

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. S. H. McCormick of Steele's Tavern, was in the city this week.
Mrs. James Bumgardner was reported yesterday as not so well.
Miss Eleanor White has closed her school at Swoope and returned home.
The State Bankers' Association will meet in Richmond on the 17th.
Mr. B. W. Crum was in Charlottesville this week on business.
Mr. W. O. Snyder is here from Charleston, W. Va.
Mrs. A. G. Harman of Goshen, spent Saturday in the city.
Mr. J. N. Mohler, of Mt. Solon, was among the visitors here on Monday.
Mrs. A. M. Valz is visiting in Washington.

Mrs. John W. Keller is visiting relatives in Charlottesville.
Judge Henry W. Holt has returned from a trip to Newport News.
Miss Mary Stuart Robertson is spending the holidays at the University of Virginia.
Mr. N. H. Meyer and Miss Bertha Phillips were united in marriage at Mt. Solon recently.
Mrs. E. M. Lorraine and children, of Charleston, W. Va., are visiting at Mr. W. C. Mitchell's near Snyder.

Miss Kate Haile has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Florida.
Mrs. J. Harry Worthington and Mrs. F. W. Bell, who have been visiting in Baltimore, returned home Tuesday.
Judge W. H. Mann, one of the Democratic candidates for Governor, has been spending a few days at Waynesboro.
Mr. Frank Walter, wife and daughter, Miss Frances, have been visiting in New York.
Mr. W. R. Tyree has been here for a few days. He says his family will return from Hagerstown early in May.
Miss Gertrude Gorman has returned from a visit to her brothers in Clifton Forge.

Capt. R. S. Ker, who spent Sunday at home here, returned to Richmond on Monday.
You should not fail to read the announcement of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank in this issue.
Mr. Hansford H. Hutchens and Miss Maggie J. Hershaw were married at Greenview on Wednesday.
Mr. J. S. Ruff, one of Staunton's old and popular citizens, is critically ill at his home on Richardson street.
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Goheenour, is very ill with pneumonia.
Miss Mary Harmon of the University of Virginia, who was the guest of Mrs. Luey Bowling, has returned home.
Mr. H. L. Hamrick, of Ft. Defiance, one of our old and true friends, was a caller at our office this week.

Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Finley of Tinkling Spring, who has just returned from an extended visit to North Carolina, was in the city Tuesday.
Messrs. John and Paul Strain, who with their wives have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rowan, of Raphine, have returned to their homes in Illinois.
Last Saturday the county school board on motion of Mr. Samuel Forrer, increased the salary of Superintendent E. O. Peale from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
Mrs. D. H. Warwick, of Baltimore, mother of Mrs. A. Hume Sprinkle, of this city, died on Thursday of last week in that city, after a brief illness.
The members of the "Polly of the Circus" company have been spending the week here, and will be seen here next Monday afternoon and night.
Miss Annie Graham, of Washington, who has been the guest of her friend, Miss Frances Woodhouse, left Tuesday for home.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Forrer, of Mossy Creek, have been spending several days in Clifton Forge, guests of Rev. L. H. Paul.

Mrs. Marion Koiner, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Bleas, has returned to her home at Waynesboro.
Governor Swanson has designated Judge Henry W. Holt to hold the April term of the corporation court of Newport News for Judge T. J. Barham, who is sick.
Dr. John Geiger, of Huntington, W. Va., was called here this week by the illness of his aunt, Miss Virginia Churchman. Her condition is now thought to be more favorable.
Vice Admiral Pascual Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet in the battle of Santiago, Cuba, died at Puerto Real, Spain, Saturday afternoon. He was born on February 18, 1839.
Richmond News-Leader: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier, who have been spending the winter months at 1008 Park avenue, expects to return to Thornwood, their home near Lewisburg, W. Va., the last of next week.
There will be a meeting of business and professional men in Richmond next Tuesday night to protest against holding a local option election in that city.

