SHOULD BE REVISED.

Mr. Withers's Earnest Plea for a Convention to Redraft Our Constitution.

AN OVATION TO SENATOR DANIEL.

He Is Cordially Received and Makes a Short Address in Each House—The Bland Oyster-Survey Bill Defeated—Other Business.

The only feature in the proceedings of the Senate yesterday was Mr. Withers's speech, in favor of his bill providing for submitting to the people at the next May election the question of calling a constitutional convention. The measure was not voted upon, and its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday.

When the bill was taken up Mr. Wickham made a motion that the special order be postponed until Tuesday, saying that he thought the body should see how the elections matter was going to stand before taking up this most important question. His motion was defeated by a vote of 15 to 18.

Mr. Withers then took the floor and made a splendid speech in favor of his measure. He said the income of the State now barely paid her expenses, and that an increase in taxation was staring us in the face. And if it came to that, said the speaker, it meant an Irish wake or a political funeral. He said that he had devoted some time to the study of the Underwood Constitution, and it seemed to him to have been framed for the purpose of creating places for office-seekers and keeping a political party in power. He said no one could acquaint himself with the facts and defend the State Constitution of Virginia.

COMPARED WITH OTHER STATES.

Mr. Withers compared the expenses of Virginia with the combined expenses of the States of North Carolina and Georgia, and said while these two Commonwealths contain three times the area and twice the population and wealth of the State of Virginia, yet the expenses of both of them combined were only one-third more than those of this State.

The judiciary system of Virginia cost $83,000 more than that of North Carolina. In this State, he said, there were 127 judges, [illegible] prosecuting attorneys, 145 clerks, [illegible] commissioners of the revenue, 119 sheriffs, 119 treasurers, 115 superintendents, 200 county surgeons, 2,500 magisterial district officers, in all 3,646 officers.

"I desire to call attention to this fact," continued the speaker, "that the State of Virginia is rapidly getting to that point that will necessitate an increase in taxation."

ABSURD AND COSTLY FEATURES.

Mr. Withers, in concluding his speech, said: "Call a constitutional convention and let them give us a Constitution shorn of absurd and costly features, a Constitution that will give us an efficient, competent, and economical State government, by abolishing all unnecessary offices and officials, such as commissioners of the revenue, city and county treasurers, except in a few of the larger cities and counties; abolish the entire county-court system with its judges, clerks, and prosecuting attorneys; force the State institutions to live upon an economical basis; make every official in the State report his salary, fees, commissions, and allowances once every year to the proper official at Richmond; compel the State and county officials to make public exhibits of every cent received and expended; abolish all spring elections, except once in four years; elect the Governor with the President, and members of the Legislature with members of Congress; let the judges and all State officials be elected by the people, and stop subjecting our judiciary to an election by the Legislature. In fine, reduce every possible item of expense; do away with every unnecessary election, and remove every useless official, and give us an intelligent, efficient, enlightened, and economical government."

Mr. Morris then made a motion that the further consideration of the special order be postponed until Tuesday, which was adopted.

MAJOR DANIEL'S RECEPTION.

Senator Daniel being upon the floor, the Chair was then vacated fifteen minutes as a mark of respect to him, and in order to give him an opportunity to become acquainted with the members. The distinguished Senator was then introduced to the body by Mr. Lovenstein, the President pro tem., and in a few remarks expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended him, and his pleasure at meeting the law-makers of his State.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Finance Committee submitted the appropriation bill, all the items in which are the same as usual, with the exception that $50,000, instead of $40,000, is allowed to the University of Virginia, and appropriation is made for the salaries of the employees at the State Library, which are as follows:

Janitor and doorkeeper	$350 00
Janitor at library offices	480 00
Conductor of elevator	480 00
Fireman	600 00
Policeman	780 00

The appropriation bill was made the special order for Monday at 1 o'clock.

THE BILLS ARE DEFEATED.

