THE WEATHER
Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Cooler Friday.

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CATCH TWO MEN

Third of Richmond Postoffice Robbers Escapes, However.

TPEY PUT UP A BAD FIGHT

The Gang Traced to New York Where Two Were Captured After Fight—Trunks Traced by Detectives to New York and the Men Captured When They Called For Baggage.

New York, March 30.—Postoffice inspectors, secret service operatives, city detectives and railroad police today threw out a dragnet in New York for the third man accused of having stolen $98,000 in stamps and money from the Richmond, Va., postoffice between last Saturday night and Monday morning. The hunted man escaped when two of his alleged confederates were trapped last night in the Grand Central station and arrested after a terrific fight and a chase in a crowded street. Nearly $30,000 worth of stamps were found in the trunk they claimed.

The prisoners are Frank Chester, alias Charles J. Adams, who registered at a hotel here as Charles Hatfield of Buffalo, and Fred Cunningham, known to the police as an accomplice of Chester's.

The men were captured after one of the cleverest bits of trailing the postoffice inspectors have done in some time. The inspectors said today that the third man, who escaped by dodging up Vanderbilt avenue, a narrow way beside the New York Central baggage room, and dodging into the railroad yards, would be captured within a short time. All stations and ferry boats were watched.

[illegible] on Monday, it was found [illegible] d $85,000 in [illegible] seen from the Richmond safe by yeggmen, Postoffice Inspectors Frank Barclay, Jas. B. Robertson and John C. Koons, were put on the case. They located the hotel in which three suspects had stayed, and began a hunt for their baggage. Three trunks had been shipped Monday morning—two to Washington, one by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the other by the Baltimore & Ohio. At Washington it was found the trunks had been sent to Philadelphia. The third trunk had been sent to Hagerstown, Md., from Richmond, but trans-shipped enroute to Philadelphia. The first two were sent to New York from Philadelphia, each on the line the other had been shipped at first. The third trunk was being sought for here today.

FREE FIGHT

Deputy Sheriff John Lucas Has a Novel Experience at Chocowinity Yesterday.

Josephine Credle, Julia Lane, Sarah Moore, Emeline Parker and Ella Redditt were brought to this city yesterday under arrest by Deputy Sheriffs John Lucas and Frank Flynn.

From all the facts gathered it seems that the parties above had struck a difference in this city over some matters only known to themselves and they decided to go over to Chocowinity to settle the dispute, thinking that the town authorities had no authority over them here. They carried out their determination yesterday and selected a place near the pest house to fight it out. The sequence was that a free-for-all fight was the outcome. Skirts were torn, hair pulled, eyes injured, faces battered, to boil it down the participants looked as if they had been ushered through a cyclone. Mr. John Samson, keeper of the pest house, saw the melee and decided to notify the authorities and in consequence of this notice the officers went to arrest them. On their way to town another difference was struck between them and, according to Sheriff Lucas, if a snake had not crossed the road near them about this time, another altercation would have been the result. Not only did one snake cross the road as they were coming to the city, but another reptile seemed to defy them. Between his snakeship and the fighting mood of the women things at one time looked equally for the officers. They finally triumphed and the lawbreakers were safely landed in the city jail.

FUNERAL THIS MORNING.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Francis Kingsbury took place this morning from St. Peters Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. Nathaniel Harding, the rector. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. A large number of friends and acquaintances were present. The floral tributes were in profusion.

CONDITION SERIOUS.

The many friends of Mr. R. S. Shelton will regret to learn of his critical illness. The latest news from his bedside is that his condition is such that the end is expected to be at any time.

COAL MINE STRIKE

Seventy-Five Thousand to Come Out, Is Report.

GENERAL STRIKE PROBABLE

Peace Negotiations Have Been Broken Off and the Strike Now Regarded as Inevitable—Part of General Strike in Which 270,000 Men are Involved Expected Friday.

Chicago, March 30.—Seventy-five thousand coal miners in Illinois prepared to strike next Friday in the general movement of bituminous fields in the United States for wage increases. Both operators and miners regard the breaking off of negotiations, which had been on since March 8 in Cincinnati, as making the strike inevitable. Several operators reported that men already had begun leaving the mines.

