METHODIST MISSIONS

Meeting of Petersburg District Foreign Missionary Society.

A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

M. S. Wills Painfully Hurt—Appomattox Commandery Knights of Templar Observe Their Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., May 6.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Petersburg District, Virginia Methodist Conference, which is in session at Washington-Street Church, had a very interesting meeting to-day. The society is composed of eighteen auxiliary societies of Petersburg, Blandford, Ettrick and the counties of Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry, Sussex, Brunswick and Nottoway. The auxiliries are reported to be in fine condition. Miss Ella Rue Coffey, sent by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Virginia Conference as a missionary to China, had many interesting things to tell concerning her experiences in the Orient. Mrs. Charles Bradbury read a paper describing the customs in Japan. She presented many Japanese curiosities. Mrs. Shelton Chieves is the district secretary of the society, and through her efforts $970.35 was raised last year for foreign missions. Rev. Dr. Starr preached the annual sermon at Washington-Street Church to-night.

Appomattox Commandery, Knights Templar, observed their seventy-fifth anniversary to-night. There was a large audience of local Knights and ladies, as well as visiting Knights. Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, Grand Master of the Lodge of Virginia and Past Eminent Commander of the lodge of Charlottesville, was the speaker of the evening. He reached Petersburg this afternoon, and while in the city will be the guest of Eminent Sir Thomas F. Knox. The evening was an exceedingly delightful one and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr. M. S. Wills was painfully hurt in a runaway accident this afternoon. He was in the wagon of the Petersburg Well Paper Company with the colored driver, when the horse became frightened as they were driving along High Street. Both men jumped from the wagon. The driver was uninjured, but Mr. Wills received a severe scalp wound and injury to his hand. The runaway horse collided with two other wagons, and both of these wagons, together with the one to which he was hitched, were broken.

The American Cigar Company will probably soon be able to occupy their new building in this city. They are doing everything possible for the comfort and pleasure of the young ladies employed in the factory. In the new building is ample provision for lighting, there being about 150 windows.

The funeral of the late George W. Bolling, of Fairfax county, took place this morning at 11 o'clock from Tabb-Street Presbyterian Church.

Brick labor has begun on the large warehouse on Union Street to be built for Roper & Co., wholesale grocers. This building will occupy the site of the old Union-Street Methodist Church.

The stable and woodhouse in the rear of Spratley's store, on Old Street, were burned last night. A near-by dwelling, owned by Captain W. S. McCance, was damaged. The damage to the dwelling is mainly from water and smoke.

Those having in charge the Carnival shows in this city are well pleased with the crowds that attend. The Knights of Pythias are working successfully in the interest of the Carnival.

The "Golden Rod," a large rowboat built by the firemen of House No. 2, on Bank Street, to be used exclusively for the pleasure of the firemen, has been successfully launched. The members of the department were unwilling to have the boat hauled, and carried it with their own hands to the river.

VIRGINIA ATHLETES

To Meet Johns Hopkins Track Athletes To-Day in Baltimore.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 6.—The track and field men of the University of Virginia, who are to contest in the dual athletic meet with Johns Hopkins University at the Maryland Oval, in Baltimore, to-morrow afternoon, left here at 6 o'clock this evening, over the Southern Railway for Baltimore. Accompanying Coach Brown, of the Harvard track team ('96) were the following athletes:

J. Harrison Shelton, of Waco, Texas; Spencer P. Bass, of Tarboro, N. C.; Arthur P. Gray, Jr., of Amherst, Va.; Robert E. McCabe, of Leesburg, Va.; Howard Beine, of Memphis, Tenn.; Henry C. Grant, of New York city; William R. Tyree, of Staunton, Va.; John M. Russell, of Washington, D. C.; Owen C. Shaner, of Lynchburg, Va.; Edwin W. Holladay, of Charlottesville, Va.; Paul Dulaney, of Bristol, Tenn., and Walter W. Council, of Wananish, N. C.

Bass, Shelton and Gray will be entered in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard run and 440 yard run; McCabe and Beine in the half-mile, Grant and Tyree in the mile, Grant and Russell in the high hurdles, Shaner and Holladay in the low hurdles, Holladay and Russell in the high jump, Russell and Dulaney in the board jump and Council and Russell in the pole vault and shot put.

