TO FURNISH GAS.

GENTLEMEN ASK FOR FRANCHISE FOR PLANT IN MANCHESTER.

OTHER ITEMS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

Condition of Sergeant Fitzgerald Remains the Same—The Rev. J. A. Spencer Goes "for Good"—A Lively Runaway—Death of a Young Lady.

The Manchester Council held a short, but interesting, regular session last night. The feature of the meeting was the application made by a number of well-known gentlemen of the city for a franchise to manufacture and sell gas in this city.

Those present were Messrs. John O'Brien (president), W. W. Pool, Matthew Morton, W. B. Bradley, J. R. Green, J. T. Abbott, S. P. Jones, R. L. Patram, John E. Utz, L. M. Nunnally, and W. T. Hart.

The first half-hour of the session was taken up in the presentation of the reports from the standing committees. These reports were all approved and ordered to be filed. The attention of the Council was called, when the routine business had been disposed of, to the presence of a committee from the Business-Men's Association.

The floor of the chamber was yielded to the committee, of which Mr. M. A. Campbell was chairman. Mr. Campbell presented a resolution passed by the Business-Men's Association, asking the Council to reconsider its action in declining to sanction a change in the city's charter, so as to provide for a board of aldermen. Under Rule No. 36 this communication could not be acted upon until the next regular meeting. So it was filed until the meeting of next month.

GAS FRANCHISE ASKED FOR.

Mr. Nunnally rose at this point and presented the application for a franchise to establish an acetylene gas plant in the city. The petition was drawn in the form of an ordinance. The gentlemen interested are Messrs. E. L. Turner, of New York city; George E. Gary, A. J. Daffron, A. L. Adamson, Clarence Vaden, W. P. Mathews, E. H. Wells, and Augustine Royal.

The application was accompanied by a certified check for $200, as required by ordinance. The application was read by Clerk Hall, and referred to the Ordinance and Light committees, to report as soon as possible.

The plant, if the franchise is granted, is required to be begun in sixty days, and completed in four months. Mr. Adamson took the floor, and answered some questions about the purposes of the gentlemen interested. He, and those associated with him, seemed to be thoroughly enthused with their new enterprise. Mr. Adamson stated that he and two of his associates had visited a northern city, where the acetylene gas was used, and had thoroughly inspected the plant, and visited the homes where the gas was used. Without exception, they found every one greatly pleased with it, and saying that he found the gas as cheap as oil-lamps, and of ever so much less trouble.

Mr. Adamson further stated that his association were greatly in earnest, and had made every provision financially, and from a mechanical point of view, to put up the plant as soon as given permission by the city to do so. The Council is favorably disposed towards the enterprise, and will doubtless grant the franchise as soon as practicable.

The exact location of the plant has not been agreed upon, but it will be central. The officers of the controlling company have not yet been chosen; this will come later.

Mr. W. B. Pleasants was elected a Water Commissioner, to succeed Mr. G. A. Carr.

No other business of importance was transacted.

SERGEANT FITZGERALD.

The condition of Sergeant Henry Fitzgerald remains unchanged. He lies upon his bed with eyes closed. For more than forty-eight hours he has lain for the most part like this. His children are constantly at his side. Mrs. Kate Hawks, of New Jersey, his daughter, has come to be with her father.

A horse attached to a buggy ran away on Hull street yesterday afternoon. The buggy was broken to many pieces, and a countryman's wagon was overturned by the runaway horse and buggy attached. No one was hurt.

A colored woman was arrested yesterday afternoon for being drunk.

DEATH OF A YOUNG LADY.

Miss Roberta Cheatham, a much beloved young lady, died at her mother's residence, No. 1518 Hull street, yesterday morning at 1 o'clock. Deceased was just 21 years of age. About eight months ago she was taken ill with pulmonary disease. From this she never recovered, and it was this which carried her off. During her sickness her many beautiful Christian graces became very evident to those who watched at her bedside. She was a daughter of Mrs. Anne E. Cheatham, and had resided in Manchester about twelve years, endearing herself to all whom she met.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, from the Oak-Grove Baptist church, of which she was a most useful member. The interment will be in Maury Cemetery.

REV. J. A. SPENCER LEAVES.

Rev. J. A. Spencer left the city last night for Danville, where he becomes pastor of the Patton-Street Christian church. His family will follow him on Tuesday.

