Temple, Pemberton, Cordes & Company,

7 AND 9 WEST BROAD STREET.

Our Annual Cut-Price Clearance Sale.

It is our intention to close out the balance of our Fall and Winter stock before the time for taking our annual inventory, and also to make room for our new spring stock, which will shortly begin to arrive. The liberal preparations we are making for the season ahead of us demand every inch of available space, therefore during this sale the question of profit will not be considered by us. Every department fairly bristles with choice goods, marked at money-saving prices, for our patrons. Included with these goods are some choice Linens which were shipped too soon by the manufacturer, they to share in the reduction.

HOUSEFURNISHINGS.

(Third floor—take elevator.)

RUGS AND DRUGGETS.

Moquette Rugs, hearth, door, and sofa sizes, 70c., $1.75, and $2.50.

Moquette Rugs, 4x6x7 feet 6, reduced to $4.

Moquette Druggets, 3x4 yards, regular price, $30; clearance price, $22.50.

Smyrna Rugs, large size, former price, $13.50 and $8.75; clearance prices, $10 and $6.75.

Smyrna Rugs, 2x3 yards, former price, $18.50; clearance price, $11.

Smyrna Druggets, 3x4 yards, former price, $17.50; clearance price, $13.50.

Smyrna Druggets, 4x5 yards, former price, $27.50; clearance price, $22.50.

CHENILLE CURTAINS.

Chenille Curtains, former prices, $5, $5.50, and $6 a pair; clearance price, $4.25.

Chenille Curtains, former prices, $6.50, $7, and $10 a pair; clearance price, $5.25.

SILK CURTAINS.

$35 Silk Curtains, clearance price, $20.
$25 Silk Curtains, clearance price, $15.
$15 Silk Curtains, clearance price, $12.
Velour Curtains, unfringed, $7.
Velour Curtains, fringed, $8.50.
Tapestry Curtains, former prices, $4.50 and $5.50; clearance prices, $2.25 and $4.50.

MATTINGS.

Japanese Mattings, former prices, 40 and 50c.; clearance price, 25c.

Linoleum Mats, former prices, 40 and 50c.; clearance price, 30c.

Hartman Steel Wire Door Mats:
$1.50 size now $1.
$2 size now $1.50.
$2.50 size now $2.

LACE CURTAINS.

Single pairs of Nottingham, Irish Point, Tamfour, and Brussels Lace Curtains at HALF PRICE.

Sample Lace-Curtain Ends, former price, 75c. and $1, now 25c.

Figured Silkolines, former price, 12½c.; clearance price, 5c.

Golden Drapery, former price, 25c.; clearance price, 10c.

Tamboured Muslin Vestibule Lace, former prices, 25 and 35c.; clearance prices, 10 and 20c.

Ecru, Tambour, and Vestibule Lace, former price, 75c.; now 25c.

Fish-Net Vestibule Lace, former prices, 20 and 50c.; clearance prices, 14 and 25c.

100 Figured Brocatelles, clearance price, 50c.

Figured Burlaps, former prices, 20 and 25c.; clearance price, 12½c.

Furniture Fringes, former prices, 50c. and $1; clearance prices, 25 and 50c.

Uncovered Oak Screens, former prices, $2 and $3.

WINDOW SHADES.

Made of the best quality hand-painted Opaque, former price, $1; clearance price, 50c.

CLOAKS AND WRAPS.

We have made sweeping reductions in our Cloak Department. Our assortment comprises only the newest of this season's colors and styles. Our assortment of sizes is complete.

Black Jackets, in all sizes—from 32 to 42; and Colored Jackets—from 32 to 38.

All of our $7.50, $8.50, and $9 Black and Colored Jackets, clearance price, $5.

All of our $10 and $12.50 Black and Colored Jackets, clearance price, $7.50.

All of our $15, $16.50, and $18 Black and Colored Jackets, clearance price, $10.

All of our $20, $22.50, and $25 Black and Colored Jackets, clearance price, $12.50.

FUR WRAPS.

Fur Capes, in Coney, Astrachan, Electric, and Wool Seal, at less than cost of manufacture.

READY-MADE SUITS.

All of our Ready-Made Suits at 20 per cent. off regular prices.

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Gentlemen's Fast-Black and Tan Half-Hose, the regular 25c. quality; clearance price, 12½c.

Gentlemen's Tecks and Four-in-Hand Ties, the regular 50c. quality; clearance price, 25c.

