RICHMOND IN BRIEF.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS ABOUT CURRENT LOCAL EVENTS.

Personal Points About Our Friends—Church Services, Court Cases, and Other Notes.

Mrs. B. B. Minor, after an illness of two months, is now a little better.

Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, of Chicago, is visiting her brother, Mr. A. C. Becker.

There were two ambulance calls yesterday, but neither of them in serious cases.

Mr. Owen A. Mallory is quite sick at the residence of his son-in-law, on Church Hill.

Major A. R. Courtney expects to leave Monday for Florida. He will be absent until spring.

Mr. W. D. Baldwin, the well-known patent lawyer of Washington, was in the city yesterday.

Sheriff Alexander and Deputy-Sheriff Chisholm, of Hanover county, were at the Capitol yesterday.

Miss Louisa Shutte has returned to Richmond from Philadelphia, where she has been visiting friends.

Dr. William Henry Scott and Miss Emma Scott were among the spectators at the Mardi Gras, in New Orleans.

Judge N. S. Turnbull, of Brunswick, is in the city for a few days with Hon. John Jackson, 106 south Third street.

Cadet George Weinbrunn, of Blacksburg College, who was called home by the death of his father, returned yesterday.

Miss Wheeler, daughter of Major A. M. Wheeler, of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting Miss Annie Barber, Eighth and Leigh streets.

Adjutant-General James McDonald, who has been sick for several days, has now recovered and is able to attend to the duties of his office.

Drs. Frank Steel and F. T. Baker will leave for Philadelphia to-day to attend the annual convention of the League of American Wheelmen.

Rev. George Leonard Chaney will preach this evening at 4 o'clock in Belvidere Hall on a text proposed by Thomas Jefferson eighty years ago.

The marriage of Mr. A. M. Meyer, of this city, and Miss Bertha Abrahams, of New York, will take place at Victoria Hall, New York, on Tuesday next.

Dr. J. A. White has returned from New York, where he has been as a delegate from Virginia to the meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The West-End Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its regular meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. William W. Netherland, of the Richmond and Danville railroad, Washington, D. C., is in the city on a visit to his old home after an absence of five years.

Miss Hennie M. Weymouth, of north Fifth street, has returned home after a three months' visit to her brother, Dr. John H. Weymouth, of Beverly, W. Va.

There will be a regular meeting of Libertas Lodge of Perfection, No. 5, A. and A. Scottish Rite, at St. Albans Hall next Monday night. Several petitions for the April class will be presented.

Mr. Robert Bryden, of Danville, and Mr. T. Ashby Miller, of Richmond, were yesterday appointed by the Governor members of the State Board of Pharmacy for a term of five years.

Daniel Bradford, Sr., who has been a resident of Richmond for the last thirty years, and father of Thomas H. Bradford, printer, is lying dangerously ill at his residence, 511 west Marshall street.

The Walker Light Guard will leave for Washington to attend the inauguration of Mr. Cleveland on Friday night, March 3d. The hour for their departure has not yet been fixed. The company will carry about fifty men.

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Henry Dean, whose death at the advanced age of 85 years was announced in yesterday's DISPATCH, will take place from the Marshall-Street Christian church at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Fulton property is enhancing in value very much. Last spring Messrs. Jackson Brandt & Co. sold lots in that locality at $1 per foot and have recently made sales of the same land for building purposes at $10 per foot.

The Baptist City Missionary Society will hold its monthly meeting with the Grove-Avenue church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Good music and short talks may be expected. These meetings are for both men and women.

In the list of post graduates in Tuesday's DISPATCH the standing of Misses Myrtle Verser and Florence Meyer was *exactly the same*, but as the names were written in alphabetical order Miss Meyer's name was placed first.

The Executive Committee of the Virginia Agricultural Society and Colonel John Murphy have agreed upon three gentlemen who will meet Monday and arbitrate the matter of settling the shortage on account of the recent Exposition.

During the storm of Friday evening a wire of the Fire Department circuit fell across an electric-light wire at the corner of Fourth and Broad streets, thereby ringing out eight or ten gongs of the department. The damage probably amounted to $75.

John Everett, who was convicted in Norfolk county September, 1878, for murder in the second degree and sentenced to the penitentiary for eighteen years, was pardoned by Governor McKinney yesterday. He was released on account of his old age and failing health.

In a notice of the assembly held in the Baker City on the 10th, which was a brilliant affair, a Philadelphia paper says: "Among the fair strangers Miss Irene Langhorne, of Richmond, a new beauty and friend of Miss Effie Gubb, easily carried off the honors of the evening."

