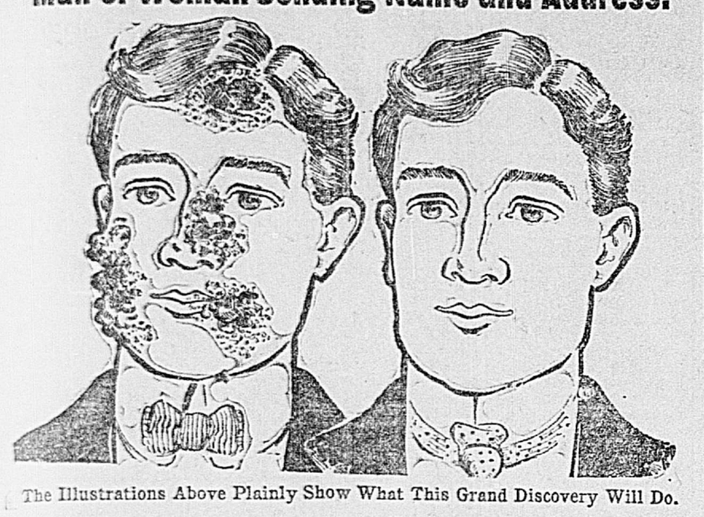
Blood Poison Cured Free.

The Remedy Is Sent Absolutely Free to Every Man or Woman Sending Name and Address.



The Illustrations Above Plainly Show What This Grand Discovery Will Do.

A celebrated Indiana physician has discovered the most wonderful cure for Syphilis or Blood Poison ever known. It quickly cures all such indications as mucous patches in the mouth, sore throat, copper-colored spots, chancres, ulcerations on the body, and in hundreds of cases where the hair and eyebrows had fallen out and the whole skin was a mass of boils, pimples, and ulcers, this wonderful specific has completely changed the whole body into a clean, perfect condition of physical health.

William McGrath, 48 Guilford street, Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I am a well man to-day, where a year ago I was a total wreck. Several doctors had failed to cure me of syphilis. I was rid of my sores, and my skin become smooth and natural in two weeks, and after completing the treatment there was not a sore or pimple on my body, and to-day I am absolutely well. I give you permission to use my name, and I will answer all inquiries from suffering men."

Every railroad running into Fort Wayne brings scores of sufferers seeking this new and marvellous cure and to enable those who cannot travel to realize what a truly marvellous work the doctor is accomplishing they will send free to every sufferer a free trial package of the remedy, so that every one can cure themselves in the privacy of their own home. This is the only known treatment that cures this most terrible of all diseases. Address the State Medical Institute, 3164 Elektron Building, Fort Wayne, Ind. Do not hesitate to write at once, and the free trial package will be sent sealed in plain package.

PERSONAL MAGNETISM.

College, Chartered Under State Laws, With a Capital of $100,000, for the Purpose of Teaching Personal Magnetism and Hypnotism by Correspondence.

EVERYBODY MAY NOW LEARN.

Ten Thousand Copies of a Valuable Work on These Sciences to Be Given Away to Advertise the College.

The American College of Sciences, of Philadelphia, Pa., is a novel institution. It is chartered under State laws, with a capital of $100,000, for the purpose of teaching Personal Magnetism, Hypnotism, Magnetic Healing, etc., by correspondence.

At an expense of over $5,000 the college has issued a remarkable work on these sciences, 10,000 copies of which will be given away absolutely free. The book is elegantly illustrated with the most expensive engravings, and it is decidedly the finest and most comprehensive work of its kind ever published. It is the product of the combined talent of thirty distinguished hypnotic specialists and scientists. It thoroughly explains all the hidden secrets of Personal Magnetism, Hypnotism, Magnetic Healing, etc. It is full of surprising experiences, and makes many startling disclosures in regard to the use and possibilities of this secret power.

The college absolutely guarantees that any one can learn these sciences in a few days at home, and use the power without the knowledge of his most intimate friends.

The reporter asked for the names and addresses of some of the pupils, so that he might communicate with them personally. Several hundred were offered, from which the reporter selected eighty-four. The replies received were more than sufficient to convince the most skeptical in regard to the wonderful benefits to be derived from this mighty power. There were absolutely no failures. All had learned to make practical use of the sciences. The following extracts are taken at random from the letters, for the benefit of readers:

J. H. Schneller, 1412 Avon street, La Crosse, Wis., writes: "Hypnotism truly reveals the secrets of life and the mysteries of nature. My own father could not have convinced me of its wonderful power, if I had not actually tested it for myself. I consider a knowledge of it invaluable for those who wish to get the most out of life; to those who wish to achieve success to the full measure of their possibilities."

