LIVE NEWS AND FRESH GOSSIP FROM THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF VIRGINIA

SOCIETY EVENT IN ALEXANDRIA

Miss Julia Calvert Hunter Bride of Mr. Robert M. Kennedy.

PRETTY CHURCH DECORATION

The Bride Is Given Away by Her Father, Maj. R. W. Hunter—After a Northern Tour Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Will Reside in Camden, S. C.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 31.—A pretty and stylish marriage ceremony was performed at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon in Old Christ Episcopal Church, when Miss Julia Calvert Hunter, daughter of Major Robert W. Hunter, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Robert Macmillan Kennedy, of Camden, S. C. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. J. W. Morton, assisted by Rev. N. P. Dame, of Winchester, Va. A large concourse of society people were present.

The church was prettily decorated for the occasion with palms and potted plants, and the bridal party entered the church to the strains of Mendlesshon's Wedding March. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, Major Hunter, who gave her in marriage. She was becomingly gowned in a handsome creation of embroidered crepe de chine and chiffon, ornamented with pearls and carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

The maid of honor was Miss Carrie Stuart Hunter, sister of the bride, and the best man was Mr. Lawrence Mills, of Camden, S. C. Little Miss Margaret Campbell, niece of the bride, was flower girl. The following were the ushers: Messrs. R. Stuart Hunter and Edmund P. Hunter, brothers of the bride; Mr. Julian S. Jones, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. David H. Riddle, Chambersburg, Pa.; Mr. Stuart Jones, Norfolk, Va.; and Mr. George C. Stuart.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 508 Prince Street, after which the couple left for an extended Northern bridal tour. Upon their return they will reside at Camden, S. C., where the groom is engaged in business.

DECEMBER WEDDINGS

One-third of Mecklenburg's Marriages Take Place in This Month.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BOYDTON, VA., December 31.—There has been sixty-five marriage licenses issued from the clerk's office of Mecklenburg county during this month, twenty-one being white. The clerk examined the record for the past twenty-five years the number of marriages for the month of December were about the same; about one-third of the entire licenses obtained in the twenty-five years were issued during the month of December.

Old Aunt Sucky, the former faithful slave of the late Rev. James Jamieson, of this county, died a few days since at a very advanced age. Aunt Sucky was one of the old time slaves, who never forgot her loyalty to her family.

The sale of tobacco has been very heavy this season in the Boydton market.

Mr. J. S. Johnson, the editor and publisher of the Mecklenburg Times of this place, was robbed of forty dollars last week in Tampa, Fla. Mr. Johnson was on a recreation trip, and while he was asleep in his hotel in Tampa at night, some one entered his room and secured his cash. Mr. Johnson says his money was placed under his pillow. Mr. Johnson is not a drinking man.

KAGEY—VOORHEES

Lynchburg Man Returns to Harrisonburg for a Bride.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HARRISONBURG, VA., December 31.—Miss Nannie Elizabeth Voorhees and Mr. Benjamin Franklin Kagey were married at the home of the bride, in this place, yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. The couple then took the Southern train for Idlewood, Pa., which will be their future home. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. D. Kern, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The attendants were Miss Hattie Voorhees, of this place, a sister of the bride, and Mr. Harry F. Voorhees, of Staunton, a brother of the bride. The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. F. Voorhees, a prominent merchant of this place. The groom was formerly from this county, but has lately been in business in Pittsburg.

VAN HORN—HAHN

Notable Social Event in Frederick County Society.

WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 31.—One of the most notable social events to transpire in the county of Frederick for years was the pretty, but quiet, wedding of Miss Katharine M. Hahn and Mr. Ruel V. an Horn, of Clifton Forge, which took place at the residence of the bride, about one mile south of Winchester, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Hahn is a pretty and poular young lady. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Van Horn, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church, of Hinton, W. Va.

The young couple will make their future home in Clifton Forge.

ALEXANDRIA WEDDING

Miss Grace Havener the Bride of a Cleveland Clergyman.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 31.—A quiet marriage was solemnized at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 9:15 o'clock this morning, when Miss Grace Havener, daughter of Mr. R. H. Havener, of this city, and Rev. C. B. Sparks, of Cleveland, Ohio, were married. Only a few relatives of the parties represented were present.

