GUESTS AT MANSION.

RECEPTION BY GOVERNOR AND MRS. TYLER TO LAW-MAKERS.

A LARGE NUMBER OF CALLERS.

The Mansion Thronged With Prominent Men and Pretty Women—Reception at the Mount Vernon—Society News.

Governor and Mrs. Tyler tendered a charming reception to the members of the General Assembly and their wives last evening at the Executive Mansion, and for more than two hours the parlors were filled with ladies and gentlemen, who enjoyed the hospitality of his Excellency and his wife.

Governor Tyler was assisted in receiving by members of his staff in full dress uniform, and Mrs. Tyler was assisted by Mrs. Alexander Cameron and Misses Tyler. The receiving party stood at the door of the north parlor, and the visitors were presented by Colonel C. O'B. Cowardin (chief-of-staff), Colonels Carrington, Shackleford, Mann, Stern, Cameron, Siles, and Pleasants assisting.

The majority of the members of the General Assembly called, and many Richmond people, as well as visitors from other cities, paid their respects. The mansion was decorated with palms and cut-flowers, and behind a bank of palms in the south parlor, was concealed a full string orchestra.

Among those present during the evening were Miss Ruby Bodeker, Miss Evelyn Young, Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Edward Echols, Miss Bacon; Miss Bell, of North Carolina; Miss Fletcher, of Warrenton; Miss Earley, of Hillsville; Hon. and Mrs. D. Gardiner Tyler, Judge and Mrs. Waddill, Miss Waddill; Captain and Mrs. J. C. Gent, of Russell; Hon. S. Wilkins Matthews, of Accomac; Hon. and Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson, Attorney-General Montague, Hon. and Mrs. John Whitehead; Miss Whitehead, of Norfolk; Mr. Edward R. Fuller, of New York; Captain and Mrs. J. C. Featherston, of Lynchburg; Mr. William G. Stannard, Miss Newton, Mrs. L. C. Tucker, Miss Pelouze, Mrs. H. L. Pelouze, Mrs. E. C. Pelouze; Miss Jennings, of Lynchburg; Hon. T. D. Jennings, Hon. and Mrs. G. Carter Glass, of Lynchburg; Hon. and Mrs. W. B. Bowles, of Salem; Hon. and Mrs. Thomas N. Jones, of Clifton; Miss Minnie Pegram Boykin, of Smithfield; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Boykin, Senator S. R. Donahoe, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bodell, Miss Virginia Katherine Heath, Miss Julia Morton; Hon. and Mrs. W. R. Duke, of Albemarle; Mrs. Robert Voss Marye; Hons. W. H. Graveley, W. H. Blakemore, R. P. Brun, W. B. F. Leech, G. G. Gallegher, W. H. Lewis, W. W. Price, T. D. Gold, William Shands, N. B. Early, Jr., John E. Epps, W. P. Barksdale, G. B. Keezell, H. D. Flood, J. L. Jeffries, Dinwiddie, J. L. Moss, Senator Donohoe, J. W. Churchman, C. B. Fleet, Alex. King, J. E. Clarke, Walter Jordan, A. E. Ewell, S. S. P. Patteson, G. E. Murrell, John F. Ryan, R. S. Powell, D. Q. Eggleston, R. G. Southall, A. S. Priddy, J. E. Nottingham, E. W. Saunders, J. M. Cowan, T. E. Blakey, C. E. Jordan, Joseph Whitehead, J. N. Opie, G. W. LeCato, Pembroke Pettit, George Y. Handley, Joseph E. Willard, Edward Echols, Senator Wallace, J. A. McLaughlin; Colonel J. L. Hubard, of Nelson; John W. Williams, William Stratford, Colonel Richardson, B. O. James, Judge W. E. Hume, R. R. Hicks, F. R. Lassiter, William Henry Mann, George Pilcher; Judge J. Tompson Brown, of Bedford; Gray Watson, Mr. Stratford, Dr. James Nelson, E. E. Montague, and C. B. Jones.

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The ladies who were spending the winter at Mrs. DuVal's were "at home" yesterday from 5 to 7 P. M. The floors of the spacious rooms and hall were covered with white crash, and myraid pink shaded candles cast a rosy glow over everything. Pink carnations and palms formed the decorations. The ladies receiving were Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Frank Nalle, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. William Tompkins, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Walter Palmer, Mrs. A. R. Mrs. Harrison, Misses Lucie Wormeley, Amy and Elie Werth, Moore, Stuart, Bebe and Roberta Emerson, Mrs. John Lyons and Miss Wormeley served tea and chocolate.