Gentlemen's Four-Ply Linen Standing and Turn-Down Collars, the regular 20c. value; clearance price, 12½c.

COLORED DRESS GOODS.

All of our 50c. Dress Goods, 29c.

Colored Cloths, the regular $1 quality; clearance price, 50c.

Cheviots and Light-Weight Cloakings, the usual $1.50 quality; clearance price, $1.

Remnants of Colored Dress Goods, in lengths from 1 to 5 yards, at half prices.

COLORED SUIT PATTERNS.

$8 and $8.50 Suit Patterns, clearance price, $5.

$10 Colored Suit Patterns, clearance price, $8.

$12 and $14 Colored Suit Patterns, clearance price, $10.

$15, $16, and $18 Colored Suit Patterns, clearance price, $12.

BLACK GOODS.

$1 Vicuna Cloth, clearance price, 69c.

Lady's Cloth, the usual 85c. quality, clearance price, 65c.

Mohair Brocade, the usual $1.25 quality; clearance price, 75c.

Mohair Jacquard, the usual $1.25 quality; clearance price, 85c.

Scotch Frisse, the regular $2.50 quality; clearance price, $1.85.

Wool Jacquards, the regular 60c. quality; clearance price, 49c.

Novelty Stripes, former price, $2.25; clearance price, $1.50.

Boucle Stripes, former price, $1.35; clearance price, $1.

Frisse Crape, former price, $2.25; clearance price, $1.50.

Mohair Crepons, former prices, $3, $1.50, and $4; clearance prices, $1.50 and $2.

1 Mohair Crepon Suit Pattern, former price, $18; clearance price, $8.

Remnants of Black Goods, in lengths from 1 to 5 yards, at half price.

UNDERWEAR.

Gentlemen's Wool Shirts and Drawers, in White and Natural, the regular 75c. quality, now 29c.

Ladies' Medium-Weight Vests and Pants, the usual 60c. quality, now 29c.

Gentlemen's Medium-Weight Shirts, the regular $1.25 quality, now 50c.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests, in White and Natural, in both low and high neck, the usual $1 and $1.25 qualities, 50c.

HOSIERY.

Children's Plain Tan Hose, sizes 5 to 8½, former price, 25c.; now 5c.

Ladies' Fast-Black Hose, the regular 25c. quality, 22c.

Ladies' Mixed Tan and Gray Jersey Leggins, former price, $1.25; now $1.

Ladies' Leather Leggins, former price, $1.50; now $1.25.

WHITE GOODS.

REMNANTS OF
FRENCH NAINSOOKS,
INDIA LINENS,
PERSIAN LAWNS,
JONES'S CAMBRICS,
JONES'S NAINSOOKS,
CHECKED AND STRIPED MUSLINS,
ORGANDIES AND SWISSES,
YOKINGS AND REVERINGS
in lengths from 1 to 8 yards at half price.

LINENS.

Our assortment of Table and Bed Linens is the most comprehensive in the city, and as ours is the Linen Department of the city, our friends can rely on getting linens of the best Scotch, Irish, and German makers at greatly reduced prices. The attention of restaurant- and hotel-keepers is called to this sale.

DAMASKS.

68-inch Irish and Scotch Damasks, the regular 85c. quality, now 69c.

70-inch Scotch and Irish Damasks, extra heavy, the usual $1 quality, 82c.

72-inch Scotch and Irish Damasks, extra heavy, the regular $1.25 quality, $1.

72-inch Scotch and Irish Damasks, the usual $1.50 quality, now $1.29.

TOWELS.

19x38 All-Linen Hemmed Huck Towels, the regular $2 value, $1.50.

20x40 All-Linen Hemmed Huck Towels, the regular $3 quality, now $2.29.

20x38 Hemstitched All-Linen Huck Towels, the regular $3 value, now $2.25.

22x45 Hemstitched All-Linen Huck Towels, the regular $4 value, now $3.

NAPKINS.

$1.25 German Linen Napkins, now $1.05.

$1.50 Scotch and Irish Linen Napkins, now $1.29.

$2 Scotch and Irish Napkins, now $1.58.

$2.50 Scotch and Irish Napkins, now $1.85.

$3 Scotch and Irish Napkins, now $2.29.

$3.50 Scotch and Irish Napkins, now $2.69.

$4 Scotch and Irish Napkins now $3.39.

$5 Scotch and Irish Napkins, now $3.69.