After the ceremony the couple left on a bridal tour for the north and upon their return will reside at Cleveland.

M'SPARRAN-GOODWYN.

The Bride a Daughter of Judge Charles F. Goodwyn, of Nottoway.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NOTTOWAY, VA., December 31.—A beautiful marriage was performed in Christ Episcopal Church at this place this morning at 10 o'clock, when Miss Bettie Hardison Goodwyn, of Nottoway, became the bride of Mr. John A. McSparran, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The bride wore a gowned in a handsome traveling suit of gray and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses, escorted by her father, Judge Charles F. Goodwyn. She was preceded by her maids of honor, Miss Indie Davies Goodwyn, her sister, who wore Nile green silk, with trimmings of white, and Miss Grace McSparran, sister of the groom, gowned in white silk, each carrying a large bouquet of pink carnations. The bride was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, his brother Mr. Oscar McSparran.

The ushers were Mr. Beverley Maxwell and Mr. Thomas C. Evans, of Philadelphia; Mr. Earle G. Sween, of Washington; Mr. Willard Lay Goodwyn, of Richmond, and Mr. Edward Lyndhurst Deane, of Nottoway. The ceremony was impressively performed by the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. Christian R. Kuyk, of Richmond, assisted by Rev. Edgar H. Dickerson, rector of Christ Church. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and potted plants.

Mr. and Mrs. McSparran left for Florida and other Southern points. On Tuesday evening a handsome reception was tended to the bridal party at the home of Judge and Mrs. Goodwyn.

Among those from a distance who attended the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. James McSparran, of Pennsylvania, father and mother of the groom; Messrs. Maxwell, Evans and McSparran, of Philadelphia; Mr. Earle G. Sween, of Washington; and Mrs. Robert G. Thornton and Mr. W. L. Goodwyn, of Richmond.

ROANOKE MARRIAGES.

Bedford City and Botetourt Couples Find a Gretna Green.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., December 31.—In the parlors of the Hotel Roanoke at 6 o'clock this evening Miss Lizzie Bush, daughter of Mrs. Griffin Bush, and Mr. Louis Wingfield, both of Bedford City, were married, Rev. Hugh C. Smith, pastor of the Jefferson Street Baptist Church, officiating.

At the residence of Mr. J. P. Haden last night Miss Haden and Mr. Harvey Haden, both of Botetourt, were married, Rev. Mr. Richardson officiating.

DUBLIN MARRIAGE.

The Brassbard of the Town Sees the Young Couple Off on Bridal Tour.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

DUBLIN, VA., Dec. 31.—The event of the holiday season in Dublin was the marriage this morning of Mr. J. W. Brillheart, a popular merchant of this place, to Miss Gillie G. Smith, daughter of Mr. A. M. Smith, also of Dublin.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. C. Barnett, of the Baptist Church, and was witnessed by only three or four persons outside of the family.

They left at noon for Chattanooga. A large number of friends and the brass band, of which Mr. Brillheart is a member, saw them off at the station.

Caton—Fox.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WARRENTON, VA., December 31.—The marriage of James M. Caton to Miss Bettie L. Fox took place at noon yesterday at the residence of the bride's father, H. C. Fox. The bride's sister, Miss Mary V. Fox, acted as maid of honor, and Henry Lee Caton, brother of the groom, was best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter Robertson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Warrenton, and after an informal reception Mr. and Mrs. Caton drove to their new home, at Elway farm.

Martin—Northern.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WARSAW, VA., Dec. 31.—At 8 o'clock this evening Mr. Robert Martin, formerly of Delaware, but now a resident of this county, and Miss Ida C. Northern, daughter of Mr. W. D. Northen, of this place, were married by the Rev. N. A. Page, at the Methodist Church, this place. The church was handsomely decorated with evergreens. Miss Josie Harris, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Frank Connelly acted as best man.

Lynch—Mullen.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., December 31.—The first marriage took place in the new St. Andrew's Catholic Church at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The contracting parties were F. A. Lynch and Miss Katie Mullen, a well known young couple. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Lynch.

Snead—Brown.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

STAUNTON, VA., December 31.—Miss Sallie Brown and Mr. A. K. Snead were married in Staunton yesterday morning at the manse of the First Presbyterian Church by Rev. A. M. Fraser. The bride and groom are both of Waynesboro. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Brown, of Augusta county.

