ILK MILLS STAY IN PETERSBURG

e Owners Will Not Only Stay, But Enlarge the Plant.

SPLENDID PLACE TO DYE

the Black Silk Dyed in the United States Is Dyed in the Cockade City—Telephones Catch on Fire After Popping Like Guns.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 27.—The erne Silk Mills in Petersburg are to re-ain in the city. This is the latest that n be ascertained concerning the inten-n of the owners. A few months ago was reported that the mills would be moved to Williamsport, Pa., where in-cements have been made for the com-ny to establish a larger plant than they o operating in Petersburg. Nothing finite at that time could be learned out the plans, and the people of this y have been guessing ever since as to e future home of the mills. The report -day that the mills will not only be pt in Petersburg but will be greatly larged emanates from authority that serves acceptance as fact.

The mills occupy a desirable location the Appomattox River, and furnish ployment to several hundred persons. It might be of interest to add that all e black silk dyed in the United States dyed in Petersburg.

Miss Mattie Moore, whose funeral took ace in this city yesterday afternoon, as the last of a family of fourteen ildren. She was twenty years of age.

TELEPHONES ON FIRE.

Two alarms of fire were turned in this orning, caused by telephones on fire. fter a violent ringing of the bell, fol-wed by a sound like a gunshot, Mrs. M. Dobie went to her telephone this orning and found it in flames. The de-rtment was called out, but the fire was bdued without its assistance.

A few moments after this fire the tel-phone in the residence of E. P. Goodwyn, Sycamore Street, caught fire, but was t out before any damage had been done. he crossing of an electric wire with the lephone wire caused the burning.

There were Christmas tree entertain-ents to-night for the benefit of the Sun-y-school children of West-End Baptist urch and Grace Episcopal Church.

CHRISTMAS GERMAN.

The Virginia German Club gave its ristmas german to-night at Library all. Thilow's orchestra, of Richmond, rnished the music and there were sev-al Richmond people among the dancers. Mrs. William Cameron, formerly of tersburg, but now of Washington, D. , is visiting relatives in this city.

The steel cages for the Petersburg jail ave reached the city and will be put in ace at once.

STORE ON FIRE.

The store on Washington Street, own-d by J. W. R. Smith, and occupied by . T. Stone, dry goods and notions, was adly damaged by fire and water this orning about 10 o'clock. The depart-ent rendered such prompt and efficient rvice that the fire was confined to the ilding in which it originated, and the eatest loss is to the stock from water. he origin is unknown.

The loss, which will not exceed $1,000, covered by insurance.

The Petersburg Club will elect officers d have its annual supper on the eve-ng of Saturday week.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mrs. Robert Harrison gave a Christ-as tree entertainment this afternoon her home on Market Street to the or-hans and the primary class at Market-treet Church Sunday-school.

Miss Sue Spilman, of Richmond, is e guest of Miss Mutie Moyler.

Naomi Lodge, Knights of Pythias, ected officers last night. The lodge is ow in a flourishing condition, and has eadily increased for several years.

Mrs. Bartlett Roper and Mr. J. Na-haniel Roper left to-day for Cleveland attend the marriage of Mr. D'Arcy. . Roper and Miss Elizabeth Holmes owell, which will take place next Tues-ay.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL DAY.

exington Couple Wed in Roanoke—Other Marriages.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 27.—To-day was istinctly Sunday-school day in Lexing-on. The Baptist, Presbyterian and ethodist Sunday-schools held their hristmas entertainments and treats. At he Baptist Church, Rev. T. A. Hall pas-or, the exercises were simple, all the hildren receiving a treat. The Presbyte-ian Sunday-school, Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling pastor, gave an interesting en-ertainment, in addition to the treat. At he Methodist Church, Rev. J. H. Light, astor, the Sunday-school presented a leasing programme, closing with the reat.

Mr. William M. Kramer and Miss Eve-yn M. Hazlewood, daughter of Mr. J. W. Hazlewood, all of Lexington, went to Roanoke and were there married yester-ay morning.

Mr. John A. McHenry and Miss Annie S. Zollman, daughter of Mr. Alex. Zoll-nan, were married yesterday at the home f the bride, near Zollman. Both are opular young persons of that community.

Mr. Milton W. Breeden and Miss Vertie Clements, daughter of Mrs. I. F. Clements, f Buena Vista, were married at the home f the bride, Rev. W. L. Wayts officiating.

