SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Roses.

Roses, love, just roses,
One—two—three;
No one, though, supposes
What they mean to me.
Lily, lilac, lotus,
Jasmine, heliotrope,
Pansy, poppy, primrose,
Hawthorn, bud of Hope—
All these in our garden
Find a spot to bloom,
Lending it their beauty
Or their sweet perfume.
Still I think of roses,
Yellow, red, and white,
In them is reflected
Something of the night
When a timid question,
Braving fate, I ask,
(Why should I have dreaded
Such a pleasant task?)
Something of the glory
Of a silver moon
With the earth reclining
In the arms of June;
Something of the candor
In your guileless eyes—
Reflected there the color
God gave summer skies
As you pluck the roses,
Offer them and say:
"Thus my troth is plighted
Ever and a day."

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Roses, love, just roses,
Withered, faded, dried—
When the album closes
In its leaves they hide.

—Howard Saxby, Jr., in Sunset Magazine.

Simons—Phillips.

The Norfolk Public Ledger of Friday says:

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Phillips, corner Tenth and Granby streets, when their daughter, Lottie H., was married to Mr. W. J. Simons, of Suffolk, Va., The ceremony was performed at 5 o'clock by the Rev. E. E. Dudley, pastor of Central Baptist church, Ghent.

Mr. and Mrs. Simons left yesterday afternoon for a Northern tour, including Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Return to Washington.

The Secretary of the Interior and his daughter, Miss Annie Hitchcock, whose engagement to Lieut. Commander Sims, U. S. N., has just been announced, will return to their Washington home on the 26th of this month. Miss Anne Hitchcock always precedes her mother and sister to and from their summer home in Dublin, N. H., to oversee the household affairs.

Two Duchesses.

The Washington Post of yesterday says: "We are to have two Duchesses of Marlborough with us in this country soon. Her grace Lily, the dowager, came over a few days ago, and next week her grace Consuelo, the reigning Duchess, will be here. Society is making great preparations to receive the former Miss Vanderbilt. Among the most elaborate entertainments as yet arranged in her honor is the dinner to be given by Mrs. Clarence Mackay. Mrs. Mackay was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of the Duchess, her school friend, almost ten years ago.

"After dinner Wahay Franko, one of the conductors at the Metropolitan Opera House, and the opera house orchestra of sixty musicians, will give an interesting concert. Probably not more than sixty guests will be present, so there will be a musician to each guest. The guests will be the smartest set in the smart set. The dinner will be served at one great table.

"The musicale will be in the great stone hall, the feature of the Mackay house. This extends from the ground to the roof, and the solid stone walls are hung with tapestry and trophies of the hunt.

"The Duchess of Marlborough will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, who has a home near Hempstead."

Pouder—Carter.

Of interest to Virginians is the following from the Baltimore American:

The nuptials of Miss Carolyn Margaret Carter, of Lancaster county, Va., and Mr. J. Monroe Pouder, of Baltimore, were celebrated at Kilmarnock Baptist Church, Kilmarnock, Va., on Thursday, September 7, 1905, at 6 P. M. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. M. Clabrook, pastor of the church. Just before the ceremony Miss Lillian Crawley sang "Call Me Thine Own," accompanied by Miss Elise Smith, who also played the wedding march. The church was beautifully decorated. The bridal party stood under a double floral arch formed of evergreens, ferns and roses. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. E. Jay Carter, was gowned in ivory satin and chiffon and wore a tulle veil, caught by a wild rose sunburst, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and maidenhair fern. She was attended by her sister, Miss Helen M. Chilton, as maid of honor, whose costume was point d'esprit, over taffeta, and whose bouquet was of pink roses. The bridesmaids were Misses Olive Shorey, of Baltimore; Mary Carter, Carrie Kampe and Emma Sherman, of Lancaster county, Va., who were attired in point d'esprit over taffeta and carried bouquets of asters and ferns. Misses Mary Edmonds, of Mobile, Ala.; Margaret Carter and little Margaret A. Fie acted as flower girls and wore dainty frocks of silk and lace. The groom was attended by his brother-in-law, T. Herbert Fie, of Baltimore, as best man. The ushers were Messrs. Harry Carter, brother of the bride; Robin Norris, Miles C. Shorey, Clarence Bailey and Charles Praeger, of Baltimore. As the bridal party proceeded to the altar the ribbons were held back by Masters Marvin Carter, brother of the bride, and T. Clifton Buck, Jr. The ceremony was followed by a large reception at the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Pouder left for a tour to Buffalo, Niagara and Atlantic City. The bride is from one of the oldest and most aristocratic families of Virginia, being a direct descendant of Martha Washington on the maternal side, and King Carter, who settled in Virginia in the fifteenth century. The groom, who is a son of the late James Monroe Pouder, is from the well known Maryland families of Evertields and Claggetts. Mr. and Mrs. Pouder will reside at Forest Park, Baltimore.

