BEDFORD CITY NOTES.

MACHINERY FOR THE ASBESTOS AND MICA MINES ARRIVES.

THE COUNTY CLERKSHIP.

Several Aspirants for the Place Under the New Constitution—The Old Chair Once Owned by Dr. John Holt Rice—In Social Circles.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., January 10.—(Special.)—The western blizzard did not ignore this small city, but made itself felt in fierce, howling wind, and the sharp cold air, that sent people hurrying along, with no time to waste, loafing at the street corners. But the cold snap only lasted two days, and on Friday the wind had lulled and the bright sunshine made haste to temper the air with its bright beams. The distant mountains are robed with a mantle of royal ermine, that adds to their majesty and beauty, being thickly covered with a deep snow.

The machinery for the asbestos and mica mines of Bedford has arrived. It is of the most approved modern mechanism; the drills are electrical, and all the other appliances are of the best, up-to-date pattern. Mr. A. M. Higgins, of Terre Haute, Ind., the general manager of the company, will arrive to-day or to-morrow, and will expedite the movements. As soon as practicable the machinery will be carried to the mines and put in position.

THE COUNTY CLERKSHIP.

The question of a county clerk for Bedford under the provisions of the new Constitution, is now being agitated, and the aspirants for that office are announcing their willingness to serve their county in that capacity. Mr. S. M. Bolling, the present clerk, this week publishes a card stating his qualifications for the position.

Mr. J. M. Speece, who is now and has for many years past been the clerk of the Circuit Court, is also a candidate. Others will doubtless come to the front before the time for deciding the question, and the contest will be a spirited and interesting one.

DR. JOHN H. RICE'S CHAIR.

Some years since mention was made in this correspondence of an old chair that had once been the property of Dr. John Holt Rice, one of the great pioneer leaders of the Presbyterian church in Virginia and founder of the Union Theological Seminary, then in connection with Hampden-Sidney College, but now located in Richmond. This chair became the property of his intimate friend, Dr. Samuel Phillips, and is now in the possession of his (Dr. Phillips's) grandson, Mr George Wadsworth Davis. Not long since a gentleman of St. Louis, who had read the article, made a visit to Bedford City to secure, if possible the chair as a relic of Dr. Rice, his kinsman, for whom he received his name. Mr. Davis was then unwilling to part with the chair by reason of its association with his father and grandfather, and the negotiations then ceased until a week or more ago, when the St. Louis gentleman again wrote in regard to it. A few weeks ago a letter was received here from another source in regard to this same chair. Dr. James P. Smith, of the Central Presbyterian, wrote to a gentleman of Lynchburg, that in clearing out a drawer of clippings, he "found one giving an account of some relics of Dr John Holt Rice, a snuff-box and chair," He writes to institute means to secure if possible these articles for the library of Union Seminary. He says they would be of special interest there—would be seen by many, help to keep bright the memory of the founder of the seminary," etc. Thus an item of correspondence has excited interest in two States in regard to a primitive old wooden chair, once the property of a great and good man, probably three quarters of a century ago. And now after the paper containing this mention has become eight or ten years old, the clipping again arises from the depths of an editor's drawer, and the old chair once more becomes a coveted treasure. The sequel yet remains to be seen. Meanwhile the quaint old chair stands demurely in a modest little parlor awaiting its fate.

What an interesting story this old chair might tell. The old snuff-box is the property of Mr. R. D. Buford, of Bedford City.

Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. J. A. Heuser gave a card party to a number of her lady friends, that was pronounced one of the most charming and beautiful in the history of this town, noted for its pretty entertainments. The rooms were artistically decorated with delicate wreaths of ivy and handsome growing plants. The game was six-handed euchre, and there were five tables of animated players whose attractive toilets added to the pleasing effect of the bright scene. The score cards were marked by sprays of holly and mistletoe, and the scores indicated by the red or white berries fastened on them. The successful contestants were Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mrs. A. B. Clayton, and Mrs. Charles L. Mosby, of Richmond.

At the conclusion of the game delightful refreshments were gracefully served by the hostess.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Heuser entertained in most pleasing style the ladies of the Fifteen Club and other guests, when the same decorations were used as at the card party.