MRS. ROOSEVELT AT OLD POINT

Will Attend the Launching To-Day on the Dolphin.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 27.—The Dispatch Boat Dolphin, arrived at Old Point at 3 o'clock this afternoon with Mrs. Roosevelt aboard.

In the party are Mrs. Crowles, President Roosevelt's sister, Miss Alice Roosevelt and several of the younger children, accompanied by nurse and maids. The party did not come ashore, but remained anchored off the Chamberlin all the afternoon and to-night.

They will come up to the launching of the Missouri in the morning on the Dolphin.

Trying Judges.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., December 27.—The Fifth Ward election judges, Trower, Fearer, and Hyslop, are being tried to-day on a charge of fraud at legislative contest. There is a great legal battle going on in court and much sensational testimony is being adduced. The trial will not be concluded until late this afternoon.

A Rebate on Water.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 27.—The City Water Department to-day announced that users of city water will be allowed a discount of ten per cent. on bills for the quarter ending January 1st.

The water works, owned by the city, it appears, is over paying expenses.

Pres. SHAFFER'S

Life Saved by

Paine's Celery Compound

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GENERAL OFFICE, Bissell Block,
407 Seventh Avenue,
PITTSBURG, Pa., October 16, 1901.

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A number of physicians declared I would never recover, but I tried Paine's Celery Compound and in less than a year increased in weight from 141 1-2 to 215 pounds.

During the recent strike of the steel workers, finding myself ready to collapse and fearing a recurrence of my former trouble, I returned to my former friend, Paine's celery compound, and already am feeling more vigorous and able to meet and discharge the duties of my office.

Yours truly,

T. J. SHAFFER,
President.

Much so-called overwork of business men is the overwork of worry, care, anxiety, haste. These make the severest drafts on their vitality. Those who suffer from nervous debility, mental depression, sleeplessness, or dyspepsia, find Paine's celery compound a powerful restorative. It regulates the liver and kidneys, cleanses the blood, and feeds the nerves and nerve centers all over the body. Recovery from diseases of the liver, kidneys and stomach by the aid of Paine's celery compound is lasting. It is the greatest of all modern restorative agents.

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STEAMERS BREAK UP AN ICE GORGE

The Northumberland Brings Delayed Cargo of Christmas Goods.

A HEAD-ON COLLISION

Seaboard Air Line Passenger Train and a Freight Train Come Together in the Yard at Fredericksburg—Both Engines Wrecked.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 27.—The steamer Northumberland cut through a gorge of ice four feet deep yesterday afternoon and reached her wharf here with a delayed cargo of oysters and other Christmas supplies. Many of the oysters were consigned to distant points in the West and reshipped from here by express. The steamer left last night on her return trip to Baltimore.

The Spotsylvania Telephone Company has closed the deal with the Louisa Company, by which it becomes the owner of the telephone line between Tinder's and Belmont, a distance of twelve miles. The price paid was $750.

Among the prominent marriages of the Christmas season was that of Mr. Walter P. Wiltshire and Miss Mary M. Wiltshire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wiltshire, of Orange county, at the New Hope Baptist Church in that county, Rev. J. M. Beadles officiating. The ushers were Messrs. Frank, Ben. and Houston Wiltshire and William Cammack. At Massaponax Baptist Church, in Spotsylvania county, Mr. Orren McWhirt and Miss Martha B. Lewis, both of that county, were married by Rev. Decatur Edwards, of this city. Mr. Clem R. Jordan, of Caroline county, and Miss Annie L. Sale, of King George county, were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. J. Sale, yesterday afternoon, Rev. J. L. Tribble officiating.

The residence of Mr. Cornelius Lowery, in Hull's Neck, Northumberland county, was destroyed by fire and nothing saved.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

A collision occurred within the city limits here to-day on the Washington-Southern (Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac) Railroad between a northbound Seaboard passenger train and a freight. The freight train was backing from the main track to a siding. A flagman was sent down the track to flag the passenger train, but the flagman had gone only a short distance when the train came in sight going at such a rapid speed that it could not be stopped in time to avert the collision. The freight engine was badly wrecked, but the passenger engine was able to take the train on to Washington after a considerable delay. The track was damaged a short distance and traffic was delayed an hour. No one was hurt. The tender of the freight engine was driven entirely through a car of corn and the engine entirely disabled.

WASHINGTON GUARDS.

The Washington Guards, Captain M. B. Rowe, engaged in their usual Christmas week target practice to-day and to-night a supper was given in honor of the winning team at the Washington Inn.

