

SOUTHERN ITEMS.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILED FROM MANY SOURCES.

Virginia. The case of Parker Lucas, who killed Bayley, in Giles county, twelve months since, is set for trial at this term of Giles Court.

The body of Richard Harris, of Notoway county, who was strangled by a snake, was found in Newton's creek near Norfolk.

Fire destroyed E. H. Stewart's stable and warehouse in Flacoste, with contents, including three horses. Loss \$2,000; insurance \$3,050.

A colored farm hand named Nelson was run over by the main track of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad at Coffey's Crossing and instantly killed.

John A. Mills, a former resident of Alexandria county, was shot in the neck by a man in the woods near Arlington. Mills's body was taken to Ball's Cross roads.

Major J. V. Bidgood has been elected Lieutenant Colonel of the Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Tazewell Elliott resigned some time since.

A detective proposed to Chapman & Gale of Norfolk, to return one of the jewelry stolen from them if they would agree to pay \$1,500 for it. The firm very properly declined the offer.

J. R. A. Chappell, an employee in the peanut cleaning establishment of Cobb & Brook, at Faversly, had his right arm badly broken in attempting to adjust the belt while the machinery was in motion.

Some oyster piers anchored off the mouth of the Pamlico creek, near shore on Parker's Island, killed several fine crabs belonging to John W. H. Parker, and taking the meat on board, sailed away.

The State Senate has unanimously adopted a resolution transferring to the Mount Vernon association the State claim against the general government for \$120,000. This association think they can get Congress to pay this claim.

A small train of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway struck and killed A. J. Harlow near New Moor Farm, where the train came from near Charlottesville and was intended at his home. Whether his death was caused by his own carelessness has not been stated.

Mr. A. Mason Hesser, of Clarke county, in attempting to board a moving freight train, at the Shenandoah Valley railroad, near Ingham station, was run over and killed.

Frank Fuller, a white man, formerly from Danville, Va., was found wandering about in Newport News and acting in a very strange manner, as if he were crazy or intoxicated. He was confined in jail, in which place he died that night, from delirium tremens.

A suit for \$100 damages is pending in the United States circuit court at Norfolk, brought by the administrator on the estate of a fireman named Robertson, who was killed by the explosion of a boiler on the Chesapeake and Ohio Elevator company at Newport News.

It is said that around Brentsville, are outcroppings of copper that are rich and in that section are many indications of valuable mines. A rich vein of copper crosses the Caroline road between Brentsville and never been opened. It is said that copper also exists in similar veins on the farm of R. Lewis.

A colored girl at Forrestville, Prince William county, met a horrible death, by fire. She was left in the house with an old negro named Bowen. Bowen had a lantern lit and caught fire from the fire place, and he not hearing her cries, was too late to save her. She died within an hour. His burns are considerable.

The clover-seed swindlers spent some time in Shenandoah county, and several Shenandoah farmers negotiated for the "rare" variety of seed for the amount of \$300. Before the operators had a chance to talk to many of the farmers they learned that the angry Rockingham farmers had broken the track, so they secured a private conveyance and left for Strasburg taking the Virginia Highland and Potomac Valley train for Shenandoah Valley train for West Virginia. Page county farmers were duped for over \$500.

Eliza Hunt, colored, was arrested in Danville, charged with the murder of her six-weeks-old child. Her story was that several days before she started for her husband's plantation, on foot, with her child in her arms and wrapped tightly in a shawl to protect it from the cold, she was attacked by a man from Danville who unwrapped the shawl, and was horrified to find the child dead, evidently from suffocation; that she became frightened and concealed the child near the road. An officer went with the woman to the spot indicated, and found the body of the child.

Benjamin F. Thomas, confined in jail at Madison Court House and waiting trial for bigamy, made his escape by breaking the lock to his cell and letting himself to the ground by tying a bed clothing to the window. The Sheriff heard of his whereabouts and sent a posse to arrest him. Cautiously approaching the house he was hidden in, he saw a dog dig the alarm, when those within commenced firing, and young James A. Dodson, who was in the lead, was shot twice and instantly killed. A number of other shots were fired, but without effect. The others succeeded in arresting all the parties in the house and brought them to Madison Court house and lodged them in jail. Those implicated are Benjamin F. Thomas, Charles H. Nelson, John W. Parks and Morgan E. Dodson.

The Wheeling steel plant resumed in part last week. Stenerville is to have a new pottery and a new foundry.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad will build a new depot at Cerado.

William Fry, of Berkeley county, lost three fingers of his right hand in a cutting box.

An unknown man was thrown from a train near Talcott, Summers county, and killed.

There are one hundred and forty cases of measles within a radius of eight miles of Edroy, Fostoria county, and the disease is spreading.

The first and only iron safe ever brought to McDowell county was hauled into the county seat last week. It created quite a sensation.

Mrs. Bowen Belcher, of McDowell county, recently eloped with a railroad hand named Dass. She left several children to the care of her husband.

Thomas Greer, a young man living at Oak Run, on the Ohio river, above Parkersburg, was accidentally shot and mortally wounded. A loaded revolver fell from his pocket, striking against a stone, and being discharged, the ball lodging near his heart.

The use of natural gas in the heating furnaces at the Riverasides works at Benwood was given up after a week's trial, and coal is again being used. At the tube works the loss occasioned by the shortage of gas is getting to be quite serious.

E. E. McDonell, a railroad brakeman in jail at Parkersburg, under sentence for theft, made an attempt at escape by fastening a strip of blanket around his neck and making a noose about his neck and falling to the floor. His effort was detected and thwarted.

Five prisoners escaped from the county jail at Martinsburg. They picked the locks of their respective cells, and making a rope of blankets, slid down it sixty feet from the attic to the ground. One of the men was the only prisoner left in the lock-up.

Richard Johnson, a gigantic negro, living near Ensign's, Cabell county, was found dead in his shirt. He was a very strong man, one was known to be with him at the time of his death. He is supposed to have died from injuries received from a crazy man's explosion in a spring. He was unmarried.

Jerry H-nely, who lives on White's creek, Wayne county, shot himself through the heart. He took a gun to work in the woods, and shortly after his body was found but life was extinct. It is not known whether it was a suicide or accidental shooting, but it is supposed to be accidental. He was a single man.

Wm. Tucker shot and killed Sam Robinson at Fire Creek. The bullet took effect in Robinson's head, and he died instantly. It appears that the two men had been indulging in drinking, and to pass away the time began to amuse themselves with a revolver, which was accidentally discharged. Tucker was acquitted of blame by the coroner's jury.

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A negro convict named Sandy White, who attempted to escape on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road a few days since, was shot by the guard and instantly killed.

John H. Burke, who resides near Pittsboro recently killed a genuine bald headed eagle which measured seven feet four inches from tip to tip and weighed 11 1/2 pounds. Such species are exceedingly rare in this section.

In the county of Johnston there are within a radius of four miles no less than ten like distilleries in full operation. In this matter is under consideration of the collector of internal revenue of the district, and doubtless will be taken once be inaugurated for suppressing them.

The grand jury of Durham have presented several physicians for prescribing "whiskey" when the same was not needed as medicine. The charges constitute a misdemeanor