Hop at the Chambelin.

The hop last evening at the Chamberlin Hotel was as usual greatly enjoyed by all who participated. Among those present were Captain and Mrs. Denis Mahan, U. S. N.; Captain and Mrs. A. B. Willets, U. S. N.; Mrs. Boorman, Miss Boorman, Miss Brodie, of Washington; Miss Susie Perkins, Miss Pauline Perkins, Miss Virginia Willets, Miss Lizzie Allen, Miss Francis Page, of Winchester, Va.; Miss Denise Mahan, Miss Julia Johnston, Miss Dorothy Kincaid, Miss Louise Jones, Miss Louise Herbert, of Richmond; Miss Margaret Pannill, Miss Amy Wentworth, Miss Emily Johnston, Mabel Hemmingway, Messrs. Claud Bain, Thomas Kincaid, Frank Hitch, Herman Allyn, William Bruce, Mabroy Hart, Fitz Hudgins, William Law, Captain Burton, U. S. N.; Dr. Tolfree, U. S. N.; Midshipman Cox, Midshipman McScheehy, Midshipman Glover, U. S. N.; Mr. William Dey, Mr. Randolph Cooke and Mr. Philip Prescott.

Hubbard—Lewis.

Among the weddings of the week will be that of Miss Alice Lewis to Mr. George Hubbard, to take place Wednesday, September 20, at St. Patrick's Church.

O'Sullivan—O'Neal.

Another marriage at St. Patrick's will occur on Wednesday, September 20th, when Miss Katie O'Neal will become the wife of Mr. Denny O'Sullivan.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Frank Davenport has returned from the White Sulphur.

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Mrs. J. Stewart Bryan will return to the city next week.

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Miss Isabel Walker has returned to Richmond and will resume her studies at Richmond College.

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Mrs. A. E. Brown is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, of Newport News.

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Miss Virginia Lee Patterson is visiting Mss Hannah More, of Newport News.

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Miss Julie Osterloh, who has been the guest of Miss Josephine Page at Hawk's Nest, W. Va., has returned to the city.

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Mr. J. Allison has returned from the mountains of North Carolina.

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The Misses Binford will reopen their dancing class on October first, at 908 Floyd Avenue.

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Mr. Herbert Mann has returned from a visit to his brother, Colonel James Mann, of Norfolk.

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Miss Annie Sutton is visiting her brother in Newport News.

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Miss Louise Rennie is the guest of Mrs. Joseph Rennie in Norfolk.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clowes are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Todd in Ghent.

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Miss Bessie Murray, who has been visiting friends here, has returned to her home in Norfolk.

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Mrs. F. T. Fauntleroy and daughter, Rowena, are at Willoughby Beach for September.

An Old-Time Fox Hunt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CLARKSVILLE, VA., September 17.—Mr. R. W. Elam, J. W. Baptist and Will Elam, with a pack of thirty-seven hounds, and several of their friends, spent a portion of the week on Staunton river in Halifax county, Va., giving chase to old Reynard in the mornings. In the evenings a few of the older ones gathered around the camp fire to watch the cooking of an old Virginia Brunswick stew, or barbecue, while the younger ones gathered in an old log cabin near by and shuffled in company with the fair sex of that region the light fantastic to the strains of a string band, whose melody could only be excelled by the voice of the hounds. The hunt began the 12th and closed the 16th, seven foxes were killed, three reds and four grays. Mason Elam was master of the hounds, assisted by Howard Harris.

Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 605.

ON A CERTAIN LADY AT COURT.

By ALEXANDER POPE.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

I KNOW a thing that's most uncommon;
(Envy, be silent and attend!)
I know a reasonable woman,
Handsome and witty, yet a friend.

Not warped by passion, awed by rumor;
Not grave through pride, nor gay through folly,
An equal mixture of good-humor
And sensible soft melancholy.

"Has she no faults, then (Envy says), sir?"
Yes, she has one, I must aver:
When all the world conspires to praise her,
The woman's deaf and does not hear.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

NOT JUST HIS IDEA.

He—It will have to be love in a cottage.
She—Oh, Charles, a cottage at Newport?