The Virginia men have been in hard training for the past two weeks under Dr. Rauschenbach, assistant instructor at the Fayerweather Gymnasium, and Mr. Kenneth Brawn. Several of the most promising entries in fact, were overtrained, and, to the surprise of many, were distanced in the try outs held on Monday and yesterday. Notably among these were James, of Reisterstown, Md., who held the Maryland record in the half-mile run, and McInnis, of Meridian, Miss., who had made 2:01 records in the three-quarter and mile runs.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Enthusiastic Meeting and Organization in Prince William.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MANASSAS, VA., May 6.—A very enthusiastic good roads meeting was held here yesterday, Court Day. All of the magisterial districts were represented by some of their best and most practical men. C. A. Heineken, of Gainesville District, was chosen president of the good roads organization. There were several interesting and instructive papers read before the meeting. Many speeches were made. All of the speakers dwelt on the necessity for better roads and the great waste of money under the present road system.

The organization was not in a position to take any positive steps, but a committee of three from each magisterial district was appointed to ascertain what roads it is advisable to build at this time, the probable mileage, and the approximate cost per mile.

The committees from the district are: Gainesville District—F. H. Sanders, Dr. F. G. Brown and W. L. Heuser; Brentsville District—J. C. Colvin, D. P. Edmonds and J. W. Green; Manassas District—Hon. J. B. T. Thornton, D. J. Arrington and James Birkett; Coles' District—M. H. Spicer, J. B. Norman and James Luck, Jr.; Occoquan District—E. L. Cockrell, William Metzger and Red Selecman; Dumfries' District—W. C. Williams, S. C. Hansberger and B. F. Liming. These committees are to meet and report on May 16th.

WOULD ARBITRATE

Ex-City Solicitor Ward, of Winchester, Presents His Bill for Services.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., May 6.—At a meeting of the Common Council last night, ex-City Solicitor Ward formally presented his claim for fees for defending the city in certain suits growing out of John Handley's estate, the bulk of which was left to Winchester. Mr. Ward requested the Council to consider his claim and determine the amount reasonably due him under the contracts of employment for all services rendered in said litigation during the years 1896-1900, inclusive. He also agreed to submit the question to two laymen, one selected by Council, the other by himself, and abide by their decision. If they cannot agree, then to name as umpire any circuit or appellate judge in the State. Mr. Ward recently sued for $12,500, but Judge C. F. Nicol, sitting for Judge T. W. Harrison, dismissed the bill of complaint on the grounds that Mr. Ward had not properly applied for compensation, but held that he had a right to sue by an amended bill. If the Council refuses to arbitrate he will sue.

LACROSSE AMATURES

The Dramatic Club Will Soon Present "Among the Breakers."

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LACROSSE, VA., May 6.—The Lacrosse Academy will soon close a very successful year. This being the first year, parties interested have every cause to be congratulated. Prof. J. K. Walker, the principal, will have full charge another session.

The Lacrosse Dramatic Club will give the drama, "Among the Breakers," at South Hill, for the benefit of the Methodist Church. This company has much talent and the play is increasing in popularity.

A telephone line to South Hill is contemplated and parties have been asked to make bids for its construction.

GIVEN THREE YEARS

Trial of Floyd Wells for Criminal Assault in Powhatan.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

POWHATAN C. H. VA., May 6.—County Court, with Judge William M. Smith presiding, closed the May term last night. The only criminal case heard was that of Floyd Wells, charged with criminal assault. Judge Watkins and Haskins Hobson appeared for the Commonwealth and Milton P. Bonifant appeared for the prisoner. Wells was convicted and given three years in the State prison.

A large crowd was on hand and the atmosphere was full with politics.

Candidates are looming up in every direction and there are now some two or three for every office in the county.

BIG FOREST FIRE

Family Escape by Lying Face Down in a Plowed Field.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., May 6—One of the most extensive and destructive forest fires that has visited Shenandoah county for a number of years started on Thursday morning in the vicinity of Star Tannery and spread over a territory about six miles long, sweeping everything before it. Miles of fencing was destroyed, growing crops badly damaged and valuable timber burned up. The dwelling occupied by Mr. Benjamin George, near Star Tannery, in the Cedar Creek Valley, and all of the outbuildings, including a large barn, were destroyed, the fire falling upon the buildings like hail, setting them all on fire at the same time. Mr. George and his family escaped with their lives by lying face down in a plowed field. It is estimated that the loss will reach fully $20,000.

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERY

Commissioners Appointed to the General Assembly.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., May 6.—Lexington Presbytery met at Hebron Church, in this county, yesterday. At their meeting to-day they confirmed last fall's nominations to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which convenes at Lexington on the 21st instant. Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling, of Lexington; Rev. J. H. Winfree, of this county, and Colonel W. D. Poage were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. Rev. J. E. Booker was elected moderator of the Presbytery, and Dr. C. F. Kerr clerk. The Presbyterial sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. R. A. Lapsley this evening. Dr. W. N. Scott, of Staunton, was appointed to deliver the Presbyterial sermon at the next meeting of the Presbytery.