When the bill to amend section 3328 of the Code, in relation to fees of Commonwealth's attorneys, was reached on the calendar, Mr. Boykin, who had been absent when the bill was engrossed on Tuesday, made an effort to have the vote by which it was engrossed reconsidered, stating that he was opposed to the great reduction made in certain instances by the measure. The Senate refused to reconsider the vote, and the bill was then defeated, failing to secure a constitutional vote.

Mr. Lovenstein made a strong effort to get his bill through increasing the salary of the Judge of the Law and Equity Court of the city of Richmond. The measure simply provided that his compensation should be made equal to that received by judges of other similar courts. Upon a recorded vote, however, the bill was defeated.

AMERICAN ANNUITY ORDER.

Mr. Sands offered a bill to incorporate the American Annuity Order of Richmond. The corporators named are T. William Pemberton, J. N. Cullingworth, George Ross, Thomas N. Carter, and Jackson Brandt, and the objects of the order are stated to be to unite fraternally all white persons of sound bodily health and good moral character between the ages of 18 and 65 years; to give material aid to its members and to their families; to establish funds for the relief of sick and distressed members, and to establish benefit funds from which the members of said order who shall have complied with all the rules and regulations may receive at the end of a certain period a sum not exceeding $5,000, to be paid to the said member or his representatives.

The said order may acquire real estate not to exceed five acres, and its principal office shall be in the city of Richmond.

THE FOX-ISLAND LINES.

Mr. LeCate offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Fish and Game:

Whereas, William Ellinger, of Accomac county, in accordance with an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled, "An act to define and establish by straight lines the low-water-mark lines for the riparian owner of the shores of Fox Island, on Fox Island, in the county of Accomac, State of Virginia," approved February 26, 1894, did apply to the Fish Commissioner to establish such lines; and whereas a survey was made and lines established, by which it does not appear that the aforesaid act has been properly complied with, according to its true intent and meaning, or with due and proper observance of the interests of the State:

Resolved, That a joint committee of the General Assembly, to be composed of two from the Senate and two from the House of Delegates, to be designated by the respective presiding officers, be hereby constituted to investigate into the facts pertaining to said survey, and the establishing of the lines aforesaid, and to report as to what further action should be taken in the premises.

BILLS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Buchanan: To incorporate the Norfolk Lumber Company.

By Mr. Buchanan: To incorporate the Holston Oil and Manufacturing Company.

By Mr. Flood: To incorporate the American Semmery Company.

By Mr. Maynard: To incorporate the Norfolk and Berkley Drawbridge Company.

By Mr. Little: To amend section 3 of the charter of the town of Louisa.

By Mr. Barnes: For the relief of Theodore Haxall.

By Mr. Mushback: To amend the Code in relation to the county or corporation in which actions at law or suits in equity may be brought.

By the same: To incorporate the Mount Vernon Military Institute.

By Mr. Maynard: For the working and keeping in repair of the public roads in Norfolk county.

By Mr. Southall: To incorporate the McDaniel and Farmville Academy.

By Mr. Buchanan: To amend an act incorporating the Southwestern Railroad Company, of Virginia.

A petition was presented by Mr. Little from the citizens of Fredericksburg, praying for an enlargement of the powers of the Council of that city.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

To amend an act creating an excise Board for Alexandria county.

To amend the Code in relation to the Board of Health.

To incorporate the Mineral Belt Railway Company.

To provide for the better assessment of personal property.

To amend an act incorporating Shoemaker College.

To authorize Isle of Wight county to borrow money.

To enable the rector and Board of Visitors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College to build water-works.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

To amend the charter of the city of Richmond.

To empower the town of Berryville to construct an electric-light plant.

To amend an act in relation to keeping in repair the roads of Page county.

House of Delegates.

The session of the House opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Seaton, of the Unitarian church.

The House concurred in the resolution adopted by the Senate appointing John L. Marye, jr., Edwin Phillips, and B. D. Chandler members of the electoral board of the city of Newport News.

The bill of Mr. Bland, providing for a resurvey of natural oyster-rocks, beds, and shoals, under certain conditions, again came up as unfinished business, and created another lively discussion. The amendment offered by Mr. Hathaway, of Lancaster, on the previous day first came up. It reads:

"Provided that this act shall not be construed to apply to any grounds already taken up by a planter, and in which he has made any expenditures, other than fees and rental, looking to the culture and propagation of oysters."