The Danville Register has the following to say of Mr. Spencer's first services in the city on the Dan:

"Rev. J. A. Spencer, the new pastor of the Patton-Street Christian church, preached his first sermon in that capacity Sunday morning, and addressed the congregation. He made a very pleasing impression at both services.

"Mr. Spencer is an easy, fluent speaker, a man of marked gentleness and thorough conversation, and adds to his educational equipment a keen insight into human nature and rare adaptability. He preaches the Gospel in all its simplicity. His remarks following the evening sermon, added to the pleasant impression he has made."

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mrs. J. M. Deitrick is quite ill at her home.

Dr. W. F. Merchant and bride have returned from their bridal trip.

William Woodson, a colored man, was before Mayor Maurice yesterday morning as a vagrant. He was given a few minutes to get out of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cook have the sympathy of the community in the death of their infant daughter, Fannie Belle.

Manchester Lodge of Masons will meet to-night in the Masonic Temple.

To Preach on Sabbath Observance.

Sabbath observance will be the general theme discussed in practically all the Richmond churches to-morrow morning. The Ministerial Union, at a special meeting held about two weeks ago, adopted a resolution calling upon all the pastors of the city to preach on this subject to-morrow, and so far as is known the request will be very generally complied with.

Preparing for Base-Ball.

Manager Jake Wells and Secretary Hugh L. Cardozo, of the Virginia League, returned last night from visits to Petersburg and Norfolk.

Mr. Wells, in Petersburg, had an interview with Manager Edwards, of the street railway company, and the company is willing to lend its aid in the establishment and maintenance of the club in that city. A club in Petersburg will be liberally patronized.

In Norfolk the base-ball fever is something of an epidemic. Mr. Wells was everywhere accosted by people, some of whom he did not even know, who wished to know about the league.

GOV. TYLER'S BUSY SEASON.

His Time Taken Up Reading Bills and Letters—A New Colonel.

In addition to the usual duties of the office of Governor of the Commonwealth, always greatly increased while the General Assembly is in session, Governor Tyler has now to read many letters from Confederate soldiers, asking him to use his influence in securing pensions for them. The Governor receives such letters every year, but the number this year is larger than usual.

The reading of the bills passed by the Legislature and submitted for his approval requires a great deal of the Governor's time. Towards the end of the session, it is almost an impossibility for the Executive to read them all, owing to measures being hurried through so rapidly at the end of a session.

Governor Tyler yesterday appointed Mr. L. D. Starke, of Norfolk, to the position of Judge-Advocate-General on his staff, with the rank of colonel. Mr. Starke succeeds Colonel Marion Dawson, of this city, who was recently compelled to resign on account of the pressure of business. Mr. Starke is one of the best-known of the younger lawyers of Norfolk.

MR. HENRY HARRISON DEAD.

He Passed Away at His Father's Home, in Cumberland County.

Mr. Henry Harrison, formerly a member of the grocery firm of Cox & Harrison, of this city, died Thursday morning at the home of his parents, in Cumberland county. He had been ill for some time with consumption.

Mr. Harrison retired from business about three years ago to study for the ministry. His health broke down shortly after, however, and he had to be taken to the country. His death will be keenly felt in church circles, for he was a great worker, and was a most prominent member of St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

The funeral of Miss Katharine Gregory, who died of typhoid-fever at the Virginia Home for Incurables, took place at 12 o'clock yesterday from that institution. Burial was in River-View Cemetery. Miss Gregory was 15 years old.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma H. Holmes will take place to-morrow afternoon from the First Baptist church, of which she had been a member for many years.

Many Conversions at Pine-Street.

The revival services at Pine-Street Baptist church are growing in interest and power. Last night the church was crowded and many were unable to get in. Rev. Mr. Fikes preached perhaps the best sermon he has delivered here. There were eleven conversions and some forty requests for prayer.

Rev. Mr. Fikes goes to Baltimore to-day to fill an appointment, made some time ago, but will return Monday, and continue the Pine-Street meeting through the week. He will preach Monday night on the unpardonable sin.

Close of a Good Week.

There will be a matinee at the Bijou to-day that promises to be the largest in the history of the theatre. People have been turned away at every performance that has been given this week because the capacity of the house has been so tested. The bill closes to-night, and about the best show that has yet been seen in vaudeville here will pass away, to make room for one that promises to be in keeping with it.

Seeks Dissolution of Injunction.

