INAUGURATION WEEK

McKinney to Succeed Fitz Lee; Hoge Tyler, Massey.

PROGRAMME OF CEREMONIES.

Also Some Reminiscences of Like Affairs in the Past and a Historical Sketch of the Governor's House.

With the beginning of the new year there will be a change in the administration of the executive branch of the government of Virginia.

Those who have directed this department of the State's affairs and looked to the protection of her varied interests for the last four years will lay aside their official robes which have been preserved in spotless purity, and a new *régime* will be inaugurated.

On Wednesday, the 1st day of January, Governor Lee's mantle as Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth which he has so faithfully served will be transferred to the shoulders of Hon. P. W. McKinney, of Prince Edward; Major J. Hoge Tyler, of the county of Pulaski, will succeed Hon. John E. Massey as Lieutenant-Governor, and Hon. R. Taylor Scott, of Fauquier, will step into the legal shoes so worthily worn by Attorney-General Rufus A. Ayers.

THE INAUGURAL.

The formal exercises incident to the advent into office of Captain McKinney as Governor and Major Tyler as Lieutenant-Governor will be held just after noon Wednesday in the hall of the House of Delegates and before the joint assembly composed of the two branches of the General Assembly.

In order that everything may be in perfect readiness for the occasion the Legislature, which adjourned for the Christmas holidays the 20th of December, will reconvene at 11 A. M. of that day and an hour will be given in which to get the law-making machinery of the State in good working order.

At 12 o'clock the Senate will adjourn to the hall of the House and will file in by twos, the presiding officer, either Lieutenant-Governor Massey or President *pro tem.* John L. Hurt, whichever one may happen to be in the chair, and the clerk, Dr. J. Dudley Pendleton, leading the way. One side of the hall, perhaps a certain section to the Speaker's right, will be preserved for the senators, who will be received by the members of the House standing. Speaker Cardwell will probably preside over the convention or joint assembly and the presiding officer of the Senate will occupy a seat by his side, while Clerk Pendleton will be accorded a seat at either the right or left hand of Colonel John Bell Bigger, the Clerk of the House.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

No rules have been adopted governing the mode of procedure, but the practice is for the occupant of the chair to appoint a committee consisting of one member of the Senate and two of the House to wait on the officers-elect and escort them to the Clerk's desk, where the oaths are administered.

By virtue of a resolution adopted by both branches of the General Assembly "the President or some member of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia" has been invited to administer the oath, and it is probable that Hon. Lunsford L. Lewis, president of the court, will perform that duty.

Captain McKinney will perhaps be accompanied into the hall by Governor Lee, and some other one of the State officials will escort Major Tyler in.

THE OATH.

As soon as the chairman of the committee announces that the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor are present and ready to take the oaths of office the Speaker will ask the Judge present to administer the same, and this is a copy of the obligation which the Governor will take:

"I, Philip Watkins McKinney, do declare myself a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Virginia; that I recognize and accept the civil and political equality of all men before the law, and that I will faithfully perform the duty of the office of Governor to the best of my ability; that I have not since the 1st day of May, 1882, fought a duel the issue of which was, or probably might have been, the death of either party; nor have I been knowingly the bearer of any challenge or acceptance to fight a duel actually fought; nor have I been otherwise engaged or concerned, directly or indirectly, in a duel actually fought since said time; nor will I during my continuance in office be so engaged, directly or indirectly. So help me God."

The Lieutenant-Governor will take the same oath, and here will end the ceremonies and the joint assembly will adjourn.

TO HIS OFFICE.

After shaking hands with his friends and receiving their congratulations Governor McKinney will be shown up to the Governor's office, and Governor Lee will formally commit the trust which he now holds to the care of his worthy successor. The incoming official will hardly do much work on this day, which is a legal holiday, but in the event that any emergency shall arise necessitating executive action he will have to direct what shall be done.

As soon as the senators return to their chamber a committee will be appointed to wait on Major Tyler and escort him to the chair. It is not probable that there will be any inaugural speeches.

When Governor Lee was inaugurated the east gallery was reserved for ladies and their escorts, and the like will probably be done on this occasion.

PERSONAL.

Governor-elect McKinney will arrive in the city to-morrow and will stop at the Exchange Hotel until after his inauguration, when he will move into the Executive Mansion.

Governor Lee will leave for Lexington on Thursday to join his family, who left Richmond about a week ago.

No improvements or changes have been made in the Governor's Mansion. It is understood that the Governor-elect requested that no alterations be made until after his family moves into the building, and then if any repairs are made they will be to meet Mrs. McKinney's wishes.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The Attorney-General will take the oath of office on Wednesday also, but not at the same time with the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. He can qualify before any notary public, and it has been the practice for some time for the Secretary of the Commonwealth to administer the oath.

FORMER INAUGURATIONS.

Ceremonies Indulged in by Governors in the Olden Time.

