

Best You Ever Saw. HERE'S a jaunty Top Coat, called the "Street Coat," a style which is going to catch the fancy and get the money of the young men. We have these Coats ready to wear here; the prices are so low as to astonish you; the qualities are the best, which is saying all there is to say. Other Spring Overcoats. Styles of course; you may not like the short, bob-tailed style, no matter how swell it is. We'll suit you—and overcoat you, too. Jacobs & Levy, 705 E. Broad Street. Outfitters to Mankind.

Manchester AND Chesterfield. There will be joy in Manchester among the patrons of the Passenger and Power Company when it becomes known that the company will either have to resume operating its cars over Mayo's bridge or give up its franchise. Each night was taken last night by the Council Committee on Streets in Richmond, and unless the cars are operated over that route within thirty days the committee will recommend to the City Council that the franchise be abandoned. It is hardly thought that the Passenger and Power Company would under any circumstances give up the rights it now possesses on south Fourteenth street, as it would mean the presence of a competing company on the Spotswood. There is little doubt but that the Traction Company would make application immediately for rights to get into Manchester should those of the other company be taken away. The cars have been operating over the Free bridge since the 1st of last October, and while the service they give at present is convenient to some people, it works a great inconvenience to the people of the city who work in the eastern portion of Richmond. Owing to the long time it requires to make the trip from Hull street over the Free bridge, and then east on Main street to the present date of the city, women, and children have been, and are, walking to and from their work morning and evening. They claim that in addition to making the trip quicker by walking over the Mayo's bridge, they are enabled to save two fares per day. Most of these people would ride if the short route was resumed by the company. Any event the fight inaugurated by the Richmond people will be watched with unusual interest by the people of Manchester. LATE MAIL DELIVERIES. Much complaint is being heard in Manchester, especially on upper Porter street, in regard to the late mail deliveries. One citizen, who was seen yesterday, said it frequently happened that letters received in the city at 10:20 A. M. were delivered at his house until the next day at 12:30 P. M. It seems evident that either the force of carriers is insufficient or that the handling of the mail at the post-office is unnecessarily slow. The opinion among the carriers themselves and the citizens in general seems to be that the force of carriers should be increased, as the men are required to do much more than is done in a rapid, efficient manner. AN ABDUCTION CASE. Valentine Goodman, a collector for A. J. Duffon, reported to the police yesterday afternoon that his five-year-old son, Lyons, had disappeared Sunday afternoon, and that he suspected he had been abducted by a man named Gibbs. The police were furnished with descriptions of the boy and Gibbs, and Officer A. S. Wright is investigating the case. OFFICER SWEENEY, from the Williamsburg asylum, came on yesterday to convey John Dummaway, the religious fanatic, who escaped from a street-car while in his custody recently, back to the institution. Dummaway was so violent that it was necessary for Captain Lipscomb to accompany Officer Sweeney. Captain Lipscomb returned home last night, and reported that Dummaway was in the asylum again, and likely to remain there this time, as a close watch is to be kept upon him. A WARRANT was issued Saturday by Mayor Maurice for the arrest of W. B. Durham on the complaint of Spencer Kelly. Durham is charged with stealing a pocket-book from Kelly, containing \$25. The warrant has not yet been served. NEW CANDIDATES. At the earnest solicitation of his many friends, Mr. James B. Dummaway has nominated himself as a candidate for the City Council from the First Ward. After having the matter under advisement for several weeks Mr. W. E. Gill has finally consented to become a candidate for the Council from the Fourth Ward. Mr. Gill is one of the most progressive of the young business-men of Manchester, and will make a first-class councilman. HUSTINGS COURT. In the Hustings Court of Manchester, yesterday, the committee appointed to present a memorial to the State Board of Public Works in relation to the proposed abandonment of the Mayo's bridge, submitted the following: "Whereas an all-wise Providence has removed from this life our brother and friend, A. C. Attkisson, a member of this bar from 1873 to the present date of his death, March 1, 1902, which he adorned by his ability and purity of character; and whereas, we, the members of the Manchester bar, desire to put in an enduring form a memorial of our high appreciation of and esteem for our departed friend and co-worker; be it