"I've Lost Ten Pounds"

A man says. "Look at this." And he over-laps his coat to show how loose it is. There are some people who can lose *fat* to advantage, but the loss of flesh is one of the accepted evidences of failing health. As flesh-making processes begin in the stomach, so naturally when there is loss of flesh we look first to the stomach for the cause. And the cause is generally found to be disease of the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts, resulting in loss of nutrition and consequent physical weakness.

Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery restores the lost flesh by curing diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition and enabling the perfect digestion and assimilation of food from which flesh and strength are made.

"My wife was for five years troubled with indigestion of stomach and bowels, bloating and severe pain at times during the entire five years," writes Mr. J. Milton Unger, of McConnellsburg, Pa. "Her heart was affected, and she took a purgative every few days but only received temporary relief. She got very poor in flesh and I bought one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery from our druggist and after taking it she said she felt like a new woman. Has no more trouble with stomach and bowels, and has no pain nor bloating. Has gained fifteen pounds in weight."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and biliousness.

EFFECT OF MANN LAW

Applications for Licenses to Sell Liquor in Virginia.

GRANTED OR REFUSED

An Interesting Contest Over Licenses Granted in South Norfolk in Regard to Meaning of the Word "Contiguous" in the New Law.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 6.—Judge W. N. Portlock, four lawyers and a crowd of interested spectators spent yesterday in trying to determine the meaning of the word "contiguous," for it was agreed that on the meaning of the word depends the sale of liquor in South Norfolk. The question arose in the petition of C. W. Rockfellar and others, residents of South Norfolk, who, through their counsel, J. Lindsay Heard, petitioned the court to set aside the order entered on April 29th, by which seven applicants obtained license to sell liquor in the community known as South Norfolk, the petitioners alleging that the place is not incorporated, has no defined boundaries, and cannot be classed as a city or town, and consequently under the new law liquor licenses could not be issued except on a petition signed by a majority of the voters of the district.

IN DANVILLE

Alleged Irregularities in Recent Election to Be Investigated.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., May 6.—At a conference of the ex-bar-men it was decided to take no action in regard to the alleged irregularities in the recent local option election. The bar-men contend that the vote polled at the election indicates that the sentiment of the majority of the people is against them, and they do not care to resume business through a legal technicality against that sentiment. The bar-men are advised by counsel that there were such irregularities and that a contest would probably result in the election being thrown out. But the saloon-men do not care to do business in the face of a decided sentiment simply because there was a defect in the election. They recognize the fact that the people voted them out, and they propose to abide by that decision.

It is probable, however, that the whole matter will be probed at the time of the trial of the Robert Portner Brewing Company, who recently appealed from the decision of the Mayor to the Corporation Court. It will be remembered that the Portner Company, through its agent, Mr. John W. Gibson, was fined $100 in the Mayor's court for selling beer in a local option district, albeit it is claimed that the transaction for the sale of the beer and delivery of the goods was made in the county. To-morrow this case will come on to be heard. It is believed that the question of the legality of the local option election will be gone into at the trial, and that the matter, in its entirety, will be weighed and considered. It is understood that Judge A. M. Aiken, of the Corporation Court, will not sit in this case, but that the hearing will be presided over by Judge E. W. Saunders, of the Circuit Court.

CUMBERLAND DRY

Temperance Forces Carry All Three Districts in the County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CARTERSVILLE, VA., May 6.—Cumberland is dry, and bar-rooms are a thing of the past, as the result of an election yesterday in the lower district, and of a similar election in the upper and middle districts on the 2d of May. The dry vote in the middle and upper districts was eighty-five per cent. of the vote cast. The dry vote in the lower district was sixty-five per cent. of the vote cast. At Flanagan's Mill fifty votes were cast—thirty dry and twenty wet. At Flippen's Mill twelve votes were cast—eleven dry and one wet. At Bush Park, where the Cartersville people voted, seventy-nine votes were cast—sixty-two dry and seventeen wet. The temperance people, encouraged and stimulated by the zeal of two pastors, Rev. J. E. Gwatkin and Rev. Hugh J. Paylor, have worked constantly and thoroughly.