Mr. Bland, of Portsmouth opposed the amendment, and spoke in favor of the bill of which he is the patron. Mr. Pilcher, of Fauquier, in an able and eloquent manner opposed the bill, and the Hathaway amendment was finally agreed to.

VISIT OF SENATOR DANIEL.

Just at this juncture Hon. John W. Daniel entered the hall of the House of Delegates, escorted by Colonel John Bell Bigger, and received the greatest ovation that has ever been tendered to any human being on the floor of the General Assembly. He was given a privileged seat, and on motion of Mr. Saunders, of Franklin, a recess of five minutes was taken. The Senator from Virginia then held a reception at his seat, and the members shook his hand.

During the recess Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk, moved that the Clerk of the House of Delegates wait on the honorable Senator and request him to respond to the warm reception given him in the House. The Clerk of the House then escorted Major Daniel to the Clerk's desk and introduced him as the Grand Man of Virginia.

The Senator gracefully and appropriately responded, and finished by saying:

"Mid pleasures and palaces though he may roam,
There is no place like his dear Virginia home."

The business of the House was then resumed.

Mr. Saunders, of Franklin, moved to dismiss the oyster bill, but the motion was lost by a vote of 39 to 45. When the motion was made to send the bill to its engrossment and third reading the Chair announced that the bill would require a constitutional vote of 51 votes in order to be passed. The bill was then defeated by a vote of 42 to 42.

DO BUSINESS WITHOUT TAX.

The next bill creating a discussion was Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 18 of chapter 1 of an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment of taxes on persons, property, and incomes, and on licenses to transact business, and imposing taxes thereon, for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and prescribing the mode of obtaining licenses to sell wine, ardent spirits, malt liquors, or any mixtures thereof, in cases where a court certificate is required, approved March 6, 1890, in reference to taxing insurance companies.

Speaker Ryan (Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk, in the chair) offered two amendments, which were adopted, providing that mutual fire-insurance companies shall be exempt from taxation, and that they may do business in the entire State.

Mr. Pilcher, of Fauquier, offered the following amendment: Provided that companies and associations doing business on the life assessment plan shall pay a State-license fee of $200 per annum, and a tax of 1 per centum upon their gross receipts in the State, which shall be in full and in lieu of all other State, county, town, and city licenses, taxes, and fees.

The bill was advocated by Messrs. Harrison of Lynchburg, Parker of Southampton, Willard of Fairfax, Hundley of Amelia, and Taliaferro of Orange, while Mr. Pilcher, of Fauquier, made an able argument against the bill. The House adjourned at 3 o'clock before any action was taken on the measure.

BILLS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Rinehart: Amendments to the charter of Clifton Forge, prepared by order and direction of the Council of Clifton Forge, and approved at a meeting held February 15, 1896.

By Mr. Gilliam: For the relief of Ellis Wilson.

By Mr. Saunders: To amend section 2488 of the Code of Virginia, entitled when Clerk of Court of Appeals to transmit its decisions.

By Mr. Lee: For the relief of William and Mary Pierson, of the county of Northampton.

By Mr. Sergenor: For the relief of M. F. Duff.

By Mr. Hale, of Grayson: To authorize the clerk of a circuit court to issue a rule in certain cases.

By Mr. Galleher: To refund to Treasurer of Prince William county certain money paid out on State account by order of the Board of Supervisors of said county.

By Mr. Turner: To prohibit the granting of liquor-licenses within specified distance of the town of Floyd, in Floyd county.

By Mr. Batten: For the protection of crabs in Lynnhaven bay and its tributaries in Princess Anne county.

By Mr. Cooke: To amend and re-enact section 2537 of the Code relative to allowance to deputy sergeants of certain cities.

By Mr. Williams: To place the ferry across New river, at Ripplemond, Giles county, Va., commonly known as Lindow's & Mason's ferry, under the control of the general laws governing ferries in the State.

TAX ON OYSTERS SOLD.

