MR. AVERY TRANSFERRED

Local Merchants and Miners Agent Goes to Jacksonville.

FRANK B. BRAGG COMES HERE

G. Walker Pierce, Local Chief Clerk, Follows Mr. Avery and His Predecessor Takes Charge of Newport News Office.

Mr. H. C. Avery, local agent of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company, received notice yesterday that he had been appointed to take charge of the new office that the transportation company is to establish at Jacksonville, Fla.

The Jacksonville line will be a continuation of the Savannah line. Mr. Avery will take charge of the new office on April 15. He formerly made his home in Jacksonville, and is thoroughly posted relative to the transportation business in that city.

Mr. G. Walker Pierce, the chief clerk in the office of this city, will accompany his chief to his new post, and Mr. Frank B. Bragg, formerly of this city, and chief clerk of the local office, but lately chief clerk in the office of the Norfolk agent of the company, has been appointed agent for this city to succeed Mr. Avery.

Mr. Avery was appointed agent at this port about a year ago, and since that time has made many friends, who will regret his departure from the city.

TREAT FOR MUSIC LOVERS.

Fine Program Arranged for Organ and Song Recital at St. Paul's.

An excellent program has been arranged for the organ recital and sacred song service to be given at St. Paul's Episcopal church this evening by the vested choir, under the direction of Prof. Remick. Music lovers are looking forward to the affair as a great treat.

The program follows:

Processional—"Onward Christian Soldiers" (Fuller). Creed and Prayers.

Gloria—From Mass in B Flat (Farmer).

Nocturne—For Piano and Organ (Mendelssohn). Mr. Robertson and Mr. Remick.

"O Lamb of God" (Stainer). For chorus, with violin obligato.

a—"Cavatina" (Raff); b "Berceuse" (Renaud). Mr A. V. Smidt.

"Agnus Dei" (Bizet). With violin, piano and organ. Mrs. C. W. Robinson.

Duo—For Piano and Organ (Widor). Mr. Robertson and Mr. Remick.

Hymn (Anthem)—"O Worship the King" (Maunder). For choir and congregation. Solo by Mrs. H. C. Avery.

Offertory—"Large" (Handel). For violin and organ.

"The Lost Chord" (Sullivan). For chorus.

"Light From Heaven" (Gounod). With violin, piano and organ. Mrs. Alexander Wills.

Recessional—"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (Remick).

DRESS REHEARSAL OF PINAFORE.

Cast Will Be Practically Same As Before.

The Hampton Roads Glee Club held its first dress rehearsal of the opera Pinafore in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association last night with most of the cast present.

The glee club will give a performance of the opera for the benefit of the Association at the Academy of Music on April 15.

The cast for the performance follows:

Josephine—Miss Ada Brooks.
Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B.—Mr. Robt. Brydon, Jr.
Captain Corcoran—George Murphy.
Ralph Rackstraw—O. H. LCMFWH
Dick Deadeye—H. F. Coppleberg.
Bill Bobstay—Herman Kocker.
Boatswain—Percy Payne.
Cousin Hebe—Mrs. W. W. Royal.
Little Buttercup—Mrs. M. D. Alley.

COL. LAMB DEAD.

Was Best Known for Valiant Conduct at Fort Fisher.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 23.—Col. William Lamb, aged 73, soldier, lawyer, editor, merchant and politician, died here today. He was best known as the "hero of Fort Fisher" in the Civil war, when in a siege of three days he held the fort near Wilmington, N. C., with 1,900 men against the attack of 10,000 Federal troops.

Fools.

What do you suppose fools were made for? That you might tread upon them, and starve them, and get the better of them in every possible way? By no means. They were made that wise people might take care of them. That is the true and plain fact concerning the relations of every strong and wise man to the world about him. He has his strength given him, not that he may crush the weak, but that he may support and guide them. In his own household he is to be the guide and support of his children; out of his household he is still to be the father, that is, the guide and support of the weak and the poor; not merely of the meritoriously weak and the innocently poor, but of the guilty and punishably poor; of the men who ought to have known better; of the poor who ought to be ashamed of themselves.—John Ruskin.

Social - Personal

Misses Frankie Liggett and Rebecca Bland, of Richmond, are visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. A. B. Abbitt and her daughter, Miss Frances Emily, have gone to Lynchburg to visit relatives. They will stop at Appomattox Court House before returning home.

Mrs. Sol Peyser will entertain the Wednesday Social Club today at her home, 3208 West avenue.

Mrs. A. C. Saunders, of Richmond, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. F. McIntosh, in this city, has gone to Portsmouth to spend a week with friends before returning home.

