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# News of the Cities, Towns, and Counties of the Old Dominion.

## BAD TROLLEY WRECK

### THREE KILLED AND TWENTY OR MORE HURT NEAR NORFOLK.

### BOTH MOTORMEN ARE DEAD.

**Accident Said to Have Resulted from One Motorman Neglecting Duty to Talk to a Girl—Authorities Will Investigate.**

NORFOLK, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—The authorities will, beginning at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, start an investigation of the cause of yesterday afternoon's terrible wrek on the Bay Shore Terminal road. The many suits against the company that will inevitably follow the investigation are held up to await its result. After a similar investigation some time since, the Old Dominion Steamship Company settled thirteen suits for $500 each.

Motorman Yandell, whose carelessness in passing the switch at Frieto's Crossing caused the accident, was to have been married to-morrow evening. The young lady is prostrated with grief. It is said that a great trouble in connection with the marriage had so preyed upon Yandel's mind that it cause him to be heedless of the rules. To this more than to his conversation with the girl on the fated car, is ascribed the accident, according to the dead motorman's associates.

The accident occurred Sunday afternoon on the Ocean View division of the Bay Shore line. A car loaded with passengers from Norfolk and another car crowded with people from Ocean View collided at Freitas station. The motormen of both cars and a boy, one of the passengers, were instantly killed. Ten passengers were seriously injured and twelve were painfully bruised.

KILLED AND INJURED.

The killed:

Motorman W. T. Yandel, Atlanta, Ga.

Motorman W. S. Coling, Charlotte, N. C.

Linwood B. Fentress, Norfolk.

The seriously injured:

Conductor Joseph White, injured internally; may die.

George Stevenson, serious scalp wound; arms and legs injured.

R. D. Davis, knee fractured.

Miss Lillian Land, hip fractured.

Mrs. Victor Parks, internally injured.

Miss Ruth Banks, knee dislocated and scalp wounds.

Mrs. George Stevenson, shoulder dislocated and wrist fractured.

Clara Frederick, colored, back badly wrenched and hip fractured.

Miss Lena Knapp, both arms badly mashed.

Corbin Waller, brother of Major W. T. Waller, nose mashed.

Joseph T. Allyn.

R. Page Waller, another brother of Major Waller, was slightly injured.

Twelve other passengers, painfully injured, were sent to their homes in ambulances and carriages. Several of the injured may die.

Car No. 53, with about seventy-five passengers aboard, left this city for Ocean View, and was to pass a train at Frietas Station. The local car reached the siding, but the motorman, for some reason that will never be known, started to leave the sidetrack under high speed while the car he was to pass was rounding a nearby curve at a speed of fifty miles an hour.

Whether an attempt was made to stop either or both of the cars will never be known, but as both motormen were killed at their posts it is supposed that both tried to stop.

LACK OF DOORS.

Linwood B. Fentress, the only passenger killed, was the son of R. B. Fentress, president of the cold storage companies in Norfolk and Baltimore. Because of the peculiar construction of the cars the passengers were unable to escape. Each car has but one narrow door in the rear, and this is on the side back of the rear seat. When the passengers in front saw that a collision would result they rushed to the rear and there was a satmpede.

The two cars, which are very heavy, having been built for high speed, came together with a great crash, and the local car went completely through the other. The trucks of neither car left the tracks.

As the trolley poles were still on the wires, the cars plunged and lurched, and thus added to the sufferings of the injured, imprisoned beneath the wreck. The passengers who were not injured immediately went to the assistance of the others, but they were greatly handicapped because of the lack of appliances for raising the heavy parts of the wreck, which imprisoned many of the passengers.

Every ambulance in Norfolk and Portsmouth, and carriages as well, was rushed to the scene, but as the wreck was a considerable distance out in the country, the sufferers lay in pain for some time before they receivedmedical attention.

MOTORMAN UNDER CAR.

About twenty-five passengers were treated by the surgeons at the scene of the wreck and were sent to their homes in carriages. It was not until late last night that the body of the dead motormen could be removed. The body of Motorman Coling was under both cars.

The explanation offered by the railroad officials fs the alleged failure of Motorman Yandel to obey orders. They say he was supposed to remain on the switch until he was passed by the Ocean View train.

People who were near the front of the shore-bound car state that Motorman Yandell was talking with a young woman passenger who was standing in the crowd on the front platform when the crash came. After the crash this woman was removed in an unconscious condition from beneath the dead motorman's body.

Up to midnight a large crowd of people lingered in the vicinity of the wreck and watched the operations of the wreckers, who were endeavoring to clear the track before morning. This they have accomplished.

The doctors at the hospitals at midnight stated that the chances of recovery of some of the injured was good. Mrs. N. M. Osborne, wife of the general agent of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, is suffering from shock and severe bruises.

