Notes of Society.

Mrs. John Kerr Branch and Miss Effie Branch gave one of the handsomest receptions of the season yesterday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock. Their magnificent home on Franklin street was a fairyland of roses, ferns, palms, and potted plants, banking the carved mantles, arching the long mirrors, and twining around the staircase, doorways, and priceless paintings. The dining-room was a vision of black carved mahogany, and red satin damask hangings, against which tall palm trees, southern smilax, and the feathery asparagus fern stood out in bold relief. Rare old lace covered the surface of the polished mahogany table which bore the set of silver only used on state occasions; pink carnations in cut-glass vases, and heavy, old-fashioned candelabra shaded with pink rosebuds amid green leaves.

Mrs. Branch wore an elegant costume of white cloth appliqued in Irish lace and trimmed with sable and pearls, while Miss Branch was attired in an imported gown of blue crepe de chine elaborately trimmed with heavy cream lace and a collar of diamonds. They were assisted in receiving by Mesdames Frances Gould, of New York; George Cunningham, Cary McCormick, and Miss Berta Wellford. Mrs. E. Randolph Williams presided over the tea and Mrs. Barton Grundy over the chocolate. The many delicacies that composed the elaborate menu were served by Mrs. Robert Hamilton, of Petersburg; Mrs. Lancaster Williams; Miss Kate Harris, Mary Buford, and Lucy Chamberlayne, of Petersburg. There were about three hundred callers.

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Mrs. Frank T. Crump gave an elegant luncheon yesterday at 2 o'clock, at which covers were laid for twelve. Handsome lace covered the table, which was lighted by pink tapers in silver candelabra. Bride's roses, in a silver urn, formed the centerpiece. The name cards, which were particularly pretty, were composed of hand-painted Japanese lanterns swinging from trees, blowing in the wind, and tossed in a picturesque heap upon the ground.

The guests were Mrs. A. Ruggles Nelson, Miss Sally Deane, Miss Annie Gray, Miss Lelia Gray, Mrs. W. H. Sadler, Mrs. Churchill Young, Mrs. Coleman Wortham, Mrs. R. Turner Arrington, Jr., Mrs. Harry Williams Hazard, Mrs. Charles Eugene Borden, Mrs. S. Horace Hawes.

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Some of the music lovers of Richmond enjoyed a feast of melody last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoen. The numbers rendered, among which were trios by Bargiel and Mendelssohn and a suite of dances by Edmond German, were particularly fine. Mr. Hoen was 'cellist, Mrs. Guy Hecquembourg, Mr. Maurice Brooks, Mr. Hudson Hoen, and Dr. A. G. Hoen played the violin, while Mrs. William Ralling, Misses Mary and French Shelton, and Mr. Sheppard Webb performed upon the piano. There were also several delightful vocal selections by Misses Mamie Harrison and Mabel McBain. The programme was concluded by a quartette composed of Messrs. Walter Watkins, McBain, Jeter Jones, and Joseph White. After the music a dainty little repast was served by Misses Julia Edmond, Mary and French Shelton.

Among those present were Mesdames Burlingham, Archer Patterson, Andrew Gray, Rolfe Glover, Empire of Brooklyn, Albert Bruce; Misses Adelaide Watkins, Ellen Guigon, Louise Williams, Claire Guillaume, Howard; Messrs. Alexander Guigon, Frederick and William Burlingham, and Andrew Gray.

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Mrs. Henry M. Cannon was the gracious hostess of a luncheon on Wednesday. The table decorations were most artistic. Maiden-hair ferns were strewn upon the cloth and around a mirror, in the centre, upon which was a cut-glass vase of Liberty roses. Silver candelabra holding crimson tapers also arose from mounds of the dainty ferns at the corners. Her guests were Mesdames Herbert Funsten, Chiles, Mason Ferrell, Albert Hunt, W. J. Teyne, Edwin Cox, Gordon Wallace, James Cannon, Graynor Negl, F. D. Blankenship, Paulus Irving, and W. J. Jones.

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Another of Miss Maria Blair's interesting lectures took place at the Jefferson Club yesterday at 4 o'clock. On this occasion her hearers were transported to "Rome and Its River," which was worshipped as sacred by the Romans. Miss Blair showed in what manner it was used as a means of defence, and pointed out its beauties. The Olympia games were dramatically described; also the idolatry of their gods, and in touching upon Roman architecture, recounted the anecdote of Dr. Moses D. Hoge's being voluntarily imprisoned in one of the old dungeons and his realization of the horrors the breather must have suffered alone in such a place without a God!