The Illinois strike will be part of the general strike in thirteen States, involving 270,000 men. That the effect will not be immediate to fuel consumers was stated by the large operators who declared they had prepared for the shortage by accumulating a large surplus at the mines.

According to the forecast made today, the strike will be distributed as follows: Illinois, 75,000; Ohio, 50,000; Western Pennsylvania, 35,000; Central Pennsylvania, 35,000; Indiana, 20,000; Iowa, 15,000; southwest district, including Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, 40,000; Virginia, 6,000; Michigan, 3,000.

The announcement of President T. L. Lewis, of the miners, that the action of the convention will not include mines where contracts do not expire until after April 1, precludes an immediate strike in Montana, Wyoming and Washington.

Another rule adopted by the convention may avert the strike in Indiana and Ohio also. The miners adopted rules that agreements might be signed by states, districts and groups of districts, and it is said a poll of the operators has shown a majority in favor of meeting the miner's demands.

Locally the miners have placed their strike vote on a demand for an increase of 5 cents a ton in pick mine screen coal with proportionate advances for other methods of mining and outside labor as prerequisite to other negotiations on other questions. The shot firing question is also raised which makes the situation in Pennsylvania and Illinois complicated.

In Pennsylvania there will be no agreement without first settling the controversy over the new explosive law of that State, while in Illinois, the old problem of extra payment for the extra payment for the services of shot-firers has been revived with a new determination on both sides not to yield.

A. L. Berry, an extensive coal operator, today asserted that he believed the strike in this State was inevitable.

"We have received word from our mines in Illinois and Indiana, he said, "that the men are removing tools and that no further coal will be mined until an agreement is reached."

It was announced today that in the Chicago yards large railroads had stored 500,000 tons of coal which would represent a sixty day supply. The Burlington today began loading 7,000 cars to distribute over the line at points which will be affected by a strike.

THE GAIETY THEATER.

Tonight the Gaiety offers its patrons one of the best programs of the week.

The Girl Judge or a Terrible Temptation, is a dramatic picture, and one of the best Vitigraph films made; second only to the Biograph company.

The Highlander's Defiance, a dramatic picture, is also one of intense interest.

The Alderman's Kraut Picnic, a comedy which all will be pleased with.

Mr. Whitten will sing by special request "My Dream of Long Ago." This song was rendered by him sometime ago and is one of the prettiest songs he has ever sung.

Don't fail to be on hand prize night and see who is the lucky one. It might be you. Good music and good song for tonight.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

He who knows a woman has solved a great mystery.

And money is also the root of many a family tree.

When a girl gets her first letter from a man she keeps the envelope stuck in her mirror frame for six months.

Somehow the people who do as they please seem to get along just as well as those who are always trying to please others.

Nothing jolts a woman's sweet, trusting disposition like marriage.

JUSTICE MOURNED

His Death a Great Shock to His Associates.

THE FUNERAL IN KANSAS

The Remains Will Be Conveyed to Former Kansas Home Accompanied by Members of the Supreme Court—Cabinet Discusses Effect of Death on Certain Cases.

Washington, March 29.—The body of the late Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, whose death occurred unexpectedly last night, will be taken back to his old home in Leavenworth, Kansas, for burial. It was the oft-expressed wish of the famous jurist. A short funeral service will be held at the Brewer residence here Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Members of the Supreme Court will act as pallbearers.

At 3:40 p. m. the funeral party, including practically the entire court, it is believed, will start on the journey to Kansas. The funeral train is scheduled to arrive in Leavenworth at 8:20 a. m. Saturday.

The sudden death of Justice Brewer came as a great shock to the older members of the bench, who had been so closely associated with him.

Speculation in regard to a successor to Justice Brewer was rife today and covered a wide range, but it probably will be several days before anything definite is determined upon.

The death of Justice Brewer and its possible effect upon the Supreme court decisions in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco trust cases, were discussed at the cabinet meeting today. All of the members of the cabinet joined the President in expressing deep regret over the death of the distinguished jurist.