Married in a Buggy.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., December 31.—A peculiar marriage was solemnized in a buggy in front of the Presbyterian manse at high noon yesterday, when Mr. William Austin, a native of Botetourt county, and Miss Cretie Stull, of Rich Patch, were married by Rev. E. W. McCorkle, pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin left immediately for Zion's Hill, Botetourt county, where they will reside.

DIED AS RESULT OF SHOTGUN ACCIDENT

James A. Dore, Who Was Injured on Christmas Eve, Dies at a Staunton Hospital.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

STAUNTON, VA., December 31.—James A. Dore, who on Christmas Eve had his right arm shot off by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of nine-year-old Willie Bryan, died this morning at the King's Daughters' Hospital of blood poison. At a post-mortem examination this morning it was ascertained that part of the load which tore Mr. Dore's arm off took effect in his body, and a number of shot had landed near the heart. Mr. Dore is survived by a wife, five little children and one brother, Ned Dore, who resides in Richmond. Mr. Dore was highly esteemed in Staunton. The funeral will take place from St. Francis' Catholic Church, of which he was a member, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

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NEGROES HEAVILY FINED BY MAYOR

Charged With Shooting on the Street During the Holidays.

A BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT

Junior Order American Mechanics Will Honor State Councilor E. W. Miner, of Richmond—Elks Meet for Work in the Degrees.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., December 31.—William Wise and William Brisson, two negroes, were fined $100 each by Mayor Jones this morning and sent to jail for six months for shooting at Messrs. Percy Blanks and Washington Young on Halifax Street during the holidays. The ball struck the bench on which the two young men were seated.

State Councilor E. W. Miner, of Richmond, will officially visit Virginia Council, No. 3, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Petersburg next Friday night. Officers for the term will be installed, and a banquet given in honor of the visitor.

Mr. Griffin Orgain, of Dinwiddie county, is extremely ill with enlargement of the heart.

A special session of the Petersburg Lodge of Elks was held this afternoon for work in the degrees.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

Mr. Sidney Smith, a well known young man of this city underwent an operation in Wise county to-day for appendicitis, and is not expected to live. Mr. Smith is a son of the late Dr. Smith, of Petersburg.

The Young Men's Christian Association will entertain their friends again tomorrow night at an informal reception in their rooms. The regular Thursday night soiree tea and Bible class will be held at 7 o'clock. An evening of diversion will follow the fun, including a basket-ball game, music, and other interesting things that the members have prepared, but not made known. All gentlemen friends of the Association are invited. Boys under eighteen years of age are not expected, except those who are members of the older class of the boys' department. These will be admitted on presentation of their membership tickets.

Mr. Oscar Bunting and Mr. Nat. C. Harrison have returned to Lehigh University.

FORTY-FOUR DEATHS.

There were 44 deaths in Petersburg during the month ending December 26. White, 16; colored, 28.

The postoffice will be open till noon to-morrow for delivery of mail. There will be only one delivery by carriers. Railway offices, banks and public buildings will be closed to-morrow.

Many young people spent a delightful evening last evening at the home of Mrs. C. O. Edwards on Washington Street.

Mr. W. B. Spiers gave a reception at his home on Halifax Street, last night in honor of his sister, Miss Anderson, of Richmond.

COLORED Y. M. C. A.

Thirteenth Annual Conference in Session at Danville.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

DANVILLE, VA., December 31.—The thirteenth annual conference of the colored Young Men's Christian Associations of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and the District of Columbia has been in session at the High-Street Baptist Church in this city, closing with a large meeting last night.

A roll call revealed the presence of seventy-five delegates, representing thirty associations, including many college associations. One of the delegates represented an association in Bluefield, W. Va., the only colored railroad association in the world.

Information was given showing thirty-five city and seventy college associations with a combined membership of 7,000. Two international secretaries are employed, who devote their entire time to the work. Nine buildings are owned, valued at $85,000.

