

VIRGINIA NOW IN THE FRIGID ZONE

Streams in Bath County Dry From Drouth and Ground Frozen.

QUESTION OF WATER SERIOUS

Several Falls of Snow in Northern Virginia Block the Roads. No Mail From Richmond.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WARM SPRINGS, VA., Dec. 15.—The water question of this section of Bath county has about reached a dreadful climax. Practically all the wells in this village and a large number of the springs have run dry and families are forced to use from a limited number of springs and carry their water a great distance in some instances. Last winter before any of the rains could be absorbed by the earth, the ground froze tight and consequently most of the water was carried away by the creeks and branches.

Therefore, the ground being so dry, the spring rains had very little effect upon the water courses, then this summer followed with a drought and now, after a small amount of rain last week the earth is frozen about two feet deep, the ground covered with five inches of snow and the mercury registering anywhere from zero to 6 and 8 above day after day. It begins to look as though the people of this section shall yet be great sufferers for the lack of water.

Of course this dry spell has no effect whatever upon the mineral springs, for which Warm Springs is famed, for though dry as it has been, these springs seem to increase if anything.

The cold springs, however, which form the mountain streams and which water the larger part of the people use, are nearly all dry.

Jackson's river is about ceased flowing even and as far west as the Greenbrier River, there is a great scarcity of water, the river having about gone dry.

At Fredericksburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 15.—Snow commenced falling here again this morning, while the old snow already laid on the ground eight inches deep. Sleighing has been good for several days and some of the people in the surrounding counties are preparing to get ice. The snow fell nearly all day and added several inches to the depth.

Twelve Inches.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) STORMONT, VA., Dec. 15.—Snow is now twelve inches deep and steadily falling. Very little traveling can be done at many places as the roads are almost impassable. Many citizens have been caught without fuel in their yards.

Mail Stopped.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DUNNSVILLE, VA., Dec. 15.—A heavy snow storm has been raging all day, making the fifth fall of snow since Friday night and none melting. Game and stock are suffering. No mail came from Richmond to-day on account of the weather.

In Cumberland.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) STODERT, VA., Dec. 15.—Mr. R. L. A. of this place, returned from Pittsylvania county yesterday with his bride, Miss Genoa Shelton, daughter of Mr. R. C. Shelton.

The third snow of the week is falling to-day, now measuring four inches. Few ice ponds had been put in good condition but they can be gathered from those that are left of water.

Fowls and game are faring badly, and eggs are higher and scarcer than they have been for years.

In Pittsylvania.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHATHAM, VA., Dec. 15.—Wednesday the mercury stood at fourteen below freezing. Thursday morning the ground was covered with two inches of snow, with temperature two degrees warmer. This is the coldest for the winter and the third snow.

WEATHER CLOSES SCHOOL

Chester Preparing for a Pleasing Christmas Celebration.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHESTER, VA., Dec. 15.—Owing to the severity of the weather the public school was closed here this morning until January 2d, giving the children a long Christmas holiday. The teacher also has indicated that she expects to leave the village on a trip.

Mrs. Rev. A. C. Jordan and Rev. Mrs. C. N. Priden, a committee appointed by the Methodist Sunday school of this place, invested and perambulated the city of Richmond on Tuesday, to select and purchase gifts for the children of the school at their celebration on the night of the 27th of December, when they propose to "travel" ascending and descending on "Jacob's Ladder," to give an illustration that "every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father of Light," as a true demonstration of the real "Santa Claus," who will precede them on

Special for To-Day and Saturday. Choice of every Child's Suit that sold for \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50, regardless of style or kind, the best there is to be had, at only— \$3.45 BURK & CO. 1003 E. Main St. Makers of the Clothes We Sell.

The night of the 24th in all the homes of the people. The children are being drilled every day now to render their part of praise and thanksgiving on the night of the 27th at the Methodist Church all denominations joining in the glad acclaim. The spirit of the occasion has already gotten into the bones of one of the officers of the school, who has been very modestly and graciously bestowing Christmas turkeys to a number of village friends and parsons.

CHESTERFIELD COURT.

Survey of a Railroad to Tidewater—Feed the Birds. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHESTERFIELD, VA., Dec. 15.—Judge WICKHAM has written the circuit court clerk that he will hold a special term of court to-morrow. Some unfinished business that was continued over from the last term will be engaged for a few hours and the court will then adjourn until February.

The supervisors will meet here next Monday. Messrs. John A. and Charles A. Faunnet, of Ohio, have purchased the old home place of the late Dr. T. Cheatham, near the courthouse, and purpose to establish a poultry business on the farm, which is considered very desirable property.

The county road force is now camped on the premises, being driven temporarily from its work on the courthouse road at Swift Creek Bridge by the rough weather.

An advance agent of the engineering corps recently located in the coal basin of Clover Hill District, was in this neighborhood a day or two ago, presumably to locate a line across the farm, to be a road for a railroad to Tidewater.

Hon. P. V. Cogbill, has been suffering yesterday and to-day with an acute attack of indigestion, but seems to be on the mend.