Motorman Yandle, who was killed, was to have been married to-morrow afternoon. His intended bride is prostrated from grief.

His carelessness is attributed to the fact that he was talking to a girl on the second seat of his car, and forgot what he was doing.

### IMPERIAL BUYERS AT FARMVILLE.

**American Tobacco Company's Rival on That Market to Register Voters.**

FARMVILLE, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—It is reported from the neighborhood of Guinea, in Cumberland county, that on yesterday afternoon a hail-storm did great damage to the tobacco and corn crops of a number of farmers.

The tobacco crop of this and adjoining counties is said to be of the finest grade and quality ever before known. It is undoubtedly the finest looking crop known for years, and will prove so if seasons continue favorable from now until it ripens.

The great Imperial Tobacco Company of England and Ireland has appointed its Farmville representative who will bid for flue-cured tobacco on this market. This will be a new departure for the town, as we have never had that class of tobacco on our warehouse floors. The agent informs the Dispatch correspondent that he will be empowered to pay as much for bright tobacco as other companies pay for similar grades on other markets of the State. Prince Edward has a number of its most successful farmers who do not cultivate any other class of tobacco than the bright which they flue cure, and the drawback to their work has been found in the transportation charges to other markets, there being, as above stated, no sale for it in Farmville.

The boards of registration for Prince Edward county will meet for five days commencing next Monday and continuing daily until the 30th inclusive. Every old soldier and son of a soldier is urged to go promptly before the board in his district and have his name enrolled.

The Farmville Silver Band, which disbanded several years ago, has been reorganized and expects to more thoroughly equip itself than it was before. Instead of sixteen pieces they have already twenty-two and will add to this number three more. The band has most of the instruments that are necessary, and at one time it was considered a very fine organization of the kind.

The work of excavating for the new and handsome passenger station of the Norfolk and Western railway is progressing, and in a few days all will be ready for the brick and stone masons. The town authorities are at work on the street approaching the site of the proposed station, and when completed it will be in keeping with the best of the town's paved thoroughfares.

The people of Farmville learn with sad hearts of the determination of Rev. Dr. E. H. Harding to leave Farmville. He has been the beloved pastor of the Presbyterian church for about fifteen years, and at the recent meeting of West Hanover Presbytery at Buckingham Courthouse his resignation was formally accepted. Not only Dr. Harding's own church, but all the churches of this community will greatly miss him.

Everybody in the neighborhood of Rice, among whom he has lived and practiced his profession as physician for many years, will be grieved at the illness of Dr. Bass. It is reported that he has typhoid-fever and is very low.

## COLONEL WATSON DIES SUDDENLY IN ABINGDON.

**Was Born in Richmond and Led a Distinguished Though Brief Career.**

A telegram was received at the Capitol yesterday morning announcing the death at Abingdon, Va., of Major James C. Watson, chief of engineers of the Governor's staff. He died of heart disease and had been ill but a few days.

Major Watson formerly resided in this city, and was connected with the old First Regiment prior to the Spanish war. He was a son of Dr. James C. Watson, of this city, and was by profession a lawyer. He was a brother of Mr. Harry L. Watson, of this city, and has several other brothers here.

The cause of death was not stated. Secretary Ritchie notified Governor Montague of the death, and later communi-

COLONEL JAMES C. WATSON.

cated the facts to Colonel George C. Cabell, of Danville, chief of staff. It is understood that Colonel Cabell will order some of the members of the staff to attend the funeral, Colonel Cabell to represent the Governor.

Colonel Watson had been ill only a few days, and his death will come as a shock to his wide circle of friends in this city and elsewhere.

He was born in Richmond, where he married his first wife, Miss Maude Meredith, who died several years ago, leaving two children. In 1898 he married Miss Bessie White, daughter of the late N. K. White, of Abingdon, who now survives him. Colonel Watson organized and trained the Washington Rifles, which he commanded as major, and in that capacity entered the Spanish war, and was for a time quartered at Tampa, Fla. For a number of years he has been the agent of the Douglas Land Company, which owns over sixty-five thousand acres of valuable white top timber lands, and the head of which company is Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of President Roosevelt. Colonel Watson was aged 38 years.

## MARKED WITH A SNAKE.

**Curious Heritage of a Colored Man in Warwick County.**

HAMPTON, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—One of the most remarkable birth marks ever recorded in this section has just been brought to light in Elizabeth City county. It probably has not an equal in the United States.

Henry Bruff, a well-known and highly respected colored man, who lives near Wood's residence, in the county, has a perfect rattlesnake running from the wrist of his left arm to the back of his neck, where the shoulders join each other. The traces of the reptile are perfectly visible to the naked eye, and just at the wrist on the tail of the rattler can be noticed two perfectly formed "bags," which have every appearance of two large rattles. The formation of the reptile is remarkably accurate. In several places there are indications of coiling.