Mr. Tom Washington, the drummer for Alsop, Mosby & Co., who, as was published in yesterday's DISPATCH, narrowly escaped drowning in the Dan river on Thursday night, has not yet been heard from. It is expected that he will report to his house at once, as he lost his samples.

George Lathrop, Howard Holland, Malcomb Shackelford, Conme Myers, George Derbyshire, John Coke, Blythe Moore, John Lay, Patrick Bryan, Carrydon Hobson, and Moore Lathrop are getting up an Easter minstrel which will be given at Belvidere Hall for charitable purposes after Easter.

The committee of the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Virginia, charged with preparing or having prepared and published a school history of the late war for use in the southern schools, will meet at the Exchange Hotel at noon on the 22d of February. Senator Stubbs is chairman of the committee.

Mr. Edgerton S. Rogers has purchased the Spotts residence, formerly the Coalter place, on the corner of Third and Canal streets. Mr. Rogers expects to erect some handsome residences on this property. The price paid was $15,000. The sale was made through Messrs. Jackson Brandt & Co.

Mr. C. A. Crawford has returned from Atlantic City, where he represented Granite Council, No. 29, of this city, in the Supreme Council of the Legion of Red Cross, which adjourned Wednesday. Mr. Crawford was elected supreme vice-commander and Mr. Joseph H. Shepherd supreme commander for the State of Virginia.

District Grand Lodge, No. 8, of the order of Hesper Spel Barzel, whose jurisdiction extends from Pennsylvania to Texas, will meet in annual session in Baltimore next Sunday. Mr. E. A. Ezekiel will attend as the representative of Hiller Lodge, of Richmond. The Grand Lodge will be handsomely entertained by the Baltimore lodges.

The annual meeting of the Peter Stumpf Brewing Company was held Friday and the following officers re-elected: Peter Stumpf, president; John D. Doyle, vice-president; Joseph Stumpf, secretary and treasurer, and Ernest Meyer, Master Brewer. Directors—John D. Doyle, G. C. Guvernator, Ernest Meyer, John Pope, F. Sitterding, Peter Stumpf, and Joseph Stumpf.

Mr. W. J. Anderson and Mr. R. G. Reynolds, of the Richmond Stove Company, have purchased of Mr. P. H. Mayo, through Jackson Brandt & Co., the plat of ground opposite their factory, corner Twenty-fifth and Main streets. They propose to erect a large warehouse and showrooms with offices for the Richmond Stove Company. This part of the city is looking up very much.

The revival meetings which were begun at Grace-Street Baptist church last Monday night have attracted immense congregations. Dr. Hatcher has been assisted by Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore. The latter left for Baltimore yesterday and will return to Richmond Wednesday to remain nearly two weeks. Meanwhile Dr. Hatcher will continue the revivals and will preach twice a day. On Monday and Tuesday night he will be assisted by his brother pastors of this city. Owing to the impossibility of accommodating the large crowds in the basement it has been determined to fit up the great auditorium so that services may be held here. The room will be at once supplied with chairs and electric lights, and when the arrangements are completed it will seat nearly 2,000 people.

The Thurman Democratic Club held an important meeting at McDonough's Hall on Friday night. S. Hirshberg, the vice-president, filled the chair, and the attendance was quite large. After the transaction of the routine business the club elected T. E. Richardson, secretary, and Henry Koss, treasurer.

Despite the inclemency of the weather a goodly concourse of Good Templars, of Sidney Lodge, No. 423, assembled at Belvidere Hall Friday night. A considerable amount of routine business was disposed of, the various committees made reports, and other matters of interest were duly considered. The recent entertainment was a grand success.

Most of the Richmond delegates to the Young Men's Christian Association Convention have returned from Norfolk, delighted with their trip. Mr. Tibbetts, the new secretary of the Richmond association, will conduct a meeting in Norfolk to-day and come up to-morrow. Mr. Tibbetts has made a very favorable impression on all who have met him here.

The Henrico Democratic Club of Shumaker's Precinct held a meeting last night with about seventy persons present. Some twenty or more new members were elected, and Mr. William H. Sands, the only one of the candidates for the clerkship present, made a speech. This contest is becoming decidedly interesting. Messrs. Waddill, Sands, Binford, and Gilliam are all hard at work, and so are their friends. It is thought that a primary will be held the latter part of March.