Attorney General Wickersham was asked if there was another chance for a rehearing in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases pending in the Supreme court. He declared there was the possibility of a rehearing, but he did not consider it at all probable.

President Taft today sent a letter to Chief Justice Fuller in answer to the latter's communication to him earlier in the day announcing Justice Brewer's death, in which he expressed condolence with the members of the court "upon the loss of so able, learned, genial and respected an associate."

EASTER DANCE

One of the Most Enjoyable Socials of the Season Takes Place at Aurora, March 29.

At Aurora March 29 there occurred one of the most pleasant social functions of the season. The beauty and gallantry of that progressive town were present. The music was furnished by the Aurora Concert Band. The dance took place in Thompson hall. Mr. T. Litchfield led the german, dancing with Miss Snyder. The following couples were present:

Miss Nina Rhodes, Washington, with H. L. Thompson; Miss Ada Rhodes, Washington, with Luther Stancill; Miss Clara Wright, Washington, with Stanley Watkins; Miss Marcue with M. Stevenson; Mrs. Hollister with Mr. Hollister; Miss Clara Litchfield with John Bonner; Miss Edna Boyd with T. Guilford; Miss Venna Boyd with S. Laughinghouse; Miss Neva Boyd with H. Guilford; Miss Ines Dupree with George Lane; Miss Ruth Phillips with C. Whitehurst; Mrs. R. J. House with R. J. House; Mrs. W. H. Hooker with W. H. Hooker; Mrs. Paul Sparrow with Paul Sparrow.

THE GEM.

The Redemption of John Farley to be shown at the Gem tonight is an unusually strong drama. A pretty story well acted, certain to please, and certain to make those who see it want more like it.

Lorenzo DeMedici is a strong dramatic picture of a supposed episode in the history of Italy, being a patron of art and literature and himself a distinguished poet, Lorenzo became a powerful man. This picture shows many beautiful Italian scenes.

For a good laugh A Little Disagreement will hold you for awhile. This is not a rough house comedy, only a mild little disturbance that does no material harm more than to test your capacity for a good, wholesome laugh. At 8:30 o'clock a Japanese china nut set consisting of seven pieces will be given the person holding the lucky coupon. Visit the Gem tonight and see pictures you have never seen before. Hear the best of music and keep cool.

TO SANITARIUM.

Mr. W. J. Floyd was taken to the private sanitarium of Dr. Isaac E. Taylor, at Morgantown, N. C., this morning. He was accompanied by Mr. William Pedrick. Mr. Floyd goes for treatment in that institution.

ARE LEAVING CITY

Terror-Stricken Crowds Pouring Out of Catania.

The City of Catania in Terror and Thousands of Residents are Fleeing for Safety—Three Craters are Belching Fire and Lava and Hot Ashes Continually.

Catania, Sicily, March 30.—This city is in terror and thousands of residents are fleeing to the hills for safety from Mount Etna. The city is full of ashes today covering the streets to a depth of six inches. Three craters are belching fire and lava and hot ashes bombard the city from the slopes. The ashes have covered all the orchards that [illegible] the lava between Catania and the foot of the mountains. Hundreds of tourists, the majority of them Americans, who came here to view the volcanic [illegible] today made haste to depart. The lava has seized all of the 150,000 inhabitants of the city, and the country of the peasantry about Etna is almost indescribable. The lava streams have been renewed, and are advancing rapidly on the city. The belief is growing that the city will share the fate of Pompeii.

Prof. Riccio, chief of the observatory which was destroyed in the first stages of the eruption, today reported that thirty craters are active—an unprecedented number. The outpouring of lava, however, is scarcely greater than when only a dozen mouths were threatening the country.

Fresh waves of lava are pouring over the courses of the first and over fresh territory.

The eruption continues to fluctuate, harrowing the hopes of the panic stricken peasants.

Frank Perret, the Brooklyn volcanologist, who came from his station on Mt. Vesuvius to study this eruption, today took his post near the two worst craters.

Several other towns are affected, including Soriano, Gasperina, Monteleone, Monterosso and Borgia. Many of these shaken today were among the sufferers in the quake of December, 1908, which destroyed Messina.