Mrs. Effie M. Watson, Martinsville, Ind., writes: "Hypnotism opens the road to health, happiness, and prosperity. It should be studied by every one. I would not part with my knowledge of it for any amount. The instructions have developed within me a force of character, an ability to influence and control people, that I did not dream I could acquire."

J. W. Clinger, M. D., Springfield, O., writes: "I have used the methods of hypnotism taught by the American College of Sciences in two cases of difficult surgical operations with perfect success. It is a complete anaesthetic, and preferable to chloroform or ether. I acquired a practical knowledge of hypnotism in less than three days. The book is grand."

Rev. T. W. Butler, Ph. D., Idaho City, Ida., writes: "I have cured a number of chronic cases of rheumatism, dyspepsia, and paralysis of long standing; have not had a single failure. I consider a knowledge of Personal Magnetism invaluable. The book has greatly increased my own powers."

Dr. W. P. Kennicutt, 529 State street, Binghamton, N. Y., writes: "I had long suffered from nervous prostration and dyspepsia. My case baffled all medical skill. I studied hypnotism from the American College of Sciences, and tried it upon myself with surprising results. In one week my stomach was better than it had been in thirty years. I could eat anything without the slightest distress. I can hypnotize myself in five minutes, and sleep all night; have hypnotized a number of others."

The first 10,000 persons who write to the American College of Sciences will receive, absolutely free, the marvellous book that brought success to the above persons. It is intensely interesting from start to finish. It should be in every home. If you want a copy write to-day to the American College of Sciences, Department 221 P., 416-420 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., and you will receive the book by return mail. ja 12-1t

HEARD IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

Name of Smithville to Be Changed—The Primary Plan.

EUREKA MILLS, VA., January 11.—(Special.)—Your correspondent finds the sentiment among the best element is strongly in favor of a uniform primary plan for nominating United States Senators, Congressman, State and county officials.

The viva voce plan is also popular. The plan recommended by the sub-committee of the State Democratic Committee meets with general approval, with the exception of a few minor details and some additions to be made. Notably the question of expenses incident to holding primaries.

It is not thought to be wise to make candidates bear the expenses of a primary, for it would tend to exclude worthy candidates of limited means, which would be unfortunate as well as unjust, and not for the general welfare.

It seems that the candidates to be voted for at a primary in conjunction with the party authorities could manage to have the primary held without expense to the candidates. It is certain there are plenty of good men in this county, who would, if necessary, perform these duties without charge.

And why could it not be done all over the State? However, if this plan should be found impracticable the money should be raised in some other way than by the candidates.

It seems that the South Carolina plan works well, though conditions here may be different. At all events, legalize the primary, throw around it the proper safeguards. Put a heavy penalty upon bribery, intimidation, etc..

NAME OF COURTHOUSE CHANGED.

With the beginning of the new year our county seat changed its name from Smithville to Charlotte Courthouse. The authorities in Washington objected to so long a name, and refused to make the change at first, but at the earnest solicitation of our indefatigable and esteemed representative in Congress, Major Peter J. Otey, they were prevailed upon to make the change.

The necessary bill has been passed by the General Assembly.

It is a notable fact that the negroes in this section are losing interest in the public schools. They do not patronize the schools as formerly. They were once clamorous for school privileges, but now are apparently indifferent on the subject.

A school near here which was several years ago crowded with pupils, can now scarcely make an average; while there is no dimunition of available pupils. Some of the representative negroes say they do not want their children educated, because, as they claim, it unfits them for the duties before them, making inferior laborers of them, and leads to idleness and the evils consequent thereto.

This is indeed the "white man's burden."

The weather has been fine for stripping tobacco, and a great deal of the weed is being marketed now at good prices.

By the way, Charlotte can boast of one of the very best tobacco markets in the State, with a fine corps of courteous and obliging buyers, who have large foreign and domestic orders.

This market is Drake's Branch, and it is getting a full share of all grades of tobacco. This is the centre of a fine tobacco section.

There is also a tobacco market at Keysville, and good prices are being obtained there for tobacco.

