THE SUMMER RESORTS

THE OPENING OF THE SEASON IN THE VIRGINIA MOUNTAINS.

New Management of a Popular Resting-Place—Its Attractions—Music—Some of the Guests—The Rock Alum Springs.

THE INTERMONT, COVINGTON, VA., July 2.—(Special.)—A charming ride over the Blue Ridge mountains brings us to the exquisite valley on the eastern slope of the Alleghanies, in which this delightful hotel is situated, on a hill overlooking the pretty town of Covington.

This is the centre of the famous springs region of the Virginias, and the hotel is named from its situation between the mountain ranges. The White Sulphur, the Hot, the Healing, the Warm, the Old Sweet, and Sweet Chalybeate Springs are all within a radius of thirty miles, and one of the advantages which the Intermont possesses is the pleasure its guests enjoy in excursions to all these places, which the convenient running of the Chesapeake and Ohio train renders easy and agreeable.

BEAUTIFUL SCENERY.

The eminence from which the Intermont overlooks the town commands a view of the entire valley, and presents a panorama of natural beauties, not excelled by any other section noted for the beauty of its scenery.

The hotel is still a favorite stopping-place for passengers for the Hot Springs, on account of the comfort of the service and the agreeable society which may always be found here, and for the daylight trip through the picturesque scenery on the Chesapeake and Ohio.

The Intermont has put on a new dress, and is very picturesque in its exterior appearance, and is thoroughly renovated in its interior appointments. It is under a new management this season, which is in every respect superior and satisfactory. Mr. Walker K. Coontz, so long associated with the hotel in another capacity, is now manager, and leaves nothing to be desired for the comfort and pleasure of the guests. His many friends among the ladies will remember his watchful care for their pleasant and comfortable sojourn here in past seasons, and having unlimited authority, he can now be even more successful in giving entire satisfaction. He has able assistants in every department, whose single aim seems to be to please.

THE CUISINE.

The cuisine is under the direction of Colonel E. G. Peyton, whose long association with the leading hotels of Virginia makes him one of the best known and most popular managers in the State.

THE MUSIC.

The music is under the direction of a gifted young graduate of the academic department of Columbian College, Washington, D. C., who is also a pupil of Professor Kaspar, one of the most noted violinists in America. Mr. Finckel is also an instructor in music and has with him two youths—Messrs. James Williamson and William Sterreth—for violin study during the summer.

The pianist of the trio who compose the band is Mme. Dagny Rolland, a native Norwegian, who is a fine instrumental performer, and has a very highly-trained mezzo-soprano voice, having sung in grand opera for five seasons. She is also a vocal and instrumental instructor in Washington. Mr. Gunckel, the accomplished cornetist, is a medical student of Columbian College. The selections are in good taste—classical solos, duets, and trios, new and popular waltzes, and two-steps by latest composers.

The Sunday evening concerts are entirely selections from oratorios and other sacred compositions.

Mr. Finckel will go abroad at the end of the season to perfect his musical education in Vienna.

SOME OF THE GUESTS.

Prominent among the guests is the family of Colonel La Rheth L. Livingston, United States army, who was retired from his command at St. Augustine, Fla., in 1895. Colonel Livingston commanded the Third Artillery at the posts of Washington Barracks, Atlanta, Old Point, Savannah, and commanded Fort McHenry, 1887-1891.

He is accompanied by his charming wife and accomplished daughters, Misses Laura and Gertrude Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alexander, of Baltimore, are valued acquisitions to the circle of guests.

Major and Mrs. Thomas E. Morris, of Fredericksburg, Va., are welcomed cordially as among the popular guests of last season.

Mrs. George W. Legare, formerly of Charleston, S. C., now of Washington, is most attractive in personality. She is a daughter of the late Hon. Alexander Brown, of Charleston, S. C., a lawyer of brilliant attainments.

Mrs. James Keith Edwards, of Washington, is always a favorite guest at Intermont.

Mrs. E. G. Peyton, formerly Miss Kate Woodward, of Staunton, is accompanied by her charming daughter, a late graduate of Miss Baldwin's School.

Mrs. M. D. Montgomery, of St. Louis, but so long a resident of Virginia that she is claimed as such, is a gifted artist and teacher in art, and has her studio attractively fitted up, with the natural addition to its fittings of birds and flowers, making it one of the pleasant places of rendezvous at the hotel.

Mr. E. M. Nettleton has returned with his charming bride from an extended tour of the lakes and Niagara.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gooch and two sons—Messrs. Garrett and Watson Gooch—have taken a pretty cottage here for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Parrish, whose lovely home and hospitality add so much to their friends' pleasure, will leave in a few days for an extended trip by the lakes to Duluth and Canada.

