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THE NEWS SUMMARY.

The fore-cast for to-day for Virginia is for colder, fair weather.

The General Assembly was in session yesterday.—In the Senate the special committee appointed to inspect the Treasurer's office reported a newspaper article charging Mr. Harrison with disloyalty to the Union and made the bill regulating commonwealth attorney's fees, was taken up, discussed and passed. So the most inspection bill was made the special order for to-day.—In the House a motion to reconsider the amendment taxing telephones was lost; a petition from Manchester asking for the appointment of a meat inspector.—Ann Taylor, colored, charged with murdering James Bradley, Jr., was sent up to the Grand Jury.—Confirmation services will be held at St. Mark's church next Sunday morning.—The Hoge commemorative exercises will occur this evening in the Masonic Academy.—A night session of the Legislature was held. In the House of Delegates the tax bill was amended and passed. In the Senate the convict-hiring bill was passed.—Mrs. Charles H. Dabney, granddaughter of the wife of Mr. A. W. Archer, of the Exchange Hotel, died in Philadelphia.—Several changes were made in the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad clerkships.—The Democratic members of the Assembly will meet in conference this evening.—A telegram from Washington and Lee University said Claude Sublett, son of Mr. Peter Sublett, of this city, had killed himself accidentally.—Rev. William Brobinson, who was stricken with paralysis in Richmond some time ago, died in Chesterfield.—Mr. Lonnie Moore, of this city, was married in Petersburg to Miss Clara Schefer.—A bazar for the benefit of the Chesterfield Troop of cavalry was held in Manchester.—Mr. Orlando Lewis, of Hog Island, presented a petition to the General assembly.—The Street Home Guards and the Chesterfield troops held a parade in Richmond and Manchester.—Members of the City Central Democratic committee express views on the Australian ballot system.

VIRGINIA.

The Lee Camp Veterans of Alexandria and what is Leesburg returned home.—A. H. Shepard, of Anniston, Ala., and Miss Lucy Lee Newby, of Warrenton, were married.—Alexandrians are discussing the question of a road-law.—The Catholics of Alexandria will give Bishop Van De Vyver a reception when he visits there.—A slight fire occurred at the Star newspaper office in Fredericksburg.—A tramp claiming to be a railroad supervisor was put off a train of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road.—Mr. Wm. M. Robinson, of Chesterfield, died.—Stockholders of the proposed Savings Bank of Danville adopted a charter.—James Hogan, negro, was arraigned at Danville, charged with practicing medicine without a license.—The Glamorgan Iron Works of Lynchburg have secured the contract for iron for the National Library at Washington.—A heavy wind, rain, and thunder storm did damage at Lynchburg.—Fire destroyed Mr. Cottrell's feed and grain warehouse in West Point.—Mr. T. B. Gill and Miss Lucy A. Moncure were married at Bowling Green.—The residence of Senator H. D. Twyman, in Madison, was burned.—Dr. Richard Lancaster, aged ninety-four years, died in Madison.—Mayor Banks, appointed collector of customs, is the only Republican city official of Norfolk.—Mrs. Sarah A. Hogan was run over and fatally injured at Roanoke by an engine.—The Lynchburg River bridge of the Norfolk and Western Railroad was carried away by a freshet.—An art exhibition will be held in April in Norfolk.—Ten persons were injured at Roanoke by the upsetting of a Norfolk and Western passenger coach at Roanoke.—A decision was rendered in Petersburg in the case of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company vs. Postal Telegraph and Cable Company.—Robert L. Alley and Miss Kitty Friend, both of Petersburg, eloped to Washington, and were married.—David Still was stabbed and Lee Eanes was shot in a difficulty near Danville.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The tobacco market in Reidsville is in fine condition, and prices are high.—A windstorm did considerable damage in Reidsville.—Governor Fowle returned to Raleigh much pleased with his trip to the New Berne Fair.—The report that twelve hundred persons had been drawn to serve as jurors in Davidson county is denied.—The Pocahontas Guards will attend the unveiling of the Lee monument.—English capitalists are interested in Durham.—Copper has been discovered in Granville county.—Fifteen thousand dollars damage was done by fire at Washington.—Revenue officer Kirkpatrick, who was shot by moonshiners near Hillsboro, was taken home to Greensboro.—Geo. Jones, colored, was found dead in a stable at Raleigh.—The Oyster-packing industry is booming in Eastern North Carolina.

WASHINGTON.