At the close of the war Governor Peirpont the head of the "loyal" Virginia government, which for some time had existed at Alexandria, came to Richmond in the wake of the army of occupation and took possession of the office and residence vacated at the evacuation by Governor Smith. Peirpont so remained until by the reconstruction acts of Congress civil government was abolished in the old Commonwealth and Virginia was transformed into "Military District No. 1." It came about in time that General H. H. Wells was appointed Governor by a military order, and for several years he officiated at the Capitol and at the Executive residence.

On July 6, 1869, the people of Virginia were permitted to vote for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Attorney-General, and members of the General Assembly. Gilbert C. Walker then defeated Wells by over 19,000 majority.

After the result of the election was ascertained and the necessary course of reduptiam had been run, the General commanding (Canby) ordered Wells to vacate in favor of Walker.

WALKER'S INAUGURATION.

The transfer was effected by a very simple operation at the Executive mansion on September 21, 1869.

The precedent of a quiet inaugural was strictly followed.

At 11:30 A. M. Justice J. B. Crenshaw, armed with the Code of Virginia, presented himself at the door of the gubernatorial mansion ready to administer the necessary oaths.

A mulatto youth employed by Governor Wells answered the knock, and ushered him into the office on the left of the door where were seated Governor Wells, Judge Shumaker, Colonel Mallory, the Secretary of State, Private Secretary Dudley, and Mr. Wells, Jr.

After a few minutes' conversation Mr. Justice Crenshaw stepped forward, Code in hand, and administered the oaths, or rather affirmations, Colonel Walker raising his right hand and signifying his assent to each by a nod. These affirmations were—first, of fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia; second, to the Constitution of the United States; third, the anti-dueling affirmation; fourth, the usual oath of office. Governor Wells and General Canby then stepped forward and congratulated the Governor and wished him a pleasant administration. Later in the day Governor Walker was visited by many of his personal and political friends who wished to pay him their respects.

GOVERNOR KEMPER.

The inauguration of Governor Kemper took place January 1, 1874. The ceremony was simple and quite private, after which Governor Walker shook hands with the newly-made Governor and gracefully left the Executive mansion. The rest of the party proceeded at once to the Capitol.

GOVERNOR HOLLIDAY.

Governor F. W. M. Holliday was inaugurated with unusual ceremonies on January 1, 1878. A procession was formed in the following order: A police detachment; brigade of military consisting of the First regiment, of the Richmond Blues, and Danville Grays; a battalion under Captain John S. Wise; Winchester Band and Drum Corps; West Augusta Guard; Winchester Guard; Harrisonburg Guard; Stonewall Band; Howitzers and Staunton Artillery, and the battalion commanded by Captain Bumgardner, of Staunton; the Fire Department of Richmond.

The battalion of colored troops, composed of the Virginia Grays, the Carney Guard, and the Attucks Guard, formed on Broad street, but becoming dissatisfied with the place in line assigned them they declined to proceed further.

Carriages containing Governor Holliday, Lieutenant-Governor Thomas, Judge J. F. Lay, General W. H. F. Lee, and Judge Christian, Lieutenant-Governor J. A. Walker, Attorney-General Field, and members of the Legislature, followed in the procession. Governor Kemper met Colonel Holliday at the Capitol.

On the portico of the Capitol—in the presence of a large crowd assembled in the square—Judge Christain administered the oath of office, and Governor Holliday having been presented by Governor Kemper delivered his inaugural, after which he went to the Executive mansion.

SWORN IN IN PETERSBURG.

At five minutes past 12 o'clock Saturday night, December 31, 1881, at the home of Governor Cameron, in Petersburg, Judge Mann administered the oath of office to Colonel Cameron as Governor of Virginia.

On Sunday the Governor came to Richmond.

On Monday before noon Colonel Cameron, Lieutenant-Governor Lewis, and Attorney-General Blair met in the State Library in the presence of a few friends, and Judge Fitzhugh administered to each of them the oath of office. That night Governor Cameron with Mr. John S. Wise attended the Theatre. An allusion made to the Governor in one of the songs called forth hearty applause.

GOVERNOR LEE.

The inauguration of General Fitzhugh Lee as Governor, and Hon. John E. Massey as Lieutenant-Governor took place in the hall of the House of Delegates Friday, January 1, 1886, a few minutes after 12 o'clock. When Governor Lee entered the rotunda of the Capitol the dense crowd that was assembled there to get a look at him cheered him loudly. He walked down the aisle arm in arm with Governor Cameron, and was followed closely by Lieutenant-Governor Massey, who was accompanied by Hon. Henry W. Flournoy, Secretary of the Commonwealth. Judge L. L. Lewis, president of the Supreme Court, (who was invited to administer the oath of office to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor,) accompanied the party. Governor Lee walked around behind the Clerk's desk and stood to the left of the Speaker, and Lieutenant-Governor Massey stood on the right. The Speaker then requested Judge Lewis to administer the oath, which he did to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. Governor Lee, when leaving the hall of the House of Delegates, passed through the rotunda and repaired to the gubernatorial office.