The decorations on this occasion were beautiful and elaborate. Refreshments were served after the lecture from tables arranged with lace and pink carnations, embroidery and American Beauties, and drawnwork and narcissus. Misses Florence Levy, Mabel Sycle, Rosa Block, Louise Kaufman, Ronie Hutzler, and Mrs. M. M. Marcuse served, while Mrs. S. Galeski and Mrs. Leon Strauss poured the tea and Mrs. Moses Thalhimer and Mrs. Frederick Myers the chocolate.

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A jolly Bijou party of Wednesday night was given by Mr. William Albert Smith to Miss Edna Forbes and her guests, Miss Ida Riley, of Washington, and Miss Bessie Lee, of Alexandria, whose escorts were Messrs. Granville Gray and Ormond Young.

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The St. John's Circle of King's Daughters entertained in a charmingly informal manner last night at the home of Mrs. Kate Barbour Howard. The house was ablaze with crimson tapers in silver candelabra, which also lighted the table from which an elegant collation was served. American Beauties in large silver baskets, silver dishes of red and white bonbons, and streamers of crimson crepe paper suspended from the chandelier to the four corners formed a lovely decorative scheme. Conspicuous in the hall was a large silver Maltese cross, the emblem of the society, and a table presided over by Mrs. John Charlton piled with fancy boxes of home-made candies. Much merriment was caused by the mating of the guests into couples, which was done by means of little cards bearing the names of heroes and heroines of fiction. These were handed by little Misses Cameron and Emily Currie. Mr. William Richards and Mr. John Hunter sang several very pleasing pieces, accompanied by Mr. John Yarbrough, who also played popular airs during the evening.

Receiving were Mesdames Kate Barbour Howard, George Currie, Frank Craigie, Sr., Stephen T. Beveridge, B. F. Howard, D. C. Richardson, and W. W. Davies.

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A wedding of great interest to Richmond society took place at the residence of Mrs. Alfred Henderson, of 46 west Seventy-second street, New York, on January 29th, at 7:30 o'clock, when her daughter, Miss Emily Henderson, married Mr. Walter Bernard Cowperthwait, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Cowperthwait, of 154 west Eighty-sixth street, New York. Only the immediate relatives witnessed the ceremony.

The house was elaborately decorated with palms, the mantles being banked in roses and southern smilax.

The bride was attired in a very handsome gown of ivory satin, trimmed with rose point lace, her only jewels being a diamond pendant, the gift of the groom. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and white orchids. She was attended by her sister, Miss Edith Henderson, in white mousseline de soie, embroidered in bow-knots and wreaths of violets, and carrying violets and purple orchids. Miss Adele Henderson, a sister of the bride, and Miss Evelyn Gifford, a cousin, were flower-girls, who carried baskets of maiden-hair ferns, trimmed with pink ribbons, and wore pink tulle and garlands of roses.

Mr. Howard M. Cowperthwait, a brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Messrs. William A. O'Connor, Edward D. Rudderrow, Arthur K. Wood, William G. Broadway, Arthur E. Whitney, and John R. Maxwell, Jr., acted as ushers.

Mrs. Henderson's gown was a creation of black point lace, embroidered in chenille and spangles over a foundation of white taffeta. Mrs. Cowperthwait was superbly gowned in white brocaded crepe de chine with wide insertions of point de Venise lace.

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At last the eventful night has come when the brilliant and beautiful "French Salon" will take place at the residence of Mrs. Warner Moore, No. 813 west Franklin street. Society has been on the tiptoe of expectation for some time back over this novel entertainment, which is for the benefit of the Huguenot Society. Many of the guests will come in costume, though there will be a number only in modern evening gowns. Colonel Jo Lane Stern will be the courteous and courtly master of ceremonies, and the guests will be received by the Executive Committee, composed, in part, of Mrs. Warner Moore, representing her ancestress, Mme. de Rouchetcourt.

Mrs. George R. Cannon, Mille. Columbia.

Miss Claire Guillaume, Mme de Ramboiullet, the founder of the French salon wearing black Chantilly lace built on black taffeta, powder and patches. Antique jewels, noticeable among which will be a Dresden brooch surmounted by rubies and diamonds.

Mrs. George A. Lyon, Queen Hortense Beauharnais. Noticeable among her jewels will be a miniature of her great grandmother, who was French. Little Master Lewis Lyon, who is of French ancestry, will accompany her as Napoleon III. in an empire costume.