So many and varied have been the entertainments of the ladies' clubs that one would suppose that ingenuity had become exhausted in discovering some novelty for such occasions. But Mrs. Heuser proved that there was still something new under the sun. To each guest was presented a dainty, diminutive booklet, ornamented with a spray of hand-painted holly and red ribbon and the date, 1903, bearing this advice in gold antique lettering: "Turn over a new leaf." Within the booklet were twenty-four questions, the answers to which must begin with the word new or the sound of new, for example: That which annoys. Nuisance. A center? Nucleus. A coin-collector? Numismatist. This clever new year contest gave earnest employment to the fair ones for the alloted time, and when the count was made it was found that Mrs. R. D. Buford had discovered the largest number of new things, and was awarded the prize.

Substantial refreshments, served in tempting style, completed the enjoyment of the very pleasant occasion.

Thursday afternoon the Thursday Club met at the hospitable home of Mrs. T. C. Jopling, and were most cordially welcomed by Miss Annie Jopling. On this occasion the reading of Shakespeare was resumed. From the fierce winds that were raging without it was felt that the "Tempest," the play selected for the reading was eminently appropriate.

After the intellectual good, the more material woman did not disdain the pretty menu of dainty refreshments that were temptingly dispensed.

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It purifies and enriches the blood, cures pimples, eczema and all eruptions, tired, languid feelings, loss of appetite and general debility.

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It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work.

Therefore when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected, and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

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(Swamp-Root is pleasant to take.)

The cure for these troubles is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the world-famous kidney remedy. In taking Swamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and gentle aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science.

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Swamp-Root is pleasant to take, and is used in the leading hospitals, recommended by physicians in their private practice, and is taken by doctors themselves who have kidney ailments, because they recognize in it the greatest and most successful remedy for kidney, liver and bladder trouble.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one dollar size bottles at the drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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THE WEEK IN MARTINSVILLE.

A Very Pretty Wedding—A Little Child Fatally Burned.

MARTINSVILLE, VA., January 10.—(Special.)—The cold, dry, windy weather of the past few days has prevented the marketing of tobacco on this market, and sales this week have been very light, with a slight decline in prices.

The annual reports submitted to the stockholders' meeting of the Peoples and Farmers Banks make a splendid showing for the past year for these institutions. The Peoples Bank reports a net profit of 14 1-2 per cent. on the capital stock, and declared a dividend of 10 per cent. The Farmers' figures its net earnings at more than 18 per cent., and declares a dividend of 8 per cent.

An unusually pretty home wedding was that of Mr. Aubrey L. Tuggle and Miss Addie Watson Garrett, at the handsome home of Mr. and rMBs. P. P. Watson, Church street, Monday morning. Rev. J. W. S. Robyns, of the Methodist church, officiated. The decorations were in pink, white and green, and were particularly effective and beautiful. The bride wore a brown cloth tailored suit, with hat and gloves to match and carried bride roses. The maid of honor was Miss Annie Tuggle, sister of the groom, and the best man was Mr. Percy Garrett, of Reidsville, brother of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Tuggle took the Southern train for Washington, D. C.

The groom is one of the most successful and popular young merchants of Martinsville, and is a member of the firm of H. I. & A. L. Tuggle. The bride is a daughter of Mr. T. J. Garrett, of Reidsville, N. C., and niece and adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Watson, is one of the most attractive and popular young ladies in Martinsville society.

Mrs. W. H. Parrott, and Miss Hattie Mullins, have returned from Washington, where they spent some time with friends.

Judge Stafford G. Whittle left for Richmond Monday, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Flora, who will spend the winter with her father at Mrs. Duval's on Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Barr, of of Staunton, are guests at the rectory.

Mr. James H. McKiver, has withdrawn from the firm of S. ... Rangeley & Co., and has purchased an interest in the business of the English China and Grocery Co.

Mr. Percy Jamerson left this week for Richmond, where he will take a business course at Massey Business College.

The bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Burch, Susie, aged 3 years, died last Saturday as a result of burns received while playing before the fire a few days previously.

Mr. T. T. Marshall who, until six months ago, was a citizen of Martinsville, died in Roanoke Wednesday of acute indigestion. His remains were brought here Thursday for interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. J. B. Sparrow, Church street, charmingly entertained the Thursday Club last Thursday afternoon.