In the United States District Court yesterday motion was made by John Onesty, through William H. Beveridge, counsel, to dissolve the injunction granted him, restraining him from disposing of the stock of goods in No. 16 east Broad street, transferred to him in the bankruptcy proceedings of Bernheim, Rexinger & Co., et al., vs. Joseph Salotti. The latter was adjudicated an involuntary bankrupt. Judge Waddill held up the injunction until to-day, pending an appeal from his decision setting aside the deed of transfer as null and void under the bankruptcy act. Messrs. William and Henry Flegenheimer are counsel for Bernheim, Rexinger & Co.

Emanuel Church Robbed.

Emanuel Episcopal church, of Henrico, has not escaped the desecration of churches that has become so common of late.

The robbery seems to have been committed last week. The articles taken were furnishings, and are valued at about $40. Rev. B. M. Randolph, the rector, discovered the theft, and has reported it to the county police.

They are inclined to believe that McArthur and Delacy, who are now charged with having robbed Christ and Monumental churches, in this city, know something about the theft in this district, too.

Colder Weather Predicted.

The weather forecast for to-day promises a very decided and abrupt change in the temperature. The thermometer is scheduled to fall 40 degrees. Yesterday and the day before were characterized in this section by remarkably balmy weather, to which was added, however, a slight fall of rain at intervals. The change from the unusually warm weather of the past two days to genuinely Arctic temperature will be especially noticeable.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Amelia and Elias Bottingheimer to Josie A. Graham, 25 feet on north side Leigh street, 141 feet from Second, $3,320.

Laura V. Robinson's trustee to G. D. Pearman, 62 feet on west side Eighth street between Baker and Preston, $275.

Virgie Allen and McGruder Sinton to Thomas F. Jeffress, 16 feet on west side Harrison street, 134 feet north of Leigh, subject to deed of trust for $400, $5.

Judge Waddill's Decision To-Day.

The decision of Judge Waddill in the second application of Mr. Thomas F. Ryan for an injunction against the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad will probably be announced to-day. Judge Waddill was at work on his opinion last night, and has given earnest consideration to the questions involved in the interval since argument of the case in the United States Circuit Court here, on the 2d instant.

Under Wheels of His Dray.

Gus Sulley, a colored man, was thrown from his seat upon a dray at Fourteenth and Dock streets yesterday morning, his team having become frightened and running away. The wheels of the dray passed over the driver's body.

The ambulance was summoned and Dr. Goode found that he was badly bruised externally and internally, but no bones were broken. He was carried home.

To Addrrss the Actives.

The meeting of the Clay Ward Actives to-night promises to be one of special interest. Captains R. S. Parks and J. C. Featherston, members of the House of Delegates, will make addresses. Attorney-General A. J. Montague will also be present and make a short talk. The meeting will be held at Belvidere Hall, and the public will be welcome.

The West Point Cellulose Plant.

Mr. E. Wilkinson, who is superintendent of the Marsden Company's cellulose plant, which is being erected at West Point, was in the city yesterday, for the purpose of engaging masons to work on the building. The excavations for the foundations are about completed.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

Carpenter & Co. vs. Virginia-North-Carolina Chemical Company. Argued by G. M. Dillard for appellants and Robert M. Hughes for appellee and submitted.

Smith and others vs. Miller and others. Argued by Judge J. F. Strother for appellants and continued until Monday.

Exposure to Wet, dampness, and cold, invariably results in a sudden chill, which, if not attended to immediately, will cause a cold. By mixing a teaspoonful of Perry Davis's Pain-Killer in half a glass of warm water or milk, the whole system will be heated, and the danger of cold avoided. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis's. Price 25 cents and 50 cents.

COMMON SENSE TALK WITH WOMEN.

If a person is ill and needs a medicine is it not wise to get one that has stood the test of time and has hundreds of thousands of cures to its credit?

A great many women who are ill try everything they hear of in the way of medicine, and this experimenting with unknown drugs is a constant menace to their already impaired health.

This is very unwise, for there are remedies which are no experiments and have been known years and years to be doing only good.

Take for instance,

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

For thirty years its record has been one unbroken chain of success. No medicine for female ills the world has ever known has such a record for cures.

It seems so strange that some people will take medicines about which they really know nothing, some of which might be, and are, really harmful; when on the other hand it is easily proved that over one million women have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

We have published in the newspapers of the United States more genuine testimonial letters than have ever been published in the interest of any other medicine.

