HE LIKES VIRGINIANS

A NORTHERN LAND-BUYER COMPARES THEM WITH EASTERNERS.

Says They Are So Kindly and Hospitable, Much Pleased With the Farm Land in Brunswick County.

The following letter to Colonel Thomas Whitehead, Commissioner of Agriculture, was written by a well-known land prospector, who recently made a business trip to this State and purchased land. The letter contains much information to those contemplating making real estate investments in that section of Virginia:

"96 Stone street,
"Newark, N. J., Nov. 30, 1896.

"Colonel Thomas Whitehead:

"Dear Sir,—In answer to your communication of November 3d, concerning farms in Virginia, I will say that I have been to Brunswick county, investigated the section in and about Edgerton and Smoky Ordinary of said county, was well pleased with everything I saw, and have made arrangements to buy a place and settle.

"I must say that I was agreeably surprised in many particulars, and had a very pleasant trip in all. I thank you for directing me to such a genial gentleman as Judge Mallory, the member of your State Board.

"I spent several days with the Judge and his good wife in their hospitable home, an old-time mansion, with rooms which would make an ordinary house, with great open fire-places, which are so cheerful at night and make one feel so comfortable when seated in front of the blazing logs that he is apt to open his heart and join in the happy communion of the family circle. No one with the most frigid interior or exterior could fail to thaw out and feel perfectly at home with the Judge and his kind wife at their fireside. The moment I entered the portals of their home I felt perfectly free and at ease; they will not let you feel otherwise. And such a magnificent grove of noble white oak, covering several acres, in front of this home, as is seldom seen, with their great spreading branches reaching out, as if in the act of giving a hearty welcome. I found in the Judge and his wife a refined and talented couple, which, with their genuine hospitality, made my visit one long to be remembered.

A VAST DIFFERENCE.

"There is such a vast difference between the frigid Eastern people and the warm-hearted Southerners. We of the North and East know nothing of hospitality in comparison with the South. A more kindly and disinterested man I never met than Judge Mallory. While I went to him, an entire stranger, without any letters or introduction, he aided me in every way and particular in my search for a home. Nothing appeared to be too hard for him to do, he anticipated everything, gave his whole time to aid and please the stranger, disinterestedly. A great many persons in the Eastern States, who have never been in the South and know nothing about it, have a very wrong idea and are somewhat, if not strongly, prejudiced. It is simply a lack of a real knowledge of the people and their ways, which a personal contact will conquer.

"I never met a person who had spent any time in the South (and who was not a grumbler) but was well pleased with its people. Of course, if any one is looking for the bad and for trouble they can find both anywhere and everywhere. So far as I have seen, the people in Brunswick county, I found them kindly, hospitable, willing to aid in any way, and eager to get a good class of citizens.

A FINE COUNTRY.

"The section which I visited is a very fine farming section and very heavily timbered. I found that about everything a person wished to raise could grow there, and believe that it would not take any great amount of labor to make it grow.

"The soil has the appearance of being very generous if properly manipulated. It is very easily worked and fed. There is an abundance of material for the compost heap, and with a few animals one need not buy any fertilizers. Any man from the Eastern States who would put in the same amount of time and energy on a farm in Virginia that he does on the rough, rugged hills of New England would in a few years become a rich man, with a good farm, no rocks, a comfortable home, an abundance of all kinds of cattle and stock, and a good bank account.

"The winter season is short; work need never be laid by; no snow drifts to tunnel out to reach the wood-pile or barn in the morning; just enough to make it healthy. During my short visit I saw many fine tobacco farms, on which could be grown and was growing the light and dark tobaccos, corn, wheat, oats, timothy, alfalfa, red and German clover, sweet and Irish potatoes, onions, all kinds of beans, melons, and fruits. Apples, pears, cherries, plums, and even figs, and about the whole list of fruits grown in the Northern and Eastern States can be grown there. Apple trees at four and six years old looked to be as large as trees ten years old in Maine. There was a fine stand of wheat, clover and alfalfa when I left, about one week ago. Peanuts and cotton also grow well, and are particularly adapted to this section. Now, there is quite a list for a farmer to crop, and no trouble to crop it, for there is an abundance of good, cheap labor. Any kind of stock will thrive well, and does not need to be housed during the winter months but rarely.