Among those who called were Misses Guillaume, Boykin, of Smithfield; Messrs. W. J. Walker, William Whitehurst, Junius Morris, Duke, John Robertson, Dabney Dunlop, Thomas Jones, Robert Blankenship, Lafferty, Bemiss, Crump, Bishop, Brock, S. W. Travers, Hewitt, John P. McGuire, Nolting, Garnett, J. Allison Hodges, W. C. Bentley, Moncure Robins, Easley, Miller, William Meade, Carter J. A. Montague, Parker, Anderson, Tyler, Blair, Misses Stringfellow, Mattie Haines, Morson, Smoot, Roberts, Minor, Jane Leake, Mary Harrison, Lightfoot, Claiborne, Mrs. H. Hoge, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sands, Mrs. Charles Borden, Miss Manly, Miss Hernden, Mrs. Wentworth, Miss Sue Harrison, Mrs. C. Jenkins, Mrs. Annie Gordon, Mrs. Cabell, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. C. Pecot, Mrs. B. Nash, Miss E. Gordon, Miss M. Harris, Miss Sarah Harvey, Miss Mary Lyell, Mrs. John Hunter, Mrs. J. Daniel, Miss Lizzie Townes; Mrs. Kent, of Wytheville; Miss Mary Jane Booker, Miss Knox, Miss Archer, Miss Tatum, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Addison, Miss Moore, Misses Riely, Bernard, Harvie, Mrs. James Gordon, Mr. Charles Nalle, Mrs. Junius Mosby, Mrs. Charles Mosby, Mesdames Dawson, Hairston, Baker, Wallace, Montague, Ellerson, Hall, John G. Farland, Misses Montague, Mary Randolph, Hotchkiss, and others.

The Friday german was danced last evening at the Masonic Temple, with its usual vim and dash. Mr. Tyler Brock led the german with many graceful figures. Among the dancers were Misses Hodgson, of Sewanee; Rebecca Dickerson, Rose Morris, Kate Doggett, Jennie Hughes, Rebecca Bell, Bowe, E. Fisher, Janie Fisher, E. Shepherd, Edith Jones, Barbara Kain, Sara Harvie, Barnes, Adkins, Dammann, and Bessie Ellyson; Messrs. de Treville, Brock, White, Deitrick, Tanner, Osterloh, Winn, Winston, Hodgson, Douglas, Ellyson, Hotchkiss, Leary, Belvin, Lacy, Sutton, Grant, Hill, Gregory, and others.

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The Ladies' Matinee Musicale met yesterday at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Stevens, 819 Floyd avenue. The following programme, embracing selections by German composers from 1770 and 1800, was splendidly rendered: Rondo, E flat, (C. von Weber.) Miss Smoot; Erl-King, (Schubert.) Mrs. Stevens; second movement, Sonata Pathetique, (Beethoven.) Miss Menzel; Ave Maria, (Schubert.) Mrs. Harvie Blair; Sonata, op. 22, (Beethoven.) Miss Zelle Minor; Sonata, for violin and piano, op. 24, (Beethoven.) Miss Florence Dillard and Miss Helen Stevens.

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The ladies' societies of the Church of the Covenant gave a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, the missionaries to Japan, last evening. The receiving party consisted of the officers of the different church societies. All the foreign missionary societies of the Presbyterian churches in the city were invited. The church was beautifully lighted and decorated with red and green. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan wore Japanese costumes. Many called during the evening. Delightful refreshments were served.

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The Confederate Museum has been presented with a canteen of unusual interest by Dr. A. S. Priddy, of Keysville, Charlotte county, in honor of Mr. R. A. Ward, who carried the canteen in the Confederate war, and his grandfather, Mr. John Ward, who carried it through the Revolutionary war. It is very uniquely shaped and made to fit on the arm of the soldier.

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Miss Hallie Cooke is visiting her cousin, Miss Jennie Cooke, in Hanover county.

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The Jefferson Club will give an informal entertainment Tuesday evening, February 6th, from 9 to 12. Cards and dancing will be indulged in and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

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Miss Fanny Bragg, who has been absent from the city for some time, is expected home this week.

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Miss Anabel Jenkins will leave on Monday for Charlotte, N. C. She will be bridesmaid at the wedding of Miss Nellie Ryder, which takes place in Charlotte, N. C., on February 7th.

Change of Life

These Women were Helped Through Woman's Great Crisis by Mrs. Pinkham—All Middle-Aged Women Should Read Their Letters.