We have thousands like the following addressed to Mrs. Pinkham:

Monthly Suffering Backache and Bearing-down Pains always Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I suffered untold agony every month, could get no relief until I tried your medicine; your letter of advice and a few bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound have made me the happiest woman alive. I shall bless you as long as I live."—**Miss Joie Saul, Dover, Mich.**

"Four years ago I had almost given up hope of ever being well again. I was afflicted with those dreadful headache spells which would sometimes last three or four days. Also had backache, bearing-down pains, leucorrhœa, dizziness, and terrible pains at monthly periods confining me to my bed. After reading so many testimonials for your medicine, I concluded to try it. I began to pick up after taking the first bottle, and have continued to gain rapidly, and now feel like a different woman. I can recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in highest terms to all sick women."—**Miss Rosa Helden, 126 W. Cleveland Ave., Canton, O.**

Another Case of Kidney, Womb and Bladder Trouble Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR FRIEND—Two years ago I had child-bed fever and womb trouble in its worst form. For eight months after birth of babe I was not able to sit up. Doctors treated me, but with no help. I had bearing-down pains, burning in stomach, kidney and bladder trouble, and my back was so stiff and sore. The right ovary was badly affected and everything I ate distressed me, and there was a bad discharge.

"I was confined to my bed when I wrote to you for advice and followed your directions faithfully, taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Liver Pills, and using the Wash, and am now able to do the most of my housework. I believe I should have died if it had not been for your Compound. I hope this letter may be the result of benefiting some other suffering woman. I recommended your Compound to every one."—**Mrs. Mary Vaughan, Trimble, Pulaski Co., Ky.**

A Letter Which Proves That Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Will Remove Tumor and Cure Other Weakness.

"Two years ago I was a great sufferer from womb trouble and profuse flowing each month, and tumors would form in the womb. I had four tumors in two years. I went through treatment with doctors, but they did me no good, and I thought I would have to resort to morphine.

"The doctor said that all that could help me was to have an operation and have the womb removed, but I had heard of Mrs. Pinkham's medicine and decided to try it, and wrote for her advice, and after taking her Vegetable Compound the tumors were expelled and I began to get stronger right along, and am well as ever before. Can truly say that I would never had gotten well had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound."—**Mary A. Stahl, Watsontown, Pa.**

SYNDICATE MILLER IN JAIL.

Found in Montreal and Taken to Brooklyn—His Career.

(New York Times.)

William F. Miller, the head of the defunct 520 per cent. Franklin Syndicate, is in Raymond-street jail, Brooklyn. Miller was found on Wednesday night in Montreal, where he had spent the greater part of the time since he became a fugitive from justice, by Captain James G. Reynolds, formerly head of the Brooklyn Detective Bureau, and now captain of the Atlantic-Avenue Police Station.

The Captain arrived with Miller at the Grand Central Station at 1:50 P. M. yesterday. On reaching the city Miller was taken to police headquarters, where he talked with Chief Devery and spent half an hour in the examining-room, being measured according to the Bertillon system and having his photograph taken. After this Captain Reynolds took him to Brooklyn, arriving at the office of Deputy Chief-of-Police Mackellar shortly after 4 o'clock.

When Miller reached the Brooklyn municipal building a large crowd awaited him, news of his capture having been received by telephone early in the afternoon. He walked meekly beside his captor, appearing even smaller than usual in contrast to the tall detective, and cast timid glances at the spectators as he passed into the building between rows of people. As he ascended the steps the crowd closed in and followed, halting only when the door of the Deputy Chief's room was closed in their faces. But the prisoner remained inside only a few moments, and then the procession moved over to the criminal branch of the County Court, Part I.

There was a rush at the court-room door after the alleged swindler passed in, and the doorkeepers with much difficulty prevented a stampede. The crowd seemed to increase every minute, and it was not long before every seat was occupied and the aisles were well-nigh filled. The prisoner's counsel, Robert A. Ammon, had received a message from his client soon after the latter reached New York. In response he made his appearance in the municipal building at about the same hour that the accused arrived, and proceeded with him to the court-room. He exclaimed at intervals that he had had no opportunity of communicating with Miller.

THE PRISONER ARRAIGNED.

The prisoner, when arraigned before Judge Hurd, was confronted by the indictment against him. This was read by the Clerk of the court, and included three counts, two of grand larceny in the first degree and one of grand larceny in the second degree. Miller pleaded "Not guilty."