Mr. R. L. Parrish, Jr., will have Mr. Warner McCabe, of Richmond, as his guest for the summer.

Mr. S. W. Venable, Jr., of Petersburg, is here, and will soon be joined by his family—Mrs. E. C. Venable, Miss Helen Venable, and Master Edward C. Venable, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stromenger, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Chessway and little granddaughter, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Eugene Meade, of Danville, Va., are here.

Among the engagements for the season are registered Dr. William Alexander Thom, Miss Thom, Virginia; Mrs. Mattie Bolling Nash, Miss Hatcher, Richmond, Va.; Misses Cooper, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Stevenson, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Frank B. Isaacs, Richmond; Colonel W. A. Hawser, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Parkinson, and niece, Richmond; Mrs. J. Sydney Smith and Mrs. White, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Ballinger, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. John Etchison, Richmond; Mrs. Edwards and son, Mrs. Culp and family, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. S. E. Watkins, Miss Watkins, Mrs. Pickerell and family, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. William H. Smythe, Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ayers, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Lafayette Guild, widow of assistant-surgeon general, Confederate States. CHLOE.

ROCKBRIDGE ALUM.

Fourth-of-July Expectations—Some of the Guests.

ROCKBRIDGE ALUM SPRINGS, July 3.—(Special.)—At no place, probably, is the "Glorious Fourth" looked forward to more eagerly than at the summer resort. A time-honored custom at the watering places in this State and West Virginia has made the national holiday an epoch when all things were expected to happen that were likely to bring pleasure to the hearts of those domiciled within their hotels and cottages. Then it was that the band would arrive and the ball-room be ablaze with lights; then it was that the summer girl would be present with all her vivacity, and that the lawn would be dotted with the white-trousered youth in sufficient number to satisfy every girlish heart; then it was that the fish would bite and the skies be bright, and the huntsman find his game; then it was that the laurels of the erstwhile champion whist player would be snatched away by some new arrival; then it was that old acquaintances would meet again, and that youthful lovers would once more carve their initials on the grand old oaks; in fact, then it was that life at the springs would be one long, blissful dream, with no wish left ungratified.

Those here who are putting all their hopes on Independence-Day will not be disappointed in the fulfilment of their expectations. Indeed, some of the agencies which were to unite in making this the one day of all days of the season have been a little ahead of time. Some of the trout in the streams near by have been ungrateful enough to refuse to abide their time, and have already fallen into the angler's hand, much to the joy of the latter and to the disgust of those who believe in the "eternal fitness of things." Again, more than one pair of duck pants have been seen on the lawn, and if we may judge from the present outlook, the unparalleled occurrence of a german at the springs at which there are "stags" may possibly happen. This, however, is a wild supposition, and not to be seriously thought of.

GREAT CHANGES.

One short week has wrought wonderful changes here. The twitter of birds in the trees on the lawn is accompanied by the merry laughter of childish voices—happy and joyous sounds they are, the hearing of which makes one almost forget there is such a thing as care in the world. What would a summer resort be without these merry prattlers? For an honest laugh, that expresses unfeigned merriment, let me hear that of a child.

All day long the bowling alley makes the woods echo and re-echo, and but for the clatter of the falling pins one would almost think the rumbling sounds were the warnings of a coming storm. The pool and billiard tables are seldom out of use, the parlor and reading-rooms are rarely unoccupied, and the office presents a scene of bustle and activity every time the special coach on the narrow-gauge road to the springs unloads its passengers. The office force find that the time hangs less heavier on their hands than it did some days ago, and already the room clerk is showing signs of premature gray hairs.

The narrow-gauge road which meets the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, and which has its other terminus at the very doors, almost, of the hotel here, has passed into the hands of those who manage the springs, and every train, local and through, is now met. An elegant, new coach has just been completed and put on the road, and the little "dummy" pulls out and returns six times daily with this handsome car, each time bearing the mail of Uncle Sam.

No one could wish for a more congenial company than that now gathered here. Each person can find some one with tastes similar to their own, and, as a result, there are already many boon companions.

Mr. R. A. Hemphill, one of the proprietors of the Atlanta Constitution, and his family, arrived during the week. Mr. Hemphill, after spending a few days, returned, leaving his family to remain here for the summer.

Mr. Millington Miller, a well-known journalist and contributor to magazines, is also here with his son and daughter. They will remain for the entire summer.

FOND OF RIDING.

One of the most pleasing conversationalists here is Mr. H. M. Wallace, who is a Washington and Lee man, and who hails from Spottswood, Va. Mr. Wallace, who is very fond of horseback riding, made the trip here upon his finely-bred mare, which he will keep in the livery at the springs during his stay.

Mr. D. W. Allaman and Dr. William R. Jones have found in each other two kindred spirits, in that they are both huntsmen, and nearly every afternoon they may be seen, gun in hand, wending their way through the woods.