The Senate Committee on Rules considered the subject of nominations in open session.—The World's Fair Committee discussed Chicago as the site for the World's Fair.—The House Committee on Reform on the Civil service continued its investigations.—Senator Vance introduced a bill to establish government agricultural stores for the benefit of farmers.—Contracts have been awarded for extending the Norfolk and Western Railroad from Elkhorn Valley to Ironton.—In the Senate Mr. Hoar presented a statement written by himself of alleged terrorism in Arkansas.—The contested election case of Atkinson vs. Pendleton from the First West Virginia district, was considered in the House yesterday.

NEW YORK.

It is believed that Captain H. N. Garden will succeed Mr. John C. Calhoun as president of the Southern Society at the annual election March 6th.—The great Hebrew Purim ball will wind up the ball season in New York on March 4th.—The will of the late John Jacob Astor was filed yesterday. It disposes of a number of charitable bequests and the residue goes absolutely to his son, William W. Astor.—Ex-President Inman is to bring suit against President Platt for the recovery of the property sold by Platt.

FOREIGN.

The Nonnat has caused a sensation in St. Petersburg by an editorial charging Austria with menacing the peace of Europe.—It is now officially announced that Bismarck would have resigned if the recent election had resulted differently.—Master Abraham Lincoln has been seized with the final agony, and his relatives are awaiting the end.—Lord Tennyson, who is a sufferer from bronchial catarrh, is improving.

GENERAL.

William M. Warner, who operated with Grant & Ward, is dead.—A tornado at Memphis uprooted a new cotton compress, demolished a Methodist church and did other damage.—George Clark, a convicted murderer, was hanged at Waynesberg, Pa.—A fierce and destructive storm passed over Jacksonville, Tenn., damaging railroad bridges and playing havoc generally.—Mr. William Minnick, of Braddock, Penn., has been sent to an insane asylum on the ground that excessive jealousy of his wife deranged his mind.

Reports from the Mississippi river on the music and the salamonica on the north state show they are the highest ever known. Both the first and second bottom lands are covered with a raging torrent. The damage to stock, small buildings, fences and bridges is great.

A blizzard set in at Sioux City at midnight Monday night and continued till Tuesday afternoon. The wind blew forty miles an hour, badly drifting the six inches of snow that had fallen.

The south division of the Denver and Rio Grande is again cut off from the world by a snow blockade on the Cumbres range.

The journeyman bakers of Cincinnati are on a general strike for an increase of wages.

ITEMS IN VIRGINIA.

MAYOR BANKS APPOINTMENT AS COLLECTOR.

He is the Only Republican City Official of Norfolk—A Voudoo Doctor Arraigned—Fire at West Point—News From all Over the State.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—The appointment of Mayor Banks to the position of collector of customs for the Norfolk and Portsmouth district, is the political sensation of the hour, not that Banks appointment was not expected, but because it turns the entire political machinery of the city officers again into Democratic hands.

Mayor Banks is the only Republican city official of Norfolk now, and his appointment as collector will necessitate his resigning his present position as soon as he takes charge of the one to which he has just been appointed. It will be a month before Mayor Banks can take charge of his new office, and he will not send in his resignation to the councils as mayor for several weeks yet. There are several Democratic candidates in the field for the position, and among them are Major A. R. Cooke, Messrs. Frank Morris, George W. Johnston, and S. A. Stevens.

A large number of art devotees have decided to hold an exhibition in Norfolk some time in April, and a largely attended meeting was held in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association last night to form a permanent organization and perfect arrangements. A set of officers were elected and committees were appointed to take charge of the different departments. It is intended to make the Exposition the finest of the kind ever held in Virginia, and one that will compare favorably with any ever held in the South.

B. A. Baxter, who was up to a month ago one of the management of the Purcell House, has gotten in trouble and spent last night in jail. He was arrested on a warrant sworn out by W. E. Ricker, a New York representative of the Appletons, who charges that Baxter stole $675, which he had deposited with him, to put in his hotel safe for safe-keeping. When Ricker called for the money Baxter could not furnish it to him, but gave him checks. Ricker tried to cash the checks, but found to his dismay that they were worthless. Baxter has been sent on to the Corporation Court for trial, and succeeded this morning in furnishing bail for his appearance at the May term.

Vice-President W. H. Stanford, of the Old Dominion Line, accompanied by a party of friends, arrived in the city yesterday, and made a general inspection of the company's property here.

Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell and the Misses Bell, of Washington, are at Virginia Beach.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

Romantic Marriage at the Bath Alum—Milboro Improvements.

MILBORO, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—The railroad from Rockbridge Alum Springs to Lexington crossing, on the Victoria and Western Railroad, is making rapid progress. Mr. J. A. Frazier is building it. It is about two miles long, and will be finished and equipped for summer travel to Rockbridge Alum Springs. Mr. Frazier is assisted in his work by Mr. J. William Davis, of Staunton.

