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HAPPENINGS IN RADFORD.

Industrial Notes of Interest—The Week in Society.

RADFORD, VA., February 15.—(Special)—Next week the Radford Broom and Mattress Company will begin operations in Radford.

This company has leased the property near Connolly's branch, formerly used as a woolen factory, and purpose manufacturing all grades of brooms and mattresses.

The land-owners of this section would find it profitable to plant a crop of broom-corn. This crop, properly raised, is very productive, and yields a handsome revenue.

Broomcorn for several years has been bringing handsome prices to the farmers.

The new company will make a specialty of the hair mattresses, something our people have and which is not to be had. It is learned also that the promoters of this enterprise are contemplating the addition of a canning department to their plant. This can be done if the people will raise the products, such as tomatoes, corn, beans, etc.

The company is under the management of G. A. Sullivan, president and general manager, and J. H. Barnett, secretary and treasurer.

TRAY TRENCH MATTERS.

The monthly meeting of the City Council Monday night was of unusual interest, many matters of importance being discussed and acted upon.

A contract was made with the Radford Water-Power Company, by which their pipes are to be extended from the West to the East Ward, supplying the principal streets with water.

Fire plugs are to be established for the free use of the city. The introduction of water in the East End has met a long-felt want.

The Radford Co-operative Store was organized on Monday evening last by the election of W. S. Roberts, president. The company is composed of about twelve of the most prominent employees of the pipe-works. The store will be located on the corner of the city, and is doing much good work among the poor and needy.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Garking went to Roanoke Wednesday to see Lewis Moroney at the home of Mrs. W. T. Simpson.

Professor Henry, of St. Albans School, has been indisposed for several days.

Mr. Fred Painter, of Marion, Va., brother-in-law of Mrs. George W. Miles, is visiting at home.

Mr. James Duane, furnace superintendent of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, was in the city Monday.

Rev. John T. Alford will hold his regular service in Radford Sunday.

C. F. Shelor has taken his little daughter, Iva, to Johns Hopkins for treatment. Mrs. William A. Young, her sister, who has been here for the past three weeks, returned to her home yesterday.

Miss Ruth Collins and her sister, Mrs. J. L. McKenize, were the hostesses Friday evening at an elegant surprise party given by the young people of East Radford.

The entertainment was a compliment to their guests, Miss Maude Gregory, of Appomattox, and Miss Mabel White, of Roanoke.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Virgil was the hostess of the Current Events Club. There was a departure from the usual custom of the ladies, as a number of gentlemen were present also.

So agreeable was this innovation that perhaps a new era may open up for them in afternoon social functions, of which ladies have so long had a monopoly.

The gentlemen present were Governor J. Hope Tyler, Colonel G. W. Miles, Judge W. C. Cassel, and Messrs. Kimball, Ragland, and Galway.

Miss Mollie James Milner, of Radford, is quite ill at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Noell. Dr. Bruce James, of Danville, is attending her.

Mr. Hal Tyler has been appointed trustee in the case of W. C. Painter, bankrupt.

Miss Elizabeth Nye is reported ill at the University College, Atlanta, where she is attending school this winter.

Mr. R. Bland Beverley, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, visited his aunt, Mrs. John H. Washington, this week.

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

MID-DAY LENTEN SERVICES THERE
INSTEAD OF DOWN-TOWN.

MANY SPECIAL SERVICES TO-DAY.

Appointments for Rev. Mr. Ebermann.

Activity in Railway Y. M. C. A.—Baptist Mission Board at Work—Captain Parks to Lecture to Epworth Leaguers—Rev. Joel T. Tucker May Go to Newport News.

The members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of this city will make a new departure this year in the conduct of their usual midday Lenten services. Instead of securing one of the downtown stores, as heretofore, it has been decided to hold the services in St. Paul's church. According to custom, the services will be short, lasting only thirty minutes—from 1 to 1:30 P. M. These services will begin Monday and will be continued daily, except Saturdays, up to and including Friday, March 21st. While specially designed for men, the services will be open to the public generally, and every one is cordially invited to attend them.

Rev. Dr. Strange, of St. Paul's church, has been secured to take charge the first two days in each week during the continuance of the services, and other speakers of equal prominence will be secured for the remaining services, and the Brotherhood men feel confident that all who attend them will find a half hour of genuine spiritual refreshment in the midst of the burdens and the worries of the day.

