

Rural Delivery Notice.

All subscribers to THE GAZETTE who desire their papers changed from their present postoffice and sent by the rural delivery routes, are requested to notify us at once.

To Our Correspondents.

We frequently have to omit letters from our esteemed correspondents because they reach us too late. We would greatly appreciate getting these communications as early in the week as practicable.

New Advertisements.

M. J. Hess—seasonable jewelry. Baltimore Sun—prospects and reduction in prices.

V. M. I. Baseball Schedule.

Cadet W. B. Anderson of Richmond, manager of the V. M. I. baseball team, has announced the following games for the approaching season:

On the Virginia Military Institute grounds, Lexington, March 21, Eastern College; March 23, Fishburne Military Academy; March 28, University of Pennsylvania; April 4, Washington and Lee University; April 11, St. John's College; April 15, Washington and Lee University; April 20, Hampden-Sydney College; April 25, Richmond College; May 2, Emory and Henry College; May 4, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; May 15, Washington and Lee; In Charlottesville, Va., April 18, University of Virginia. In Roanoke, Va., May 16, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Cures Blood Poison, Cancer Ulcers.

If you have offensive pimples or eruptions, ulcers on any part of the body, itching bones or joints, falling hair, a nose patency, swollen glands, skin itching and burns, sore lips or gums, itching, festering sores, sharp, gnawing pains, then you suffer from serious blood poison or the beginnings of deadly cancer.

Washington and Lee Notes.

The attendance at Washington and Lee University is now larger than any year for thirty years, and is double the number five years ago. The matriculates of this year number 278.

His Life in Peril.

"I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Bow of Welfare, Tex., "billions and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bites, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work."

The Bare and Williams Road Case.

The Supreme Court of Appeals sitting in Richmond, has granted a writ of supersedeas in the controverted road case of Adam Bare, Silas Neukols and others against R. E. Williams. This means that this high court intends to review the case, and if any error has been made in the law governing the case, they will decide.

Goes Like Hot Cakes.

"The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes druggist C. F. Smith, of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sale, it has never failed. I have known it to save sufferers from Throat and Lung diseases, who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy."

Married in Arkansas.

Information has been received here of the marriage of Mr. D. M. McCormick and Miss Mattie Pevett of Prairie Grove, Ark. Mr. McCormick is a native of Rockbridge, the son of the late William McCormick who formerly lived at Vesuvius, Va., and a nephew of Mrs. L. M. Humphris and Mrs. T. J. Hildebrand of Lexington.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box 25c.

Married Today.

A license was issued this morning from the County Clerk's office for the marriage today of Mr. Joseph F. P. Aguly and Miss Maud Wright, daughter of Mr. L. Wright. Mr. Aguly recently removed from Lexington to Roanoke where he now lives.

Personal.

Mr. Frank T. Glasgow was in Richmond last week. Miss Lillian Rawlings of Raphine, is visiting Miss Minnie Pierson. Mr. Harry Mortherspaugh of Brooklyn, Iowa, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. M. Page of Buena Vista, was the guest of Mrs. C. A. Lacy last week. Mr. Robert E. Hutton is in Lewisburg, W. Va., on business this week.

Mr. James Sheridan of Roanoke, is visiting his brother, Mr. John Sheridan. Father Van Ingelgen of Staunton, conducted services at St. Patrick's Catholic church Sunday.

Miss Mammie Showalter went to Washington last Thursday to visit her brother, Mr. O. P. Showalter. Mrs. Nannie Baler and Miss Mary Garin left last week on a visit to friends in Baltimore and New York.

Miss Susie Wash of W. S. Knisely & Co's millinery store, has gone to her home near Monmouth to enjoy a rest before the opening of the spring season. Judge S. H. Letcher has reappointed the old pension board for another year—Messrs. W. C. Stuart and H. E. Moore of Lexington, and R. D. Firebaugh of Flumen.

Mr. Bruce H. Bosserman of near Flumen, has received notice of his appointment as carrier on Route No. 2 of the rural mail service. Mr. James M. Withrow, supply.