TWENTY-TWO GRANTED

Applications to Alleghany Court from Covington and Clifton Forge.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COVINGTON, VA., May 6.—To-day's session of Alleghany County Court was a very important one and was very largely attended by people from all parts of the county. Many applications for liquor license were made. There were ten applications for retail liquor license from Covington and the same number from Clifton Forge, all of which were granted. In addition to these, one wholesale liquor license was granted to an applicant from Clifton Forge. Also a license to the management of the Sweet Chalybeate Springs, making in all twenty-two certificates of license which have been given in Alleghany county up to this time. Other applications were made for license, but have not been passed upon yet.

W. C. T. U's Contesting License.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINDSOR, VA., May 6.—No application was made for license to sell liquor in Windsor, so the saloon is closed and the liquor is being moved away. There is a big liquor fight going on at Isle of Wight Courthouse. The W. C. T. U.'s are contesting all applications for liquor in the county.

At Wells Fork, near Chuckatuck, yesterday, the judge granted a license and W. S. Holland, attorney for the W. C. T. U.'s asked for an appeal to the Circuit Court.

Three Granted in Powhatan.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

POWHATAN C. H., VA., May 6.—Only four of those who posted notices to apply for liquor license applied to the court, viz: W. S. Moss, Huguenot; W. B. Boatwright, Powhatan Courthouse; A. N. Cosby, Mohemenco, and O. O. Goode, Moseley Junction. The first three got through and their licenses were granted. O. O. Goode met with some objections, and he withdrew his application. It is reported that there will be other applicants at the June term.

Bars, But No Speakeasies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHINCOTEAGUE, VA., May 6.—Despite the high liquor license, quite a number of bars here will resume operations. The speakeasies in this part of the county have become practically a thing of the past, as the Anti-Saloon League has at last sounded a death knell, as it were, to their existence.

No Applications in Lacrosse.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LACROSSE, VA., May 6.—No application was made May 1st by the saloon people for license to continue selling whiskey. The outlook was so unfavorable as to make it useless to do so. The drys seem to have been victorious in shutting up the saloons, but the wets can quench their thirst when the government distillery is in operation near here.

Several by the Sea.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RENOVILLE, VA., May 6.—Monday was regular court in Princess Anne county. The principal business was issuing licenses of various kinds. There were five liquor licenses issued at Virginia Beach and by the ocean. There was much comment and criticism concerning those by the sea.

Richmond County "Dry."

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARSAW, VA., May 6.—The regular monthly term of County Court was held here Monday. Owing to the weather being good and the farmers being behindhand with their work a very small crowd was in attendance. There was very little business before the court. Judge Beale gave permission to the saloon keepers to sell out all of the whiskey and other liquors which they already had on hand in nothing smaller than pint quantities. Although Stonewall District went wet in the local option contest of last week, the Mann bill will close all of the saloons.

Licenses in Burkeville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BURKEVILLE, VA., May 6.—The matter of granting liquor licenses in Burkeville will come up to-morrow, which is court day. There will be an earnest movement, headed by the Town Council in person, against granting any licenses. If granted they will be the only licensed saloons between Petersburg and Lynchburg.

A NEW CANNERY

Brick Dye House of Stearn Silk Mills Being Remodeled.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ETTRICK, VA., May 6.—The new and spacious brick dye house attached to the Stearns silk mills at Campbell's Bridge, between Ettrick and Petersburg and recently vacated by the Stearns Company, who removed their dyeing department to Williamsport, Pa., has been leased and is being cleaned up, retinned and generally overhauled by the Dr. Potts Canning Company, a new concern recently organized in Petersburg, which proposes to operate a large cannery there. Its plant will be ready in ample time for this year's crop of vegetables and will doubtless create an increased demand for labor and garden products.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad Co. are raising the road-bed and track and ballasting it up with coarse "slag." A corps of engineers recently surveyed the line between Petersburg and Crewe to ascertain the low places and set stakes along to indicate same and in the vicinity of Petersburg the track was found to be from six to fifteen inches too low. They now have about forty hands "pulling" and raising the track near here as the work trains distribute the material.

There was a break in the dam of the Pocahontas cotton mill during the recent rains, but it caused no material inconvenience at the time as they had too much water anyway, and since the water has gone down, they are repairing the damage.

Quite a number of hands are leaving the cotton mills and going to the cheroot factory. They have recently raised the pay there for beginners and others, and some small girls are earning a dollar a day on piece work; besides a premium of fifty cent to a dollar a week for good attention and carefulness.