Mr. R. M. Hughes, Mr. Libby, and Captain Roadcap went after the wary mountain trout Wednesday in the stream which runs through the grounds here, and almost within the shadow of the big hotel they landed half a dozen speckled beauties.

Rev. John G. Harrison, of Atlanta, Ga., in the pursuit of innocent amusements, is an enthusiast, and he may be seen in many a hotly-contested game of tennis, on the lawn. Mr. Harrison conducted religious services here last Sunday.

Master Spencer Miller bids fair to be the leader of the juveniles here this summer. He is a bright, active lad, but, unlike many of his age, never manifests a disposition to be "too smart."

Mr. A. G. Hancock, of Richmond, will bring his family here next week.

The representatives of the Virginia Military Institute here at present are Messrs. William Shands and R. W. Abrey.

Mr. William Todd, of Kentucky, disproves the generally accepted theory that a cheerful disposition and dyspepsia cannot go hand in hand. Mr. Carson, of Mississippi, is also an exception to the rule.

Mr. T. C. Eubank has charge of the post-office again this year.

The telegraph office will be opened in the hotel next week. The barbershop was opened last week.

Among the arrivals this week are S. Millington Miller, Miss Virginia Miller, and E. S. Miller, Jr., of New York; A. G. Hancock, of Richmond; Mrs. J. S. Mayfield, Miss B. Mayfield, Miss M. Mayfield, and Miss M. Morgan, of Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. J. H. Clarke, of Orlando, Fla.; H. M. Wallace, of Spottswood, Va.; R. W. Alvey, of the Virginia Military Institute; H. A. Shepherd, of Staunton, Va.; J. F. Effinger, of Virginia; Mrs. A. T. Peale, of Virginia; William Shands, of the Virginia Military Institute; R. A. Hemphill, Mrs. R. A. Hemphill, and Miss Erne Hemphill, of Atlanta; J. B. Wood, of Virginia; Mrs. R. F. Campbell and son, of Asheville, N. C.; W. F. Camp, of Morganton, N. C.; Miss J. F. Huntley and maid, of Basic City, Va.; Mrs. W. V. Walsh and W. B. Walsh, of Roanoke, Va.; Miss Anne R. Rhett, Mrs. Frank Stockdell, and Miss Maude Johnson, of Atlanta; Mrs. Alfred Penn Lucas, of Columbus, Ga.; T. S. Fry, of Mobile, and Mrs. Henry Lee Lowenburg and family, of Norfolk, Va.

VIRGINIA BEACH.

The Season Very Gay—Entertainments—Personals.

VIRGINIA BEACH, July 3.—(Special.)—The season at Virginia Beach is very gay. Bathing was never better, the weather cool and delightful, and the number of visitors increasing daily.

An exceedingly beautiful dinner was given on board the United States steamship Amphitrite to Miss Amanda Caskie and her guests, Miss Sedden, of Baltimore, and Miss Hardy, of Norfolk.

Mr. Huxley Rutherfoord gave a bowling party on Thursday evening to Mrs. Henry Valentine, of Richmond, who is staying at the Inverness Inn.

Mrs. Barton Wise and her aunt, Mrs. Cohen, leave Monday for the mountains.

Miss Carolyn Martin is staying at the Selden cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jeffress and their son, Master Robert Jeffress, left this week for their country place, "Meadowbrook," after ten days at the Beach. Mr. Jeffress's sister, Mrs. Finch, has returned to Chicago.

The Retreat party, after a thoroughly enjoyable week, has returned to Richmond. While here they were the guests of Mrs. Fitzhugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Tazewell Taylor will spend the summer at their cottage.

Miss Sallie Grasty, of Baltimore, was the recipient of much attention while here.

Miss Katheryn Humes will leave for the Yellow Sulphur Springs on the 7th, stopping a few days in Richmond en route, and while there will be the guest of her cousin, Mrs. G. A. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Haxley Rutherfoord will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Otway Allen on the 4th.

Quite a large party of Baltimore men have been at the Inn, among them Messrs. Charles Martin, John Semmes, John Steele, Bradley Jones, and Henry Lants.

The german to be given by the Princess Anne Hotel on the 6th promises to be a grand success. A number of Richmond people will be present.

The Misses Ridgely, of Baltimore, and Misses Manson, Rice, and Bowling, of Lynchburg, are at the Princess Anne, chaperoned by Miss Vandergrift.

Misses Mabel and Lulie Walker, of Richmond, are visiting Miss Caskie.

Mrs. Edward Robinson, of Richmond, has entirely recovered from her recent illness, and will leave shortly for the White Sulphur Springs.

Mr. Cohen, of Augusta, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Barton Wise.

