

COUNTRY'S BEST LEAR ENORMOUS STRIDES TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN 1902. INSATIABLE TRADE DEMAND.

It Explains Shrinkage in Export Business, While Imports Expanded to Unprecedented Figures—No Resort to Extremes in Labor Troubles.

NEW YORK, December 30—Bradstreet's review of trade, to be issued Saturday next, will have the following: To say that 1902 was the best year this country has ever experienced, while truthfully enough in the main, does not suggest the enormous strides which the United States took in the year just closed.

STOCK SPECULATION. Speculation, it is asserted, checks imposed upon it by conservatism, by short crops in the preceding year, and last, but not least, by high rates for money, but despite the fact that stock market operations were only about half those of the year 1901, the aggregate aggregates practically equal to the hitherto unheard-of totals of 1901.

SHUM-TUM-A-LOO PARTY. Notable Event in Scottsville Society. Funeral of Sitas Staples.

SCOTTVILLE, Va., December 30.—(Special.)—The most enjoyable of the Christmas festivities here was a "Shum-Tum-A-Lo" party given by the Scottsville Society on the evening of December 29th by four young ladies of the neighborhood—Misses May Beal, Marjorie Harris, Clara Pitts, and Annie Nichols.

PERSONAL. Miss Nellie Beal is visiting the family of her brother, Mr. Jackson Beal, at his home in the Christmas holidays.

Another Fire at Louisa. LOUISA, Va., December 30.—(Special.)—Fire was discovered at 9 o'clock Sunday morning in the cellar of two double brick stores in town owned by Mrs. P. B. Porter.

POPE RECEIVED 32,000 GIFTS. Value of All His Jubilee Presents Estimated at \$2,500,000.

FOURQUEAN, TEMPLE & CO. Black Goods Reduced. Kerseys and Zibolens. In weights for suits and unlined skirts, in just the textures that are stylish and serviceable to-day.

At a Dollar a Yard. FOURQUEAN, TEMPLE & CO. 429 East Broad and Annex.

AMUSEMENTS. BOSTOCK'S GREAT ANIMAL ARENA. Open At 10 A. M. Every Day This Week. To Miss "Bostocks" IS TO MISS THE BEST HOLIDAY FEATURE OF THE CITY.

TWIG, GUN, AND DARKEY. Former Made the Weapon Explode; Latter Got Hurt. ROXBURY, Va., December 30.—(Special.)—Lem Gols, a colored man who works on the farm of Dr. Tazewell Bradley, had a very narrow escape last Friday from a serious accident.

ACADEMY. TO-MORROW (New-Year's Day), MATINEE AND NIGHT. Herbert Kelsey and Eflie Shannon IN SHERLOCK HOLMES. Seats on sale. de 31-14

BIJOU. GEORGE FAWCETT COMPANY, with FRANK GILLMORE. In William Gillette's greatest play, "SECRET SERVICE." Regular Matinees.

The Confederate Museum. TWELFTH AND CLAY STS. Open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Admission, 25c. Free on Saturdays de 29-12

THE VALENTINE MUSEUM. ELEVENTH AND CLAY STREETS. Open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Admission, 25c. Free on Saturdays de 29-12

JUSTICE SHIRAS TO RETIRE. Among Those Mentioned for Succession is Governor Taft. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 30.—(Special.)—The Charles County Courier, the only paper in Clarke county, has been recently sold by Mr. Blackburn Smith.

30 DAYS TREATMENT. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. All can be relieved of the burden of disease by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

OCEAN STEAMERS. CLYDE STEAMSHIP COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, RICHMOND, AND NORFOLK STEAMSHIP LINE.

RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG ELECTRIC RAILWAY. CARS LEAVE CORNER PERRY AND SEVENTH STREETS, MANCHESTER STATION.

DIVIDEND NOTICES. Virginia State Insurance Company. Richmond, Va., Dec. 27, 1902.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. Richmond, Va., December 27, 1902. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Merchants National Bank of Richmond, Va., has this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. Old Dominion Building and Loan Association. Richmond, Va., December 19, 1902.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. Richmond, Va., December 30, 1902.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. THE DIRECTORS OF THE RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMAC STEAMSHIP COMPANY have this day declared a DIVIDEND OF FOUR DOLLARS PER SHARE ON THE COMMON STOCK.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE. Schedule in Effect, Nov. 30, 1902. TRAINS LEAVE RICHMOND—BYRD-STREET STATION.

OCEAN SHOES LIMITED. Daily. Arrives Petersburg 3:30 P. M. Petersburg 5:30 P. M. Stops only at Petersburg, Waverly, and Suffolk.

GEORGIA POINTS. Arriving August 25: A. M., Macon 11:25 A. M., Atlanta 1:00 P. M., Pullman sleeper New York to Wilmington, Charleston, Port Tampa, Jacksonville, Augusta, and Macon. Dining car service.

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R. F. & P. RAILROAD. Schedule in Effect Nov. 30, 1902. TRAINS LEAVE RICHMOND—NORTHWARD.

BYRD-STREET STATION. 4:15 A. M. Daily from BYRD-STREET STATION for Washington and beyond. Stops at Elba, Ashland, and local stations.

BYRD-STREET STATION. 8:00 A. M. Daily from BYRD-STREET STATION for Washington and beyond. Stops at Elba, Ashland, and local stations.

BYRD-STREET STATION. 12:05 Noon. Except Sunday, from BYRD-STREET STATION for Washington and beyond. Stops at Elba, Ashland, and local stations.

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PASSING TRAINS. NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 7:45 A. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 9:00 A. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 10:10 A. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 11:00 A. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 12:00 P. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 1:00 P. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 2:00 P. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 3:00 P. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.

NEW MAIN STREET STATION. LEAVE RICHMOND. 4:00 P. M. Daily, except Sunday, Newport News, Norfolk, and Old Point.