Bruff says that several weeks prior to his birth his mother was walking in the road, and was terribly frightened by coming in contact with an enormously large rattler. The snake exhibited considerable viciousness, and the woman, after escaping from the reptile, fainted. She was frightened almost out of her wits.

Bruff is now about 40 years old. He says that the mark has never left him since his birth, but that during the month of August, his birth month, the traces are much more apparent than in the other months of the year, although it can be seen at any time.

Several well-known gentlemen, among them Mr. Vaughan Jones, who tells me the story, called on Bruff to ascertain the facts, which had gained circulation. Bruff instead of verifying the story in words stripped himself to the waist, and there exhibited the perfectly formed rattlesnake.

## PRIZE WINNERS AT LEWISTON HORSE SHOW.

**Tournament and Concert End the Festivities in the County of Goochland.**

LEWISTON, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—This ordinarily quiet hamlet nestling among the hills of historic Spottsylvania county, was crowded Friday with people from the nearby towns and adjacent counties, drawn here to witness the horse show and tournament.

The horse show in all its features was a decided success, and the promoters of it deserve unstinted praise for their energy and enterprise. Many handsome harness and saddle horses were exhibited, and the driving and riding were fine.

In class 1, double driving teams, first prize, a pair of driving bridles, were won by Mr. J. C. Segar, of Lewiston; second prize, ribbons, by Mrs. W. B. Drierson, of Harris; third prize, ribbons, by Mr. Dan Cowherd, of Gordonsville, Va.

In class 2, gentlemen's single driving teams, first prize, a whip, by Mr. Thomas Frazer, of Spotsylvania Courthouse; second, ribbons, by Dr. Graves, of Belmont, Va.; third, ribbons, by Mr. N. K. Lacy, of Spotsylvania county.

Ladies' single driving teams, first prize, a buggy robe, by Mrs. W. R. Duerson, of Harris, Va.; second, ribbons, by Miss Fannie Ashby, of Fredericksburg, Va.; third prize, ribbons, by Miss Mary Halladay, of Spotsylvania, Va.

Class three, gents' saddle horse, first prize, a briddle, by Dr. E. A. Terrell; second, ribbon, by Mr. J. C. Segar, third, ribbon, by Dr. N. Dejarnette.

Ladies' gaited saddle horse, first prize, bridle, by Miss Eva Atkinson, of Fredericksball, on Nelly Bly; second, ribbon, by Mrs. W. B. Duerson, of Harris, on a handsome black horse; third, ribbon, by Miss M. M. Litsch, on Mr. J. C. Segar's George.

Jumping contest, first prize, silver spurs, by Mr. Glenrop Harris, on N. K. Lacy's Nell; second, ribbon, Mr. Snead; third, ribbons, by Mr. R. M. Harris, of Louisa.

THE TOURNAMENT.

After the horse show the knights for the tourney were lined up and a very graceful charge was delivered them by Mr. E. R. Chesterman, of the Dispatch, who is spending his vacation in this section. The honors were hotly contested, and were won by the following: Mr. Jones crowned as queen of love and beauty Miss Susie Holladay; Mr. L. Dillard, as first maid, Miss Bessie Halloday; second maid, Miss Mary Holladay, by Dave Cowherd, and third maid, Miss Beth Segar, by Mr. Glenroy Harris.

The coronation address, which was a brilliant piece of oratory, was delivered by Captain C. T. Smith.

There was an entertainment given in the Lewiston hall by local talent after the entertainment, which was greatly enjoyed by the assembled crowd. Recitations were given by Misses Daisy Vaughan and Bessie Holladay.

The judges were Hon. R. L. Biscoe, of Spotsylvania; Mr. Duff Green, of Fredericksburg, and Mr. H. T. Burker, of Richmond.

### JOE KENDALL CAMP, C. V.

**Fauquier Veterans Hold Annual Reunion at Bethel Academy.**

WARRENTON, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—The annual reunion of Joe Kendall Camp of Confederate Veterans, took place Saturday at Bethel Academy. Hon. J. Boyd Sears, State senator from Mathews county, was the chief speaker. His speech throughout, was marked with bursts of matchless eloquence and his tribute to the Confederate soldier was most beautiful.

Colonel R. H. Stribling, of Fauquier, spoke briefly.

Dr. J. H. Cochran presided. The crowd in attendance numbered several thousand.

### Dance at Amelia Courthouse.

AMELIA, C. H., VA., August 25.—(Special.)—An entertainment was given at Amelia Hotel Friday night. The ball room was brilliantly lighted. A string band from Richmand gave music for the dancers who thronged the room. The chaperones were Mrs. Helen Randall, Mrs. B. I. Gregg, Mrs. C. E. Wingo, Mrs. F. A. Hundley, Mrs. L. S. Mayo, Mrs. Edward Mayo, Mrs. Samuel Duggins, and Mrs. James Wooldridge.