Mrs. Orange Bennett and daughter, Mrs. Alvey, go from the Beach to Chase City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cabell and Mrs. John Lottier will spend the Fourth with relatives at the Beach.

Mrs. Eichelberger and children are with Miss Henry.

Mrs. Shields and daughter, Miss Grace Shields, who have been here for the past month, will leave Monday for their home in Richmond.

Mr. Henry Valentine will entertain a party of Richmond gentlemen on the 4th.

Mrs. Boykin and Mrs. Robinson have taken the Fisher cottage for the month of July.

Miss Alice Moore is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Todd.

Miss Ruth Robbins will spend the Fourth at the Inverness Inn.

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WYTHEVILLE.

The First German of the Season—Personal Notes.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., July 3.—(Special.)—The Wytheville German Club gave their first dance of the season at Sexton's Hall last night. As is known, Sexton's Hall is a spacious and well-ventilated building. It was beautifully decorated with bunting and flowers. The dancing began promptly at 9 o'clock, and was led by Mr. E. Lee Trinkle, with Miss Minnie Spiller. Some twenty couples participated, among them Mr. D. S. Blair with Miss French, Mr. S. T. Moore with Miss Sue Peyton Kent, Mr. W. S. Moore with Miss Foster, Mr. R. W. Blair with Miss Graves, Mr. Roy Sexton with Miss Blair, Mr. Alfred Moore with Miss Goodwin, Mr. Garland Sexton with Miss Percival, Mr. R. W. Bolling with Miss Leeds, Mr. R. L. Miller with Miss Eleanor French, Dr. E. P. McCavock with Miss Sue Spiller, Mr. Hugh Caldwell with Miss Ellis, Mr. E. B. Van Buren with Miss Bolling, Mr. E. E. Hudson with Miss Mary Percival, Mr. Stuart Jones with Mrs. Jones, Dr. P. B. Green with Mrs. Green, Mr. John C. Blair with Mrs. Blair, Mr. C. T. O'Ferrall, Jr., with Mrs. O'Ferrall, Mr. Edwin Farmer with Mrs. Farmer. Among the stags were Messrs. J. Randolph Bolling, C. M. Trinkle, R. K. Spiller, S. R. Sayers, Jr., W. S. Trinkle, R. C. Howison, Robert Sayers, Jr., Sumner Mather, E. O. McCue, George L. Fletcher, P. George Pilcher, W. F. Otley, A. J. Vaughan, J. Walker Bourne, and C. J. Rixey.

The chaperons were Mrs. W. H. Bolling, Mrs. Kent, Mr. T. G. Kent, Mrs. C. W. Pike, and Mrs. W. H. Spiller. During the evening ices were served. The dancing was continued until 1 o'clock, and is to be hoped that the club's other entertainments of the season will be as pleasant as this one.

Mr. James B. Blanks, of Petersburg, Grand Secretary of the Royal Arcanum of Virginia, made an address before Rahn Lodge at this place last night.

Mrs. G. Woodville Smith and family, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Hodges, of Norfolk, have arrived in Wytheville, and are domiciled in their summer home, on west Main street.

Rev. Dr. Percival, of New Orleans, is in Wytheville again for the season.

The Misses French, of Alexander, are visiting at Mr. Spiller's.

Dr. and Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Montgomery, of New Orleans, are boarding at Mrs. Rich's. Also, Miss Sweeney, of Richmond.

Miss Floy Preston, of Greenville, S. C.; Miss Sallie Preston,, of Seven-Mile Ford, and Miss Tynes, of Tazewell, are visiting the Misses Oewel.

Mrs. E. H. Umbarger has returned from a visit to Nelson county.

Mr. J. D. Abell, proprietor of the Fourth-Avenue Hotel, has returned from the Grayson Sulphur Springs, greatly improved in health.

Mr. Sumner Mather, of Minneapolis, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Anne Lawson, on Spring street.

Mrs. Dr. Thomas, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Out in Highland.

MONTEREY, VA., July 3.—(Special.)—The June term of Judge McDonald's Court convened here this week, and, being a regular grand jury term, a large crowd was in attendance. But little business, however, was done, either in the court or grand jury room, only two indictments being found by that body.

Mr. George Whitlock and bride, of Meadow Dale, this county, returned yesterday from a two weeks' bridal trip to Washington and other cities.

Dr. John S. Cunningham, his wife, and sister-in-law, Miss Maud Yager, of Marlinton, W. Va., are visiting the Doctor's parents in Monterey.

Miss Mary Olin Jones, of Franklin, who has been visiting her uncle, here, Hon. C. P. Jones, returned to her home Thursday, accompanied by Misses Phoebe Jones and Sallie Wilson, of Monterey, who will spend a fortnight with friends and relatives in Franklin.