The quake, coming while Mount Etna is in eruption, created a panic wherever it was felt. Thousands fled from their homes, prepared to camp out for an indefinite period.

It is believed that the shocks were caused by a movement of a fault line, or crack in the earth's surface, running along the mountain range north of Mt. Ashore and the foothills extending to Catanzaro, which is a town of 32,000, chief port of the Gulf of Squillace.

WINSTON NOT SURPRISED.

Had Been Known for Sometime That Judge Jones Had an Eye on the Lower House.

Winston-Salem, March 29.—Judge Jones' resignation in order to stand for a congressional nomination has been expected for some time. Judge Jones has been regraded a congressional candidate for some months, although his formal announcement that he will run is yet to come.

The candidacy of Mr. J. C. Buxton to succeed Jones as judge is being advanced by his friends, one of them today saying that Mr. Buxton would unquestionably receive the endorsement of Forsyth, his own county, and of the bar associations of adjoining counties also.

He is justly regarded as learned in the law, a man with character. He has practiced extensively before the courts, and with his partner, C. B. Watson, has won many notable cases.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Tomorrow evening, "the first Friday," is the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, time, 8 p. m.

At this meeting which will be held in the rooms in the southeast corner of the Baugham building, the election of a president will no doubt come up.

Other business of much importance is expetced to be discussed, therefore a full meeting is expected. Come.

SERVICES TONIGHT.

There will be services again this evening at the First Methodist Church. Preaching by Rev. Mr. Smith, of Wilson. The meeting is growing in interest all the while. The afternoon service from 4 to 5 o'clock is a feast of good things for those attending. Mr. Smith is delivering sermons of thought and power. Everybody is cordially invited to be present tonight at 7:45 o'clock.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

The street commissioner is now having the streets of the city watered by the street sprinkler at night instead of the daytime as heretofore. So far it has proven a decided improvement over the old way of doing it.

DETHRONE CLARK?

Is There a Deal on in the Manning-Allen Fight?

WILL BE A GREAT CONTEST

Friends of Senator Simmons and Gov. Kitchin Not Anxious For a "Showdown" This Year—It is Freely Talked That Clark Will be Deposed and Manning and Allen Seated.

Raleigh, March 31—About the hottest political talk that has been circulated in many moons is now traveling around, and it says that at the next Democratic convention Justice Walker will be nominated for chief justice and both Manning and Allen will be nominated for associate justices, thereby leaving Clark out in the cold.

Now, whether there is any truth in this or not is not for us to say, but it is being freely talked, and there is certainly a lot of smoke.

It is generally understood that Governor Kitchin and his followers will support Manning, while Senator Simmons and his men will be for Allen. It is also generally believed that the greatest fight ever waged in the State will come off in 1913, this being the contest between Simmons and Kitchin for the United States Senate.

All political moves look towards that contest, and neither faction is anxious to show its hand before that eventful period. Unless something is done the two forces will be drawn into the conflict this summer in the Manning-Allen fight, so to avoid this and stave off the battle between these giants until 1912-'13, the proposition is to get both Manning and Allen on the bench this year, and the only way they think this can be done will be to decapitate the chief justice.

This program is so full of political possibilities as to almost take one's breath. This deal, if it is one, is calculated to create the greatest stir of the century in the Democratic ranks. The disfranchisement of the negroes and the prohibition act are mere political pigmies compared with this.

This proposition is being discussed, but whether an effort to carry it out will be made is another matter. Anyhow it furnishes abundant food for thought.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Engagement of Mr. Claude Carrow to Miss Hattie Griffin Jones is Announced at Luncheon.

On Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock Mrs. George Hackney entertained at her home on West Second street, at which time the announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Miss Hattie Griffin Jones to Mr. Claude Lee Carrow, two of Washington's popular young people. The hostess proped to be an ideal entertainer and all those present pronounce it one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season. A course dinner was served the guests, which included the prospective bridal party, besides the bride and groom elect. Those present were Miss Hattie Griffin Jones and Mr. Claude Lee Carrow, Miss Mary Clyde Hassel, Miss Annie Plummer Nicholson, Miss Sallie Carrow, Miss Mary Simmons Jones, Mrs. George Hackney, Mr. John Gorham, Mr. Harry McMullen, Mr. Norwood L. Simmons, Mr. J. D. Callais, Dr. Joshua Tayloe and Mr. George Hackney.