There were assembled in the gubernatorial office Governor Cameron, Secretary Browning, Secretary of the Commonwealth Flournoy, Captain F. W. Dawson, of the Charleston *News and Courier*, Captain E. M. Hayes, of the First United States cavalry. Upon the lapel of the Governor's coat was pinned a handsome red silk badge of the Joel Parker Association, of New Jersey, with the following words: "Joel Parker Association of Newark, New Jersey: Inauguration of Governor Fitzhugh Lee, of Virgina, January 1, 1886."

The day being a legal holiday no business was transacted by the Governor. Several hours, however, were spent by him in his office receiving the congratulations of friends.

That night at the First Regiment Armory the citizens of Richmond gave a grand reception and ball to the Governor and Mrs. Lee.

THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE.

A Brief History of the Building and Mention of Its Occupants.

The old mansion which stands on the lot at the northeast corner of the Capitol Square has been the residence of the Governors of Virginia for nearly three quarters of a century. Previous to its erection the Governors occupied a house located in its neighborhood on what is now Ross street, or on the hill beyond just above the Exchange Hotel, which was called Council-Chamber Hill. Mr. Mordecai says in his "Richmond in Bygone Days" that it was a very plain wooden building of two stories, with only two moderate-sized rooms on the first floor. It was for many years unconscious of paint, and the palings around the yard were usually in so dilapidated a condition that the goats that sported on the steep hill-sides of the Capitol Square claimed and exercised the liberty of grazing on his Excellency's grounds.

BEGINNING OF THE BUILDING.

On the 13th of February, 1811, the General Assembly of Virginia passed "an act appointing Matthew Cheatham, Nathanael Selden, David Bullock, William McKim, Abraham B. Venable, William Wert, and Robert Greenhow commissioners, and authorizing them, or a majority of them, to contract for the building of a house on the lot on which the (then) Governor's house stands."

The sum of $12,000 was appropriated for the purpose, and the commissioners were directed not to exceed it.

They were empowered also to sell at public auction, for cash or on credit, a lot belonging to the State (which is now the ground on which the new City Hall is being built), and pay over the amount of sales into the State Treasury.

They were also directed to rent a suitable residence for the Governor until the mansion was finished.

A RENTED HOUSE.

They rented the house which was built and owned by Chief-Justice Marshall and is now standing on the southwest corner of Marshall and Ninth streets and opposite to the family residence of the Chief Justice, in which he lived until his death on the 6th of July, 1835.

Hon. James Barbour, being then Governor, occupied this house temporarily, and from its portico he reviewed the Petersburg volunteers (Captain McRae, commanding), who passed through Richmond on their way to Canada in the war of 1812.

THE ARCHITECT.

The committee selected Mr. B. H. Latrobe, of Baltimore, as the architect of the new building. He furnished the plans, which were afterwards changed somewhat by the commissioners because, as they said, "the building ought to be finished off in a style rather superior to that originally contemplated."

This deviation from the plan contracted for with Christopher Tompkins, the builder, necessitated the appointment of Alexander McKim and Wilson Bryan as referees to determine and fix the sum to be paid for the extra work.

THE COST.

By their report the actual cost of the dwelling-house for the use of the Chief Magistrate is fixed at	$14,525 58
Less than the sum therefor appropriated	474 47
Whole sum by two acts of Assembly appropriated being	$15,000 00
And the actual cost of all and every one of the out-houses on the said lot so erected, together with the plank enclosure, digging and removing a vast body of earth, as well to bring it to a more even surface as to increase its level extent by filling up the ravine, the said referees fix at	3,986 29
Less than the sum for the purpose granted	1,013 71
By act of Assembly appropriated	$5,000 00
Remaining from this statement, first, a balance of	474 47
And, secondly, of	1,013 71
	$1,488 18

which balance is chargeable with the sum of $60 due by account to their referee, Alexander McKim, as compensation for valuing, &c., and the further sum of $300 to William McKim, whose services the commissioners thought it necessary to command during the years 1811 and 1812 for the superintending, planning, &c., of the work to be performed—leaving after said deductions an unexpended balance of $1,128.18, a part of which will be necessarily expended in finishing the enclosure.

THE REPORT.

This report is signed by David Bullock, William McKim and Robert Greenhow. The McKims were the grandfather and great uncle of our former townsman James R. Fisher, now of Washington. Robert Greenhow was the uncle of Mr. Greenhow, in the City Treasurer's office, and David Bullock was a wealthy gentleman whose residence away out on Franklin street, with its shade-trees and extensive grounds, was one of the noticeable places in Richmond for many years. The recommendations of the commissioners were in after years acted upon from time to time, and now the grounds around and in front of the Governor's Mansion are very beautiful, the old house itself alone remaining to remind us of the simplicity and comfort in the architecture of the olden time—a time when, however, the executive residence was often if not usually called the Governor's Palace, by which royal name it appears on one of the earliest maps of the town.