Mr. Isaac Silver, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Stafford county, died suddenly yesterday at his home, aged 93 years. He was active up to a few days ago and always drove spirited horses.

Colonel E. D. Cole, a member of Governor Tyler's staff, with his daughter, Miss Alice G. Cole, left here to-day for Richmond to be present to-night at the dinner to be given in honor of Governor Tyler and the lady members of his family by his staff at the Westmoreland Club and will to-morrow go with the Governor and party to Newport News to witness the launching of the Missouri.

Good-Bye to Jackson City.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 27.—The work of tearing down the frame buildings at the south end of the Long Bridge, in Alexandria county, known as Jackson City, was begun this morning by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This property was recently acquired by that company, to be used by them in connection with the construction of the new long bridge across the Potomac. The railroad company, in most cases, paid fabulous sums for the property. With the advent of the new year Jackson City will be a thing of the past.

Jackson City has for many years been a famous rendezvous for gamblers, and crime of all descriptions was committed there. Of late years, however, the place has gradually gone down, and there has been no big games played. Its passing is hailed with delight by he law-abiding citizens of the county.

CLEVELAND'S TOWN.

The Pocahontas Company Gives Presents to Men Who Rescued Bodies of Officers.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., Dec. 27.—The town of Dunlow, recently destroyed by fire, was founded by ex-President Grover Cleveland and Joseph Miller twelve years ago, these two men owning all the coal and timber lands for miles around.

Christmas Day, the Pocahontas Collieries Company gave presents to the rescue party of forty men who recovered the bodies of the officials who lost their lives while engaged in inspecting the mine after the explosion.

The leader of the rescue party, Harry Reese, received a handsome gold watch with the names of each official that perished carved in the back.

THE GOOCHLAND TRAGEDY.

Lee Green and Monroe Thurston Held for the Killing of Leroy Hobson.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

GOOCHLAND, VA., Dec. 27.—Monroe Thurston (white) and Lee Green (colored) were brought to jail here last night by Detective Duke, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, charged with killing Leroy Hobson, of Powhatan county, at Pemberton Station on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, opposite Cartersville, in this county, on Christmas Day, in a general drunken row, which originated at Richardson's bar-room in Cartersville.

Lee Green did the shooting and it seems that Thurston is charged as being accessory to the crime. Green was slightly wounded in the side and had two bullet holes put through his hat during the fusilade. Particulars are hard to obtain, as the whole party were drunk and can give but meagre accounts of the affair.

Thurston and Green were sent to the grand jury without bail, Andrew Coles was fined $20 and costs, while Aurelius Hobson and Nelson Collins were acquitted.

BRITISH TRANSPORTS.

Two of Them Sail for South Africa After Taking Coal.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 27.—The British steamers Manitinea and Pydna completed taking on bunker coal at Lambert's Point to-day, and sailed for Cape Town, South Africa, "for orders." The vessels loaded at St. John, N. B., and have aboard stores for the British army. The Pydna carries 38,123 and the Montinea 40,077 bales of hay. Each ship has other army stores.

The Spanish steamer Virgen de Lourdes, Captain Luzzaraga, arrived at Lambert's Point to-day for bunker coal. She is bound from New Orleans for Bordeaux. This steamer is named after the Saint of Lourdes, of which Zola wrote.

The Norwegian steamer Hilga cleared from Lambert's Point to-day with cargo of coal for Colon, Colombia. This coal is for the Panama Railroad, and there is nothing unusual about the shipment. Much coal is shipped from here to Colon.

FELL AND BROKE HIS NECK.

A Workman on the Battleship Missouri Instantly Killed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 27.—The breaking of a timber in the launching stand scaffolding around the battleship Missouri at 4:3 o'clock this afternoon sent Shipcarpenter Daniel McDonagill headlong to the ground thirty feet below, breaking his neck. Death was instantaneous. McDonagill came here three years ago from Ontario, Canada. He leaves a wife and six children.

A Justice of the Peace.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 27.—W. Sam Burnley, a young attorney of this city, was to-day appointed by Judge George W. Morris to be justice of the peace to fill the unexpired term of the late William H. Prout.

Chicago boasts the largest bascule bridge in the world. It cost the "sanitory district" $500,000.

YEAR CLOSES IN CHEERFULNESS

Reports to Bradstreet's Agency are All Encouraging.