Mrs. Virginius Hall, as Mme. Roland, made famous by her speech "Liberty! How many crimes are committee in thy name?" will wear an embroidered muslin worn by a Revolutionary belle; white sandals laced with blue ribbons, and turquoise jewels.

Mrs. T. William Pemberton and Miss Jane Rutherford. In the first salon will be Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne as Marie Antoinette, surrounded by her court composed of Mrs. I. N. Jones, as Mme. Polignac; Miss Carrie Lancaster, as the Countess de Rieux; Mrs. Arthur Lefroy, as the Princess de Lamballe, and Mrs. Warner Moore, as the Countess Rouchetcourt; Mrs. J. W. Craig, as Mme. Elizabeth, sister of Louis XVI., and Miss Helen Montague, as Mme. de Lafayette.

Mrs. Charles Evelyn Smith will represent the Empress Marie Louise, her court being composed of a bevy of young society girls.

The Empress Josephine will find a beautiful representative in Mrs. James Alston Cabell, who will be attended by Miss Belle Perkins, as Pauline Bonaparte; Miss Louise Mayo, as Mme. Pompadour; Mrs. Thomas Bolling, as Mme. de Stael; Mrs. E. C. Minor, as Mme. Recamier; Mrs. John Lancaster, as Mme. Sevigue; Miss Mary Weller Lewis, as Mme. Junot, and Mrs. John Enders, as Mme. Tallyrand.

Mrs. Oton will give a charming recitation. "Marseilais" will be sung by a male quartette, and Professor Reinhart's Orchestra will play French airs, and Mr. A. C. Coulter, one of Richmond's favorite tenors, will sing the "Marsellaise." Delicious refreshments will be served. Miss Julia Waddill will serve the cafe frappe. The following young ladies will serve: Misses Kate Talley, Edmonia Martin, Carrie Lee Campbell, and Mary Donovan.

The ladies of the different courts and those on the Reception Committee are requested to assemble promptly at half past 8. A full attendance is expected as the tickets are selling rapidly. These can be bought at Branch Allen's on Main street, or from Mrs. George A. Lyon, Mrs. Warner Moore, Mrs. Virginius Hall, Miss Guillaume at No. 313 west Franklin street.

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The Daughters of Industry of St. Paul's church gave a most enjoyable reception in the lecture-room of the church last night from 8 to 10 o'clock, in honor of Rev. Dr. Strange, and his wife. Ropes of evergreens twined the pillows and formed a background for the receiving party, which was composed of Misses Sally Deane, Etta Munford, Mary Florence, Florence McKenney, Gertrude Camm, Lizzie Townes, Mamie Jennings, Lila Tatum, Lizzie Robins, Lucy Coles, of Albemarle; Mary Buford, Mesdames Edward Robinson, Thomas Christian, Gordon and John G. Farland. Miss Sally Archer Anderson served the chocolate, and Miss Annie Jacobs the coffee. Salads, ices, cakes, and bon-bons were served from a table beautifully decorated in lace over pink satin, pink carnations, and silver candelabra holding pink candles. Among the callers who availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting the popular rector and his wife were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rutherford, Misses Adele and Lulie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maury, Mr. and Mrs. Otway Allen, Mrs. Ben. Palmer, Mrs. Arthur Middleton Rutledge, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Young, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill Young, Miss Lizzie Townes, Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr Branch, Mrs. W. T. Robins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deane, Mrs. Crump Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. R. Carter Scott, Dr. McCaw, Rev. and Mrs. James Moncure, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gary, Miss Bertie Nolting, Miss Octavia Crenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson, Bishop and Miss Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Rand Wellford, Mr. and Mrs. Bierne Blair, Messrs. Warner and Nelson Robins, Harry Pierson, Conway Howard, and many others.

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The German Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the University College of Medicine.

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Mrs. George Currie, of Church Hill, will entertain at cards to-night at 9 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Franklin have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Blanche, to Mr. Harold Linwood Jobson. The ceremony will take place Tuesday evening, February 11th, at 6:30 o'clock at 210 east Clay street.

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Mrs. Walter Christian has postponed her tea in honor of Misses Marie and Julia Williamson, of Frederick, Md., until next Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.

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Among the special attractions at the Silver Tea to be given for the benefit of the Sheltering Arms Free Hospital, by the Rebekah Peterkin Circle of the King's Daughters, this evening from 5 to 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. George T. King, No. 509 east Leigh street, will be several solos by Miss Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Walter C. Mercer, and Mr. George Bidgood. There will also be numbers by a quartette.