PILLOW AND BOLSTER-CASES.

22x36 Hemstitched All-Linen Pillow-Cases, the regular $1.50 quality, now $1.10.

22x72 Hemstitched All-Linen Bolster-Cases, the regular $1.75 quality, now $1.50.

DAMASK CLOTHS.

4-4, 5-4, and 6-4 Hemstitched and Fringed Damask Cloths:

$2 and $2.25 qualities now $1.69.

$1.50 and $1.75 qualities now $1.

$1.25 quality now 89c.

$1 quality now 69c.

LUNCHEON SETS.

Colored Border Luncheon Sets, former price, $9, now $5.75.

Luncheon Sets, knotted fringe cloth, 1 Doilies to match, the regular $7 quality; $5.95 a set.

Remnants of Damask and Crashes at greatly reduced prices.

THROUGH THE STATE.

A BUDGET OF NEWS FROM THE ANCIENT CAPITAL.

A Charming Entertainment—Rich Decorations—One Hundred or More Guests—Oil-Stove Explodes—House Party in Clarke.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—The Colonial Inn was the scene on Saturday night of one of the most delightful and elaborate entertainments given here for a long time. It was in honor of Mr. E. D. Spencer, of New York, agent of the Great Northern railway, and brother of Mr. J. B. Spencer, proprietor of the inn. The large and handsome dining hall, decorated in the most elaborate manner with choice flowers, and the table, laden with everything to satisfy the inner man, presented a scene of rare beauty when the one hundred or more guests, in evening dress, had seated themselves around it. The entertainment lasted from 8:30 to 12 o'clock. The music was furnished by Professor Ro. W. Rose, and was of a high order. The dancing was led in truly artistic style by Mr. Spencer Henley. Mrs. W. B. C. Spencer, looking lovely, as she always does, received the guests. She was assisted by several lady friends. Without question this was the most enjoyable of the entertainments given here for a long time.

Among those present were Professor and Mrs. Van F. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roberts, President and Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler, Captain and Mrs. L. W. Lane, Dr. and Mrs. James D. Moncure, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denmead, Mrs. Mary Neal, Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Mrs. R. L. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Geddy; Misses Annie and Mary Mayo, Richmond; Susan Webb, Annie Galt, Mary Waller Mercer, Annie McCaw, Annie Stubbs, Emily Christian, Jennie Wise, Ida Faulkner, Lottie and Mary Garrett, Julia Tyler, Ida Henley, Sallie Bagby, and Louise Henley; Messrs. E. D. Spencer, Howard Constable, New York; Tazewell Taylor, Norfolk; James Friedley, Richmond; Munford Coles, Chatham; Ro. Tucker, Danville; P. B. Jones, Culpeper; Dr. C. W. P. Brock, Jr., Richmond; L. G. Schooley, Loudoun; James T. Christian, H. G. Spencer, Carl W. Jones, R. L. Spencer, A. C. Peachy, Newport News; T. G. Peachy, B. D. Peachy, Graham Nichol, Washington; Spencer Henley, Richardson Henley, L. W. Lane, Jr., Spencer Lane, Professor Robert W. Rose, and Maculey Bright.

OIL-STOVE EXPLODES.

The explosion of an oil-stove at the residence of Mr. H. T. Jones on Saturday evening created considerable commotion, but no damage was done other than defacing the walls and burning a few rugs.

A lecture and oyster supper will be given Tuesday night at Powhatan Temple, Five Forks. The lecture will be by Rev. J. W. Connsily, the pastor. The proceeds will be used to purchase an organ, which is very much needed by this church.

Rev. A. E. Owen, D. D., of Portsmouth, lectured to-night at the James-City Baptist church, Kelton, to a good audience, after which there was a "box sociable." The receipts will be used to improve the church building.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Edwin G. Booth, from Carter's Grove, is in Nottoway, looking after the renting of his farms for the next year.

Misses Annie and Mary Mayo and Mr. Friedley, from Richmond, were here yesterday. They came to attend the german Saturday night at the Colonial Inn, given Mr. Ed. Spencer, of New York.

Mr. Rich. Henley, from Newport News, who spent Christmas with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Henley, returned home yesterday.

Mr. Galba Vaiden, who holds a position at the Virginia Normal Institute, Hampton, is here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gary, who spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gary, at Shield's Point, left last evening for their home, in Richmond.

Mr. John E. Vaiden, from Charles City county, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Vaiden, at their home, "Cherry Vale," near town.