Dr. Clarence Porter Jones is improving after an illness of several days at his home, 118 Thirty-second street.

Mrs. L. P. Stearnes and her daughter, Miss Lewie, have gone to the Stearnes country home at Pulaski for a short stay.

Mrs. Harry Livezey has recovered after an illness of two weeks at her home in North End.

Miss Louise French, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Upshur, in this city.

Mrs. C. B. Payne and little daughter are visiting relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Maria Pittman, of Richmond, is spending a week with friends in this city.

Miss Rose McPherson, of Bluefield, W. Va., has returned home after a visit to her cousins, the Misses Grimm, on Thirty-second street.

Miss Bessie Berger, of Lynchburg, who has been visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity, has returned home.

Mrs. C. E. Miller has been called to Richmond by news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Samuel Taylor.

Miss Harriet Hallas has returned to her home in Alexandria after spending two weeks with relatives here. She was accompanied home by Mrs. R. M. Moonan, who will be her guest until after Easter.

Mr. Herbert Nelson has returned to his home in Portsmouth after a visit to Mrs. Mary Savage, 239 Twenty-eighth street.

AT THE ACADEMY

A most delightful evening was spent by those who were so fortunate as to be at the Academy of Music last night and accompany Mr. Fred Niblo, the American humorist-traveler, on his pictorial pilgrimage through Egypt, from Cairo to Khartoum. This "travel talk," like the one given by Mr. Niblo on the occasion of his visit to the Academy last week, was graphically illustrated by a splendid collection of illuminated photographic views and motion pictures. The selection of pictures was even finer than that for the African "tour," and the talk certainly was equally as interesting.

Mr. Niblo has a pleasing voice and attractive presence, and touches of humor make his talks delightfully entertaining as well as instructive.

The subject of the next "zig-zag journey," which will be taken next Tuesday evening, will be Russia, from the Black Sea to Siberia, and in connection with his talks Mr. Niblo promises to show some pictures of scenes in Russia not heretofore presented to public view in picture.

The demand for seats for these "pictorial pilgrimages" is increasing, and the Academy management expects to entertain large crowds when Mr. Niblo pays the two visits that are to follow.

"50 Miles From Boston."

The last "big" attraction at the Academy, and what is expected to prove the most important musical engagement of the season, will be "Fifty Miles From Boston," which comes tomorrow night, with a strong company headed by Miss Edna Wallace Hopper.

The cast of this company is said to be the strongest and most expensive that is carried by any organization in this country, outside of grand opera. The list includes about a dozen well known names, and the chorus is said to be unusually large and well selected.

The piece, which is styled a "musical drama," is by George Cohan, and the production is presented by Cohan and Harris. The advance sale began at the box office yesterday morning.

BOTH PAID FINES.

Messrs. Butler and Swett Before Justice Brown Yesterday.

Messrs. W. W. S. Butler and Samuel Swett, who engaged in a personal encounter on Washington avenue Monday afternoon as a result of a dispute over electric lamps, were before Justice Brown, in the police court yesterday. They were fined $4.50 each, for disorderly conduct, and required to give bonds of $100 to keep the peace.

Mr. Butler is manager of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, and Mr. Swett represents a new type of electric lamp.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASSES

Joint Meeting to be Held at First Presbyterian Church.

ALL "SUNDAY SCHOOL MEN" INVITED

Besides Talks By Rev. E. T. Wellford, Judge Barham and Messrs. Crane and Baines, There Will Be Special Musical Program.

A meeting of unusual interest to Bible students will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, when the members of all the men's Bible classes in the city will gather in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Westminster Bible Class, of the First Presbyterian church, and every Sunday school man, whether officer, teacher or member, is invited to be present.

Several interesting talks will be the feature of the gathering. Rev. E. T. Wellford will discuss "Observations in Other Lands;" Mr. DeWitt Crane will talk on "United Effort;" Judge T. J. Barham will tell "What One Bible Class Can Do," and Mr. C. W. Baines will speak on "Let Him That Heareth Say 'Come.'"

A special program of music will include a violin solo by Irving Neilsen, and vocal solos by Mr. Robert Brydon, Mr. E. McD. Gemmell will respond on a concert gramophone solo by Caruso, Terazzini, Melba, DeGogorza and Calve, and a quartette from Rigoletto.

INTERESTED IN REVIVAL MEETINGS ON THE INCREASE

Rev. Mr. Dadmun Preaches Stirring Sermon on "Getting Our Rights."