PAPERS CONSOLIDATED

Loudoun Mirror Will Succeed the Leesburg Mirror and Washingtonian.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., Dec. 31.—On January 1st the Leesburg Mirror, now owned by Colonel Robert N. Harper, of Washington, and the Washingtonian, owned by Captain William B. Lynch, of Leesburg, will be consolidated under the name of the Loundoun Mirror, and will be published by Harper and Lynch. Captain Lynch will have charge of the editorial department. Mr. R. J. N. Reid, the present editor, will continue as business manager. This consolidation will discontinue the publication of the Washingtonian, one of the oldest newspapers in the State. Commencing in 1808 under the present name, it was edited by Robert McIntyre, a Federalist in politics, until 1851, when it was purchased by Captain Lynch.

LEXINGTON WEDDINGS.

Several Interesting Announcements are Made for January.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 31.—A quiet home marriage took place at noon today near Zollman, Rockbridge county, when Miss Grace Ethel Moore, daughter of Mr. John F. Moore, was wedded to Mr. Reuben Bare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bare, of near Lexington.

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Miss Christine Dorman Burton to Mr. William Brown Morrison, on Christmas Day, at Beaumont, Texas. Mr. Morrison is a son of the late Captain J. D. Morrison, of near Lexington, and is a distinguished graduate of Washington and Lee University. He is now teaching at Durant, Indian Territory.

Invitations have been received here from Mr. and Mrs. George Reus, of Baltimore, to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lillye Mae Reus, to Mr. Ashby Cornelius Miley, of Norfolk, Va., the ceremony to take place Tuesday, January sixth, at five o'clock at the Franklin Square Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Miley is a native of Rockbridge county and is now a successful business man of Norfolk.

SLACK-COX.

Virginia Newspaper Man Wins a Tennessee Bride.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BRISTOL, VA., December 31.—The marriage of Miss Maye Cox to Mr. Embree M. Slack was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents at Johnson City this afternoon, Rev. A. N. Jackson officiating. It was quite a brilliant home wedding, and was attended by a number of the relatives of the bride from Virginia, including ex-Congressman Richmond and Mrs. Richmond, of Gate City. The bride is a daughter of Mr. James B. Cox, and a niece of General R. A. Ayers, of Big Stone Gap, Va. The groom is editor and publisher of the Abingdon Virginian, being a son of the late John Slack, who founded and published the Bristol Courier for thirty years.

PETERSBURG WEDDINGS.

Miss Dunn the Bride of Mr. Cain; Miss Lewis of Mr. Hall.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., December 31.—Mr. Benjamin G. Cain and Miss Ella Noble Dunn were married at 8 o'clock to-night at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Madeline S. Dunn, on Hinton Street.

Mr. William L. Hall and Miss Maggie L. Lewis were married at the residence of the bride's parents on Halifax Street to-night at 9 o'clock.

Nowlin—Pendleton.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 31.—Mr. Green H. Nowlin, a prominent tobacconist and proprietor of Booker's Warehouse, was married here to-night, his bride being Miss Lucy Pendleton, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Pendleton. After the wedding a reception was held at the groom's home.

Loudoun Marriage.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., December 31.—Miss Ozena Cockrell, daughter of Mr. Joseph Cockrell, of this county, was married on Tuesday to Mr. B. D. Cockrell, also of Loudoun.

Mr. Walter Richard and Miss May Parmer, of Waterford, were quietly married at Hamilton, by the Rev. Charles Herndon, on December 27th.

Abbott—Shelburne.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., December 31.—Rev. Edward Lee Abbott, pastor of the Christian Church at Martinsville, Henry county, was married at that place yesterday to Miss Bertha Shelburne, of Baltimore.

Sullivan—Shackleford.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 31.—Miss Lula Shackleford and Mr. Eugene Russell Sullivan, both of Berryville, Clarke county, were quietly married this morning by Rev. Father W. A. McKeefrey, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Lewis—Kent.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WARSAW, VA., Dec. 31.—Mr. Erasmus E. Lewis and Miss Mattie A. Kent, of Nakomas, Northumberland county, were married this afternoon at the Baptist parsonage at Reldsville by Rev. G. Beale. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will make their future home at Wicomico Church.

WEST POINT WILL BE IN DARKNESS

Unless Coal Can Be Secured Once the Electric Light Plant Will Shut Down.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WEST POINT, VA., Dec. 31.—Notice has been given from headquarters that unless coal can be gotten to-day the electric light plant will shut down to-night, and West Point, at least for a time, will be in darkness. For the past few nights the plant has been run with wood.