Most people filled their ice-houses before the Christmas holidays, and those who did not have been afforded the opportunity since.

There is an epidemic of measles in this community, and some of the schools have suspended on account of it.

The dilatory, vacillating attitude of the Constitutional Convention on subjects of vital importance to the people of Virginia is the obsorbing topic of conversation hereabouts, and many are the adverse comments heard on all sides.

It is reasoned that the convention has now been in session about seven months, and has done nothing of practical value to the people. Our citizens want an abridged electorate and a material reduction in the expenditures of State and county governments. Unless some radical changes are made the people will be mightily disappointed.

It is to be hoped the convention will measure up to the responsibilities resting upon it, and give us a Constitution worthy of the old State.

Great sympathy is felt here for the family of Mr. B. D. Eggleston, whose little son, Beverly, was killed by a gun on last Tuesday. The unfortunate boy was a nephew of Hon. D. Q. Eggleston.

The Police Court Docket.

The docket in the Police Court yesterday morning was a small one and quickly disposed of.

William Everett (colored) charged with stealing a lot of wearing apparel of Willie Brooks, was sent to jail for thirty days.

William Stanard (colored) went down for four months as a suspicious character.

Charles Dandridge (colored) got 12 months on the same charge. He was also given thirty days for stealing a small lot of meat from A. B. Bragg.

20 YEARS AGO ....

January 6th-12th, 1882.

Colonel George Wythe Munford died suddenly at his residence, at the corner of Second and Franklin streets. Colonel Munford was secreatry of the Constitutional Convention of 1829-30, and knew well such men as James Monroe, James Madison, John Randolph, and John Marshall.

G. H. Kimble and Thomas Snead, convicts from Botetourt county, made their escape from the penitentiary, but were captured six miles from the city by a man named Ratcliff, and returned to the institution.

Mr. Eugene P. Mayes and Miss Phillis B. Dorin were married at Grace Episcopal church. Rev. H. Melville Jackson, officiated.

Dr. John Hall, of New York city, and Dr. Moses D. Hoge and Mr. Charles H. Read addressed a vast audience at Grace-Street Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the American Sunday Union.

Miss Sallie A. Brock, a sister of Dr. C. W. P. Brock, was united in marriage to Rev. Richard F. Putman, an Episcopal minister of New York city.

Stanley A. Young and Edward B. Young, who lived with their mother, at No. 2216 east Broad street, died within twenty-four hours of each other. The former died of consumption, and the latter with cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Second-Lieutenant Davis was elected captain of Company C, of the old First Regiment.

The street-cars of the city were discontinued for several days on account of the epidemic of pink-eye prevailing among the horses in use on the line.

The report of the Board of Health showed that there were ninety-eight cases of small-pox and varioloid in the city on January 7, 1882. Only twelve of the number were white persons.

The General Assembly was in session six days in the week, and accomplished considerable work.

The Board of Aldermen tabled the resolution adopted by the Common Council, which provided for improvements to Shockoe creek to cost the sum of $50,000.

During the week the ground was covered with snow and excellent sleighing was enjoyed by thousands.

Governor Cameron sent a special message to the General Assembly.

Mr. H. A. Watt, for many years a prominent merchant of Richmond, died at his home in Henrico. He was 74 years of age.

Sidney School Roll.

Junior B—(High School)—Louise Shultz, Iva McLane, Eva Pulling, Grace Barlow, Pauline Galbraith, Marion Branch, Earl Hall, and Maamah Jarrell.

Sixth Grammer Grade—Grace Crouch, Flossie Fendrick, Frances Coffee, Rosalie Stone, Lillian Netherland, Robert Kirkland, James Phillips, and Leslie Stone.

Third and Fourth Grammar—Jeanie Mason, Marie Frick, Wirtlie Mather, Florence Redford, Mary Smith, Lottie Heinlein, Louise Childress, Lily Morris, Edna Thaxton, and Maggie Will.

First and Second Grammar—Robert Cawson, Walton Jones, Albert Lyle, Rennie Robbins, Leslie Stansbury, Joseph Staton, Minnie Axsell, Bertha Burnette, Mary Garrett, Marie Ledley, Annie Mary Maupin, Valarie Miller, Annie Swann, Gracie Swann, Mamie Winburne, and Ruth Wright.

