THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.

AN ACCOMAC WEDDING.

Marriage of Mr. W. N. Copes and Miss Louise Davis.

EXMORE, VA., January 22.—(Special.) Craddockville Methodist Episcopal church was the scene of one of the prettiest and most fashionable weddings ever solemnized in this vicinity, this afternoon, when Miss A. Louise Davis, the charming daughter of Mrs. Maggie E. Davis, of Davis's Wharf, became the bride of Mr. William N. Copes, also a prominent resident of Accomac county.

The church was filled to overflowing and handsomely decorated, the pulpit forming a pyramid of flowers. Promptly at 2:30 o'clock, as the organ in low, sweet, tender strains chimed out the bridal march from "Lohengrin," rendered by Mrs. Maggie Mears, the bridal party entered the church as follows: By different aisles in regular order, first the ushers, Messrs. Southey Bull, Penn Forest, Charles Davis, William Bloxom, and George Nock, followed by four young ladies attired in white, Misses Minnie Wescott, Grace Kellam, Nellie Mears, and Nettie Ames. These were followed by four more young ladies dressed in yellow—Misses Virginia Bull, Ella Davis, Lottie Wise, and Lucy Kellam.

Following these came another fair quartette, who wore costumes of pink—Misses Blanche Nock, Bessie Conquest, Mary Finney, Ella Elmore. The last four young ladies were Misses Mary Copes, Lee Swanger, Maud Ashby, and Beulah Bull. Then came Master Norman Taylor and Miss Louise Martin, carrying on a silver waiter the ring with which the couple were married. Following these came the groom, attended by his best man, Mr. Thomas Copes; then came the bride, leaning on the arm of her uncle, Mr. Dixie Ames.

The party were met at the chancel rail, where, in a most solemn and impressive manner, Rev. W. W. Sawyer tied the nuptial knot. The bride was handsomely attired in a travelling costume of castor Venetian cloth, and carried a Bible in her hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Copes took the southbound express for the Charleston Exposition amid showers of rice and many congratulations.

There were a large number of persons from a distance who witnessed the marriage. While the ceremony was being performed, "O, Promise Me" was sung.

A SUFFOLK BRIDE.

Marriage of Mr. J. F. Campbell and Miss Bertha Oliver.

SUFFOLK, VA., January 22.—(Special.)—A quiet home wedding took place at the residence of Captain W. J. Oliver at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when his daughter, Miss Bertha May Oliver, became the bride of Mr. James Fleming Campbell, of Petersburg.

Rev. Reginald H. Potts, of the Methodist church, was the officiating minister. Miss Hines, of Roanoke, was maid of honor, and Mr. Robert D. Campbell, of Petersburg, the groom's brother, was best man.

Music was furnished by "Bethoven's trio," composed of Miss Florence Titus, first violin; Mrs. C. B. Spangler, second violin, and Mr. Max Weyhman, 'cello. The musicians rendered "Mendelssohn's Wedding March" as the processional, and played "Schubert's Serenade" in low tones during the ceremony.

The bride's dress was of white Paris muslin over taffeta chiffon, with ribbon trimmings. She wore pearls, and carried Bride's roses.

The maid of honor was dressed in white organdie over taffeta, and carried white carnations.

The bride is a very accomplished and attractive young lady, while the groom is a well-known and popular businessman of Petersburg.

An ante-nuptial dinner was served at high noon. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left immediately after the ceremony for an extended northern bridal tour. Their itinerary will include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington.

MORRISEY-MILHOLLAND.

Marriage of a Richmonder in Baltimore on Yesterday.

BALTIMORE, MD., January 22.—(Special.)—In St. Ignatius church this morning, Miss Mary Elizabeth Milholland, daughter of Mr. Arthur V. Milholland, was married to Francis M. J. Morrisey, of Richmond. The ceremony, which was followed by a nuptial mass, was performed by Cardinal Gibbons, who assisted thirty-three years ago at the marriage of the bride's parents. His Eminence made an address before the marriage. A number of other Catholic clergy were in the sanctuary, including Rev. E. M. Tearney, of Falls Church, Va.