Mr. Ammon, addressing the court, said that the prisoner had exhibited no disposition to evade trial; that he had come back to this State voluntarily, and that he was, therefore, entitled to some consideration. He asked that the prisoner be admitted to bail. District-Attorney Clarke proposed that bail be fixed at $25,000, of which $20,000 should be for the two charges of grand larceny in the first degree and $5,000 for the minor charge. This was considered excessive by Judge Hurd, who fixed the amount at $12,500. The Court gave Mr. Ammon until 6 o'clock to procure bail, and he agreed to have satisfactory bondsmen at the court-house by that hour. It was then about 4:45.

As Mr. Ammon hurried from the court-room to take a cab he was stopped, and asked if either he or Miller would make a statement for publication. He resented the interruption, and declared most positively that nothing would be said until Miller had been released from custody. After his lawyer's departure Miller was taken into the cage adjoining the court-room, where prisoners awaiting trial are held. The doors were closed, and during the ensuing hour only a privileged few were allowed to see him. He sat on a chair in the rear of the cage, reading a newspaper and now and then exchanging commonplace remarks with the turnkeys who were watching him. To all attempts made to engage him in conversation relative to his travels and the charges against him he turned a deaf ear.

Miller was dressed in a black cheviot sack suit, black Derby hat, and a mixed gray covert coat. He still wore his thin light-colored mustache, and the rest of his face was in need of a shave. While waiting for Mr. Ammon's return the crowd of possibly 200 persons sat around in the court-room discussing the all-absorbing event. Six o'clock came, but did not bring Miller's lawyer. The word then went forth that Miller was to be taken to jail at once.

MILLER TAKEN TO JAIL.

About three minutes after 6 the doors of the court-room were closed, and those in the room were compelled to remain for about five minutes. The announcement was then made that Miller had been removed to the Raymond-street jail. Although it was raining, Miller walked to the jail, accompanied by two officers. After he had entered and was waiting to be assigned to a cell, another attempt was made to obtain an interview with him. He only smiled, however, and said: "I have nothing to say as yet. See my lawyer."

While the attempt was being made to engage Miller in conversation, Mr. Ammon entered the building. He immediately pressed himself between the interviewer and Miller, saying:

"You fellows can't get anything out of him; leave him alone."

Mr. Ammon was then asked is he would not obtain a statement from Miller for publication. He replied:

"When I first saw Miller I split his upper lip and sewed a button on his lower lip, and have fastened them together securely."

Mr. Ammon was then asked if he would not give out a statement.

"I have nothing to say, yet," he replied. "I have only seen Miller a few moments myself. The boy tells me he is sick, and I do not propose to bother him. When I think proper I will make a full statement."

"How about Miller's bail? Why was it not procured?"

"Well, I will tell you. I went to see some clients of mine, from whom I knew I could get bail for Miller. They had heard, however, that I was looking for them in New York, and so I missed them, and it was impossible to secure bail by 6 o'clock, the hour the Judge had set. You can bet all you have, however, that Miller will get bail, and very shortly at that. We are determined to do all we can for this boy. He deserves it; he has acted in a splendid manner in this matter, and there is no reason why he should not be shown every consideration."

THE MEETING IN MONTREAL.

Captain Reynolds, upon being asked to tell the story of Miller's pursuit and capture, said:

"I do not propose to give out the details of Miller's capture yet. That will be done in a detailed report which I shall make to Chief Devery. I got a clue several days ago as to Miller's whereabouts. This clue took me to Montreal, and I left New York Tuesday night for that point. I was walking along one of the streets there, the name of which I do not know, last night, about 7 o'clock, when I ran right into Miller, who was in the company of another man."

Captain Reynolds was asked if he knew who it was that accompanied Miller. This question he refused to answer. Continuing, he said:

"When I saw Miller I walked up to him and said, 'Hello, Miller; I'm Captain Reynolds, of New York.'

"He smiled, and said: 'Why, how are you, Captain?'

"We then shook hands, and he asked me when I expected to return to New York. I told him I would like to return at once, if possible, and he replied that he was glad that he had met me, as he intended to come back to Brooklyn himself, being very anxious to see his wife and child. He then proposed that we leave for New York at once, but I told him it was impossible, there being no train at that hour. He said that he knew where we could catch a train, and conducted me to a station with which I was unacquainted. We reached there about 8 o'clock, just in time to catch a train for New York, arriving here this afternoon. On the way here Miller and I conversed on various topics, but there was no reference made to his troubles, nor did I speak of arresting him.