Seventh and Eighth Primary—Otto Dissee, Josh Kirkland, Lewis Staton, Tommie Tuck, Katie McClay, Lillie West, Mamie Swann, Will Burnette, Ruth Cornell, Willie Bromm, Warner Smith, Aubrey Stansbury, Harvey Maupin, Frank Blount, Stanley Donaldson, and Eddie Valentine.

First and Second Primary—Gus Bromm, Louis Brackett, Henry Bruner, Frank Dissee, Cary Easley, Georgie Fairlamb, Willie Hancock, Henry Lewis, Sterling Littlepage, Dick Morien, Georgie Rice, John Stansbury, Eva Davis, Gertrude Johnson, Martha Easley, Minnie Littlepage, Mabel Miller, Virgie Miller, Margie McClay, Ruth Palmore, Phoebe Pulling, Ruth Pettis, Josie Powell, Marie Rey, Alice Snead, Marie Valentine, Roberdean Holderby, Ethel Brown, Coral Childress, Ben Cottrell, Annie Jones, and Leonard Rice.

Fifth and Sixth Primary—Virgie Crump, Hazel Crump, Ruth Stansbury, Norma Smith, Marie Shafer, Lucile Wright, Lillie Mann, Winnie Miller, George Jones, John Liesfield, Cassius Moncure, John Robins, Hume Stith, and Joe Torrence.

Third and Fourth Primary—Theresa Johnson, Carrie Cawson, Theresa Childress, Eleanora Fischer, Myrtle Marks, Venia Sanderson, Joseph Bruner, Lindon Ford, James Gentry, Bernard Hooker, Aubrey Smith, and Curtis Miller.

Surprising Results.

A Simple Internal Remedy Makes Remarkable Cures of Catarrh.

People who have used sprays, inhalers, salves, and washes for catarrh and have found how useless and inconvenient they are, will be agreeably surprised at results following the use of a pleasant, internal remedy in tablet form. Druggists everywhere admit that Stuart's Catarrh

Tablets, which they sell at 50 cents for full-sized treatment, is the safest, most effective, and popular of all catarrh remedies.

Nearly all cheap cough mixtures and throat lozenges contain opiates; these cheap medicines give a temporary relief, especially with little children, by destroying nerve sensation; the irritation in throat, which causes coughing, is temporarily removed, not by removing the cause, but by deadening the nerves of feeling the irritation is not felt, although it is still there and will promptly return.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets is the best remedy to remove catarrhal secretion, whether in the nose, throat, or stomach, because they are composed of wholesome antiseptics, like Red Gum, Blood Root, etc. When you use these tablets you know what you are putting into your system, and not taking chances with cocaine, opiates, or similar poisons found in so many catarrh cures and cough medicines.

Dr. Ramsdell, in commenting on catarrh cures, says: "I can heartily recommend Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because they contain no cocaine nor other dangerous drug found in so many advertised catarrh cures. I have known of many cases of long standing catarrh of the head and throat completely cured by the daily use of these tablets for several weeks. One case in particular, which I could not reach with an inhaler or spray, and where the catarrh caused daily headaches and a noticeable loss of hearing, was entirely cured by this harmless but effective remedy."

Dr. Wainwright says: "I never hesitate to prescribe Stuart's Catarrh Tablets for catarrhal headaches and catarrhal deafness, because I know them to be perfectly safe for child or adult, and have seen many remarkable cures resulting from their regular daily use; because they are advertised and sold in drugstores is no reason why any good physician should not use them, because we should seize upon the means of cure wherever found."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are especially valuable for catarrhal colds in children, because they are pleasant to the taste and may be used freely to break up severe colds and croup at the very beginning.

All druggists sell the remedy at fifty cents for full-sized package.

A little book on cause and cure of catarrh mailed free, by addressing the F. A. Stuart Company, Marshall, Mich.

Difficult Digestion

That is dyspepsia.

It makes life miserable.

Its sufferers eat not because they WANT to—but simply because they MUST.

They complain of a bad taste in the mouth, a tenderness at the pit of the stomach, a feeling of puffy fulness, headache, heartburn and what not.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cured Joseph F. Laine, Flanagan, Ky., who writes: "I was troubled with dyspepsia for a number of years and took medicine that did me no good. I was advised by friends to try Hood's Sarsaparilla which I did and it put my bowels in perfect condition, gave me strength and energy and made me feel like a new person."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Beware of substitutes. Buy Hood's and only Hood's.