Christmas, in spite of the unusual weather for this section in December, has been full of "good cheer" in the way of amusement and family reunions. The best of good order has generally existed.

On Monday night the Frances Bagby W. C. T. U. gave its annual social at Tischner's Hall. All present enjoyed a pleasant evening. Refreshments were served. On Tuesday night the same organization gave a ghost party at the West Point Female Seminary. A large crowd was in attendance. The girls went in ghostly garb and looked wierd and creepy. They were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The bidding was lively and the faith of the bidders was rewarded by the pleasure of an enjoyable evening with West Point's prettiest girls. A neat sum was realized for the "Y" treasury, and an enjoyable evening for young people.

The annual banquet given by Fidelity Lodge, No. 58, of Junior Order of American Mechanics, closed the year 1902. There are seventy-five members of this organization in West Point and this annual banquet, coming the last night of the year, is anticipated from one end of the year to the other. Each member has two admission tickets and so popular has this occasion become that many buy tickets. A magnificent supper was served in old Virginia style. The social feature lasted until the whistles announced the death of the old year.

Dr. and Mrs. George W. Richardson entertained a very charming house party from New York during Christmas. The party went from here to Holly Fork, the old homestead of the Richardsons, in New Kent county, and spent happy days in hunting and entertaining.

Mr. Julian Bagby, who is studying law at the University of Maryland, and who is editor-in-chief of Bones, Molars and Briefs, the art publication of the University of Maryland, spent spent Christmas at home in West Point. He was accompanied by his friend, Dr. W. Treadwell Congers, of Bermuda.

Messrs. Alvah Hudson and Robert Hoskins, of the Medical College, Richmond, spent their holidays here, also Mr. Howell Williams, of William and Mary College; Miss Iona Edwards, of Blackstone College; Misses Flora and Minnie Lewis, of Baltimore, and Mr. Marshall Lewis, of Richmond College.

The Methodist Sunday school planned for a Christmas tree and entertainment on Friday night. Santa Claus will come in a boat, manned by a crew and loaded with good things.

To-day at 12 M. the Christmas tree entertainment took place at Colosse Baptist Church, sixteen miles from here. Prominent features of the occasion were the pantomines "Take Time to be Holy!" and "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," to be given by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Baptist Church, and eight young ladies of West Point.

Charity begins at home, so also ought the patronage of local institutions. This Virginia State should not be forgotten in this connection. W. B. CLAIBORNE, Agent.

The Virginia State Insurance Company has assets exceeding $500,000, and surplus to policyholders of $275,000. D. N. WALKER & CO., Agents.

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GOULDS CUTTING RATES AT HAMPTON

Probability of a Sharp Contest Between Norfolk Street R'ways

COSTLY JEWELS RECOVERED

Lady Dropped a Bag Containing $1,500 Worth of Rings and Other Ornaments In a Street Car—It Was Found by the Police.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., December 31.—The Goulds are coming here for street railways. It develops that Frank Gould and his party control Hampton Roads Railway and Electric Company which is doing the rate cutting between Newport News and Hampton. The rival road there is the property of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company, which owns one hundred and twenty miles of electric railway in this vicinity. The fare has been reduced to 7 1-2 cents from Newport News to Buckroe Beach, as against 15 cents by the old line, and the rate to Hampton will reduce soon. Meantime it is proposed by the Goulds to connect their Peninsula line by ferry with the Bay Shore Company's system from Norfolk to Willoughby Spit, and this will make sharp competition between the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News roads and the Goulds' system all the way from Norfolk to Newport News and about Hampton Roads.

JEWELS RECOVERED.

Mrs. Herman, the wife of H. S. Herman, the City Treasurer and Mrs. Beaman, the wife of former Mayor N. Beaman, attended a wedding at Suffolk last night and returned on the late train. After Mrs. Herman arrived at home about midnight she missed her bag of jewels. She had worn them at the marriage ceremony and then replaced them in the bag to bring home. Immediately after missing the bag she communicated with Mr. Beaman and he set the police detectives and Conners to work on a successful search. They went first to the Norfolk and Western train, and after searching the cars they went to the car barn to search the street cars in which the ladies had ridden home. The bag had been taken from the car and locked in the safe to await the owner. It was delivered this morning. There was $1,500 worth of jewels, consisting of rings necklace, bracelets and other ornaments. Mr. Beaman came to the police station early this morning to thank the officers for the promptness and skill of their efforts to find the valuables.