Some families, however, are arranging to move to Swift Creek cotton mill in the near future. Good, spacious houses and gardens can be had there for three or four dollars a month, while the wages are said to be better. It is said that wages at Blue Ridge and Pocahontas mills have been somewhat advanced recently.

Hopewell School Exercises.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TRENHOLM, VA, May 6.—The Hopewell school which has been so successfully taught the past session by Mrs. A. J. Hurt, held its closing exercises in Hopewell Church. The church was prettily decorated and a large crowd of patrons and friends enjoyed the delightful programme, which reflected much credit on both teacher and pupils.

Southern Railway Extension.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CRAB ORCHARD, VA., May 6.—It is reliably reported that the Southern Railway has commenced work on the Middlesborough Mineral Railway, at Middlesborough, and grading will soon be underway on to Harlan Courthouse.

BURROUGHS CASE IS POSTPONED

Diphtheria Quarantine on Receiving Ships Franklin and Richmond Raised.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 6.—Among the interesting cases scheduled for trial in the United States Court this week was that of Samuel L. Burroughs, former postmaster of Portsmouth, Postoffice Inspector Bulla, who is the principal witness for the government against Burroughs, was summoned to appear in a case in Atlanta, Ga., and will not be able to arrive here in time for the hearing. Burroughs was short in his accounts about $2,000, which he made good, and declares that he could have produced the amount he owed at any time had he been notified.

The large number of sailors of Uncle Sam's navy seen on the streets of this city is evidence of the lifting of the quarantine on the receiving ships Franklin and Richmond at the navy yard. The men have been kept on these ships on account of the epidemic of diphtheria, and deprived of their shore liberty for several consecutive weeks.

Norfolk carpenters who were taken to Baltimore to fill places made vacant by the recent carpenters' strike in that city, have returned. They refused to take the places of men who were on strike, and their fare home was paid by the Baltimore Carpenters' Union.

Moses Scott, a Berkley negro, was released from the county jail on Monday, after serving a term of sixty days for larceny. Scott was not satisfied with freedom, for he immediately took chances by stealing a gold watch, valued at $25. He professed to be Thomas Johnson when caught, but was identified as Scott and committed for six months.

SAGINAW MAY BE RAISED

Her Cargo Was Valuable and the Vessel Worth $150,000.

THE HAMILTON'S INJURIES

The Vessel Was Able to Return to New York Last Night, but Repairs to Be Made There Will Cost at Least $10,000.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 6.—It is not determined yet what efforts will be made to raise the steamship Saginaw. Her value was probably $150,000, and the value of the cargo will increase that amount considerably. She carried a large, though not full, cargo, consisting of tobacco, turpentine, rosin, cotton yarns and sheeting, the product of the mills in this vicinity and North Carolina, together with naval stores, all of which is valuable. No further particulars of the disaster have been obtained by the officials of the Clyde Line, because the officers of the vessel and nearly all of the white persons who were on her have gone North to their homes or to report to headquarters. Mary A. Sanderlin, the only woman who was saved, has gone to her home in Windsor, N. C., and the body of the colored stewardess which was rescued will be sent to Richmond, where she lived. She was very stout and would not have drowned, the officers say, if she could have retained her presence of mind. But she was so excitable that she jumped into danger. The vessel took an American register several years ago, which must have cost heavily, and which made the value of the ship considerably over the sum mentioned above.

President Guilladeu, Captain C. A. Earnest and Superintendent Engineer Higgins, of New York, have examined the steamer Hamilton, which was in the collision with the steamer Saginaw, and have determined that she may go to New York to-night. The steamer has had temporary repairs to her hull here and was considered fit to make the trip. The damages have been estimated at $10,000, but that is not an authoritative estimate. In passing the Saginaw after the collision the propeller of the latter struck the Hamilton and tore a large hole in her hull at the prow, which went nearly through to the other side of the hull. Several patches of plate were required to repair that damage till the thorough repairs can be made in New York. Captain Boaz, of the Old Dominion, is regarded as one of the best seamen in the coastwise trade. He commands the Hamilton with skill, and he has been in the employ of the company since 1876. No blame is said to be attached to either captains for the accident, but there will be a searching investigation.