Rev. Clarence E. Ebermann, the field secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, whose headquarters are at Boston, Mass., who is making a tour of the Southern States in the interests of Christian Endeavor work, will preach at West-End Christian church this morning at 11 o'clock, and at the Third church at 8 P. M. Mr. Ebermann will also address the men's meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association at the Academy this afternoon.

Mr. Ebermann is a minister in the Moravian Church, and has but recently been elected to the position he holds. He is known to all Endeavor workers as a man of ability and pleasing appearance, and those who have heard him preach at three meetings to-day will not regret having taken the trouble to do so.

Mr. Ebermann arrived in the city on Friday night from Lynchburg, and will leave here Monday morning for Norfolk for a series of meetings there. From there he will go to Henderson, N. C., and on South. He will not return to Boston for several months.

The Baptist Sunday-School Union of the schools of Richmond and Manchester will meet at Broadus-Memorial church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The session will be held in the Bible school-room of the new church. Professor Winston, of Richmond College, will be the speaker, and an attractive musical programme will be rendered by the orchestra of the Broadus-Memorial church.

The Stone Ransom Paid.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 15.—The ransom of Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Mme. Tsiska, has been paid. The limit of time allowed for the release of the captives has not yet expired, but their delivery to the American agents is expected shortly.

Fatal Rioting in Trieste.

TRIESTE, February 15.—A meeting, held last evening in the Piazza Grande, was followed by a street fight, during which the troops fired a volley into the mob, six of whom were killed and twenty severely wounded.

The riotous men of all trades have gone on strike. All the public buildings are protected by troops.

You Can't Reach Mombasa This Morning.

NEW YORK, February 15.—The Commercial Cable Company this morning issued the following notice: "We are advised that the cable between Zanzibar and Mombasa (East Africa) is interrupted, thus cutting off Mombasa, Malindi, and Witu."

The Commercial Cable Company to-day makes the announcement that, commencing March 1st, the rate to India will be 86 cents per word.

Indian Courts to Last 'Till 1900.

AIDHOOR, I. T., February 15.—United States Judge Townsend has decided that the courts of the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes have jurisdiction, except in criminal cases, and that when an Indian applies to the tribal court first, it can assume jurisdiction. The decision means that Indian courts and laws are to be perpetuated until March 4, 1906.

Mother and Child Fatally Burned.

WASHINGTON, Pa., February 15.—Mrs. Henry Dague and her 3-year-old son were fatally burned last night by the child's pulling an oil-lamp off the table. An explosion followed, and the blazing fire scattered over the two.

Henry Dague, the husband, was also badly burned, while trying to rescue his wife and child.

Harvard Base-Ball Trip.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., February 15.—The southern trip of the Harvard base-ball team has been arranged. On April 12th it will play the University of Virginia at Washington.

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

SCHOOL GIRLS.

'Tis a pretty age—that time in a girl's life when she has all the beauties of womanhood without the later lines of care and worry.

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singing is conducted by Mr. A. T. Samuels of the paint-shop, and Mr. Jones plays the organ. A male chorus is being formed, and the men are evincing a lively interest in it.

The meetings so far have been highly appreciated by the employees of the shops, and the fourth floor of the Main-Street Station has become a favorite haunt of hundreds of railway men, nearly a hundred drifting into the rooms during the day and many more at night.

The Baptist Board of Publication recently made the association a present of fifty Bibles, to be used in the Gospel meetings.

Although the membership of the association is confined to the employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Seaboard Air-Line Lines, a large number of employees of other roads centering in the city are frequent and welcome visitors at the meetings.

F. M. Barton, an association worker and a publisher, has also given 200 copies of the Gospel of John for use with the work of the association.

Mr. Ebermann is planning to organize a three or four other shop Bible classes. He is wanting contributors, and as soon as they can be secured the work will be started in several other shops.

The State Mission Board of the Baptists is sending out two useful tracts. One of them deals with the work and history and the other with the prospect for missionary effort in the State in the future. They are supplied free, and Secretary Elyson is asking pastors for names and addresses of persons in their congregations who will be benefited by having the instruction contained in the tracts.

Captain R. S. Parks, of the Constitutional Convention, will deliver a lecture before the Epworth League of Union-Station Methodist church on the evening of February 23rd. His subject will be "The War Between the States."