"When we stepped off the train at the Grand Central Station I said to him, 'Well, Miller, we are in New York now, and I will have to place you under arrest.' When I told him this I showed him the Kings county grand jury warrant I had for him. He glanced at the warrant, smiled, and said: 'Certainly; I understand that I am under arrest.' We then took a cab and were driven straight to police headquarters, entered the building from the Mott-street side, and went at once to Chief Devery's office."

"Where was Miller stopping in Montreal?" the Captain was asked.

"I don't know," he replied, "and, besides, what difference does it make?"

"Was he being shadowed there?"

"Well, he may have been, but I don't have to tell everything I know. This is absolutely all I will say at present."

INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF DEVERY.

Chief Devery was in his private office at police headquarters when Captain Reynolds reached there with Miller. Reynolds at once took his prisoner into the Chief's presence. As the two men entered the room Chief Devery arose and Captain Reynolds remarked: "Well, Chief, here's Miller."

The Captain smiled as he spoke. Chief Devery looked at Miller, who stepped forward with his hand held out.

"How do you do, Chief Devery?" said Miller.

"How are you?" responded the Chief, as he took the man's hand and shook it. Then all three sat down.

"Where have you been, Miller?" asked the Chief.

"I will have to get you to excuse me from answering that question, Chief, till I have seen my lawyer," said Miller.

"Certainly, certainly," quickly responded Chief Devery; "that is your privilege."

Chief Devery, however, was anxious to learn all he could of Miller's travels since he disappeared from New York, and alluded to it several times in the conversation, but Miller evaded all questions bearing upon the subject. After conversing with Chief Devery for about ten minutes Miller was taken up-stairs to be measured and photographed.

Miller, in giving his pedigree, said his name was William F. Miller; that he was 22 years of age, and lived at 132 Vernon avenue, Brooklyn, and that he was a broker and married. He was born in New York. His father was born in New Jersey. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall.

After the prisoner had been taken to Brooklyn, Chief Devery was asked if Miller's whereabouts had been ascertained by shadowing R. A. Ammon. He replied that this was not the case, but added:

"I will say, though, that Ammon should be indicted for aiding Miller's escape."

The Chief was asked if Captain Reynolds's capture of Miller would cause him to be reinstated as head of the Brooklyn Detective Bureau.

"No, sir," said Chief Devery. "I made up my mind to get Miller in some way, and I got him. Captain Reynolds was acting under my orders."

MILLER'S FINANCIAL CAREER.

William F. Miller was the organizer and manager of the Franklin Syndicate, of Brooklyn, whose offices were at 144 Floyd street, in a large, but old and dilapidated, frame house. The syndicate was in operation for about two years, but it was only last fall that it began to attract much attention. Its methods were similar to those adopted by many other concerns, only that the Franklin operated on a large scale, and its manager was more daring than is usually the case.

Circulars were sent everywhere telling how one could become wealthy in a short time by placing money with the syndicate. Advertisements to a like effect were inserted in various newspapers here and in other cities. Miller promised a profit of 520 per cent. a year to those who invested money with him. He claimed to have inside information that enabled him to speculate on Wall street with unfailing success.

Until October 31, 1899, Miller had been accepting any amount of money offered, but he sent out a circular announcing that after that date he would accept no sum less than $50. Thousands of people seemed crazed by the alluring dream of wealth that the Franklin Syndicate offered, and poured their savings into its treasury. The amount of money that was deposited with the syndicate during the time it was in operation was variously estimated at from $200,000 to $2,000,000.

The crash came on November 25th last. A warrant was issued for Miller, but he had fled. His lawyer, R. A. Ammon, promised to produce him at the proper time, but failed to do so, and Miller's whereabouts remained a mystery until yesterday.

CORN KITCHEN AT PARIS.

European Visitors to Exposition Will See Something New.

(Baltimore American.)

CHICAGO, February 8.—Henry Weiss, chef of the Auditorium Hotel, who will be the chef of the "Corn Kitchen" at the Paris Exposition, gave a practical illustration yesterday of the style in which products of the "Corn Kitchen" will be served free to the patrons of the Maize Missionary Institution during the exposition. The event was a corn dinner, served to President Clark E. Carr and Secretary B. W. Snow, of the American Maize Propaganda, both of whom have been named by Commissioner-General Peck to supervise the opening of the kitchen, and to D. W. Wilson, secretary of the Illinois Branch of the propaganda. It was a course corn dinner, and while corn was not the sole viand, it constituted a part, at least, of every dish on the menu.