E. B. Cole, of Philadelphia, applied to the Mayor for assistance to get home this evening. He is one of the saved from the wreck. He was asleep in the cabin of the ill-fated Saginaw yesterday morning. He was returning home to Philadelphia when a noise, as if all the furniture of the cabin had been turned loose to bombard his door, awakened him. He was alert and then startled. The rush and noise were dreadful, but he soon realized what had happened and escaped to the deck, to find everything in confusion. He had time to go back for his coat and trousers. He threw them into the last boat, and the only one which got away safely from the sinking steamer and reached the Hamilton. He arrived here with no money and only his shoes, coat and trousers. He had to decline the offer of a collar from one of the passengers on the Hamilton because he had no shirt to attach it to. He was provided with clothes and assisted to his home. He is a young man, in excellent health and strong, but the scenes of the drowned and the drowning have unsettled his nerves so that he feels weak from the effects. He describes the event as dreadful to remember and horrible to see. He is the son of Francis O. Cole, of 2627 Thirty-fourth Street, and his father is Inspector at the Schuylkill arsenal, but he is not at home now, and therefore cannot be reached to aid his son.

PROSPEROUS WAKEFIELD

A New Furniture Factory Will Soon Be in Operation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WAKEFIELD, VA., May 6.—In the manifestation of general prosperity Wakefield is not left behind. There is evidence of advancement and improvement in all branches of industry, and never before has there such enthusiasm been shown by the citizens in public and industrial enterprises. Just now the most active business men of the town, with some capital from the immediately surrounding country, are interested in establishment of a furniture factory. The stockholders for this project are fully organized, and there is every indication of a speedy completion of plans and building of the plant. The president of the concern is Mr. F. B. Bain, of the Bain Peanut Company. Mr. R. L. Pond, of the firm of Pond & White, is vice-president, and Mr. J. W. Long secretary and trasurer.

There are fifteen constituting a board of directors, and are the following: J. B. Richardson, P. D. Bain, W. A. Stephenson, C. A. Burton, A. R. Morris, T. L. Bain, J. W. Long, T. A. Saunders, J. H. Pursell, J. R. Bell, Dr. W. L. Devany, Dr. J. E. White, J. W. White, L. B. Faison, W. A. Harris. The charter is to call for a capital stock of from $15,000 to $150,000, and the business will not be begun with less than $20,000. It is the intention of this establishment to make a good line of probably several pieces of furniture, and because of the facilities for transportation, the ease of securing a greater portion of rough material necessary, etc., it is evident that they can compete with other factories producing the same class of goods. Effort will be made to begin operation at the earliest time practicable.

As evidence of the prosperity in this section it can be stated that the report of the Bank of Sussex and Surry at the end of the first six months of its existence shows undivided profits amounting to near ten per cent. of stock. A short while since there was organized a Business Men's Association to promote the general welfare of the town and in many ways is Wakefield moving forward.

ALUMNI ORGANIZE

Northern Neck Association of University of Virginia Graduates.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARSAW, VA., May 6.—A University of Virginia Alumni Association was organized here Monday. Judge T. R. B. Wright made a statement, setting forth the purposes of the organization and read a list of the alumni of the counties of Westmoreland, Richmond, Northumberland and Lancaster, who desired to be enrolled as members of the association. It was moved and carried that the association be known as the "Northern Neck Association of the Alumni of the University of Virginia" to be composed of the four counties of the Northern Neck. A constitution was adopted, and Hon. R. Carter Wellford was elected president, Hon. T. J. Downing vice-president and Asa S. Rice secretary and treasurer. The following, with the officers of the association, were elected the Executive Committee: Professor Frank Newbill, of Lancaster; Hon. C. H. Walker, of Northumberland; J. W. C. Davis, of Westmoreland, and J. W. Chinn, Jr., of Richmond county.

IN CUMBERLAND

Invitations Issued to the Coleman-Goodman Marriage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CUMBERLAND COURTHOUSE, VA., May 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Goodman have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Rosa Goodman, to Mr. William Iverson Coleman, the marriage ceremony to take place at Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunny Side, Va., at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 19th. Miss Goodman is a very charming young woman and has a host of friends. Mr. Coleman, the groom-elect, is connected with the Southern Express Company and lives in Richmond.

Miss Inez Weisiger, of Ashland, Va., is the guest of her brother, Dr. Carter Weisiger, at "The Inn."

Mrs. S. F. Gray and the Misses Gray, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. Oliver G. Flippen, at "Marlebank."

Miss Rebecca Vaughan, who has been a student at the Farmville Normal School, is at home to recuperate from a recent illness.

Miss Corrine Anderson, of Amelia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles D. Diggs, of this place.

MAY OWN BIG ESTATE

Virginia Burgess ily May Get $4,000,000 Property in Texas.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARRENTON, VA., May 6.—Mr. James P. Jeffries, Commonwealth's attorney for Fauquier county, left here to-day for Brozaria, Texas, in the interests of the Burgess family, who reside in this section.