Nine Years of Suffering

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I first wrote to you, I was in a very bad condition. I was passing through the change of life, and the doctors said I had bladder and liver trouble. I had suffered for nine years. Doctors failed to do me any good. Since I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, my health has improved very much. I will gladly recommend your medicine to others and am sure that it will prove as great a blessing to them as it has to me."—MRS. GEO. H. JUNE, 901 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Relief Came Promptly

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I had been under treatment with the doctors for four years, and seemed to get no better, I thought I would try your medicine. My trouble was change of life, and I must say that I never had anything help me so much as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Relief came almost immediately. I have better health now than I ever had. I feel like a new woman, perfectly strong. I give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound all the credit, and would not do without your medicine for anything. I have recommended it to several of my friends. There is no need of women suffering so much, for Mrs. Pinkham's remedies are a sure cure."—MAHALA BUTLER, Bridgwater, Ill.

No woman is so healthy but at this crisis in her life she needs advice and help from the most competent source. Mrs. Pinkham will advise such women without charge on request.

Experienced Great Benefit

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life and derived great benefit from its use."—MARY E. JAMES, 136 Coydon St., Bradford, Pa.

Mrs. Harrold Relieved of Pain

"I had pains in my head and back and could not stand on my feet without causing terrible pains in abdomen. I was short of breath and could not sleep. I tried several doctors but none helped me. I read of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in a paper and before I had taken half a bottle I felt better than I had for months. I have taken several bottles and am now well."—MRS. R. E. HARROLD, Clinton, Ill.

The medicine that has cured a million women of serious female ills—an incomparable record—such is

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

ARMITAGE M'F'G CO. BURNED OUT.

Fire Totally Destroys Tar-Paper Roofing Plant on Williamsburg Ave.

The plant of the Armitage Manufacturing Company, Nos. 3200 to 3216 Williamsburg avenue, for the manufacture of tar-paper roofing and paving material, was totally destroyed by fire about 8 o'clock last night.

The only part of the plant that stands this morning is the office, a two-story frame building.

The damage is about $12,000. This is about very nearly, if not quite, covered by insurance. The company has $10,000 placed with the Virginia State Insurance Company, but of this amount $8,500 is reinsured. About $2,000 is distributed among several companies, the names of which Mr. C. F. Armitage could not give last night.

The fire was discovered about 7:40., and the alarm sent in from Box No. 12, at Williamsburg avenue and Ash street. Two engines and one truck responded quickly, and as soon as Chief Shaw arrived a second alarm was sent in. This brought another engine. The building was of wood, the stock of paper and tar, and the whole as inflammable as tinder. When the department reached the scene the factory was burning like a furnace.

The firemen worked under great difficulties. The water supply was especially scant, and one engine had to be moved from one plug to another, causing loss of valuable time. Only by vigorous work was the office saved. Here was the safe and books of the concern.

The origin of the fire is unknown to any one.

The members of the firm are Messrs. Charles F. and William C. Armitage, brothers. The business was started here about seventeen years ago by their father. A member of the firm said last night that he could not tell yet whether or not they would rebuild. They employed fifteen or twenty men. The firm has its ammonia works before the gas-house, and has a factory at Chester and other places. For the time their orders will be filled from these factories.

Visit from Mr. Round.

Mr. William F. M. Round, of the Prison Association of New York, is on his way South, under the direction of the Virginia Prison Association, and will make a number of addresses in Richmond and other cities of East Virginia. He will speak in Baltimore to-morrow. Monday he will spend at the Laurel Industrial School, at Glen Allen. Tuesday he makes an address in the Centenary Methodist church. On Wednesday he will speak in the hall of the House of Delegates. On Thursday he speaks in Norfolk, Friday in Lynchburg, Saturday in Petersburg, returning to make several addresses in Richmond on Sunday, the 11th.

Bankruptcy Proceedings.

A petition of creditors asking that Thomas C. Sweet, a grocer, No. 4 north Eighteenth street, be declared an involuntary bankrupt, was presented in the Clerk's office of the United States District Court yesterday. Petitioning creditors are R. N. Moran, Albert Coleman, and Temple C. Christian. Mr. Sweet admits his insolvency.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by Marshall Wills, through his counsel, George S. Shackleford. Liabilities, $3,121.50; assets, nothing.

Accidents Here and There.

The ambulance, in charge of Dr. J. Gates Goode, had a number of calls yesterday, but none of them were very important ones.

A workman at the ship-yard had two fingers mashed off. He was treated and left. Last night a boy at the Locomotive-Works had his nose broken and was cut over the eye, a steam-pipe bursting. He was treated and sent home. A workman at the Tredegar Works had convulsions. He was treated and left.

Notes of the City Courts.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday motion for judgment was filed by E. B. Enslow against W. L. Seldon & Co. for $242.75.

Suit was instituted in the Circuit Court by Pollard & Bagby against Mrs. Cora I. Seigle for $109.16.

The Hustings Court and the Circuit Court will convene in February term Monday.