Notes of Society. The rooms of the Woman's Club were crowded yesterday afternoon with a large and appreciative audience, who listened with the deepest interest to the exceptionally fine lecture of Dr. Rosalie Slaughter, of Lynchburg, on "Chinese Characteristics." Dr. Slaughter has spent four years enrolling the globe, and her descriptions of the character and customs of the inhabitants of the Celestial Kingdom were highly interesting. The charming lecturer possesses a most fascinating personality, and her thorough familiarity with her subject made the lecture one of the most delightful which has been given at the club this season. Dr. Slaughter exhibited many curios which she had brought from China, among them a bridal supper scarcely three inches long, which was made for a woman's foot. She wore a handsome corollate of silk like embroidery in Chinese designs, which was also imported from China, and which was the object of much admiration by the ladies. She will remain in the city several days, the guest of Mrs. Thomas Scott. Mrs. George Warren served the tea, and the coffee was poured by Mrs. Lindsay. The guests of the club were Mrs. William P. McGuire, of Winchester; Mrs. Lewis H. Hyde, of New York; Miss Zaida English, Mrs. Fred Scott, Mrs. Gordon McCabe, Mrs. C. C. Walker, Dr. Emily C. Runyon, and Miss Florence Lyle. The graduating class, 1902, of the Woman's Club held a reception Saturday afternoon. Roses, jonquils, and palms, combined with the class colors of gold and black, were effectively used in the decorations. The officers of the class, Miss Ruth Barton, president; Miss Annie Harwood, vice-president; Miss Clara V. Becker, secretary; and Miss Elizabeth Knight, treasurer, were assisted in receiving by Dr. and Mrs. James Nelson, Miss Forbes, Miss Sweeney, Dr. C. M. Baggarly, Mrs. Lesley Jeffries, and Mamie Collier, members of the class. The other members of the class attending were Misses Eva Murdoch, Sally Deacon, Mabel Oliver, Elizabeth Pittpatrick, Mabel Oliver, Mary Simmons, Clara Swart, Lena Payne, Laisy Vaughan, Selma Spencer, Mary Starr, Lizzie Gordon, Misses Jessie Lane, Marie Guthrie, Louisa Lake, Ruth Turner, Myrtle Langford, and Lillian Cralle, assisted Mrs. Harris in serving. The guests were the faculty and gentlemen friends of the class. The home of Mr. Alexander Cameron on Franklin street, last evening was the scene of a pretty little affair, the occasion being a silver tea for the benefit of the Nurses' Settlement. Among those who composed the receiving party were Misses Annie Lassiter, of Petersburg; Miss Kathleen Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, Mr. C. Williams, Dr. E. G. Williams, Mr. Berkeley Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thomson, Messrs. Carl and Frederick E. Nolting. Mrs. Thomas Cary Johnson will give a very elegant luncheon on Thursday at her home, at the Union Theological Seminary in honor of Mrs. Lewis H. Hyde, of New York, and Mrs. William P. McGuire, of Winchester. Miss Marianne Meade will sing a solo at St. Peter's Cathedral on Easter Sunday. The organ and will play Marzio's Messe Solenne. Mrs. William P. McGuire, of Winchester, is the guest of Mrs. Hunter McGuire, on east Grace street. Mrs. Spriggs Sands, of Clarksville, W. Va., and Mrs. Joseph Sands, of Fairview, W. Va., were the guests of Mrs. O. J. Sands, on west Grace street. Mrs. Hogeman, of Charleston, W. Va., will be the guest of Mrs. George L. Pender this week. At the Home for Incurables last Wednesday afternoon the inmates were given a very delightful musical program, and refreshments will be served to all who call. The masquerade ball, which was to have been given at the Jefferson Club March 27th, has been postponed until April 3d. Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Kaufman, of Florida, are spending a few days with their

A REMARKABLE EXHIBIT OF IMPORTED DRESSES. Speaking more exactly, however, they are not dresses, though they are nine tenths made. You will probably call them Robes, and you will certainly say they are very handsome. The designing, the trimming, the splendid finishing, is all complete. You have only to add the lining, adjust to fit, and finish the seams. We tell of a few of the swellest like this: Of Black Nets, most attractively trimmed with applique laces, quilled chiffon and ribbons, with deep accordion plaited flounces of Mouseline de Soie. Of Ecu Grass Linens, drawn thread and solid effects, with deep accordion plaited flounces and designs in rich applique laces. Of Fine White Swiss, with graceful medallion effects, and insertions of black lace and deep accordion plaited flounces. Every dress is different. Prices \$18 to \$35. A FURTHER WORD ABOUT READY-MADE GARMENTS. Has to Do With some Recent and Unusually Interesting Arrivals in SPRING COATS, smart cuts, light weights, Black and colors, each \$7.50 to \$20.00. ELEGANT NEW TAILORED COSTUMES, authoritative styles and materials, each \$15 to \$45.00. RAGLANS of Moire, Taffeta Silk, and Mohair, very swell indeed, each \$12 to \$40.00. HANDSOME DRESS SKIRTS of Silk, Net, and Appliques, among which is an innovation in the shape of a skirt (of light materials), without linings, which you can wear over any slip—make a new skirt for every different style or color of the slip you put under it, each, \$12 to \$35.00.