At the residence of Mr. Jacob S. Allen, Chestnut Hill, Friday night a lamp was thrown on the floor by a table being overturned. The oil caught fire, and what might have proven a serious accident was happily averted by the presence of mind of Mr. Allen's daughter, Mrs. Oscar McCullen, who, with several small children, happened to be the only person in the house at the time. She snatched the burning lamp from the carpet and running in an adjoining room, soon smothered the flames with a rug. No one was hurt, but all very much frightened.

A COUNTRY MASQUERADE.

A Delightful Dance Given at Tree Hill. The Characters.

There was a very pleasant masquerade party given at the Tree-Hill Farm, Varina District, Henrico county, Tuesday night. Some of the costumes were not only novel efforts of the dressmakers' art, but were really beautiful, and the scene was indeed a pretty one. Among the dancers were: Misses Helen Dickinson, Cotton; Bessie Dickinson Night; Pearl Baker, Milk-Maid; Henrietta Whitlock, Jacobite Lady; Bertha Whitlock, Gypsy; Florence Carter, Night; Augusta Hoeninger, Grecian Lady; Maggie Johnson, Swedish Girl; Eugie Gunn, Night; Mabel Glenn, Little Bo Peep; Clara Lester, United States Flag; Hettie Lester, Gypsy; Sadie Harnish, Night; Lucile O'Brien, Sailor Girl; Annie Sweeny, Cotton; Ida Fussell, Sailor Girl; Blanche Savage, Little Red Riding Hood; Mrs. G. K. Roper, Pocahontas; Mrs. Harry Boyer, German Girl; T. L. Whitlock, English Servant; H. H. Johnson, Scotch Highlander; L. L. Fussell, Executioner; H. E. Boyer, Private Artilleryman; R. Sunday, Drum-Major; Lee Sunday, Infantryman; Charles Harnish, Clown; Linwood Wills, Country Negro; Richard Sweeny, English Servant; James Sweeny, Prince; J. E. Beadles, Cowboy; C. B. Jeter, Sailor; Simon Solomon, Indian Chief; Fred. Hoeninger, Grotesque Negro; Willie Hoeninger, Artilleryman; Fred. Woodson, Sailor; Clifford Drinker, Dandy Jim; George Drinker, Jr., King Cotton; Charlie Roper, Huntsman; Lee Meyers, Sailor, and Master Wellford Gunn, Flower-Girl.

The chaperons were Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. George Drinker, and Mrs. J. S. Atlee. The entertainment was gotten up by the ladies, and the efficient Committee of Arrangements consisted of Miss Henrietta Whitlock, Miss Eugenia Gunn, and Miss Maggie Johnson. Mr. R. E. Garnett acted as floor manager.

Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Brown, Miss Ellie Atlee, and Miss Sadie Atlee were present but not in costume.

About midnight refreshments were served.

NEWS ABOUT MASONS.

Breezy Notes Gleaned from the Several Lodges.

Washington Chapter held its regular convocation at the Temple on Friday evening. The Mark and Past-Master's degree was conferred on three candidates, R. H. M. Harrison officiating. Several application were presented for the degrees.

The last meeting of Dove Lodge, No. 51, was held at the Temple on Friday night. The first degree was conferred by Senior-Warden R. W. Jeffrey, who manifested his thorough knowledge of the work.

Mr. J. C. Little, of Norfolk, past grand lecturer, has organized a class of instruction here which meets at his office twice a week. This excellent opportunity for the members of the fraternity in this city to learn the work is duly appreciated, and Mr. Little's class is quite large.

The regular meeting of Richmond Randolph Lodge will be held at Masons' Hall on Tuesday night.

Fraternal Lodge, No. 53, held its regular communication at the Masonic Temple last Monday evening. The Fellow-Craft and Master-Mason degrees were conferred by Mr. L. Z. Morris. Several applications were presented, and three applicants were elected to receive the degrees.

Libertas Lodge of Perfection will meet at St. Albans Hall Monday evening. The annual election of officers will take place.

Amity Lodge, No. 76, will hold its regular meeting at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening. The F. C. degree will be conferred on several candidates.

Acca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will meet Thursday night. Several weary sons will cross the sands. Fred. Pleasants is potentate, and it is needless to say that the degrees will be given with all the variations.

CLEANING OUT THE LAKE.

Many Fish Given to the Poor People of the City.

The water has been turned out of the lake at the New reservoir. This was done Friday in accordance with a resolution of the Grounds and Buildings Committee in order that the place might be cleaned out.