Mrs. Minnie Paul, of Minneapolis, Minn., is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Williams. Mrs. Paul is an estimable lady, and here visits to Highland are much enjoyed by her friends.

Miss May Fleming, daughter of R. H. Fleming, D. D., of Lynchburg, is visiting her uncle, J. A. Jones, near Hightown.

Dr. S. F. Suddarth, just graduated from the University of Virginia, returned to his home in Crabbottom this week.

Captain John S. Newman, one of the leading citizens of Crabbottom, was buried a few days ago.

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IN BEDFORD CITY.

WORK OF RENOVATING THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMPLETED.

An Approaching Interesting Semi-Centennial—Wheat Crop—Chickens Galore—Three Marriages—Tennis Teams—Personal and General.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., July 3.—(Special.)—The work of renovating the Presbyterian church has been completed, and the sacred edifice now presents a most attractive appearance. During the spring the exterior of the church was repaired and repainted. The interior has now undergone a process of complete renovation under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The walls have been tinted a delicate olive and are surmounted by a handsome bordering of papering. The ceiling is also papered with a harmonizing shade. A new, tasteful carpet covers the entire floor, and the pulpit drapery and upholstering of the furniture are of a rich crimson—the color of the carpet. All of the woodwork has received coats of painting and varnish, and the whole effect is most pleasing and reflects much credit on the taste and zeal of the ladies. The church will be used to-morrow morning for the first time since the work of repair. Rev. R. B. Eggleston, the young pastor, is very zealous and energetic, and under his care the church is growing steadily.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

In September, the semi-centennial of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church will be celebrated. Sketches will be read by a number of persons, giving reminiscences of the foundation and growth of the church. One, by Mrs. William W. Burwell, now in her 87th year, is very interesting. She is now the only one of the original members of this church living. It was organized by Nicholas H. Cobbs, afterwards made Bishop, and for a great many years was nominally under the charge of Rev. Nelson Sale, with Mr. John A. Wharton as lay reader. The latter really was the mainspring of its growth and prosperity, but by reason of secular employment for many years he was not advanced to the ministry. Rev. Mr. Sale resided in the country and attended upon special occasions when the rites of the Church were solemnized. Rev. Henderson Suter, D. D., succeded Rev. Mr. Wharton, followed by Rev. J. J. Lloyd, Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., Rev. Robert Forsyth, Rev. T. W. Jones, and Rev. Dallas Tucker, the rector now in charge.

From all points of the county come reports of an unusually fine crop of wheat, which has just been harvested. The crops generally promise well. Peaches are being brought in from the rural districts and command good prices and a ready sale.

Since the opening of the season for the much-desired spring-chicken, one firm alone has shipped about 6,000 to Richmond, Norfolk, and the coal fields, and still the shops present undiminished coops of them daily for home consumption.

At the home of the bride, on Jeter Hill, at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the nuptials were celebrated by Rev. W. S. Royal, uniting Mr. E. L. Hodges and Miss Gillie F. Gray.

At the home of Rev. J. T. Kincannon, D. D., near Lowry's, on last Saturday, at 12:30 o'clock, his charming daughter, Miss Mattie, was united in marriage to Mr. Stephen Williams, of Washington, D. C., a lawyer of that city, who holds a position under the government.

The room was prettily decorated with ferns and daisies, and presented a very charming appearance. The bride wore a dainty gown of white organdie. The impressive ceremony was performed by the bride's father, in the presence of a few intimate friends. After a luncheon had been hospitably dispensed, Mr. and Mrs. Williams took the train en route for Washington, their future home.

STILL ANOTHER.

Another marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. William Lansdown, near Burnett's, when his daughter, Miss May O. Lansdown, and Mr. Frank Danner were made one, Rev. J. P. Luck officiating.

The following Bedford City teams will contest for the honors at the tennis tournament at Lynchburg on Monday: Messrs. J. A. Clark and H. J. Thurman, O. C. Bell and William Garrett, and Professors Evans and Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon Academy. Professor A. M. Hughlett will act as referee.

Mr. Jesse Jopling, of Texas, is now on a visit to relatives in Bedford, which county he left fifteen years ago.

Miss Rosa Roy, of Richmond, has arrived, and is stopping with Mrs. Graham Claytor.

Dr. T. R. Marshall, of the Virginia Medical College, of Richmond, is visiting his father, Dr. T. H. Marshall.

Dr. F. E. Steere, of Petersburg, is the guest of Mrs. G. W. Claytor.

The family of Mr. C. W. Russell, of Washington, has arrived, and are occupying their summer home, about three miles distant.

Mrs. John McGhee, of Richmond, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Margaret Prince, of South Carolina, who has just graduated from the Woman's College, of Baltimore, has arrived to spend the summer months.