There are some corn dishes which few white men have succeeded yet in making thoroughly well—corn-bread and hoe-cake—and to illustrate the edible possibilities in these dishes, an Old Virginia "mammy" and a New Orleans negress with wonderful skill in these two dishes will be part of the kitchen staff. They will be dressed in the characteristic plantation style.

Colonel Carr and Mr. Snow will sail on March 8th, taking with them the entire staff of the kitchen. It is expected to open the kitchen on April 15th, and all during the exposition it will serve samples free to those who call. All the materials to be used have been donated by manufacturers of corn products.

The Trial of Beal.

SMITHFIELD, VA., February 9.—(Special.)—The trial of Sam. Beal, for the murder of a tramp (Patrick McDonald), will take more time than was at first thought. It probably will not be finished before the middle of next week, as Mr. R. E. Boykin, Commonwealth's Attorney, has not yet finished with his witnesses. The defence, then, has at least ten or fifteen witnesses to be examined.

W. S. Philpot, Albany, Ga., says: "DeWitt's Little Early Risers did me more good than any pills I ever took." The famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, and liver and bowel troubles. Bodeker Brothers, T. A. Miller.

RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

ANOTHER DISTRIBUTION OF THE PEABODY FUND.

A NOVEL AND INTERESTING CASE

Before the North Carolina Supreme Court—To Have Electric Light Plant—Charged With Murder—A Profitable Cotton Crop—Briefs.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 9.—(Special.) To-day the State Superintendent of Public Instruction received $1,000 from the Peabody fund. Of this, $100 each goes to white graded schools at Mount Airy and Washington; $200 each to negro normal schools at Elizabeth City and Fayette, and $100 each to negro normal schools at Plymouth, Goldsboro', Franklinton, and Winston. Dr. Curry, who sends the money, says he is greatly pleased at the reopening of the State Normal and Industrial College, at Greensboro'. He speaks with certainty of a great educational awakening in North Carolina in the next four years. He sends the Peabody fund, as apportioned among the States, as it accumulates, and as rapidly as the State Superintendent receives it he disburses it.

In the Supreme Court to-day there was argument in an interesting case. A wife made a contract and her husband witnessed it. The question arises, Did he consent and was his signature as witness a part of his consent?

The penitentiary will establish a large electric plant and may light some, or most, of the public buildings.

George E. Boggs, of Waynesville, member of the Populist State Committee, months ago declared himself in favor of the franchise amendment to the Constitution. He did no desire the committee to act in regard to that matter, but spurred by the Republicans, it did act. Boggs gave notice two weeks ago to the editor of the Progressive Farmer that he would resign, and that he would write an open letter to the Populist State chairman, Cy. Thompson, giving his reasons for resigning. It is no secret that some of the other committeemen share Mr. Boggs's views.

Elihu A. White, of Perquimans county, who was for four years Revenue Collector here, died yesterday after many months' illness. He was greatly esteemed.

All of the companies of the First Regiment have now been armed, save those at Shelby and Statesville, and by Monday these will be supplied.

Very few corporations have lately domesticated themselves in this State. The last to do so are some of the minor fraternal organizations.

The State Labor Commissioner is preparing the figures as to employees and their wages in miscellaneous factories. There has been a very marked increase in the number of all such factories, save tobacco factories.

The Republican organs speak of the opening of their party's headquarters at Greensboro', as if there would no longer be headquarters at Raleigh.

A middle-aged negro woman and her son, aged about 20, were lodged in jail here last evening on suspicion of having murdered Solomon Moring, the woman's husband, aged about 60, about ten miles north of here. It has been suspected for several days that they had killed him and placed his body in Neuse river. There appears to be no doubt that Moring has been murdered.

The penitentiary cotton crop of this season will bring $75,000, thanks to the great rise in prices. There are 1,200 bales yet on hand. It will be held for a further rise. Yesterday cotton sold here on the street at 8 1-2. The demand for it is very sharp. Country merchants hold a good deal; farmers little.

Effie A. Roberts, a young woman of fine appearance, left here to-day for Salt Lake City, having become a Mormon. One of the Mormon missionaries, named Emory, who was recently here, arranged for her to go. The Morman Church paid for her ticket. Her age is about 25. She is the first female convert to leave here for Utah. She is from this city.

MARRIAGE AT CROZET.