This lecture hopes soon to have Bishop Galloway to deliver a lecture before it.

Dr. John Hannon will preach a special sermon to the Junior Order of American Mechanics on next Sunday. His subject will be "Responsibility of American Citizenship." It is expected that there will be a large gathering of Juniors at this service.

Rev. I. S. Boyles, one of the associate editors of the Religious Herald, is assisting in a revival meeting at Grace Baptist church in Norfolk.

The Executive Committee of the Virginia Sunday-School Association is arranging the programme for the annual meeting to be held in Petersburg March 11th-13th.

There is a rumor afloat in Baptist circles that Rev. Joel T. Tucker, pastor of the East-End Baptist church, in this city, may be called to the pastorate of the Marshall-Street church in Newport News. Mr. Tucker preached in that church recently, and it is known that the congregation was favorably impressed with him.

Rev. Carey E. Morgan, the pastor, will preach at the morning and evening services at the Seventh-Street Christian church to-day. The Sunday school will open at 9:30 A. M., and the Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting will be held at 7:15 P. M.

"Christ Divine—Intellectual Testimony" will be the subject for the morning discourse by Rev. George Spooner at the Marshall-Street church. The men of the city are specially invited to attend this service. Mr. Spooner will preach also at night.

The pastor, Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D. D., will preach at the 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. services at the Grace-Street Presbyterian church to-day. The Sunday school service will begin at 9:30 A. M.

Dr. W. R. L. Smith will preach at the Second Baptist church morning and evening.

At Century Methodist church Rev. W. W. Lear, the pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

"Meet for God's Service" and "Surrounding Difficulties" will be the subjects for the morning and evening sermons at Marshall-Street Christian church to-day by Rev. F. W. Troy. The Sunday school meets at 9:30 A. M.

Rev. W. E. Evans, D. D., rector of Monumental church, will preach to-day at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Mr. Samuel Kneestadt, of Allegheny, Pa., will preach at Marshall Hall at 3:30 and 7 P. M. to-day.

Rev. M. Ashby Jones, pastor of the Leigh-Street Baptist church, will preach morning and evening. His subjects will be: "The Way to the Resurrection," and "Restoration to Good Citizenship."

At the Clay-Street Methodist church, Rev. B. Betty, the pastor, will preach. His morning subject will be: "Testing God in Obedience to His Challenge." At night he will speak on "Love for the Church."

Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins will preach at the West-End Christian church at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M., and Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M.

The Seventh-Day Adventists will have service this evening at 8 o'clock at the corner of Twenty-fifth and Clay streets.

Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., rector, will preach at St. Paul's church at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Rev. C. A. Marks will preach at the First English Lutheran church this morning and evening at the usual hours.

Rev. Dr. Charles S. Gardner will preach at the Grace-Street Baptist church morning and evening at the usual hours.

Rev. Eugene Potts will preach at Little Trinity Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock, and at Corinth at 3 P. M. Sunday school at Corinth at 2 P. M.

Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., will preach at the Second Presbyterian church at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Rev. H. C. Combs will preach at the Third Christian church this morning at the usual hour. The Sunday school will

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

THE BLUES' BATTALION

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AMONG THE MILITARY MEN.

WILL GO TO CHARLESTON IN MARCH.

Companies A and F Making Such Arrangements—Full Dress Parades—Howitzers Still Hopeful That They Will Get New Guns—Telephone for Seventieth Regiment Headquarters—Captain Cralle Resigns.

The Blues' Battalion have been ordered by Major Cutchins to form for full dress parade and inspection at the Armory, at Ninth and Cary streets, on Thursday night. The companies will parade in their handsome dress blue uniforms.

Colonel George Wayne Anderson has received the resignation of Captain R. B. Cralle, of the company, of Farmville. The resignation has been accepted, to take place on the 20th instant, and an order has been issued for an election to be held within thirty days by the company to fill the vacancy.

Company M, Danville, has recently elected two lieutenants, and the official roster of the company is now complete.