HOLIDAY TRADE BROKE RECORDS

Leading Wholesale Lines Are Seasonably Quiet—Iron and Steel at Top Prices, and Activity is Sustained in Other Industries.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

Reports of a record breaking holiday trade, of seasonable quiet in leading wholesale lines, of exceptional activity at top prices in iron and steel, of sustained activity in other industries, continued complaint of car and motive power shortages, and a general hardening of speculative markets for food products are the features of trade advices to Bradstreet's this week. The year closes with a cheerfulness of feeling never exceeded, even of late years, and with expectations of the new year as bright as any that have gone before.

Specially good reports as to holiday distribution come from the East, Central West, Northwest and Southwest. Advices from parts of the South are tempered with a pessimism born of the unsatisfactory yields of cotton in some sections.

IRON AND STEEL.

The year closes with a burst of activity in iron and steel.

Pig iron sales for the week have never been equaled in this city, and lack of adequate transport facilities alone is a bar to a still greater volume of distribution. The outlook is for a production of 16,000,000 tons of pig iron, of 30,000,000 tons of ore and of 12,000,000 tons of steel in 1901.

Wheat apparently cut loose from corn this week and displayed exceptional activity and strength for a holiday week. The winter wheat markets took the lead in this respect, buying being specially good at St. Louis. Reports of lack of snow over the winter crop have been received, but reports of a smaller surplus in Argentina, better cables, light receipts West and Northwest and smaller gains in the visible supply have all been features.

Quiet is the main feature in the wholesale dry goods trade. Gray cottons for future delivery are strong, in sympathy with raw cotton, which has strengthened on good buying in face of a liberal crop movement.

Business failures for the week number 219, as against 213 in this week last year; Canadian failures number sixteen, against fifteen in this week a year ago.

YOUNG ELLINGTON IN DANGER

When Times Are Good People Do Not Marry Mr. Goode's Ill Health.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BOYDTON, VA., Dec. 27.—Mr. Ellington, who was so badly shot by Mr. Hurshman, is in a very precarious condition, but strong hopes are entertained for his final recovery.

County Clerk Jamieson says there has been fewer marriage licenses issued in Mecklenburg this December than was ever known in the history of the county. He says that it is a noticeable fact that when the times are good the young people will not marry, and vice versa.

The Rev. E. Sterling Gunn, rector of St. James Episcopal Church of this place, has formally resigned his rectorship to the vestry. He leaves for his new field in Porto Rico as a missionary about the middle of January.

The health of Mr. Thomas F. Goode, Jr., of the banking firm of Williams & Goode, has been very bad for several months. His family has received a letter from him, in which he expresses himself as hopeful of improvement. Mr. Goode has been for three months under the treatment of the most eminent physicians in New York city, who say he is suffering from a rupture of the siatic nerve. He has been at the Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the past two weeks.

A BOY KILLED.

His Jugular Vein Severed by a Pistol Ball. Shot by Another Boy.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 27.—With his jugular vein severed by a 38-calibre pistol ball, nine-year-old Hersey Barnes (white) this afternoon ran half a block towards home, fell to the sidewalk, and died in a few minutes. Hersey had been shot by Edward Hines, aged eleven years, in whose father's shop he had gone to have his shoes repaired.

R. H. Hines, the father, says the weapon was his, but he did not see the shooting and cannot give details. The killing is supposed to have been accidental.

A CHRISTMAS DANCE.

The Seaboard Air Line Increases its Sidings.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BUCK, VA., Dec. 27.—The first dance of Christmas here was given at the home of Mr. W. V. Harrison, of Dinwiddie county, Christmas night. A large crowd was present and dancing was kept up until a late hour.

Owing to heavy shipments of lumber, wood and pine logs from here, the Seaboard Air Line Railway is grading for an extension of its siding. They expect to complete it by January 1st.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

One Dedicated at Culpeper With Appropriate Ceremonies.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CULPEPER, VA., Dec. 27.—The new Masonic Temple in this city was dedicated this afternoon with the most imposing ceremonies. Grand Master of Virginia Masons, H. Oscar Kerns, officiated in accordance with the Masonic ritual on such occasions of simple, but imposing, usage. Past Grand Master of Virginia, R. T. W. Duke, then delivered an appropriate address on the history and life of Masonry. At night there was a fine banquet in the banquet hall of the Temple, at which several spirited talks were made.

The building is of the newest design and workmanship, is heated by steam and lighted by electrical appliances. It cost at completion, fifteen thousand dollars.