Everything passed off pleasantly under the management of Mr. O. S. Allen and Jr., John T. Wingo, of Richmond; W. H. crowded with the beauty of the county, Richmond and Baltimore lending their share.

Among the dancers were the Misses Kate, Elizabeth, and Ida Exall, of Baltimore, Miss Mamie Randall, Mrs. Charles Pleasants, Miss Dell Moore, Miss Mabel O'Ferrell, and Miss Ella Rennie, of Richmond; Miss Cora Phaup, of Powhatan; Misses Susie and Florence Norfleet, Julia and Virginia Farley, Jayne Hundley, Maud Allemong, Maud Wiley, Mell and Kellogg Holland, Dollie de Krafft, Bessie Palmore, Minnie King, Irene Murphy, Bessie Carter, Josie Miller, H. A. Majors, Mildred Gregg, Fanny Wills, Ethel Stuart, and Mrs. L. E. Holt. Messrs. S. H. Elliott and W. R. Burtis, of New York; Gordon, Percy and H. W. Finney, of Washington; Charles Glenn, C. E. Wingo, Jr., John T. Wingo, of Richmond; W. H. Lane, Sr., and Jr., of Petersburg; Bernard Phaup, of Powhatan; W. J. Norfleet, General John A. Gills, John Booker, Scott Holman, W. B. Stacey, O. S. Allen, P. B. and Walter Gregg, Harry, Meade, and Mason Berkeley, Robert and Richard Carter, Ernest Palmore, R. H. Branch, R. I. Gregg, T. H. Booker, Buford Wills, Harry Holland, J. P. Farley, J. A. and Charles de Krafft, W. S. Jackson, J. R. Adams, H. B. Start, John Murphy and Robert Norfleet.

Refreshments were served at 1 o'clock and the dancing was kept up till a late hour.

### Killed By a Pistol

MARTINSVILLE, VA., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—News has just reached here of the accidental shooting and death of Miss Anthony, daughter of Virgil Anthony, who resides in the western part of this county, near May's Forge.

Miss Anthony's little sister was playing with a pistol which had been inadvertently left lying on a table, when it was discharged, the ball passing entirely through the young woman's body. She died in a few hours.

A cyclone visited the Spencer neighborhood, in this county, last Friday, uprooting trees, unroofing buildings and doing other serious damage. The stable, corn-house and wagon-shed on the premises of John Winn were completely wrecked. There were no casualties.

### Will Fill Chair at Farmville.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—Dr. O. B. Sears, professor of English and History in Rawlings Female Institute here, and formerly professor of English and history in Central Christian College, Albany, Mo., has accepted a call to the chair of English and History in the State Female Normal school at Farmville. Dr. Sears received the degree of Ph. D. at the last finals of the University of Virginia. He is a native of Missouri.

## VIRGINIANS DEAD.

**WARNER WOOD, ALBEMARLE'S WEALTHIEST CITIZEN, DIES.**

### MR. WILLIAMS DIES SUDDENLY

**Well-Known Wytheville Man Expires Suddenly—Miss Conway Dies at Fredericksburg—One of the Shirley Carters Expires in Amherst County.**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, August 25.—(Special.)—Mr Warner Wood, who has for some time been critically ill at his home, "Farmington," near this city, died this afternoon. Mr. Wood was about 70 years of age. Some years ago he married Miss Maggie Woods, daughter of the late John R. Woods and a sister of Captain Micajah Woods, of this city. He was probably the wealthiest native of Albemarle county.

His wife, with four sons and a daughter, survives him.

### Miss Susie Conway.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—Miss Susie P. Conway, daughter of Mr. P. V. D. Conway, died at an early hour yesterday morning at the home of her father after a short illness, aged 22 years.. She was a member of the Methodist church and an active worker in the Sunday-school. She had many beautiful traits of character and a large circle of friends. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock from the residence. Rev. George T. Tyler will conduct the services, and the interment will be made in the family lot in the cemetery.

### Followed Her Cousin.

WINCHESTER, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—Miss Mabel Dinges, daughter of Mr. D. B. Dinges, of Middletown, this county, died late last night, aged 18 years. Anouncement of the death of her first cousin, Roy Dinges, who died in the Philippines, was made in Saturday's paper.

### Stanley Carter, of Shirley.

LOWESVILLE, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—Mr. Stanley Carter died recently, aged 82 years, after a long illness. He was unmarried, and lived alone, but faithful servants nursed him tenderly, and were rewarded by a bequest of his farm. He belonged to the famous "Shirley" Carters.

