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JIMINY! CHRISTMAS! M. HARRISON, JEWELER, SALEM AVE.—7—SALEM AVE. We Set the Ball A-Rolling Sunday Morning. We Were Talking About UMBRELLAS, Watches, Clocks, Brooches, Silverware, Neck Chains, Gold Spectacles, LAMPS, and Eyeglasses, DIAMONDS, Charms, Bracelets, Studs, CANES, Silver-buckled Garters, Cuff Buttons, Scarf-pins and Rings.

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Heavy Fog Over the Thames. LONDON, Dec. 21.—[Special]—A fog of such density hung over the Thames river this morning that all navigation is suspended.

JOHN CHALMERS IS NO MORE.

The Funeral to Take Place This Afternoon.

The End Came Sunday Morning After a Desperate Struggle—Neuralgia of the Heart the Cause of Death—The Funeral and Interment at Salem—A Sketch of Mr. Chalmers' Life.

John Chalmers is dead. He breathed his last shortly after 5 o'clock Sunday morning, surrounded by a number of faithful friends and relatives who had watched by his side for several days and nights.

While the announcement carried sadness to the hearts of Mr. Chalmers' many friends in Roanoke, Salem and throughout this section, it was not unexpected.

About six weeks ago Mr. Chalmers suffered from an attack of malarial fever. Dr. Leigh Buckner, his physician, sent him home and he was confined to his room about ten days. Soon after he recovered from this, he had the grip and was again in bed for four days.

He was out for several days at his place of business, apparently having recovered. He got wet Wednesday, December 2 in, the storm of that day, and by Thursday morning pneumonia had developed, appearing first in his left lung. Four days later he was attacked by neuralgia of the heart. He was by this time critically ill, but revived considerably, getting along very well till last Tuesday, when heart failure threatened his life.

He revived again and seemed to be doing very well until 9 o'clock Saturday night, when he was again troubled with heart failure. At 5:15 Sunday morning he was attacked by neuralgia of the heart, and died within less than five minutes. His suffering was severe all Saturday night, and death relieved him of indescribable agony. Dr. Buckner, his physician, said yesterday that he never saw a man suffer more intense pain than did Mr. Chalmers from the time neuralgia first attacked his heart till he died.

Dr. Buckner, Frank Chalmers, brother of the deceased; Mrs. Frank Chalmers, Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, his sister, and J. D. Ferguson, his nephew, and W. W. Dunlap, of the firm of Priddy & Dunlap, were with him in his last moments.

Mayor Evans, his partner, and G. L. Stevens, an intimate friend, were sent for as soon as it was seen that the end was near, but they did not arrive in time to see him breathe his last.

Dr. Buckner yesterday, speaking of Mr. Chalmers' illness, said that he would have recovered but for the heart trouble, pneumonia having passed the dangerous point.

Mr. Chalmers had been an inveterate cigarette smoker for some time and the doctor gave it as his opinion that nicotine poisoning caused the heart trouble. Mr. Chalmers' heart was irregular even before his last sickness. Dr. Buckner says his pulse was 120 one day not long ago when he was about his business and not feeling unwell.

Mr. Stevens drove over to Salem early Sunday morning and broke the news to Mr. Chalmers' parents. Though their son was known to be very ill, the news was quite a surprise, as they had heard the previous morning that he was much improved.

The remains were taken to Salem Sunday afternoon to the former home of the dead man, accompanied by a large number of his friends from this city.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Methodist Church, of Salem, conducted by Rev. J. W. Duffy, of Trinity M. E. Church South, of which Mr. Chalmers was a leading light.

The pall-bearers will be Messrs. Linwood Buckner, G. L. Stevens, W. G. Evans, and R. S. Williams, of Roanoke; Messrs. L. C. Hansbrough, Jacob S. Baer, W. Lee Brand, and Fletcher Clements, of Salem.

Pleasants Lodge and Bayard Commandery meet to-day, the former at 13 o'clock and the latter at 12:30, to arrange to attend the funeral of Mr. Chalmers.

John Chalmers was born in Pickens county, Ala., 34 years ago. His father settled in that county after emigrating from Scotland a short time before, and purchased a fine plantation. He was very wealthy, and added greatly to his fortune by cotton growing.

In 1870 he moved to Salem with his family and settled. John was then a youth fourteen years old, and was placed at Roanoke College, where he graduated with distinction a few years later.

To prepare himself for business Mr. Chalmers accepted a position in the hardware store of Jones, Watts & Bell, where Mayor Evans was then employed. Young Chalmers won for himself an excellent reputation by his integrity and application to business. He was always sober, industrious and prompt. He loved to keep things neat and in order, and soon made an excellent book-keeper.