Personals and Briefs.

The Council Committee on Finance is called to meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Mr. S. C. Mitchell, of Clopton, N. J., is visiting his nephews, M. E. and E. S. Mitchell, of Church Hill.

Mrs. Bennet, wife of Rev. R. H. Bennett, of St. James Methodist church, has recovered from her illness.

Mr. Walter B. Candler has been very ill for two or three days, at Mr. Henry Stockmar's, 925 west Clay street.

Dr. F. Davison, who is very sick at his home in Henrico county, near Laurel Station, was reported to be worse yesterday.

Mr. T. A. Miller has called a meeting of the druggists, to be held at the Jefferson Hotel on Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock, to arrange a programme for the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association next May in this city. All of the committees will be appointed at that meeting.

Rev. Harry Minnick, of Lubec, Me., the new pastor of Marshall-Street Christian church, will not arrive in the city until next week.

Mrs. L. L. Bishop, who has been quite ill at her home on north Eighth street for some time, is improving, and will be well in a few days.

The Federal River and Harbor Committee will visit this city on March 12th for the purpose of examining Richmond's needs of a deeper channel in James river.

Rabbi E. N. Calisch preached to a large congregation at Beth Ahaba last night on "The Priestly Garb." His subject this morning will be "The Perpetual Sanctuary."

Dr. W. G. Starr, president of Randolph-Macon College, is working in the interest of the twentieth-century fund in the Northern Neck. He is very much encouraged at his success.

Rev. S. R. Maxwell, of the Third Christian church, will preach at Powell's Hall Sunday morning on "The Mission of the Obstructionist." Rev. J. T. P. Hundley, district evangelist, will preach at night.

The proposition to establish an electric-lighting plant in the City Hall has been revived. A sub-committee from the Committee on Grounds and Buildings will, it is understood, shortly take up the matter.

Mr. M. Robertson, of Lunenburg county, who has been under medical treatment here for several days, will go to-day to the Soldiers' Home, where he will spend several days, and will be glad to see his old friends.

Dr. Pell, who has been in Philadelphia during the past week, has returned to the city, and will lecture on the Sunday-school lesson at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

At Seventh-Street Christian church next Sunday evening, the pastor, Rev. Carey E. Morgan, will present a "chart sermon" on "How to Study the Bible." The service will no doubt be a very interesting one, and the public will be welcome.

Richmond Hive, Knights of the Maccabees, has elected the following officers: First Commander, Mary E. Alley; Commander, Hattie Jackson; Recording Knight, Sallie Green; Financial Knight, Lizzie Taylor; Chaplain, Carrie Heberly; Sergeant, Mary Robinson; Master-at-Arms, Florence Johnson; Sentinel, Lucy Williams; Picket, Lillie Montague.

FAILURE IN MACON.

Messrs. Talbot and Palmer Succumb to Effect of December Panic.

MACON, GA., February 2.—Talbot & Palmer, commission brokers, made a voluntary assignment to-day. They attribute their troubles to the panic of December 18th. No statement of assets and liabilities has been made. The firm has branch offices in a number of southern cities, and did a large business.

Mr. Talbot, in speaking of the failure, said that when the slump came which followed Buller's first defeat the firm felt called on to protect the margins of a number of its customers. The losses then incurred crippled the concern so badly that it has not since been able to recover. It was finally decided to-day to make the assignment.

Mr. T. Wallace Palmer, of the firm, is not in Macon, having left for Birmingham, Ala., where the firm has a branch office.

It is thought that the liabilities of the house will reach a large sum. Several local speculators are said to have had heavy margins with it, besides large winnings.

TWO OFFICES IN ATLANTA.

ATLANTA, GA., February 2.—Talbot & Palmer, whose failure is announced to-night in a Macon dispatch, had two offices in Atlanta. It is understood that they sub-leased their wires from, or had a working arrangement with, a Chicago firm, and their business in Atlanta is believed to have been large.

Don't Like It.

BOYDTON, VA., February 2.—(Special.) The bill recently introduced in the House by Delegate Hutcheson, reducing warehouse charges, is the subject of considerable adverse discussion here. The prevailing impression here is that if the charges be reduced it will operate to prevent warehousemen from using discretion in the charges on small lots of common tobacco, on which, as a rule, the proprietors of warehouses deduct nominal charges for selling. A uniform rate of commissions will necessarily compel warehousemen, in order to make expenses, to enforce regular charges on all small, common lots, thus benefiting the large and abler class of farmers, while oppressing the small and poorer class. Mecklenburg county has eight leaf-tobacco warehouses, selling annually from 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 pounds. Nevertheless it seems that none of the warehousemen have made fortunes, our warehouses, with one or two exceptions, changing hands nearly every year.