A MILLION VOICES

could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and writes—"It completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 pounds." It's positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Lung Troubles. Price, 50c. and $1. Trial bottles free at Owen & Minor Drug Co.

PAPER ON APPENDICITIS.

Dr. Chewning, Formerly Resident at the Virginia Hospital, Read One.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 27.—A meeting of the Rappahannock Valley Medical Association was held here to-night at the residence of Dr. J. N. Barney. The attendance was good. The society was entertained with an able paper on "Appendicitis," prepared by Dr. W. J. Chewning, and the subject was generally discussed by the members. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Dr. T. C. Linthicum, a former member, were adopted.

After an interesting interchange of views a sumptuous repast was served.

DEAD IN HIS SMOKEHOUSE.

Body of W. T. Harris Found With Bullet Hole in His Forehead.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 27.—The body of W. T. Harris, of Kerr's Creek, was found Thursday evening in his smokehouse with a bullet hole in the center of his forehead. From the nature of the wound it is supposed he looked in the muzzle of a loaded pistol when it was discharged. He had recently purchased a fine farm. He is survived by his second wife and ten children.

NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN.

This the Title of Company Incorporated in New Jersey Yesterday.

(By Associated Press.)

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—The Norfolk and Southern Company, capital $1,500,000, to do a general steamship business, was incorporated here to-day. The incorporators are Thornwell Mullaly, New York; Ernest B. Hoes, Yonkers, N. Y., and K. K. McLarin, Jersey City.

Botetourt Weddings.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FINCASTLE, VA., Dec. 27.—Mr. H. S. Austin and Miss Lucy Godwin Peck were married last Tuesday at the home of the bride's father, Mr. R. H. Peck, Rev. S. O. Christian officiating.

Mr. T K Peck, brother of the bride, was best man, and Miss Virgie Austin maid of honor.

Mr. Rufus Brugh's was the scene of a very quiet wedding Dec. 25th, when his daughter, Miss Ora, was married to Mr. J. L. Graybill, Rev. J. A. Dove performing the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Jonas Graybill, father of the groom. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Graybill left over the Norfolk and Western for Washington, D. C.

Monday evening Mr. Homar Graybill, of Brugh's Mill, and Miss Sallie Sullender, of Glen Wilton, took advantage of old folks' objections and eloped to Bristol and were married.

Surprise Marriage.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 27.—O. D. Braithwaite, a prominent farmer, and Miss Edna M. Jolly, a pretty lady, surprised their friends by getting married before Christmas and keeping the secret until to-day. The ceremony was performed along the roadside

Nelson—Fletcher.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

GREENBACKVILLE, VA., December 26.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized last night at Wishart's Point, a few miles from here, the contracting parties being Miss Malissa Fletcher, of Wishart's Point, and Mr. L. W. Nelson, of the vicinity of Assawoman. The ceremony was performed at the bride's residence by Rev. W. J. Twilley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Temperanceville.

The groom is the son of Mr. Thomas Nelson, a prominent farmer of this section, while the bride is the daughter of an extensive oyster dealer.

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DEED OF TRUST CAUSES GOSSIP

Which Company Has Sold Out? Is the Question.

FAREWELL SERMON SUNDAY

Origin of Fire Not Known — Entertainments at the Churches—Brief Mention from Manchester.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, No. 1102 Hull Street.

The recording of a deed of trust mortgaging the line and equipments of the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway Company to the Savings and Trust Company of New York, in consideration of a loan of $1,000,000, has been the subject of much discussion among the citizens of this city.

Referring to a recent publication that the Fisher syndicate had gotten control of this line, the recording of the deed of trust makes it doubly interesting. Much speculation as to the reason has been indulged in, many thinking that the company is preparing to buy out the Richmond Passenger and Power Company.

Work on the line is progressing very rapidly, and looking from Hull Street the poles can be seen for many miles. The work car now goes in two and a half miles of Petersburg, and would probably have been through to the Cockade City had it not been for some delay in getting rails. Whether this company intends to sell out or buy out is the question uppermost in the minds of many citizens.

LAST SERMON SUNDAY.