After he had acquired knowledge of the mercantile business in the hardware line, his father set him up in business in Salem, which he conducted very successfully until he and his friend, W. G. Evans, of Roanoke, formed a co-partnership to go into business in this city. Mr. Evans had been in Roanoke ever since it was changed from Big Lick, being a partner in the firm of Watts, B. H. & Evans.

When the copartnership was formed about four years ago the interest of Messrs. Watts & Bell was bought out by Messrs. Evans & Chalmers, each becoming equal partners in the large hardware store on Commerce street. The business principles of the firm have won for them a reputation all over the country. Mr. Chalmers had a host of friends, and they were warm and true in every instance. He became a member of the

Methodist Church early in life, gave freely, and was recognized as a useful and valuable member. He was a member of Trinity Church of this city, and a steward and trustee of the church since its organization early this year. He was also a member of the Trinity choir.

He was also a Mason, having joined Taylor Lodge in Salem several years ago, and became a past master. He also joined the Pythians, and helped to institute Osceola Lodge in this city. When he came to Roanoke to live he became a member of both Lakeland and Pleasants Lodges of Masons, and was senior warden in the latter. He was also a member of Osceola Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Mrs. Chalmers' father and mother are still living. His father is president of the Farmers' National Bank, Salem, and his brother, Frank Chalmers, is cashier. His sister, Mrs. Ferguson, also resides in Salem.

In person Mr. Chalmers presented a fine appearance. He was tall and straight as an arrow, with blue eyes and sandy hair. He possessed a fine physique and a splendid constitution. He was genial and pleasant in manners, and made friends everywhere, and no one was more charitable or contributed freer to the relief of the distressed.

HAVE A PENCIL? NO REAPPORTIONMENT YET.

The Bill Which Passed Saturday Reconsidered by the Legislature.

RICHMOND, Dec. 21.—[Special]—The latent fires of opposition to the reapportionment bill burst forth to-day and the entire day has been consumed in a bootless fight against the bill as stated in these dispatches. The senate Saturday evening passed the bill as it came from the house, which was the committee report entire, making only a few changes in the wording.

The bill was ordered to the house by message, but the house having adjourned the bill was forced to stay in the senate until this morning. This was enough. Discussion was the order at the Exchange Hotel nearly all of last night, and this morning the senate reconsidered the vote by which the bill was passed and an amendment transposing the counties of Fuvanna and Cumberland in the house district was adopted. This amended the bill struck a snag in the house, where several members only wanted an excuse to break the bill. A conference committee was appointed. It couldn't agree and tired of awaiting its report the house after two recesses adjourned.

The committee reported to the senate, which refused to recede from its amendment, and after a long parliamentary fight the bill was killed, and the senate bill, which is the same as the original House bill, was called up. The senate adjourned at 7 o'clock till 12 to-morrow. This leaves the passage of any reapportionment bill problematical, and will probably postpone the holiday adjournment until Wednesday.

In the house Mr. Thomas, of Roanoke, introduced a bill to amend the code, which limits the number of notaries public to one for every five hundred.

HAVE A RED PENCIL? RICHMOND & DANVILLE CHANGES.

Green, Haas and Andrews to Be Put in Control.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 21.—[Special]—The board of directors of the Richmond and Danville railroad, which adjourned to meet in Richmond to-morrow, will probably be adjourned by the secretary to the same date in January. When the reorganization of the Richmond and Danville board does take place some important changes will be announced.

Among others a committee consisting of Col. A. B. Andrews, of North Carolina; Capt. W. H. Green and Mr. Sol Haas will be put in complete control of the properties to operate the lines according to their own ideas of railroad. Heretofore the properties have been managed from Wall street. It is understood Col. Andrews, who is now third vice-president of the Richmond and Danville, will be made first vice-president and Green and Haas will also be made vice-presidents.

HAVE A RED LEAD PENCIL? FOR THE DAVIS MONUMENT.

Money Collected by the Southern Press Association.—An Agent Appointed.

RICHMOND, Dec. 21.—[Special]—The board of directors of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, met in Mayor Ellyson's office to-day. The Southern Press Association have collected considerable money which they will apply to the Richmond movement. They report between \$15,000 and \$20,000 subscribed.

The board elected as members of the association: Patrick Walsh, of Augusta; J. S. Weber, of Charleston, S. C.; and Capt. Childress, of Nashville, and elected as general agent, to solicit subscriptions S. A. Cunningham, who will begin work in Texas.

WILL YOU HAVE A PENCIL? Rocky Mount Notes.