Messrs. O. W. and H. B. Stone, after spending the holidays in Martinsville, have returned to Richmond.

DEATH OF MR. THOS. F. HANNIGAN.

Well Known Telegrapher Related to Richmond People.

Mr. Thomas F. Hannigan, formerly of Providence, R. I., but latterly of the New York Herald, died last week. Mr. Hannigan leaves a number of relatives in Richmond. The Providence Telegram says:

"Mr. Hannigan was picked up on the street on Friday last and was sent to the Bellevue Hospital in the ambulance. He lived until Sunday afternoon, when the end came as the result of paralysis, with which he had been threatened for several months. It was at first reported that he had sustained a fracture of the vertebrae as the result of a fall, but this was later found to be untrue.

"Mr. Hannigan was 34 years of age and was born in this city, graduating from the Dayle Avenue Grammar School After finishing his studies in the public schools of this city he went into the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company and soon mastered the intricacies of the telegraph operator's art.

"In 1884 he accepted a position as telegraph operator on the Daily News of Newport, remaining with the paper fourteen years in the employ of the old New England Associated Press. He later had an opportunity to take a similar position on the New York Herald, where he was employed at the time of his death.

"It is now about three years since he left here to take up his duties in New York, and during the latter part of this time his health, on account of extreme application to his work, had been gradually failing. Through constant use of his right hand and arm in the manipulation of the telegraph instrument he gradually became a sufferer from partial paralysis in that arm, and at times would be unable to use it for several days or a week or two at a time. He was, however, an expert in his line and still retained his position, though unable to continue at it steadily. For some time his arm had been troubling him considerably, but he had no thought that it was anything that would result in death.

"Friday morning he arose as usual and prepared to go to his work. He was not feeling well, and on his way down stairs was forced to stop two or three times, having difficulty in breathing. Outside the house, No. 318 west Twenty-third street, he made his way for perhaps two blocks, when he fell on the sidewalk. He was picked up and taken in the ambulance to the hospital. During the two days that elapsed before his death, he was perfectly conscious of his surroundings. Death resulted a few minutes before 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the paralysis that had spread over his body, stopping the action of the heart. Rev. Father McCabe attended him during his last moments, administering the last rites of the church.

"Mr Hannigan was regarded as one of the brightest young men at his business and always took pride in saying that he had fought his own way, step by step He was well and favorably known in this city, where he had many friends. Beside his brother, the deceased leaves a sister, Miss Mary Hannigan, of No. 125 Governor street."

Supreme Court Not in Session.

The Supreme Court of Appeals was not in session to-day. The examination of the applicants for license to practice law in the State was concluded last night. The court will reconvene Monday.

LOST SIGHT OF.

A Most Important Aid to Education.

An important point often overlooked by parents in bringing up children is the use of proper food as an aid to education. Children make wonderful progress when scientifically fed.

A little woman in East Brentwood, N. H., says of her girlhood days: "I was never very rugged and cold lunches and hearty evening meals and improper food soon began to work serious havoc.

"Then came a period of self-boarding while away at college and it is now easy to see where, in the haste to acquire knowledge the true knowledge of proper and nourishing food was neglected. The result, as may be imagined, was indigestion, dyspepsia, and constipation. Then followed a weary time of dieting and, one after another, physicians were consulted, till hope of permanent cure was abandoned. Then, two years after leaving school, I entered a new home as a bride and having grown wiser through experience, I resolved to use food in accordance with hygienic principles. This was also necessary as I could not eat anything at all rich.

"We commenced to use Grape-Nuts and soon became convinced that it was the most nutritious food we could obtain. I noticed an immediate improvement in my health, my indigestion became less marked and eventually left me for good.

"It is now two years that we have eaten Grape-Nuts regularly, and I was never as well in my life as now. I have gained ten pounds in weight and can eat, without causing the slightest distress, the richest kind of food as well as any one, the dyspepsia is entirely gone and constipation never troubles me.

"This may not interest others, but it is of great interest to us, for it is our firm belief that my present good health is solely to the constant use of Grape-Nuts and we feel that we have great reason to be thankful to the maker of such a perfect and delicious food." Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich.