Mr. Craig offered a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution by striking out section 2 of Article X. The section in question reads as follows:

Section 2. No tax shall be imposed on any of the citizens of this State for the privilege of taking or catching oysters from their natural beds with tongs, in the waters thereof; but the amount of sales of oysters so taken by any citizen in any one year may be taxed at a rate not exceeding the rate of taxation imposed upon any other species of property.

Mr. Harwood, of this city, offered a bill for the restoration of destroyed coupon-bond No. 6826, for $500, of the funded debt of Virginia.

PLACED ON THE CALENDAR.

By Mr. Armstrong, of Henry: In relation to the fencing of railway tracks in the county of Henry, defining when the corporations are not liable for injuries done, and establishing their liability in certain cases.

By Mr. Williams, of Lunenburg: Providing for the making, opening, and keeping in repairs the roads in the county of Lunenburg, and for the keeping in repair the bridges in said county.

By Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk: To amend and re-enact section 2 of an act approved February 22, 1890, entitled an act to extend the boundaries of the city of Norfolk, and to amend and re-enact sections 5, 6, and 12 of said act, as amended by an act approved February 12, 1892, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 5, 6, and 12 of an act entitled an act to extend the boundaries of the city of Norfolk, approved February 22, 1890.

By Mr. Hatcher, of Fauquier: To allow James E. Carruthers, late Treasurer of Loudoun county, and his deputies further time in which to collect uncollected tax-tickets in their hands, and not returned delinquent.

By Mr. Gregory, of Pittsylvania: To amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the collection of fees of the Commissioner of the Revenue.

By Mr. Rice, of Charlotte: To incorporate the Smithville Cemetery Company, in Charlotte county.

By Mr. Matthews, of Accomac: To prohibit hogs from running at large upon the streets or roads on Chincoteague Island, in Accomac county.

By the same: Authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Accomac county to levy a tax on real and personal property in Island District for the erection of a lock-up on Chincoteague Island, Accomac county.

By Mr. Powell, of Warwick: To provide for the trial of cases pending in the County Court of Warwick county.

By Mr. Turpin, of Bedford: In relation to the fencing of railroad-tracks in the county of Bedford, defining when the corporations are not liable for injuries, and establishing their liability in certain cases.

By Mr. Gilliam, of Dinwiddie: To repeal an act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie county to increase the salary of the County Judge, approved February 7, 1896.

By Mr. Hathaway, of Lancaster: To amend and re-enact section 3, chapter 537, of an act approved March 1, 1894, Acts of Assembly, 1893-'94, entitled an act for the working and keeping in order the county roads of Richmond and Lancaster counties.

By Mr. Simpson, of Campbell: In relation to fencing of railway tracks in the county of Campbell, defining when the corporations are not liable for injuries, and establishing their liability in certain cases.

By Mr. Williams, of Giles: In relation to fencing of railway-tracks in the counties of Giles and Pulaski.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Bills That Have Been Signed and Thus Become Laws.

Governor O'Ferrall has signed the following additional bills passed by the two houses of the General Assembly:

To amend and re-enact section 2844 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend section 2844 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to public holidays, approved February 28, 1890, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 2844 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act to amend section 2844 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to public holidays, approved February 5, 1892.

To protect rabbits or hares and deer in the county of Chesterfield.

To prevent the extermination of game in Clarke county.

To protect pheasants and wild turkeys in the county of Montgomery.

For the protection of game and song birds in the counties of Buckingham and Cumberland.

For the permanent improvement of roads in Strawberry Magisterial District of Culpeper county, and in such other districts as may adopt the same.

To regulate the issue and sale of the bonds of the town of Pulaski.

To dispense with formal warrants in certain cases before the police justices and justices of the peace.

To allow E. W. Maxwell, Treasurer of Wise county, and his deputies power of levy and distress to collect certain uncollected tax tickets now in his hands.

To amend and re-enact section 875 of the Code of Virginia, 1887, in relation to the salary of the Superintendent of the Poor in Buckingham county.

To constitute capitation tax a lien upon real estate owned by the person at the time such capitation tax is assessed.