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Mrs. John S. Apjuje will leave in a few days for a most enjoyable trip of six weeks, when she will visit Olanda and St. Augustine, and it is possible that one of the younger society favorites will accompany her.

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Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stevens, Mr. B. D. Hotchkiss and Miss Helen Stevens, who went to New York the first of the week, will return to the city to-day.

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Miss Addie Chaffin is the guest of Miss Ellen Ruffin, of Danville. Both of them will spend the week end with Miss Katherine Cole, at her country home, Lola.

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The marriage of Miss Delia Tudor Wilmer and Dr. J. Hall Pleasants took place in the home of the bride in Baltimore yesterday. Only members of the two families were present.

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Mrs. E. A. Saunders was histess Wednesday at one of the prettiest luncheons of the season. Those present were Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Mrs. Coleman Wortham, Mrs. Turner Arrington, Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Jr., Miss Alice Hotchkiss, and Mrs. Arthur Scrivenor.

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A meeting of the ladies of St. Anne's Beneficial Society will be held next Sunday afternoon in the basement of St. Paul's cathedral at 4:30 o'clock.

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The Confederate Memorial Literary Society, which was to have met Wednesday, failed to have a quorum. A special meeting has been called for Wednesday next at noon, when the work of reviving the constitution will be taken up.

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Mrs. Black, formerly Miss Martha Porter, of Louisa, who is spending some time at No. 301 east Grace street, was the hostess of a pleasant theatre party to see Mansfield in "Beaucaire." Members of the party included Mrs. B. N. Drewry, Miss Katherine Drewry, Mrs. John H. Pendleton, Mr. Patton, and Mr. Black.

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The presiding officer of the national convention of King's Daughters in Savannah, Ga., is Mrs. J. William Jefferson, of Louisville, Ky., who was Miss Isabel Stacy, a popular society girl in this city.

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Dr. Morris Hawes will be one of the attendants at the marriage of his brother, Mr. G. Percy Hawes, Jr., and Miss Mary Mason French, which will take place in the bride's home at Amesbury, Mass., on Saturday.

THE CORPORATE LINE.

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this city of $1.40 per $100. We would therefore recommend that a part of the contract for annexation shall be the aggregate issue of bonds of $300,000 the first three years under annexation, and that the proceeds thereof shall be applied to street improvements, sewers, gas, and water mains, but if this bond issue is not considered desirable that a guarantee be given that said sum shall be applied in the annexed district during that period by making a proviso that $100,000 shall be included in the annual budget each year for three years, beginning from January 1, 1903, to be applied to the purpose above described.

"We respectfully call attention to the fact that the amount of taxes realized from property annexed will amount to about $47,400 annually."

POPULATION; ACREAGE.

The papers filed along with the sub-committee's report set forth that in the district proposed for annexation there are 1,600 white male adults and 1,000 colored male adults, which, according to the usual estimate, would give a population of 13,000. Another method of calculation gives a population in the proposed district of 14,585. The population of Henrico county is 30,062.

The area of the proposed district is 5,570 acres. The present area of Richmond is 3,526 acres. With the proposed annexed district the new city would cover 9,096 acres, and would have a population of about 100,000. Henrico county at present contains 169,937 acres.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS.

The committee's statisticians find that the realty assessed for taxation in the proposed district amounts to $5,084,115, and that the personal property assessment amounts to $855,590, making a total of $5,939,635. The present real and personal property assessments and total are $46,152,75, $26,098,720, and $72,251,465, respectively. The real and personal property assessments and total for the new city, should the proposed district be annexed, would be $51,236,860, $26,954,300, and $78,191,160, respectively.

The present rate of taxation in the city is $1.40 for city and 40 cents for the State, making a total tax rate of $1.80 per $100 in Richmond. The sub-committee recommends that for five years from January 1, 1903, the rate in the annexed district shall be 80 cents, making a total tax of $1.20 for city and State purposes during this period.

The present tax rate in the proposed district averages 66 cents for local and county purposes, on account of special taxes in Barton Heights, Chestnut Hill, and Fairmount. The present rates for county and local government and schools are as follows: Tuckahoe, 42 cents; Brookland, 44 cents; Barton Heights, $1.02; Chestnut Hill, 77 cents; Fairfield, 44 cents; Fairmount, 69 cents, and Varina, 44 cents.