GOOD TIMBER LAND.

"In the woods I found magnificent white, Spanish, post, chestnut and black oak, also hickory, ash, beech, birch, gum, black walnut and cedar. The growth of oak and pine is very fine, and there is very heavy straight oak timber all through the section I visited. Plenty of cedar can be found on about every place for fence posts.

"This section is well watered with small streams, and about every place has fine springs. The country is gently rolling and well adapted to farming and stock raising. It appears to me, while I am not a practical farmer, that any man with the slightest idea of farm life or a desire for such pursuits, can make a living in Brunswick county, Va.

"How many men there are who could enter such a pursuit in such a county to great advantage and profit to themselves; who would have better health, more real comfort and happiness, and a fuller purse at the end of the year than at their present avocations, where it takes all to keep up an appearance and a strained effort to keep 'in the swim.'

BETTER TO FARM.

"How much better to own your own house, land, horses, cows, sheep, swine, poultry, &c., and know they are yours. How much more comfortable and happy, and how much more delight there is for the man, woman or child who loves the fields and flowers, the babbling brook and the noble forests. Nature is bountiful in its gifts of the beautiful. That which gives health, happiness and solid comfort can be found on the farm. The great army of toilers in the cities are in the great race for gold, but few get it. The greater number are helping the few to get it, and have for their share a chance to look at a very small share of it. I, for one, am going to join the army of farmers, and try to bring up my boys to learn to look upon farming as a scientific pursuit, which will bring good results if properly attended to and looked after as any other business or profession. A business which in future years will find a larger army of followers, and one which will be looked up to with as much respect as any legitimate avocation, is farming. It is a business which is the foundation of all wealth.

"I found in Brunswick county that there are many old estates which have been handed down to their present owners. These estates I believe the owners would cut up into smaller tracts and sell very cheap and on reasonable terms. The people are anxious to get in a good class of thrifty men and women, and will do anything they can in aiding them to get settled."

A MORNING WEDDING.

Mr. Clifton Mayfield Marries Miss Benella Hubert.

A pretty morning wedding took place at No. 612 east Grace street, at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning, when Mr. Clifton Mayfield was married to Miss Benella Hubert.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Fenner S. Blakney, the pastor of Monumental church.

The wedding was an unostentatious and quiet affair. It took place in one of the front parlors which was beautifully decorated with palms. The bride wore a dark green travelling suit, with hat to match. After the impressive ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield received the congratulations of their friends and relatives who were present. They then left, at noon, over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad for an extended Northern tour.

The groom is employed as travelling salesman of the Kaufmann Company, of this city, and is held in the highest esteem by his employers. His wife, who is a woman of many charming traits of character, is the daughter of Mrs. H. R. Hart. She is well known here socially and exceedingly popular.

WAS NO QUORUM.

The Bad Weather Prevents the City Committees From Holding Meetings.

The Committee on James River Improvement and Schools were both scheduled to meet in the City Hall last evening, but the bitter weather kept nearly all of the members away, so the meetings had to be postponed. Only Messrs. Vaughan, Christian, and Mosby were present for the former committee and Mr. Reuben Burton for the latter.

Another attempt will be made to get a quorum of the James River Improvement Committee to-morrow at 12 o'clock. Members are urged to attend, as it is important that the pay-rolls should be approved so that the men can get their money.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings will meet at 7 o'clock to-night in room No. 5, of the City Hall, and the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform in room No. 11 at 8 o'clock.

Justice John's Court.

There were few cases of importance before Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court yesterday morning.

Moses Robinson had a grudge against Leroy Lewis, and in his anger fired a shot at him. His aim was bad, however, and he missed the mark, much to the delight of Leroy. The case didn't end there, though, for Moses was arrested. When the case came up before his Honor he laid it over until the 9th inst. in order to look further into the matter.

Leroy Lewis got very disorderly in the bar-room of Henry Mallory, and tried to clean out the place. He made dire threats, shot a revolver off in the crowd and bombarded the house with stones. His case will be investigated on December 9th, along with Moses Robinson. Both worthies are negroes.