Empowering the Board of Supervisors of Dickenson county to increase the salary of the Judge of the County Court of said county.

To amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the erection of slaughter-houses within half of a mile of the city of Norfolk; approved March 1, 1878.

To allow Luke C. Lewis to erect a wharf on Chincoteague Bay, in Accomac county.

To amend and re-enact an act entitled an act, authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania county to issue the bonds of said county for the purpose of raising money to pay off bonds of said county, approved February 7, 1884, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 30, 1895.

To authorize the city of Staunton to condemn the rights of way through the grounds of the Virginia Female Institute, in said city of Staunton, for the extension of Baldwin street.

To incorporate the Colonial Beach Agricultural and Industrial Association.

To authorize the Council of the city of Norfolk to issue bonds for sewerage and other purposes in the Fifth, or Brambleton, ward of said city, and to submit the same to a vote of the electors of said city.

Fears for the Wheat.

STAUNTON, VA., February 20.—(Special.)—The past twenty-four hours have undoubtedly been the coldest of the winter here, and the mercury all the time has hovered about 6 degrees above zero. As the ground has no coverlet of snow it is feared that wheat will suffer from the freeze.

NEARLY A HUNDRED.

WILL REACH THAT AGE MARCH THIRTEENTH, NEXT.

Mrs. Lydia Price Peyton—A Sketch of Her Life—Still Quite Active—Her Many Descendants—A Remarkable Record.

ORANGE, VA., February 20.—(Special.) Mrs. Lydia Price Peyton (nee Snyder) will be 100 years old on March 13, 1896, having been born March 13, 1796, in Madison county, Va., near the historic old Lutheran church, which is located three miles northeast of Madison Courthouse. Her parents—Michael and Martha (Stigler) Snyder—were among the early settlers of Madison county. In her 18th year the subject of this sketch was married to Mr. John Peyton, of Orange county, and the couple resided for two years at Spotswood & Taliaferro's mill—now Holladay's—Rapidan Station. In 1816 they

MRS. LYDIA PRICE PEYTON.

moved to Dade's mill—now Peyton's Ford—about three miles from the town of Orange, on the Rapidan river, where Mrs. Peyton has ever since resided. Her husband died in 1862, and she has never remarried.

TWELVE CHILDREN.

She was the mother of twelve children—six sons and six daughters—all of whom reached maturity, and of which number eight are now living, as follows: William S., her oldest child, who celebrated his 79th birthday on December 4, 1895, and who has been the railroad agent at Rapidan Station for forty-three years; John S., residing in Pittsylvania county; Ann D. and Mary Jane, who live with their mother; Mrs. G. P. Robinson and Captain T. J. Peyton, Orange Courthouse; Mrs. J. A. Wilkins, Orange county, and Mrs. John Chauncey, Alexandria.

QUITE ACTIVE.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren now living number nearly one hundred. She has never eaten but two meals a day, always abstaining from supper, and has never worn a corset. She is still quite active, has several teeth, and her eyesight is quite good, though her hearing is somewhat impaired. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

FREDERICKSBURG.

Getting Colder—Thrown from a Wagon and Hurt.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 20.—(Special.)—It is getting very cold here, and the promise of colder weather from Washington will certainly be verified. A high wind has prevailed all day, and the blinding clouds of dust have kept every one in doors, except those compelled to be out.

Mr. Luke White returned home to-day from an extended visit to Thomasville, N. C., where he had been in attendance on the field-trials, so popular in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, of this county, while returning home late yesterday evening, were thrown from their vehicle just beyond the top of Fall Hill, and both were painfully hurt. The wagon was so badly wrecked as to be useless, and Mr. Mitchell, after getting his wife to the house of a friend, living near the scene of the accident, borrowed a wagon, and got home some time in the night.

A SUFFOLK WEDDING.

Miss Fell Becomes the Bride of Mr. Riche.