Mrs. Mary J. Bowman, of Baltimore, with her niece, Miss Bessie Morris, is here, spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Willard F. Morris, College street.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. King, of Hampton, are here visiting Mr. King's sister, Mrs. Peter T. Powell, west Main street.

Mrs. Harriet V. Morecock and her daughter, Miss Pattie, are in Hampton, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Durfey. Miss Morecock will visit Loudoun with her uncle, Mr. Hunter Jackson, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henley M. Sweeney have with them Mr. Sweeney's sister, Miss Bettie Sweeney, from Petersburg.

CLARKE COUNTY.

A Pleasant House Party—Getting Ice. Personal Notes.

BERRYVILLE, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—By invitation of Miss May Wheat, a jolly crowd of her young friends are spending a week during the holidays at "Rest Easy." On Christmas night, in addition to those composing the house-party, a number of other young people were present, and dancing, the playing of cards and other games, and gayety of many kinds furnished enjoyment for all. Among the guests were Misses Virginia, Margretta, and Rosalie McCormick, Mossie and Mamie White, Nannie P. McCormick, Alice Prince, and Marie Lewis, and Messrs. Joseph A., Leo, and Rob. Wheat, Charles M. Brown, Maitland Riely, H. L. D. Lewis, Edwin Lee, C. W. McDonald, H. H. McCormick, and Dr. W. B. Grove.

The buggy occupied by Mr. Charles M. Brown and Miss Virginia McCormick, while being driven home from the entertainment, collided with a buggy driven by Mr. Jack Brotherton, going in an opposite direction and was overturned and both the occupants thrown out, but they escaped with only a few bruises.

The cold snap of the past few days has caused ice to form to the thickness of nearly three inches, and some persons are filling their ice-houses to-day.

A crowded house witnessed the presentation of "Mrs. Jarley's Wax-Works," at Winston Hall, Saturday night. Miss Virginia McCormick made an ideal Mrs. Jarley, and the other characters, about twenty-five in all, were unusually well represented.

Miss Amy Deahl left Thursday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. William McKay, of Baltimore.

Mr. Frank Baughman, who is a student at Saddler's Business College, in Baltimore, is spending his vacation with his father here.

Dr. John Freeland, of New York, spent several days lately with Mrs. H. L. D. Lewis, at "Audley."

Mr. Graham Webb is visiting Mr. Province McCormick.

United States Marshal George W. Levi, and Deputy-Marshal H. R. Levi and wife, of Lynchburg, are spending their holidays here.

Messrs. Frank and Richard Henson, and Albert Helvestine, of Roanoke, spent Christmas-Day with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thompson, and Mr. Moomaw, of Roanoke, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKericher, Messrs. Kirk Glover and Gordon Van Hook, of Washington; Thomas Clagett, of Lehigh University, and F. R. McManus, of New York, are also spending the holidays in the county.

Miss Kate S. Neill left on Saturday for a week's visit to friends in Washington.

Mrs. H. W. Baker and daughters are visiting relatives in Frederick county, Md.

Major A. W. McDonald, of Charlestown, W. Va., spent Saturday with relatives in Clarke county.

Mr. George W. Boyd, of Philadelphia, spent a few days at Wickliffe last week. Mr. J. S. Ware accompanied him to Philadelphia on Sunday.

Mr. Sandow Moore, of the University of Virginia, is the guest of Mr. H. L. D. Lewis, at "Audley."

Miss Annie Smith left Saturday to visit relatives in West Virginia.

Miss Anne E. Stribling, of Mount Jackson, is visiting Mrs. E. J. Ware, at "Durham."

Mr. W. Cabell Moore, of the University of Virginia, is at his home in the county.

Captain W. N. McDonald left to-day for Alexandria, where he will visit Mr. J. S. Blackburn.

Mr. Ludwell Baldwin, of "Potomac Academy," Alexandria, is at his home in Berryville.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY

Rather Quiet—Death of a Well-Known Lady.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., December 28. (Special.)—College Hill has been unusually quiet for several days on account of the absence of nearly all the college students and of about two thirds of the seminarians. Several of the professors of the former are spending their vacation with friends elsewhere, but all the professors of the latter are at their posts, though lecturing to much diminished classes.