The Grippe. This can be avoided by taking teaspoonful doses of Pain-Killer in hot water sweetened, as well as by external applications; full directions are on each bottle. A bottle of the Pain-Killer kept in the house will prove valuable not only for the Grippe, but for ordinary coughs and colds. Avoid substitutes. There is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis's. Price, 25 and 50c.

Book and job work neatly executed at the Dispatch Office.

ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

NEWS OF FRIDAY GLEANED FOR DISPATCH READERS.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETS.

This Important Body Spends Several Hours Discussing City's Financial Condition—Two Men Fight—Funerals Yesterday—Briefs.

The Council Committee on Finance met last night in the Council chamber in regular session.

Chairman Pool presided. Other members present were Messrs. John O'Brien, J. R. Green, Matthew Morton, and John E. Utz. Judge Clopton, City Attorney, and Treasurer Bronaugh, were also present.

The committee transacted a good deal of routine business. After that the body adjourned.

The new Committee on Health held its first meeting last night. Only routine business was transacted.

The "silhouette tea" at the residence of Mr. John Arrington, on Porter street, was a very decided and enjoyable success. The attendance was quite good, and every body seemed to enjoy himself a good deal. Quite a good sum was realized to be used by the Young Ladies' Aid Society of the Meade-Memorial church.

The young people of the Stockton-Street Baptist church also gave an entertainment at the Leader building last night. All had a really good time.

RETURNS WITH HIS PRISONER.

Captain Lipscomb, Chief of Police, returned to the city last evening, bringing Wingfield Neville, who is wanted here on the charge of breaking into a car of the Atlantic-Coast Line road. He will be before Mayor Maurice in the Police Court this morning.

TWO NEGROES AND ONE FIGHT.

Grant Shaw and James Cogbill, colored men, of Tan-Yard Bottom, engaged in a fight yesterday morning. Shaw succeeded, after much display of energy, in coming out second best. He then swore out a warrant before 'Squire Gilliam, charging Cogbill with beating him. Cogbill was arrested, and will appear before Mayor Maurice this morning. Shaw had to have his head patched up.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MOORE.

The funeral of Mrs. Alvia Moore, who died at her residence, at No. 11 east Fifth street, Thursday morning at 2:45 o'clock, took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the house. The interment was in Maury Cemetery.

The funeral of Celeste Kahl, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kahl, of Swansboro', took place at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Raymond Mitchell, son of Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, was taken to the Old Dominion Hospital yesterday for treatment.

Mr. W. B. Carwiles, of Swansboro', who has been ill for the past three months, is rapidly improving.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church have had that edifice newly papered all through, which adds to the beauty of the church.

Mr. Gus. Kahl, of No. 1616 Hull street, who has been ill with typhoid-fever for some time, is improving. He is under the treatment of Dr. E. T. Rucker.

RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

Immigration—A Charter Granted—Personal and General.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 2.—(Special.)—The State Immigration Agent returned here to-day. He has made the preliminary arrangements for the establishment of a great sheep ranch in the mountain country. He is also negotiating for the locating of a colony of Finns in North Carolina.

State-Labor-Commissioner B. R. Lacy appears to be entirely confident that he will get the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer.

The State to-day chartered the Cooper & Cooper Real Estate Company of Wilmington; capital, $10,000.

State-Senator R. L. Smith, of Sanly county, is an aspirant for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant-Governor.

Otho Wilson, it is asserted, has been promised by Senator Butler the Fusion nomination for Congress in this district.

The State has reprinted the Thirty-fifth North Carolina Supreme Court Reports.

A case of small-pox is reported to the State Board of Health from Selma. The secretary of the board is informed that 97 per cent. of Greenboro's residents have been vaccinated.

A large force of laborers is putting up the Postal Telegraph Company's line between Durham and Charlotte.

The State Treasury's disbursements last month were $203,506.

During January there were only 10 deaths in Raleigh, of which all 10 were of white persons. There were 28 births, of which 16 were of whites.

The stock of the cotton-mill at Clayton so far subscribed is $43,000. It will be increased to $75,000.

The Cape Fear and Northern railway, owned by the Dukes, of Durham, now has its terminus at Angier, in Harnett county. It is decided to build a fourteen-mile branch line from Duketon to Cokesbury. Another branch will be built to Fuquay Springs. Long-leaf pine timber abounds in that section.

WEST VIRGINIA POLITICS.