SUFFOLK, VA., February 20.—(Special.) At 8 o'clock this evening the Christian church here was the scene of a pretty marriage ceremony. The principals were Miss Laura Lee Fell, daughter of Mrs. Caroline G. Fell, of Suffolk, and Mr. Frank M. Riche, of Doylestown, Pa. To the strains of a wedding-march, rendered by Miss Mary Casler, the church organist, the lady attendants marched up the left aisle to the altar, while the gentlemen came in via the right aisle.

RADIANT AND HANDSOME.

The bride, radiant and handsome, was attired in white silk, and carried white Bride roses. She was attended by her brother, Mr. S. S. Fell, who gave her away. Miss Estelle Giles, of Williamsport, Pa., was maid of honor. All the lady attendants wore white organdie and carried white roses. The groom was accompanied by his best man, Mr. J. E. Franklin, of Suffolk. The gentlemen attendants were attired in the conventional evening dress. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., and at its conclusion the bridal party issued from the church through the central aisle, the bride and groom being followed by the best man and maid of honor.

THE ATTENDANTS.

The attendants were: Miss Annie Bernard with Mr. James Shepherd; Miss Martha B. White, of Philadelphia, with Mr. Daniel Brothers; Miss Carrie Shepherd, with Mr. R. J. Norfleet; Miss Irene Smith, of New Berne, N. C., with Mr. H. M. Urquhart, Messrs. H. L. Jacobs, C. C. Cohoon, and Fred Sheppard were the ushers.

Many valuable presents were received by the bride, the groom's being a check of liberal proportions. A handsome reception took place at the residence of the bride's mother, on Morgan street, from 8:30 to 10 o'clock P. M., and at 10:15 Mr. and Mrs. Riche left on the Norfolk and Western train for an extended northern tour, at the conclusion of which they will reside in Suffolk, temporarily.

WED AT LEE MONT.

A Pretty Marriage in Accomac County.

ONANCOCK, VA., February 20.—(Special.)—Lee Mont, a bayside village about six miles north of Onancock, was this evening the scene of a very pretty and interesting marriage. The contracting parties were Mr. John Selby Scott and Miss Annie Parker Causey, both of that place. The Methodist Protestant church, in which the ceremony was performed, was beautifully decorated with holly and potted plants, and soon after the doors were opened the building was filled to its utmost capacity with people who had come from far and near to be present on the interesting occasion. At the appointed hour Rev. E. D. Stone took his seat at the organ and began to play Mendelssohn's wedding march. First came the ushers, T. W. Russell, L. W. Groton, T. Drummond Scott, and Dr. John H. Ayres, and then came the bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Ernest O. Causey, who gave her away. She was becomingly attired in a pearl-satin gown, with hat and gloves to match, and wore a costly and handsome pearl brooch, the gift of the groom.

The groom, attended by Dr. Fletcher Drummond as his best man, met the bride before the altar, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. D. Edmonston, of Atlantic, Va.

The bridal party filed out of the church to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, and proceeded to the home of the bride's father, where an elegant reception was held. There were many handsome and valuable presents.

The groom is a popular young merchant of Lee Mont, and the bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. R. A. Causey, of the same place.

MARION.

The Rye-Valley Railroad—Industrial and Business Notes.

MARION, VA., February 20.—(Special.)—Work is being prosecuted on the Marion and Rye Valley railroad, and it is hoped the road will be completed in a very short time. This road will open up very fine deposits of iron and manganese.

The Mathiason Alkali Works, of Saltville, have contracted with parties here for large quantities of lime and marble-stone. The requirements of the plant are several hundred tons daily.

The beautiful, clear waters of the Holston now resemble mud, as the washing of iron ore at Atkins, five miles east of here, has ruined the stream. Stock cannot drink the water, fish are destroyed, and many families deprived of water for domestic uses.

Messrs. Venable & Co., who made an assignment in October last, have settled with their creditors, and are again in business, being largely engaged in handling lime, marble-rock, lumber, and tan bark.

PAGE COUNTY.

Dwelling-House Burned—Suit for Damages.

LURAY, VA., February 20.—(Special.)—The dwelling of Henry C. Shenk, located about two miles north of Luray, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was accidental. There was no insurance. The loss is about $600.