Personal—Forty-Hours' Devotion—A Prisoner Escapes.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 9.—(Special.)—The marriage of Mr. Richard A. Yancey and Miss Annie S. Durrett took place Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Durrett, mother of the bride, near Crozet. The parlor was decorated for the occasion. The guests so arranged themselves as to leave an aisle along which the bride and groom approached the preacher, the Rev. J. C. Painter, who performed the ceremony according to the form of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Yancey's best man was the bride's brother, Mr. D. W. Durrett, of Richmond, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss M. Louise Durrett, tastefully attired in black crepon.

The bride wore a beautiful Venetian cloth, with brown velvet waist. Mr. and Mrs. Yancey will reside at Hillsboro'.

The Rev. J. H. Miss, who is spoken of in connection with the vacant Chair of Creek and German in Randolph-Macon College, is a resident of this city, and is one of the most learned men in the Virginia Conference. He is a Master of Arts of the University of Virginia, and a Bachelor of Arts of Randolph-Macon College. For three years he was Assistant Professor in Modern and Ancient Languages at William and Mary, and for two years held the Chair of Ancient Languages at Emory and Henry College, which latter position he resigned to take the Ph. D. course at the University of Virginia.

At the Church of the Holy Paraclete next week there will be a forty-hours' devotion. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Sunday morning, and kept exposed until Tuesday morning. Father Walsh, the pastor, will be assisted in the services by Father John Yates, of St. Joseph's, Richmond. High mass will be celebrated at 10:30 Sunday morning. At this service the choir will sing Verdi's Mass in F.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Father Yates will preach on the "Incarnation."

Monday morning at 9 o'clock a high mass for peace will be celebrated, and on Monday evening Father Yates will preach on "Penance." The benediction will follow the sermon.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock there will be another high-mass, when the Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the tabernacle.

In the Mayor's Court this morning Emmett Harlow, a white man, was fined $50 and ordered to give a good-behavior bond in the sum of $250. As he was not able to pay his fine, he was put in an upper room of the station-house. A few hours later an officer went to the room to remove him to jail. Harlow had, by getting through the ceiling and climbing over the sleepers, reached another part of the building and escaped.

Mr. George Perkins, who is suffering from asthma, will go to the Bermuda Islands in the hope of relief and recovery from his disease.

In the Council last evening J. S. Hall, who was under suspension from the force on the charge of assault, was restored to service by a vote of 6 to 5.

Death of a Colored Ex-Senator.

FARMVILLE, VA., February 9.—(Special.)—Samuel P. Bolling (colored), ex-senator from the Thirty-first Senatorial District of Virginia, died yesterday evening at his home, in Cumberland county. Bolling was in his 80th year. He did a large business in brick-making, and leaves a very handsome estate to his children. He was once prominent in local politics and went to the Senate of Virginia a good many years ago.

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HAWKINS FORGERY CASE.

The Trial Commences at Roanoke—Great Interest.

ROANOKE, VA., February 9.—(Special.) The case of the Commonwealth against Oswald S. Hawkins, the Roanoke real estate agent, who is indicted in about one dozen counts for forgery, began this morning in the Hustings Court. Hawkins is being tried on the charge of forging the name of Mrs. H. S. Hewitt to several notes and negotiating them. Judge Christian, of Lynchburg, is sitting in the case. Hawkins's lawyers made every effort to quash the case, but all motions were overruled. Much interest is manifested, owing to the prominent social standing of the accused.

DEATHS.

HARRISON.—Died, at Woodbourne, Cumberland county, Va., on the 7th instant, at 8 o'clock P. M., HENRY I. HARRISON; aged 29 years.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, FEB. 10, 1900

Sun rises	7:06	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	5:42	Morning	2:08
Moon sets	4:10	Evening	2:33

PORT OF RICHMOND, FEB. 9, 1900.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Albemarle, Glover, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

Tug Stella, Evans, Baltimore, with oil-barge; Standard Oil Company.

SAILED.

Steamer Albemarle, Glover, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers; Old Dominion Line.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, James river landings and Norfolk, merchandise and passengers; Virginia Navigation Company.

Tug Stella, Evans, Baltimore, with oil-barge; Standard Oil Company.

PORT OF NEWPORT NEWS, FEB. 9th

(By telegraph.)

ARRIVED.

Steamer Aragon, Providence.
Schooner Viking, New Haven.
Barge Juniata, New York.

SAILED.

Steamer S. J. Murphy, Lynn.
Schooner Watchful, Easton.
Schooner W. H. Clifford, Portland.

PORT OF WEST POINT, FEB. 9, 1900

(By telegraph.)

ARRIVED.

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SAILED.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore; passengers and general cargo.

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