The bride was escorted by her father. They were preceded by a flower-girl (Clara E. Cornwall, of Richmond, niece of the groom), and by the six ushers, who were Charles W. Milholland and Francis X. Milholland, brothers of the bride, Charles B. Reily and George M. S. Reilly, uncles of the bride, and Maurice A. Powers and Joseph Powers, of Washington. The best man was Ambrose A. Morrisey, of Richmond.

After a reception the couple left for New York and later will go to Cincinnati and New Orleans. Their home will be in Richmond.

STAPLES-STAPLES.

A Richmond Man's Marriage in Harrisonburg.

HARRISONBURG, VA., January 22.—(Special.)—At 2 o'clock to-day a pretty home wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples. Miss Emma Catlett Staples, their eldest daughter became the bride of Mr. Dudley Staples, of Richmond. Miss Mattie Strayer, of this place, was bridesmaid, and Mr. L. G. Wilcox, of Richmond, the best man. Mr. and Mrs. Staples left immediately on their bridal tour, and will visit Old Point Comfort and Newport News. Their future home will be Richmond, Va.

Wedded in Halifax.

CHRISTIE, VA., January 22.—(Special.) Miss Mary L. Toot, daughter of Mr. John S. Toot, of Mayo, Va., and Mr. G. Thomas Crowder, a well-known planter of Halifax county, Va., were married yesterday at the residence of the bride's parents. Rev. J. M. Owens, assisted by Rev. E. H. Powell, officiated. Mrs. C. M. Jordan performed at the piano.

The waiters were as follows: Miss Mary A. Ballou and C. D. Crowder; Miss Sallie Harris and Mr. D. L. Traynham; Miss Kate Craddock and Mr. Bob Edmondson; Miss Janie Easley and Dr. W. H. Mosley; Miss Rosa Ballou and Mr. Will Owen; Miss Sue Owen and Mr. Charles Brooks; Miss Fannie C. Owen and Mr. Henry Harris; Miss Hattie Owen and Mr. J. D. Norwood; Miss Lizzie Crowder and Mr. C. J. Robertson.

The bride wore tan peau de soie, trimmed with cream applique and turquoise panne velvet, and carried maiden-hair ferns and bride's roses. The maid of honor carried carnations.

After the ceremony a very elaborate dinner was served, to the great enjoyment of all.

The dining-room decorations were white and crimson.

The bride and groom left on the afternoon train en route for Jacksonville, Charleston, and other points South.

Married in Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 22.—(Special.)—Miss Mattie Meyers, a sister of the Meyers brothers, leading businessmen, and Jacob Eisenman, a prominent, merchant, were married this afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother. Dr. Cohen, of Norfolk, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Eisenman left to-night for Philadelphia.

SEATS FOR BEAUCAIRE.

Preservations in Advance of Box-Office Sale Caused a Kick.

The advance sale of seats for the production of "Beaucaire," to be given in this city next Monday night by Richard Mansfield on his own company, opened yesterday, and was unusually large.

The rule of the house was followed in accepting orders sent by mail, and giving preference to such orders, so that when the box-office was opened at 9 o'clock at least half the house was sold out. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at this condition of affairs. Mr. Leath, the manager of the house, said the plan had been followed for some years, and was designed to prevent speculation, and to save the time of business-men, who can ill afford to stand in a line of people, when that line contains some three or four hundred people. In the old days, when Mr. Leath first came here, the custom was, in an event of the magnitude of Mansfield, for people to pay commissions to those who were fortunate enough to hold favorable places in the line, and this condition of affairs, that could not be remedied by the management, led to vociferous complaint. It was possible then for speculators to reap a golden harvest, but under the present system such a thing is practically impossible.

