodwin.

Funeral of Mr. D. B. Wilkinson.

The funeral of this estimable and lamented young man took place Sunday evening from Pine-street Baptist church. Mr. Wilkinson was only twenty-seven years of age. He was ill for a long time, but bore his sufferings with composure and died in the perfect hope of a better life. He was esteemed and respected by all who knew him, and leaves a loving mother and many friends to mourn the life so untimely ended and to cherish his memory.

"The Barley Break."

"The Barley Break" is the title of a piece of new music received, with the compliments of the composer. The words are by Miss Amelie Rives, and the music by Mr. Iredell Jenkins. The words are well chosen, and there is a ring and a jingle about both the lines and the air well suited to the Christmas period, although they were not intended specially for that time. Being a little love-lay, it will have all seasons for its own.

A Ghastly Find.

Sunday morning about 11 o'clock the body of the infant which Maggie Robinson (colored) confessed to have buried alive last Tuesday was found. The discovery was made by colored men in an old field on the Scuffletown road, north of the city. Coroner Taylor has been notified, and Maggie Robinson, the mother, will have an examination at the Police Court this morning.

Still Coming In.

The following officers were at the State Auditor's office yesterday: C. W. Porter, treasurer of King and Queen county; A. O. Sullivan, treasurer, and Charles J. Wade, clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery; and Samuel P. Wade, clerk of Henrico County Court.

SENT ON.

Housebreaking and Robbery Last Sunday.

The store and residence of Thomas McCarthy, located on the corner of Beverly and Washington streets, was entered by a thief on Sunday, between the hours of 10 and 1. The house is just outside the corporate limits, the first floor being occupied by Mr. McCarthy as a store and the upper portion as a dwelling. Mr. McCarthy locked the front door about 10 o'clock and went to church. On returning about 1 he noticed foot-prints leading to his rear door. He unlocked the door, entered the house, and, upon going up stairs and opening his trunk, found that he had been robbed of about \$30 in cash, some cigarettes and tobacco.

The lock on the trunk was in good condition, showing that the burglar had taken the keys out of Mr. McCarthy's vest, in the rear room, unlocked the trunk, taken out the money, fastened the trunk again, and returned the keys from where he got them. The down-stairs door had been opened by means of a pair of "nippers." There was about \$50, only \$30 of which was stolen.

Suspicion pointed to Chatman Thompson, a small colored boy, as he once before robbed Mr. McCarthy, but as only a small amount was taken had been allowed to go free on the restoration of the money. Thompson was arrested by Officer Brannan Sunday night, and a portion of the plunder was found on his person. Thompson had a hearing at the Police Court yesterday morning, and was sent on to the grand jury to answer the charge of burglary.

The Mozart Musicals.

There was a very full attendance last night at the Mozart musicals. The vocalist was Mrs. Blanche Stone-Barton of New York. She executed a difficult soprano solo with great spirit. Some of the attendants at the musicals have little consideration for the ladies who sing. They do not seem to appreciate how taxing their efforts are, and are as unanimous in their demands for encores as people are on Academy nights. Last night after Mrs. Barton had gracefully bowed twice, some of them kept stamping and thumping and forcing her to sing or else delay the musicals. The audience, however, was the gainer, as her encore song, a little lullaby, was very sweet. The "Forge in the Forest" was splendidly rendered by the full orchestra. The reporter left after this, but there is no doubt but what the whole of the well-selected programme was well executed.

It might be here remarked that encores are so promiscuously called for in these days that very few performers feel at all complimented—especially when they know that much of the noise is made by boys and young men who only want to kill time. The lovers of music do not insist on encores against the will and at the expense of the feelings of the singers.

The Elks Club-Room.

The new club-room of the B. P. O. Elks was dedicated last night. The lodge met for business, and after an initiation partook of a handsome collation. The club-room is a marvel of neatness and taste. The wall papering is one of the finest specimens of the art decorative in the city, and the room is beautifully furnished. The Elks are constantly increasing and is now on the high road to success.

The dedication speech last night was made by Joseph W. Laube, Esteemed Leading Knight.

Home Again.

Officer Lamkin returned from Lexington, Ky., last night, having in custody J. W. McDonald. McDonald is the man who was implicated in the robbery of old man Carr, from the Soldier's Home. When Mr. Lamkin presented his papers for McDonald, the Kentucky officers demanded \$25 for McDonald's board; but upon being informed by the Richmond officer that he intended to take his man, they gladly compromised on \$2.50.

A \$5,000 Suit.

A suit was instituted in the City Circuit Court yesterday by Samuel M. Teal, administrator of Thornton Brown, against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company. No declaration was filed in the case, and the cause of the action cannot therefore be stated.

"Crawford?"
"Lally?"
"Have you ever seen Robson and Crane in the 'Two Dromedoes'?"
"I should smile."
"So should everybody else."
"Where?"
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"At what?"
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Cheap Holiday Rates.

The Richmond and Petersburg railroad will have tickets on sale December 24th, 25th, and 31st and January 1st, good to return January 31, 1887. Tickets to Norfolk and return for \$3.50. Trains leave 11:30 A. M. and 6:30 P. M., arriving at Norfolk 3:10 and 10 P. M.

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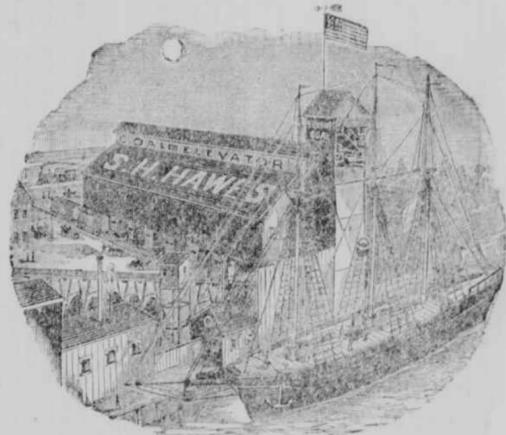
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