For a long while there was a great deal of complaint about the stagnancy of the water in the lake, and the Council finally instructed the Water Committee to take the steps necessary to prevent this.

The fish were taken from the lake in large quantities and deposited in the pond in Shields's woods. A great many were given to the poor persons of the community. The removal of the finny family from their old home was a very interesting spectacle to behold.

In Miss Kaufman's Honor.

The entertainment given Friday night by Mrs. I. Kaufman in honor of Miss Viola Kaufman, at No. 401 east Clay street, was a highly enjoyable affair. A splendid supper was served, and the guests passed a delightful evening in dancing and other amusements. There was some excellent music and a recitation by Miss Kaufman. The ladies present were Misses Mattie Schwarzchild, Flora Nelson, Jeane Lovenstein, May Goldenburg, Beulah Eichel, Sadie Levy, Birdie Felheimer, Cora Binswanger, Bessie Weisberg, Ellen and Estelle Fleisheimer, Rita Myers, Beatrice Wallerstein, Esther Lewit, Amelia Klauweiler, Nettie Bottigheimer, Minnie Block, Rosa Wiel, and Miss Lang. The gentlemen were Messrs. Sidney Lovenstein, Meno Mittledorfer, Albert Wise, Simon Block, Samuel Thalhimer, Ellis Hutzler, Lee Reinheimer, J. Weisberg, Albert Lang, Ike Wallerstein, and Herbert Dallman.

One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the candle party. The following were those who won the prizes: First girls' prize, Miss Jeane Lovenstein; first boys' prize, Mr. Ellis Hutzler; Booby girls', Miss Beulah Eichel; boys', Mr. Samuel Thalhimer.

Pythian-Day Exercises.

This being Pythian-Day the Richmond lodges of the order will commemorate the occasion with a special service at the Second Baptist church at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. Landrum will preach a sermon upon "Pythianism and Its Benefits." The music will be specially appropriate and beautiful. It will be rendered by the Second-church choir, under the direction of Mr. Walter C. Mercer. Mrs. Rowe and Captain F. W. Cunningham will assist in the singing. All the lodges of this city and Manchester and the Uniform-Rank divisions as well will attend the services in a body. They will form at Odd-Fellows' Hall at 3:15 o'clock.

Rise in the River.

The heavy rains which have prevailed throughout the State in the past week have caused a considerable rise in the river. The James was six feet higher than usual at Richmond yesterday and slowly rising. At Scottsville the stream was ten feet above the usual mark and rising, while it was thirteen feet and eight inches high at Columbia and falling.

The water at Clifton Forge and Lynchburg yesterday was seven and a half feet above the usual mark at noon and rising.

NOT THE ACT OF MAN.

WE CANNOT FORESEE OR PREVENT BAD WEATHER.

The Governor So Writes the Oystermen in Declining to Convene the General Assembly.

The Governor yesterday received a petition from citizens of Mathews county praying him to call an extra session of the Legislature to extend the season for taking oysters from the 1st of April to the 1st of May. The petition was drawn up in pursuance of resolutions passed at a meeting held at Mathews Courthouse on the 15th of this month. It states that an extension is necessary owing to the interference of the cold weather with the oyster interest, &c., and is signed by A. H. Williams, chairman, and J. T. Billups, secretary of the meeting.

THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

In reply to this petition the Governor says:

"I have considered the facts presented and do not feel that I would be justified at this time in calling an extra session of the Legislature. In looking to the journals of the General Assembly I find that the vote on the bill (the oyster bill) in the Senate was 30 for it and 5 against it; in the House the vote stood 60 for it and 15 against it. This shows that the vote in favor of it was too overwhelming to believe that the same Legislature would in so short a time repeal it. Besides, they might make other amendments far more distasteful to you than that to which you refer. Let the law be enforced and then you can better show by experience that it is injurious to your industries than you could possibly do without having suffered the injury you anticipate.

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"The reason you assign for repeal is that the severe cold has prevented your working.

AN ACT OF GOD.

"This is an act of God which man cannot foresee and legislatures cannot prevent, and we must bear it without murmuring, in the hope that it will be in the end for our good. You are much better off than the other sections of the State, where droughts have burnt up the crops, and in the water courses, where they have been swept by desolating floods. With you it is different. The oysters which you have failed to take this season will remain until the next, when you will get them fat and full grown, which will be equivalent to a large interest for the delay.