WHAT THE TRIO SAID.

THE REMARKS OF THREE DISTINGUISHED BISHOPS IN BALTIMORE.

A VERY NOTABLE OCCASION.

Three Anniversaries Were Being Observed and the Reverend Speakers Were Most Felicitous in Their Remarks.

Three bishops; Bishop William Paret, of Maryland; Bishop Leighton Coleman, of Delaware, and Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of Central Pennsylvania, assisted by seven clergymen held special services Thursday night in Grace Episcopal church, Baltimore; celebrating three anniversaries, the eighteenth anniversary of Bishop Paret's consecration, the tenth anniversary of the Bishop's Guild, and the celebration of the Epiphany.

Grace church is plain, but beautiful. The chancel is especially striking.

The Rector, Mr. Powell, introduced the Bishop of Maryland.

Bishop Paret touched but lightly on himself and his own anniversary, except to acknowledge the congratulations he had received and the fact that he had worked among friends; and then passed gracefully to the Bishop's Guild. This was organized ten years ago by Bishop Paret with the object of assisting the Bishop in any way possible. To-day, fourteen "silent churches or chapels" throughout Maryland are open, in good condition and in charge of rectors, thanks to this guild.

Bishop Paret acknowledged this, expressed his thanks for what had been done and stated that the chief value to him of this Guild, is its entire readiness to assist him in any undertaking he may suggest.

HIS "FRIEND," BISHOP COLEMAN.

He introduced his "friend," Bishop Coleman, of Delaware.

Bishop Coleman is a large man and a graceful, fluent speaker. He acknowledged with thanks the word "friend" just used and touched lightly on the coincidence of anniversaries.

He spoke of the devotion of the Guild to its work, because it was for the church and illustrated by a pretty story. He said: "I was called to my door at 'Bishopstead' (I think he said) by a boy who declined to come in, one winter's day. It was snowing, hailing, raining, and sleeting, and freezing all at once—one of the most fearful, days, in fact, that I have ever seen. It was bitter cold in the vestibule; the snow swirled around inside. The boy had come three miles for me to go to his mother who was dying. He had walked and was very thinly dressed. As I turned to get my hat and storm coat, I said to this boy—'you have walked far in such a storm!' 'I'd do anything for mother. I'd do anything for mother!' he answered through chattering teeth."

NEVER BE SATISFIED.

Bishop Coleman urged the Guild never to feel satisfied with its work, but continually to endeavor to improve it. This point also he brought out by a story. He said "As I was leaving that magnificent gallery of art in paris—the Louvre—one evening late, leaving as rapidly as possible in response to the angry gesticulations and speech of the attendant, who explained that in my forgetfulness of time I had stayed far too late, I stumbled over a beautiful old man, with a painting. He offered it to me for sale; in order that he might not go to bed as he had risen that morning, hungry. I found out later that all through his life; this man had stood before his finished work at the completion of each piece of it and asked the forgiveness of God for his work and the fact that he had done it no better."

He emphasized his statement that self-satisfaction means ruin and oblivion, by citing the case of an artist, Osborne (I think he said) who was found one evening before a magnificent piece of work—just completed—crying bitterly. Asked if he were not satisfied with what he had done, he replied, that he wept because for the first time in his life he was satisfied.

Bishop Talbot who followed Bishop Coleman, spoke but a few minutes, explaining that the ground had been fully covered. He acknowledged his indebtedness to Bishop Paret, who although, but three years his senior, seemed a father to him.

A BISHOP'S BUSY LIFE.

He brought out the fact that a bishop's life is a very busy noe—one allowing many possibilities for doing good—and emphasized the fact that a bishop is a hardworking man by first telling two stories, illustrating the general erroneous conception that he is not.

While he was Bishop, of Wyoming and Idaho, he heard one small boy in a western town ask another if he did'nt want to be a bishop when he grew up, and got the astonishing reply of "Naw—I'm going to work for my living." The other was the story of Mike asking Pat of all easy jobs what his "choice" was, and receiving the reply that he'd "Rither be a bishop."

It has often occurred to me to wonder why at least, six months on a great city daily is'nt a part of the training of theological students—many young preachers are verbose and wander away from the original theme in a maze of words.