Suit has been filed in the circuit court by Mr. D. A. Kingan, the jeweler, through his attorneys, against Mr. James A. Wahn, asking \$10,000 damages from the defendant for alienation of his wife's affection.
Prof. G. D. Eurit attended a meeting of the board of the colored school for the deaf and blind at Newport News last week. The building has been completed and was turned over to the board at that meeting.

DEATHS DURING THE WEEK.

Mrs. H. G. Eichelberger has been selected as manager of the Virginia Hotel by Mr. C. M. East, trustee for the creditors of Mr. B. L. Partlow. Mr. Eichelberger is well qualified for the place, as he has had much experience as manager of Mt. Elliott Springs.
The city school board last week elected Mr. J. P. Neff, principal of the Richmond High School, to succeed Prof. F. H. Smith as superintendent of the Staunton schools. Mr. Neff is a native of Shenandoah county, and a graduate of the University of Virginia. His testimonials are very strong.
Mrs. Annie Calhoun, wife of Mr. W. E. Calhoun, postmaster of Bridgewater, died Wednesday of blood poisoning, after a few days illness. She leaves her husband and 8 children. She was a Miss Reed of Grottoes. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the Grove United Brethren church.
Mr. Arthur Hansford Richie and Miss Annie Catherine Runkle of Fairfield, were united in marriage here on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. Wm. E. Shifflet, by Rev. A. D. R. Haecher. The newly wedded couple left that night for Williamsport, Ind., where they will reside.
Invitations have been received in Staunton announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Jessie Coralie Apperson and Mr. Garrett Owen Lee, in Lynchburg on April 15th. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Apperson, who are well known here, where they resided some years.

The attention of our readers is called to the Easter announcement of Jos. L. Barth & Co. on the first page. Their offering this season is one of the most select and up-to-date ever seen here, and their prices are just what they have always been—as low as it is possible to sell such goods.
Mrs. Hanger, wife of Capt. J. H. Hanger, died on Saturday at their home in Washington. Her death was entirely unexpected, and her husband was in Georgia on a business trip at the time. Capt. Hanger was a native of Augusta and he and his wife formerly lived at Churchville. Mrs. Hanger was before marriage a Miss McCarthy, of Richmond.
Miss Glasgow Weds.
Lexington, Va., April 7.—Miss Grace Ellen Glasgow, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Glasgow, and Edwin Carter Landis, of Detroit, Mich., were quietly married Tuesday evening at the bride's home. Rev. Dr. Alfred T. Graham, of the Presbyterian church, the bride's pastor, officiated. The bride was given away by her father.
Miss Lucile Landis, of Nashville, Tenn., sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Samuel M. Glasgow, a student of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, brother of the bride, was best man.
The bride wore white messaline trimmed with lace that belonged to her two grandmothers, and carried a chateaubon bouquet of lilies of the valley. Miss Landis was dressed in white messaline, trimmed in princess lace, and carried pink carnations.
Little Misses Sarah White, Catherine Glasgow, Frances Glasgow, Emily Penick, Isabel West, and Winifred West bore the dainty ribbons. The wedding march was played by an orchestra composed of A. T. Barclay, Jr., J. T. McCann, and Ireston Irwin.

Danger of Reading in Bed.
A German physician, in order to investigate the exact kind of injury which reading in bed inflicts upon those who practice it, used himself for experimental purposes. He found that, by personal experience, that the eyes are made to suffer when in this position, for two reasons—first, because the light is usually insufficient and badly placed falling on the eyes instead of on the book or paper; and second, because it is difficult while reclining to hold a book so that the full benefit of the use of both eyes is obtained. This latter is especially the case when the reader is lying on one side. Another bad habit is that of holding the book too near the eyes, thus producing myopia. No one under 15 years of age should be allowed to read in bed. Since a large number of persons, especially many chronic invalids, will insist upon reading in bed, suggestions by which the injurious effects can be minimized are as follows: The light should be sufficiently brilliant, with the eyes shaded from it, and the reader should lie on his back with his head and shoulders raised. For both daytime and night reading the greatest care must be taken to have the light fall on book or paper and not on the eyes.