Mr. Leath, in discussing the matter yesterday, said that the system now in vogue entails a lot of extra work on the house, and involves not a little disappointment to the management through the failure of people who have ordered seats to call for them, but he is anxious to meet the wishes of his patrons under all circumstances, and is always open to suggestions.

New Orleans Against Low Sugar-Duty

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 22.—Senators Foster and McEnery, of Louisiana, called at the White House to-day with G. W. Watt, president of the New Orleans National Bank, who presented to President Roosevelt a petition from the New Orleans bankers, in which they declare that a low rate of duty on sugar would cause serious harm and great financial loss to the sugar and allied interests of Louisiana.

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A SPIRITED DEBATE.

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the proper shelter and protection of officers and enlisted men of the United States army on duty in the Philippines, to be expended in the discretion of the President, $500,000."

Against this Mr. Richardson immediately raised the same point of order, contending that it was in effect identical with the provision ruled out. A sharp exchange between Mr. Richardson and Mr. Cannon ensued, the former seeking to force an admission from the chairman of the Appropriations Committee that the purpose of the appropriation was to build an army post at Manila.

"Does the gentleman know," interposed Mr. Hay, of Virginia, "that the Secretary of War has submitted to the Committee on Military affairs recommendations for appropriations amounting to $2,000,000 for army posts in the Philippines?"

"That is for next year," answered Mr. Cannon.

The discussion over the point of order was drawn out for an hour, at the end of which time Mr. Sherman, of New York, who was in the chair, overruled it. From that decision Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, appealed.

The Chair was sustained—127 to 110.

Mr. Fleming, of Georgia, voted with the Republicans to sustain the Chair.

SOVEREIGNTY OF PHILIPPINES.

Mr. Padgett, of Tennessee, then offered as an amendment to the amendment the following: "The Government of the United States hereby declares that its policy and purpose is to relinquish the sovereignty of the Philippine Islands, acquired under the treaty of Paris, and to restore the sovereignty thereof to the people of said islands so soon as they shall make manifest their fitness and capacity for self-government."

"I make three points of order against that amendment," said Mr. Cannon. "First, that it is not germane; second, that it changes existing laws; third, that it is idiotic." (Applause and laughter on the Republican side.)

"The chair sustains the first two points of order," announced the chair. (Laughter.)

Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, offered an amendment providing that the President should make a detailed report to Congress of the expenditures of the appropriation. The vote then recurred upon Mr. Cannou's amendment.

ONE DEMOCRAT WITH REPUBLICANS.

As it was being taken, a dramatic incident occurred. The solid Republican side rose in support of it, and with the Republicans a solitary Democrat, Mr. Cummings, of New York, stood up. Turning upon his fellow-Democrats, and shaking his fist in their faces, Mr. Cummings shouted, "When I refuse to vote to protect the life of an American soldier I hope I may be paralyzed."

A round of Republican applause greeted this statement, while several Democrats cried: "Regular order."

The amendment was adopted—127 to 100.

Mr. Richardson's amendment was defeated.

Without completing the bill, the House adjourned.

SENATE ON NEW DEPARTMENT.

Debate on the Philippine tariff bill was not continued in the Senate to-day, no member of the body being prepared to proceed with the discussion. The bill providing for the establishment of a Department of Commerce was under discussion for nearly two hours, but little progress was made upon it. The debate upon it disclosed no objections to the main features of the bill, but merely a disposition on the part of the Senate to give it careful consideration, and, so far as possible, to perfect the details of the measure.

The President pro tem., Mr. Frye, laid before the Senate a letter from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, protesting against the incorporation of the Department of Labor in the proposed Department of Commerce. Mr. Gompers was of the opinion that if the Department of Labor were incorporated in the Department of Commerce, it would minimize the interests of labor, and he protested against any such result.

TOBACCO MEN SEE ROOSEVELT.