Six months culling and hacking by a city editor would do several that I know, a vast deal of good.

After hearing Bishop Paret, Bishop Coleman, and Bishop Talbot, I am constrained to believe that all three have been managing editors—no less.

Their words are simple, clear, and to the point, the illustrations good and they themselves are eloquent men. F. D. W.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Thomas Batkins, one of the oldest citizens of this city, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Jordan, No. 921 north Twenty-fifth street. He was 94 years old, and his death was due to a general breaking down of the system brought on by old age.

The body was taken to New Kent county yesterday evening, over the Southern railroad, where the burial will take place to-morrow.

Mr. Herman Ullman, of this city, received a telegram last Friday announcing the suicide in San Francisco, of Charles C. Levy. No details were given.

Mr. Levy was well known here, where he lived for many years. He was connected with the recruiting office here. He enlisted and served out his enlistment. He then went into business in San Francisco.

Benjamin Thomas Ashton, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Ashton, died yesterday morning about 2 o'clock at the home of its parents, in Fourth avenue, Chestnut Hill, after a brief illness of diphtheria. The funeral took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, and the burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.

Edwin T. Crump died yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Wirt A. Chesterman, 1306 Park Avenue, after an illness of several months. He was twenty-four years old. Consumption was the cause of his death.

Up to a short while ago he was assistant ticket agent for the Southern Railroad in this city. About six months ago he went to Arizona in search of health. Not being benefited, he returned to the city a short while ago, an dhad been ill since then at the home of Mr. Chesterman.

He was the son of Mr. Charles M. Crump, who for many years was auditor of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, and afterwards secretary and treasurer of the Southern Railroad. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Wert A. Chesterman, and two brothers—Charles M. Crump, with the Southern Railroad, and W. A. Crump, of the American Tobacco Company, all of whom live in this city.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the house.

The funeral of Isaac Van Vort, who died Thursday night at his home, 314 east Grace street, will take place this morning at 12 o'clock from the house, and at 12:30 o'clock from the mortuary chapel in the Hebrew cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rabbi Calisch.

The funeral of Mrs. Bettie H. Maury, who died Thursday at her home, in Washington, will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in that city.

The funeral of Mrs. Ida Fuchs, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the house, 518 1-2 North Fourth street. The burial will be in Hollywood cemetery.

The funeral of Louis Tuck took place Tuesday afternoon from Four-Mile Creek Baptist church, the pastor, the Rev. G. H. Sheriff, conducting the services.

Mr. Tuck died Sunday from the effects of an operation. He was a native of Henrico county and a Confederate veteran. He leaves a son and two daughters. The burial will be in Four-Mile Creek burying ground this afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Melvin, who died Friday at her home, 600 Church street, will take place this evening at 3 o'clock from Sacred Heart church. The burial will be in Hollywood Cemetery.

In the death of Mr. Oscar Cranz, Jr., which occurred on the 8th instant, Richmond lost one of her best citizens. He was widely known and beloved by a large circles of devoted frinds, and most highly respected as an honest, upright and intelligent business man by the entire community. In his home he was a model husband, father and companion. True in every relation of life, he stood for all that was noble, generous and good, and was a cultured gentleman of the highest integrity. He was born in Steinback, Germany, in 1853, and came to Richmond in 1872, to embark in business with his uncle, in which he remained up to his death. He married Miss Pauline Lybrock, of this city, in 1878, who survives him with four children, one son, Mr. Oscar Cranz, and three daughters, Misses Elsie, Marie, and Helen.

Mr. Cranz was always deeply alive to the interests of his adopted city, State, and country, and was in every sense a true patriot, and his loss will be deeply felt by all who knew him. Mr. Cranz leaves one sister in Chicago and two brothers out West.

MR. AND MRS. CAMP RECEIVE.

A Notable Event in Petersburg Society—The Wednesday Club.

PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Camp gave a most beautiful reception in honor of their debutante daughter, Miss May Jeffrey Camp, Thursday afternoon and evening. The hall, parlors and dining-room were decorated with evergreens and pink carnations. Mrs. and Miss Camp were assisted in receiving their numerous guests by Mrs. Robert Meade, Mrs. Tench, Mrs. Foster and Miss Mamie Beckwith.