Professor S. G. Auspach, of Blackstone, and family, are the guests of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Auspach.

Mr. W. B. Carder, of Charleston, W. Va., is visiting his brothers, Messrs. M. P. and C. R. Carder.

Mrs. Leon Palmer, of Salem, are the guests of Mrs. Grace Tunstall.

Mrs. T. W. Jones, of Marshall, Tex., who has been visiting friends here, has left for Farmville.

FARMVILLE AND VICINITY.

A Terrific Storm in Cumberland County—Appeal Taken—Personal.

FARMVILLE, VA., July 3.—(Special.)—A terrific storm passed over a large part of Cumberland county Thursday afternoon, doing great damage to all growing crops. The storm lasted for a considerable length of time, and the water came down in torrents.

The attorneys for Sidney Carter, the half-witted white man convicted in the County Court last week for shooting into the house of Justice Wilson, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, have taken an appeal to the Circuit Court. The next term of this court will not be held until the 1st of September, and in the mean time Carter will remain in the county jail awaiting the result of his lawyers' efforts.

But little talk is heard regarding the gubernatorial nomination. Farmers hereabouts are kept busy "laying by" corn, cutting oats, &c.

Judge A. D. Watkins, who recently announced himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Legislature, has come out in a card withdrawing his name. He says that this step is taken on the advice of a large number of his best friends. This leaves, as far as is now known, but one candidate in the field for the honor—Mr. J. R. Morton, a prominent farmer residing at Millbank, in Leigh District.

Mrs. W. P. Venable has gone to visit her parents at Rectortown, Fauquier county. She will be absent from home for the remainder of the heated term.

Miss Belle Johnson has gone to Virginia Beach to enjoy a portion of her vacation from school duties.

Professor Charles McKinney, nephew of ex-Governor McKinney, who has a school in Georgia, is here on a visit to his old home and friends.

Miss Maggie Jenkins, of Lynchburg, is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Hart. She has just returned from an extended trip through North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

Misses Fannie Berkeley, Annie Burton, and Mamie Bidgood, are attending the Summer School of Methods at Charlottesville.

Mr. Thomas Edmunds, of Oxford, N. C., is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edmunds, at Scott Green.

Mr. Scott Martin, son of Captain John R. Martin, has succeeded in being appointed a cadet in the Virginia Military Institute.

Miss Ruby Venable and Miss May Paulett will leave in a few days for Toronto, Can.

Miss Pearl Venable, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Vaughan, in Philadelphia, for a long time, has returned home, much to the pleasure of her many friends.

The handsome addition to the State Normal School buildings is being rapidly pushed to completion, and will be ready for occupancy before the time for the opening of the next session.

THE EASTERN SHORE.

A Reminiscence of the Queen—Struck by Lightning.

ONANCOCK, VA., July 3.—(Special.)—The recent celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the British throne has revived the memory of an incident that connects a native of the Eastern Shore of Virginia with England's good and noble Queen. In the early part of this century Captain William Dixon, of Northampton, was first officer on a large merchant vessel that traded between North America and England. The vessel was owned in part by an English nobleman, closely connected with the Royal family, and whenever the ship anchored in the Thames this nobleman came aboard. He learned to know Captain Dixon well, and frequently intrusted to him the transaction of important private business in foreign ports. One day Captain Dixon accompanied the nobleman from the ship to his handsome country residence, where he found a number of children playing about the grounds. Observing that the English gentleman took much interest in their sport, Captain Dixon asked him if they were all his children; whereupon the nobleman called to the children, and when they had gathered about him he introduced them to the bold seaman. One was the child of Lord A. another of Duke B, and another of Earl C. Finally he came to a little girl of 5 or 6 years, who, he told Captain Dixon, would one day be Queen of England. The old sailor took the little girl in his arms and kissed her. Twelve or fourteen years later, when Victoria ascended the throne, Captain Dixon, then an old man, related the circumstances to a company of friends in Northampton, one of whom, the venerable John W. Tankard still survives, still vigorous in mind and body at the ripe old age of 88 years. Mr. Tankard is the honored president of the Board of Trustees of Margaret Academy, in this town, and while present at the recent commencement exercises of the Academy he related the foregoing interesting incident. He knew Captain Dixon well, and has no doubt that the story is true in every particular.

BISHOP RANDOLPH'S VISIT.

Right Rev. A. M. Randolph, Bishop of Southern Virginia, paid a flying visit to Onancock yesterday, to arrange for settling a minister in Trinity parish, of which Onancock is the centre. The church here has been without a rector for the past eight months. After consulting with the vestry, the Bishop decided to send to this parish the Rev. Carey Gamble, who was recently graduated from the Episcopal Theological Seminary, near Alexandria. Mr. Gamble is said to be a young man of fine parts, great industry, and genuine piety. The Bishop was unable to hold any services here, and returned to Norfolk on the afternoon train, but he has promised to visit the churches in Accomac some time in August.