HIGHER PAY ASKED.

The police are making an effort to have their pay increased. They say that the per diem of $2.25 is less in proportion to the size of the city and the amount of work they do than that of any city in the country. The number of arrests is greater than in Richmond or Lynchburg, yet the pay in those cities is $2.50. They say also that despite the fact that the cost of living has increased by forty per cent. their wages has not increased in ten years, and that the net pay is but $1.35. Another statement is that the efficiency of the service is so great that no burglary to exceed $100 has been perpetrated here within ten years for which the burglar was not caught and convicted.

There is a growing disposition to observe New Year's day. That is accounted for partly by the number of citizens who have come here from the North and partly by the increasing business and accumulating wealth of the city. The banks, many of the offices, all of the courts, the wholesale houses, will be closed part if not all day and the postoffice will be closed after the second delivery.

SERVING NOTICES.

J. E. West, deputy United States marshal is busy serving the notices of the Wise-Hayes suit on the members of the Constitutional Convention in this vicinity. There are twenty-nine, and he is required to make a personal service on each one. For this the charge is $2 and expenses in each case. The aggregate will make a considerable sum, all of which the negroes who have listened to the seductive pleadings of Captain Wise, will have to pay. The Republicans ridicule the movement, and declare their sympathy for the negroes who are spending their money.

After Charles Banks, of Portsmouth (colored), had been convicted of stealing a pair of rubber boots, Robert Smith, another negro, who had been with Banks, confessed that he was the thief, surrendered the stolen boots, and accepted a sentence of fifteen days in prison and a fine of $10 for the crime. The guilty man saved the innocent from imprisonment.

The marriages for the year of 1902 are as follows, by months:

January, 42; February, 30; March, 34; April, 57; May, 36; June, 48; July, 44; August, 47; September, 59; October, 67; November, 67; December, 69. Total, 598. These were—white, 293; colored, 305.

COLD IN CAMPBELL

Much Moonshine Whiskey Sold at Brookneal.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BROOKNEAL, VA., December 31.—Ten marriage licenses passed through this postoffice from one mail.

The ice was 3¼ inches at this place yesterday.

Business with the merchants has been better than usual and the farmers are planning for their 1903 crop.

Citizens are greatly annoyed at this place with persons selling whiskey on the sly. The proper authorities have been notified, but they seem entirely indifferent about the situation. Campbell is a local-option county, all but one precinct.

Just across the river (Staunton) is a United States distillery.

The whiskey is brought here and peddled in all sorts of ways and at all times.

AT WILLIAMSBURG

The Baptist Sunday School's Unique Christmas Celebration.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 31.—A Christmas cantata was given here last night by the Baptist Sunday-school. The programme opened with a chorus entitled "The King Has Come." "The Uncrowned King" was sung by Miss Lucy Vaiden. Then followed "The Babe of Bethlehem," rendered by Misses Cornelia Mullen and Florence Maupin and Mr. Clarence Casey.

In "The Charmed Garden," beautifully decorated with holly, cedar, running pine and potted plants, "Miss Miriam Tillidge" was queen of the fairies, her attendants being Misses Grace Beale, Eva Rogers, May Arnold, Louise Servant and Maud Louis, Miss Alice Tillidge, dressed all in red, was the mystic sand man, and her twin brothers, George and John Beale, were Scotch shepherd boys. The other characters were Misses Florence and Pearl Maupin and Ethel Powell. Santa Claus gave a beautiful box of candy to each boy and girl, and the queen of the fairies dismissed the large audience by wishing each "a Happy New Year."

O. D. Jackson was in this city to-day looking after several large tracts of land which he has purchased lately. Mr. Jackson spoke very encouragingly about the electric car line between Newport News, Yorktown, Williamsburg and Jamestown. He thinks in a snort while things will take a decided change, and this city will have electric cars running up and down its ancient streets.

