

A NEW COUNTY CLUB.
Plans for a Fine Building at Westhampton.
TO MOVE FROM LAKESIDE.
Club at Latter Resort to Form Nucleus of New Organization.

Plans for "THE CHESTERFIELD."
Plans on the Mammoth New Apartment House to Be Invented Shortly—Club House at Westhampton Will Cost About \$12,000, and Will Be Ready for Occupancy About the First of July.

The plan to merge the Lakeside Club into a country club at Westhampton Park has taken definite form.

It has been generally recognized that while the Lakeside site has many points of natural beauty and attractions, interest in it has lagged on the part of its members on account of the facilities afforded by the electric railway company in getting to and from the club.

This fact has influenced the leading members of the club to take steps for the transfer of the club's property from Lakeside to Westhampton, and with this object in view, a Building Committee was recently appointed by the Lakeside Club to examine into the feasibility of Westhampton as a new site and make a report thereon. This committee, composed of Messrs. Levin Joyner, J. C. Wortham, Jr., A. Warwick, O. B. Hill, and H. A. Williams, has prepared a prospectus setting forth the advantages of Westhampton and the features of the proposed new club.

The Lakeside charter and membership will be used as the nucleus around which the new club will be organized, and the prospectus will be sent to the members of the prominent city and country clubs of Richmond for the purpose of securing their interest and membership in the proposed Westhampton plan. When a sufficient number have signified their intention to join, a meeting will be called to organize and elect officers.

STRENGTHENING THE BUILDING.
The prospectus states that an arrangement will be effected with the Westhampton Railway Company by which a sufficient number of cars will be provided to insure an interval of not more than fifteen minutes between cars, and the run from Boulevard to the park will be about fifteen minutes, insuring a schedule of thirty minutes from Eight and a half streets to the park. The through fare will be five cents from any point in the city via the Richmond Traction Company.

The new club grounds will be entirely private and separate from the property of the Westhampton Park, but at the same time sufficiently near the location of the public amusements and the Casino provided by the park management to enable the members to enjoy them.

THE PLAN OF THE BUILDING.
The site of the club-house is on the crest of a bold hill, overlooking the lake, and is quite convenient to the car-life. The club-house will cost about \$12,000, and will be thoroughly equipped in every particular, including a large dining-room, with first-class cuisine; several large sleeping-rooms, ball-room, dressing- and locker-rooms, baths, etc.

Ground is now being prepared for golf links, and it is stated that they will be completed favorably with any in the South.

Architects have been invited to submit plans for the club-house, and it is the intention of the organization to have a ready for occupancy by July 1st. The work will be limited, with an initiation fee of \$10 and monthly dues of \$1. The Westhampton railway has practically completed its line to the park, and work trains are running to the park. There was some delay at one time that the work might be retarded by lawsuits, but this possible obstacle has been finally removed.

It is not yet known what disposition will be made of the Lakeside property when the club transfers to Westhampton.

With the new club at Westhampton, possibly another one organized for Lakeside, and the present Hermitage Club, Richmond will attract the lovers of outdoor exercise.

Plans for "The Chesterfield."
Work on "The Chesterfield" apartment house will be begun about April 1st, probably a few days sooner. The company, which is headed by Mr. J. Scott Parrish, decided last night upon their plans, and the architects will at once shape them to meet the views of the company.

The plans submitted by George Hunt Ingraham, of Boston, Mass.; Mullenburg Brothers, of Reading, Pa.; Wyatt & Nott, of Baltimore; and Noland & Baskerville, of this city, were considered by the company yesterday. After a lengthy consultation it was decided that portions of the plans submitted by Mullenburg Brothers and Noland & Baskerville should be adopted. The drawings have been returned to the two firms, so that they can be changed to conform with what is desired. It was stated last night that this would be done in a few weeks, and bids will be asked for immediately.

The new buildings will be seven stories high. There will be twelve non-house-keeping apartments, the structure will be absolutely fireproof, and will cost about \$150,000. The materials used will be of rough red brick, with gray trimmings. The trimmings may be of Virginia limestone.

The fact that a steel frame will be erected, and the brickwork done in that will make the building the first one of the kind in Virginia. These steel skeletons are in common use in the North, but very few buildings south of the Mason and Dixon line have been constructed in that manner. The water supply will be gotten from a private artesian well, to be sunk on the premises.

The company hopes to have the building ready for occupancy by the first of April, 1902. That the enterprise will prove a success is attested by the fact that even at this early date thirty apartments have been engaged.