AMOUNT OF TAXES PAID.

The proposed district pays county taxes on real estate amounting to $21,511.85. The whole county pays county taxes on real estate amounting to $39,322.67. The proposed district pays county taxes on personal property amounting to $5,064.80, against $16,639.66 for the whole county. The county taxes for the whole county on both real and personal property are $56,022.33, as against $26,576.65 for the proposed district.

There are 2,890 buildings in this district and fifteen schools—nine white and six colored—which are maintained at a cost of $1,605 a month, or $14,445 for a session of nine months. These school houses are valued at $41,700.

THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY LINE.

The following detailed statement gives the exact boundary of the district proposed for annexation.

Beginning at the intersection of corporation line with Mt. Calvary Cemetery, westward along northern line of Mt. Calvary Cemetery and Colorado avenue to "Shields Grove" tract, owned by the city; thence along northern line of James H. Dooley's property to the canal; thence along canal to western line of city property; thence along western line of city property to corner of Bellevue and Granite streets; thence along Granite street to point 150 feet west of Blanton avenue; thence northward along line 150 feet west of Blanton avenue to a point 150 feet south of Cary street; thence westward along a line 150 feet south of Cary street to a point 150 feet west of road dividing lands of J. G. Beattie and Mrs. Peebles; thence north along a line 150 feet west of road dividing lands of Beattie and Peebles to a point 150 feet north of Broad-Street road; thence east along a line 150 feet north of Broad-Street road to a point 150 feet west of the Boulevard; thence north from said road to a point 150 feet west of the Boulevard; thence north along a line 150 feet west of Boulevard to a point; thence east along a straight line through Sherwood Park and 150 feet north of Brookland Park Boulevard to a point on the western line of Third avenue, 150 feet north of Dill avenue, in Highland Park; thence northeast along a line 150 feet from Dill avenue to a point; thence south along a line 150 feet east of Fourth avenue, in Chestnut Hill, to a point 150 feet north of Magnolia street; thence east along a line 150 feet north of Magnolia street to the westward extremity of Hechler street; thence along Hechler street and the line between Hechler and Sebree's addition, and across Mechanicsville turnpike to a point 150 feet east of said turnpike in the "Montezuma" tract; thence south along a line 150 feet east of Mechanicsville turnpike to a point 150 feet north of Coalter street; thence east along a line 150 feet north of Coalter street to a point; thence south along a straight line 150 feet east of Walnut street to the southeast corner of Fairfield avenue and Twenty-first street; thence along western line of Fairfield tract to intersection of V. Hechler's land with Twenty-fifth street; thence through V. Hechler's land along a straight line 150 feet north of U street to the intersection of the Kuhn tract with Thirty-first street; thence through Kuhn and Fietig tracts along the southern line of Oakwood Cemetery to point 150 feet south of Garrison street; thence west along line 150 feet south of Garrison street to a point; thence along line between Hunter and Cowardin estates to a point 150 feet east of Lewis street, extended; thence south along line 150 feet east of Lewis street to point 150 feet east of National-Cemetery road; thence south along line 150 feet east of National-Cemetery road to a point 150 feet south of Williamsburg avenue; thence west along line 150 feet south of Williamsburg avenue to eastern line of Mary Harrison's property; thence at right angles along eastern line of Harrison's tract and in a straight line to Almond's creek; thence down Almond's creek to the James river.

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BURNED THE WIRES.

Phenomenal Activity at the Telegraph Office Yesterday.

The Richmond office of the Western Union Telegraph Company was busier yesterday than on any day in a long while. The tremendous increase in business was phenomenal, and there was absolutely no explanation at hand. Everybody about the office was at work over-time, and there was not any let-up apparent at a late hour last night. It seemed as if every business-man in the city wanted to send a telegram, and that the majority of those outside the city who have business relations with Richmond wanted to correspond with their friends here.

LINEMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

Thrilling Accident Mid-Air Adventure of A. D. Richardson.

A. D. Richardson, a lineman in the employ of the Richmond Telephone Company, had a narrow escape from death yesterday morning. He was on the top of a pole on Main street, near Fourteenth. In some way a telephone wire he was handling touched a power current wire. Instantly between two and three thousand volts of electricity passed through the man's hand, burning it to the bone. The small telephone wire was burned out by the heavy voltage. Fortunately, the man was not touching any other wire at the time, and had the presence of mind not to catch one when he was burned. Otherwise the current would have passed through his body, instead of his hand only. So strong a current would have certainly killed him.