John Perkins, a brutal negro, for assaulting and beating Cora Watson, paid $10 into the city's coffers.

The case of a young white man charged with the larceny of certain electrical appliances from the store of Tower, Blankenship & Binford, was dismissed.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Richmond: Ruby Bodeker to Pearl Bodeker, 17 2-3 feet on north side Grace street, 25 feet west of Twenty-fourth, in exchange for 17 2-3 feet on north side Grace street 42 2-3 feet west of Twenty-fourth, to correct errors in former deed, B.

Mary Triplett Haxall's executor and special commissioner to Samuel W. Travers, 33 1-2 feet on north side Franklin street 84 feet west of Belvidere, $21,000.

Henrico: John W. Hughes and wife to John Hubbard, 30 acres ten miles east of Richmond, $180.

Pickett Camp Entertainment Postponed.

The Entertainment Committee of Pickett Camp has been forced to postpone the entertainment to have been given at Corcoran Hall on the night of December 8th. The hall could not be secured for the event, but at some early date the entertainment will be given, and Sergeant W. B. Whitlock, who is chairman of the committee, will notify the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly volunteered their services.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

Wallace vs. City of Richmond, No. 14: argued by John Howard for plaintiff and C. V. Meredith for defendant and submitted.

Mahoney vs. James, No. 43; argued by G. M. Dillard for appellants and A. E. Warner for appellee and submitted.

The next cases to be heard are Collins vs. Sutton, No. 17, and Long's trustee vs. Meriden Britannia Co., No. 18.

Sold Thirty-One Hogs.

Major B. W. Lynn, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Tuesday sold to Hechler Brothers, of this city, thirty-one fine hogs from the State farm at 4 1-2 cents per pound gross. The hogs were in superb condition, weighing an average of 350 pounds each. They were splendid samples of the farm's products.

Mr. Walden's Recital.

Laurel-Street Methodist church was filled with a large, appreciative audience Tuesday night to hear Gilbert Walden, the elocutionist. Mr. Walden was at his best and charmed his hearers. "The Christmas Story" and "The Country Picnic" seemed the most enjoyable pieces. Mr. Walden was loudly applauded.

"The Private Secretary."

"The Private Secretary," one of the best known comedies upon the stage, will be represented at the Academy to-morrow night.

The Fourqurean-Price Company.

Our Great Reduction Sale of

Ladies' Coats and Capes

Commences this morning. Every Coat and Cape in our stock will be offered to-day, and as long as they last, at a great reduction from the former price. We wish to especially emphasize the fact that every garment in our stock goes into this sale—and that the prices they will now be sold for will be as low or lower than you will find them in any house in this city.

Special Holiday Notice.

Owing to the severe storm of last night our SPECIAL HOLIDAY OPENING will take place on

SATURDAY EVENING,

December 5th, from 8 to 10 P. M. As this is the first year we have made a specialty of Toys, Games, &c., and our stock in consequence being all new, we hold this special opening for the benefit of all those who cannot come in during the day. All will be welcome.

The Fourqurean-Price Co.

PORTRAIT UNVEILING.

INTERESTING MASONIC EVENT AT THE TEMPLE TO-MORROW NIGHT.

Picture of Captain A. G. Babcock Formally Turned Over to the Lodge—Oration by Judge R. T. W. Duke, Jr.

An event of much importance in Masonic circles will be the unveiling to-morrow night, in the Grand-Lodge-room of the Masonic Temple, of the portrait of Captain A. G. Babcock, founder of the Masonic Home of Virginia, whose memory is held sacred by every Mason. The feature of the occasion will be the address of Judge R. T. W. Duke, Jr., of Charlottesville, now Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The pleasure of the occasion will be still further enhanced by the presence of the choir of Holy Trinity church, who will render selections at intervals in the programme. The portrait will be formally transferred to the lodge by Right Worshipful J. W. Eggleston, chairman of the committee under whose supervision it was painted.

The following programme will be carried out:

THE PROGRAMME.

Called communication of the lodge at 7 o'clock P. M.