Onancock is to have a new weekly paper, to be known as the Accomac News. Mr. J. C. Rowles, long foreman in the Peninsula Enterprise office, at Accomac Courthouse, is to be the publisher, and arrangements have been made to secure proper editorial co-operation. The first No. of the paper will be issued about the middle of the current month.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

During the recent thunder-storm lightning struck the sloop Dennis, lying in Pungoteague creek, shattering the mainmast and topmast, and doing considerable damage to the deck. Three men were on board at the time, but they escaped injury. At the same time, a tenement house near-by, belonging to Henry Battaile, Esq., was struck by lightning and a hole as large as a flour-barrel was made in one corner, but all the occupants—a man, his wife, and fourteen children—escaped unhurt.

The Democrats of Northampton will hold a meeting at Eastville on Monday, July 12th, to appoint delegates to the Roanoke convention.

The new Board of Pension Examiners for the Eastern Shore of Virginia have organized, with the following officers: Dr. T. T. Taylor, president; Dr. Charles L. Harmanson, secretary, Dr. George T. Ames, treasurer.

SUIT COMPROMISED.

Winding Up the Affairs of a Defunct Bank.

LEXINGTON, VA., July 3.—(Special.)—The suit instituted by Colonel James K. Edmundson, assignee of the defunct bank of Lexington, against C. W. Irvine, of the firm of C. W. Irvine & Co., for overdraft of the firm's account as shown by the manipulated books of the bank, has been compromised, subject to the approval of the court and the depositors of the bank. The silent partner of the firm was C. M. Figgat, cashier of the bank, and he manipulated the bank's books in the interest of the firm's account. Figgat, it will be recalled, absconded in 1894, after having wrecked the bank. He has not been heard of since.

The suit was referred to Special-Commissioner-in-Chancery Judge J. M. Quarles, of Staunton, and he found in his report that the partner, C. W. Irvine, was indebted to the Bank of Lexington in a sum exceeding $45,000, including interest, that being the amount of the indbtedness of Irvine & Co. to the bank. The deed of compromise and adjustment agrees that Irvine surrender to the assignee all of his property, of whatever kind and description, subject to prior encumbrances thereon, and the exemptions allowed by law. W. S. Hopkins and Paul M. Penick are appointed trustees to secure said claims. The property surrendered consists of a valuable hotel, another piece of hotel property, several parcels of land, and other valuable real estate. The assignee has up to date paid the depositors 70 per cent. of their deposits in the defunct bank, and with the present amount the dividend to the depositors will in all probability reach 80 per cent.

Marriage in Amherst.

LOWESVILLE, VA., July 3.—(Special.)—"Blackburn," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Crawford, was the scene of a pretty marriage on Thursday. The contracting parties were Mr. E. T. Flood, formerly of Buckingham, but now of this county, and Miss Minnie G. Seay. The groom is a handsome, energetic young farmer, and a relative of the Hon. H. D. Flood, of Appomattox. The bride is the pretty and popular granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Crawford, of this county. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Atwell Tucker, after which the bridal party left at once for the home of the groom, where an informal reception was tendered them by Mr. and Mrs. George Seay.

Miss Mary Agee, of Buffalo Ridge Springs, who has been visiting friends and relatives at "Ridgeway," left for Lynchburg yesterday morning.

Dr. Pitt Edward Tucker has just returned from a business trip to Lynchburg and Richmond.

THALHIMER BROS.'

ONE-PRICE HOUSE.

Grand July Clearing Sale!

$25,000 STOCK

OF

NEW AND CAREFULLY-SELECTED SUMMER GOODS

which must be disposed of at once. Our stocks are laden with everything pretty and dainty for summer comfort. We need no wild exaggerations when the plain facts speak for themselves. We have the reputation of selling nothing but reliable goods, and we intend to retain your confidence by giving you solid values at lowest prices.

New line Ladies' Black Figured Mohair Skirts, lined and fan back, never sold less than $2.48; our price, $1.50.

Linen Crash 7-Gore Skirts, fan-pleat back, and 9-inch hem, were $2.50 each, now $1.50 choice.

Ladies' Silk Waists, in Black China and Fancy Wash Silks, with yoke back and full front. Just the thing for the mountains and seashore. Sold everywhere at $3.98; we sell them at $2.48 choice.

Ladies' $7.50 Figured Foulard Silk Waists, with separate white collars; also, collar of silk, to be sold at $4.98 choice.

Children's Pretty 25c. Sailor Hats, must be sold at 10c. choice.

All 50c. Children's Sailors for 25c.