Mr. Beard, of Greenbrier county, W. Va., and Miss Law, of Bath county, were married yesterday at Bath Alum Springs. Fourteen years ago they were engaged to be married. But, it seems from facts, a Mr. Cosby, of this county, in some way attracted the young lady's attention and the wedding was postponed.

The groom, Mr. Beard, was married several years ago, but his wife has passed away, and he returned to his first love. Miss Law was at the time of her marriage assistant postmistress and housekeeper at Bath Alum Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Law met yesterday for the first time in fourteen long years.

Mr. J. W. Warren has purchased the store of P. L. Yarbrough, and is doing a big business, having two stores in this place.

Messrs. Powell and Barksdale, of this place, are the only merchants, except Mr. Warren. Trade seems to be lively with all the stores.

William Agner is making considerable improvement in his business: repainting and refurnishing for the coming season in his restaurant and saloon.

Mr. W. C. Harris is erecting a new and nice house just west of Mr. Warren's hotel.

Mr. Detler is now arching Cody's tunnel at this place. This tunnel has caused a great deal of trouble on this railroad, but now it will soon be arched, and with brick, and the old trouble stopped.

Mr. J. W. Warren is making big improvements for next season. New cottages, new bath houses, new drainage, etc., to make everything nice for guests from everywhere.

Mr. P. L. Yarbrough is stopping with us for the winter.

Mr. R. A. Lancaster's fine colt looks very shaggy, but I sincerely hope it will put on a new coat before he gets him in June.

FROM LYNCHBURG.

Another Government Contract—Effect of a Heavy Thunder Storm.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—The Young Men's Investment Company, of this city, have met with such success in their operations for the past year that they are now formulating a plan to increase their capital stock from $30,000 to $100,000 and the prospects of doing so are very bright.

The Glamorgan Iron Works have secured a contract to furnish piping for the new National Library in course of construction in Washington city.

A tremendous rain and thunder storm visited the city last night, lasting some time. In the sheltered portion of the city its effect was not so seriously felt, but on the eminences it was terrible in its force. On Daniel's Hill a number of fences were blown down, limbs of trees were twisted from the trunks, and the head-gear of pedestrians was scattered promiscuously beyond recovery. A portion of the roof of R. H. T. Adams' residence was also blown away. On Garland Hill the general damage was pretty much the same. The roof of the Hospital of the City Almshouse was carried away, and several fences were prostrated. One resident of the locality states that hail stones the size of hickory nuts pelted him on the head, and made him seek hasty shelter. Over in Madison the roof of a dwelling of Edward Deaton was blown to parts unknown. A fence around Parson Rucker's was blown away, and seven bee gums of Mr. G. L. Gains whisked over 200 yards from their former place.

The article in THE TIMES to-day on the excise bill of the Legislature has been read with universal approval and applause. That and the meat inspection law are considered two most obnoxious laws.

THE VETERANS RETURN.

Marriage of Mr. Shepperd and Miss Newby—Personal.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—Lee Camp Confederate Veterans and the friends who went up to the Leesburg jubilee yesterday returned in a special train about midnight. They say they had a glorious time. It was like re-fighting the best of the battles.

Forty-five men went along in regular dress, and many more veterans accompanied them. More would have gone, but for the ugly weather. The drum corps of fifteen pieces handsomely uniformed attracted considerable attention. The racket that they made was deafening, and it put the country people in higher glee than they would have been otherwise. It was a feast they say.

Mr. A. H. Shepperd, of Anniston, Alabama, and Miss Lucy Lee Newby, were married in the Baptist Church at Warrenton last evening. The edifice was decorated within and there was assembled a throng of friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Mr. H. H. Wyer performed the ceremony. Miss Georgie Green, was maid of honor to the bride, and Messrs Markham Payne, J. P. Wyer, Ralph Payne, John Gaines and John Shepperd, were the ushers. After a reception the couple left for a tour. They will make their home in Anniston where Mr. Shepperd has a lucrative position.

Land-owners in the county are seriously debating the question of a new road law. Many are averse to the scheme of issuing bonds for the improvement of the roads, and suggest that the Board of Supervisors be empowered to levy a tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars in order that money for the purpose may be raised.

Mr. Park Agnew has gone to Annapolis again on canal business. The old canal in which Alexandria put $500,000, and profited to some extent in the coal trade accordingly, seems gone up. She gets none of that trade now. The thing must have cost originally several million dollars. The government went into it to the extent of three millions. Fortunes have been spent in repairing it. The present objection of the original masters is that the lease to a railroad company, and one run only on paper, will ruin their interests and benefit no one except the fighting Baltimore and Ohio corporation.

The Catholics here will give Bishop Van DeVyver a reception when he comes here on his first ministerial visit. The Young Men's Sodality Lyceum has the matter under consideration already. The Catholics here are strong. Such a reception will be partaken in by others as well, however.