ASHLAND'S FINANCE.

Town in a Thrifty Condition—Municipal Improvements—Henry Clay Inn.

ASHLAND, VA., January 11.—(Special.) The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Ashland was held last night in the Mayor's office.

An ordinance was reported by the committee and adopted by the Council in reference to the town receiving from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company for a public highway a strip of land 30 feet wide, extending along the front of the property owned by the Henry Clay Inn Company, from Clay street to the lot owned by the estate of the late Rev. A. G. Brown.

The Finance Committee, Messrs. Stonewall J. Doswell and E. L. C. Scott, submitted the following report of the finances of the town, which was unanimously adopted:

"Your Finance Committee respectfully reports that it has examined the real estate and personal property books of your town for the year 1901 and finds that the real estate is valued at $258,077.50; and that the personal property is assessed at $72,140; making total value of real and personal property, $330,217.50.

"A levy of 80 cents on every $100 of this valuation will produce the sum of $2,641.73; the capitation tax is estimated at $100; the licenses at $500; the dog tax at $20; and fines at $100; making an estimated total of $3,361.73.

"It is recommended that appropriations based on this estimate be as follows—to wit.: Interest on bonded debt, $600; interest on town real estate loan (town lot), $78; interest on jail bond, $49.50; sinking fund, $300; public free schools, $750; Street Commissioner, $360; street improvement and drainage, $300; lamps, $150; salary chairman Street Committee, $50; salary Treasurer, $60; salary Mayor, $25; rent of offices, $40; relief of poor, $25; Health Department, $25; Fire Department, $25; commissions for collection of taxes, $300; incidental expenses, $50; Commissioner of the Revenue, $20; amount to balance necessary as a reserve fund to cover insolvents and delinquents, $154.23. Total, $3,361.73.

"In making the foregoing report it has been the desire of your committee to keep taxation as low as possible, consistent with an economical administration of municipal affairs, pay the interest on the indebtedness of your town, and carry the requisite amount to the sinking fund."

The exhibit made is very gratifying, and shows a careful, business-like condition of affairs. The levy is the same it has been for the past two years.

The foundation walls for the new Henry Clay Inn will be completed in a few days, and the work will be pushed along as fast as the weather will permit.

The company recently sold to the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company 30 feet of land extending along the front of the lot. This property will be deeded to the town, and opened up as a highway, making the street in front of the property and depot very wide, and thereby lessening any danger which might accrue from passing vehicles or trains.

The schedule which goes into effect on the 14th of this month puts on two new local trains between Ashland and Elba—one leaving here at 10 P. M., and returning, leaving Elba at 11:15 P. M. This train from Richmond has been wanted for years by the resndents of Ashland and those along the line. It will give all who desire an opportunity to remain later in the city.

The old Sulphur Springs property, on England streets and the County road, has been sold to a gentleman from Baltimore. He will move here in a short time, and build a handsome home, and otherwise improve the property.

TOBACCO JUMP OF 30 POINTS.

Sensational Advance in American Company Stock in 24 Hours.

A sensational advance in American Tobacco occurred on the New York Stock Exchange Friday. The issue opened at 155, ten points higher than the last sale on Thursday. On dealings in only 1,600 shares the stock advanced rapidly to 175, where it closed—a net advance of 30 points.

The rise is explained by the fact that the interests identified with the property are endeavoring to buy up all the non-assenting stock now outstanding—this stock not having been turned over at the time of the formation of the Consolidated Tobacco Company.

Transfers of Property.

In Richmond: Patrick Cummings and wife to Kenner T. Crawley, 35 feet on east side Seventeenth street, 115 feet south of Accommodation street, $675.

H. W. Davis and wife to Wilton O. Allen, 22 feet on east side Twenty-seventh street, 133 feet south of Marshall street, $1,850.

Jennie B. and E. H. Gilbert to H. L. Denoon, 30 feet on south side Cary street, 90 feet east of Randolph street, $600.

Sarah A. and Thomas E. Swain to Josephine W. Thaw, 20 feet on north side Main street, northeast corner Beech street, $6,500.

In Henrico: Julian Bryant to Hill Carter, 97.85 acres about six miles south of Richmond, east of the Varina road, $250.

Thomas H. Farrand and wife to Ed. Shipman, lots 5 and 6, block 19, plan of Montrose, $1,250.