They Say Reduction of Cuban Duty Would Do Great Harm.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 22.—The delegation of the National Cigar Leaf Association which has been before the Ways and Means Committee of the House in opposition to the admission of Cuban tobacco at a low rate of duty, called on the President to-day. The President of the association stated to Mr. Roosevelt that the admission at the proposed low rate would cause great loss to the rapidly-developing and important tobacco interests of the country. In the course of the conversation the President said it was his desire, as no doubt it was the desire of Congress, to do the right thing in the matter, and he hoped that great care would be shown in the consideration of the important question.

MANCHESTER AND CHESTERFIELD

The Street Committee of the City Council of Manchester met yesterday afternoon at Seventh and Perry streets and at the drinking fountain and decided to permit the Passenger and Power Company to construct two "cross-overs" and a new curve. The latter will be laid at Seventh and Perry, and a "cross-over" will be put in a short distance west of Seventh and Perry streets, and another a short distance north of the drinking fountain on Hull street.

The recommendation of the committee will go to the City Council, and it is probable that a meeting of the Council will be called for Tuesday night to pass upon the report.

By securing the concessions asked for, the Passenger and Power Company will effect two changes in the operation of street-cars in Manchester, which will be of interest to every patron of that and of the Richmond and Petersburg electric road. The "cross-over" on Seventh street will be used to send the Hull-street cars direct to Hull street from the sheds in the morning instead of running them around over the "Brooking route" to get them on Hull street. The "cross-over" at the drinking fountain and the curve at Seventh and Perry streets will be constructed in order to permit the cars of the interurban line to run down to Seventh and Perry streets and turn there, instead of stopping at the end of the Petersburg turnpike and transfering the passengers to the cars of the Passenger and Power Company there. The effect of the change will be to give the passengers from the county the benefit of a five-minute schedule to Richmond, instead of ten minutes, if they were stopped as was originally intended.

The work will be constructed as soon as the Council passes the ordinance providing for it.

A GOOD MAN GONE.

Mr. Everett W. Baugh, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of Manchester, died last night at 9 o'clock. The end came at his home, at Ninth and Bainbridge streets. Mr. Baugh was 71 years of age. He had been suffering for a long time with a large cancer on his right thigh, and for the past six or seven months has been confined to the house, and for three or four months to his bed.

Mr. Baugh was a member of Union-Station Methodist church, and up to the time of his total disability he was one of the most prominent lay church workers either in Richmond or Manchester. To conduct one of the old-time "class meetings" was his delight. Only when illness compelled him to do so did he give up his active and faithful work for the church which he loved.

The deceased was a machinist by trade. He followed that avocation until failing health demanded an inactive life. He is survived by one son and three daughters, all of whom reside in Manchester. They are Mr. George Baugh, Mrs. W. H. Nelson, and Mrs. Lizzie Waldrop. The funeral arrangements will be perfected to-day.

WILL THERE BE MORE POLICE?

The question that is uppermost in the minds of a great many citizens of Manchester is whether the City Council is going to increase the police force or not. Not a few people are of the opinion that all that remains to be done is for the Police Commissioners to select the men. This idea is entirely erroneous, as the Finance Committee has not even had a meeting since the recommendation of Mayor Maurice asking for an increase to be made. A good many people are of the opinion that the City Council will not vote for an increase, but will use any surplus there may be during the coming fiscal year on the streets of the city.

MUCH WORK; SHORT TIME.

Only seven days remain in which the Hull-street business places that were ordered to do so by the Board of Health will have to make connections to the city sewers. Several owners have made the connection, and it is believed that others have not done so in the hope that the City Council will vote for an extension. Such a policy is a dangerous one, and may get some one in trouble. The Council has granted extension after extension on the ordinance covering the city, and they will hardly extend an ordinance created to correct an eyesore to the whole city. It is believed that Mayor Maurice will see that the terms of the ordinance are complied with, or the offenders will have a chance to plead before his court.

The City School Board will meet in regular monthly session this evening at the Bainbridge school building. The report of the committee to investigate the affairs of Clerk Fitzgerald will probably be ready with its report. It is not expected that the report will be sensational.

MR. ALVIS FOR SERGEANT.