Three-fourths of the dwellings erected here last year were through building associations. There was considerable talk to-day regarding the Legislative bill to tax the stock of such companies. Those interested say if such a bill be passed it will break up all such associations here and will seriously injure citizens. This is Messrs. Caton & Marbury's mission to Richmond.

Major Sampson P. Bayly's, of Fauquiers, appointment as special agent Census Bureau is the deferred reward for running against Barbour for Congress, such appointments are frowned on here-abouts.

FREDERICKSBURG FIRE.

The Star Office Ablaze—Artificial Teeth Mystery.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—Considerable agitation was caused here this morning about 6 o'clock, by the cry of fire. In a few moments the commotion ran higher, when it was observed that a huge volume of smoke was gushing from the windows and doors of the Star newspaper office. In a short time hundreds of people were gathered about the building, and the wildest excitement prevailed. The fire department was on hand with marked promptness but the fire plugs near being greatly out of order, it was greatly feared at one time that the fire would get seriously on the way before the water could be turned on. Fortunately, however, they succeeded in getting the water, and after much effort the flames were subdued, with no material injury to the building, but a considerable loss in the way of paper and furniture; all of which were insured. The origin of the fire is unaccountable. It broke out in the basement of the building.

A tramp was arrested in Stafford yesterday by Sheriff Kenedy and lodged in jail here, charged with the burning of a barn in Fairfax county. The authorities of Fairfax being communicated with by wire of the arrest, it was found that the man arrested was not the one wanted, and he was promptly released.

The artificial teeth that were found on the banks of the Rappahannock by Mr. John Mullen, still form a mystery. Nobody knows how they were lost. The authorities have been looking into the matter.

The reported death of young Herndon, in Stafford, who was badly cut at the hands of young Shacklette a few days since, proved to be untrue. The latest is that Herndon is improving.

Another "Supervisor" was put off the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad between this city and Milford. The "supervisor" turned out to be a poor tramp who was trying to beat his way North on a freight and told the conductor that he was supervisor of the road in order that he would not be molested.

It is stated on good authority that a tramp once went over the entire route as a supervisor, and that he was given the best accommodations the caboose could afford.

GRAIN BURNING AT WEST POINT.

The School Building—Foreign Labor—Personal Mention.

WEST POINT, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—Last night M. Cottrell's feed and grain warehouse was burned, with all the contents. Mr. Cottrell is a New Jersey man, who came here about two years ago and opened business with a coal and wood-yard, and soon erected a warehouse for feed and grain, and not long since put up a saw and feed-mill. His property is located on the Mattaponi side of the town, with a good wharf.

The adjacent buildings and the large stock of cord wood was partly burned. The loss is fifteen hundred dollars, and no insurance. Mr. Cottrell was enlarging the building and intended to reside in part of it at an early day. He will probably rebuild. The fire is supposed to have been caused by some thief, who may have dropped a lighted match. There had been no fire in the building for several days.

Representatives of the government are said to be here working up evidence in regard to the employment of foreign labor at this port.

The public school building and lot have been sold and at an early day the school will be removed to the corner of Third and D streets. This is a step toward a new school building which is needed badly.

John R. Coupland and bride have returned from their wedding trip and are stopping with Mrs. Cox.

The York River steamers have not ceased their daily trip this winter and their freights are heavy.

Mrs. G. B. Leonard, wife of a Syracuse banker and sister to Mrs. J. W. Caldwell, of Walkerton, returned home to-day, after a few weeks' visit.

DOINGS AT DANVILLE.

Charter of the Savings Bank—A Voudoo Doctor Arraigned.

DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—The stockholders of the proposed Danville Savings Bank and Loan Association met this afternoon and adopted the charter which it is proposed to ask the Legislature to grant them. After the charter shall have been secured, officers will be elected and the association will proceed to business. Forty thousand dollars of the half a million of stock have already been taken.

The Danville Land Company, recently organized with E. H. Miller as president, applied to-day to Judge Whittle for a charter.

Butler Dalson, a colored man employed in the wood-yard of B. J. Anderson & Co., lost to-day, three fingers of his right hand by bringing the same in contact with a buzz-saw. The hand was terribly lacerated.

James Howard, a bogus negro doctor, who practiced somewhat on the voudoo order and has done a thriving business in these parts, was arraigned to-day before the Mayor for practicing without license. His fine and costs amounting to thirty-five dollars not being paid, the "doctor" was jailed.

Receipts of leaf tobacco by wagon are unusually large to-day.

FIRE IN MADISON

Ex-Senator Twyman's Home Burned.—Death of an Old Citizen.