Killed by Sister-in-Law.
Buena Vista, Va., April 5.—Walter A. Amos was shot and instantly killed this morning by his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Campbell, at her home in this city.
There has been ill feeling between Amos and his wife for about a month, and this morning he followed his wife to the home of her sister, Mrs. Campbell, near by, and forced his way through the door.
The testimony by Mrs. Amos at the preliminary trial this evening was that she secured a pistol from a bureau at Mrs. Campbell's request, and that her husband took the pistol from her and fired twice at Mrs. Campbell.
Mrs. Campbell then shot a shotgun and fired at Amos at close range, the lead entering the left side of his back just under the shoulder blade and going through his head.
Mrs. Campbell was held for the grand jury under \$1,000 bail, which was furnished.
Tried to Help Husband Escape.
Mrs. Frank Bragg came down from Craigville last Thursday on the afternoon train to see her husband who is confined in jail on the charge of dynamiting a house at that place. When she got to the jail she had a box of lunch in her hand, which the jailer would not allow her to give to her husband until he examined it. On inspection he found a false bottom to the box which contained two saws for sawing steel. The woman was locked up, and Saturday she was given a hearing and sent to jail for six months and fined \$50.

New Firm.
Messrs. H. M. Lewis, A. G. Fifer and G. C. Fifer have formed a business partnership to be known as the Virginia Plumbing and Heating Company, successors to Fifer Bros., with headquarters in the Whitmore Bldg., Central Avenue. They will do general plumbing, lighting and steam fitting business, with Mr. George Cottrell as manager of the plumbing department and Mr. A. G. Fifer as manager of the acetylene lighting department. All of these gentlemen are well known Staunton men, and those in charge of the business are thoroughly experienced in their line. The new concern is now open for business and is ready to furnish estimates on all work.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, D. C., April 8.—The resolution of Senator Bacon, providing that the minority members of the Finance Committee be permitted to sit with the majority at committee meetings in the cross-examination of witnesses, precipitated a warm outburst from Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Finance Committee and recognized as the Republican leader of the Senate. As soon as the Bacon resolution was laid before the Senate and before any of the Democratic senators could get the floor the Aldrich was recognized and declared that "The Republican majority of the Senate will probably be held responsible by the country for the character of the tariff legislation to be enacted at this session, and also for prompt action. The business of the whole country is suffering from the uncertainty as to what will be done. Two great bodies are divided by a definite line of thought on this subject, with a few exceptions, on both sides of the chamber. The Republican party cannot evade the responsibility. There is no disposition on its part to do so." Mr. Aldrich said he had participated in the consideration of eight tariff measures since he came to Congress, five of which were Republican and three Democratic, and that in every case the framing of the legislation was left to the party in power. In the case of the Wilson tariff bill, he said, the Democratic majority on the Finance Committee declined to let the Republican members have anything to do with the framing of the measure, that this was right and had been the practice for more than fifty years.

Were it the purpose of the Payne bill to change the basis of life, it is only fair to presume that some attention would be given to the sugar schedule. That tariff on sugar, theoretically, is intended to protect the cane of Louisiana and the beet of the north-west; actually, however, as everybody knows, its most important effect is to protect the Sugar Trust, whose business is chiefly the refining rather than the original production of sugar. This is accomplished by making the duty on refined sugar so much higher than the duty on the raw sugar that the business is given a monopoly in this country. As a matter of fact, some attention has been given to the sugar schedule, 25-100 of one per cent is added to the tariff tax on the most universally consumed of all the necessities of life.
The statement of the federal treasury for March, just out, considered the most encouraging which has been issued since the fiscal year began. The tide of business depression seems to have turned suddenly. According to this statement the treasury receipts have materially increased and the steady enlargement of the deficit account has been checked. There was a gain in March of \$7,000,000 over the same month over the revenue of March, 1908, and the gain in receipts from all sources was \$8,761,000.
A well informed representative of the iron and steel industry in Washington this week, stated that wage reductions throughout that industry during the next six months will be the most sweeping and general that have been known to the industries of the country in twenty years. How much of the present and threatened reductions in wages in steel and other industries are properly attributable to tariff revision, how much to depressed business conditions following the financial disturbances which prevailed during the past year, and how much to unstable conditions which must await readjustment to the new schedules of duties proposed are a few of the embarrassing questions confronting the Republicans in the new administration and both houses of Congress. The announcement from Pittsburgh that the Jones and Laughlin Company will make a ten per cent reduction in wages is but only the beginning of these troubles. By many, if not the majority, this movement is recognized as the ever ancient, ever new device of the industrialists to reduce wages in order to frighten Congress into carrying for their industry. It places the Republican majority in the House in a most embarrassing position to have such a situation precipitated by the iron and steel trade at this juncture, when all their plans seemed to be shaping up right for an agreement upon a rule under which the tariff bill is to be speedily passed in the House.