Miss Eleanor Cameron White, daughter of Mr. Thomas S. White of Lexington, on Thursday last, received her diploma as a graduate of the Farmville Normal School. Mr. and Mrs. John Lackey and Miss Fannie D. Lackey of Fancy Hill, were guests last week of their brother, Mr. S. F. Lackey. They went from here to Staunton to visit friends.

Rev. J. A. Thomas was on Sunday installed by Revs. W. C. White, J. E. Baidou and H. A. Young, and Elders J. S. Craig and A. F. Kerr to be pastor of Waddy Cove Presbyterian church in Barboursville.

Miss Bessie Boley, a student in the training school for nurses at John's Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, was called home Sunday night by the extreme illness of her father, whose death occurred Tuesday morning.

Charles B. and R. B. Agner, who for several years past have been living in Dayton, Ohio, have been visiting their father, Mr. D. V. Agner, near Brushy Hills, since Christmas. They returned to their adopted home yesterday.

Dr. Thornton Whaling, pastor of the Presbyterian church, announced from his pulpit last Sunday that on next Sunday morning, February 1st, at 11 o'clock, he would preach a sermon for the special benefit of youths and Sunday school children.

Mr. Harry Bayliss left this morning to assume his new duties as express messenger on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad between Clifton Forge and Richmond. He is succeeded on the Lexington branch as express messenger by Mr. Boogher Young.

Mr. Hugh M. Blain, who for two sessions has been associate principal of the Valley Seminary, a large female school at Waynesboro, has been appointed adjunct professor of English in the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. Mr. Blain was educated at Washington and Lee University. And took his Ph. D. at the University of Virginia.

Death of William H. Boley.

Mr. William H. Boley died Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock at his home on lower Main street after an illness extending through more than two years. The immediate cause of his death was blood poisoning superinduced by a complication of diseases. For several months he was helpless, but retained possession of his faculties until fourteen hours previous to his death, after which time he lay in a comatose state until the end came. Mr. Boley was born in Liberty, now Bedford City Bedford county, and was in his 61st year. He was in the artillery service of the Confederacy for four years. In 1866 he came to Lexington and has since resided here, where he conducted a mercantile business. He married Miss Sallie J. Deaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Deaver, in 1870, who died in 1884. Five children survive this union, three daughters and two sons—Miss Fannie Boley, Bessie Boley and Rosa Boley; Messrs. T. Herbert Boley and W. Henry Boley. He is also survived by his father, Mr. John J. Boley, who lives in Bedford City, aged 95 years, five brothers, one sister and three half-sisters. The funeral took place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Trinity Methodist church, of which Mr. Boley was a member. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Lighth.

Mr. Thomas Ford Dead.

Mr. Thomas Ford died at his home here yesterday afternoon at the age of 73 years. He had been ill for a year. When a boy he accidentally put out his eyes, and since then has been totally blind. Mr. Ford was born at Collierstown, where for years he conducted a store, and came to Lexington about 15 years ago. He engaged in mattress making and was an expert workman. He is survived by five children—Percy S., Grover C., and Miss Mary B. Ford of Lexington; Edward C. Ford of Newport News; and R. Tucker Ford of Indianapolis, Ind. The funeral will be conducted from the Presbyterian church toorrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock. He was a member of that church.

On Friday evening, January 30th.

At 7 o'clock, Mountain City Lodge of Freemasons, of Lexington, is called together for "work and instruction." This means that some one is to ride the goat that evening. From hints let fall within the hearing of THE GAZETTE's reporter it was learned that an attaché of one of the Clerks' offices is now being groomed to ride over the "burning sands" that evening. There is quite a stir among the brethren to witness this goat-riding.

Lexington School Board Desires to Enlarge Scope of Town Schools.