Fairmount Land Company to Hill Carter, 54 6-12 feet on west side of Twenty-second street, 30 feet north of R street, $599.50.

George E. Knight and wife to Mrs. Mary F. Whitlock, 2 acres about one mile east of Richmond, on the Williamsburg road, adjoining the National Cemetery, $1,890.

With the T. P. A. ....Men.....

The Virginia Division of the Travellers' Protective Association for many years have shown an active interest in the National Association and their work has been appreciated. At all the yearly gtherings this State has sent full delegations and at these conventions one or more honors have been bestowed uuon some of the Virginia members.

For many years, Mr. Joseph Wallerstein has presided over the convention, from the very first time he was elected fifth vice-president until he became its president and after becoming a private he was taken into the council at national meetings.

Mr. C. Walter Saunders, who for so many years has been president of the Virginia Division, has been recognized by them in many ways and in their last annual convention was chosen as one of the National Board of Directors.

J. B. Culpeper, who has for many years been the efficient chairman of the local post and State Division, has also been repeatedly called upon to assist the national chairman of the Press Committee in his work and has contributed to the news letter published in St. Louis frequently.

It need not be mentioned how much the National Association has appreciated Colonel John S. Harwood's work, as it is so well known that he has been re-elected repeatedly for a number of years as the national chairman of the Legislative Committee, and in that capacity has been sent to Washington quite often in the interest of bills either before or to be brought before Congress, which were of great value to the business interest of our country. Now he has been selected by them to represent the association at Charleston on January 21st and 22d, the days set apart by the exposition authorities as the Travelling Men's Day. Colonel Harwood was very much surprised to be called upon to perform this task but as he is an old travelling man of many years' experience, and loves all commercial men he will do his best and will take pride in making his best endeavors to state the value of commercial men to the country's welfare.

It is going to be an enjoyable trip while en route to the exposition, and a royal welcome while there. Many of the Knights of the Grip will no doubt accompany Colonel Harwood and those who may be reminded by reading this that they have a desire to be among the party would do well to attend the regular Travellers' Protective Association meeting Saturday night, 18th, to become posted with all the facts concerning the trip.

Members from other posts may also be among the party. Petersburg being on a line direct several Post C members may avail themselves of this opportunity to make their regular southern trip at this time.

Many applications are being received by secretary of Post A, Mr. Robertson, and it is said to be the result of the vigorous and perservering work of President B. F. Johnson, of Post A. May the good work go on.

Whenever you fret and quarrel,
Whenever you frown and cry,
There's a line on your face that tells it,
And will tell it by and by.
And when you fain would look pleasant,
The tell-tale marks will say,
"She or he may try to be pretty,
But have been cross in their day."
—Anonymous.

TOBACCO SALES IN BEDFORD.

The Week in Society—Personal News of General Interest.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., January 11.—(Special.)—The warehouse men here are quite jubilant over the tobacco markets, both as to the quantities of the leaf that are brought in and the unusually high prices they are securing for the planters. The aggregate sales for the year, if present indications are a criterion, will far exceed those of any other year in the history of the county. The competition afforded by the three warehouses has had a very stimulating effect, and tobacco that was formerly carried to Lynchburg and elsewhere will now be brought to the home market.

Mr. James Nicols, a young gentleman of Petersburg, has purchased a fine farm near Thaxton's, and will devote his time to practical farming. The cultivation of fruit will form an important feature of his enterprise.

The following officers have been elected to serve in the Baptist Sunday school for the ensuing year: Mr. William A. Parker, superintendent; Mr. J. E. Tate, assistant superintendent; Mr. A. J. Goodwin, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Charles Hubbard, librarian, and Miss Lizzie Mansfield, organist.

This is one of the largest and most successful Sunday schools of the town.

The pastor of the church, Rev. W. S. Royal, has left with his three children for a visit and vacation of several weeks, for Charleston, S. C., his former home.

Rev. Mr. Royall is a man of deep piety, consecration, and usefulness, and is greatly beloved by his church. He wields a strong influence for good throughout the community, and is deservedly popular.

A CHANGE IN SOCIAL LIFE.

With the whirligig of time a great change has come over the customs in social life, and the "lords of creation" have been dethroned and severely let alone. The softer sex are usurping all of the entertainments that are had by daylight, though when the shades of night descend they are fain to have recourse to masculine protection when they go abroad, and gentlemen are then included.

