#### GENERAL SOUTHERN NEWS,

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 24 -William Coxey, his wife and one child were burned to death in their home yesterday. The victims were cut off from escape. Two grown daughters escaped,

ALEXANDRIA. Va , March 25 .- Prompted by jealousy Walter Peregory, aged 23, last night attempted to kill his sweetheart, Annie May Havey, a domestic, aged 16, and then fired two ballets into his own head and fell dead on the sidewalk.

GEORGETOWN, Tex., March 28.-Matt Hootey, a negro, was hanged yesterday in the presence of 4 000 people for the murder of Andrew Hick last May. His confederate, Albert Rolley, was executed last Friday. Attended by two negro preachers he sang and prayed. He confessed his crime.

VERSAILLES Ky., March 23.-The Deposit bank of Midway, whose cashier, W. M. Shipp, and assistant cashier, Charles W. Stone, are alleged to have embezzled nearly \$20,000 of its funds, has assigned to John Weis one of the directors. The full amount of the shortage is not yet

. LOUISVILLE, March 27.-Yesterday 11year-old Eibert Henderson, of Jeffersontown, came into the city with a chain two feet long a tached to his ankle. He was taken to a hardware store and the chain removed. He says that for two years his father, William Henderson, has had him chained to a log. He was taken in charge by the Humane society, and the elder Henderson will be prosecuted.

CHANDLER, Tex., March 24.—The dead bodies of three boys, probably runaways, aged about 18, 15 and 11 years, named Boone Smith, Tom Shiflet and Charles McMillan, respectively, were found on the railroad track two miles south of Brownsboro, supposed to have been killed by a train during the night. The first two named lived at Brownsboro, and the last named in the Indian Territory.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 25 .- The Midway Deposit bank, one of the best business institutions in central Kentucky, is in trouble, and Cashier W. M. Shipp and Bookkeeper C. W. Stone have been discharged pending an investigation. There has been suspicions of crookedness for a long time, and an expert was employed, who alleges that there is a shortage, which it is believed will foot up \$40 000.

BALTIMORE, March 28.—The Baltimore American, the leading Republican paper of the South, of which General Felix Agnus is editor, in today's issue announces its advocacy of the nomination of Speaker Reed for the presidency. In its leading editorial The American says: "Yesterday's convention in Boston was the formal beginning of the Reed campaign. The sentiment in Maryland is for him without the shadow of a doubt, and when the time comes the south will rise spontaneously to his name."

ATLANTA, March 26. - The Constitution's correspondent at Cochran wires that Warren Criswell, the suspected train wrecker, confessed yesterday that the Shaws, father and son, compelled him by threatening to shoot him, to draw the spikes from the rails at Stony Creek, on the Southern railway below Macon. Criswell's wife says that she overheard the Shaws state that they had paid two negroes \$10 to steal the tools with which the spikes were drawn. Three people were killed and a score injured in the wreck caused by Creswell.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 28.-At Middlesboro, Ky., five men attempted to burglarize the store of the Goodfriend Brothers, about 1 o'clock yesterday, by boring panels from the rear door, but Dave Goodfriend, who slept in the store, was awakened just as they were entering and fired upon them, killing one. The others fled. Later two others were captured, giving their names as John Heiskell and James Stewart, of Knoxville, negroes. 'The man killed proved to be Lem Henderson, a negro tough of the Cripple Creek section, in Knoxville.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 26.-Two young white boys of this county named Lloyd, one 17 years of age and the other 19, blackened their faces Tuesday night and held up and robbed the station agent at Ramer, in this county, W.S. Hightower. He delivered what money he had, and as the robbers were leaving with their plunder he spatched his pistol from a drawer, and covering one of them made him surrender, locking him up. The agent set out after the other boy, and finally overtook and captured him. The boys say they have been reading dime novels.

'ATLANTA, March 24.—Alex Carr, who was convicted of the murder of Captain H. O. King, whom he shot down in cold blood in the streets of Atlanta, and who has for months acted as an abjectly insind man, deceiving the experts on insanity as well as the public, broke down yesterday afternoon, and sending for the sheriff confessed he had been playing the part all along. Carr is under sentence to hang for his crime next Friday, and he declared he threw off the disguise of insanity because he could stand the strain no longer.

BALTIMORE, March 24.-A contract for the reconstruction of the famous old Dismal Swamp canal has been awarded by the Lake Drummond Canal and Water company to Patricius McManus, of Philadelphia. The work is to begin within thirty days and to be completed by January, 1898. The contract covers the construction of a completed canal, ready for business. A feeder about three miles long is to be constructed to Lake Drummond. The total length of the canal is about twenty-two miles. Right of way 300 feet wide in Virginia and 150 wide through North Carolina is owned by the company.