The officers of the concern are: President, Mr. J. Scott Parrish; Vice-President, Mr. Kirk Parrish; Secretary, Mr. William Todd; and Treasurer, Mr. William H. Parrish.

MISS SALIN DECK'S SUICIDE AT BLUEFIELD, W. VA.
She Shot Herself With a Revolver Thursday Night—No Reasons Assigned for the Act.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., February 21.—(Special.)—At 7 o'clock last night Miss Salin Deck, a pretty young girl of Hinton, about 29 years of age, shot herself through the heart with a 4-calibre pistol, causing instant death.

Only a few minutes before she committed the deed, she inquired of her mother, who was leaving the house, if her brother did not have a pistol. The mother, suspecting nothing of this nature, told her daughter that she thought he had one in his trunk.

The girl started towards her brother's room, and her mother went over to a neighbor's. On her return about five minutes later, she found her daughter dead near the centre of the room, with a pistol lying close to her right hand.

There is no doubt that the shot was fired with suicidal intent, as it now develops that the girl had endeavored to commit suicide at a nearby store.

No one seems to assign any plausible reason for the rash act, although her family states that the girl had been despondent for several days.

CONCESSION TO CUBA ABOUT 30 PER CENT
This Probably as a Rebate—Such to Be the Republican Agreement.

It is stated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 21.—The Cuban reciprocity problem was again before the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee to-day. They were in private conference for two hours, then adjourned until to-morrow, without reaching an agreement. It developed to-day that an informal vote had been taken early in the conference, not on any specific proposition, but on the general question as to whether anything should be done, resulting in an expression favorable to action, so long as existing American industries are not endangered by the extent of the concessions.

After to-day's conference it was stated with much definiteness by those in position to know, that there would be an agreement later, and the belief was expressed that the concession to Cuba would be about 30 per cent, probably as a rebate.

INSURANCE RATES ARE MADE HIGHER.
Twenty-Five Per Cent Increase on Stocks of Merchandise and Other Risks.

ATLANTA, GA., February 21.—The Southeastern Tariff Association to-day decided that a 25 per cent increase in insurance rates be made on all stocks of merchandise, without exception, and on factory risks and other special hazards which have not been rated under revised schedules within a year.

This action went into effect to-day, and was caused by the extraordinary fire losses which the companies have been called upon to bear during the last two years, ever since the beginning of the present year.

Mr. J. S. Ferriter in Extremis.
The condition of Mr. James T. Ferriter, at an early hour this morning, was precarious, and death was feared almost hourly. Hope of recovery has been abandoned.

FELL FROM THIRD STORY.
Aged Man Picked Up Apparently Injured Very Little.

Mr. Oliver Davis, aged 83 years, who lives with his son-in-law, Mr. J. Mack Baker, at No. 612 north Seventh street, fell out of the third story of the house yesterday afternoon, and was picked up apparently injured very little.

Mr. Davis is very feeble on account of his great age, and how he came to fall from the window has not been accounted for yet. He was alone when the accident happened. In the fall he fell on a fence and broke several boards six feet in length off the fence.

Mrs. A. N. Upshur and Frank Upshur were summoned to render the necessary attention. They thought it probable that Mr. Davis had sustained internal injuries, but the extent could not be learned.

Mr. Davis is a stone cutter by trade, and came here many years ago from Vermont.

WALKING WAS A FEAT.
Teachorous, Sleety Sidewalks Embarrassed Pedestrians.

Telephone Service, Too, Was a Nuisance Rather Than a Help.

STATE OF THE WEATHER HERE.

Never Was There a More Disagreeable Day Than Yesterday, With Its Dangerous Sleet and Steady Down-pour of Drizzling Rain—Street-Car Service Greatly Embarrassed—Nearly All Trains Were Delayed.

Yesterday was probably the worst day that Richmond has experienced in years. There have been colder days, but none more disagreeable.

Early Thursday evening a fine rain began to fall, which froze before it reached the ground, and long before midnight the city was clothed in a sleet of ice which made walking dangerous to both young and old. This continued throughout the night, and by morning every object to which ice could cling was completely coated.

The trees were one mass of ice, and possibly never before did the Capitol Square present a more beautiful sight, with its crystallized trees and glazed walkways. The legislators, as they with cautious steps proceeded to the "Temple of Laws," cut many capers among the members of such an august body. Few ladies ventured forth, and those who were compelled to go out picked their way with a dainty grace, while the men, on the other hand, in wincing steps, much to the amusement of the observer who was not in the same fix.