ROCKY MOUNT, Dec. 21.—[Special]—This place is making rapid strides in material development.

The amount invested in new buildings in this place, as shown by the Franklin Times, this year exceeds \$50,000; investments in lots \$25,000. Chas. Asher, a lunatic, was lodged in jail yesterday.

The new jail is nearing completion. Several purchases of valuable iron ore property have occurred within the last four days.

Shot From Ambush.

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 21.—[Special]—Sam McManus, who has been a terror to the people in the western part of Augusta county, while at deer stand to-day was shot from ambush and killed.

HAVE A RED PENCIL?

THE DEATH OF SENATOR PLUMB.

The Kansas Statesman Dies Suddenly.

Stricken With Apoplexy Sunday Morning—Imposing Funeral Services in the Senate Chamber Yesterday—The President and Cabinet and Diplomatic Corps Attend—The Remains Taken to Kansas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Preston B. Plumb, of Kansas, died suddenly of apoplexy at 11:50 yesterday morning. His death occurred in the unpretentious three-story brick boarding house, 610 Fourteenth street, in this city; within a stone's throw of the Ebbitt House, Riggs House and Willard's Hotel, in which convenient location he has for the last five or six seasons taken up his quarters during the sessions of Congress.

A few days ago Senator Plumb went to Philadelphia with Senator Quay to consult Dr. Penner. He returned to Washington last night at 7 o'clock, complaining of a most violent headache, but went to a dinner at Chamberlain's given by ex-Senator Mahone to a few friends. It must have been 1 o'clock or later yesterday morning when he returned to his quarters at 612 Fourteenth street, for his landlord Mr. Linson D. Jennings, said to-day that he did not retire until nearly 1 o'clock, and the Senator had not yet returned.

Shortly before 2 o'clock, Mr. Jennings was awakened by a knock at his bedroom door. Senator Plumb told him he was very sick, and requested him to come down stairs and sit up with him. Mr. Jennings saw that the Senator's condition was serious, and at 2 o'clock Dr. Wales was summoned. The doctor alleviated the pain and administered proper remedies.

At a quarter to 7 o'clock Senator Plumb awoke, and, with a spring, bounded out of bed and began to vomit. His head was aching violently. The vomiting ceased after a time. Then the Senator tossed his hands to his head and exclaimed: "Oh, my God! my head! my head!" the last words he ever uttered.

At about 10 o'clock Mr. B. W. Flenniken, clerk to the committee on public lands, of which Senator Plumb was chairman, and his private secretary for some years, called, as was his custom, to assist the Senator with his correspondence. Mr. Flenniken noticed that he was breathing heavily and stentoriously. Dr. Wales was again summoned. He saw at once that his patient had been stricken with apoplexy. Mr. Plumb was unconscious and his tongue was paralyzed. The doctor, Mr. Flenniken and Mr. Jennings remained with him until the end came at 11:50.

To-day the United States Senate, House of Representatives, executive and judicial departments of the Government, representatives of foreign powers, and his many friends among the Washington public, paid the last tribute of affection and respect to the memory of the late Senator Preston B. Plumb.

Early this morning the body was placed in a handsome cloth covered casket of cedar, on the lid of which was a plain silver plate bearing the following inscription:

Preston B. Plumb, Born October 12, 1837, Died December 20, 1891.

"During the night the only watchers at the residence of the deceased on Fourteenth street were several of the messengers for the capital and his private secretary. This morning there were a few callers at the house, mostly Senate employes, who greatly admired Senator Plumb in life for his many charitable efforts in their behalf and held his memory in deeper reverence. Among the callers were Capt. J. G. Lindsay, of Kansas, who commanded a company in Senator Plumb's regiment during the war and his warm personal friend.

At 10 o'clock the casket was borne from the house to the hearse by eight of the capital police, under direction of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Merritt. Immediately a small funeral cortege, consisting of the hearse drawn by fine coal black horses, caparisoned with heavy robes of black netting, a carriage in which rode Mr. Merritt, his private secretary and a few admirers of the late Senator, started toward the capital.

There were no floral decorations at the house, and save a small wreath of immortelles on the top of the casket, sent by the chief clerk of the Treasury Department, there was nothing to relieve the sombre blackness of the casket which contained all that remained of the late distinguished Kansas Senator.

The small procession moved slowly down Fourteenth street to Pennsylvania avenue, wending its way up through the capitol grounds to the northern part of the capitol, where the casket was removed from the hearse and carried up the white marble steps of the Senate wing.