parents, No. 915 west Grace street. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hartzwell, of Ohio, are the guests of Mrs. Sara Ullman, on south Third street. Mr. William J. Mills, who, with his wife, has been spending the last few days with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Hall, left Sunday night for North Carolina. Mr. Albert A. Tennant is spending a few days with his parents in this city. Mr. Tennant is attending the Leonard Medical College. The Masonic Auxiliary will meet today at noon. Miss Grace W. Crump, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Crump, and Mr. John S. Hutchison will be married to-day at 11 o'clock in 1025 west Cary street. PROMINENT VISITORS HERE. A Pacific Coast Ship-Building Visits the W. R. Trigg Works. There were several distinguished visitors at the W. R. Trigg Ship-Building Company's plant yesterday. They were Mr. Irving M. Scott, vice-president and general manager of the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, and C. A. Moore, of Manning, Maxwell & Moore, machinery dealers, of New York. These gentlemen were shown through the plant, and afterwards visited the splendid power plant of the Virginia Electrical and Development Company. They were which they also inspected. They were in charge of the two plants, and expressed their appreciation of the courteous and commendable service rendered. An important novelty for Mr. Scott, who is connected with the largest ship-yard on the Pacific coast. Last evening, Mr. Liburn, vice-president of the Trigg Company, gave dinner at the Westmoreland in honor of Messrs. Scott and Moore. Plates were laid for eighteen persons, including the Board of directors of the company. Mr. Moore, who was instrumental in having President McKinley attend the jubilee launching, sought to have Senator Mark A. Hanna, present to-day, and commended the success of the launching of the jersey, but a telegram came from Senator Hanna last night, expressing "sincere regret" that he could not come at this time. THE VALLEY CITY. Fifty-Three Confirmed—Very Ill—Politics Quiet. STAUNTON, VA., March 17.—(Special.) Fifty-three persons were confirmed in Staunton yesterday by the Right Rev. Alfred M. Blyden, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Thirty-six of these were presented at the chancel at Emanuel church Sunday morning, and seventeen at Trinity church at night. Bishop Randolph preached at both services. Mrs. Frank M. Hanger is alarmingly ill at her home, on Maple avenue. Dr. Frank Hanger, president of the Board of Health, and several other physicians, are in constant attendance at the side of the very ill patient. The Commonwealth's cases against Rev. E. Coyne, the horse trader, under indictment and arrest, charged with a murderous assault on A. J. Kiser, the Rockingham farmer, will be called to trial Tuesday. Postmaster M. Yost has abolished the use of the hand stamp, and now the mails at Staunton are cancelled, dated, and acknowledged rapidly by machinery, thus greatly expediting the service. Despite the fact that municipal elections will take place in May, there is little or no discussion of candidates for the various offices. CHARGES AGAINST POSTMASTER. Alleged Changes in Chicago Office for Political Reasons. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Charges have been filed with the Civil Service Commission against Postmaster M. Yost of Chicago, alleging that he has made numerous changes in the Chicago post-office for political reasons. The complaint is made by T. V. Wittler, formerly superintendent of a station in the Chicago post-office, who specifies that he was reduced in rank and salary, being \$2,000 per annum, to mailing clerk, at \$1,100, and that on refusing to accept the change, he was dismissed. He says this action was due to his being a Democrat. Mr. Wittler alleges that Postmaster Coyne reduced nine other men in the service on political grounds, seven of them being Democrats, and the men appointed to succeed them being Republicans. The complaint also charges that this action was taken in the interest of the candidacy of Senator Mason for re-election. Postmaster Coyne, in reply, alleges that the action taken against Wittler was due to his failure to perform his duties, and that he was personally repugnant to the other employees, and was dismissed owing to insubordination and disobedience. The commission will investigate. REPUBLICANS RESIGN. Sentational Coup by the Rockingham County Organization. HARRISONBURG, VA., March 17.—(Special.)—A sensational coup in local politics was executed here to-day by the resignation almost en masse of the Republican county organization, in preference to an action, which was kept secret till the last minute. Ex-Senator Ackler, member of the Republican State Committee, Chairman Wise, Secretary Keeble, and three of the five members of the county committee tendered to State Chairman Agnew their resignations to take effect immediately. The move is said to include almost a majority of the present chairman of the county. These officials comprise the leadership of the dominant factions of the Republican party in Rockingham, who have enjoyed substantial control of Federal patronage since 1888. They have as yet assigned no reason for their unexpected action, and it variously interpreted. A majority of the retiring officials en-