BUSINESS AT A STAND-STILL.
All branches of business suffered, the merchants, sought the means of no one to buy, and the railways, not on account of lack of patronage, but on account of many inconveniences, such as falling wires, etc. The telephone, telegraph, electric-light, and trolley wires formed a white network overhead, and to the street-railways the only means of running was to brush the ice off as they proceeded, thus causing a loss of from fifteen to twenty minutes on every trip. The freezing rain was so unremitting that unless one car followed another in quick succession, the ice accumulated on the track, rendering running almost impossible.

THE RAILROADS.
Not alone to the street-railways, but to the railroads did the trouble extend. Nearly all trains reached Richmond late on account of the ice and snow, and the rise and fall of the Chesapeake and Ohio, which follows the banks of the river, had to be traversed with great care.

The James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio, which follows the banks of the river, had to be traversed with great care.

The telephones have probably caused the most immediate inconvenience. Throughout the city complaints were made about the persistent buzzing, which was caused by the burden of ice the wires carried.

At intervals during the day the fire-alarm tests were sounded, there being trouble with those wires, and a heavy snowfall was reported, but a response was not immediately rung, to send a person to the station. Several wires, on account of the weight, broke, one falling on a horse and killing it. It is now being advised to cut away the wires.

Towards evening the temperature rose, and the coating of ice thawed, leaving the ground covered with slush, while the trees and wires began to shed their icy burdens, endangering the heads of all pedestrians.

The official weather report says rain Saturday. Linemen are at work in every portion of the city and on the telegraph system, but it is doubtful if they hoped, will be remedied by to-morrow.

Telegraph Wires Down.
The business of the Postal Telegraph Company has been greatly interrupted by the sleet storm of yesterday. About the only line in efficient operation is the one to Philadelphia. The lines to Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, Petersburg, and Fredericksburg, are down, and communication impossible, except in a roundabout way. A large force of linemen will be out replacing the lines to-day, and it is expected that business will be handled to-night as usual.

The business of the Western Union throughout the State and as far North as New York was interrupted by the sleet storm. In fact, the only business that was done to-day was the delivery of a day almost at a standstill. All business was more or less delayed, but at a late hour last night the leased wires of the newspapers and the telegraph companies were expected that by to-night, unless there is more sleet, business will be handled without undue delay, as a large force of linemen were started at day-break this morning to make the necessary repairs.

Clearing of the Streets.
Mr. Henry Cohen, Superintendent of the Street-Cleaning Department, is very much hampered by the action of citizens, who are removing the snow and sleet from the sidewalks dump it in the gutters, thereby preventing drainage when the snow melts. The Superintendent is doing his best to clear the streets of snow, and asks the co-operation of the citizens in his work. He stated last night that he would have to resort to harsh measures, and have to report to the Board of Public Works, if the snow is not removed from the gutters, unless they desist. The Superintendent is being very generally commended for the promptness with which he had the snow removed from Main street.

MR. FUNKHOUSER TO BE REAPPOINTED.
He Will Be Postmaster at Harrisonburg, While Miss Rose Will Get Abingdon Office.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—It was officially announced to-day that S. A. P. Funkhouser would be reappointed postmaster at Harrisonburg, Va., and that Miss Rose, a compromise candidate, would be appointed postmistress at Abingdon, Va.

BISHOP LATANE DIES IN BALTIMORE.
The Interment to Be at Hollywood Cemetery. This City-Sketch of the Bishop's Life.

BALTIMORE, MD., February 21.—Bishop James A. Latane, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, died to-night. The cause of death is pneumonia. The interment will be in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

Besides a widow, the Bishop leaves seven daughters and three sons.

James Allen Latane was born in Essex county, Va., January 15, 1831. He was graduated from the University of Virginia in 1852, and studied law, but in 1854 he entered the Protestant Episcopal ministry, and in 1856 was made a deacon by Bishop Meade, at Millwood, Clarke county. He was rector of a church at Staunton from 1857 to 1871, and then had a church at Wheeling, Va., until 1874, when he formally withdrew from the Protestant Episcopal church and founded a church there, and one in King William county. He declined a bishopric in 1876, and accepted in 1879, Dr. P. M. Rixey, while in another country, and he has resided in the Monumental City since 1880.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT BOUND FOR HOME.
Bundled to His Eyes in Blankets He is Taken to the Train Through Snow.