Although badly burned, he was able to climb down and go to a doctor, who dressed his hand. He returned to work later in the day.

KING'S DAUGHTERS' CONFERENCE.

Lively Colloquy on the Subject of Finances.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 30.—The second day's session of the interstate conference of the King's Daughters was opened with an address by Mrs. T. Hill, of Massachusetts. A lively colloquy occurred between Mrs. Isabella Davis, national secretary, and Mrs. Washington, of West Virginia, over the finances, in the course of which Mrs. Davis said: "Why, you don't want to crack eggs with a trip-hammer, or cut wood with a razor." The flurry was only momentary.

A committee of one from each State was appointed to study the child-labor problem, and endeavor to influence legislation on the subject.

During the day a primary ballot for officers was taken. The result will be announced to-morrow, when the regular election will occur.

TO SUCCEED MR. PLEASANTS.

Latter to Take Position With the Seaboard Air-Line.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 30.—It was announced here to-day, officially, that E. T. Carlton, of New York, would succeed W. H. Pleasants temporarily in the office of traffic manager of the Ocean Steamship Company, with the title of general freight and passenger agent. Headquarters will be continued in New York. Mr. Pleasants goes with the Seaboard Air-Line.

CIRCULAR NOT ISSUED.

Hitch Rumored in Appointment of New Seaboard Traffic Manager.

The circular announcing the appointment of Mr. W. H. Pleasants to the position of general traffic manager of the Seaboard Air-Line, has not been issued, and this has given rise to the report that there is some hitch in the appointment. There is said to be nothing in the matter further than is indicated.

Deaths in Loudoun.

LEESBURG, VA., January 30.—(Special.) Mrs. Harriet Underwood, widow of Joseph Underwood, of Hillsboro', died yesterday, aged 73 years. She was the mother of Samuel Underwood, of Leesburg.

Mrs. Mollie Elgin, wife of Mr. Thomas G. Elgin, a prominent citizen of Leesburg district, died Wednesday evening of chronic rheumatism. She was about 58 years of age.

Virginians at the Hotels.

Arrivals at the hotels were fewer than usual yesterday, and most of those coming in are travelling men, upon whose movements the weather has little effect, further than the discomfort for travelling.

These Virginians are at Murphy's: Dr. Hugh T. Nelson, of Charlottesville; Thomas H. Wright, of Portsmouth; C. J. Hughes, Virginia; Ed. Hyde, of Bon Air; Charles H. Consolvo, of Norfolk, and Thomas B. Quinby.

Mrs. E. M. Eiseman, of Dublin, Va., accompanied by her children, is visiting her brother, Mr. Paul Weill, one of the proprietors of the New Ford's.

These are registered at the Lexington: A. P. Thornton, Virginia; J. D. Tucker, South Boston; D. C. Jeremy, Saxe; George T. McLean, Portsmouth; George K. Foster and wife, Grottoes, and W. E. Cook, Hampton.

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ALL WAR TAX TO GO EXCEPT THAT ON FLOUR.

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moved to continue the tax on "bucket-shops." This was also defeated, on a party vote.

Representative Newlands, of Nevada, offered two amendments, one excepting from the repeal the tax on petroleum and sugar refineries, and another reimposing a tax of 1-10th of 1 per cent on corporations having receipts of one million annually. Both amendments were defeated by party votes.

STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN.

Chairman Payne made the following statement:

"The Treasury now has a cash balance of something over $174,000,000. It is not likely that this will be increased materially during the present fiscal year, as the Treasury is buying bonds at a rate that will use up the surplus to accumulate between this and the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, next.

"The Secretary of the Treasury's report estimated a surplus for this year of $100,000,000, and subsequent results seem to confirm this estimate. The committee therefore thought that it was entirely safe to repeal the remainder of the war revenue taxes, amounting to $68,000,000, and the tax on tea of $9,000,000, in the aggregate $77,000,000, at this time. This will still leave a surplus estimated upon this year's receipts and expenses of $22,000,000 or $23,000,000 for the year, while we wil start upon the next fiscal year with $174,000,000 available cash in the treasury. The committee deems it wise to have the repeal of the tax on tea take effect on the 1st of January next, in order to enable those, especially retailers and small dealers, who have small stocks of duty-paid goods on hand to dispose of their istocks, before the repeal takes effect.

REBATE ON TOBACCO.