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The Annex and Our Wash Materials. Make a theme that changes and grows better and broader with the days. Where do all the Wash Goods we open here go to? How many women would it take to answer that question? It is really astonishing that so much has gone away so early. Yet so much of the collection remains because every single day we are adding new things to it. There seems much reason for us to feel flattered because so many folks appreciate our Wash Goods efforts. These new numbers for to-day: Chambray and Gingham, new, fast colors, fine, firm textures, 27 inches, 10c. yard. Zephyr Gingham, Cambrays, Madras, unusually good values, 28 inches, 12 1/2c. yard. Striped Cotton Crepons, beautiful colorings and very effective, 28 inches, 12 1/2c. yard. Dimities and Batistes, in popular Black and White patterns, 32 inches wide, 12 1/2c. yard. Mercerized Madras and Fine Scotch Gingham, handsome effects, 28 inches wide, 25c. yard. White Pique Madras and fancy weaves for shirt-waists, at 12 1/2c. to 50c. yard. Fine Imported Madras, Black and White figured and striped, 32 inches, 40c. yard.

FOURQUEAN, TEMPLE & CO. AFTER THE COMPANY. COMMITTEE WANTS ELECTRIC CARS ON FOURTEENTH STREET. P. & P. CO. MUST RESUME SERVICE. Unless Cars Are Put Back on Mayo's Bridge Within Thirty Days the City Council Will Be Asked to Take Rights Away—May Condemn the Bridge—Trolley Wires Underground—Finance Committee. Unless the Passenger and Power Company resumes its former service on Fourteenth street, over Mayo's bridge, the Council Committee on Streets will take steps to have the franchise under which the company has use of the street abrogated, and its rights given to some other company which may apply for it. This proposed action was the result of the opinion of City Attorney Pollard, who gave it in response to the request of the committee, which met yesterday afternoon. Mr. Pollard is of opinion that the company can be compelled to operate its lines across the river over Fourteenth street, and that it is liable to the city under the ordinance for failing to do so. He thinks that it is the duty of the Passenger and Power Company to provide a safe and convenient way of crossing the river to the city limits. Mr. King moved that the City Engineer be instructed to write the Passenger and Power Company that the committee will expect the company to put in operation a good and sufficient service over the bridge within the next thirty days, otherwise the committee will recommend to the Council that the franchise be abrogated. Captain A. B. Guigon, of counsel for the company, was accorded the privilege of the floor. He told the committee that the bridge was unsafe, and in its present condition it was impossible to operate the cars on it, and absolutely impossible to prepare it for service inside of thirty days. He asked that the committee report as to the safety of the bridge. This brought Colonel Cutshaw to his feet. He said that he had made no investigation of the bridge and contemplated making none. He declared that there had been an endeavor to drag his department into the controversy between the Passenger and Power Company and the Mayo's Bridge Company. He said he knew nothing about the bridge except that the engineer of the Passenger and Power Company claimed it was unsafe and that the engineer of the Bridge Company claimed that the opposite was the true condition. Mr. Mills said it was not the duty of the city to say by what means the cars should get over the river, but the com-