At the entrance to the building the remains were met by Sergeant-at-Arms Valentine, who escorted them through the lower corridors of the building and upstairs to the marble room in the rear of the Senate Chamber, and only a few feet from the Vice-President's chair. There they were placed on a black catafalque in the center of the room and all persons were requested to retire. Soon after the casket was deposited in the marble room a large number of persons gathered around the door anxious to take a last look at the features of the dead Senator, but in view of the condition of the body it was deemed best not to expose them to view.

When the Senate met at noon the chamber was partly arranged for the funeral obsequies. The desk and chair of the deceased Senator were heavily draped and the galleries were crowded

with spectators except the diplomatic and Vice-President's galleries.

The Vice-President announced as the committee on the part of the Senate to accompany the remains to Kansas, Messrs. Peffer, Dolph, Paddock, Ransom and Palmer. The Senate then, on motion of Mr. Sherman, took a recess till 1 p. m.

At 1 p. m. the Senate was called to order by Vice-President. During the half hour's recess the work of preparing the chamber for the funeral ceremonies had been completed. A row of arm chairs had been placed in the area in front of the clerk's desk, and western side of the chamber, the one occupied by Democratic Senators, had been arranged and set apart for the occupancy of the members of the House representatives. The public galleries had, in the mean time, become crowded to their utmost capacity, and even the halls and corridors leading to them were packed with people seeking to gain admittance.

Shortly before 1 o'clock the cabinet officers and assistant secretaries of the executive departments began to arrive and were shown to the President's room. Among them were Secretary Blaine, Secretary Rusk, Assistant Secretary of War, Grant; Solicitor General Taft and Assistant Secretaries of Treasury, Nettleton and Paulding.

The President accompanied by Private Secretary Halford, arrived a few minutes past 1 and joined the others in the President's room. Mrs. Harrison, escorted by Lieutenant Parker, of the navy, occupied a seat in the reserved gallery.

At 1:20 Captain Basset, the door-keeper, announced the Speaker and members of the House. The Speaker was escorted by Sergeant-at-Arms Valentine to a seat on the right of the Vice-President, and the members filed in and took the seats assigned them on the Democratic side of the chamber.

The number included many of the older members of the House who had known Senator Plumb for years.

Five minutes afterward the members of the diplomatic corps, some twenty-five in number, not wearing their official uniforms, arrived and were shown to their seats in front of the members of the House. They were followed by the chief justice and justices of the supreme court, who took seats in front of the diplomatic corps.

At exactly half past one Captain Bassett announced the presence of the President of the United States and his cabinet. Senators and spectators stood up to do them honor (as they had done also in the cases of the diplomatic corps and of the supreme court.) Then President Harrison and the members of the cabinet were shown to arm chairs on the right side of the area.

At 1:40 the committee of the two Houses escorting the body of the dead Senator appeared at the main entrance, and while all in the chamber stood up, the procession moved up the aisle, the chaplain reciting the opening sentences of the funeral service: "I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord," and theasket, which was borne by the capitol police, was deposited on the catafalque in front of the clerk's desk.

There have been several changes in the personnel of the House committee that is to accompany the remains to Emporia. The Speaker did not have an opportunity to consult all of the members of the committee he designated last night, some of whom have found it impossible to go. As finally constituted the committee consisted of Funston and Broderick, of Kansas; Cate and Peel, of Arkansas; Youmans, of Michigan; Post, of Illinois, and Cogswell of Massachusetts.

The chaplain finished from the clerk's desk the reading of the funeral services and appropriate selections from Scriptures, closing with the recitation of the poem, "Oh, to be ready when death shall come; Oh, to be ready to hasten home." Then he closed with prayer.

When prayer was concluded the Vice-President rose and said: "The sergeant-at-arms, under the direction of the committee will execute the order of the Senate and escort the remains of the late Senator Plumb to his home in Kansas."

Then, with the whole assemblage standing in respect for the deceased, the procession was reformed and the body of the dead Senator was borne out to be taken to the railroad station. The body, preceded by the congressional committees, was then carried through the corridors to the east front of the capitol, and thence down the many steps of the marble stairway to the hearse.

Following the remains came Senators and Representatives, who formed by two with Vice-President Morton at the head, accompanied the body on foot to the station. The President and his cabinet and other distinguished persons were ushered to their carriages and joined the procession.

Arriving at the station the members of the Senate and many other friends of the dead Senator went inside and ranged themselves in two lines along the car in which the body was to be placed. The casket, preceded by the congressional committee, was then conveyed to the car. Congressional committee had a special car for their use during the trip. Two cars attached to the Columbian express train which left the city at 3:25 o'clock. The body is expected to arrive at Emporia, Kas., Wednesday afternoon. The home funeral services are to take place Thursday.