In the reception room the color scheme was carried out in green and lavendar, the decorations being potted plants, violets and wisteria. In the dining room the scheme was lavendar and white. In the center of the table was placed a huge punch bowl filled with violets, and directly over this was suspended a large marriage bell composed entirely of violets. In the bell was secreted violet folders, handpainted. At each plate was noticed ribbons running from the bell, on the ends of which were the favors. As each guest pulled the ribbon out came the folder, on which could be seen the likenesses of the bride- and groom-elect, and the date of their wedding, April 27. Thus is announced the coming nuptials of two of Washington's most popular young people. Merriment and pleasure reigned supreme, and all present pronounced Mr. and Mrs. Hackney model hosts.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

There will be work this evening in the second degree, Knights of Pythias. A full attendance is desired.

ALARM OF FIRE.

A small fire occurred at the residence of Mrs. John Mercer, North Market street, this afternoon. The shingles on the kitchen caught from sparks, but it was extinguished before the department reached the scene.

THE AGRICULTURAL FAIR COMMITTEE

They Decide on the Prizes to Be Given and How They Are to Be Contested For.

There being present Mr. W. D. Grimes, chairman, Mr. J. F. Buckman, Mr. George Hackney, Mr. E. A. Daniel and Mr. A. C. Hathaway.

This meeting was called by the chairman for determining the disposition of the solid silver cup [illegible] by Chas. H. Pell[illegible] also for determining the disposition of the loving cup presented for Mr. Revis M. Page, President of the Stevens Tool & Arms Co. of Springfield, Mass., one of the largest manufacturers of high grade guns and fire arms in the United States. Mr. Page is a special friend of Mr. Fuller and became interested in our section after a visit here last fall as the guest of Mr. Fuller on his steam yacht Thetis.

1. It was decided to award the largest cup for the largest yield of corn per acre.

2. The third largest cup to be awarded for the greatest yield of corn per acre on high land; provided, however, if the high land corn wins the grand prize, then this cup shall be awarded for the second largest yield of corn upon any land.

3. The smallest cup to be awarded for the second largest yield of corn upon any land, though should the second largest yield win one of the above mentioned cups then this cup shall be awarded to the third largest yield of corn per acre.

4. The second largest cup shall be awarded for the largest yield of peanuts per acre.

5. The largest cup shall be awarded for the largest acre yield of fall Irish potatoes.

6. The remaining cup shall be awarded to the winner of a motor boat race. In this race the fastest boats are to be handicapped, giving to each boat, slow or fast, an equal chance to win.

Mr. Fuller says he will also pay for having each cup appropriately engraved with the name of the winner and for what it was awarded. This adds great value, for such a trophy can be held in the family for hundreds of years. It will silently tell every one who sees it that in these eight counties such a member of the family was a very superior man of his day, and had grown a crop, excelling all others.

In the awarding of the guns to be given by Mr. Erwin H. Page, president of the Stevens Tool & Arms Co., Mr. George T. Leach, who was familiar with the intentions of Mr. Page, was called in consultation. The awards were decided as follows:

One of the Stevens guns to be given to the farmers in Beaufort county under the supervision of Mr. J. F. Latham, Farm Demonstrator of United States Department of Agriculture for the north side of Pamlico river and to be awarded to the farmer having the best record for cultivating not less than four different crops as the Department of Agriculture says they should be cultivated. Another Stevens gun to be given to those under the supervision of Mr. B. H. Thompson, who holds a like position on the south side of the river, and on same terms and conditions.

The first prize of a Stevens gun to be awarded for the largest yield of cotton per acre.

Second prize, Stevens gun, to be awarded for the best 25 ears of corn.

Third prize, Stevens gun, to be awarded for the best lot of three bales of cow-pea hay.

Fourth prize, Stevens gun, to be awarded for the best lot of three bales of alfalfa hay.

Fifth prize, Stevens gun, to be awarded for the largest yield of sweet potatoes per acre.