GOVERNOR'S HOUSE.

Governor Barbour moved into the house some time in the winter of 1812-'13, and since that time the following Governors have occupied it successively in the order named: Wilson C. Nicholas, James C. Preston, Thomas M. Randolph, James Pleasants, John Tyler, William B. Giles, John Floyd, L. W. Tazewell, Wyndham Robertson, David Campbell, Thomas W. Gilmer, John M. Patton, John Rutherford, John M. Gregory, James McDowell, William Smith (two terms), John B. Floyd, Joseph Johnson, Henry Alvin, John Letcher, Francis H. Pierpoint, Henry H. Wells, Gilbert C. Walker, James L. Kemper, F. W. M. Holliday, William E. Cameron, and Fitzhugh Lee.

NEW MEN IN OFFICE.

Elections Held by Branches of Several Benevolent Orders.

At the last regular meeting of Rescue Council, No. 1, Jr. O. U. A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. T. Wingfield, counsellor; J. E. Timberlake, vice-counsellor; W. R. Walden, recording secretary; W. G. Martin, assistant recording secretary; E. H. Bolton, financial secretary; G. M. Rawson, treasurer; S. T. Tinsley, conductor; C. R. Johnson, warden; John McGowan, inside sentinel; A. E. Bartholomew, outside sentinel; John M. Blanks, trustee for eighteen months.

LEGION OF HONOR.

At a regular meeting of Virginia Council, American Legion of Honor, held at Powhatan Hall on Friday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: W. H. Williams, past commander; G. F. Gerhardt, commander; James A. Black, vice-commander; F. H. Garber, orator; Myer Angle, secretary; R. Edgar Shine, collector; H. H. Herbert, treasurer; Joseph Ettel, chaplain; George Meridew, warden; Charles H. Clarke, sentry; Dr. William F. Farrar, medical examiner; Myer Angle, Robert Johnson, and Joseph Ettel, trustees.

ORDER OF IRON HALL.

At a regular meeting of Sisterhood Branch, No. 57, Order Iron Hall, held at their hall Friday, December 20th, the following officers were elected: Past Chief Justice, J. A. Marshall; Chief Justice, A. M. Robertson; Vice-Justice, Hattie Van Vort; Prelate, L. Harmon; Adjuster, H. A. Moody; Watchman, A. G. Smith; Vidette, L. Haake; Herald, Belle Daniels; Accountant, J. E. Holloway. Trustees: B. Hutzler, C. Koch, and N. R. Duke.

CLAY ASSEMBLY.

At the regular meeting of Clay Assemble, No. 175, Royal Society of Good Fellows, held Friday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Past Ruler, Charles H. Epps; Ruler, E. A. Barber; Instructor, Richard W. Jones; Councillor, W. J. Epps; Secretary, Charles J. Shuman; Financial Secretary, Philip Heilstern; Treasurer, Lewis H. Blount; Prelate, H. C. Sims; Director, J. J. Gravins; Sentry, E. R. Bailie; Guard, Jacob Keck. Trustees: James D. Craig, Levi Hexter, and Charles Weil.

NAPOLEON COUNCIL, NO. 411.

At the last regular meeting of Napoleon Council, No. 411, American Legion of Honor, the following officers were elected for the next year: J. Samuel Parrish, commander; R. S. Denny, vice-commander; Cabell Thompson, orator; A. R. Courtney, past commander; C. F. Hudnall, secretary; W. J. McDowell, collector; M. P. Hudnall, treasurer; A. F. Rogers, guide; G. Smith, chaplain; F. W. Stevenson, warden; James Morris, Sr., sentry. After the meeting was closed the council retired to Krause's for refreshments.

THE DOCTORS.

At a meeting of the Richmond Medical and Surgical Society held Thursday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. George Ben. Johnston; First Vice-President, Dr. Edward McGuire; Second Vice-President, Dr. Edward C. Smith; Secretary, Dr. C. L. Cudlipp; Treasurer, Dr. M. D. Hoge, Jr.; Librarian, Dr. Benjamin Harrison.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Deeds of Bargain and Sale Recorded in the City and County.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were recorded yesterday in the clerk's office of the Chancery Court of Richmond:

Fannie E. Townsend to Thomas J. Moncure, 5 inches on the east side of Twenty-fourth street between Broad and Marshall, $1.

John H. Warren and wife to Willard Wakefield, 42½ feet on Twenty-third street at the northeast corner of N. $750.

Claiborne Watkins and wife to Charles H. Watkins, trustee, 35 feet on the north side of Park avenue east of Harrison street, $10.