MADISON, C. H., Va., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—The residence of Ex-Senator H. D. Twyman was burned Tuesday. The bulk of the household effects was saved. The building was partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Richard Lancaster died yesterday. He had reached the great age of 94 years. Probably the oldest inhabitant now living in this county is Mr. Philander Goodall. Some of the old citizens put his age at about one hundred.

Engineers are surveying the new route for the Chesapeake and Potomac railroad. They have reached Wolftown, distant from this place seven miles. It is thought the proposed road will pass this place. If this road is built it will develop the finest section of Virginia.

THE TIMES is rapidly growing in favor here, and is pronounced by many "the best paper in Virginia."

INJURED IN A WRECK.

Accident at Roanoke to a Norfolk and Western Passenger Coach.

ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—A first class passenger coach on the eastbound Norfolk and Western was wrecked here to-night by a truck jumping the track, whirling around and upsetting it. The low rate of speed at which trains are required to run within the corporate limits saved many in the crowded car from instant death.

Following are the injured: W. F. Mathers, wholesale grocer, Lynchburg, arm hurt; J. F. Gray, Baltimore, arm and shoulder bruised. William Simpson, Richmond, hurt about head and shoulders; John Kelley, contractor, Lynchburg, hip cut and back bruised; E. S. Moorman, tobacconist, Lynchburg, elbow sprained; Major J. C. Carrington, Richmond, badly in thigh, injured about head. Mrs. D. Mendal, en route from Huntsville to Baltimore, cut on head, cheek and arm bruised. J. S. Carrington, South Boston, Va., bruised about body. Mrs. Emma Phillips, Bristol, Tenn., head and leg cut. D. S. Corday, residence unknown, leg injured.

Mrs. S. A. Hogan, aged 58, in attempting to cross the Shenandoah Valley track this morning, was run over by an engine and so badly injured, that she died within a hour.

The Little river bridge on the New River division of the Norfolk and Western, was carried away by a freshet last night, suspending travel for several days.

RAILROAD VS. TELEGRAPH.

Important Decision in Petersburg—Elopement.

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—In the Circuit Court of Petersburg Judge R. A. Hancock this afternoon delivered his opinion in the appeal case of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company against The Postal Telegraph Cable Company. This case is a writ of error to a judgment of the County Court of Prince George, rendered July 17, 1889, appointing commissioners to ascertain a just compensation to the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company for a right of way for a telegraph line proposed to be constructed by the Postal Telegraph Cable Company on the roadway of the railroad company. The writ of error was an order by Judge Hancock on July 20th, 1889, and made returnable to the first day of Prince George Circuit Court. On November 7th, 1889, the case was called for trial in that court, and by consent of parties was removed to the Circuit Court of Petersburg. The argument of this lease, which took place over a month ago consumed eight days. Major Robert Stiles, Judge A. L. Holladay and Messrs. George S. Bernard and J. J. Cocke are the counsel for the railroad company, and Mr. J. Samuel Parrish and Mr. Wm. R. McIlwaine are counsel for the Postal Telegraph Cable Company. Judge Hancock in his opinion decides that the County Court erred in not granting the railroad company's motion to dismiss the proceedings, holding that the statute under which the telegraph company was proceeding does not apply to the roadway of a railroad company, and if it was so intended by the Legislature, was unconstitutional in not providing adequate legal machinery for giving the railroad company a just compensation for the property taken.

The north bound fast train which left here this morning had among its passengers an eloping couple from Petersburg. The parties were Mr. Robert L. Alley, a well known young man of this city, and son of Captain William E. Alley, and Miss Kitty Friend, daughter of Mr. Thomas Friend, a well known citizen of this place.

Miss Friend, who is a very pretty and accomplished young lady and 17 years of age, left home yesterday afternoon to spend the night with a lady friend. This morning she met Alley and in company with a mutual friend took the train for Washington city, where they were married at 12 o'clock to-day. The groom is twenty-one years of age. The newly made couple arrived here to-night and were met at the depot by a party of friends.

The case of Powell and others against the Atlantic and Danville Railroad Company, involving the right of the company to the bonds of the county in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the company came up before Judge R. A. Hancock, of the Circuit Court of Brunswick in vacation, here to-day the case was heard upon its merits, and a decree was rendered dissolving the injunction heretofore awarded in the case, and dismissing the bill of the plaintiffs.

The granite for the Confederate monument to be placed by the Ladies' Memorial Association in Blandford Cemetery, has all been hauled to the cemetery, and it is expected to have the monument up in a day or so.

The Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company is building a large water tank near the passenger depot here.