It is believed that Mr. John S. Alvis will announce himself in a day or two for the nomination for City Sergeant on the Democratic ticket in the spring primaries. Mr. Alvis was seen yesterday by a Dispatch reporter, and he admitted that he was considering the matter. A large number of his friends in every portion of the city are importuning him to come out for the nomination, but he has given them no decided answer as yet.

Mr. Alvis is at present an officer in the Virginia Democratic Club and no one has ever doubted his loyalty to the Democratic party, and Democrats who would vote against him in the primary election recognize the fact that he would fill the office of City Sergeant splendidly.

Mr. Alvis's friends contend that he will announce himself in a few days.

BRIEF MENTION.

Herbert, the little son of Mr. R. H. Crooks, who has been ill at his home at Eighteenth and Decatur streets for sometime, was reported convalescent yesterday.

The series of special meetings which were held in the Cowardin-Ave Christian church for a week came to a close last night. There were no additions to the membership, but members of the church expressed themselves as highly gratified with the results. Mr. Moore, the pastor, is rapidly growing in favor with the members of his congregation and it is safe to say that there are few churches in Manchester more alive to religious work than his.

Bob Smith (colored), who was arrested by Officer Wright on Tuesday for assaulting, and robbing Henry Green, another negro, was sent on to the grand jury yesterday morning by Mayor Maurice.

Mr. J. W. Bronough has a pretty Masonic catch-pin, which he found on Tuesday night at the Academy. He picked the pin up on the balcony and will be glad to restore it to its owner.

The ladies of Stockton-Street church will have a "pig-breaking" Thursday night at the church. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock and will include performances by talent from Richmond College and singing. All having the pig jugs are requested to bring or send them. An offering at the door will be appreciated by the ladies who will serve refreshments free of charge. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Sam Nunnally, who has been so sick for some time with appendicitis, is improving.

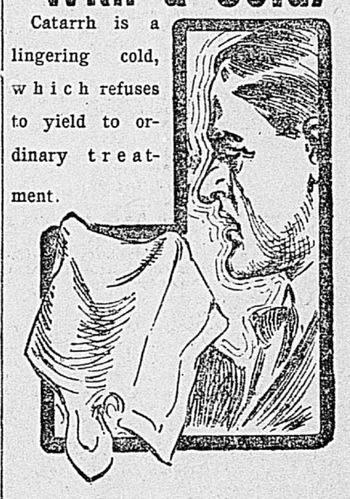
Mr. W. W. Minor, of Charlottesville, is visiting Mrs. R. T. Minor, No. 1013 Porter street.

Misses Helen Robertson and Helen Butte left yesterday to visit Miss Mayme Lyon, of Petersburg.

Miss Inez Rixey, who has been visiting Mrs. Floyd Clarkson at 119 east Ninth street, has returned home.

Starts With a Cold.

Catarrh is a lingering cold, which refuses to yield to ordinary treatment.



Catarrh usually starts with a cold in the head, and if left unchecked in this climate, rarely gets well of itself.

As fresh cold is taken the disease spreads, getting deeper and deeper, creeping along the mucous membranes from nose to throat, from throat to windpipe, from windpipe to bronchial tubes, from bronchial tubes to lung cells.

The mucous membranes all connect, one with another. Hence it is easy to spread from one part to another lined with this same membrane. This is why catarrh in the head soon affects the throat and finally the stomach itself, bringing on chronic catarrh of the stomach, which is a most obstinate form of dyspepsia.

Everybody is now well agreed that catarrh is a blood disease, and not a local one, and the attempt to cure by local applications simply gives temporary relief from the purely local symptoms without the remotest effect in staying the progress of the disease.

There is a new preparation recently offered to the public that is apparently destined to do away with every other form of catarrh treatment.

This new remedy is not a secret patent medicine, but is a large, pleasant-tasting tablet, composed of Bloodroot, Red gum from the Eucalyptus tree, and other valuable and harmless specifics, which are taken internally and seem to have a remarkably beneficial effect upon the blood and mucous membranes, apparently eliminating the catarrhal poison from the whole system.