Procession formed under the direction of Worshipful Brothers E. G. Tompkins and L. F. Mason, and Brothers Philip St. George Cooke, and P. S. Chandler, in the following order:

Marshals.
Tiler with drawn sword.
Two Stewards with rods.
Master Masons.
Chaplains.
Treasurers.
Secretaries.
Junior Deacons.
Senior Deacons.
Junior Wardens.
Senior Wardens.
Past Masters.
Present Masters.
Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
Right Worshipful R. T. W. Duke, Jr., with Past Masters R. F. Patterson and H. F. Smith.
Officers of Dove Lodge.
Secretary, Chaplains and Treasurer.
Senior and Junior Wardens.
Junior Deacon, Worshipful Master, Senior Deacon.

AT THE GRAND LODGE ROOM.

The line opens order, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, Dove Lodge, and Right Worshipful R. T. W. Duke, Jr., pass to the front.

Music: "The God of Abraham praise" (Stainer)—Holy Trinity Choir.

Assembly called to order by the Worshipful Master (Hay T. Thornton), of Dove Lodge.

"Crossing the Bar" (Barnley)—Holy Trinity Choir.

Address.

The Grand Master presented by the Worshipful Master of Dove Lodge, and Right Worshipful R. T. W. Duke, Jr., introduced by the Grand Master.

"Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" (Farrant)—Holy Trinity Choir.

PORTRAIT TRANSFERRED.

Portrait formerly transferred to the lodge by Right Worshipful J. W. Eggleston, chairman of the committee under whose supervision it was painted.

Portrait unveiled by children of Masonic Home of Virginia.

"Home, Sweet Home" being sung by the choir.

Portrait received on behalf of the lodge by the Worshipful Master.

"Grant Us Thy Peace" (Mendelssohn)—Holy Trinity Choir.

The members of the choir will assemble in the office of the Grand Secretary, in the Masonic Temple, at 7:40 P. M.

The officers and children of the Masonic Home of Virginia will assemble in the office of the Grand Secretary at 7 P. M.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Association of the Masonic Home of Virginia will assemble in the room of the association, in the Masonic Temple, at 7:30.

Musical director: Arthur Scrivenor.

Accompanist, Herbert M. Phillips.

Committee under whose supervision the portrait was painted: Right Worshipful J. W. Eggleston (chairman), Brothers E. V. Valentine, William G. Stokes, A. D. Landerkin, R. T. McLeod.

Committee on Arrangements: Brothers Ben. T. August (chairman), (Rev.) J. J. Gravatt, John S. Harwood, T. Archie Cary, Thomas Atkinson.

Committee on Reception of the Auditence: Brother Lewis P. Ecker, Temple Lodge, No. 9 (chairman); Brother Cunningham Hall, Richmond Lodge, No. 19; Brother P. H. C. Cable, Metropolitan Lodge, No. 11; Worshipful Brother Augustine Royal, Manchester Lodge, No. 14; Worshipful Brother N. T. Mosby, Richmond Randolph Lodge, No. 19; Brother Rolfe E. Glover, St. John's Lodge, No. 36; Brother Llewellyn McVeigh, Joppa Lodge, No. 40; Brother Newton Lockwood, Dove Lodge, No. 51; Brother Joseph Wallerstein, Fraternal Lodge, No. 53; Brother George C. Ruskell, Amity Lodge, No. 76; Brother George Watt Taylor, Henrico Union Lodge, No. 130; Brother Edward C. May, Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 26.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

Major A. R. Courtney Elected Grand Master for the Ensuing Year.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met again last evening at 6 o'clock at the Masonic Temple for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. During the morning the several committees were in session to consider the resolutions and reports referred to them, on which they will report to the Grand Lodge this evening.

About 9:30 o'clock last evening a recess was taken for an hour, when the members of the distinguished body repaired upstairs, where an excellent supper was spread by Grand Steward Krouse. At 10:30 P. M. the session of the Grand Lodge was resumed, in order to complete the election of officers for the present year. The following officers have been elected: Alfred R. Courtney, of Richmond, Grand Master; R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, Deputy Grand Master; George W. Wright, of Marion, Grand Senior Warden; H. O. Kerns, of Southerlind, Grand Junior Warden; Fred. Pleasants, of Richmond, Grand Treasurer; Dr. George W. Carrington, of Richmond, Grand Secretary; Ed. N. Eubank, of Newport News, Grand Senior Deason; Thomas M. Bailey, of Lynchburg, Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Master afterwards announced the following appointments: Rev. George H. Ray, Grand Chaplain; Junius A. Cosby, Grand Pursuivant; William C. Wilkinson, Grand Tiler; William Krouse, Grand Steward.