Agreement: Richmond City Railway Company with The Richmond Locomotive and Machine-Works, for the purchase of fifteen street-cars, with trucks for electric motors, $13,758.76.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT.

James Agley and wife to M. I. Parrott, 126 acres in Henrico county, improved, $800.

Thomas Moore and wife to Frederick C. Brauer, 3[illegible]8-10 feet on the east side of the Mechanicsville turnpike; also, 363 feet east of and adjoining; also, 36½ feet adjoining the second tract on the north, $4,500.

Henry Neurohr and wife to George E. Anderson, 28 feet on the south side of Wood street, improved, $600.

Quit-Claim Deed: W. H. S. Wood and Emma C. and Eugene Mason to John B. Crenshaw's heirs, one fourth interest in 400 acres between Brook creek and the Chickahominy; also, 40 acres near Brook-Run church; also, interest in the fund under the control of the Chancery Court.

Fulton Baptist School.

The Fulton Baptist Sunday school gave their annual entertainment Friday afternoon and night. Having outgrown the seating capacity of the church, it was necessary to divide the exercises thus: The Infant class, numbering 150 scholars, led on by their young and faithful teacher, Miss Reams, enjoyed many nice presents and appropriate gifts, with addresses and songs, during the afternoon. At night the larger attendance of older scholars and their friends were delighted with songs, speeches, decorations, timely and helpful presents, prizes, &c., &c. The choir rendered some fine pieces, aided by Messrs. Montgomery, Fitzwilson, and Housman, and Mr. Smith, of the Amateur Orchestra. The pastor was, as usual, handsomely remembered by his loving people, and assured them that he would not accept another call just pending, but would wear the handsome suit, as well as himself, out in their service. One lady brought as a Christmas-gift the first individual contribution for the new church, which has become a great necessity.

The Good Templars' Entertainment.

Sidney Lodge, I. O. G. T., gave a nice entertainment at Belvidere Hall Friday night. Speeches, songs, recitations, and a handsome collation were the features of the evening. Mr. Joseph H. Shepherd welcomed the visitors in true Virginia style, and in glowing words he tendered warm greetings to all, and wove another chaplet about the holly-crowned brow of King Christmas. Touching upon temperance, he very ably portrayed the danger that temptation ever nurses for the innocent. Then came solos by Mr. Towers Bethel, Misses E. Barnes, Ella Haurand, and Mr. Walter Martin, who was *encored*. The songs were interspersed with charming recitations by Misses Lottie Tulane, Lizzie Haurand, Beulah Bethel, Lillie Brown, and Mr. Kidwell, and with reading by Miss Ella Johnson. The entertainment closed with a song and chorus by the members of the lodge, which is doing a noble work worthy of all commendation.

Assignment of W. R. D. Gascoyne.

Mr. W. R. D. Gascoyne, proprietor of the Virginia Steam Coffee- and Spice-Mills and a commission broker, who for some time past has conducted business at 1113 east Cary street, yesterday made a deed of assignment to Frank M. Woon, trustee. The property conveyed consists of all the fixtures at his place of business, the machinery in his mill in the alley in the rear of Cary street between Twelfth and Thirteenth, and a horse and wagon.

The preferred claims are Edgar Allan and J. Samuel Parrish, $50; taxes, $89; notes respectively for $111.75, $218.10, $690, $953.16, $195.98, $577.28, $484.16; Richard Adam, $61.12; Richmond and Alleghany railroad, $12.50.

The creditors of the second class are Richard Adam, $190; Thomas Potts & Co., $40.62; H. Wallerstein & Co., $42.12; Grim Conway, of Philadelphia, $32.94; W. J. Newton, of Washington, $240; Charles F. Taylor & Co., $119.88. There are also a number of small claims under $20. The total liabilities are placed at $4,000.

Suits Instituted.

The following suits were instituted yesterday in the City Circuit Court:

H. D. Smith against Ammons & Hardesty, $300.

E. G. Ford against August Clason and E. E. Taylor & Co., $261.

B. B. Chaffin & Co. against W. E. Grant, $1,324.98.

THE PRESIDENT HERE

HE AND SEVERAL FRIENDS PASS THROUGH THE CITY RETURNING HOME.

They Are Met by the Mayor and Citizens but Have Not Time to Accept Our Hospitality.

Hon. Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, was in Richmond for a short while yesterday afternoon.

He did not remain in the city quite an hour, and very few people knew of his presence until he was on the train being rapidly borne to the national capital.

He was accompanied by United States Senators Joseph R. Hawley, of Connecticut, and George F. Edmunds, of Vermont; Justice Gray, of the United States Supreme Court; J. W. Thompson, Esq., a Washington broker, and Mr. A. E. Bateman, a wealthy New York broker, more commonly known and spoken of as Commodore Bateman.

The President and his friends, availing themselves of the opportunity afforded them during the holidays, were out on a brief cruise and duck-shooting expedition and were travelling in Commodore Bateman's elegant yacht "Meteor."