Miss Camp, who is exceedingly pretty and graceful, wore a lovely gown of white peau de soie. Miss Beckwith wore white organdie with lace trimming. Mrs. Camp a handsome gown of black net over silk. Mrs. Robert Meade white satin gown and diamond ornaments. Mrs. Linch, in black silk, point lace; Mrs. Robert Watson presided in the dining-room and the refreshments were served by Misses Annie Watson, Elma Temple, Anna Belle Patteson, Mary Bolling Temple, Margaret Pegram, Mary Bunting, Kate Bernard, Kate Stockdell, Miss Russell Ashley Camp, Elizabeth Cogbill, of Fredericksburg, Va.

Among the many who called during the afternoon and evening were: Mesdames Nelson Patteson, James Mason, R. L. Sully, Harris Donnan, James Ruffin, Preston Roper Corse, of Newport News; Robert Watson, J. Gordon Rennie, E. O. Patterson, Dixon Marable, John McGill, Oscar Bunting, J. H. Claiborne, J. Harwood, Patrick Hamilton, Hodges Mann, R. C. Scott, Jr., Broocks Rogers, Robert Hamilton, Sam Mitchell, E. G. Temple, H. P. Stratton, William Bragg, Pryor Jones, Chisolm, John Lemoine, Virgie Campbell, W. F. Drewry, Alfred Friend, Jr., Leroy Roper, Gamble, A. K. Davis, William Worth; Misses Zimmer, Venable, Collier, Budd, Gill, Catherine Spotswood, Margaret Pegram, Bettie Hamilton, Nellie Hamilton, Mary Booth, Mary Beasley, Martha Collier, Berta Gill, May Ellen Whyte, Susie Whyte, Hibernia Friend, Lucy Friend, Mary Moyler, Mutie Moyler, Alice Spicer, May Claiborne, Jubrette Mann, Emily Mason, Sadie McCandlish, Lelia McCandlish, Bessie Chamberlayne, Laura Jones, Bettie Jones, Hobbie, Rosa Stephenson, Bary Gee, Virgie Slater.

Among the gentlemen callers were: Messrs. Carter Myers, Meade Stockdell, John Stockdell, Sidney Green, Ned Spotswood, Brook Spotswood, Henry Patteson, Harry Mann, Henry Whyte, James Cuthbert, George Plunner, Ned Plunner, George Whitmore, George Bernard, Herbert Rogers, Fisher Collier, Robert Watson, Powell Watson, Joe Jones, John Jones, Robert Cuthbert, Charlie Cuthbert, Ernest Jones, Vaughan Jones, Paul Roper, Bartlett Roper, Harvey Plunner, Ben Harrison, Dunn Martin, Robert Martin, Joe Venable, P. Drewry, P. S. Booth, Allen Minitree, Haywood Cary, Stanley Beckwith, Willie Zimmer, Jr., Sam Price, Meade Doyle, Hamilton Seabury, Robert Gilliam, Robert Pritchard, Herbert Pritchard, Ashton Gray, Edwin Friend, Samuel Arrington, Dr. Joe Osborne, Dr. Frank Hains and others.

Three card clubs have been organized this season—two afternoon euchre clubs, composed of married ladies, and an evening club by the young ladies. The first meeting of the afternoon club will be at Mrs. Alex. Hamilton's, in Sycamore street, this afternoon, at half-past 4 o'clock. The members of this club are Mesdames George Cameron, Jr., Harris Donnan, H. P. Stratton, William Bragg, Chisohm Y. McClevy, E. O. Patterson, Preston Roper, Waverly Wilkins, William McGill, Robert Hamilton, Virgie Campbell, Harrison Waite, Mrs. H. G. Leigh.

The young ladies composing the "Evening Euchre Club" are Misses Helen Venable, Mutie Moyler, Mary Gee, Mary Moyler, Rosa Stephenson, Page Nichols, Julia Rudd, Louise Zimmer and Annie Watson.