WERE MARRIED IN A PRINTING OFFICE

Second Ceremony of the Kind in Lynchburg Within a Week.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 17.—Another marriage took place Friday afternoon in the printing office of Liggon and Holt, the senior member of the firm, Rev. S. J. Liggon, a minister in the Methodist Protestant Church, being the officiating preacher. The contracting parties were Mr. Thomas A. Padgett, the assistant engineer at the City Water Works, and Miss Roxie Elizabeth Freeman, an attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Freeman, all of this city. The bridal party drove to the office, and the ceremony followed immediately.

Mrs. Lillie Turner was the matron of honor, and Mr. D. A. Driskill, of this city, the best man.

This is the second marriage that has taken place in this office during the past week, each time Rev. Mr. Liggon leaving his case long enough to tie the knot.

Pamplin Personals.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PAMPLIN CITY, VA., September 17.—Mr. W. D. Hix, who was a delegate from Appomattox to the Farmers' Congress in Richmond this week, has returned to his home at Hixsburg, near here.

Major M. L. Bonham, Jr., who has been visiting in Pamplin, has left to take his position in the High school of Richmond.

The Misses Pugh, who have been visiting here, have returned to their home near Madisonville.

Mr. J. F. Davis, who has been spending some time with his brother, N. A. Davis, agent of the N. and W. railroad here, has left to accept a position on the same railroad at Wellville.

Mrs. Franklin, wife of Rev. J. H. Franklin, of Kansas City, Mo., who has been on a protracted visit to her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Franklin, here, has left for a visit to her sister, Mrs. S. H. Franklin, of Lynchburg, until Thursday next, when she will return home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Franklin will leave Monday for a few weeks' visit to their relatives in Fayette county, West Virginia. Miss Kate M. Franklin, their daughter, who has spent her vacation here, will leave with them to take charge of her musical school at Eckman, West Virginia.

Miss Lillian Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Payne, this place, has accepted a position as teacher of music in Buchanan, West Virginia, to which place she has gone.

The series of meetings which have been going on for the past week in the Methodist church here, conducted by Rev. Mr. Walker, of Lunenburg C. H., were largely attended and resulted in the conversion of ten persons, seven of whom have already joined the church, and others may do so.

Chautauqua a Success.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, TENN., September 17.—The first session of the Tennessee Chautauqua, conducted here by Dr. W. L. Davidson, closed last night. It was a brilliant success. The people of Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee heard, during the time, some of the leading entertainers of the country. Dr. William Spurgeon, of Cardiff, Wales, was the only lecturer from abroad to appear at this Chautauqua.

RACE TO FINISH BIG WARSHIPS NOW RAPIDLY NEARING THE END

Entire Country Watching Contest Between Government and Private Yards to See Which Will Complete Work First.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 17.—As the work on the battleships Connecticut and Louisiana grows nearer the finishing point, the race that is on between them assumes more and more the characteristics of an eyelash finish in a hotly contested horse race. The stake that is up is a big one, and the spectators are the thousands throughout the civilized world who are interested in matters pertaining to naval architecture.

As has been told before, Congress wanted to decide whether a warship could be built more advantageously by private contract or by the government itself. To do this it decided to put one out by private contract and the other by a government navy yard. The New York navy yard was assigned the task of building the Connecticut and the Newport News Shipbuilding Company was awarded the contract to build the Louisiana. It was understood that there was to be a race from the first, and both sides settled down to make the best showing possible. For a while it looked as if the Liuisiana would be finished away ahead of the Connecticut. It was launched first and had a splendid lead. Then the Connecticut began making gains, and about four months ago it had overtaken and passed the Louisiana. Since then the race has been neck and neck, first one vessel being ahead and then the other. Each monthly report of the Bureau of Construction and Repair has shown a very close contest. Last month the Connecticut was in the lead, having taken the place of the Louisiana during the work preceding the issuance of the monthly statement. At that time the Connecticut was 83.67 per cent. completed, and the Louisiana 82.[illegible] per cent., or nearly one per cent. Since then the builders of the Louisiana have gotten very busy, and have taken the lead away from the Connecticut again, and lengthened it very considerably in their own behalf since the last monthly statement was given out. The new statement, issued to-day, shows that on the first day of September the Louisiana was 86.40 per cent. completed and the Connecticut 86.15 per cent. The work on the Connecticut progressed 2.48 per cent. during the month of August, and that on the Louisiana 3.59 per cent. This shows that the Louisiana gained 1.11 per cent. on the Connecticut during the month, or, in other words, that one and a half times as much work was done on the Louisiana as was done on the Connecticut. At that ratio the Louisiana would win out by a considerable margin. But it is not safe to predict that this will be done. The outcome will be in doubt until the very end, and even then it will require the analysis of naval experts and the trying out of the boats themselves to tell just what the net result will be.