TO MEET THEM.

Late Friday night Mr. John P. Branch received a telegram from Mr. Bateman, dated at Claremont, saying that the President's party would reach here at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and requesting that carriages be sent down to meet them.

Mr. Branch at once determined to do the hospitable thing and show that our people love to do honor to the Chief Magistrate of the country, notwithstanding the fact that his political opinions and affiliations are very foreign to what we consider the proper thing. He determined not only to engage empty carriages to accommodate the distinguished visitors, but also to carry down several others filled with leading citizens of Richmond to welcome them and make them our guests while in the city.

The Mayor was waited on and very promptly consented to drive down to meet General Harrison, as did quite a number of our leading business-men. Mr. Branch went further. He made preparations to have the visitors driven through the city and shown some of the beauties of our parks and suburbs, prepared to entertain them at tea at his residence, and waited on the Governor and asked that he would either meet the President or prepare to receive him and his friends at the Executive Mansion. Governor Lee replied that he had an engagement rendering it inconvenient for him to go to the boat in the afternoon, but that he would beat the Mansion and would receive General Harrison with pleasure. He further remarked that the coming of the President not having been officially announced, it was the proper thing that he should remain at home and let the President call on him.

TO THE WHARF.

The gentlemen who were going down to the wharf met at the office of Thomas Branch & Co., in rear of the Merchants and Planters National Bank, and about half-past 3 o'clock took carriages and drove to the Old Dominion Steamship Company's wharf, where it was expected that the yacht would land.

About a half dozen carriages drove up to the sheds about ten minutes before 4 o'clock and the occupants alighted. They were Mayor J. Taylor Ellyson, Major Frederick R. Scott, Mr. John P. Branch, Messrs. Blythe and John K. Branch, Dr. J. R. McCaw, Colonel A. S. Buford, Major James H. Dooley, Mr. L. D. Christian, and Philip A. Bruce, Esq., editor of the *Daily Times*.

These gentlemen waited patiently for a half hour or more, but the yacht came not, and all of the newspapers coming up the stream reported that they had not seen or heard anything of it. Still they waited and chatted, but the expected came not.

WENT TO MEET HIM.

Finally the happy idea of going down the river in a tug to meet the company was conceived, but here an obstacle was encountered. Both of the city tugs were near at hand, but the Henry Christian had a loaded barge of sand to carry down the stream and dump, and the Craighill, which had been retired for the day and run in below the dry-dock on the south side of the stream, was not steamed up. Mayor Ellyson was determined not to be outwitted by such trifles as these, so he boarded the Christian, was carried over to the Craighill, and asked that it be gotten ready for service as speedily as possible.

Captain Thomas Cunningham put his men to work, and in a few minutes the tug came steaming across the James. The members of the party who had gone down several hundred yards below the wharves, climbed down a 15-foot ladder over another tug anchored there and into the Craighill, and were soon being borne down the stream at quite a good rate of speed.

HERE SHE COMES.

When nearing the monitors, which are safely nestled in the still water of a bend about two and a half miles below the city on the south side of the river, and behind rows of piles which have been sunk to keep them from being injured by drift, and while discussing the advisability of giving Commander McCurley a Christmas serenade, Captain Cunningham, who had his glasses to his eyes, spied a red light approaching in the distance, and exclaimed, "There comes the yacht." Many who had concluded that the party had abandoned the trip up the James wanted to argue that this was the Ariel's light, but the Captain insisted that it was the yacht, and he proved to be correct, for the well-manned little cigar-shaped craft soon hove in full view.

The Craighill turned around and her passengers were transferred to the "Meteor" as soon as the two vessels could be gotten close enough together to walk from one to the other by means of the gang-way.

TO THE PRESIDENT.

Commander Bateman, who was running the yacht himself, came down and received the Richmonders, several of whom he knew personally, and presented them to the President individually. They were also presented to Senators Hawley and Edmunds, who were on the deck near the President, Justice Gray and Mr. Thompson were in the cabin, and neither of them came on deck until a few minutes before the vessel landed.

General Harrison received his callers courteously, and it might be said cordially for a man of his natural reserve. He seemed a little surprised at being met by the delegation, and expressed his gratification that the people of Richmond should have seen fit to show him this mark of respect.

MAY COME AGAIN.

Almost as soon as the tug party had gotten on board the yacht Mr. Bateman gave them to understand that the presidential party would not stop in the city at all, but that they would have to hurry in order to make connection with the northbound train, which he thought left at 6:30. When he was informed that there was another train, leaving at 7:13 the Commodore said they would not have to be in so much of a hurry, but that they would have to catch the train, as the President was compelled to return to Washington, and his (Bateman's) private car had been ordered here to carry them.

Mr. Branch, Mayor Ellyson, and Colonel Buford, who were engaged in conversation with General Harrison and Mr. Bateman, all expressed regret that so hurried a trip would have to be made.