These tablets, while being pleasant, convenient and absolutely safe to use, have made cures in long standing cases of catarrh that are little short of marvelous. They are sold by druggists under name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and any catarrh sufferer who has tried inhalers, lotions, ointments, salves, etc., and realiezd their inconvenience and uselessness will fully appreciate the difference between a mere palliative and a permanent cure after giving Stuart's Catarrh Tablets an impartial trial.

All druggists sell them at 50 cents for full sized package, and no matter where the catarrh is located, in the head, throat, lungs or stomach, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets will surprise you with the effective result of even a few days use.

WILL GO TO CHARLESTON.

Companies A and F of 70th Regiment to Make Trip in March.

Companies A and F, of the Seventieth Regiment, Captains Saville and Thompson, are making the preliminary arrangements for a trip to the Charleston Exposition. If they succeed the trip will be made the last week in March.

Company B, of the Blues Battalion, held its regular weekly drill last night at its Armory. Captain T. S. Spencer was in command. The other officers were absent, on account of business engagements. Several visitors were present. A good attendance was had of the company.

The next battalion drill will be on Wednesday, February 5th, in fatigue uniform. Company A, of the battalion, will drill to-night.

AN IMPORTANT ARREST.

Officer Wyatt Picked Up a Much-Wanted Negro Yesterday.

Charles Poindexter, a much-wanted negro, who has an unsavory reputation with the police, was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Wyatt, of the Second District.

The negro is wanted for shooting at Officers Launders and Toler and for shooting at a number of people living along the flats in the northern section of the city. The charge is that the police officers were shot at last September and the other shooting was done during the spring and summer months of 1901.

It is alleged that Poindexter, in company with Jim Smith, amused themselves by shooting at individuals and houses. They were driven from the vicinity last summer by a force of men, and Smith was captured, but Poindexter escaped, and has since been out of the city. Smith was given ten years in the penitentiary.

Death of Mr. W. M. Easley.

Mr. William H. Easley, who served through the entire war between the States in the service of the Confederacy, died at the Soldiers' Home yesterday at 11:20 A. M. He was 74 years of age, and is survived by three sisters—Mrs. Talley, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Gathright and Mrs. Miffleton, of this city.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence of a nephew of the deceased, Mr. W. H. Easley, No. 213 south Cherry street.

A WINTER'S SUNSET.

Rarely Beautiful Spectacle Afforded Those Who Were Out Yesterday.

Those who appreciate the beautiful in nature and were fortunate enough to be out of doors yesterday afternoon, enjoyed a rarely beautiful sunset. The entire southwestern horizon was a gorgeous show of color, the skies being tinted with alternate bars of violet and gold, rising tier upon tier high into the heavens, while faint rose flushes marked the clouds touched by the refracted light. The violet bars shaded off into purple, and then into violet and lavender, while the gold ranged in variety from a pale-yellow to a deep orange. In the clouds surrounding the sunset glow were visible every hue and tint of the spectrum. For half an hour the western skies were worthy of all admiration.

THE ISAAC HARRIS ESTATE.

Claim of Richmond Heirs Proves to Have no Foundation.

The claim made by a family in Richmond to be the lawful heirs of Isaac Harris, a rich man who died in St. Louis, Mo., in 1880, has proven to be unfounded. The estate has long since been settled, a family in Leesburg, Va., successfully establishing their relationship; the estate was divided among the members of the family.

Isaac Harris died, leaving no will and no record of who his heirs were, but the estate was closed up long before the supposed heirs in this city ever heard of the existence of such an estate.

MR. FLOOD TO-NIGHT.

HE WILL ADVOCATE MAJORITY PLAN BEFORE THE CONFERENCE.

HE WILL ALSO ASK FOR A VOTE.

Proposes to Get an Expression on the Turnbull Substitute—Mr. Hamilton Concludes His Speech in Support of the Plan Proposed by the Majority of the Committee—Dealt Especially With Grandfather Clause.