GROTON, MASS., February 21.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who has been ill with pneumonia for two weeks in the Groton School Infirmary, is bound for Washington to-night. The school physician, who was taken in a covered sleigh from the infirmary to a special train, which had been in readiness at the Groton Station for several days, was accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and Dr. P. M. Rixey, while in another country, and he has resided in the Monumental City since 1880.

The party occupied the private car convey, and the intention was to have it taken through to Providence, and there attached to the Federal Express.

The decision to take young Roosevelt to Washington was made during lunch at 1 o'clock to-night. Dr. Warren, the school physician, yielding to the opinion of Dr. Rixey that the boy would stand the journey all right, it was Mrs. Roosevelt's wish also to have her son in Washington as soon as he could be moved with safety.

HAVE BRIGANDS BROKEN FAITH?
If Miss Stone Has Been Killed the United States Will Call Turkey to Account.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 21.—It is estimated at the State Department that fifteen days have elapsed since the ransom for Miss Stone was paid over. At least five days have elapsed beyond the time fixed for placing her in the hands of her friends. There is no explanation of this delay. It is hoped that the present conditions, such as heavy snow and adverse weather, may account for the failure to secure her delivery. The officials are loath to believe that there has been a breach of faith on the part of the brigands, but even if this were so, they do not regard themselves as blame-worthy for having trusted them.

From the first, the United States Government had been adverse to paying the ransom, but in response to appeals from every quarter, reluctantly authorized Mr. Leishman to deal with the brigands. However, if it turns out that the brigands have broken faith, and that they have taken the ransom money and split it up, then there will be no further attempt to deal with the brigands on the part of the United States Government, but its entire power will be directed upon Turkey and upon Bulgaria, to procure the swift and certain extermination of the brigands, regardless of cost or effort.

ARTHUR T. WILSON DIES SUDDENLY IN NORFOLK.
Unexpected End of a Prominent Citizen—Hopes That Shipp, Who Was Shot by Walker, Physicians Will Recover.

NORFOLK, VA., February 21.—(Special.)—Mr. Arthur T. Wilson, son of Mrs. Annie and the late Arthur E. Wilson, and prominent socially, was found dead in bed this afternoon about 2 o'clock at the home of his mother, corner of North and Middle streets.

Mr. Wilson had been slightly indisposed for the past few days.

His death came as a great shock to his relatives and friends.

Mr. Wilson entered the room shortly after her son had breathed his last, with nourishment for him, as he was feeling too unwell to arise this morning. She was horrified to find him dead.

SHIPP IS IMPROVING.
The condition of young Shipp, who was shot by Levi Walker, after his acquittal of the charge of betraying Walker's sister, will recover.

Colonel Alexander M. Higgins, commander of the Seventy-first Virginia Vol-

Fair Weather To-Day.
Probably Fair To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 21.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday:
Virginia and North Carolina—Fair Saturday and probably Sunday, brisk northwest winds on the coast.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND
YESTERDAY was unprecedented for disagreeableness—sleet covering the sidewalks and streets, and a drizzling rain almost continuously falling. The range of the thermometer was as follows:
6 A. M. 20
9 A. M. 22
12 M. 33
3 P. M. 36
6 P. M. 37
12 Night 37
Mean Temperature 34.1-0

STREET SEVERS COMMUNICATION WITH THE NORTH.
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 21.—A severe sleet-storm struck Washington to-day, and to-night the national capital is absolutely cut off from all telegraphic communication, and to depend on uncertain means for reaching the country at large. Aside from damage to wires, however, the storm did no injury, the sleet not being heavy enough to do much harm to trees. The storm came from the South, and in travelling north the rain turned into sleet and snow, as it struck the colder latitudes. It is said that the Weather Bureau said it will reach the New England coast Saturday morning, and will make it necessary for shipping to lie by. Clearing weather is expected in Washington and the vicinity to-morrow. Trains on the railroads entering Washington are from two or three hours late.

PENNSYLVANIA AND MARYLAND.
Sleet Badly Cripples Telephone and Telegraph Service.

NEW YORK, February 21.—The storm which prevailed here to-day turned to

PRINCE HENRY TO-DAY
His Royal Highness Expected to Arrive This Morning.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETE.

All Arrangements for Reception and Entertainment Made.

MARCONI APPARATUS WORKING.

Operator Last Night Began to Send for the Messages to Locate the Prince's Ship—Admiral Evans, General Corbin, and Assistant-Secretary Hill, the President's Delegates, on the Qui Vive.