## ANOTHER SAILING PARTY.

**Two Ladies Fall Into the Water, but Both Are Rescued.**

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—Another delightful sail was given Saturday to his young lady and gentlemen friends by Mr. Cleveland Maynard, on his beautiful sloop, the R. Y. Lane. The merry party started Saturday morning at "Bigler's," on York river, and they arrived at West Point Saturday evening.

One of the objects of the trip was to serenade Misses Carrie Green, Mab Stubbs, Lizzie Tyler, and Mr. Jeff Stubbs, members of a house party at West Point. At 2 P. M. they were given a serena e beginning with "Good Morning, Miss Carrie,"

As the party was leaving the wharf at West Point a serious accident was averted. Mrs. W. H. Macon and Miss Julia Tyler were thrown into deep water by an overturned boat. Mr. Blair Spencer proved himself the hero of the occasion, rescuing both ladies. After this adventure the party returned to "Bigler's."

Of the party were the following: Misses Julia Tyler, Susan Gordon Webb, Virginia Braithwaite, Mary and Lucile Foster, Hazel Packer, of Philadelphia; Bessie Scott, of New York, and Sue Hundley; Messrs. Cleveland Maynard, Blair Spencer, Harry Hundley, of Newport News; Peachy Spencer, John Hundley, and Littleburg Foster. Mrs. W. H. Macon gracefully chaperoned the party.

Miss Alice Tellege, who has been quite sick, is better to-day.

Miss Ritie V. Selover has gone to Clinton, N. J., to visit her relatives.

Misses Sallie and Cora Martin, of Lower York county, and Miss Mary Roberts, of Maryland, are visiting Mrs. Jeff Bull, on York river.

Steward Archie Brooks, of the Eastern State Hospital, and son, Gardiner, left this morning for Richmond on a two-days' business trip.

Miss Virginia Morecock, one of Williamsburg's charming young ladies, after a visit to her mother and sisters here, has returned to her duties in the Interior Department at Washington.

Mr. Michael Ellwood left this morning for Richmond.

Miss Virginia Braithwaite returned Saturday from Buckroe Beach, where she attended the tournament and ball.

Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Foster and children will spend a week at Buckroe Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Geddy returned Saturday from a trip to the mountains.

Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, having accepted another position, will shortly resign as matron at the Eastern State Hospital. Her successor will be appointed by Superintendent L. S. Foster, and will probably be Miss Rosa Emory.

Miss Hazel Packer, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her friend, Miss Mary Foster.

Quite a number of Williams people attended the funeral yesterday, near Toano, of Miss Mattie Bush.

## RICHMOND GIRL HONORED.

**Miss Kathleen Bruce Complimented by Halifax Friends.**

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—On Saturday evening Miss Ellen D. Bruce gave a delightful entertainment at "Berry Hill," the beautiful home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bruce, three miles from town, in honor of her cousins, Misses Evelyn Baylor, of "Staunton Hill," Charlotte, and Kathleen Bruce, of Richmond.

During the evening delicious refreshments were served and the guests were entrtained in various ways.

Among those present were Misses Elizabeth Bouldin, of Houston; Evelyn Gordon, Catherine Watkins, of Richmond; Lizzie Easley, of Houston; Almeyda Coleman, and Lucy Hutchings, of Danville; Mamie Easley, Laura Stebbins, South Boston; Messrs. Charles Barksdale, Wood Bouldin, Jr., Henry Watkins, of Houston; Henry Easley, Jr., H. J. Watkins, Jr., Owen Wilson, Thomas Owen Easley, South Boston.

## 'TWAS WATERMELON COURT.

**Tobacco Crop in Halifax Will Be Up to the Average—Corn Crop.**

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—The attendance at Halifax County Court to-day was unusually small. His Honor, Judge W. R. Barksdale, had but little business before him. It was watermelon court, and the quantity on exhibition was large and the quality exceptionally fine. Even the usually brisk trading and selling of horses was at a standstill.

From different sections of the county it is reported that the crop of tobacco is looking well, and if no disaster befalls it, and the fall is a late one, a good crop will be gathered into the barns. Judging from the quantity of primings being sold, the acreage of tobacco must be fully up to the average for several years.

The corn crop, especially on the low lands, is looking well and promises a good yield. Doctors report a good deal of sickness throughout the county, principally fever of different forms.

## WOODSTOCK AFFAIRS.

**A Prospective Wedding—Large Registration is Anticipated.**

WOODSTOCK, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sallie Murray, of Edenburg, has issued cards for the marriage of her daughter, Miss Jessie Murray, to Mr. M. B. O'Connor, of Alabama. The ceremony will take place at the bride's home on Wednesday, August 27th.