With each succeeding night the interest in the revival services now in progress at Trinity Methodist church is increasing. A large congregation attended the meeting last night, and considerable interest was manifested.

The pastor, Rev. E. T. Dadmun, preached a stirring sermon from the text, John 1-12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to this that believe on his name." His subject was "Getting Our Rights."

A special musical program has been arranged for the services this evening. The subject of pastor's sermon will be "Rest for Burdened Souls."

DEATH OF MRS. PALMER.

Aged Lady Passes Away After Lingering Illness.

Mrs. Ellen Palmer, widow of the late George Palmer, died this morning at 1:15 o'clock at the home of her grandson, Mr. George Palmer, 323 Fifty-second street. Mrs. Palmer, who was 87 years old, had been an invalid for a long time, having suffered a stroke of paralysis more than a year ago. She was stricken again several days ago.

Mrs. Palmer was the mother of Mr. J. J. Palmer, one of the oldest and best known citizens of this city.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but the body will be taken to City Point tomorrow morning on the steamer Pocahontas, and will be buried at Mrs. Palmer's old home beside the grave of her husband.

HIGH IN CIVILIZATION'S SCALE.

Unknown Peoples of America Who Have Perished Utterly.

Between the region occupied of old by the Aztecs and the realm far to the south over which the incas ruled lies an immense stretch of territory, a thousand miles long and 800 wide, where the remains of unknown and wonderful civilizations are being discovered, says a writer in Van Norden's Magazine. This region extends from the northern boundaries of Peru to the southern limits of Costa Rica. In one section alone along the coast of Ecuador six entirely unknown civilizations were recently brought to light by Prof. Marshall H. Saville, and a vast collection of relics has been brought to New York. This collection is to be the nucleus of a great American museum, which will represent the history of ancient peoples who attained an extraordinarily high degree of civilization, yet whose very existence has been hitherto lost in antiquity.

The famed marble chairs of Rome at its zenith were not more symmetrical or beautifully carved than those of one of these unknown civilizations. No pottery of any other ancient race was more delicately patterned than that found in vast quantities, as numerous almost as pebbles, on the sites where these extinct peoples dwelt. Their cloth was of truly marvelous weave; in beauty of design, richness of color and fineness of texture no fabric of to-day surpasses it.

Mr. Meyers Recovered.

Mr. Manus Meyers has returned from New York, where he spent nearly two months undergoing an operation and treatment at the New York hospital for a small tumor. He has now entirely recovered his health.

NATURE OF EXPERT TESTIMONY.

Rude Interrupter of Justice Really Had Good Excuse.

Judge Frederick E. Crane of New York was complimented at a recent dinner on the modest simplicity with which he administers justice.

"Well, we are not omniscient, we judges," he replied, "though from our air you might often think we were. When I begin to feel omniscient, I call to mind, as a corrective, Judge O'Brien of Dublin.

"Judge O'Brien was delivering his decision in a will contest. The testator had gone to America, and nothing had been heard of him for many years. Hence he was supposed to be dead, and they were dividing up his estate according to the will he had left behind.

"Judge O'Brien, a very pompous man, read on and on.

"'And it is plain to me,' read Judge O'Brien, 'that when the testator said he bequeathed this farm and appurtenances to Bridget O'Hoolahan, by appurtenances he meant all that portion marked A and colored green on the plan.'

"'You're a liar!' shouted a voice from the rear of the court.

"'Arrest that man!' stuttered the judge.

"And the man, a thin old fellow, was dragged struggling before the bar.

"'How dare you, sir? Who are you?' Judge O'Brien demanded.

"'O'I'm the testator!' was the reply, in a scornful Irish-American accent."

REVERENT MAN IN MISFORTUNE.

Bishop's Unfortunate Experience with Crowd of Skeptics.

Melba, describing Australia in an interview, said:

"My fellow-countrymen are like your westerners of the seventies. They have a delicious humor and a mocking skepticism.

"The bishop of Ballarat rode one night into a little township of his diocese that he had never visited before. It was late and rainy. The only building with a light in it was the office of the local paper, and the bishop knocked on the door with his cropstick.

"'Hellow below!' cried a voice, and a head popped out of the window above.

"'I am the bishop of Ballarat,' said the prelate, mildly. 'Will you be so good as to direct me to a hotel?'

'From the roomful of compositors came a loud burst of laughter, and another man stuck out his head and said to the bishop in a tone of kindly reproof:

"'Look here, old man, you've had about enough hotel for one night! Go home and go to bed, or you'll get run in as sure as shooting.'"

Hotels and Food in Argentina.