NEW YORK, February 21.—All preparations have been made for the reception and entertainment of Prince Henry of Prussia, who is on the Kronprinz Wilhelm, which is expected to arrive to-morrow. The imperial yacht, Hohenzollern, lies at her pier, at the foot of west thirty-fourth street, awaiting the Prince's arrival. The main gangway has been placed directly opposite the door at which Prince Henry will land from the pier and board the Hohenzollern. He will be accompanied by Admiral von Baudissin, the Marconi apparatus on the Hohenzollern is in good working order. To-night the operators will begin to send messages from the Kronprinz Wilhelm, the wireless apparatus is also in working order, and on the watch for messages from the Kronprinz Wilhelm. Admiral Evans, General Corbin, and Assistant-Secretary Hill, the President's delegates, will board the Kronprinz at the Quarantine Station, and will welcome the Prince in the name of the United States Government.

All preparations have been completed for the press dinner and the Irving Place Theatre and Opera-House gala performances.

The pier at the foot of west thirty-fourth street, where the Prince will land, has been made a special police precinct, with two sergeants, ten roundsmen, fifty mounted policemen, and 190 patrolmen, all picked men.

LUCANIA GREET'S PRINCE.
QUEENSTOWN, February 21.—A wireless telegraph message was received at Queenstown from the Cunarder Lucania, thirty miles west of Fastnet. The Lucania reported that in latitude 45.59 north, longitude 35.16 west, she was in communication with the Marconi system of wireless telegraph, and that she had received and exchanged greetings with Prince Henry, who is on board. The Kronprinz Wilhelm signalled "All well."

BLACKSBURG, VA., February 21.
(Special.)—The raising of two checks, though but \$10 in value, is a serious offence in the sight of the law; but the punishment for the crime would not seem to warrant two young men, in the first bloom of manhood, risking their lives rather than surrender to a trifling fine.

It is strange, but at this time Burnet Lankous and C. Rannels, charged with the offence mentioned, are in hiding in the wildest mountains of this vicinity, and swear they will die before they are taken.

Another curious thing about the case is this: Months have elapsed since the checks were altered; months have passed since the December grand jury indicted them, and still neither of the men has made the slightest effort to leave this section.

Although fired upon repeatedly, and chased for miles by mounted men, they cheer at shots and laugh at pursuit, returning to their wild retreat as soon as the hue and cry of the chase have died away. These wild-eyed mountains are home to them, and these frozier hills and valleys are their playgrounds.

For over a week several men in this vicinity have expected to be called on at any time to mount a party, and not without the accused are hiding. All sorts of messages are reported as having been received—some defying the law and calling on the Sheriff and his men to come and take them; others reporting that they swear they will not be taken alive.

From previous experience, the officers know that shots warning them to surrender are not heeded, and that even if they are shot, they will not be deterred from their course. Tuesday we were told the start would be made that evening, and the Sheriff came in.

That officer, however, has come and gone again; the Justice of the Peace and Constable of Montgomery county are in the country on private business, and the constables are probably hunting for the fugitives they will have a posse of armed men with them—men authorized to shoot to kill in case of resistance or refusal to halt.

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THE CANAL TREATY AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT.
Final Ratifications Exchanged Between Lord Pauncefote and Secretary Hay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 21.—(Special.)—The Hay-Pauncefote treaty ratifying England's consent to the construction of a canal across Central America by the United States were exchanged at the State Department at 3 o'clock this afternoon. There was a ceremony about the exchange of ratifications.

Copies of the treaty had been prepared, precisely similar, and these were formally exchanged between Lord Pauncefote and Secretary Hay, a private strip of paper, usually called a "strip of paper," will form part of the records.

Lord Pauncefote was in the best of humor over this successful outcome of the labors of himself and Secretary Hay, and he expressed his satisfaction at the completion of this great work of the British Government, which he regarded as the most important convention ever drawn between the United States and Great Britain, and one that will do much to prevent friction in the future between the two peoples.

It has been suggested that the ratification of this great work of the British Government might regard Lord Pauncefote's service as ended, but it is learned that this is not the case. Lord Lansdowne, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, has signified to Lord Pauncefote his desire that he shall remain in Washington for an indefinite period.

PERSONAL ENCOUNTER BETWEEN LEGISLATORS.
Fists on the Floor of the Maryland House of Delegates—Not Many Blows Struck.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., February 21.—A personal encounter between Delegates Isaac Lobe Strauss, of Baltimore, and E. Lyman Painter, of Baltimore county, occurred on the floor of the House of Delegates a few minutes after the adjournment of the House to-day. Strauss approached Painter and after a short colloquy, Painter struck him in the face. Strauss defended himself with an umbrella, and struck Painter with it, but a number of delegates and senators separated the two men before any further blows were struck.