The six boards of registrars for Shenandoah county are preparing to take up their work early in September. It is stated upon good authority that very few persons will be disfranchised in this county on account of the new registration, as those who will not be eligible under the tax clause will come in under the veteran and sons' clauses.

### ENORMOUS LOSS BY HAIL.

**Damage to Tobacco Crops in Brunswick is $10,000.**

BARROW'S STORE, VA., August 23.—(Special.)—A severe hail-storm passed over this community yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, completely demolishing the crops of tobacco. The following farmers lost their entire crops: Henry Elmore, W. H. Barrow, Jesse Pritchett, Walter Barrow, Mack Daniel, Thad Daniel, Moses Daniel, David Pritchett, Dr. J. H. Jones, Tom Smith, Mattie Laffoon, J. M. Williams, and others. Sam Barrow's crop was badly damaged, but not entirely destroyed.

At least $10,000 worth of tobacco was destroyed in this immediate section. The farmers are downcast at the catastrophe.

## TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH.

**Handsome Edifice of Methodists at Beaver Dam—Personal.**

BEAVER DAM, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—The quarterly conference will be held at the Beaver Dam Methodist church on Saturday next. Dr. Tudor, the presiding elder, will be present, and on Sunday will dedicate the church which has just been finished. Several changes have been made in the interior of the building. The ceiling has been arched over and covered with paper of a cerulean blue tint. The acoustic properties of the building, which is quite large, and seats 300, are excellent. A new platform and ceiling has been added also, and the walls will be finished in hard oil.

Dr. Henry R. Carter, Jr., of Ashland, is at North River for some weeks.

Mr. J. Thompson, Jr., of Richmond, was a visitor at Mrs. T. Q. Moss' on Sunday.

Dr. Herbert H. Old, of Norfolk, was a visitor at Beaver Dam on Saturday, and returned home on Monday.

Mr. B. S. Phillips was the guest of Mr. John Thurmon, of Bell Air, on the 24th.

Dr. John Garnett Nelson, Mrs. Nelson, and Mrs. John B. McGuire, of Richmond, and at Taylor's Creek. Dr. Nelson returned to Richmond on the early train Nonday.

The protracted meeting at St. Luke's Methodist church ended Friday, and six new members were added.

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page arrived at Oakland on th 21st, after spending several months at his summer home at York Harbor, Me.

Miss Mary Willis Minor went to Staunton on the 23rd, to visit her motheh, Mr. Berkeley Minor.

Dr. Henry R. Carter, of the United States Marine Hospital Service, and Miss Laura E. Carter arrived at North River on the 24th.

Mrs. Henry R. Carter, Mr. H. R. Carter, Jr., and Mr. E. C. Carter, Jr., arrived on the 19th, after spending six weeks at Markham's, Fauquier county.

## LUTHERN SYNOD'S DOINGS.

**Officers Elected for the Year by This Religious Body.**

WOODSTOCK, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—The eighty-second annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, was held in the Lutheran church at Raider's, near Timberville, last Friday and Saturday. This Synod has a membership of forty ministers, and is one of the eight composing the United Synod of the South.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. A. R. Beck, of Rightwall, S. C., president; Rev. E. J. Sox, of Hickory, N. C., recording secretary; Mr. Ezra M. Minnick, Timberville, Va., corresponding secretary; Dr. R. A. Yoder, of Newton, N. C., treasurer. Rev. W. A. Deaton, of Dallas, N. C., is the retiring president.

The Synod came to a close on Sunday after an all-day meeting, which was attended by a large crowd.

## FREDERICKSBURG NEWS.

**Several Noteworthy Visitors in the Historic Old City.**

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway preached at the Baptist church yeserday, in the absence of Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill, the pastor.

Miss Brander, daughter of the late General Thomas A. Brander, of Richmond, is visiting at "Highland Home," the residence of Captain Dan M. Lee, and family, in Stafford county.

Miss Dabney Maury, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith here has returned home.

Miss Fannie Beale has returned to her home here after an extended visit to friends in Orange and Prince William counties, and in Charlottesville.

Mrs. J. S. Childs and Mrs. W. T. Hamberger have returned to their homes in Washington, after a pleasant visit to their mother, Mrs. James P. Roach, on Stafford Heights, in Stafford county, opposite this city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carr, of Moorfield, W. Va., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Ultz, of the Exchange Hotel, have returned home.

Hon. John S. Potter, a former resident, now of Washington, D. C., has returned after a brief visit here, during which time he was warmly greeted by our citizens generally.

## IS W. C. SMITH INSANE?

**The Man Who Borsted He Was Criminal Is Only a Lunatic.**

LEESBURG, VA., August 25.—(Special.) Some doubt has been thrown on the sanity of William C. Smith, who, on August 11th, was put in jail here for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Smith's drunken boast that he was a fugitive from justice and was wanted for a criminal offence in Harford county, Md., is believed to be without foundation. All inquiries on the part of the authorities have failed to disclose his identity, and it is supposed that his boasting was more the result of bravado consequent on the confusion attending the lynching of Craven.