At the last meeting of the town council an extended report was made by the Lexington School Board—Mr. Robert E. Hutton, chairman, Prof. D. C. Humphreys, clerk, and Mr. Frank T. Glasgow—giving the itemized annual expenditures of the Lexington public schools, together with the scope of work embraced in conducting them. Suggestions were also made for future improvements in the schools, especially in the High School, which now ranks, so far as its course extends, with the best in the State.

For the session of 1901-'02 the fund received from the State for the Lexington schools amounted to \$1,248.74; from the town \$3,000; from tuition, \$1,209.95, giving a total of \$5,458.69 with which to run the schools. The expenditures for the same term included pay for the white teachers, \$3,180; for colored teachers, \$1,238.25; and all other expenses, such as fuel, insurance, janitors' services, repairs, etc., amounted to \$980.54, which gives a total of expenses \$5,398.79. This shows the receipts exceeded the expenses by \$59.90.

In estimating the expenses for the current year, the report provides for about the same as last year with three exceptions—more needed repairs, increase price of coal and the increase in the principal's salary. With reference to the last, the report states that last year Mr. Harrington Waddell received an offer of the position as principal of the Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Mo., and it was necessary for the board to meet this offer or lose him. It was thought best to meet the offer, which was done by giving Mr. Waddell one-fourth of the tuition fees which he collects, in addition to his salary of \$100 per month, which makes his total compensation about \$1,200 per year. The salaries of the other teachers remain unchanged. The assistant in the High School receives \$60 per month, and \$35 per month is paid to each of the other teachers, except to the teacher of grades II and III who receives \$40.

The salary for the principal of the colored school, William Washington, was increased from \$35 to \$50 per month. This was done in consideration of his eminent fitness for the position. He is a man of ability and possesses the entire confidence of the board. He is an A. B. of Oberlin College, Ohio, a first grade institution, and distinguished himself while there. The pay for the other teachers in the colored school was reduced from \$30 to \$25 per month, except the teacher of grade IV who receives \$27.50.

The report states that one more teacher is imperatively needed in the white school, since grades II and III are now taught by one teacher, having 67 pupils enrolled. The colored school needs one more grade and teacher, since the lowest grade now has enrolled 88 pupils.

The school board believes that the schools have been greatly improved of late years without any additional appropriation from the town and the present efficiency should not only be maintained but the schools should be bettered each year.

The special attention of the mayor and town council is called to the vital importance, to this town in particular, of having the very best public schools. The special reasons are that the High School has caused a most excellent private school to be discontinued so that the town, and to some extent the county, is dependent on the Lexington High School for a good education for girls and boys up to the point where the latter can enter Washington and Lee University or the Virginia Military Institute.

The board presented to the council for consideration some very important suggestions whereby to further increase the efficiency of the Lexington schools. They would like to take Ann Smith Academy, which could probably be had for \$100 per year, then move grades I, II and III to that building, give Miss Mary L. Smith charge and get another teacher to take one of the grades she now teaches. Then a private might be furnished in which a private kindergarten could be taught to be paid for by the patrons.

If possible drawing and music should be taught in the schools; also a complete business course, so that graduates of the High School may be prepared for active business life, thus avoiding the necessity and expense of going elsewhere to secure these advantages. The establishment of a manual training department should not be in the too distant future.

To carry out these desirable plans, not including the business and manual training departments, the board estimates that an increased appropriation of \$1,400 will be necessary. This can be raised by a slight increase in taxation, less than four mills.

The board also suggests that the faithful services of a teacher who remains in the school for a number of years should be recognized by a small increase of pay.

Inasmuch as the schools have been patronized to some extent by the people of the county and would to a yet great extent if cheap board could be secured under proper control, it is suggested that a dormitory be needed, where the children could have home comforts at the lowest possible rates. A study hall should be in connection with it in charge of one of the teachers. For this purpose rooms in the Ann Smith Academy could be used.

From a broad educational standpoint, concludes the report, what is now the Central District should be consolidated with the town, as many of the children are in reach of the town schools. As this can only be done by an increase in taxes in the Central District there are considerable difficulties to be overcome. A movement to bring about this consolidation should come from the Central District.