Painter claimed that Strauss called him a cur in the course of his remarks, but Strauss denies having made use of any such term.

WU TING FANG VS. JAMES PHELAN.
Exciting Colloquy in New York Hotel on the Subject of Chinese Exclusion.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Wu Ting Fang, Chinese Minister, and James Phelan, former Mayor of San Francisco, had an exciting colloquy on the subject of Chinese exclusion in the corridors of an uptown hotel to-day. Mr. Phelan was one of a delegation that visited Washington to urge re-enactment of the exclusion act. He and the Minister met by chance, and after a few minutes' colloquy at a meeting at the Bohemian Club in San Francisco, expresses their views in tones that attracted a crowd. They quieted down before they parted, and the Minister, in concluding the colloquy, said about the subject, now that I have talked to you."

Warrants for Bank Officials.
DETROIT, MICH., February 21.—Warrants were issued to-day for P. C. Andrews and other officials of the City Savings Bank, charging falsification of the bank's reports.

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BATE AND TILLMAN.
Strong Speeches Against Our Philippine Policy.

SPOONER FOR REPUBLICANS.
He Defends Administration Attitude on the Subject.

PACIFICATION OF THE FILIPINOS.
It is a Pacification of Them Off the Face of the Earth. Says the South Carolina Senator—House Passes Indian Bill—Congressman Kleberg Against Making Political Capital Out of Prince Henry's Visit.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 21.
For more than six hours to-day the Senate, had the Philippine tariff bill under discussion. Mr. Bate, (Democrat), of Tennessee, delivered a carefully prepared speech, in opposition to the pending measure. He was followed by Mr. Spooner, (Republican), of Wisconsin, in a brilliant defence of the Republican attitude toward the Philippine Islands. He became involved frequently in heated colloquies with members of the minority. He concluded with an appeal to Congress to stand by the policy of McKinley and Roosevelt.

Mr. Tillman (Democrat), of South Carolina, began a characteristic arraignment of the administration in the Philippines, but had not concluded when the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

A COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION.
Mr. Bate asserted that the payment of \$20,000,000 for the Philippine Islands, was a commercial, rather than a sentimental transaction, and was the first step toward a colonial policy antagonistic to the American form of government.

While he regarded the acquisition of the Philippines Islands as hurtful to the American system, as destitute of benefit to the American people, and as wrongful to the Filipinos, he present was not the time to continue that discussion, or to propose a remedy for the evils that had sprung from the ratification of the Paris treaty.

Mr. Spooner addressed the Senate in support of the pending bill. The measure, he said, was entirely free from complications. It was simply a revenue bill. Whatever difficulties senators or others had in their minds, he said, were the Supreme Court's decisions in the individual cases, he was satisfied that the proposed (CONCLUDED ON PAGE 3.)

WINCHESTER, VA., February 21.
(Special.)—For the past two days Mount Jackson has been in a state of excitement over a negro, Ben Ricker, suspected of burning Mrs. Stoneburner's barn Wednesday morning.

The negro, it is said, confessed to stealing corn from the barn, but denied burning it.

A crowd of armed men ordered him to leave town. Ricker left, but it is asserted that he was given protection by the law, and returned yesterday.

The citizens then ordered the Mayor to threaten of lynching him, if he was permitted to return to town.

When the crowd went to the jail last night Ricker had disappeared, and it is thought that the Mayor deemed the mob's advice wise and sent Ricker out of town.

Other negroes, who were determined to protect the prisoner, have also left Mount Jackson, under orders from the citizens.

The directors of the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank to-day adopted plans for their new bank building, and will begin its erection at once.

The design of Frye & Chesterman, of Lynchburg, Va., was accepted out of fourteen plans submitted, and will cost \$25,000.

PENNSYLVANIA FIREMEN GUESTS.
The Friendship Fire Company, of Chambersburg, Pa., fifty men and a drum corps, arrived here to-night, and are the guests of the Friendship Fire Company, of this city, for Washington's birthday.

The sleet-storm of the past twenty-four hours, followed this afternoon by a heavy snow-storm, is the worst here in years.

Many of the telephones and telegraph wires are down, and to-night the city is in darkness.

This afternoon Mayor Barton ordered the Electric Light Company not to turn on electric light because of the danger of falling wires.

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