An effort is being made to install a telephone in the office of Colonel Anderson, in the Seventh-Street Armory, for the use of the Richmond companies of the Seventh Regiment. The absolute necessity of a phone being in the office has been demonstrated time and time again, but the officers of the regiment have never been able to induce the State or the city to provide for it. The work of Captain Boissieu is very heavy, and there is no compensation for him, and it has been pointed out that his services, as well as that of others connected with the office, should be appreciated enough to give them such facilities as would make their duties as light as possible.

One night last week the home of a private in Company E, of the Blues' Battalion, was aroused by knocking at the door. The time was about 2 in the morning, but the door was answered, and the information was given that the private in the room had been shot. The young soldier was unmercifully aroused from his sleep, and rushed off to the Armory in a double-quick time, to find everything dark. He is now looking for the "joker," and if it is a member of either of the companies of the battalion, there is a probability that he will be hauled up before a court-martial, if he can be found.

Companies A and F, of the Seventieth Regiment are actively engaged in their preparation for the trip to Charleston during the last week in March. Captains Saville and Thompson are sparing neither time nor trouble to make the undertaking a success and they have every reason to believe that it will be successful.

Material is being collected to issue a handsome souvenir of the trip in the form of a sketch of the city of Richmond and her commercial interests, the idea being to make the best out of the trip for the city.

The managers of the exposition have offered a site for the encampment of the companies while in Charleston, and will do everything possible to make the stay of the soldiers pleasant and profitable.

Company C of the Seventieth is arranging for a full dress parade, inspection and dance to be held in the drill hall at the Armory on the night of February 23rd. At the same time the Hardy cup which was won by the company last November will be presented.

The Howitzers are still hopeful that they will be equipped with the new guns which Governor Tyler attempted to secure for them. The men believe that before any months they will be fitted with new guns and other equipments which they have long been needing.

The recently-fitted headquarters in the Seventh-Street Armory have been ruined by a leak in the roof. The walls, which were handsomely painted, have been discolored by water running in upon them. Captain Boissieu, who took especial pride in the new quarters, regrets very much that the room has thus been disfigured.

THE PEOPLE OF DISPATCH.

THE OLD HAYWOOD COTTON FACTORY.

Associated with these antique landmarks may be mentioned what is known as the "old foundry," one and a half miles to the north.

When and by whom this building was erected no living man knows. The floor below the roof, with numerous windows sufficient to insure an abundance of light and ventilation.

This elegant piece of masonry was crowned with a roof, which has long since tumbled in, and possibly the machinery which it once contained is now lying in ruins.

The body of a granite dwelling is also nearby, and until a year or two ago two massive chimneys, one of which has recently fallen, stood in close proximity to these two buildings—all of which were doubtless built by the same company.

PICTURESQUE SCENERY.

The scenery in mid-section is picturesque, and the place would make a beautiful site for any home.

The water power at this point is unexcelled, and we often wonder in passing why the attention of some capitalist has not been drawn to this point. The "Double James" is only a mile to the north, along the opposite bank of which runs the Chesapeake and Ohio railway. The facilities are ample for transferring any amount of freight.

There are other points of interest we would like to mention, but we fear we are already trespassing upon valuable space.

GOOD PEOPLE THERE.

That great changes here, as well as in other localities, have taken place within the last half a century goes without question, but our folks are still alive to the best interest of their country, and are ready for every good word and work.

They are industrious and hospitable in their homes, and in point of intelligence will compare favorably with other portions of the State.

The greatest obstacle confronting us is the question of farm labor, of which we propose treating more fully in a future article.

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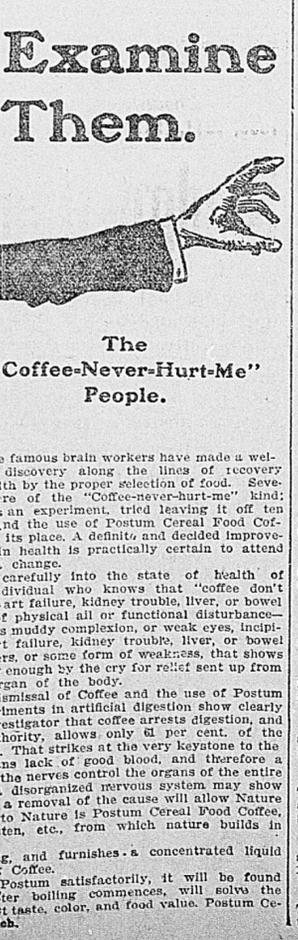
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