FEELS A DEEP INTEREST.

"I feel a deep interest in the oyster industry. I am doing all I can to preserve and protect it, and I hope to see the time when it will be in a more prosperous condition than it is now; that the Legislature may be able to enact a law based upon the experience which you are now passing through; that it may give entire satisfaction to all classes of your people; that the effect of it may be seen in the increased value of your lands, and in the improved condition of your entire section; that there may be a great revival of trade and the various industries all through Tidewater Virginia. This is what I am striving to accomplish with all my energy of body and mind."

THE FATE OF ALL PEOPLE.

"If unfortunate years do come to you it is but the fate of all people and all sections. We must bear them with resignation. Since the days of Joseph and Pharaoh the lean and the fat years have been succeeding each other. I wish I knew of some way to relieve you of your troubles, but I cannot devise any at this moment. Your suggestion, if carried out, might prove delusive and bring about other troubles than the one of which you now complain."

The committee that drew up the petition was composed of N. S. Fox, John Acey, C. E. Diggs, G. W. Foster, W. L. Williams, John Spriggs, John R. Winder, and John R. Smith.

THEY ARE PROFESSIONALS.

Chicken-Thieves Get in Some Fancy Work.

Midnight visitations to hen-houses in the West End have been quite frequent of late. The chicken fiends have been getting in some of their most brazen work within the last week. On Friday night a raid was made on Clarke street and about sixty fine fowls were disturbed in the midst of their slumbers and slaughtered in merciless fashion. The roost-robbers broke into the hen-house of Mr. H. B. Thomas, 508 Clarke street, during the night mentioned and took therefrom twenty-four feathery occupants. The miscreants then added insult to injury by killing the chickens right in their owner's yard and picking the feathers from fourteen of the number before leaving the premises. The remaining ten were left with their heads cut off in a pile upon the ground.

It is presumed that the thief or thieves made a little larger haul than was expected and that all the fowls could not be carried away. Residents on Pine and Cherry streets also suffered from the pilferings of hen and rooster rogues on Friday night.

A number of persons in these localities have had their clothes-lines robbed lately. These thefts are committed late in the evening—between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock.

The police have been notified of the perpetrations and are on the lookout for the thieves.

THE DAVIS MONUMENT.

Meeting of the Association—Rates to Be Secured.

The Board of Directors of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association met at the office of the Mayor yesterday afternoon. There were present Messrs. J. Taylor Ellyson (president), George L. Christian, Norman V. Randolph, D. C. Richardson, John B. Cary, Joseph C. Dickinson, John S. Ellett (treasurer), and W. D. Chesterman (secretary).

The president reported that he had been to New York to meet Mrs. Davis to secure her approval of the action so far taken with respect to the removal of the remains of Mr. Davis from New Orleans to Richmond, and that she had approved the same and was willing to leave the arrangement of all the details to the board; also, that she desired to have interred in the section chosen by her in Hollywood and by the side of Mr. Davis the remains of her children now buried in other places.

The President was authorized to confer with Lee Camp and explain to it what are the plans of the board with respect to arranging with the railroad companies for the transportation of the remains of Mr. Davis from New Orleans. He was also authorized to receive propositions from the railroad companies as to the route and manner of transportation of the remains and guard of honor, &c., from New Orleans to Richmond, said propositions to be acted upon at a future meeting of the board.

FITZ ASKED TO COMMAND.

Invited to Command a Division at the Inauguration.

General Fitzhugh Lee has been invited to take command of the third military division in the Cleveland inaugural parade.

The first division will be composed of regular army troops; the second of the Pennsylvanians, all in blue, and 8,000 strong, and the third of the Virginians, the New York and Maryland troops, including the Seventh New York and Fifth Maryland regiments and all the other State troops. This will be the most conspicuous division in the parade for the reason that it will come after the eye has tired of the long, monotonous line of blue. It will be remembered that General Lee acted in this capacity at Cleveland's first inauguration, and he and his command attracted great attention and elicited the wildest enthusiasm.

General Lee has communicated with Colonel Wickham relative to a cavalry escort on the occasion, and while the Colonel finds it impracticable to order out an escort he will do what he can to secure one, as he is very anxious to comply with General Lee's wishes.

It has not been decided how many members of the Virginia infantry brigade will participate in the parade, but the invitation to General Lee will unquestionably swell the number of those who first designed being present.

A Church-Building Organization.