Mr. Branch said to the President that it was desired that he should call on the Governor who had been told of his coming and who with members of his staff were at the Executive Mansion awaiting his arrival. "I shall have to ask you to excuse me," replied the President. "We will hardly have time to do more than drive from the wharf to the depot. Besides, I wanted this to be a private trip and must ask that you will excuse me from any formality and allow me to pass through your city quietly, as I had wished to do."

"I hope," Mr. Branch remarked, "that you will at least drive to my house and take tea, which I have had prepared for you. There is no doubt that abundant time will be had for this, and I shall be most pleased to have you and your friends with us if for only a few minutes."

"I appreciate your kindness and hospitality," replied the President, who was evidently determined not to submit to receiving any further social attentions than possible on this trip, "and should be glad to accept, but you will have to excuse me this time, as I only came on a quiet little resting spell."

"We will consider," joined in Colonel Buford, "this as a promise to come again when we can have the pleasure of a longer stay, and be allowed to share our hospitality with you."

General Harrison replied rather evasively, saying that he would be glad to visit Virginia at some future time, when he can find it convenient to spare the time.

SUPPED ON BOARD.

About this time a voice from the dark called to the President and informed him that supper was ready in the cabin and that Commander Bateman thought he had better excuse himself and take tea, so as to be ready for travelling when the boat reached the wharf. This General Harrison did, and his friends on board followed his example. Senator Hawley, said Mr. Bateman, would be glad to have his Richmond friends take tea with him, but he was not prepared to entertain so large a number.

TO THE DEPOT.

The yacht arrived at the Old Dominion wharf at a few minutes after 6 o'clock but some difficulty was experienced in getting the vessel up close enough to land as the water was very low, and it was half-past 6 when the passengers were put ashore. They immediately took carriages and drove hurriedly to the Byrd-street station, where they entered Mr. Bateman's private car, which was attached to the 7:13 train, and in a few minutes they left for Washington, where they ought to have arrived about 11:30 o'clock.

THE TRIP HERE.

The party left Washington at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The yacht did not anchor the first night of the trip, though she had to lay at anchor in the Potomac for several hours before night on account of high wind, but sped over the waters of the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay at the rate of eighteen miles per hour.

They came around by Old Point direct to James river. Friday night was spent near Upper Bradon.

Yesterday morning the President was up before 6 o'clock and went out into Chipoax creek to shoot ducks. Senators Hawley and Edmunds, Justice Gray, Mr. Thompson, and Commodore Bateman embarked in a small steam-launch and also went to look for birds.

THE NEGRO BOATMAN.

The President hired an old country darky named Sam to take him out in a boat which the old negro uses to go out to catch fish and game.

Sam is a typical old Virginia negro, and is probably sixty years old. He was delighted when he learned of the distinguished gentleman who was to occupy the old weather-beaten boat with him.

General Harrison and his negro boatman remained out several hours. Ducks, however, were scarce, and the President succeeded in killing only one bird. He returned to the yacht before his companions, who were sailing around in the launch.

A DIFFICULT LANDING.

General Harrison pointed out a particular spot where he wanted the negro to land him. Sam paddled the boat as near to shore as he could, but the little craft stuck in the mud and the boatman could neither paddle it forward nor backward.

After many fruitless attempts to get it near enough to shore to land its freight Sam got into the water, which was about a foot deep, and attempted to pull the boat to the bank. The President caught up an oar and shoved the vessel from the stern. The boat was at last gotten near enough to the bank for the President to jump ashore. His clothes were covered with water and mud, which had spattered on him while Sam was trying to get the boat to the shore.

General Harrison gave the negro a silver dollar and the old fisherman chuckled with delight and declared he had never seen so much money in his life.

When he returned to the yacht Mr. Harrison had to change muddy clothes for a clean suit.

THE OTHER PARTY.

The party in the launch returned to the yacht soon after Mr. Harrison. They succeeded in killing two ducks and a third one was shot down but not recovered.

THE TRIP TO RICHMOND.

The start was made for Richmond in the early afternoon. The only stop was at Berkley, where the President and his party went ashore and walked over the grounds where Mr. Harrison's grandfather was born and where his boyhood days were spent.

The afternoon was warm and the sunshine invigorating. Soft-cushioned chairs were brought upon deck for the distinguished gentlemen. Mr. Harrison seemed to view with a great deal of interest the country along the James and frequently commented upon the historic country through which he travelled.

HE SHOT A HOG.

While the President was not very successful in pulling down ducks he seems to have found larger game, as evidenced by the following special to the *Dispatch* received last night from Claremont:

President Harrison and party, who arrived here with Commodore Bateman yesterday to hunt ducks on Chipoax creek, had a pleasant out not very successful time with the ducks, and left soon after dark for Upper Brandon, where they spent the night aboard their yacht, leaving for Richmond at 12 o'clock to-day. In Richmond they will board the Commodore's private car Meteor on their return home. I learn that while on the Chipoax Sats Mr. Harrison had the good fortune to kill a large hog, the property of Gilbert Wooten (colored), which, through the tall swamp-grass, he mistook for a coon.