Mr. H. H. Cogbill, an ardent and successful huntsman, is making some effort to protect the partridges in this vicinity from starvation during the protracted snow.

Lipscomb—Cochran.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 15.—Mr. William H. Lipscomb, a prominent farmer of Charlotte county, and Miss Lillie W. Cochran were married last night at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. W. T. Cochran, in this city. The Rev. T. H. Alhey, of the Baptist Church, officiating. A large crowd of friends was present to witness the ceremony.

Price—McDaniel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 15.—A large gathering of friends was present yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, in this city, to witness the marriage of Mr. Harry G. Price and Miss Edna Earl McDaniel, which was performed by the Rev. S. J. Ligan, of the Methodist Protestant Church. The groom is a well-to-do Campbell county farmer, and immediately after the ceremony the couple left for their future home, near Gladys.

Sheppard—Banks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 15.—Miss Lillian W. Banks and Dr. Smith Sheppard, of West Virginia, were quietly married yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Banks, of Madison.

Oesterheld—Skinner.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 15.—Mr. Frederick W. Oesterheld, of Caroline county, and Miss Alice Yerby Skinner, of this city, were united in marriage here last night.

People in Hanover.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FANSHAU, VA., Dec. 15.—Mr. James Wickham, of Sneed Swamp, has been very ill, but he is considerably better. Also Mr. Henry Wickham, his son, has been under the doctor, but has improved very much.

Miss Judy C. Lessell has been visiting her relatives near Montpellier, but has returned to the city to her usual work as clerk.

Mr. W. J. Edgeston, near here, got a nice price for his tobacco. He got \$12, \$15 and \$19. I think it was a real good price.

Chickering Pianos. Head the list of three floors of pianos that practical piano men have selected to please the eye and ear of the most exacting musicians. Knabe Parlor Grand will be sold at a sacrifice. We must sell it, and will accept the first reasonable offer. Fergusson Bros., 11 W. Broad Street. Dealers in the Better Grades of PIANOS.

OUTRIABLE GOODS ON BOARD S. CRUISER. Several Boxes Confiscated on the Warship San Francisco. CONSTERNATION ON BOARD. Officer Begs Customs Officer Not to Molest Goods, Pleading Ignorance of the Law.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 15.—Deputy Collector R. M. Smith, stationed at Old Point Comfort, Wednesday boarded the cruiser San Francisco, and confiscated several boxes of dutiable goods which, it is said, were being smuggled into this country.

The San Francisco came here from Japan via Gibraltar, and before she reached Hampton Roads, the customs officials in this port were notified that she was suspected of having dutiable goods on board. It is said that the visit of the customs officer created consternation on board the cruiser.

Just what transpired, is not known, but when Deputy Collector Smith came ashore he had three boxes containing ostrich feathers, decorated Japanese ware, costly Japanese fans and other dutiable goods. It is said that the boxes were consigned to a Baltimore firm, and it is supposed that they would have been smuggled ashore and sent to their destination at the first favorable opportunity.

It is said that one of the officers of the ship pleaded with the collector not to confiscate the goods, pleading that there was no time to inform the government, and that the officers were ignorant of the customs law. An investigation probably will follow.

PHOEBUS AFFAIRS.

Weather Stops Street Work. Lodge Officers Elected. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PHOEBUS, VA., December 15.—The sidewalk paving, which has been going on at a lively rate during the past month, on Mellen and Mallory Streets, has come to a sudden stop, by frost and snow.

The larger part of Mellen Street is already completed, which adds very much to the beauty of the street. The Hampton Roads Electric Railway Company has completed its track to Old Point, and cars are being regularly run as far as the Sherwood Hotel.

Monte Lodge, No. 17, A. F. and A. M., will install the following officers on St. John's night, December 27th: Joseph Vitale, worshipful master; Thomas King, senior warden; W. H. Power, junior warden; J. D. Winne, secretary; E. M. Tennis, treasurer; John Ackerman, senior deacon; P. F. Furness, junior deacon; William Baugh, W. F. Larrabee, A. M. Hanger, trustees.

Old Point Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers last night: W. B. Floyd, noble grand; W. H. Sterling, vice-grand; A. D. Johnson, recording secretary; M. H. Haas, financial secretary; E. S. Wallace, treasurer; E. S. Goddard, chaplain; E. S. Wallace, M. H. Haas, J. D. Winne, trustees.

NEW U. S. DISTRICT.

One to be Formed to be Known as the Middle Virginia District. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., December 15.—Judge Henry Clay McDowell, who succeeded the late John Paul as judge of the United States Courts for the Western District of Virginia, has drafted a bill which is to be introduced in Congress by Representative Siemp, for the creation of another judicial district, to be known as the Middle District of Virginia, which will abolish the court of that jurisdiction at Harrisonburg.

The new court will be established at Charlottesville, and these counties will compose the district: Frederick, Warren, Shenandoah, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick, Charlotte, Campbell, Bedford, Appomattox, Cumberland, Giles, Rockbridge, Bath, Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Greene, Madison, Page and Rappahannock.