Circuit Court has been in session this week, and to-morrow will be engaged in the trial of the case of Thomas A. Chapman, of Madison county, vs. Lee Long, of this county—a suit growing out of the arrest of the former on a charge of trespass on Long's land. The damages are laid at $10,000.

The weather here is intensely cold.

Not General Fitz Lee's Nephew.

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 20.—(Special.)—The Dispatch correspondent saw General Fitzhugh Lee this afternoon, and called his attention to the special sent out from New York, announcing the elopement of Fitzhugh Lee Carter and Miss Dugil, from Indianapolis, the former being represented as a nephew of General Lee. The General denies any relationship with the young man, and says he knows no one by that name.

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TO INVEST $5,000 IN SOME SAFE, profitable business. Give particulars and address FINANCIAL, care Post-Office Box 316, city. fe 21-1t*

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TO SELL NEW AND SECOND-HAND Cooking-Stoves, Gasoline and Kerosene-Stoves, Stove-Bricks, and Repairs for all kinds of stoves. Gasoline, per gallon, 15c. at LEIDY'S STOVE-HOUSE, 1609 east Franklin street. 'Phone 1065. Goods delivered. de 20

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IS THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN THE CITY TO BUY GOODS.

All Articles Guaranteed.

Call and See How Many Groceries You Can Buy for $1.

Following are the prices of a few articles:

Canned Corn	05
Granulated Sugar	05
Bacon Shoulders, pound	07 1-2
Good Lard, pound	06
Large Tomatoes	05
Good Pork, pound	05
Family Flour (bag)	25
Brown Sugar	03 1-2
Best Bacon Hams	11
Table Peaches, can	10
Sun-Cured Peaches, pound	03
Sugar Syrup (per gallon)	15
16 bars Soap (Laundry)	25
Buttermilk Soap	03
3-String Brooms	10
4-String Brooms	15
London Layer Raisins	05
Fresh Butter	15
Breast Bacon	09
California Hams	07 1-2
Eggs, 2 dozen	25
Water-Ground Meal	45
Goode's Cash Soap (8 bars)	25
Horse-Radish, bottle	10
Condensed Milk, can	08
Good Green Coffee	18
2-pound-cans Corned Beef	20
New Figs (pound)	05
Sweet Pickles, quart	15

(fe 16-Su,Tu&2F)

WANTED,
GREEN, SALTED, AND DRY HIDES; also, Calf and Sheep Skins, Tallow, etc. Prompt returns.
A. D. SHOTWELL & CO., Tanners, Box 75. Manchester, Va. de 27-F,Su&Tu2m

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LOST, A LITTLE BLACK AND TAN DOG. A suitable reward will be paid for his return to 403 north Eighth street. fe 21-1t*

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FOR RENT,
THE HOTEL DODSON,
located in the business centre of the city, and facing the Capitol Square. It contains sixty-eight bedrooms, besides parlors, dining-room, bar, office, and kitchen. Possession May 1, 1896, or sooner, if desired. Satisfactory arrangements can be made with the present occupant for the purchase of the furniture and fixtures.
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BROAD - STREET PHARMACY; ALSO, Elegant Large, Sunny Office-Room, suitable for doctor or lawyer. Possession at once. Corner Fifth and Broad streets. Full particulars "Newest - Discovery" Dental Association Parlors, corner Fifth and Broad streets. fe 18-1w

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EMULSION OF COD-LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES OF LIME & SODA.
This excellent preparation for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, and all Throat and Lung Troubles, made for the last twenty years by
PURCELL, LADD & CO., Wholesale Druggists.
Price, 50c. at all drugstores. no 8

SPENCE,
WRONG SIDE BROAD AND EIGHTH STREETS.
JOB LOT OF SHOES THAT MUST GO TO MAKE ROOM FOR TRUNKS.
We offer to-day a lot of $3, $2.50, and $3 Shoes for $1, mostly small sizes. All Shoes at less than cost.

Trunks and Satchels
cheaper than any house in the city—that is, for GOOD TRUNKS.
No shoddy Trunks in our stock. Good Trunks are the cheapest in the long run. Please look at our stock before buying.
E. H. SPENCE,
Shoe and Trunk House.
(fe 4-3m)

AUCTION SALES—This Day.