"We can provide a rebate on the tobacco tax, and guard against any fraud upon the revenue, for the reason that the internal revenue department has this trade under close surveillance, and will take account of the stock in dealers' hands on the 1st of July next. But this will be impossible as to teas, which come in under custom duties, and of which the government has no account save as they are imported in large quantities. Continuing this tea duty until January 1st, will give us six months' revenue on tea, and will make an ultimate reduction for next year of considerably less than $57,000,000. The bill will be introduced as soon as it can be prepared."

THE GERMAN PRINCE ASKED TO VISIT US.

Governor Montague Extends a Formal Invitation Through Dr. Von Holleben.

Governor Montague sent a letter to Dr. von Holleben, the German Ambassador at Washington, yesterday, inviting Prince Henry of Prussia to visit Virginia and Richmond while making his tour of this country next month. It is reported that the Prince has expressed a desire to visit the ship-yards at Newport News, among the most extensive in the New World, and should he come to this city it might be arranged for him to go down to the Ship-Building City. His Royal Highness will visit Chattanooga, and it would be easy to arrange his itinerary so as to include Richmond on the return trip.

Governor Montague was notified yesterday that Mr. Collins, lawyer for a murderer sentenced to die in Hampton next month, would come here to-day and present an application for commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

Governor Montague was not at the Capitol again yesterday, though he is recovering rapidly from the effects of the severe cold which has kept him indoors for several days; but yesterday was one well calculated to cause a relapse if the grip invalid so much as looked out of the window.

Governor Montague regrets that, by reason of the visitation of the grip he will not be able to accept the invitation to be present at the lecture which his friend, Colonel W. H. Stewart, of Portsmouth, will deliver at the Third Presbyterian church to-night. He was invited to attend with his staff.

These charters have been filed for record in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth: The Warren Sentinel Publishing Company, of Front Royal; the Norfolk Refrigerator and Ice Company.

Secretary-of-the-Commonwealth Eggleston has been requested by the Pure-Food Commission of the State of Illinois to send an abstract of the pure-food statutes of the State of Virginia. He will do so.

Commissioner-of-Labor James B. Doherty almost daily receives inquiries concerning certain industries in Virginia, and of late has had several concernng the canneries in this State. There is a prospect that the fruit and vegetable canning industry in this State will be largely increased in importance during the year.

THE GOOD-ROADS SCHEME.

Meeting to Discuss Provision of the $500 Required.

The Good Roads Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Messrs. O. H. Funston, T. A. Cary, and T. M. Wortham, held a conference with City-Engineer Cutshaw yesterday afternoon in the interest of the movement to induce the Southern railway to send its "good-roads" train to Richmond. Mr. John E. Rose, of the Henrico supervisors, was present, and stated that the county would give $250 and furnish the necessary teams and laborers. The city is asked to give $250. Colonel Cutshaw promised to lay the matter before the Street Committee, at a called meeting to be held before the meeting of the Council on Monday night. It is believed that the committee will ask and the Council will appropriate the sum asked. The Chamber of Commerce Committee have to give their answer to-day. In the event the Council turns the matter down, they propose to secure the amount needed by individual subscription.

AID MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

School Committee Recommends That $10,000 Be Appropriated.

The Council Committee on Schools last night reconsidered its action in asking for the Mechanics' Institute the sum of $6,000 in the budget, and on motion of Mr Mann recommended that an appropriation of $10,000 be made. The Mechanics' Institute last year was given $6,000. There are now 340 boys matriculated in the school. On motion of Mr. Mills it was recommended to the Council that the Schools Committee be discontinued. Of late years it has had no other duties than those in connection with the Mechanics' Institute appropriation.

Continues to Improve.

Mr. William R. Trigg's condition last night was said to continue favorable. There has been no very notable change in the last few days.

Looks Like a Case of Murder.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 30.—The crew of a freight train on the Plant System this afternoon found the dead and charred body of an unknown white man twenty feet from the track near Way's Station, thirty miles south of this city. The skull of the body had been crushed, and a railroad coupling-pin, with blood on it, lay near. Lightwood sticks had been piled on the body and set afire. The dead man's hand and arm, protruding from the pyre, revealed his color. Near the scene was a small ash-pile, as of a tramp's camp. There were signs of a struggle and the dragging of a body. Persons at Way's recalled having seen a strange white man and three negroes pass late yesterday. There is no clue to any of the parties concerned. An investigation has been started.

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MOTHER'S FRIEND

UNIVERSAL SHORTHAND.