The bill provides that the present judge of the Western District, shall be judge of the new district, but it is provided that the district attorney and his assistant and the marshal of the Western District shall continue to exercise their duties in that district.

SUFFOLK LOT SALES.

Twenty Thousand Dollars' Worth Sold in a Snow-Storm. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 15.—Despite the heavy snow, the Consolidated Realty Company, whose principal capitalists live at St. Mary's and Phillip, V. Va., and at Norfolk, Va., to-day concluded a two day sale of real estate, in public auction 113 lots at an aggregate of \$20,000. The corporation purchased a near-by peanut farm a few months ago, and by advertising it had sold more than enough lots to pay the purchase price, and yet have left more than half of the interesting lots. The advertising was based chiefly on the fact that the lots were the consequent embellishments.

Accepts a Call.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 15.—Rev. Joseph F. Billingsley, of Pittsylvania county, has accepted a call to Mt. Hope Baptist Church, in Caroline county, and will begin his duties on the second Sunday in January.

Asthma and Hay Fever Cured

The truly marvelous cures of Asthma which are being effected by Dr. Schiffman's Asthma Cure certainly call for notice. Rev. G. L. Taylor, of Washburn, Ill., says: "Some 7 years ago my wife used several packages of your Asthma Cure which resulted in a permanent cure."

A Hay Fever sufferer writes: "I have been suffering from Hay Fever for over 20 years, and it seemed harder every year. The first night I used your Asthma Cure, I was greatly relieved. It cured my cough after using a few times. I shall recommend it to all sufferers of Hay Fever." Mrs. Martha Simerson, Langesburg, Mich.

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NAVAL TUG GOES TO THE BOTTOM

Sunk in the Night and the Crew Had a Narrow Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., December 15.—The United States naval tug Mohawk sank at her mooring at the navy yard to-day. One of the deck hands, who stuck to the whistle cord, blowing signals of distress until the vessel went down, was rescued with difficulty by other members of the crew, who had sought safety on the wharf, when the tug was first discovered to be settling. When the fireman of the Mohawk went on deck this morning he noticed that the boat was low in the water, and called the remainder of the tug's complement. It was found that the Mohawk was making water rapidly, and the efforts were made to secure her to the wharf and prevent her sinking. In the meanwhile the deck hand held down the whistle and did not let go until the boat had gone under. No reason can be assigned for the Mohawk's sinking.

Admiral Harrington this afternoon ordered a court of inquiry to investigate the sinking of the Mohawk, consisting of the following officers: Captain Howard, Captain Smith and Commander Theiss.

The body convened at once in the administration building and had before it all the witnesses in the case, consisting of several members of the crew of the tug Alce, who were aboard the Mohawk last night, and the deck hands and the foreman of the Mohawk's crew.

It appears that Quartermaster Miller was in charge of the tug and on watch at the time the Mohawk sank. Machinist Markham was aboard and two deck hands, Brown and Salsburg, were sleeping in the forward peak.

Fortune, who was in the pilot house and sounded the siren as long as the tug was afloat. The alarm brought out the watch and guard but nothing could be done to prevent the sinking of the tug. She went down in deep water, and only a few feet of her tall funnel is visible.

The opinion is held in some quarters that the sinking of the tug may be more than an accident.

Representatives of twenty mills, controlling practically the entire output of Virginia and North Carolina pine lumber, met here to-day and decided not to make any change in the scale of prices, which became effective November 16th.

An invitation to the North Carolina Pine Association from the Secretary of Agriculture, to attend the American Forestry Congress in Washington, January 2d to 6th, 1905, was accepted, and a delegation named to represent the association.

BOYS IN GIRLS' TOGS ON ACADEMY BOARDS

High School Pupils Present "Triss" for Benefit of Retreat.

The Richmond High School Literary Association last night presented "Triss" at the Academy, the performance being for the benefit of the Retreat for the Sick.

Notwithstanding the weather conditions there was quite a large audience present, the balcony being crowded with pupils of the High School, the girls among them being very curious to see the young men of the school impersonate female roles.

They saw, and their curiosity was no doubt satisfied. The early days of the English drama must have tried the patience of the audiences. To play acceptably the role of a woman, one must understand the sex, and if gray-beards candidly admit that their years have brought with them very little knowledge of the feminine nature, it cannot be expected that school boys would be very apt at portraying types of womanhood.

When a man puts his feet inside of skirts, the result is going to be a travesty.

The High School boys gave a very creditable performance, considering their years, and they may be forgiven for wearing their sisters' clothes. A few of the High School girls in the female roles would have been much more respectable.

When there are so many girls, why put boys in skirts.

Of course, the girls will have the laugh on the boys, for the remainder of this session.

The cast was as follows: Hank Jordan, James B. Avery; Nat Webber, Warren A. Fortaux; John Hamlin, Alvin B. Hutter; Judge Annulus Lovetoddy, Edwin N. Ezekiel; Hallelujah Billy, Bascom Rowlett; Zenas Grimes, Ralph Ludwig; Susie Smith, Clara Evans; Mrs. Robt. Merton Rosenbaum; Miss Penelope Prim, Merton Rosenbaum; Triss, Henry Staples.

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