Mrs. J. P. Mettauer was buried in the cemetery of College church yesterday morning. Her death was not unexpected, as her health had been precarious for several years, and specially so for some weeks. She was an excellent Christian woman, and died in the full assurance of salvation. She leaves only one child, Mrs. Wyatt Crute, of this community. Her husband preceded her to the grave several years. He lived to a very advanced age, and was engaged in active practice up to very nearly the close of life. He was one of the most distinguished physicians that Virginia has produced. For many years before, during, and after the war, he had an infirmary at his residence, about a mile from this village, to which patients came from all parts of the country. He also had a medical school, at which many prominent physicians were educated. He was a native of Prince Edward, an alumnus of Hampden-Sidney College, and the son of a distinguished French physician, who came over with the troops under Lafayette, and after the Revolutionary war settled in this county. The only living descendant bearing his name is his son, Dr. Archer Mettauer, a distinguished physician in Macon, Ga. He has many descendants by other names, having had several daughters by former marriages, none of whom survive, but all of whom left families. His memory is greatly revered by those who knew him, and he is honored by the members of the Philanthropic Society of the college as one of the founders of their society in the year 1805. His portrait hangs on the walls of the old Phip.

Major R. M. Venable, of Baltimore, and W. H. Venable, Esq., of Norfolk, are here on a visit to friends.

The exercises of the second term of the college session will open on Monday, January 4th. Most of the absent students will return on the preceding Saturday, so as to be prepared for their class work on Monday. It is injurious to miss even one day from classes at this college, a fact which the young men generally appreciate sufficiently to make them punctual and regular in attending to their duties.

VERY SUDDEN DEATH.

Of Mr. W. S. Champion, of Crewe—Funeral Arrangements.

CREWE, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—Mr. W. S. Champion died suddenly at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon while passing through the machine shops of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. He had been in good health, and was a fine specimen of physical manhood, weighing a little over 200 pounds, and would have been selected as one of the healthiest men in the community. Just before the fatal stroke he remarked to a friend that he felt badly, and then fell over and died almost instantly. He had long been connected with the Norfolk and Western Company, and was highly esteemed. He came here from Petersburg when this town was located, little over eight years ago. He was a steward in the Methodist church, member of the Town Council, past sachem of Wakula Tribe of Red Men, and recorder of a lodge of the Knights of Honor, in which latter order he carried a life-insurance of $2,000. The cause of his death was heart clot, and he was 35 years of age. He married Miss Minnie Baughn, of Amelia, about three years ago. She survives him, but no children.

The funeral will be held in the Methodist church at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The burial will be here.

SWIFT'S SILVER MINE.

A Legend of Dickenson County—Did It Exist?

DWALE, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—Twenty-five years ago many people were talking about "Swift's Silver Mine," which was said to be located somewhere between Clinch river and Cumberland mountain. Nobody seemed to know the exact date when Swift operated the mine; but, as not even the oldest inhabitant had ever seen him, it must have been somewhere back in 1700. It is said the first settlers saw Swift passing to and from the mine with his companions and several horses. The man who accompanied him as a partner, it is said, bore the name of Mundy, and that Swift, whose Christian name seems to me to have been Dean, killed him in a dispute which they had over the division of some of their treasures. After that, Swift was never able to find the mine again. He said that always, when he set his compass, he could see the dead man's hand spread out over the face of it, so that he could not see the needle work, and he would sit down and cry like a child. Some of the oldest men here say that their fathers saw this mining party, and that once or twice Swift's wife accompanied them. They always came in summer, and would turn their horses to the "range" till they were ready to return—where, I do not remember; but a faint recollection serves me that it was to North Carolina.

Twenty-odd years ago, when your correspondent was a small boy, he remembers hearing people talk of the mine, and where its probable location was, and some persons actually hunted for it.

AN OLD MAP.

There was an old map passed around then, which was said to have been printed from one made by Swift. It was accompanied by a written description of the country and the location of the mine. The paper bearing this writing was something resembling the linen paper of to-day, and was of a rather bluish tint. It had been used so much that it was torn apart at every fold, and the scraps had been carefully pasted together on cloth—a precious document. The writing looked rather odd, but I do not remember if it was said to have been done by Swift. The map had several streams and mountains represented on it, but as there were no names then, it was rather difficult to locate them. I well remember that at one point on the map, there was an "F" in script, made somewhat on the style in which the letter is now made, and this, according to the text, represented the furnace; while according to the same authority, the location of the mine was represented by a "-|-." The old men had it from their fathers that Swift's mine was a reality, and so strong a faith did they build upon this statement that they spent day after day in looking for it; but it was like hunting for the silver which is said to be buried at the end of the rainbow.