The Grand Lodge will convene again this evening at 6 o'clock.

MEXICO AND BRAZIL.

Methodist Missionaries Doing Splendid Work in Both Countries.

Despite the severe snow-storm of last night, and notwithstanding the fact that a very small audience gathered to hear him, Rev. H. C. Morrison delivered his splendid lecture on Mexico and Brazil at the Centenary Methodist church.

The address was not only interesting from a religious, but also from a historical, standpoint. He showed that the Methodists were doing great missionary work in both those countries.

The moral and social condition of Mexico, said the speaker, were of the very lowest standard. The country itself was, to a large extent, barren, little else than scrub pines and cactus growing there. The farming instruments were of the most crude and ancient pattern. The civilization of Brazil, outside of the cities, was little better than that of Mexico, but the climate and natural advantages of the country were much superior.

The speaker paid a high tribute to the Methodist women who were engaged in the missionary work of these two countries, and stated that they were doing good work and progressing rapidly.

BAPTIST STATE MISSIONS.

Work of the Board at Its Meeting on Tuesday Night.

The State Mission Board of the Virginia Baptist General Association was in session at the Second Baptist church from Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock until 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Thirty-two of the thirty-eight members of the Board were present and a vast amount of business was transacted.

Rev. George Cooper, D. D., the president, presided. It was determined to increase the work of the Board and appropriations aggregating $13,000 were made. This was the largest amount ever appropriated for one year and the churches will have to largely increase their contributions to this Board to enable the body to carry out the work mapped out for the year.

The Board is greatly perplexed by the large number of urgent applications received for aid and was compelled after a very careful consideration of the requests to refuse $3,000 asked for.

It was announced that the Randolph-Street church of this city, which had been receiving support from the Board, was now self-sustaining and did not need an appropriation.

The Broadus-Memorial church of this city received $155.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

Miss Nannie K. Perkins, of Fluvanna county, is visiting friends at 103 1-2 west Clay.

The United States Court in Richmond was in session for a short while yesterday, but no business was transacted and the jury was adjourned over until to-day.

The regular meeting of the Old Dominion Press Club will take place to-night. A large attendance of members is requested.

The lecture by Professor O. Mitchell Carroll on "The Chisel of Phidias," scheduled to take place to-night, has been postponed until December 16th.

Detective Gibson has a very handsome blue overcoat with a velvet collar, which he took from a thief the other day. The coat will be given to the owner provided he proves property.

Mr. G. Randolph Tabb, for a number of years connected with the office of Mr. N. W. Bowie, real-estate agent, is quite ill with pneumonia at his home, No. 417 north Tenth street.

The Forty-Hours' Devotion will be held in the chapel of the Convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor commencing Friday next at 6 o'clock, and terminating on Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock. There will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each evening at 6 o'clock.

At the Jefferson.

Among those registered at The Jefferson yesterday were Mr. Grayson Burruss, formerly of Richmond, now of Baltimore; Robert Micheal, Belfast, Ireland; Judge R. T. W. Duke, Jr., of Charlottesville; Hon. William A. Little, Jr., of Fredericksburg; R. R. Higgins and wife, of Boston; G. W. Cox and wife, Toronto, Ont.

Deer Killed With An Axe.

A singular occurrence took place a week ago in the Chickahominy flats. A negro named John Farrar found a deer mired in the swamp and killed it with an axe. One of the animal's legs had been shot off just above the knee, evidently a long time ago, for the stump was completely healed up and the deer had been travelling on three legs.

Still Here.

General Fitzhugh Lee is still at the Jefferson Hotel. If the storm does not interfere too much with traffic, he will very likely leave for Lynchburg to-day.

WANT A RECEIVER REMOVED.

A Moravian Minister Married—Snow Four Inches Deep.

WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 2.—Special.—Lawyers from Greensboro, Durahm, Reidsville, Danville, and Roxboro arrived here to-day to appear in a suit brought by the creditors of the A. H. Motley Tobacco Company, of Reidsville, who assigned a few months ago. The creditors ask for the removal of Dr. T. E. Bailey, as receiver. Their plea is that he is a son-in-law of A. H. Motley, Sr., and was for some time a stockholder in the company. It is not known to-day when the case will be called.

Rev. J. F. McCuiston, a Moravian minister, of Salem, was married in Philadelphia to-day to Mrs. Landsdowne, of that city. He will return here to-morrow with his bride. His six-year-old son attended the marriage.

The first snow of the winter began falling at 11 o'clock to-day. To-night it is four inches deep, and looks like it might snow all night. The street cars stopped running this afternoon.

There were sixteen deaths in Winston during November, three white and thirteen colored.

North Carolina Electoral College.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 2.—The Electoral College met again at noon to-day, ten of its eleven members being present. A telegram from Tyre Yorke, the absent one, announced his sickness. The college, after an hour's session, and after receiving the different reports, Governor Carr adjourned it to January 11th.

Trains Delayed.

SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 2.—The heaviest snow-storm of the year has been raging since 1 P. M. to-day. The snow is four inches thick on an average and drifts are several feet high. Trains on all roads are delayed.

"THE PRIVATE SECRETARY."

This Popular Play Will Be at the Academy To-Morrow and Saturday.

Gillette's best dramatic work, "The Private Secretary," comes to the Academy for two nights and a matinee, beginning to-morrow, with the popular comedian, Edwin Travers, and a powerful company. "The Private Secretary" is too well known in Richmond to enter into the merits of the play. The company presenting the piece this season is said to be a most powerful one, and includes, besides Mr. Travers, such talented comedians as Frank Cotton, Harry Dull, and Evelyn Evans. Mr. Travers will on this occasion, as heretofore, play the fun-loving nephew and bogus secretary, and Mr. Dull makes much merriment as the droll and sanctimonious secretary with his galoshes, his nourishment, and his goods and chattels, while Mr. Frank Cotton will give us a most satisfactory interpretation of the elder Mr. Cattermole, with a troublesome liver. A number of novel and musical numbers not found in the text have been introduced this season, making this by far the best production ever given of this celebrated comedy.

MARRIAGES.

LAWSON—FREEMAN.—Married, November 18th, at All-Saints' church, by Rev. J. Y. Downman, BEN. LAWSON to ELIZABETH STROTHER FREEMAN.

DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—Died, at her late residence, 701 north Twenty-sixth street, December 2d, at 12:45 A. M., Mrs. E. F. ATKINSON, relict of the late Daniel H. Atkinson, in the seventy-sixth year of her age.

Funeral from Union-Station M. E. church FRIDAY MORNING at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

By request no flowers.

HOPKINS.—Died, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. F. J. Parater, 2220 east Marshall street, Mrs. SARAH E. HOPKINS, widow of the late Captain F. Hopkins and daughter of the late Alfred Raymond.

Her funeral will take place from St. John's church FRIDAY AFTERNOON, December 4th, at 3 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

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THE CITY OF PETERSBURG

TWO MEN STEAL A PENNY-IN-THE-SLOT CHEWING-GUM BOX.

The Governor's Clemency Sought by the Friends of One of Them—Loose Tobacco Sales—Several Marriages.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 2.—Special.—Some weeks since C. P. Brooks and John Sommers, two white men were arrested here on the charge of stealing a chewing gum slot box from in front of the drug store of Mr. Lewis Wright, on Sycamore street. Both were convicted by the Mayor and each was sent to jail for ninety days. Sommers subsequently escaped from jail and has been at large since. Brooks was convicted in the Mayor's Court of assisting Sommers' escape and was sent to jail for six months and fined $50. Some of Brooks' friends in Richmond have interested themselves in his behalf and have made application to the Governor for his pardon.

Governor O'Ferrall has written to Mayor Collier asking for all the facts in the case. Mayor Collier sent the Governor a reply to his letter this morning. Among those who have interested themselves in securing a pardon for Brooks is Rev. Robert P. Kerr, of Richmond, who baptized Brooks while he (Dr. Kerr) was in Savannah.