Rev. C. N. Van Houten will preach his last sermon Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Van Houten has been at this church for twelve years, and in talking with him yesterday he expressed his sorrow at leaving and his affection for the church. He is beloved by all who know him throughout the city. The vacancy caused by his resignation will likely be filled temporarily by some visiting Presbyterian minister. Mr. Van Houten moved Thursday to No. 108 West Marshall Street, Richmond, where he will make his future home and engage in missionary work for the East Hanover Presbytery. It is expected a large congregation will hear him Sunday.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

At the Presbyterian Church last night the Sunday-school scholars were treated to the annual entertainment. Santa Claus in all his finery came and made the small ones happy. The teachers in the church gave each of their scholars a nice present. An enjoyable evening was spent both by the little tots and grown people.

ORIGIN UNKNOWN.

The origin of the fire in the old house on Eight and Bainbridge Streets Thursday night is occasioning much talk by parties who witnessed it.

The house had been occupied by an old negress, but at the time of the fire she was at the Almshouse. One of the firemen found fore hats on Eight Street, near the house. It was raining very hard at the time of the burning, but the hats did not look to have been out long.

Suspicion alone points to several negroes, who had gone to the house to rob it and after doing so, set fire to it. An old bed washstand and a pitcher were the only articles of furniture found in the house. This fire was a small one, yet it showed the department the good work of the relief valve and the necessity of another one. There were two streams on the house and the one without the valve soon burst the hose, while the good work was done by the other. Not a section of hose had been burst with the valve.

A GRAND RALLY.

Notices have been given in all the churches in the city of the grand rally of the B. Y. P. U. to be held on the 31st at the Y. M. C. A. in Richmond Extensive preparations have been planned, and one of the largest audiences ever at the building is expected The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock by Dr. W. P. Mathews, president of the union in Richmond and Manchester. Half an hour will be spent in social converse, and refreshments will be served. The speakers for the occasion will be R. A. Jones, Hill Montague and Prof. S. P. Mitchell. After the business and speaking the members and visitors will watch the New Year in and old one out. Dr. Mathews wishes to get a notice to all the churches, and if there has been one missed some one of the congregation will do him a favor to notify him. Tickets can be had of the Doctor or at the Y. M. C. A. in Richmond.

DAVIS COUNCIL.

Davis Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., met Thursday night and elected officers for the ensuring six month On next Thursday night the newly-elected officers will be installed. Past State-Councillor R. E. Criddle and State Vice-Councillor E. W. Miner will present. The sommittee in charge of arrangements have been working very hard for something in honor of the occasion. Mr. Criddle is a resident of Swansboro and a member of Liberty Council, No. 13. He has done good work as councillor, and Swansboro feels proud of him. Mr. Miner is one of the most faithful officers in the order and a member of Rescue Council, No. 1, in Richmond.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. F. E. Toney and family are on a visit to relatives and friends in the city.

Mr. R. W. Brodnax, a prominent business man of Norfolk, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. Strader, who was hurt about the eyes Christmas eve, was much improved yesterday.

Mrs. B. D. Baber, who was very ill last week, is much better now

New South Council met last night in their hall, Ninth and Hull Streets, and elected officers for the ensuing six months.

The A. M. F. G. Library gives notice that all the best books by standard authors, as well as stories of fiction, can be had at the library, No. 1401 Porter Street. The price for reading is very cheap, and any one can afford to come or take the books away.

TELEPHONE TO WESTOVER.

Prosperity Shown by the Fact That People Read the Papers.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROXBURY, VA., December 27.—The telephone line from here to Westover is nearing completion. There will be some trouble with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company where the line crosses the Chesapeake and Ohio. The poles used are so slender danger is apprehended by the Chesapeake and Ohio. If they should break or fall across the track much damage might be the result. Mr. Hughs, the sectionmaster of the Chesapeake and Ohio, advised the telephone people not to put wire across the road until the officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio were notified. So when they reached the crossing they stopped putting it up.

Young Willie Taylor, who was badly hurt a few days ago when his gun exploded, is getting along nicely.

Mr. C. S. Taylor, of this place, has recently sold his two fine fox-hounds, Ratler and Ranger. It is said the price was a fancy one.

Mr. William Newsome, of Mt. Gallands, near this place, shipped one car of evergreen and mistletoe last week over the Chesapeake and Ohio to the Western market.

The year 1901 is nearing its close and it has been one of prosperity in every branch of trade. Success has crowned their efforts. Never before in the memory of your correspondent was there such demands for the newspapers. It now seems that every one is taking papers. It shows how country people are interested in the country's welfare.

Hall—Crist.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 27.—Mr. Samuel T. Hall and Miss Mattie J. Crist, both of Kerr's Creek neighborhood, were married this afternoon at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Robert E. Hutton.