The Wednesday Music Club met at the home of Mrs. H. P. Stratton, in Sycamore street Wednesday noon, and rendered the following program:

Songs—(1) "Red Roses".....H. Norris
(2) "My Laddie".....Weilinger
(Miss Leavenworth.)
"Spring Song".....Bendel
(Miss Reams.)
Song, "I Promise Thee.....De Koven
(Mrs. Montgomery Jackson.)
Nocturne, Opus 37, No. 2.....Chopin
(Miss Derby.)
Song, "A Necklace of Pearls"....Nevins
(Mrs. W. F. Drewry.)
"Slumber Song".....Nevins
(Miss Whyte.)
Songs—(1) "On a Spring Morning."
(3) "Good Night".....Nevins
(Miss Turner.)
"Quite a Day in Venice".....Nevins
Dawn—"Gondolier's Song."
(Mrs. Frances R. Wadleigh.)
Love Song, "Good Night."
(Mrs. H. P. Stratton.)

The guests of the club were Mrs. Gordon McCabe, Jr.; Mrs. Corse, Newport News; Mrs. F. R. Wadleigh, Bluefield, W. Va.; Mrs. Thomas Whyte, Mrs. Pryor Jones, Miss Bessie Stratton.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Bolling Willcox, of Fluer de Hundred, is the guest of Mrs. George Pegram in High street.

Mrs. Corse, of Newport News, is the guest of Mrs. Preston Roper in Sycamore street.

SNOW OR RAIN TO-DAY.

Ice Was Treacherous Yesterday and Skaters Were Given Involuntary Baths.

"We shall have either snow or rain tomorrow," said the weather bureau man yesterday, "but fair weather will continue to prevail to-night, with no great change in the temperature. Sunday will be warmer, with increasing cloudiness, and, as I said, we expect either rain or snow."

"There is no decided storm pressure anywhere on the map. It is low in the Southern Rocky mountain region, and, also, in the Northwest. At Galveston, Texas, there is a good deal of rain with a temperature, the fall being 1.8 inches. This rain area may move up this way. They are having snow in the Eastern Lake region."

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the thermometer registered about twenty degress, slightly more than yesterday at the same time. The temperature is rising and the probabilities indicate rain to-day.

Many of the lakes and other small bodies of water were covered with ice yesterday, but the frozen liquid was not strong enough to be altogether safe, and several involuntary ice baths resulted to some of the venturesome skaters.

America's Best Champagne

The most popular American Wine. Pure, dry and perfect bouquet unexcelled. Made by the French process from the choicest grapes grown in our own vineyards; excels any American Wine.

NO DINNER COMPLETE WITHOUT IT.

Gold Seal is sold by all grocers and wine merchants.

URBANA WINE CO., Urbana, New York. Sole Maker.

NEARLY TWO CENTURIES OLD.

Something About the County of Bath, in North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, N. C., January 10.—(Special.)—Bath, a small town in Beaufort county, which has figured in several sketches in the Dispatch, will be 200 years old in 1905, and a bill will be introduced in the State Legislature next week asking for an appropriation for a commemorative celebration, which the East Carolina people are anxious to hold. St. Thomas Episcopal church, in the town, will be 171 years old in February, 1903, and communion services will be held by a number of clergymen on its anniversary.

The proposed celebration is not intended to be an elaborate affair, or anything with exhibits from outside States, but will deal tirely with Carolina exhibits and things historical. The first public library ever in North Carolina was originated and used in this town. It was given to the villagers by Dr. Bray, a missionary from England, who moved from Maryland, where he was located, to the small Carolina village. The first mission work ever attempted in the whole world by the Church of England originated and was carried out at Bath. It consisted of an expedition sent out to the Indian settlements near the Swiss settlement of De Graffenreid, at New Bern.

CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTION.

Building Association Will Discuss the Municipal Ordinance.

The Building Contractors' Association will hold a special meeting Tuesday night in the new Picket Camp Hall, 307 north Seventh streets, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

In addition to the election of officers, the discussion of the question of the proposed building inspector, and other municipal matters of interest to every contractor and builder will come before the meeting.

Members of the organization say that President George W. Parsons will be re-elected, as he has made a most excellent presiding officer.

Bar-Tenders Have Important Business.

A meeting of the Bar-Tenders' Union will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Smith's Hall on north Fifth street. Business of importance to members and the initiation of new members will occupy the time of the meeting.