WINSTON, N. C., March 30.-Dr. J. W. Ring, a practicing physician and druggist, and one of the leading citizens of Elkin, Surrey county, and several members of his family have been critically ill for several days. Their illness was caused by an attempt of the doctor's son, 16 years old, to poison his father by putting arsenic in a prescription which the young man-aclerk in the drug store-was given to fill. The son's excuse for his action was that he wanted to kill his father because he did not allow him such privileges as he thought he deserved. To prevent his arrest the father gave the son money and sent him to the far west.

Fresh Candy, Apples and Oranges at Cheathams. [† t. f.]

ANNIE M GRATH'S DUPLICITY.

While Accepting Favors from Langdon She Was Engaged to Another.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—There is still a great deal of mystery surrounding the death of Annie McGrath, who was found dead in a house on Girard avenue last Monday evening, having been dead twentyfour hours. The fact has been clearly established that the lips and mouth of the prisoner, Langdon, had been burned by mouth of the dead girl. It is known, too, that Miss McGrath had been engaged to marry Fred Fitzsimmons, a West Chester jeweler, but that the engagement had been broken off. Miss McGrath became acquainted with Fitzsimmons at Atlantic City, where she was boarding at a cottage with Langdon, pas-ing as his niece. While wealthy admirer she was really in love with and engaged to Fitzsimmons. After going to the Girard avenue house as Langdon's reputed wif, it is alleged, she effected a reconciliation with Fitzsimmons, and they decided to well June 24 next. The theory has now been advanced that

Miss McGrath went to the Girard avenue house the last time with the intention that that should be her final assignation with Langdon. She, according to the theory, told Langdon of her approaching marriage. It is given out by the police that if murder was committed Langdon became desperate at the thought of losing his young inamerita and made up his mind that both should die sooner than he should live to see her become the wife of another man. With this idea, it is stated, he probably poisoned the girl and then tried to end his own life.

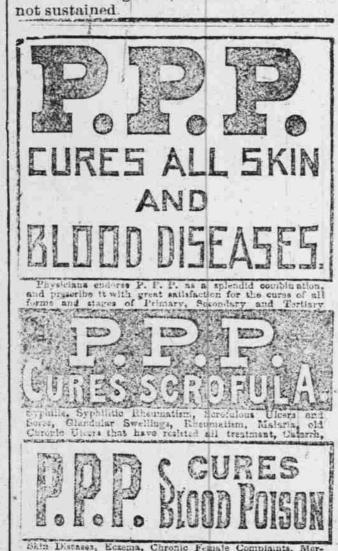
On the other hand, some of those who have studied the case carefully are of the opinion that as the result of a jealous quarrel Miss McGrath attempted to poison Langdon while he slept and afterward administered to herself the chloroform or whatever drug was used.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—The funeral of Annie McGrath took place yesterday from the home of her parents on Gratz street. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were admitted to the house, though there was a large crowd outside. The grief of the parents was extremely pathetic. Standing by the side of his dead child Mr. McGrath declared impressively: "My daughter was murdered." Meantime-the police officials profess to have discovered no motive for the crime, though Miss Mc-Grath's Irlends assert that the motive is plainly apparent in the jealousy of an old man who was about to be deserted by his youthful mistress.

Three Killed by a Falling Rock.

HINTON, W. Va., March 30 .- Jim and Frank Tillman and Lucy Law were instantly killed by a rock crashing through the house where they were sleeping at Echo, a station forty miles west of here, yesterday morning. Two other members of the family were seriously injured. The house was situated at the foot of the mountain on the banks of the New river. An enormous ledge of rock broke loose on the mountain side, passing over coke ovens and tearing up the track of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and breaking through the house. Henry Law, one of the occupants who escaped, had the presence of men to rush out and flag an eastbound express train which would have otherwise been wrecked.

Awarded \$60,000 Damages for Slander. LONDON, March 28 .- The jury in the action for slander, brought by Mrs. Kitson, sister-in-law of Sir James Kitson, M. P., against the celebrated accoucher, Dr. Playfair, yesterday awarded Mrs. Kitson a verdict of £12,000 damages. The slander upon which the action was based was an allegation made by Dr. Playfair that Mrs. Kitson was unchaste. The defense claimed that professional privileges entitled him to make the allegation, but the defense was not sustained.



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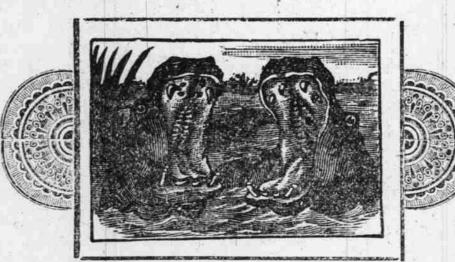
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Train on Midland N. C. branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 6:00 a m, arriving Smithfield 7:20 a m; returning leaves Smithfield 7:50 a m; arrive at Goldsboro 9:15 a m.

Trains on Nashville branch leave Rocky Mt at 4:30 p m; Nashville 5:05 p m; Spring Hope 5:30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8:00 a m, Nashville 8:35 a m., arrive at Rocky Mount 9:05, daily except Sunday.

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