Some Reasons Why It Would Be Very Useful.

(New York Sun.)

From time to time during the last thirty years the cry has been heard, Let us have a standard or universal system of shorthand—that is, a system whereby all stenographers shall write characters of one sort, and all signs and abbreviations foreign to that system shall be rigorously excluded. Appeals like this have been inspired usually by the introduction of some so-called new method of stenography, or by the publication of text-books purporting to set forth "wonderful improvements" upon one or more of the old systems; and generally, too, such sentiments have proceeded from persons whose views upon the subject were not entitled to serious consideration.

But attention is called in the Richmond Dispatch to a recent utterance upon this subject by one whose opinion is of more than ordinary importance. Mr. E. V. Murphy, one of the chiefs of the corps of official reporters of the United States Senate, expresses the hope and belief, in a communication to the authors of Benn Pitman's shorthand publications, that some day there will be a system of phonography which will be legible to all writers of pot hooks; and, furthermore, he thinks that the Benn Pitman method, or that method modified so as to include whatever is valuable in other systems, would be more satisfactory than any other for all-around use.

Mr. Murphy would have all shorthand as clear and legible to stenographers as is longhand to other people, so that, in case of necessity, one stenographer may turn his notes over to another and the latter may read or transcribe them accurately; something which, under present conditions, is impossible, except in rare instances. In other words, he would eliminate entirely all shorthand strokes of an arbitrary nature and compel all students of phonography to follow strictly the rules laid down by a single author.

Nobody familiar with the existing idiosyncrasies and imperfections of stenographers will deny that the reformation suggested would be of very great value, not only to the shorthand writers themselves, but also to every one concerned directly or indirectly with verbatim reporting. In ninety-nine cases out of one hundred the stenographer who reports a speech, or a debate, or in a trial court, must read his own notes; otherwise his report is of absolutely no value. If, for any reason, he is unable to do this, those depending upon his transcript must wait until he can furnish it, no matter how long the delay may be.

And yet it is prescribed by law in nearly all the States of the Union that the shorthand notes of a court reporter constitute the "official record" of the proceedings reported. These notes are, of course, subject to the control and supervision of the court, but rarely are they of any value except in the hands of the stenographer who made them. An instance of this sort occurred not long ago in this city during the second trial of Dr. Kennedy, when the stenographer then officiating was called upon to read the notes of his predecessor, deceased, bearing upon the testimony of a witness at the first trial, who had since died. As it happened, however, the reporter at the second trial had been a co-worker with the author of the record, and, inasmuch as his translation of the notes agreed with the typewritten transcription made of them immediately after they were taken, the testimony was, we believe, allowed by the court, although exception was taken to its admission. But more than once it has been found necessary to retry cases from beginning to end because of the unreadable character of a deceased stenographer's record; as witness an instance, some years ago, in the Third Judicial District of New York State. Obviously, therefore, the value of an official shorthand record depends upon its legibility.

It is easier to disclose defects in the present system of stenography than it is to remedy them. Mr. Murphy's idea that the Benn Pitman method is the one best adapted to form the foundation of a universal system may be thoroughly commendable, but there are many other experts reporters who inflexibly believe that the hooks and curves and ingenious combinations of Graham and Haven and Isaac Pitman, and, perhaps, also of Munson and Scott-Browne, should have more than a subordinate place, if stenography is to be revolutionized advantageously.

We speak of "lightning" note takers, but an expert verbatim reporter resembles lightning in more ways than one. He takes the "shortest road home," if he knows how to find it, regardless of any fixed rules to be found in text-books; and no matter what system he has studied he is bound to devise and invent for himself signs and phrases which will prove particularly helpful to him in his own practice. Accordingly, if every stenographer in the land wrote precisely the same system to-day, we dare say that thirty years hence there would be as many so-called "bastard" or mongrel systems in use as ever.

Experience has shown that too much "doctoring" of shorthand is a bad thing and is apt to lead to disaster. Elihu Burritt, the learned blacksmith, once closed an address with this sentiment: "Labor—thought-honored labor—may be the only earthy potentate that shall be crowned on this continent." He was surprised and disgusted to find that the stenographer had it printed next day in the newspapers: "Labor, though honored, may be the nail lately patented, which shall be crowned on this continent."

It would be very much better to leave shorthand as it is than to open the door to all manner of ridiculous blunders such as would be likely to result from the reform proposed. Nervertheless, the efforts toward simplifying and rendering more legible the systems now used are interesting and praiseworthy