Freer's Candidacy for Governor—Complicated Situation.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., February 2.—(Special.)—Congressman Freer addressed a large meeting at the court-house to-night in regard to his candidacy for Governor, which has caused a complicated state of affairs in the political situation in this State. Freer spent the earlier years of his life here, and is looked upon as almost a native of the county. He says he is ready to make a house-to-house canvass of the State for the nomination until the day of election. He came here from Parkersburg, and claims that he will at least have an equal division with White in Wood county, White's home.

Hon. C. P. Snyder, Consul at Diaz, Mexico, member of the Republican State Committee, has sent his proxy to Isadore Schwab, of this city, which makes it extremely probable that the Republican Nominating Convention will be held here. The committee will meet at Wheeling, February 21st, to decide upon time and place for holding the convention.

DEATH IN BRISTOL

Of the Wife of Delegate Lambert, of Wythe.

BRISTOL, TENN., February 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lettie Lambert, wife of Hon. George A. Lambert, delegate from Wythe county in the Virginia Legislature, died in Bristol this evening, after an illness of only ten days, of diphtheria. Mrs. Lambert came to Bristol two weeks ago to visit her sister, Mrs. Dungan. Besides her husband, a little daughter survives her. The deceased was 25 years of age. Her remains will be taken to Wythe county to-morrow afternoon.

A. S. Hamaker, a well-known citizen here, died of cancer this afternoon, at the age of 51.

NEWPORT NEWS NOTES.

Want Nine-Hour Day—Whereabouts of Chandler.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 2.—(Special.)—The British steamship Silverdale, which was rammed by a tug with several barges in tow off Lambert Point is at the ship-yard to have the damage, which is considerable, repaired.

The union plumbers of the city are agitating a movement for a nine-hour day, instead of ten hours, as at present.

It is learned that Benjamin Chandler, indicted for murder on account of his alleged connection with the lynching of William Watts, was at Sparrow's Point, Md., after leaving here. It is said the grand jury traced him there, but now it is believed he is in Cuba. A report is in circulation to-day that he had been arrested in Richmond, but this was groundless.

The new Board of Assessors to-day started to reassess the city real estate. It is expected that the new values will be from 50 to 100 per cent. greater than they are now.

THE TALE OF A BONNET.

(Chicago Tribune.)

It goes without saying that the ladies who make up the board of the Old Ladies' Home have a large social acquaintance. Indeed, a number of them may be said to be society itself. So quite naturally, on the day of the annual reception at the home there is a press of carriages in front and within the usually quiet drawing-room the frou frou of many silken skirts and the insinuating perfume that belongs to society—a perfume compacted of violet, orris root, rice powed, and mere humanity.

The old ladies who are the beneficiaries of the ladies who come in the carriages are allowed—nay, expected—to be present on these occasions. They are, in a way, the hostesses of the occasion. And if their pride rises at the affectionate patronage bestowed upon them they must, with the politeness of hostesses, conceal that fact.

Caroline Hardin had the distinction of being the oldest of this sheltered and privileged community, where all were old. It is not necessary to mention the exact record of her years. Let it suffice that, superannuated as she was, she was not yet old enough to be oblivious to custom and fashion. In fact, she had a keen desire to be in touch with the manners of her time. This fact might not have been discovered but for an accident.

The day of the annual reception arrived. The rhythmical thunder of the carriages was heard on the street. The odor of coffee permeated everywhere. The old ladies were in a great flutter, and, conscious of freshly starched frills in their Sunday gowns, assumed expressions of conventionality and hauteur suitable to the occasion.

None was more pleasingly austere and correct in her deportment than Caroline Hardin. Her thin, gray locks were plastered down upon each side of her wrinkled brow. Her neck ruffle was so stiff that it chafed her chin. She was propiety itself. But no sooner has the ladies begun to arrive than a suspicion fell upon her which soon became a fearful certainty. At an afternoon reception it was the custom to wear a bonnet.

At first Caroline tried to hope the matter was arbitrary, and that a lady might if she chose, retain her head covering. But as the parlors filled with bonneted guests the last remnant of hope perished, and overcome with chagrin, she fled to her room, where she sat crouching over her steam radiator and wiping tears of mortification from her faded old eyes.

Some one missed her after a time.

"Where's Mrs. Hardin gone?" was asked. One of the old ladies undertook to find her, but Mrs. Nelson Ward—one of the board—interposed and went in search of her. She knocked at her door and obeyed the tearful invitation to enter.

The poor, old child sat feebly weeping, and after much urging she made her confidence.

"All of the ladies was a'wearing bonnets saving excepting one," she sobbed "I never wanted to look pecoolar when I was young, and I don't want to look pecoolar now."

"But you were a hostess," urged Mrs. Ward. "This is your own home. It would not have been proper for you to have worn a bonnet."