The representatives from Petersburg to the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor, which meets in annual session in Lynchburg on Tuesday next, are: From Petersburg Lodge, No. 771, E. B. Branch; from Harmony Lodge, No. 1323, Henry Peyser. At this session of the Grand Lodge the different grand officers will be elected, and other important business transacted.

Thomas Eanes, a youth employed at the tobacco factory of Messrs. S. W. Venable & Co., fell down one of the stairways of the building this morning. His arm was broken and he was otherwise injured.

Rev. R. R. Acree, pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, has gone to Crewe to assist in a revival at the Baptist Church there, of which Rev. Mr. Sandford is the pastor.

This city was visited last night at a late hour by a violent wind-storm, which, however, lasted but a short time. During the storm several trees were blown down in different parts of the city, and also considerable fencing.

On next Friday night, at the Academy of Music, Colonel W. Gordon McCabe will deliver his interesting lecture, "The Siege of Petersburg," for the benefit of the A. P. Hill Camp, Confederate Veterans.

A quiet, but pretty marriage took place this afternoon at the residence of Mr. Henry Heinman on Old street. The contracting parties were Mr. Lonnie Moore, of Richmond and Miss Clara Scheifer, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. Robert Scheifer, of this city. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. C. J. Gibson, in the presence of a large number of invited friends. The bridal presents were numerous and costly.

Rev. William M. Robinson, of Chesterfield county, who was stricken with paralysis in Richmond some weeks ago, died at his home last night. The deceased was superintendent of the Swift Creek Cotton Mills, and was widely known in Petersburg. He was the father of Dr. C. V. Robinson, president of the Board of Health of this city.

YOUNG MEN FIGHT.

David Still Stabbed Seriously and Lee Eanes Shot.

DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special]—Serious difficulty occurred a mile from the city this afternoon at 6:30. Joe and David Still, young farmers, were coming to town with two wagon loads of leaf tobacco. Lee Eanes, also a young farmer from the same neighborhood, was traveling the same road with three wagons loaded with tobacco. When a mile from the city, Eanes undertook to pass the Stills' wagons, and in doing so had a collision.

This brought about a quarrel, and Eanes drawing a dangerous looking knife, advanced on Joe Still, who drew a pistol and warned Eanes not to advance. Eanes' two drivers then came up and joined in the quarrel. David Still got between the men, and was endeavoring to make peace, when Eanes rushed upon him and drove the knife to the hilt in Still's right side. Joe Still then drew his pistol a second time and commenced firing on Eanes and two balls took effect in the calf of the leg. The wounded men were brought to the city, and Still's wound was pronounced very serious if not mortal. He was taken to the Home for Sick. Eanes is not seriously hurt.

Eighteen months ago, a desperate shooting affair occurred at Axton, in Henry county, in which Gus Eanes was killed, and this same Lee Eanes was seriously wounded by Twiggs Davis. For weeks Lee Eanes lay at the point of death but finally recovered almost by a miracle. Davis escaped and only two months ago, was caught in Missouri, brought back to Virginia and last week was sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary.

Heroic Statue of Jackson.

Mr. E. V. Valentine's model of the statue of Jackson is nearly finished and will be ready for the bronze foundry in two or three weeks. Dr. McGuire and the personal friends of General Jackson pronounce it the best likeness of him ever made.

Young Lincoln Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Abraham Lincoln, the only son of Minister and Mrs. Lincoln, died to-night.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS

BILL TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSES.

A Measure Introduced by Senator Vance to Permit Treasury Advances on Farm Products—Contracts for Extending the N. & W. Railroad—Capital News.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—[Special.]—Senator Vance to-day introduced a bill which is of special interest to the farmers of Virginia, and, in fact, to all who deal in farm products. It is to establish a system of government store-houses for agricultural products. The bill provides that whenever one hundred or more citizens of any county in any State, the average value of the farm products of which county for the two years next preceding shall have amounted to $500,000 at the current prices, shall request the location of one or more government storehouses, and the fact the farm products of such county shall be certified under oath by the county clerk or sheriff to the Agricultural Department, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Agriculture to immediately cause an examination to be made to verify the representations of such citizens, and if the examination proves satisfactory then the Secretary shall at once proceed to have erected one or more Government storehouses. But as a necessary preliminary, it must be certified under oath to the Secretary that a site or sites for the storehouse or storehouses have been designated by a majority of the legally qualified voters of the county at an election held for that purpose; also that at such election, by a majority vote, the legal voters selected suitable managers for the proposed storehouse. It is also required that the necessary ground for locations shall be donated to the Government by the citizens. These requirements having been complied with, the secretary shall proceed, under laws and regulations governing the erection of public buildings, to have erected such storehouse or storehouses as have been requested. Or the secretary in his discretion may purchase or lease suitable warehouses or buildings for the purpose. Farmers may store in such government storehouse the products of their farms as are not perishable; no perishable or imported products can be stored. It shall be the duty of the manager to issue to the farmer a warehouse receipt setting forth the quantity, quality and value of the products stored, the value to be based upon the current market prices. The manager shall in this receipt, also set forth the amount of insurance, of weighing, classing and all other charges against the farm products stored. This warehouse receipt shall be negotiable.