A negro man says that he was a fellow-prisoner with Smith in Clarke county, Va.; that he was put in jail there to prevent him from doing any violence while drunk. The negro claims that Smith is of good family and well educated. Smith is of medium height, weighs about 150 pounds, and has dark-brown hair. He is still held, awaiting further investigation.

## HUSBAND SUES ALSO.

**Wishes Absolute Divorce—Wife's Affections Alienated by Another.**

HAMPTON, VA., August 25.—(Special.) Hon. S. Gordon Cumming this afternoon filed the answer of Mr. McCall Blackiston to the bill of his wife, Mrs. Leonora Ashmore Blackiston, in which she prays for a partial divorce and alimony from her husband, with whom she has never lived.

The husband denies the charges of unfaithfulness made by the wife, and alleged that a certain young man, whose name is not given, won his wife's affections from him, thereby causing her to refuse to come to him, as had been their agreement previous to their romantic and secret wedding.

Mr. Blackiston further petitions the court to dismiss the bill of the wife, and to grant him an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackiston, who are among the most popular society people in Hampton, were secretly married two years ago in Elizabeth City, N. C. After their marriage Mrs. Blackiston lost her affections for the young husband and declined to live with him. She went to California in the hope of securing an anullment, but, failing in that purpose, she returned to Hampton, where the divorce proceedings were instituted.

## ANOTHER STORY OF THE SMALL-POX.

**Big Stone Gap Denies That the Disease is as Bad as Gate City Reports.**

BIG STONE GAP, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—The small-pox situation in this county (Wise) is not as alarming as reports seem to indicate. At Stonega there are but twelve cases in all—one white and elevn colored—and the disease is under control. There are experienced physicians in charge of the cases, and all that intelligence and skill can do is being done to stamp out the disease. The precautions of vaccination and isolation are carefully and systematically carried out. About 3,500 persons have been vaccinated, one physician alone having vaccinated 2,400. As soon as a man becomes the least sick, no matter what the symptoms be, he is isolated and put under the care of a physician. In this way perfect control is kept, and the few cases that develop receive careful attention.

The authorities at Stonega report two or three times a week to the State Board of Health, or to the county board, and keep these officials duly informed of the situation. Within the last thirty days there have been but seven deaths.

Out of a population of 4,000 in this mining town, not more than perhaps a dozen deaths have occurred since the recent introduction of the disease. There seems to be but little alarm felt among the miners and at the ovens, since every oven is in blast and the works are going as usual. The contagion seems to have been brought here to Stonega by a colored man from Knoxville. The cases at East Stonega are nearly all well, and there is not a case in Big Stone Gap, and has not been.

Mr. D. B. Wentz, general manager for the Virginia Iron and Coal Company, told your correspondent to-day that the story of the cremation of bodies in the coke ovens at Stonega was absolutely false, and seemed horrified at the very thought of such a thing. There is a new hospital, with an equipment of trained nurses and equipped physicians at Stonega, and no place in Southwest Virginia is better able to care for her sick. Mr. Wentz spent much of his time at Stonega during the greatest trouble from the disease, giving the matter his personal attention.

## IN BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

**Hail Damages Crops—Ministerial Changes—Teachers Chosen.**

BUCKINGHAM, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—The temperature changed here Friday night, and this morning the mercury is down to 51 degrees. In some sections of this county they have had plenty of rain all summer, while in others they have only had light showers at long intervals, and the tobacco crop has suffered more or less in consequence. In the northern part of the county there was a severe hail one day last week, which ruined growing crops and even whipped the leaves from the trees. Mr. George R. Patteson and Mr. George W. Patteson both had their crops much injured.

There is only one voting precinct in Maysville District, and the Board of Registration will only have to sit at one place, and that is at the Courthouse. Mr. J. H. Fitzgerald was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board here, caused by the death of Mr. Rogers, and he will make a good registrar.

There is a little negro named Jim Brooks, who has never been known to vote any other than the Democratic ticket, and though offered $15 to vote otherwise once, he refused it. Under neither clause of the new suffrage law can he be registered.

Miss Richardson, of King and Queen county, has been elected as one of the assistants in the High School at this place. She is a graduate of the Farmville school, and comes highly endorsed by Dr. Frazer and Miss Reynolds, of the faculty.

The Baptists did not begin their protracted meeting here on the third Sunday, as was intended, but they will begin on the third Sunday in September.

Rev. Mr. Carson, of West Virginia, will preach his trial sermon in the Presbyterian church on the fifth Sunday in this month, and Mr. Philips, who has supplied the church during the summer months, will preach his last sermon here on the first Sunday and then leave for Princeton to resume his studies.