SAID HE FOUND IT.

An old man by the name of Cornelius Baker, who died in Cumberland mountains some years ago, always said that he found the mine back in the '60's. He said he came to a place in the mountains where the water was running in an underground passage, and being attracted by its ripple, he looked down through a hole in the ground, directly above the water, and not only saw the water, but the entire bed of this subterranean stream was bright, shining stuff, which he pronounced silver. He said that he examined it so closely that he knew he was not mistaken. He then marked the spot, as he thought sufficiently to identify it; but as the mountain was then almost an unbroken wild, he could never find that place again.

The old men, whose implicit faith in the actual existence of the silver treasures led them to talk about and to search for this "rainbow phantom," have nearly all gone to join the great majority, and now people do not seem to have their faith, and one seldom hears the once magical words, "Swift's Silver Mine," pronounced, and to the next generation these words will be a meaningless combination.

Coal-Mine Strike Off.

MASCOUTAH, ILL., December 28.—The coal-miners' strike inaugurated in St. Clair and Madison counties has been declared off. An effort will be made to have their wages increased, and if unsuccessful, another strike will be inaugurated later.

RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

NEWS GATHERED IN THE OLD NORTH STATE.

A Recount of Ballots Ordered—Many Regrets—No Accidents During the Holidays—A Business Let Up—Personal and General.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 28.—(Special.)—Judge Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, was applied to for a mandamus to compel the Clerk of the court to produce the ballots for recount in the case of Broughton vs. Young. Judge Clark gave Clerk Young a hearing to show cause why the ballots were withheld, and he not giving a sufficient reason, Judge Clark issued an order for the ballots to be recounted Wednesday, December 30th. Many are the complications that arise from the iniquitous election-law that this State has to contend with.

MANY REGRETS.

Many were the expressions of regret when the news of the death of Major Finger reached here. As Superintendent of Public Instruction, he lived among us, and he and his wife made many friends here. He was a man who always had the interest of his State, and especially her educational interest, at heart. Mrs. Finger received, besides Governor Carr's telegram of sympathy, many more from prominent men of the State.

There has not been an accident here to mar the pleasure of the holidays. The Mayor interviewed several drunks, but there was no row. The weather was cold and snappy, but clear as a bell. It is still clear, but is much warmer. We need scarcely hope for a much-longer continuation of this, though.

BUSINESS LET UP.

There has been rather a let up in business since Christmas morning, so that there is a dearth of news in all the departments. To-day, however, there seems to be a beginning of business again.

The new Republican paper, the Tribune, will occupy the old offices formerly used by the Progressive Farmer. Editor Haywood will not be able to get out an issue until after the Legislature meets. Business-Manager Kenyon has gone North to hurry up the material.

Church Badly Damaged by Fire.

WILSON, N. C., December 28.—(Special.)—Just as the people were getting home from church yesterday the alarm was given that the Disciples' church was on fire. It was soon discovered that the building was in imminent danger of total destruction, for the fire, originating from the furnace, was bursting through the floor and walls. The fire companies reached the scene in time to save the building, however, but only after great damage had been done. Nearly all the church furniture was a total loss. The loss will aggregate more than $1,000, partly covered by insurance.

Before the fire was extinguished the Baptist church extended an invitation to the Disciples to worship in their house, and the invitation was accepted.

Scotland Neck.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., December 28. (Special.)—The name of the colored man who killed the white man Spain at Tillery Christmas-Day is Jeff. Davis. He has not been caught. After Spain was killed a colored man named George Hines robbed the body. He has been caught and committed to jail. He took Spain's watch and what money he had. Spain's body was carried Saturday to his home, in one of the lower counties. He had threatened the life of some persons about Tillery, it was reported, among the number the man who killed him.

The Riflemen have received their uniforms, and present a handsome appearance.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Found Dead—A Marriage—Incendiary Fires.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—While hunting north of the city on Saturday two colored boys came upon the dead body of Lewis White lying face downward in a small branch. They at once came to the city and reported the facts to the Chief of Police. The body of Lewis, when found, had evidently been lying there for some hours. An inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the man came to his death by accident.

Mr. Elbert C. Lanum and Miss Lillie E. Damron, both of Nelson county, were married yesterday afternoon in this city.