The products may be demanded at any time by the holder of the warehouse receipt, but he must remove them within eleven months from date of storage. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make all necessary regulations for governing these storehouses.

Senator Vance says his bill will relieve farmers. His plan is that the manager of the government storehouse shall issue to the farmer storing products, United States treasury notes for eighty per cent of the value of products stored as shown by warehouse receipts; that the manager of the storehouse shall be a treasury agent and issue these notes, taking the warehouse receipt as security, that within eleven months the farmer must redeem this receipt and his stored products, with treasury notes, and to prevent inflation of the currency, these notes must be cancelled. The farmer must pay in addition to insurance and warehouse charges one per annum for the loan advanced him by the government. If he fails to redeem, his products will be sold and the proceeds paid to the National Treasury. Senator Vance believes this plan will afford great relief to Southern farmers by enabling them to hold their crops of tobacco, cotton, etc., for higher prices, and at the same time the government will be absolutely secure.

VIRGINIA POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

The following postmasters have been appointed: W. H. Wills, Castle Craig, Campbell county; J. H. Miller, Furnace, Rockingham county; V. T. Drewry, Green Plain, Southampton county.

VIRGINIA PENSIONS.

Charles H. Dilks and Lewis Roberts, Military Home; Alex. Morris, Crab Orchard; Martha L., widow of Peter Easterling, Nickelsville.

EXTENDING THE NORFOLK AND WESTERN.

Contracts were awarded to-day for constructing the extension of the Norfolk and Western railroad from the Elkhorn valley in West Virginia to Ironton, Ohio. The contracts were for grading, masonry and the construction of bridges and require that the road shall be completed by the first of next January at Ceredo, one of the most magnificent steel bridges of this country, will be constructed across the Ohio river. This road, on extension of the Norfolk and Western, will open up one of the richest coal and timber regions of the United States.

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE.

Representative Wise has received communications from several parties at Richmond endorsing his position as a member of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, recommending the repeal of the law which compels sailing vessels engaged in the coastwise trade to pay fees for pilots whose services are not required nor used.

The fight over this bill is becoming very animated. THE TIMES recently published abstracts of the majority and minority reports of the committee, seven members reporting in favor of the repeal and six against it. The controversy over this compulsory feature of the pilotage laws has been carried on through several Congresses. Now the parties interested pro and con are mustering their forces to influence Congress when the bill shall come up for action.

THE WORLD'S FAIR SITE.

The World's Fair Committee of the House discussed Chicago as the site for the World's Fair to-day. The general bill was taken up by the committee and amended by inserting the name of Chicago, and then referred to a subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Candler, Hitt, and Springer, for perfecting. The sub-committee was directed to report a bill that will cover the wishes of the Chicago people.

OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

The Senate Committee on Rules to-day considered the resolution to provide for consideration of nominations in open session. Too members present were evenly divided for and against, so no action was taken.

CAPITOL NOTES.

Secretary Tracy, accompanied by his son, Frank Tracy, left last night for his home in Brooklyn, N. Y. This is his first visit to his old home since the disastrous fire, which bereft him of wife and daughter.

The contract for building gun-boats Nos. 5 and 6 was to-day awarded to the Bath Iron Works, of Bath, Maine, at $637,000 for the two.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate to-day was that of George A. Rivercomb, for census supervisor of the fourth census district of Virginia.

In the House to-day the contested election case of Atkinson against Pendleton, from the first district of West Virginia, was called up. Chairman Rowell of the election committee made the opening argument for the contestant.

However, no evidence nor argument can have any effect with regard to the contested cases; that the Republican managers determined even before Congress met. Certain Democrats were designated for slaughter, and the Republican majority of the Elections Committee simply obey.

WEDDING AT BOWLING GREEN.

Mr. T. B. Gill and Miss Lucy A. Moncure Are Married.

BOWLING GREEN, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—The Baptist Church at this place was crowded to-day by friends to witness the nuptials of Mr. T. B. Gill, of Milford, and Miss Lucy A. Moncure, younger daughter of Judge E. C. Moncure of Bowling Green. The church had been handsomely decorated for the occasion and at 12 o'clock promptly, the bridal party arrived. Mrs. S. W. Brooddus presided at the organ. The ushers were Messrs. Irby Moncure, Jourdan Woolfolk, W. A. Moncure and Captain J. M. Hudgin. Mr. John Gill acted as best man and Miss Maria Moncure was bridesmaid. The bride and groom met in front of the altar, and the ceremony which made them husband and wife was performed in a beautiful and impressive manner by Rev. A. Broaddus, Jr. The bride looked lovely in a costume of pearl gray corduret, and carried a bouquet of La France roses. The bridesmaid was also becomingly attired in a costume of pearl gray henrietta.