About fifty years ago two Burgess brothers left Fauquier county, one for Texas and the other for California. Nothing had been heard from them until recently for over twenty years. Mr. Jeffries, who has been working on the title for some time, was notified that both were dead, and that their land interests in the above States amounted to over $4,000,000. One man has offered $180,000 for part of the Texas estate.

CARDS WERE OUT

But a Rival Won, and Miss Corden, of Scottsburg, is Now His Bride.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SCOTTSBURG, VA., May 6.—Scottsburg society is stirred over the elopement and marriage of Mr. Edward Anderson and Miss Luda Carden, of this community, at Roxboro, N. C., yesterday. Cards were out for the marriage of Miss Carden to Mr. Elonzo Johnson, of McHolt, Va.

Another runaway marriage occurred here a few days ago. The parties were Mr. James H. Richmond, aged eighteen, to Miss Roberta Wilmouth, of twenty-five.

SITUATION IMPROVED

Report that T. C. Pilcher, of Fauquier, Was Ill, is Not Correct.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARRENTON, VA., May 6.—At present there are about ten cases of smallpox at Bealeton, all of a very mild form. The attending physician states that the situation is greatly improved. There has been much exaggeration in connection with the spread of the disease. The report current that Hon. T. C. Pilcher is down with smallpox has no foundation. There is no smallpox in Midland.

To Travel in Europe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COVINGTON, VA., May 6.—Rev. W. E. Rollins, rector of the Covington Episcopal Church, left for New York, where he will be joined by Mr. R. L. Parrish, Jr., also of this place. They will sail from New York the latter part of the week for Europe. They will go directly to Naples and after spending several weeks in Italy, will go north and travel through many other European countries. Their trip will last several months. Mr. Rollins has been rector of the Episcopal Church at Covington for several years.

Chincoteague Red Men.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHINCOTEAGUE, VA., May 6.—The Chincoteague Tribe of Red Men have instituted a new lodge at Bloxom, and reports a good membership and great interest.

The three-masted schooner Louis Cottingham, loaded with lumber, ran aground on Assateague beach. Very little damage was sustained. The crew were saved by the life-saving men of Assateague life-saving station.

Greenwood is Recovering.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLADESBORO, VA., May 6.—Mr. J. Greenwood, who was shot through the body by Harrell some weeks ago, is improving. The doctor says the ball went through his liver and lodged near the skin. No one thought he could recover. Harrell is in jail at Hillsville.

ANOTHER CITY EDITOR

Bright's Disease and Diabetes Are Positively Curable.

Editor Engelke, editor and proprietor of the California Journal, the German paper of 422 Montgomery St., San Francisco, interviewed:

Q.—Will you help us convince the people that Bright's Disease and Diabetes are positively curable by referring to your recovery?

A.—I've told it to a great many myself, and some of them profited by it and were cured.

Q.—How long ago was it?

A.—About six years ago. I was so ill with Bright's Disease that the doctors, being unable to help me, advised me as a last resort that I try some of the springs. Before going I heard of the Fulton Compound and took it and didn't have to go. I began to get better, and kept on with it till I was finally as well as ever.

Q.—Any symptoms of a return of it?

A.—None, although I don't permit a year to pass without taking some of it.

Q.—You say you told others?

A.—I told Charles F. Wacker of 181 Sixth St., about it on learning he had diabetes. He took it and is entirely well. I told a well-to-do German lady afflicted with Bright's Disease. She had been to Europe for treatment without result. She, too, took it and got well. I've told a great many. I know these Compounds to be certain cures in Bright's Disease and Diabetes. It is so incredible that one has to be cured to be convinced, and it even then dawns on one slowly.

Medical works agree that Bright's Disease and Diabetes are incurable, but 67 per cent. are positively recovering under the Fulton Compounds. (Common forms of kidney complaint and rheumatism offer but short resistance.) Price, $1 for the Bright's Disease and $1.50 for the Diabetic Compound. John J. Fulton Co., 422 Montgomery St., San Francisco, sole compounders. Free tests made for patients. Descriptive pamphlet mailed free.

OWENS & MINOR DRUG CO., Distributors.

ANNAPOLIS CADETSHIPS

Five Young Men Stood Competitive Examination.