Rail Estate Transfers.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were entered of record in the Clerk's office of Rockbridge county during three weeks ending January 28.

James M. Davidson to Rockbridge Lime and Stone Co., a lot of land of 12 acres on Woods' Creek and the suburbs of Lexington, \$600.

A. H. Thompson to Nathan Lee, lot in West Endory, \$24.50. J. D. H. Ross to Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co., lot in Glasgow, \$15.

Herman DeYoung's Ex'ors etc., to Mrs. Lottie W. Masters, lot on Randolph street, Lexington, \$2,000. Charlotte E. Lackey to Wm. N. Bell, her interest in dower lands of Mrs. M. A. Bell on Buffalo, 199 A., \$300.

Michael McNamara to Samuel W. Alexander, house and lot, adjoining lot of W. W. Lewis, deceased, in Lexington, \$125.

W. F. Scott, etc., to John Mc. Scott, 103 A., on Colliers creek, adjoining garage, \$265.62. Wm. D. Hostetter, etc., to Hezekiah Hostetter, the undivided half interest in lands of David Hostetter, deceased, on headquarters of Colliers Creek, \$125.

W. T. Paxton to Frank Dandridge, lot in West Buena Vista Land Co.'s land, \$150. Phebe A. Dale to James P. Ford, her interest in 3 A., 2 R. and 31 P., on Cooper's Creek, adjoining grantee.

W. A. Davidson to J. G. Thompson, lot and improvements at Denmark, \$400. Murray C. Lackey to A. W. McKemy, 10 A. on the left fork of Bush Run, adjoining J. R. Hall, Kerr's Creek district, \$235.

Annie G. Brady to Murray Mc. Lackey, 200 A. and 18 1/2 P., on Buffalo Creek adjoining Falling Springs church lot, \$2,500.

Jas. E. A. Gibbs to Mrs. Ruth McCormick lot and building in Raphine known as the "Elevator" and contents, \$1,000. James L. Morrison, etc., to Robert W. Morrison all their title in the real and personal estate of their deceased father, J. H. Morrison.

Sarah M. Cash to Wm. J. Hite, 66 A. on South Mountain near Tye river, \$210. Fertilizer Inspectors Re-elected.

The annual session of the State Board of Agriculture met in Richmond last Thursday. There were present: President, C. W. Heater; J. H. C. Beverley, A. O. Mauck, J. M. Baker, W. H. Eggborn, J. S. Browning, W. B. F. Leech and George W. Koener.

The whole of the session was taken up with the transaction of routine business and the election of fertilizer inspectors for the ten districts. All of the old inspectors were re-elected as follows:

First district, Dandridge Sale, Chance, Va.; second district, J. H. Madison, Lee Hall; third district, C. L. Turner, Old Church; fourth district, G. T. Cralle, Blackstone; fifth district, A. L. Moore, Martinsville; sixth district, W. W. Ward, South Boston; seventh district, E. M. Minnick, Timberville; eighth district, W. C. Waite, Culpeper; ninth district, J. W. Williams, Pearisburg; tenth district, J. H. Leech, Lexington.

Mr. Leech returned home Friday. He spoke encouragingly, even enthusiastically, of the meeting and thinks the board is doing a good work for the farmer. He suggested the propriety of the proper authorities enlarging their sphere of action in the matter of testing the soils of the Valley of Virginia. It is not necessary to buy another farm, but let this board furnish the seed and fertilizer to several competent men, and by that means we could arrive at definite results without much outlay on the part of the State. This was wholesome advice, and we hope to see Mr. Leech's idea tried in this section.

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GILMORE'S MILLS, January 26.—Capt. W. H. Chiles' dwelling house at this place was destroyed by fire Saturday morning between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock. The fire was first discovered in the roof over the dining room and it was thought at first that the flames could be extinguished.