WHEN REAL ESTATE IS SOLD THE TAXES FOR THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR ARE TO BE PAID PRO RATA BY THE VENDOR AND THE VENDEE.

J. D. Seabright, Auctioneer,
24 east Broad street.

STOCK CONFECTIONERIES, ICE-CREAM MACHINE, TUBS AND FREEZER, DELIVERY - WAGON AND HARNESS, AT AUCTION, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, AT 10:30 A. M.

I will sell at 2105 east Broad street: Ice-Cream Machine, together with Ice-Cream Tub, Freezer, and Cabinet; also, a lot of Candies of all kinds, 2 10-foot and 2 6-foot Show-Cases, 1 Ice-Box, 12 Candy Jars, 5 Marble-Top Tables, 1 Delivery-Wagon and Harness in good order; also, lot of miscellaneous articles too numerous to mention. J. D. SEABRIGHT, Auctioneer.
W. J. Puryear, Salesman. fe 20

By J. H. Valentine, Auctioneer.

REMOVED TO No. 6 WEST BROAD STREET.

REGULAR FRIDAY'S SALE.

TO-DAY AT 10:30 A. M.

We invite the LADIES to attend this sale and buy

A Very Fine Line OF CLOAKS,

all sizes and high-grade goods, consigned by a first-class retail firm of our city. The styles are desirable (with big sleeves), and will be sold regardless of value.

Attend this sale with the expectation of buying a first-class Cloak at less than the cost of the trimmings.

These Cloaks will be nicely arranged on racks and sold in our Carpet Department.

The Carpet Sale for this day will embrace 9 All-Wool 2-Ply Carpets, bright and cheerful patterns, 25 to 28 yards each.

1 Body-Brussels Carpet, 27 3-4 yards.

4 Smyrna and Body-Brussels Art-Squares.

And a splendid lot of Remnants in Fine Velvets, suitable for rugs.

1 Parlor Organ, in good order. A nice investment, and will sell cheap.

1 Complete Marble-Top Chamber Suit.

A collection of Odd Furniture, and about 75 pairs Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, and many sundry articles.

My regular sales Tuesdays and Fridays, and consignments solicited.
J. H. VALENTINE,
fe 21 Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALES—Future Days.

By Pollard & Bagby,
Real Estate Auctioneers,
Nos. 5 and 7 north Eleventh street.

COMMISSIONERS' AUCTION SALE OF A VACANT LOT OF ABOUT ONE ACRE, ON THE EAST SIDE OF HIGH STREET, ADJOINING VALENTINE'S ABATTOIR, IN HENRICO COUNTY.—In execution of a decree entered in the hereinafter-named course by the Circuit Court of Henrico county, on the 8th day of February, 1896, we, the undersigned, will sell by auction, on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1896,

at 4:30 o'clock P. M., the above-mentioned PROPERTY. The lot has a frontage of 136 feet on High street by a depth of 224 feet, by a width of 177 feet in rear.

TERMS: One third cash; residue in 6 and 12 months, credit payments to be evidenced by notes, with interest added, and title retained until all the purchase-money is paid.
W. H. BEVERIDGE,
CONWAY R. SANDS,
Special Commissioners.

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the county of Henrico.
J. W. Beveridge .....Plaintiff,
against
Hooper, etc. .....Defendants.
I, J. E. Broaddus, Clerk of the said Court, do certify that the bond required of the special commissioners by the decree rendered in said cause on the 8th day of February, 1896, has been duly given.
Given under my hand as Clerk of the said court, this 15th day of February, 1896.
fe 21 J. E. BROADDUS.

By J. B. Elam & Co.,
Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers,
1113 Main street.

COMMISSIONER'S AUCTION SALE OF THAT DESIRABLE LARGE CORNER LOT, WITH COMFORTABLE DETACHED TWO - STORY FRAME DWELLING THEREON, AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DOBSON AND CLARKE STREETS, BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY AND RESERVOIR STREET.—In pursuance of the dec