Sixth prize, Stevens gun, to be awarded for the largest yield of wheat per acre, and as this is to be cut in a couple of months, those who desire to be in this contest should send in their names immediately that preparations can be made to measure their acre and yield.

Seventh prize, Stevens gun, to be awarded for the best grade of not less than 5 pounds of tobacco.

Eighth prize, Stevens gun, to be awarded for the largest yield of oats per acre.

The committee decided that there would be donations from our merchants for:

The best stallion.

The best jack.

First and second prizes for the best horse colt.

First and second prizes for the best mule colt.

First and second prizes for the best beef bred bull.

First and second prizes for the best dairy bred bull.

First and second prizes for the best milch cow.

First and second prizes for the best beef steer.

First and second prizes for the best calf under six months old.

First and second prizes for the best bull calf under six months old.

First and second prizes for the best boar.

First and second prizes for the best sow.

First and second prizes for the best litter of pigs.

First and second prizes for the largest number of pigs in one litter.

First and second prizes for the heaviest hog, any age.

First and second prizes for the heaviest pen of three hogs.

First and second prizes for the heaviest pig under six months old.

First and second prizes for the heaviest pig under nine months old.

First and second prizes for the best yoke of oxen.

First and second prizes for the best driving horse.

First and second prizes for the best pony.

First and second prizes for the nobbiest turnout.

There are to be prizes for peafowl and poultry. These were left to be arranged by Mr. W. M. Kear, who is on the committee.

There will no doubt be prizes for other crops and stock, but these are all the committee decided on at this meeting.

Of these prizes, the competition for the first two guns, the farmers under the supervision of Mr. J. E. Latham and Mr. B. H. Thompson, in Beaufort county only can compete. Any of the other prizes may be won by any one in the counties of Hyde, Tyrell, Washington, Martin, Pitt, Craven, Pamlico and Beaufort. The winner of a prize must show a photograph of his crop before harvesting. All photographs to be the property of the Chamber of Commerce.

It was suggested that a committee be appointed to solicit stock to perfect organization that we may be able to get the aid of the State and county. This committee to also get our people to make their donations for prizes now so that hey can get the benefit from having it said such a person gives such an article and I am working for that.

DEBATE

Messrs. Enoch Simmons and Charles Meekins to Represent the Washington Schools.

A good sized crowd was at the public school auditorium last night to hear the preliminary debate upon the subject "Resolved, That the United States should subsidize her merchant marine according to the terms of the Humphrey bill." At 9 o'clock the debaters marched upon the stage amid cheers. Two represented the affirmative, while four were on the negative side. It must be remembered that this debate was not to decide which side should win, but to select two debaters out of the six to represent the high school here against Greenville to take place April 27, in this city, at the school auditorium.

Messrs. Millard McKeel and Charlie Proctor were on the affirmative. They both had very good papers, and the way that they handled their subject showed that they had put much time and work upon it. Before the papers were read, Mr. John Lewis Payne read the Humphrey bill. The debaters on this side said that the United States mail was carried to Europe under foreign flags and in foreign vessels when it should be carried under our flag and in American ships with American crews.

Messrs. Enoch Simmons, Benjamin Morgan, Russell Cox and Charlie Meekins represented the negative. Their papers were also good and they know how to handle their subject. The debaters upon this side said that it would be too much expense to the government to subsidize the Humphrey bill, and that they could not carry the mail as cheap as they are at present. It would interfere with private corporations. One debater said that they had better give the $10,000 to Prof. Newbold, as he needed it.

After all the papers were read, the judges, Major W. C. Rodman, Rev. H. B. Searight and Mr. Frank Bryan, decided that Messrs. Enoch Simmons and Charlie Meekins were to represent Washington in the debate against Greenville.

When a young man flatters a girl, she decides later that he really meant it.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Gem Theater.
Gaiety Theater.
J. K. Hoyt—Ribbon Sale.
Jas. E. Clark Co.—Men's Furnishings.
Mother Gray Powders.
Doan's Kidney Pills.
Mrs. Summers' Remedies.
Cardui.
Laxative Bromo Quinine.