There is an abundance of hotels and pensions in Buenos Ayres and, although some of these are exceedingly dear, good accommodations can be had for about the same prices as in larger American cities. While the food, in general, cannot be called bad, the heating facilities of the hotels are miserable. This is all the more to be lamented as the winter months, June to September, are quite cold here. The so-called steam heat of the larger hotels, which, by the way, is installed only in the corridors, is nothing more than a farce, and the small kerosene stoves which one may order for his room against good extra pay are insufficient to counteract the cold drafts from doors and windows.—From a Buenos Ayres Letter to the Chicago Daily News.

Express Yourself.

Express yourself. If your railroad crowds its passengers by putting on an insufficient number of cars, let each crowded passenger write a candid expression of opinion to the passenger agent. If your trolleys are crowded, don't lazily submit—express yourselves. Not to each other, but to the man who is running things. Make it hot for him. He is there to serve you. Don't be gentle sheep and bleat contentedly when you are herded together. Be goats, and butt in. Reforms are never anything but the fruit of a strong popular expression.—Charles Battell Loomis.

Anger as a Virtue.

Anger is one of the sinews of the soul; he that wants it hath a maimed mind, and with Jacob, sinew-shrunk in the hollow of his thigh, must needs halt. Nor is it good to converse with such as cannot be angry, and, with the Caspian sea, never ebb nor flow. This anger is either heavenly, when one is offended for God, or hellish, when offended with God and goodness, or earthly, in temporal matters, which earthly anger may also be hellish, if for no cause, no great cause, too hot or too long.—Thomas Fuller.

A Turtle Which Doesn't Grow Up.

A Brooklyn boy who spent last summer in Connecticut found a turtle's egg in the course of his country wanderings. He broke the shell and found inside a perfectly formed turtle. He resolved to bring up the turtle for a pet and experienced no difficulty in feeding and caring for it.

Circumstantial Evidence.

She—Is it true that Miss Blank is going to marry the prince?

He—Er—well, they have issued a denial of the story which contradicted the report as to the falsity of the rumor that the account was untrue.

MAY BE THE KIDNAPPERS

(Continued From First Page.)

er, was the center of a triumphant home coming, the officials were at work on the slender clues given them by the boy who had been safely returned to his father last night after the payment of $10,000 ransom.

Demonstrative Farewell.

The departure of Whitla and his son for their home in Sharon was the occasion for a demonstration.

Thousands of persons gathered about the Holland hotel and followed them to the railroad station.

The officials are working independently in their search for the kidnapers, as Mr. Whitla has decided to take no part in it.

It is thought by those taking part in the search that the house in which the boy was held is located near East thirtieth street, which is only one mile from the city's center.

Druggist Unger, in whose store Attorney Whitla obtained a letter giving final instructions for the payment of the ransom, and Mrs. B. A. Hendricks, who was in charge of the little candy store, where the money was paid, were closely questioned by the officials, but little of value was learned.

The officials believe Mrs. Hendricks was an innocent agent of the kidnapers, and that the abduction was conducted by two men and a woman.

VERELL—MEARS.

Young Man From Newport News Claims Hampton Girl as Bride.

Miss Edith Lucille Mears, of Hampton, and Mr. Thomas Benjamin Verell, of Newport News, were married yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mears, in West End. The beautiful Episcopal ceremony was performed by Rev. Reverdy Estill, D. D., in the presence of a party of relatives and intimate friends of the young couple.

Miss Mears is a popular young lady, well known both here and in Newport News. Mr. Verell is foreman of the composing room of the Daily Press and a well known young citizen of Newport News, where he has made his home for a number of years.

The bride and groom left on the evening train for Washington on their honeymoon. They will visit friends and relatives in Richmond and Petersburg before returning. They will make their home at 634 Twenty-ninth street.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

Dr. Cahill's Trial is Put Off For Third Time.

(By Associated Press).

ROANOKE, VA., March 23.—The trial of Dr. J. S. Cahill for the murder of Robert G. Smithers was today for the third time postponed in the Circuit Court at Rocky Mount, Va.

Three special terms have been called to try the case, but each time it has been postponed because of illness of witnesses.

It is said Smithers was instrumental in separating Cahill and his wife. A fatal gun duel followed.

The unwritten law will be invoked by the defense. Cahill is out on $20,000 bond.

The next date for the trial has not been set.

Christian is Fined $25 and Costs.

Gideon Christian, colored, was fined $25 and costs by Magistrate W. H. Mears, last night, before whom he was given a hearing on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. He went to jail in default.