The Executive Committee of the Methodist Laymen's Union of Richmond held a meeting on Thursday night, 16th instant, and organized with James T. Martin as chairman and George W. Walford secretary. This committee is composed of one representative from each of the several Methodist churches in the city. They have direct supervision of the erection of all chapels or churches erected by the union. The church (St. James) corner Twenty-ninth and Marshall streets, which is now being erected, promises to be one of the handsomest buildings of its kind in the city. The union has accomplished more for the advancement of Methodism in Richmond in the last three years than was done by the same Church in the previous forty years or more, they having in this short period established three churches and provided buildings for their use.

THE COW GOT AWAY.

RETURNED HOME WITH ROPE ON HER HORNS.

A Pretty Dog Killed—Delegates Return—Personal and Other Items from Manchester.

A few days ago Mr. John Boyle, watchman on the Free bridge, noticed a cow tied to a wagon apparently from the mud-covered regions of Chesterfield crossing the bridge towards Richmond. He paid very little attention to the occurrence and thought nothing more of it until late that night, when Mr. Morgan called at his house and asked if he had seen a cow cross the bridge, at the same time giving a description of the lost animal which corresponded with the one seen by Mr. Boyle. Mr. Morgan went on to Richmond and notified the police of what had happened. The next morning the cow returned home with a piece of rope tied to her horns. She evidently had broken away from her captors. How or when she was caught and who the man was that had her is unknown.

A PRETTY DOG KILLED.

A beautiful lemon-and-white setter dog belonging to Mr. B. M. Robertson was run over by an electric-car at Thirteenth and Hull streets last night and terribly mangled. He was not killed outright and Officer Moles put an end to the poor creature's sufferings by shooting him.

Messrs. F. A. Lamb, J. E. Davidson, M. A. Campbell, and David Wiltshire, the delegates of the Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association to Norfolk, returned home last night. They report a delightful trip.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. R. R. Acree, who has been conducting a series of meetings here for the past two weeks, left for his home, in Roanoke, yesterday. Though the weather was decidedly unfavorable the meetings were largely attended and resulted in a number of additions to the church.

Curtis, the infant child of Mr. J. M. Michaels, died Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the parents' residence, on Fourth street.

Rev. E. T. Dadmun, of West-End church, has been attending the State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, Norfolk. In consequence of his absence Rev. J. M. Myers, of Randolph-Macon College, will fill his pulpit this morning and to-night.

Mr. Walter H. Nelson is driving a 3-year-old colt by Mr. Chamblin's great horse, Egwood, that promises to be as fine a horse as his handsome sire.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Terry, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Royall. They are on their way home from Florida.

Misses Cora Brown and Cora Lesseur are the guests of Miss Lelia Ballowe.

Rev. C. E. Moore will preach his farewell sermon at Cowardin-Avenue Christian church to-night.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A series of meetings will be commenced in Central Methodist church to-night, to continue one or two weeks. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. R. Griffeth. A children's service will be held each afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The February term of the Hustings Court begins to-morrow.

On account of the bad weather work is being delayed on the new iron bridge to be built across the Appomattox river between Chesterfield and Amelia.

The Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield will meet at the county court-house to-morrow.

Junius Allen was before the Police Court yesterday morning charged with stealing the shoes that were lost by Mr. Jones a few days ago. Allen is the negro boy who took the note for the shoes. The case was continued until next Thursday.

The ordinance passed by the City Council concerning the width of tires on vehicles hauling heavy loads on the gravelled streets will go into effect next week.

Friendship Lodge, No. 20 K. of P., will join the Richmond Pythians this afternoon and attend the service at the Second Baptist church.

This Is Not Russia.

It hardly seems much like a cradle of liberty when a trust can rock the cradle and prevent first-class dealers from selling "Admiral" Cigarettes. What do you think about it?

Old papers for sale at 25 cents a hundred at DISPATCH office.

POLICY CONTRACTS.

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Modifications have recently been made in the policy contract, somewhat simplifying its conditions and securing to the insured paid-up insurance in case of lapse, whether application is made for the same or not, and providing that after two years there are no restrictions as to occupation, residence, travel, or suicide; and the policy remaining in force during life, no question concerning its validity can arise, unless actual fraud has been perpetrated in securing the insurance. In accordance with the established custom of the Company, the provisions above mentioned are made to apply to all policies now in force, old as well as new, thus preserving the strict mutuality which has always been so strenuously insisted upon by this company.