The people are very much enthused over the idea of having this great facility for travel through this section of the country.

T. B. Mahone has sold his handsome red brick house and lot, situated on the south side of Duke of Gloucester Street, near William and Mary College, to O. J. Anderson for the sum of $2,000.

R. T. Armistead, special commissioner, sold to R. V. Timberlake the tract of land in James City county known as "Bradley's."

R. P. Wright, of Toano, has sold his interest in a large grist mill in James City county to Messrs. R. E. and W. P. Richardson.

HANOVER GAYETY

The Young People Give Amateur Theatricals at the Courthouse.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HANOVER C. H., VA., December 31.—The young people in this county have been having quite a lively time during the Christmas season. Immediately after Christmas the play, "Mr. Bob," was presented at Hanover Courthouse for the benefit of St. Paul's Church, by the Hanover Dramatic Club. Those who took part in the play were Miss Lena Pettross, Miss Elizabeth Haw, Miss Mary Austin Haw, Miss Sallie Woolfolk, Mr. Clarence Taylor, Mr. Olin Wortham and Mr. E. W. Newman. The audience was entertained between the acts by a quartette of musicians from Richmond.

Monday evening a dance was given at the home of Mr. Woolfolk, in which the young people of the neighborhood took part. Music was furnished by a string band from Richmond.

NEAR VIRGINIA LINE

The Deering Company Developing Harlan County Property.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CRAB ORCHARD, VA., December 29.—The Deering Harvesting Machine Company, of Chicago, has recently purchased another large boundary of fine coal and timbered lands on Clover Lick and Looney Creeks, in Harlan county, Kentucky. Prices ranged from $20 to $50 per acre. This is a very wealthy company. They are able and mean to make a speedy development of their immense boundary of lands now owned by them all over Harlan county. The railroad will come from Beatteysville up the south fork of Kentucky River and up Red Birds, and on to Poor Fork of Cumberland River, somewhere near Harlan Courthouse.

KNOWN IN WINCHESTER

Stowaway Arrested at Newport News Well Known in That City.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 31.—Isaac Thomas, the stowaway arrested at Newport News yesterday on the steamship Alleghany from London, is a voter of Winchester, although a native of Kentucky. He has been a transient resident here for seven years past, and during that time has been across the water a number of times, working his passage over as an assistant on a cattleship. He recently arrived here from South Africa. Last fall in a quarrel he was shot and seriously wounded by Eddie Cain, and the latter is now serving a penitentiary sentence.

MERCHANT DISAPPEARS

Threatens to Drown Himself and Leaves His Family Destitute.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 31.—George B. Crawley, a well known merchant, has disappeared from his home here, leaving a wife and three little children in most destitute circumstances. Crawley came here from Campbell county six years ago. He wrote a note to his wife stating that he intended drowning himself in James River, but as he has been seen at Danville it is known that he has not carried out his threat.

Sues for Ten Thousand.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MARTINSVILLE, VA., December 31.—Depositions are being taken here to-day in the case of D. K. Pope against the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company for $10,000 on account of imprisonment some time since at Roanoke. D. K. Pope represents the plaintiff and George F. Baron represents the defendant.

Hardin—Chichester.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 31.—Mr. Randolph Hardin and Miss Lou Chichester were married yesterday at the home of the bride, in Fairfax county.

AFTER A CHASE OF TWO NIGHTS

Hurricane Branch Had Had No Sleep for Two Days, but He Caught His Man.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., December 31.—A negro supposed to be James Garner, who Monday evening slashed Algie Uzzell five times with a razor near Exit, because he was refused brandy, was this afternoon arrested by Hurricane Branch and Officer Ainsworth in Portsmouth, Va., after a chase of two nights, during which Branch had not slept. A razor bearing marks resembling blood spots only half washed out was taken from the prisoner, who was committed for ten days in Norfolk county jail to await identification.

Police Chief Brinkley to-night arrested in Suffolk a negro who says he is George White on suspicion of having assaulted Algie Uzzell. The suspect admitted to a liveryman, with whom he rode from Reid's Ferry, that he was fleeing because of a cutting.

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FREDERICKSBURG DOCTORS BANQUET

Discussions of the Rappahannock Valley Medical Society.