The Democratic conference of the Constitutional Convention heard Mr. Hamilton conclude his speech last night in support of the suffrage plan proposed by the majority of the committee. He made what was, on the whole, one of the most impressive arguments yet made on this question, and it was plain that he had the members of the conference thinking as earnestly as they have at any time since the question was first brought up.

Mr. Flood will speak to-night in advocacy of the majority plan, devoting himself principally to the discussion of the Turnbull plan, which was proposed as a substitute for the plan reported by the majority of the committee. Mr. Flood gave notice that he should ask the conference to vote on the substitute.

MR. HAMILTON'S SPEECH.

The conference was convened at 8:15 o'clock, and Mr. Hamilton at once resumed the speech begun on Tuesday night. He took up the grandfather clause, concerning which he was asked a question by Mr. Richmond Tuesday night. He said the clause was utterly unconstitutional. No lawyer who had given it serious thought would say otherwise. It was believed that this feature of the amendment adopted in North Carolina, and which goes into effect on the 1st day of July, was unconstitutional. Alabama had adopted the clause, but so strong was the belief that it is unconstitutional that the convention had provided that its being pronounced unconstitutional should not affect the other sections. Mississippi has the clause in her Constitution, but its constitutionality has never been tested, the attempt to have the Supreme Court of Appeals pass upon it having failed.

Mr. Hamilton then argued against the unconstitutionality of the grandfather's clause, showing wherein it was inherently unconstitutional.

He said he thought so much of the author of the Turnbull plan that he could not argue strongly against it; so far as he was personally concerned he was willing to accept its provision for a property qualification of $100, but he thought it would embarrass the chances of the Constitution's being ratified by the people. But he did not think it would prove effective.

HIS WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

Mr. Hamilton then went into the details of the majority plan, which he strongly advocated. In the course of his speech, Mr. Gordon, of Richmond, asked the speaker if he would be willing to serve as one of the registrars at the first registration under the majority plan.

"Most certainly I would," said Mr. Hamilton promptly. "I never ask a man to do that which I would not do myself."

The reply created applause.

Mr. Hamilton had to submit to many interruptions as he proceeded to discuss the understanding clause. It appeared that his replies were eminently satisfactory to his associates who are advocating the same plan of suffrage. It was really one of the very ablest presentations of the suffrage question which has been heard since the convention assembled, and this was the expressed opinion of many of the members.

BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION.

Arrangements for the Meeting and Dinner at Masonic Temple.

The Executive Committee of the Baptist Social Union, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, perfected arrangements for the meeting and dinner to occur at the Masonic Temple Friday evening, January 31st.

This session promises to be one of the most pleasant, from every point of view, in the history of the union, and it will be different from those of the past in several particulars. The hour of assembling will be earlier, and the splendid dinner, for which a contract has been made with Krause, the Masonic caterer, will be served promptly at 7:30 o'clock—the home supper hour of most people. The social hour will precede the dinner and will be from 6:30 to 7:30. An innovation for banquets in this city will be introduced, in having the speeches before the last courses of the dinner are served.

The committee has been very fortunate in securing two very attractive speakers for this meeting. Both are laymen. Mr. John T. Pullen, of Raleigh, N. C., widely known as a banker, philanthropist, and zealous Christian worker, will speak on "City Mission Work," and Mr. F. W. Vaughan, teacher of the noted Vaughan Bible Class of the Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D. C., with 300 members, will talk on "Bible Study."

The meeting will be one of great interest and profit.

At the Bijou This Week.

Richmond theatre-goers have not lost their fondness for good vaudeville numbers, in the least. That fact is demonstrated at the Bijou this week, where vaudeville in a new fashion is entertaining the usual large audiences. There are several numbers on the bill that are as good as many of the feature acts seen in Richmond, and the others will compare with the average kind of vaudeville act seen in this city, and the idea of the introduction of an attractive chorus, handsomely costumed, and singing the newest music effectively, blends in an acceptable and pleasing manner, and right here it is in place to say that Miss Clara Douglas, the leader of the chorus, is one of the handsomest women yet seen on the stage in Richmond. She is decidedly graceful, and her costumes are strikingly becoming. The usual matinee and night performances will be given to-day.