"I looked pecoolar," moaned the old creature. "I'll not go back to be laughed at. I caught some of the ladies laughing, and I won't go back."

All endeavor to persuade her was fruitless, she sat in her room, and sighed the long afternoon away, while the cheerful hum of conversation arouse to tantalize her loneiness.

The next day Mrs. Ward called, bringing her bandbox. She sought Caroline's room.

"Caroline," said she, "I have brought you a bonnet, and I hope it will be becoming."

It was not a plain and appropriate bonnet. Mrs. Ward did not believe in gratifying a heart's desire in a plain and appropriate manner when proverty was the thing to set the standard. It was a glorious bonnet, with glittering black stuff on it, and a fluff of white lace and two bunches of purple violets. Any one might have been glad to have worn it.

As for Caroline Hardin, she looked at it with incredulous eyes.

"Mine?" she gasped. "That mine?"

"Let me tie it on, Caroline. See, you must tie the bow a trifle at one side, so!"

The old lady gazed at herself in the glass.

"I look as if I had come in a carriage," she commented, tearful with joy. And she sat with it on her head till bed time, and could with difficulty be induced to seek her couch.

Now it was an unfortunate fact that Caroline Hardin never went out upon the street. She was quite too lame, and too bewildered and unfit. So the bonnet stood no chance of being used till the day of the annual reception should come around again. And, indeed, it was for that day only that Caroline Hardin desired it. She looked forward to that day with unspeakable anticipation. She got out the bonnet, laid it on the table before her, and regared it with enraptured eyes. She put it on her head, and sat solemnly before the mirror, blinking and content.

At last the day for the reception drew near. Once more the house underwent a cleaning extraordinary, and the frills of the best frocks were starched.

But Caroline Hardin did not take the interest in it that might have been expected. She drooped, and dozed almost continually, and at last took to her bed and stayed there. A lethargy settled upon her. She slept, and her breathing was so heavy that it disturbed the nerves of the other old ladies.

The day of the reception arrived. The roll of the carriages and the murmur of the voices—those well-remembered sounds—penetrated through the mist that clouded poor Caroline's brain. She sat up in bed.

"Where is my bonnet," she cried wildly. "The ladies have come."

Some one brought her the bonnet. She fumbled with it stupidly, then with a childish laugh put it on her tumbled witch locks. She tried to speak again, but failed, and sank back speechless. A strange, hideous noise came in her throat. Then it ceased.

Caroline Hardin wore her bonnet, but she no longer heard the roll of the carriages and the murmur of the voices.

Mrs. Nelson Ward helped to lay her in her coffin.

"Put on the bonnet," she directed, "and tie the bow a little at one side. I know that is what Caroline would like."

New Bristol Enterprise.

BRISTOL, TENN., February 2.—(Special.)—The organization of the Bristol Knitting-Mills Company, with a capital of $100,000, was effected here to-day. The officers are: Leo Kauffman, Nashville, Tenn., president; W. B. Davis, Lenoir, Tenn., vice-president and general manager; J. C. Byars, secretary. The company will establish a plant here that will employ upwards of 300 hands.

The Morton Lewis Wiley Lumber Company paid $32,000 for a tract of timbered land near Bristol to-day.

Zinc Company Organized.

ROANOKE, VA., February 2.—(Special.)—A company is being organized in Philadelphia to work the Martin zinc mines, four miles south of the city. Thomas L. Woodruff, a young mining engineer, interested the Philadelphia capitalists, and has enough faith in the enterprise to take a large block of stock. The company will be known as the Roanoke Zinc and Silver-Mining Company.

"Slumming" as a Fad is Dangerous.

(Ladies' Home Journal.)

What is needed, and will ever be needed to help the poor of the slums, is patient, devoted work on the part of those who have practical common-sense and a vital faith with as many individuals as they can reach and save. Slumming as a "fad" is dangerous, and from the standpoint of the residents an impertinent intrusion.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cuts short children's whooping-cough and croup. 25c.

TOBACCO BUYERS BILL

MR. EPES AND OTHERS ASSURED IT WILL BE FAVORABLY REPORTED.

ACTION BY MR. JONES'S COMMITTEE.

Cuban Merchant Marine Given Most-Favored-Nation Treatment—Radical State Machine Getting Together in Washington—Personals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 2.—(Special.)—Representatives Sydney P. Epes, of Virginia, and Wheeler, Allen, and Smith, of Kentucky, appeared before the Ways and Means Committee to-day, and made strong arguments in favor of Mr. Wheeler's bill licensing tobacco buyers, the features of which have heretofore been reported in the Dispatch. They impressed the committee with the force of their statements, and received assurances that the bill would be favorably reported to the House. The four congressmen represent probably the four largest districts in which tobacco is the chief staple in the country, and the proposed legislation will be a great relief to buyers.