Boys' All-Wool Cassimeres and Cheviots, knee pants, in pretty plaids and checks, sold at 85c. and $1; to close out at small price of 50c. choice.

Children's White Duck Caps and Turbans that were 21c., now 10c.

A good $2 Silk Taffeta Umbrella, in latest style handles, at $1.25 choice.

Choice of all $3, $5, and $7.50 Fancy Parasols, in rich colorings and pretty chiffon and lace ruffles, to be closed out at $1, $1.50, and $2.50 choice.

Ladies' Fine Leather Card-Cases that were 25 and 35c., now 10c. choice.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Reversible Figured P. K. Four-in-Hand Ties at 10c. each.

Large lot Club-House, Shield, and Band-Bow Ties, in Scotch plaids, checks, and other styles; a good 10c. value, for 5c. each; or 50c. a dozen.

Large-Size Huck Towels at 12½c. that were 17c.

SPECIAL CUT SALE OF HENRIETTAS:

38-inch 50c. All-Wool Black Henriettas now 39c.

44-inch 75c. All-Wool Black Henriettas now 59c.

45-inch 85c. All-Wool Black Henriettas now 58c.

44-inch 50c. Fine Black Mohairs for 39c. a yard.

50c. Figured and Striped Etamines now 25c.

Fine Lawn and other summer Skirts that sold from $1 to $1.50; your choice at 50c. each.

75c. Pretty Wrappers, trimmed in braid, all new patterns, at 48c. choice.

$2 Marseilles White Quilts for $1.12 each.

Regular $1 Best White Quilts to be sold at 79c. each.

WASH GOODS SPECIALS.

25 and 35c. Handsome French Organdies, in pretty and dainty effects, to be closed out at 15c. a yard.

8 1-3 and 10c. Fine Figured Dimities, in new effects, must be sold at 5c. a yard.

50 pieces of Fine Scotch Lawns, all new effects, to go at 5c. a yard.

12½c. Lace Striped and Dimity Lawns, in 50 different styles and patterns, that must be sold at 8 1-3c. a yard.

Pretty and Sheer 5c. White Lawns at 2½c. a yard.

79c. dozen Fine Ox-Blood, Tan, and Black Socks, good as any 25c. 40-gauge sock, to be sold at 10c. a pair.

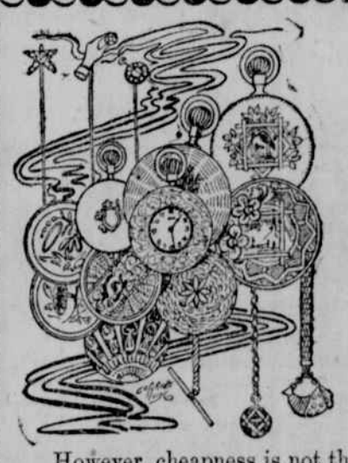
Men's Unlaundered Negligee Percale Shirts, 36 inches long, yoke back, that were never offered for less than 50c., our price for them, 25c. choice.

4-4 Good Unbleached Cotton for 4c. a yard.

45x36 Cotton Pillow-Cases for 8c.

THALHIMER BROTHERS,

FIFTH AND BROAD STREETS.



The Impudence of the Man!

The man who said he could sell a better bargain than we can.

Where is he, though?

Ah, can't be found!

Thought so.

However, cheapness is not the chief thing that we want to call attention to in our WATCHES AND JEWELRY.

We ask you first to examine as to quality, novelty, etc. We mention, then, a price—our regular price—and if it seems cheap to you, well and good. That's all there is to it—the bargain will be struck then and there.

But for one week we will offer you a GOLD-FILLED WATCH for $10. Don't miss the opportunity.

Sight tested free at our Optical Parlors by a graduate optician.

The Bear Jewelry Co.,

609 EAST BROAD STREET.

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TOWN OF LEXINGTON.

Observance of the Fourth—Lexington Post-Office—Telephone Line.

LEXINGTON, VA., July 3.—(Special.)—A national flag was raised in the Lexington public school yard this morning at 11 o'clocy by Lee-Jackson Council, Junior Order American Mechanics, with imposing ceremonies.

"The Glorious Fourth" will not be observed here, except by the colored brother, on Monday, when orations, fireworks, and a promenade and ball will be the order of the day.

The Lexington post-office still causes talk in Republican circles. There seems to be an inclination on the part of some to have the matter settled by a vote of the people, but Mr. Ackerly, who has been promised the endorsement of Congressman Yost, is very well satisfied to leave the matter stand as it is. Mr. Patton, aided by his friends, is trying to have the final result settled by the voters. A prominent young Lexingtonian, who voted the gold ticket last fall, was approached a few days ago by a goldite and offered a place in the post-