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SILK CULTURE IN STATE.

New Yorker Makes Inquiries With a View to Investing.

Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Koiner has received a letter from Mr. Louis Magid, of 25 Broadway, N. Y., making inquiries as to the prospects of establishing the silk industry in this State.

Mr. Magid states that he represents a stock company capitalized at $2,500,000, which propose to enter upon sericulture in the South on a large scale. He writes to know in what sections of the State the mulberry and other trees upon which the silk worms thrive can be found in greatest abundance. He is of opinion that silk culture can be made a large and profitable industry in the State, and goes with some detail into the processes and the conditions best adapted for them. Mr. Magid discusses the subject in such a way as to show that he is an expert, and his statements as to the possibilities of the industry are well calculated to awaken interest in the subject—the methods of culture, the manufacture of the raw silk from the cocoons and all other details.

Commissioner Koiner wrote him telling him that the Piedmont and Midland sections of the State were best adapted for the purpose and urging him to visit the State and inquire into the prospects of establishing the industry.

Confederate Curio for Sale.

A Boston gentleman, named D. C. Pavey, is offering for sale, for the benefit of the fund for removing the Confederate dead to southern cemeteries, an old check drawn by the late President Jefferson Davis on the old Farmers' Bank of this city, an institution long ago defunct. The check is for $1,000, is dated January 26, 1863. The owner once refused an offer of $50 for the curio.

The State Board of Fisheries.

The State Board of Fisheries held the regular quarterly meeting at Murphy's Hotel yesterday. There were present Hon. George B. Keezel, Captain John A. Curtis; Dr. Frank Fletcher, of Accomac; Hon. Pembroke Pettit, of Fluvanna, and Captain S. F. Miller, of Mathews.

It was the regular meeting of the board, and only the usual routine of business was disposed of. Several other matters in connection with the oyster and fish interests of the State were discussed, but no conclusion was reached, and the board adjourned late in the afternoon.

Brief Railway Notes.

The Seaboard Air-Line and the Chesapeake and Ohio will in a very short time begin operating a through service between Florida and Old Point Comfort. The through car will be attached to the Florida and Metropolitan Limited, of the Seaboard Air-Line, and will run over the Chesapeake and Ohio, attached to trains No. 2 and No. 7. The car will be run between Jacksonville and Old Point.

The following are the approximate earnings of the Seaboard Air-Line for the second week in January:

Week ending January 15th—		
1902.	1901.	Decrease.
$211,479	$219,212	$ 7,733
Two weeks ending January 15th—		
1902.	1901.	Decrease.
$421,016	$446,934	$25,918
July 1st to January 15th—		
1902.	1901.	Increase.
$6,039,716	$5,652,345	$387,371

Briefs and Personals.

Miss Bessie Hines White, of Raleigh, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Paul G. Sowers.

Four thousand dollars was paid by P. R. Phillips to Mary E. Tomlinson for the property at Clay and Fourth streets.

This evening the vested choir of Grace Episcopal church will be entertained by Dr. and Mrs. W. H. O. McGehee, at their residence, 318 Franklin street, east.

The Richmond German on Monday night has been postponed until 11 o'clock on account of the appearance of Mansfield at the Academy.

Fire Engine Company No. 5, at a meeting recently held, thanked Mr. E. A. Saunders for his kindness at the fire on Fourteenth street on Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. B. Britton, of Warrenton, will be at home informally to her friends this afternoon from 4 to 6 at the residence of her sister, Mrs. John S. Knox, 17 south Third street.

J. Dudley Barnette, Carrier No. 5, Richmond post-office, is detained at home, 1818 east Broad street, from falling from a Traction car Wednesday morning. He injured both knees very badly.

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