HIS FORMER VISIT.

This was General Harrison's fourth visit to Virginia. He first came here in 1856, when a boy of eighteen, and spent a short while with relatives down the river. During the war he passed through Richmond with General Sherman's army, and four years ago, while in the Senate, he brought his wife and another member of his family to Richmond, spent a night here and next day went down to Berkeley or Westover. They went down the James on the Ariel, which was then commanded by Captain Gifford, and landed at City Point, and from there proceeded in the steam-launch which was kindly tendered the Senator by the commander of the monitor fleet.

The President's reason for returning to Washington via Richmond instead of going up the Potomac as he came was that he could make the trip home quicker this way. On the way up the James they stopped at both Lower and Upper Brandon, and spent an hour yesterday at Berkeley waiting in the hope that the tide, which was then very low, would rise so as to afford better travel up the stream.

PERSONAL.

President Harrison spent the greater part of yesterday afternoon on deck, and as night drew nigh he pulled on his thick dark overcoat of beaver cloth or some similar material and turned up the collar to keep the cold air from his neck. He wore a dark, drab-colored soft hat, which was mashed in on top as though it had been under some one's foot. He is a man of good physique, about five feet ten inches tall, and quite stout. His hair is strongly tinged with gray, and in his short, thick beard the white hairs predominate. The President speaks slowly and in a rather drawling voice, but has an accent not altogether unpleasant. He is better-looking than most of his published pictures represent him to be.

The seamen spoke of him in complimentary terms. One of them remarked to a *Dispatch* reporter: "He is a plain and unpretentious man. He does not put on any airs and does not mind taking hold and waiting on himself." In brief the President is a typical business-man of the North of very plain manner.

THE YACHT.

The craft on which the presidential party sailed is a very handsome brig-rigged yacht, and as above stated is owned by Mr. Bateman. It was built in Europe and designed to cross the ocean in four days, but of course it cannot be made to make such fast time. It is capable, however, of making eighteen knots per hour when fitted up with a four-bladed wheel. The wheel now used has but two blades. The yacht was built as a schooner-rigged vessel, but has been converted into a brig-rigged one. It is known throughout the country as the cigar-shaped vessel, and is the one in which Mr. Brice made his trip to the West Indies a year or two ago. It is only used in the fall and winter months; never in summer.

Mr. Bateman accompanied the President to Washington, but will return this evening, and his yacht will leave to-morrow. Its place of regular anchorage is on the Brooklyn side of the river.

FORMER VISITS.

President Lincoln was in this city a short time before he was killed. He came and left on a gunboat. Andy Johnson was too busy fighting Congress ever to come here. General Grant, though in Richmond once or more after the war, never visited the city while he was President. Hayes and several members of his Cabinet were here the first Fair after the beginning of that Administration—in 1877. Garfield would, no doubt, have been glad enough to come to see us had Guiteau allowed him to live a little longer. Arthur was here *en route* to Florida on February 21, 1883. He did not leave the train.

Cleveland was here on November 1, 1887, and made a speech on the Fair-Grounds, and going to and from the South he passed through this city once or twice. And President Harrison was here yesterday.

THE PRESIDENT AT HOME.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—The President and party, consisting of Associate-Justice Gray, Senators Edmunds and Hawley, A. E. Bateman (of New York), and John W. Thompson (of Washington), arrived in this city to-night at 11 o'clock from Richmond. They were not very successful so far as duck-shooting is concerned on account of the unfavorable conditions, but nevertheless they had a very pleasant time.

POPULAR AMUSEMENTS.

Programmes for the Theatre and Academy of Music.

The management of the Boston Ideals have determined to confine their efforts hereafter to the grand opera field. To this end the purpose of the manager has been to constitute an *ensemble* of the first excellence, which implies not only an enlistment of principals, but also a large and well-chosen chorus and a complete orchestra. The list of leading artists has been announced. Miss Pauline L'Allemand sang with this company last year. Notable among her newest triumphs are her Lucia di Lammermoor in Donizetti's masterpiece, and her Gilda in Verdi's "Rigoletto."

Miss Emma Romeldi, the dramatic soprano, has been heard in Richmond in grand opera and is remembered with pleasure. Her greatest reputation, however, was earned in Europe, where as Norma she made her *début* some three years ago, and afterwards in all the other great soprano roles.

Miss Helen Von Doenhoff, a Hungarian by birth, is one of the best known contraltos in America, and has achieved deserved celebrity on the operatic stage, having sung with Lilhe Lehman, Penotti, and others of the first class. She is pronounced the best Azzuna in "Il Trovatore" in Europe or America, and her r