WEDDING CARDS.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Jane Street Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Clark, of Lawrenceville, Brunswick county, to Mr. B. Lovice Wilkinson, on Wednesday afternoon, December 16th at half past 1 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church at Lawrenceville.

Watts Ramkey, a lad, who is employed as one of the soliciting agents for the Mecance's Transfer Baggage Company, narrowly escaped being seriously injured this morning at the Union depot, by jumping from the "Cannon Ball" train, while it was in motion. Ramkey was dragged for a short distance and was injured about the shoulders.

LOOSE TOBACCO SALES.

The sales of loose tobacco at the different warehouses were quite large today and it was late before the breaks were over. Satisfactory prices were obtained for the weed.

W. G. Elliot, president of the Atlantic Coast Line; J. R. Kenley, general manager, and T. M. Emerson, passenger agent, arrived here last night from Wilmington, N. C. They left on their return for Wilmington this morning at 6 o'clock.

Miss Mattie Elibabeth Steer, and Mr. John Watson Hanks, were united in marriage to-night at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Ezekiel Steer, in Dinwiddie county.

Miss Mattie Howlett and Mr. Joseph W. Perkinson were married this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of the bride, on Market street.

A heavy snow storm has prevailed here since 1 o'clock this afternoon and late this evening sleighing was good.

Mr. R. W. Clements, of Dinwiddie county, who was stricken with paralysis a few days since, is improving.

Mr. Harris Donnan left for Richmond this afternoon.

QUARRY CLOSED BY COLD.

The Roanoke Company's Big Canal Completed—Contract for Lighting.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 2.—Special.—In consequence of the cold and inclement weather, about one hundred hands employed by the Petersburg Granite-Quarrying Company, in Dinwiddie county, a short distance from Petersburg, stopped work this afternoon until the weather clears up.

The extension of the Roanoke Power Company's canal, near Weldon, N. C., has just been completed, and the water turned on for the use of the new cotton-mill of the company. This canal is one of the largest in the South, being about one hundred feet wide and fifteen feet deep, and carries the power of eight thousand horses. The cost of the canal was about two hundred thousand dollars. The mill is one of the largest in the South, and will carry eighteen thousand spindles when running in full capacity. This company will manufacture standard sheeting.

The Mahone Company, at Weldon, N. C., of which Senator Don Cameron is largely interested, has secured franchises for lighting Weldon with electric lights. The company will use incandescent lights, and will furnish householders at thirty-five cents per light per month.

MAYOR'S VETO OVERRULED.

Newport News to Have a Gas Plant—A Delightful German.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 2.—Special.—The Common Council last night did not sustain the Mayor's veto of an ordinance granting a franchise to the Newport News Gas, Fuel, and Power Company, the veto being over-ruled by a vote of 11 to 1. The company will at once erect a plant.

The first snow-storm of the season arrived here at about 12:30 o'clock P. M., since which time the snow has been falling with great rapidity.

A very enjoyable german took place at the Casino last evening, being given by the German Club of this city. The youth and beauty of Newport News and of the surrounding section were represented.

HORSE THIEF PLEADS GUILTY.

L. L. Patsel Given a Merciful Sentence. Train-Dispatcher Marries.

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 2.—Special.—L. L. Patsel pleaded guilty to the charge of horse-stealing in the Hustings Court here to-day, and the jury fixed his punishment at three years' confinement in the State penitentiary, on the recommendation of Commonwealth's Attorney Lyle. The horse was stolen from N. R. Bower, and Patsel was arrested about two weeks ago in Cincinnati, from which place he was brought back to Roanoke on Sunday last.

W. L. Welbourn, a train dispatcher of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, in this city, was married to Miss Sue Luck, in the the Presbyterian church at Montvale, this afternoon.

20TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Judge and Mrs. Morton Celebrate It With a Reception.

ORANGE, VA., Dec. 2.—Special.—Judge and Mrs. James W. Morton held a charming reception at their handsome home, near Orange, last evening, the occasion being the twentieth anniversary of their wedding day. The happy couple who, bid fair to celebrate a golden wedding, welcomed their friends who are all of the people of the community, in their cordial home-like manner. A bountiful repast was served. "May they live long and prosper." I regret to learn that Mr. Thomas Barbour, who was recently injured while fox hunting is still in a critical condition.