CUBAN MERCHANT MARINE.

Representative W. A. Jones, who is a members of the big Committee on Insular Affairs, informed me to say that action had been taken by the committee to-day, placing Cuban merchant vessels on the same footing as those of the most favored nations of the world with whom the United States have trade relations. This is the first step towards legislation on the part of the committee for our newly-acquired possessions, and is regarded as a decided advantage for the Cuban merchant marine over the privileges accorded them under Spanish rule.

WEEKS'S BREACH OF FAITH.

The breach of faith on the part of Representative Weeks, of Michigan, with Judge Burke, of Texas, in the matter of allowing the latter ten days in which to prepare a minority report in the Wise-Young contest, is severely criticised today. But for the accidental presence of Judge Burke yesterday evening the report of Election Committee No. 3 might have been rushed through and the seat awarded to Wise without a minority hearing before the House. Judge Burke detected Weeks in his act, and severely excoriated him, with the result that, by unanimous consent of the House, the Texan was allowed the time asked for. This is regarded as a favorable omen for Mr. Young, and it is more than probable that Weeks's performance may result in the turning of some Republican votes, or in leading others to refrain from voting.

RADICAL BOSSES TO MEET.

The State Republican machine is expected here to-morrow, or early next week. Postmaster Fred. Reed, of Newport News, and Supervising-Inspector J. W. Oast, of Norfolk, are here on what they call departmental business, but it is believed that their real mission is to consult the Executive Committee with respect to patronage.

Messrs. Agnew, Bowden, Brady, and S. Brown Allen, and General Walker are expected to meet next week for a consultation in regard to calling the State Committee together for the purpose of arranging for a State convention to elect delegates to the national convention at Philadelphia, and other matters.

PERSONAL.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry will leave on Tuesday for Columbia, S. C., where he goes to deliver, by request, an address before the Legislature. The Doctor has had quite a unique experience in this regard, having had the honor to address the Legislature of every Southern State, Maryland and Missouri excepted, two or more times. A previous unrecallable engagement for the 22d instant has compelled Dr. Curry to decline an invitation from the Southern Society, New York, to speak on that date, which fact he regrets very much.

Congressman Lamb is on the lookout for James A. King, a Mexican war veteran, for whom he believes he can obtain an increased pension under the present law, but whose whereabouts he is unable to ascertain. Mr. King is a Virginian, and may reside in some part of the State.

N. Flegenheimer, Richmond; H. R. Stone, Norfolk; H. H. McGuire, Winchester, Va., and J. E. Duke, Norfolk, are at the Raleigh.

R. W. Moore and D. K. F. Everett, Charlotte, N. C.; George T. Leach, Washington, N. C.; R. B. Glenn, Winston, N. C.; Harry Campbell, Norfolk—National.

H. J. Lynn and wife, Haymarket, Va.; R. B. Stiles and wife, Virginia; J. A. Iseman, Richmond; M. E. Broaddus, Virginia—Metropolitan.

Isaac H. Lutterloh has been commissioned a fourth-class postmaster at Sanford, N. C., and John H. Davis a postmaster of similar grade at Tola, Va.

EDWARD DELEGAL DISCHARGED.

End of the Famous Case, in Which He Was Principal.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 2.—Edward Delegal (colored), one of the Darien rioters, who was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, has been discharged from custody, on the order of Judge Seabrook.

The State Supreme Court a few days ago granted Delegal a new trial, and Judge Seabrook discharged him upon his own recognizance to answer when wanted. This is regarded as the end of the famous case.

Japan Building Fine Ships.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 2.—A Japanese concern has just turned out a 12,000-ton steel twin-screw steamer, the Awa Maru, which, according to United States Consul Harris, at Nagasaki, who reports the fact to the State Department, is equal in every respect, including cabin accommodations, to the best class of Atlantic steamships.

Material has been ordered for two other steamers of the same size for the same line; four more are under construction for another line, and altogether the new industry in Japan appears to be flourishing.

Turpentine Higher Than in Years.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 2.—Spirits turpentine reached 53½ cents in this market to-day, with the tone very strong. This is the highest price touched in twelve years. The statistical position is such as to give backbone to the market. The movement for the season has been below the average. Futures are relatively as high as spot.

"After doctors failed to cure me of pneumonia I used One Minute Cough Cure, and three bottles of it cured me. It is also the best remedy on earth for whooping cough. It cured my grandchildren of the worst cases," writes John Berry, Loganton, Pa. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup, and throat and lung troubles. It prevents consumption. Children always like it. Mothers endorse it. Bodeker Bros., T. A. Miller.