HAVE A PENCIL? To Recover Their Lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—[Special]—In the court of claims to-day judgments were rendered in favor of John D. Pope et al., in their suits against the United States to recover the value of lands in South Carolina, sold in satisfaction of direct tax of August, 1861.

A Receiver Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—[Special]—Comptroller of currency to-day appointed William S. O. B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, receiver of the First National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., insolvent.

HAVE A PENCIL?

Forecast: For Virginia warmer, south winds with increasing cloudiness during the day; light rain during evening.

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FOUR PRIVATE BANKS FAIL.

No Statement as to Their Condition.

Shirley, Rosenberger and Myers' Banks at Waynesboro, Gordonsville, New Market and Warrenton—Waynesboro Depositors Expect to be Paid—The News in Roanoke—Mrs. Conrad Luckily Withdrew a Deposit in Time.

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 21.—[Special]—Private banks at Waynesboro, Gordonsville, Warrenton and New Market, Va., all suspended to-day. Shirley & Rosenberger were the owners of the Waynesboro and New Market banks and were associated with C. F. Myers at Gordonsville and Spillman at Warrenton.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 21.—[Special]—A special from Waynesboro says: Owing to the tightness of the money market the Bank of Waynesboro has suspended payment. No statement has yet been issued, but it is not thought that depositors will lose anything. The bank of Waynesboro is a private institution and not a chartered one. Rosenberger and Shirley are proprietors. The were rated in mercantile directories at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

They had branches at Basic City, New Market, Warrenton and Gordonsville. The suspension was talked about in Richmond financial circles, but it did not make much impression. The banks at Warrenton and Gordonsville, also controlled by these parties, have closed their doors.

Telegrams were received in the city yesterday announcing that the Piedmont Bank at Gordonsville, and the Bank of Waynesboro at Waynesboro, had closed their doors. The amounts of assets and liabilities were not stated. As the gentlemen owning these banks are also interested in banks at New Market, Warrenton and Leesburg there was considerable anxiety to know if they were seriously affected by the failures at Gordonsville and Waynesboro, but the representative of THE TIMES was unable to gather any reliable information.

Messrs. W. M. Yager & Co. will lose a small amount by the failure of the Gordonsville bank. So far as learned, they are the only Roanokers who had a deposit there.

About three weeks ago Mrs. Conrad, a widow lady residing in this city, informed Mr. Yager that she had \$5,000 on deposit in the Piedmont Bank. He advised her to withdraw it at once and place it in the First National Bank, of Roanoke, the Farmers' National of Salem, or some other national bank, as any of this character would be perfectly safe. She gave the Farmers' National a check for the amount and after some delay it was honored.

TWO FAILURES IN MEMPHIS.

Thomas Allen & Co., Cotton Factors, Go Under.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 21.—[Special]—Thomas H. Allen & Co., cotton factors, who have been in business here for five years, failed this morning. One year ago the firm failed, but made a settlement with its creditors by giving four notes for \$100,000 each and resuming business.

The first note was paid in June, but the second due yesterday could not be met. The liabilities are \$544,000 and the assets about two-thirds of that amount. The downfall of the firm was caused by Richard B. Allen involving it in Wall street speculations.

Summerfield Bros., wholesale milliners, failed this morning. Their liabilities are \$35,000, due to Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and New York firms.

HAVE A PENCIL? A MISSING MAN RETURNS.

He Tells an Awful Story of His Experience With Robbers.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—[Special]—W. B. Summers, railroad agent, Lithonia, Ga., whose mysterious disappearance weeks ago created so much excitement in that vicinity, returned to his home last night. He tells a story of being hit on the head with a slung-shot while on his way home by two unknown men. He fell to the ground inensible.

The next he knew was the next afternoon, when he opened his eyes to find himself in a one room log cabin with two heavily armed men guarding him. They demanded his money and threatened to keep him until he gave them all he had.

"I had \$1,000 and determined to save all I could. When I left the office I dropped \$800 of it between my flesh and underclothing which they did not find and yesterday released me after securing \$200 and almost starving me to death."

Uncle Sam's Money.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—[Special]—Receipts from customs at New York during the first twenty days of this month were \$5,362,768, a decrease of \$1,764,667 compared with receipts during the corresponding period of last year. The net gold in treasury to-day amounts to \$129,750,389, a decrease of nearly two millions since the 10th instant. The cash balance is \$132,300,000.

A Richmond Terminal Director.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—[Special]—At a meeting of Richmond Terminal directors to-day, W. B. Strong, of Work, Strong & Co., was elected a director in the place of A. J. Raub, resigned. Raub is assistant secretary and was only elected temporarily until the new member of the board could be decided upon.

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