An outbuilding, used as a barn, on the farm of George R. Minor, seven miles north of the city, was consumed by fire last week. The whole was valued at about $200. No insurance. There seems to be no doubt about the fire having been of incendiary origin. On account of the many incendiary fires that have taken place in this county of late, the farmers have decided to organize a vigilance society to rid the county of the "fire-bugs."

MILL BURNED.

Sad Death of a Little Child—Fell Into the Fire.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—Intelligence has been received here of the destruction by fire on Saturday night of Mr. W. R. Perrow's mill, well known as Alexander's mill, situated on the road running from Lynchburg to Campbell Courthouse. It was insured for about $2,600, but this amount does not by any means cover the loss. The mill was one of the largest in the county, and had a wide reputation for the quality of its output.

Word has just reached the city of a sad occurrence at the home of Mr. Robert Perrow on Christmas-Day. His infant child, 10 months old, fell into an open fire, and died from the burns on yesterday morning. The nurse was with the child at the time of the accident. She pulled it out of the flames as quickly as she could, but not before the little one's clothes had caught fire.

RACE TROUBLE AT DAWSON.

Forced to Leave—Judge Redd Better.

BEAVER DAM, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—A serious race trouble was reported Saturday night at Dawson between five white men and fifteen or twenty negroes, which resulted in the white faction being forced to leave for awhile. The trouble was resumed to-day by a mob of negroes concentrating there, and two white boys, who were instrumental in starting the trouble, were forced to leave the place.

I understand that Judge Redd, who was reported ill some time ago, is much better and will soon be out again.

Assignment in Roanoke.

ROANOKE, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—C. H. Hardish, keeper of a variety store on Salem avenue, has made an assignment to M. Rosenberg, trustee. The assets consist of stock and furniture in the store and all notes, bills, accounts, and other dues to Hardish. The liabilities are unknown.

Lee Hofanger was before Justice Miller, of Roanoke county, to-day on the charge of making an assault on C. Flint last summer. He was admitted to bail in the sum of $300 for trial on the 5th of January, 1897.

Norfolk & Western Station Burned.

A Bluefield special of Sunday says: At 1 o'clock this morning the passenger station of the Norfolk and Western railroad, at Graham, Va., three miles west of here, was discovered to be on fire. A number of employees from the Bluefield shops, with hose and reel, were promptly sent down on a train of flat-cars; but before reaching their destination the flames had made such progress that nothing could be done, except to save a portion of the large platforms surrounding the burning building. The fire is supposed to have originated from some defect in the hot-air pipes leading from the furnace, which was located in the basement. The building was erected in 1890, at a cost of $25,000, and was one of the handsomest on the road. It was constructed of native sandstone and finished in natural wood. Most of the contents were destroyed. The insurance will cover about half the cost of the building.

Popular Bank Official Resigns.

ROANOKE, VA., December 28.—(Special.)—J. C. Davenport, who has been cashier of the Commercial National Bank of this city for some years, has resigned the position, and on Sunday left for his old home at Charlestown, W. Va., where he will spend some time with relatives. Mr. Davenport is very popular here, and is regarded as a young man of fine business qualifications.

A Word to Dispatch Subscribers.

We would earnestly call the attention of our subscribers to the offer, which the Dispatch is still holding out to them, in that artistic souvenir, "The Lost Cause." Don't fail to have it in your households. It will grow in interest as time goes on, and will instruct your children.

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MAY DISINTEGRATE CHINA.

Russia's Grab Possibly to Be Followed by Others.

BERLIN, December 28.—The Berlin Tageblatt publishes an article written by its travelling correspondent, Eugene Wolf, now visiting China, in Tien-Tsin, discussing the Russo-Chinese secret treaty, which he regards as the commencement of the first division of China.

Wolf calls this a masterpiece of diplomacy, whereby all the provinces north of Hoang-Ho are already looked upon as Russian possessions. Wolf intimates that Russia is acting in accordance with an understanding with France, and says the latter country is occupied in preparing a similar division beginning in the south-west corner. She considers the Chinese provinces bordering on Tonkin as her sphere.

Wolf adds a reminder that the chambers of commerce of Lyons, Marseilles, and other places recently at their own expense sent commercial expeditions to the Chinese provinces of Yunnan and Szechuen for the purpose of opening new connections and establishing commercial stations.

In connection with this the fact that a German commercial expedition for East Asia will leave Bremen on January 27th is interesting. It will consist of ten members, representing as many industries, and will be accompanied by Dr. Schumacher, from the Ministry of Commerce.