An elegant reception followed at the residence of the bride's parents. The house was crowded by the many friends of the bride and groom, and their esteem for the handsome young couple was evidenced by the numerous and costly presents which the bride received. A bountiful collation was served, and it was not until late in the evening that the guests departed, leaving their congratulations and best wishes with the bride and groom.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Many Interesting Facts Clipped and Culled From Exchanges.

The Lynchburg Virginian, speaking of Thomas Nelson Page, says: This young Virginia author has a bright and promising future before him if he makes the most of the great opportunity that has come to him chiefly through an intelligent recognition of his ability and achievements.

Stockholders of Rockbridge County Fair have elected officers as follows: President, J. P. Welsh; Vice-Presidents, C. R. Leech, S. T. Ruff, T. A. Sterrett, J. S. Tesford. The following were then elected directors: S. L. Kirkpatrick, I. F. Sterrett, F. T. Robinson, J. A. Clemmer, Joseph Showalter and Thomas Walker. The offices of treasurer and secretary were united, and Dr. J. T. Wilson chosen as the incumbent.

Farmville is happy over the prospects of a new Norfolk and Western depot at that place.

Rev. A. Broaddus has accepted the call to Upper Zion Church, and will preach there twice a month hereafter.

FIERCE STORM.

Which Carries Destruction Before it in Tennessee.

JOHNSONVILLE, TENN., Feb. 26.—One of the fiercest and most destructive storms that has ever swept over this place, occurred at 1 o'clock yesterday, accompanied by lightning, thunder and heavy rain. Two spans of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad bridge, across the Tennessee river, were entirely demolished, rendering it impossible for trains to pass over. Several buildings were blown down, but no loss of life is yet reported. The Colored Methodist Church and the Odd Fellows' Hall, lately built by the colored people here, went down in the storm. The steamer Crusader, lying at the wharf, had her pilot house and roof torn away. All telegraph communication west of here is cut off.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 26.—A tornado yesterday unroofed a new cotton compress near the depot, demolishing the Northern Methodist Church, and damaging a number of other buildings. Shade trees were uprooted by the wind, and tossed about like straws. Many telegraph wires were broken.

In Old Williamsburg.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Feb. 26.—[Special.]—The announcement in THE TIMES that the funeral notice of Lord Botetourt had been found here in an old Colonial house has attracted considerable attention among the antiquarians in the State.

The repair of the Powder-Horn is slowly approaching completion.

Mr. B. D. Peachy and wife, returned on Wednesday from their bridal tour after having visited the principal Northern cities.

Mr. D. S. Jones, of Lee Hall, was in our town yesterday, and was warmly greeted by his numerous friends here, where he was raised.

Mrs. H. F. Pleasants, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. John L. Mercer, of east Frances street.

Mr. A. S. Adams, assistant postmaster, is still quite ill at home on the lower Main street.

Major John A. Henley is still in Philadelphia attending his son, who is yet very sick of inflammatory rheumatism.

THE SUPPLY OF ICE.

How Invention is to Compensate for the Lack of Nature.

In the Circuit Court yesterday was chartered the Crystal Ice Company to manufacture, buy and sell ice, and to buy store and sell meats, fruits and other table goods. The capital stock is to be not less than $50,000 nor more than $100,000. The principal office is to be in Richmond. The officers are: John Pope, president; Thomas F. Jeffries, vice-president; C. D. Wingfield, secretary and treasurer; and the above and Lewis Ginter and Howard Swincford are the directors.

This action has been again to public notice a subject which has been hovering in the minds of many Richmonders and Virginians ever since a majority of persons have come to the conclusion that nature is not going to supply ice to any great extent in this section during this alleged winter.

Already plans have been made for machines for the manufacture of ice at Danville, Lynchburg and Fredericksburg, and the scheme of establishing such a factory at Suffolk is earnestly discussed.

Steamers arriving in New York report the presence of large fields of ice and hundreds of detached icebergs in the direct track of the transatlantic steamers. In the hydrographic office of the Navy Department a careful record has been kept for a number of years of all the ice reported, and the location of each report is accurately charted on a special chart. These records show that this is the most remarkable year of which anything is known. As a rule, the first ice is reported about the 1st of February, and then only a few detached bergs, and it is generally