AN ELECTION IS ASKED

Petition Presented for Local Option Election in Fredericksburg—Number of Disastrous Fires Near Fredericksburg Recently.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 6.—Congressman W. A. Jones is here to-day looking after the competitive examination for the appointment of a cadet to Annapolis from this district. The examining board is composed of Professor Frank G. Newbill, of Chesapeake Academy, at Irvington; Dr. J. N. Barney, of Fredericksburg College, this city, and Mr. O. L. Shackleford, of Warsaw. There were five applicants from different parts of the district, all bright, ambitious young men. They are G. C. Scarborough, Onancock; H. E. Parsons, Accomac; W. T. Smith, Fredericksburg; H. M. Brent, Heathsville; C. B. Atwell, Kinsales. The result of the examination will be announced later.

The petition of citizens asking for a local option election has been presented to Judge A. T. Embrey, who has taken the same under advisement and will examine fully into it before making known his decision.

Somerset Beach, on the Potomac River, in King George county, has been rented by an organization of colored people, who will make it a summer resort for that race. Excursions will be run from Washington at intervals during the season, and with the addition of local negroes, who swarm there on such occasions, the darkies will hold high carnival during the summer, and probably extra police protection will have to be provided.

Destructive fires have been of frequent occurrence throughout this section during the past few days. Among the most recent residences destroyed were those of Mr. R. J. Pendleton, in Spotsylvania county, which was partially insured; Mr. William Mizingo, with contents, in King George county, and Mr. Andrew Garner's house, also in King George county.

The large store at Mountain View, in Stafford county, conducted by Mr. Ab. O'Bryhim, was consumed by fire early to-day. The building was owned by Mr. William Black.

In a row here last night between a Spotsylvania farmer, white, and Henry Collins, a negro, of this place, the latter received four severe gashes in his body, inflicted with a pocket-knife, requiring about a dozen stitches to stop the flow of blood. The wounds are so severe that they may prove fatal.

INCENDIARY FIRE

Large Storehouse at Allmond's Wharf Burned Yesterday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLOUCESTER C. H., VA., May 6.—The storehouse at Allmond's Wharf, owned by Captain W. W. Allmond, was burned down last night between 11 and 12 o'clock. The fire, when discovered about 11 o'clock, was on the outside of the house, and was thought to be the work of an incendiary. Captain Allmond's son Charles was keeping store in the house. He had just returned from Baltimore and had in quite a full new stock of goods. The house was large and well built. There was some insurance on the house, but none on the stock.

To Inspect the Arkansas.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 6.—The Naval Board of Inspection and Survey arrived at Old Point to-day and will to-morrow inspect the new monitor Arkansas. The board is composed of Captain C. J. Train, president; Captain W. S. Cowles, recorder; Captain C. R. Roelker, Naval Constructor J. J. Woodward and Major C. H. Lauchheimer.

The police have as yet discovered no clue to the identity of the man who struck a sailor off the Olympia named Harney in an alley last night. Harney is recovering and will soon be able to go to his ship.

Married in Washington.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., May 6.—Mr. Charles Edmund Turner and Miss Mary Lucinda Webb and Mr. George Douglas Turner and Miss Floretta May Grimth were married in Washington, D. C., this morning, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parrish. The Messrs. Turner are well known young men of this city. The couples were given a reception to-night at the residence of Mrs. Bettie P. Elliott, in this city.

Stokes—Trainham.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GORDONSVILLE, VA., May 6.—Mr. Alex Stokes, son of Mr. William Stokes, and Miss Ora Trainham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Trainham, all of near Waldrop, Louisa county, were married at the Baptist parsonage, this city, at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. Tupper Wingfield officiating.

Reynolds—Slayton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

VASHTI, VA., May 6.—Miss Blanche Slayton and Mr. Archie Reynolds were married at the home of the bride near Grady.

Shepherd—Wilson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 6.—Miss Fannie Bettie Wilson and Mr. John Shepherd were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents at Buckroe Beach today, Rev. J. Sidney Peters officiating.

BURGLARS WORK ON AMHERST BANK

They Were Evidently Experienced Men, but Were Not Able to Blow Open Safe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST, VA., May 6.—Burglars attempted to blow open the safe of the Bank of Amherst here last night. They entered the building through a rear window, and opened their batteries on the vault. About half an inch hole was drilled in the steel front door, and dynamite or some other explosive inserted, by which the lock and handle of the door were blown off. But no entrance was effected. The robbers, from the manner in which they proceeded, were evidently experienced, but their plans were in some unknown way thwarted before they could get in. The bank will suffer no pecuniary loss by the damage done their vault and safe, as they were insured in the Fidelity and Casualty Company, of New York, while they will be subjected to considerable annoyance until the damage is repaired.