Every effort available was made and several times the flames were almost mastered, but it appears that the gale was a mass of fire before the flames burst from the house top. As soon as the fire burst through the roof a vent was made and an account of high winds to fan the flames efforts were all lost to do anything to save the main part of the house. The removal of household effects at once was started and about half of the furniture was removed before the house fell a blazing mass.

The wind blew sparks and pieces of blazing shingles into the barn yard of Mr. M. W. Barger, a distance of one fourth mile, and it was thought at one time fire would start in his barn. The home of Mr. C. A. Seal, which is between Mr. Barger's and Capt. Chiles' was literally covered with sparks but fortunately neither caught fire.

If the wind had been blowing from the northwest, no doubt the mill, depot and the Howard house would have been destroyed. The fire was first discovered in the roof over the dining room and it was thought at first that the flames could be extinguished.

Every person present did heroic work and every effort possible was made to save the property from the flames. Four men removed the large piano down two pairs of steps through a room out on the porch and outside of the yard gate.

This dwelling house was among the oldest residences in this vicinity, and was built early in the last century. It was owned at different periods by the Waskeys, Gilmores, Spillers and Kennedys, and passed into the hands of the present owner about 1872.

Capt. Chiles puts his loss at about \$1,000; with \$350 insurance in the Rockbridge Mutual Insurance Co. Mr. H. M. Swartz of Buchanan spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Swartz of this place.

The C. & O. pay car passed here Saturday and threw a few silver blessings on their employees. Mrs. Nannie Luendo, aged 72 years, died at the home of her nephew, Mr. John Jennings, near Alpine, Sunday morning, from bronchitis. The remains were entombed at Natural Bridge cemetery Monday.

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Two More Rural Mail Routes Established

Postmaster McClung Patton has received notice from the postoffice department at Washington of the establishment of two additional rural delivery mail routes from Lexington. These routes will be put in operation in the near future.

Route No. 4 goes out the old Fairground road to Horace Rees' thence to G. W. Ellinger's, and returns to Lexington by C. S. Dold's and James McCormick's on the Lynchburg road. Mr. T. H. Boley stood the examination for carrier on this route.

Route No. 5 goes out past T. S. White's, thence along the Brownsburg road to Flumen, thence by Isaac Bare's to road leading from Rockbridge Baths to Deatur, follows that road to J. G. Stuart's, thence by John C. Dixon's to Smoky Row, thence to W. H. Shank's, past the porchhouse to Plank Road at Jas. A. Straub's, and returns to Lexington. Mr. Edward Bosserman of near Flumen, stood the examination as carrier for this route.

Christian Endeavor Day.

Christian Endeavor Day, the twenty-second anniversary of the Christian Endeavor Society, will be appropriately observed by the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor church of Trinity Methodist church on Wednesday evening, February 4th. The address for the occasion will be made by Rev. Charles D. Bulla of Winchester, Va. An interesting program will be carried out.

The first Christian Endeavor Society was organized in Portland, Me., February 2nd, 1881, by Rev. Francis E. Clark. The movement has grown until now there are over 50,000 societies in all the evangelistic denominations, in every civilized land, with a membership of more than 2,000,000.

To Enforce the Vagrant Law.

Mayor W. F. Pierson has taken steps to test the vagrant law. James Scott, colored, who, it is alleged, has no visible means of support, is now a boarder at Jailor Jackson's, and will soon be given an opportunity to prove that he is not a vagrant.

Should the mayor make out a case against this negro, there are a number of others to whom he will pay his respects. It is to be hoped that the interpretation of the ordinance will be such as to give the mayor jurisdiction in such cases.

It is stated that William H. Lewis, the negro recently appointed assistant United States district attorney in Boston, has been invited to come to Washington with his wife and visit the President. Several Southern Congressmen and Senators declared they would never visit the White House again, either socially or on business. Congressmen declare the President has sought to force social equality of the races by inviting negroes to receptions, that the negroes' acceptance of invitations this year is due to Roosevelt's attitude in the race question. This invitation follows close upon the reception at the White House, at which several colored officials were present.

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