The Foreign Office has ordered all German Consuls in China to assist the expedition as much as possible. The commission will forward reports to German chambers of commerce. No member of the party is allowed to do private business, and the investigations are limited to what will be advantageous for the empire.

PROTEST FROM IRELAND.

Excessive Share of Taxation She Has to Bear.

DUBLIN, December 28.—A meeting was held at the Mansion House to-day for the purpose of formulating a protest to be submitted to Parliament against the excessive share of taxation which Ireland is compelled to bear toward the total contribution of the United Kingdom to the Imperial Exchequer. The meeting was presided over by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and the speakers comprised both Unionists and Nationalists. Among those who addressed the meeting were the Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Episcopalian Archbishop of Dublin; the Most Rev. William J. Walsh, Roman Catholic Bishop of Dublin; John J. Clancy, Nationalist member of Parliament for the North Division of Dublin, and others.

Kid McCoy Defeats Billy Doherty.

LONDON, December 28.—A dispatch from Johannesburg, South African Republic, says that the fight between the American boxer, "Kid" McCoy, and "Billy" Doherty, of Australia, for the middle-weight championship and £1,000 a side (the gate-money to be divided), took place on Saturday, and was won by McCoy in nine rounds. The men were to fight twenty rounds. Until the fourth round Doherty was the favorite.

Naval Orders of Interest.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Captain C. J. Barclay has been ordered to command the cruiser Raleigh, relieving Captain Merrill Miller, who is granted three months' leave.

Commander W. C. Gibson is ordered to command the Adams on her return from Hawaii, relieving Commander E. W. Watson, who is detailed to the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy-yard as ordnance officer.

Captain Nicoll Ludlow has been assigned to duty as a member of the Examinating Board, at Washington.

Lieutenant A. N. Nazero is detached from the Enterprise and will become executive officer of the Vermont, at the New York navy-yard, January 5th.

Assassination in Georgia.

MACON, GA., December 28.—A special to the Telegraph from Unadilla, Ga., says that an old man, named George Sumner, living near that place, was assassinated last night by an unknown man. Late at night the old man was awakened by a glare of light from the barn, which had been set afire. Leaving the house, he was fired upon. After shooting Sumner several times, the assassin broke into the house and attempted to assault his only daughter. The daughter fought desperately and succeeded in wrenching his revolver away. The murderer then fled. A posse is in hot pursuit.

Scandia Bank, Minneapolis, Closes.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., December 28.—The Scandia Bank, of this city, closed its doors this afternoon. It was organized some fifteen years ago by Mons. Grinegar, a prominent politician of this State, who died in 1893. Its president is R. Sunda, who came to this city ten years ago from Willmar, Minn., where he had made quite a fortune as a money-lender. The last obtainable statement of the condition of the bank was made October 6th last. It showed loans and discounts amounting to $189,288, and deposits aggregating $225,330. It business has been almost wholly with Scandinavians.

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100 pairs After-Dinner Fancy Cups and Saucers, clearing-sale, per pair, 25c.

Elegant China Mustard-Pots, each 15c.

25c. Decorated China Cream-Pitchers, 9c.

FINE, 100-PIECE DECORATED DINNER SETS (PRINCE-OF-WALES DESIGN), WORTH $25, FOR $12.

50 DOZEN REAL FLINT GOBLETS, FULL SIZE, WORTH 6c. PER DOZEN, 3c. EACH.

5-Piece Japanned Toilet Sets, worth $1.50; clearing-price, 75c. per set.

100 Book or Brick-Brac Racks, strongly made; cheap at 50c.; clearing-sale price, 28c.

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SHEET-IRON BREAD- AND ROASTING-PANS, WORTH UP TO 25c., ALL AT 5c.

Heavy Wire Meat-Broilers, worth 15c., for 5c.

$10 HAND-DECORATED TEN-PIECE TOILET SET, CLEARING-PRICE, $5.95 COMPLETE.

25c. for 40c. Imitation Cut-Glass Tumblers; set of six.

39c. for $1 Real Hand-Engraved Thin Blown Tumblers; set of six.

Cut-Glass Jewelry-Boxes (beautiful new), actual value, $1.50; for to-day, 48c.

Large Slop-Jars, worth $1.75 to $2.50, while they last, $1.

8-inch Jardinieres, assorted colors; this we give as a flyer; they cost $1.50 per dozen; for to-day, 25c.

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