Perhaps the introduction of the "5-o'clock tea" wrought all this change, although the men may doubt it. The "hen" parties are real successes, and the ladies actually do enjoy each other's society and good clothes.

The men go to their clubs, read the papers, and congratulate themselves that they do not have to be bored with such inane entertainments. Sour grapes, probably!

Thursday afternoon witnessed one of the brightest and most delightful entertainments in the annals of the Fifteen Club, when Mrs. J. L. Nichols, the honored secretary of the organization, received its members and a number of other guests at "Lakewood," her handsome home on Ashland avenue.

The beautiful reception hall was made additionally attractive by the growing plants and garlands of evergreens that adorned it.

After a prelude of business routine, a basket containing tiny envelopes with some appropriate picture etched or printed upon them, were distributed. Within were original verses in regard to each person present—bright, witty, and exceedingly clever and pleasant—upon some salient trait of character or some incident in the life of each. All of this feature was the production of Miss Minnie Nichols, the youngest daughter of the hostess.

The verses were read in turn by the ladies, and elicited much mirth and admiration.

A vote was then taken as to the best of the verses. The majority was cast for the pretty descriptive verse about Mrs. W. W. Berry, but as she was not present the prize was awarded Miss Lettie Burwell, who received the next highest vote.

After all the verses had been discussed and praised, Mrs. Barclay made an impromptu verse upon the fair authoress herself which was heartily applauded for its appropriateness and spontaneousness.

At the conclusion of this novel and delightful exercise, elegant refreshments of oyster cocktails, salad, beaten biscuit, coffee, and chocolate were gracefully dispensed by the hostess and her two charming daughters; Mrs. Charles L. Mosby, of Richmond; Miss Minnie Nichols, and Mrs. A. G. Thompson.

THE THURSDAY CLUB.

Friday afternoon the Thursday Club departed from its usual custom as to meeting that gives to the organization its name, and assembled at the beautiful home of Mrs. Reading, recently of Boston, who is now making her home in this Virginia mountain town. Besides the members of the club, there were a number of special guests present.

The entertainment was of a literary character and exceedingly interesting and enjoyable.

After the feast of the mind, refreshments, tempting and delicious, were hospitably dispensed.

Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Ulric X. Griffin, Miss Griffin, two young sons, and a little daughter arrived from New Rochelle, N. Y., in Bedford City, where they contemplate remaining the remainder of the winter.

A beguiling spring-like temperature ushered them into Virginia, masquerading as if this is the customary attitude of the climate, unvaried by many biting winds or blizzards.

Mrs. Graham Claytor left to-day for Knoxville, Tenn., on a visit to her sister, Mrs. T. C. Mathews.

Mr. S. H. Quarles has secured a business position in Roanoke, and has left to enter upon the duties.

An Aristocrat among foods

GRAPE-NUTS

At Grocers.

"FIGHTING BOB EVANS'S" NEPHEW

Thos. Lee Moore to Succeed T. M. Alderson as District Attorney.

BRISTOL, VA., January 11.—The people of this section naturally have a generous sympathy for Judge T. M. Alderson, who failed in his effort to be reappointed United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

Judge Alderson's official record is above reproach or criticism, and upon it he had the hearty support of Attorney-General Knox, Senator Mark Hanna, Senator Proctor, Congressman Brownlow, and many other prominent Republicans.

There is but one reason for his failure, as has heretofore been stated, and that was that the President had promised "Fighting Bob" Evans that he would appoint his nephew, Mr. Thomas Lee Moore.

Judge Alderson will return to his home, at Wise, Va., after February 1st, with the respect and esteem of the people of the Western District, regardless of party.

W. A. Sparger & Co. have begun the erection here of a large roller-process flouring-mill, which they expect to have ready to put in operation early next spring.

While no definite announcement has been made as yet, it is generally understood that work is soon to be started on a union passenger depot here that will be a handsome and commodious structure. It is said that $100,000 have been appropriated for this purpose.

THOUSANDS HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE AND DON'T KNOW IT.

To Prove What Swamp-Root, the Great Kidney Remedy, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of the "Richmond Sunday Dispatch" May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

Weak and Unhealthy Kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, therefore, when through neglect or other causes, kidney trouble is permitted to continue fatal results are sure to follow.

Your other organs may need attention—but your kidneys most, because they do most and need attention first.

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