UNIQUE XMAS EXERCISES

Methodists Have a Watch Meeting and Pound Their Pastor—Unique Form of Spotsylvania Amusement, a Hat Trimming Party.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 31.—The last quarterly meeting of the year of the Rappahannock Valley Medical Society was held here last night at the residence of Dr. B. Hales, and a large number of the members were present. Dr. J. P. Stiff read a paper on "Diseases of Antrum of Hymore and its Treatment," and Dr. B. Hales read a paper on "Some Common Diseases of the Pelvic Organs," both of which were listened to with much interest and ably discussed by a number of physicians. At the conclusion of the regular business session a banquet was served, which was heartily enjoyed. Among the visiting doctors present were Dr. M. D. Hoge, of Richmond; Dr. Bledsoe, of Orange; Dr. R. J. Payne, of Stafford, and others.

The Christmas celebration by Trinity Episcopal Sunday-school took place last night in the Odd-Fellows' building and was largely attended. The occasion was unique in many respects, games being indulged in and bags of good things handed out by "the goose that laid the golden egg. Special gifts, as tokens of appreciation, were presented on behalf of the Sunday-school to the rector, Rev. H. H. Barber; the superintendent, Mr. John S. Berry, and to the organist. At the conclusion of the exercises refreshments were served to all of the children and guests.

WATCH MEETING.

A watch meeting was held to-night at the Methodist Church, beginning at 10 o'clock, which was largely attended. A sermon was preached by Rev. George T. Tyler, after which singing, prayers and other exercises were continued until the New Year was ushered in.

The members of the Methodist congregation of this city pounded their pastor, Rev. George T. Tyler, last night, having met at the church by previous arrangement and marched to the parsonage, where the pastor and his family were given a surprise.

Mr. Benjamin Grymes, a farmer of Caroline county, lost a pocket-book containing a sum of money on the streets today, which, from last accounts, he had not recovered.

One of the latest forms of amusement in Spotsylvania county is a hat trimming party, in which the young men take part at trimming ladies' hats, and prizes are awarded for the best work.

IN SOCIETY.

Among the prominent social events of the week thus far was a card party given by Miss Kate Newell Doggett, at which Miss Fannie Tucker Carmichael won the lady's prize and Mr. F. L. W. Green the gentleman's prize, and an entertainment by Miss Susie M. Bradley, a feature of which was a guessing contest, in which there was a tie for the prize between Miss Clyde Bruce and Miss May Rowe, the former securing the final decision. At both entertainments dainty refreshments were served, and at the latter favors were distributed.

Mr. J. T. Roach, of the United States navy, who has been visiting his parents, Captain and Mrs. James Roach, here, has returned to his duties at Boston.

FIRE IN PORTSMOUTH

Columbia Building Destroyed at an Early Hour This Morning.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PORTSMOUTH, VA., December 31.—A fire, supposed to have started in a small building adjoining the market about 1 o'clock this morning, destroyed the big Columbia building, the market sheds and damaged the Culpeper block.

At 3:30 o'clock this morning the big fire was under control. It was the largest conflagration that Portsmouth has witnessed in some time, and but for the assistance sent from Norfolk the flames would no doubt have swept several blocks.

The big Columbia building is a total wreck, a mass of blackened debris.

The market sheds near the building were an easy prey to the flames and the Culpeper building was somewhat damaged. A conservative estimate places the loss at $11,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

The fire is supposed to have originated from an overheated stove in one of the sheet-iron covered sheds, in which is stored dressed poultry for the market.

Shenandoah Residence Burned.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., December 31.—The large residence of Dr. J. R. Fletcher, of Conyville, Shenandoah county, was burned to the ground late yesterday afternoon. The fire started in the kitchen and was discovered only in time to save the personal property in the main building. Damage amounts to $3,000, with $1,700 insurance in the London Mutual Insurance Company.

C. & O. Shops Enlarged.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., December 31.—[illegible] made in the Chesapeake and Ohio shops here. Assistant Master Machinist John R. Gould has charge of the improvements.

New machinery will shortly be put in and more men will be employed.

Made Chief Engineer.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., December 31.—The position of engineer of maintenance of way of the Norfolk and Western has been abolished, and Mr. C. S. Churchhill, the present official of that department, has been made chief engineer of the entire system.

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