The policy contract affords a perfect safeguard to all honest policy-holders, but offers no encouragement to persons seeking to obtain insurance by fraudulent representations. The object of the conditions of the policy contract is to prevent contests by diverting intending suicides and fraudulent applicants from the company, thereby keeping out a class of risks that would naturally be attracted if the company were to advertise an absolutely incontestible policy or one that agreed to treat frauds and honest men precisely alike if the fraud were perpetrated so successfully as not to be discovered during the first year. From the fact that the protection of honest members of the company has made necessary the contest of but one claim during the past year, and in that case the policy was never delivered or paid for, it would seem that sufficient protection is guaranteed to the insured.

The only contested claim arising in 1892, amounting to $1,500, is a case where no premium had ever been paid by the applicant and he died before the policy could have been delivered. Two claims of $1,000 and $1,500, respectively, constituted the total of contested claims upon the books of the company on the 1st day of January, 1893.

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The ground-hog weather is now with us. Provide yourself with a Jidney-Brand Mackintosh and you will be sure to keep dry. Manufactured exclusively by Lee Straus, 1316 east Main street, and for sale by all retail dealers.

Beautiful Women and Photography.

The Davis Gallery, No. 827 Broad street, exhibits many very striking pictures of the beautiful women of Richmond in evening costumes, the photographic excellence of which strikes us as being unexcelled in this country.

Intending to remove from the city, I will sell all my Fine Furniture at a great sacrifice:

1 Rose-Colored Brocatelle Parlor Suit.
1 fine Mahogany Bed-Room Suit.
1 White Bird's-Eye Maple Bed-Room Suit.
1 Dining-Room Suit, consisting of an Oak Extension-Table and 6 Oak Chairs. Also, handsome Oak China Closet, handsome Oak Sideboard, and an upright sixteenth-century Writing-Desk.
Also, all shades, Window- and Door-Screens, and fine Carpets.

All of these articles are in first-class condition, having been in use but one month.

TERMS: Strictly cash. Can be seen between 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. any day this week.

L. SCHWARZSCHILD,
20 south Adams street.

It is not generally known that the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, of this city, offers a ten-year 10 per cent. investment, secured by bond and mortgage on real estate.

6 per cent. per annum is payable in cash each six months; the balance of 4 per cent. per annum is payable at the end of the term.

There is no life-insurance in this and no medical examination.

Something Worth Knowing.

That Tags from Dill's Best Tobacco will bring you 50 cents per hundred at factory. Bring them in and get your money. Address G. Dill, 2020 Franklin street, Richmond, Va.

Old papers for sale at 25 cents a hundred at DISPATCH office.

C. and O. to Lynchburg.

Special tickets sold from Richmond to Lynchburg via Chesapeake and Ohio railway at $2.50. Round trip, $4. Trains leave Richmond at 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. James-River Division Station. Seats in parlor-cars, 25 cents.

C. and O. Vestibule Limited for Norfolk.

Leaves Richmond via Chesapeake and Ohio 9 A. M. daily, arrives Norfolk 12:50 with parlor-car attached.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

LEVY & DAVIS have the prettiest assortment of the Whitney Carriages ever displayed.

100 Pairs

Ziegler Brothers' Pebble-Goat Spring-Heel Children's Shoes, 5 to 8, B, C, D, and E. Sale.
J. A. GUNN, Face Block.

Have you seen those Double-Heel, Double-Sole Socks—2 pair for 25c.—at LEVY & DAVIS'.

Phillips' Digestible Cocoa.

Unlike other cocoas or chocolates, it is not greasy, and though containing all the nutriment of the richest cocoa bean, it is so prepared that it makes a delicious table drink.

Lace and Chenille Curtains—the largest assortment—at LEVY & DAVIS'.

100 Pairs

Misses' Street Goat and Kid Spring-Heel Boots, 11 to 2, A, B, C, and D, for $1.
J. A. GUNN, Face Block.

LEVY & DAVIS's new Shoe Department is making the town talk. Have you seen their $1.50 Shoe?

EVERY DENTIST readily recognizes the merits of Phenol Mouth-Wash by the pearly teeth, healthy gums, and sweet breath that follow its use. Only those who are fortunate enough to know the true value of Phenol Mouth-Wash. A sample and globe given with each bottle at City Drug Store, Eighth and Main streets.

Mattings now in. Prices are bound to take right at LEVY & DAVIS'S.

BY TRIFLING WITH A COLD many a one allows himself to drift into a condition in which the development of some latent disease with ensuing thereafter takes full possession of the system. Better cure your cold at once with Dr. Jayne's Expectorant, a good remedy for Throat and Lung affections.