Paper to Boom Petersburg.
Richmond, Va., April 8.—For the purpose of using it principally to advertise the welfare of the city, the chamber of commerce of Petersburg has secured an option on the Petersburg Index-Appal. This option practically means a sale. The property will probably be required within the next few days. R. P. Barham, editor of the Index-Appal, who has been with the paper for years, will remain as chief editor. The name of the business manager has not been announced.
While the amount to be paid for the paper has not been made public, it is said to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30,000.
Under its new management the Index-Appal will occupy a rather unique position. The public long ago realized that a corporation, for instance, could not own and operate a newspaper to protect and foster its business but in this case a commercial organization composed of practically all of the business people of the city, have purchased one to help the entire community.
Although the Index-Appal is somewhat novel, the chamber looked carefully into the matter before deciding upon a definite plan of purchasing. Not being in politics like a municipality, the plan of the chamber will be to develop along industrial and educational lines.
If the above report from Richmond is accurate, we are pleased to learn that our friend, Mr. R. P. Barham, is to be continued as editor. He has made his paper one of the best and brightest in the State.

Fire broke out Wednesday afternoon on the farm of Mr. T. J. Hounihan from burning brush, and spread across to the woods of Mr. Thos. Hogshead, destroying several hundred cords of wood. After night the blaze could be seen for miles.
Hugh C. Riddleberger, a traveling salesman, son of the late Senator H. H. Riddleberger, of Shenandoah county, died suddenly in Danville Tuesday.

Convocation at Waynesboro.
The convocation of the Episcopal church in Southwest Virginia will meet in Waynesboro Monday night, April 19th, and remain in session there until Thursday when they will come to Staunton for their final service and at the same time have a mass meeting at Emmanuel church.
Mr. W. S. Kinsley will double his floor space, having rented part of the Eichelberger lot in rear of his store for that purpose. He will erect a building in which will be one of the most up-to-date millinery departments in Virginia.

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Local for Huntington 6.58 a. m., week days.
Local for Hinton 6.55 p. m., daily.

MAIL CLERK JAILED.
ACCUSED OF OBTAINING \$60,000 BY FALSE PRETENSES.
Washington, April 6.—Accused of obtaining \$60,000 by false pretenses, Rey M. Wright, who says he is a first cousin of Representative John W. Langley, of Kentucky, was arrested by Detectives Hean and Grant of the district attorney's office as he stepped from a train at the union station yesterday morning.
Wright, who was formerly in business in Boise, Idaho, has been employed for the last six weeks as a railway mail clerk, running between this city and Huntington, W. Va.
The arrest was made at the request of the Boise City authorities, who sent a dispatch to United States Marshal Palmer at the city hall, requesting that Wright be locked up as a fugitive from justice. The case was handled directly through the district attorney's office, and the police knew nothing about the arrest until the prisoner was lodged in a cell at the sixth precinct station.
In the dispatch from Boise City, it is alleged that Wright obtained nearly \$60,000 by alleged false pretenses nearly a year ago. Wright says the amount is only \$600, and that he is willing to go back and stand trial.

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