FELL DEAD.

A Merchant Injured by His Gun Bursting While Duck-Hunting.

WARSAW, VA., Dec. 2.—Special.—Spilman Clark died suddenly at his home in this county to-day. Mr. Clark, after killing some hogs, went to his kitchen, and was warming his hands when he fell and instantly expired. The deceased was about eighty years of age.

Mr. J. T. B. Simpson, a merchant of this county, met with a serious accident yesterday, while shooting ducks in his blind. His gun bursted, and seriously injured his face.

THE STORM AT DANVILLE.

Street-Car Service Suspended and Rail Trains Stopped.

DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 2.—Special.—The shank end of the blizzard struck Danville about 12 o'clock to-day and it has been snowing ever since with a heavy wind. The snow is drifting and locomotion has been greatly impeded. On account of the drifting snow, street-car service was suspended at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

No trains went out on the Atlantic and Danville railroad this evening. Trains on the other roads entering Danville have been delayed somewhat.

BLIZZARD AT RALEIGH.

The Snow Is Drifting Badly and Interferes With Traffic.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 2.—The snow-storm which began here this morning became a blizzard this afternoon. Seven inches have fallen, with the promise of more to-night, as the fall continues. The snow, driven by a northeast wind, is drifted badly. Street cars are unable to run. Trains are nearly on schedule time.

The storm is the worst in several years, and especially trying following the summer weather. It will benefit winter-sown grain of wheat. The acreage is considerably larger than usual.

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SENATOR DANIEL'S VIEWS.

Would Favor a Practical Plan for a Silver Conference That Promised Results.

Senator Daniel of Virginia gave a Star reporter to-day his views of an international conference for the settlement of the money question. He declined to commit himself as to what action he might take on Senator Chandler's proposition, to be submitted at the coming session, for the appointment of a commission to represent this country in an international conference. He said, however, that we would favor a practical plan for a conference which might promise some results. At the same time he had no faith in anything being accomplished. For the obvious reason, he said, that this is the greatest silver-producing nation in the world, he thought the other nations would be slow in acting in favor of white metal.

"On the other hand," said the Senator, "we are between the gold nations of Europe and the silver nations of the East. If we would firmly uphold the double standard we would create a tendency and an interest everywhere else to adopt the same standard. If we do not adopt it the tendency is created here and everywhere else to minimize the use of silver to subsidiary coin; to disorganize existing systems; to increase debts and taxes through the shrinkage of properties; to retard prosperity and postpone stable conditions. We can have no solid prosperity until a permanent system of finance is established, and the movement to the gold standard, if persisted in, must be attended by a succession of shocks which will prolong the agony for many years to come. The pauper labor of Europe, which the Republicans seek to protect against by a high tariff, is in the countries which have a gold standard. To create the gold standard here will be to offset and counterweight even the partial, sectional and unequal advantages accruing from a high tariff.

"I have always been and still am in favor of the immediate recognition of the Cubans," said Senator Daniel, talking on this subject. "They have fully established their right to this. I hope the President will say something in his message to that end, but I have no idea what he thinks of the situation. I think the first republic of the world ought to be the first to recognize a people struggling as they have done to throw off the yoke of an odious European nation."

Senator Daniel did not talk on the tariff question, preferring to await developments.—Washington Star.

A TALL MAN DEAD.

Cotton in Bloom After Thanksgiving, Which is a Rare Sight.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Dec. 2.—Special.—Mr. Horace Mason, who was buried here on last Sabbath, was, perhaps, the tallest man in Orange county, if not in the State. He was six feet eleven inches.

The Baptist church at this place has extended a call to Rev. Mr. Lambreth, of Lexington, N. C., and it is hoped that he will accept.

The weather of to-day, which is quite cold, stands in marked contrast to what your correspondent saw only two days ago—a cotton field with quite a number of cotton-blooms peeping up here and there. Cotton-blooms after Thanksgiving are very rare, indeed, in this section.

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