New Ideas in Jewelry—centre counter. LEVY & DAVIS.

CUT ADRIFT!

Ladies' Shoes!

Were $5.50	LADIES' FRENCH KID BUTTON BOOTS, with opera toes and Louis XIV. heels.	Now $3.75.
Were $5.00	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, with opera toes and patent-leather tips.	Now $3.50.
Were $5.00	LADIES' HAND-SEWED BUTTON BOOTS, with dongola tops, common-sense toes and heels.	Now $3.50.
Were $4.00	LADIES' HAND-SEWED DULL DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, made on common-sense last.	Now $2.75.
Were $4.00	LADIES' DULL DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, with coffin toes and medium heels.	Now $2.75.
Were $4.00	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, made on common-sense last with plain square toes.	Now $2.50.
Were $4.00	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, made on common-sense last, with Goodyear welt.	Now $2.50.
Were $4.50	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, Goodyear welt, opera toes, and patent-leather tips.	Now $3.00.
Were $3.87	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, with square toes and patent-leather tips.	Now $2.50.
Were $4.00	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, made with Goodyear welt and plain, square toes.	Now $2.50.
Were $4.00	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON WALKING BOOTS, with fancy tip of same.	Now $3.00.
Were $4.00	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON WALKING BOOTS, with patent-leather tips.	Now $2.50.
Were $3.50	LADIES' STRAIGHT GOAT LACE BOOTS, with dongola tops, made with Goodyear welt.	Now $2.25.
Were $5.00	LADIES' FRENCH KID BUTTON BOOTS, with patent-leather tips.	Now $3.50.
Were $5.00	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, Goodyear welt, patent-leather tips.	Now $3.50.
Were $5.00	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA LACE BOOTS, with cloth tops and patent-leather tips.	Now $3.50.
Were $3.50	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, with patent-leather tips and opera heels.	Now $2.25.
Were $1.98	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA LACE BOOTS, made on common-sense last, with patent-leather tips.	Now $1.45.

25c. Bottle Easy Bright Polish now . . 15c.

There's no time to lose.

Were $1.48	LADIES' BRIGHT DONGOLA LACE BOOTS, made on opera last, with patent-leather tips.	Now $1.15.
Were $3.00	LADIES' STRAIGHT GOAT WALKING BOOTS, with common-sense heels and patent-leather tips.	Now $2.00.
Were $1.98	LADIES' STRAIGHT GOAT BUTTON BOOTS, with common-sense heels.	Now $1.50.

Best choice is first choice.

Promise yourself a plucking of these plums.

SHOES SHOES

WE'RE going to have a Shoe Sale——Everybody else has had one—under every conceivable sort of pretext——But the truth is stronger than fiction——Here are stubborn facts——We find we are carrying too many different lines in some grades—and we're going to abandon them——Stand ready—for the Shoes are without a flaw—and we've split the prices into splinters——Watch OUR wording——Other folks say "worth"—goodness knows what their regular prices were—but we put the former and the present "emergency" price side by side——A child can figure the saving——All sizes.

SALE BEGINS 8 O'CLOCK TO-MORROW MORNING

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Sale will continue until every pair is sold.

Infants' Shoes.

Try 'em on before you buy 'em.

Were $1.25	INFANTS' DULL DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, with spring heels and plain tips.	Now 90c.
Were $1.35	INFANTS' DULL DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, with tips of same.	Now $1.00.
Were $1.25	INFANTS' BRIGHT DONGOLA LACE BOOTS, with stiffened ankles.	Now $1.00.

"You never stood in better Shoe leather."

Misses' Shoes!

Were $1.98	MISSES' PEBBLE GOAT BUTTON BOOTS, with spring heels and plain toes.	Now $1.40.
Were $1.23	MISSES' STRAIGHT GOAT BUTTON BOOTS, with spring heels and plain toes.	Now 85c.
Were $1.75	MISSES' STRAIGHT GOAT BUTTON BOOTS, with dongola tops, spring heels, and patent-leather tips.	Now $1.20.
Were $1.50	MISSES' STRAIGHT GOAT BUTTON BOOTS, with spring heels and patent-leather tips.	Now 90c.
Were $1.85	MISSES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTTON BOOTS, with cloth tops, spring heels, and patent-leather tips.	Now $1.40.
Were $1.49	MISSES' BRIGHT DONGOLA BUTT