Locomotive Firemen Meet.

Beverly Smith Lodge, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, will hold a meeting this morning at 10 o'clock in Smith's Hall. In addition to considerable routine business matters of interest to every member will come before the meeting.

Small Child's Narrow Escape.

Charlie, the little child of Mr. J. A. Kratz, who lives at 2014 Jefferson Place, had a very narrow escape last Friday. The little fellow was playing with the fire in a room by himself. His clothing caught, but before any injury was done, a member of the family arrived and extinguished the blaze, thus preventing what would have been a most serious, probably fatal accident.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL SALE.

of the Tragle Drug Co.

is now in progress at their store, and surely never before were such prices given out—nor such crowds visited their store—which fact is positive proof of the great bargains they have given the people at this time. The recent establishment of a prescription department in this store, makes it one of the most complete and thoroughly up-to-date cut-rate houses in the South. The very best attention has been given to the details of this department, and the fixtures are the most complete that money could procure. Special attention is being given to accuracy and promptness, and no delays need ever occur here. A visit to the store this week will surely convine you of the enormity of their business and the confidence they have gained with the Richmond people.

Winter Garment Sale

At One Third Under Price.

The advantage is entirely yours—the cold weather is all to come—yet your dollars will do double duty in the way of Winter Wraps and other Ladies' Clothing.

If you waited for the reductions, they are now to be had, and your chance has come.

Women's Up-to-Date Coats.

At $2.98 Monte Carlo of Blue, Tan or Black Good Quality Melton, bell sleeves, inverted pleat back, velvet collar. A Coat sold formerly at $5.00, now $2.98.

At $3.98 Twenty-seven-inch Coat of Good Quality Kersey, half fitted back, box front, entire garment nicely lined. A Coat sold formerly at $5.75, now $3.98.

At $5.98 Excellent quality Kersey Coat, in Black, Castor, and Tan, bretailles over shoulder, cuff and pocket flaps appliqued in stitched velvet, lined in best quality satin. A coat that sold formerly at $10.00, now $5.98.

Girls' Nobby Coats. A Large Assortment.

At $1.98 Three-Quarter Coat of Heavy Covert Cloth, sleeves, pockets and outer edges down front piped in velvet, velvet collar. A very comfortable garment to fit girls from 4 to 14 years. Regularly sold at $3.50, now $1.98.

At $1.75 Walking Coat to fit children from 2 to 6 years, made of good cloth, large collar, nicely trimmed in braid, entire garment lined. Regularly sold at $3.50, now $1.75.

At $3.75 Long Coat of Heavy Melton, in Castor and Blue, nicely tailored and finished, velvet collar, to fit girls from 6 to 14 years. A coat that sold formerly at $5.00, now $3.75.

Furs at Great Concessions.

Our Furs have throughout the season been below value (quality and make considered), still to clear out entirely our remaining stock, we are ready to entertain any reasonable offer. Here are two examples:

At $2.75 A Finely-Made Graduated Scarf of Gray Isabella Hare, with two full brushes and wide collar; worth $3.98.

At $4.98 Light or Dark Mink, Opossum, or Isabella Hare, in long or short Boas and short Neck-Pieces, with 6 or 8 tails; worth $6.50.

Muffs to match—all prices and styles.

We Will Allow a Discount of One Third Off All the Remainder of Our Fur Coats.

Fine Flannel Waists

in exclusive designs and all the best colors and shades, have been greatly reduced in price—

At $2.98 all our $3.98 Waists.

At $3.75 all our $5.00 Waists.

At $4.38 all our $6.50 Waists.

Come at once—make your choice while a good assortment remains.

Winter Underwear.

Those who need Underwear can save enough at these new prices to buy three suits for the price of two—

Union Suits for children, ribbed and fleece lined, crochet neck and strap. The 25c. value for..... 19c

Ladies' Bleached Ribbed Vests and Pants to match, heavily fleeced, extra quality. The 38c. value for..... 25c

Other qualities from 8c. to $1.75.

Children's Fleece-Lined Sleeping Garments; heavy weight, sizes 2 to 14 years. 50c

Kaufmann & Co., Fourth and Broad.