The young man, Frank Wood, who has so mysteriously disappeared from his home, in Richmond, is a son of Professor Wood, who was principal of the Graded School here last year, and was very well known here.

Miss Kate Hunt, of Lynchburg, has been a guest at "Rolfton" Farm.

Miss Belle Tyler, a daughter of ex-Governor Tyler, is visiting Miss Dabney Bondurant at "Variety Shade."

Mrs. James Lyons gave a tea to six of her lady friends last week.

Miss Allen and Mrs. Flanigan, of Richmond, are staying here in the village.

The "Slate-River" Mills property and store-house have been rented to Messrs. Moss & Gregg.

The price of wood has advanced to $1.50 per cord since the advance was made in the price of coal at the slate quarries at Arvon. The prices on slate have also advanced some, and just now there is a scarcity of certain classes of slate.

Miss Edna Spencer and Miss Jackson have been re-elected as teachers in the Graded School at Arvonia, and Miss Williams and Miss Gillespie have been appointed principal and assistant, respectively, at the Enonville Graded School.

Good teachers for the negro schools are scarce, as those who were educated here have gone off where they get more pay.

## AN INTERESTING RUMOR.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, August 25.—(Special.)—It is rumored that General Fitzhugh Lee has sold his "Ridge View" to a wealthy Philadelphia minister. It is thought that General Lee will reside elsewhere in the State.

## BOLD FORGER'S WORK

**YOUNG MAN CLAIMING TO BE J. B. WORTH A BOLD OPERATOR**

### REFUSED TO ENJOIN SALE.

**Counsel for Northern Creditors Wish to Prevent Alienation of Ettrick Manufacturing Company's Assets—The Carnival Opened—A Remarkable Runaway—Other News.**

PETERSBURG, VA., August 25.—(Special.)—The young swindler who is so freely using the name of J. B. Worth & Co., of this city, to forged checks on the American National Bank of Richmond, and who is meeting with remarkable success in passing them in Pennsylvania towns, has been heard from again. He is working very rapidly from town to town, and apparently works the hotels at which he stops.

Mention has already been made of two of these forged checks for $100 each, passed in the cities of Reading and Wilkesbarre, one on the 8th and the other on the 9th of August. They were drawn on the regular lithograph checks of the American National Bank, to the order of the young man who falsely represented himself as J. B. Worth, Jr., son of the senior member of the firm here.

And to-day comes the information of two additional forged checks for like amounts, passed by the same person, purporting to have been drawn by J. B. Worth & Co., branch office, Richmond, Va., and cashed in other towns in Pennsylvania. It is hoped this bold forger who is believed at one time to have lived in Petersburg, will soon be brought to justice, and thus prevented from entailing more loss on innocent parties.

CAUGHT IN PORTSMOUTH.

Chief-of-Police Ragland has been informed by Chief Vellines, of Norfolk, of the arrest in that city of J. C. L. Mann, a young man who is wanted here for forgery. The accused formerly resided in Petersburg, but his home for some years has been in Norfolk. Some days ago he visited this city, and, going over to Ettrick, got Mr. C. F. Shortt, a merchant of that village, as a matter of accommodation, to cash a check for $17. This check purported to be drawn by Mr. C. F. Lauterback, a jewelry merchant of this city, on one of our local banks. The bank declined to cash it, and Mr. Lauterback pronounced the signature a forgery. Since then the police have been on the lookout for Mann. It is reported there are similar charges pending against the accused in Portsmouth.

ETTRICK MANUFACTURING CO.

Judge Mullen, of the Corporation Court, sitting in chamber to-day, heard a motion and argument thereon, to enjoin the public sale of the Ettrick Manufacturing Company's plant, which had been decreed by the court to take place on the 2d day of September. The motion for an injunction was made by Messrs. Charles T. Lassiter, of this city, and Eppa Hunton, Jr., of Richmond, representing Messrs. Hains and Bishop, large Northern creditors, and is on the ground of error, "reversible error," as they allege, in the previous decrees ordering the sale of the property. The motion was opposed by Messrs. Davis & Davis, of this city, representing George E. Fisher and others, upon whose petition the decrees of sale were made. The judge overruled the motion to stop the sale, and an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court. The papers in the case are now being prepared.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

The engagement of Mr. Isaac Cohen, a well-known young citizen, and Miss Frank, daughter of Mr. S. Frank, of Norfolk, was formally announced yesterday. The wedding, it is understood, will take place early in the fall.

THE STREET CARNIVAL.

The street carnival, given under the auspices of the Cincinnati Carnival Association, was opened here to-night. The tents and paraphernalia were erected during the day on Franklin and Adams streets, along which also all booths will be placed