friend, whose loss we most keenly feel and deeply deplore. "That his devoted wife has lost a most tender and affectionate companion, whose sorrows were lightened by her untiring devotion. "That the Judges of the Hustings Court of the City of Manchester, the Circuit Court, and the County Court of Chesterfield be requested to cause these resolutions to be spread upon the minutes of their respective courts as a lasting tribute to the worth and memory of the deceased. "That a copy of these resolutions, suitably engrossed, be given to his widow as an expression of our sympathy and esteem. "That these resolutions be sent to the papers of Richmond and Manchester, with the request that they publish the same. "WILLIAM I. CLOPTON, "D. L. PULLIAM, "E. W. WELLS, "Committee." The court transacted routine business only. Application for bail for W. H. Dummaway, accused of highway robbery, was expected, but not made. It now seems that Dummaway must remain in jail until the April term of the court. MR. PAGE'S CIRCULAR. Mr. Charles L. Page, the latest aspirant for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney, has in a circular sent to all the voters, called attention to the following: "Whereas, the term of office of Charles L. Page as Commonwealth's Attorney for this city expires on the 30th day of this month, and whereas, during his continuance in office he filled this honorable position with ability and untiring industry through all the years of his services, persecuting no one, prosecuting all criminals so that our city is deservedly known for its peace and good order; it is ordered that this testimonial of his zeal, courage, and efficiency be entered of record and spread upon the minutes of the court. "A true transcript from the records of my office. "Test: "H. E. DU VAL, Clerk." A. A. GIBBS ASSIGNS. A deed of assignment from A. A. Gibbs to D. L. Pulliam, trustee, was admitted to the record of the City Clerk's office in the Hustings Court, Saturday. The deed conveyed the stock of the stock, No. 1517 West. The liabilities do not exceed \$200, and the principal creditors are all Richmond merchants. DEATH OF MRS. NANCY DOWDY. The funeral of Mrs. Nancy Dowdy, who died Sunday morning at 4:45 o'clock, was held at the grave in Maury Cemetery, yesterday at 2:30 P. M. Services were conducted by Rev. C. S. Campbell. Mrs. Dowdy was 86 years old, and had been a resident of Manchester for forty-six years. She leaves four children—Messrs. John T. and Albert Dowdy, Mrs. F. J. McMahon, and Mrs. Lucy Dowdy, also a niece, Mrs. C. S. Wells, twenty-four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Miss Florence Haynes and Lucy Brown, of Salisbury, N. C., spent Sunday in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Haynes. The medal contest by the pupils of Mrs. W. E. Thurston's School of Expression, which was to have taken place Tuesday, March 18th, has been postponed. It will be held in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, Tuesday, March 25th, beginning at 8:15 P. M. Mrs. A. H. Rutherford, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Otway Allen. A "silver tea" will be held to-night from 8 to 11 o'clock at the residence of Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, No. 1010 east Marshall street. An attractive musical programme has been arranged, and refreshments will be served to all who call. The masquerade ball, which was to have been given at the Jefferson Club March 27th, has been postponed until April 3d. Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Kaufman, of Florida, are spending a few days with their

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pany should either go over or give up its franchise. Mr. King declared that he had voted to permit the company to abandon the Mayo's bridge route for the Free bridge, but that he thought six months was long enough to show that notice had been done to resume the old route, and he was now in favor of compelling the company to do so. The motion as made by Mr. King was adopted without opposition. The City Engineer and City Attorney reported that they had been in consultation with Governor Montague with reference to having the State Board of Public Works initiate proceedings in the courts to condemn the Mayo's bridge and to declare its charter forfeited for the non-exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the General Assembly. It was held that, on account of the importance of the contemplated litigation, the Street Committee should have the City Council place itself on record by resolution favoring the move. The opinion of the City Engineer and City Attorney, in reference to the pining of the wires of the Passenger and Power Company under ground was read, and the petitioning company was requested to present an ordinance in accordance with the opinion. The report was that the Passenger and Power wires should be placed in the conduits of the Virginia Electric and Railway and Development Company wherever practicable, and where the conduits are not large enough the Passenger and Power Company shall construct an additional conduit alongside those already in use. The members of the committee present were: Messrs. Pollock (sub-chairman), Whitte, King, Gibson, Mills, Glenn, Mosby, Bahen, Curtis and Burton. The budget as made up by the sub-committee of the Council Committee on Finance was submitted to the full committee last night, and while the members of the committee would not give out any information concerning it, it is believed that the budget was finally passed upon and is now ready to go to the City Council. The Committees on Poor, Water, and First Market all met last night at the City Hall and transacted a lot of routine work. The semi-monthly pay-rolls were approved by the committees, but pending the budget the committees have little to do. 1855-1902. BROWN'S Camphorated Saponaria DENTIFRICE extensively used and commended by Dentists for over years. Sold everywhere. 15 cents. A POLAR TOOTH POWDER. "ALL WRIGHT-FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENT PERRY'S DEAD SHOT VERMIFUG ERAS WORMS FROM THE HUMAN SYSTEM." "WRIGHT'S INDIAN VEGETABLE PILL CO.