There is much at stake in the contest. If the result of it shall show that the government can build its own battleships more advantageously than the private contractors could do, there is little room to doubt that hereafter there would be more and more vessels built by the government, and just that many less by private contract. Union labor is interested in the outcome, as the government navy yards are essentially conducted on open shop principles.

If the result of the contest shall be to the advantage of the government navy yards, there is every probability that the Norfolk navy yard will in the future get some more work than it is now getting. Mr. Maynard has been trying for some years to get several new jobs for the Norfolk yard. He would likely have succeeded in having the Connecticut built there but for the fact that the yard was not sufficiently equipped for the work.

SLEMPS TRYING TO OUST LEWIS?

Growing Impression in Washington That This is the Case.

HENRY MAY SUCCEED HAY

Curious Condition in Both Republican and Democratic Ranks.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 17.—The impression seems to be growing that the Slemps would be glad to throw Judge Lewis overboard and run the State Republican machine without suggestion or help from the candidate, either now or hereafter. The acceptance of the resignation of Judge Lewis as district attorney looks as if he will be out entirely when the campaign ends and Mr. Swanson is seen to have thirty thousand majority. Several Virginia Republicans seen here in the past week have expressed the opinion that it was the desire of the Slemps to rid themselves of Lewis and run the State without help or suggestion from anybody.

It is regarded as likely, however, that the President has his mind made up to take care of Judge Lewis, though not by appointing him to an office in Virginia, possibly, for it does not appear that there is anything left down there that the judge would have. Mr. Roosevelt is believed to be determined to give Judge Lewis some appointment in Washington or in the foreign service.

It is believed the Slemps would be glad enough to have the judge taken from Virginia. They do not like anything resembling a division of power.

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The question of rate regulation is being met by the railroads with reduction in rates, according to a railroad man of this city, who pays close attention to railway affairs all over the country, as well as to legislation proposed for the fixing of charges by the national government through a commission. The Great Northern has reduced grain rates from one-half to five cents, according to distance, and, at the same time, has advanced the wages of employes. Other roads of the Northwest have followed the example of the Great Northern, and the farmers are now having their grain moved more cheaply than in a long time. It is said there have been several instances of reduction in rates during the past two or three months, which lend color to the report that the roads will meet agitation for rate legislation with general reduction in charges all over the country.

But, it is believed the roads feel so sure there will not be any law passed which will seriously affect them that there will not be any very great changes in rates. The roads have been making a formidable campaign against such legislation ever since the adjournment of Congress last spring. A press bureau has been maintained in New York and literature arguing against a law to give the government the power to fix freight and passenger charges has been scattered all over the country. It is said this has had a marked effect. In addition, men employed in the legal and advertising departments of the big roads have been constituted press agents and they have done their work well. The sentiment against railroad legislation, according to the railroad men, will not be so strong as it was last winter.

If this be true, the chances for anything like a radical legislation are slim. With such a strong sentiment in favor of the enactment of a law to regulate rates last year, the sole result was the passage of the Esch-Townsend bill through the House, and the Senate never took any action at all. The bill passed by the House of Representatives was but a makeshift, which would not have afforded scarcely any relief whatever to the shipper. It is impossible to forecast the character of the legislation at the coming session with anything like accuracy until the attitude of the President on the subject as developed in his annual message.

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It is said that Hon. John Sharpe Williams, the leader of the minority on the floor of the House, who will have the appointment of Democratic members of standing committees will select Representative John A. Sullivan, of the Eleventh Massachusetts District, for the vacancy on the Committee on Ways and Means, created by the retirement of Mr. Swanson. Mr. Williams and Mr. Sullivan have been very close friends for some years. It was said that the minority leader was chiefly responsible for the very vicious attack which Mr. Sullivan made on Mr. Hearst at the last session. The Mississippian has about as much use for Mr. Hearst as the stand-patters have for Champ Clark, or less.

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A curious condition of affairs exists in both the Republican and the Democratic parties. The most distinguished member of each refuses to consider taking the nomination to the presidency in 1908. Mr. Roosevelt has reiterated his declaration, made the night of the election last fall, that he would not be a candidate again, and Mr. Bryan now says he will not accept the nomination. Fairbanks, Shaw, Taft, Root, all are being talked of by the Republicans as a candidate three years hence. The Democrats have no man of pre-eminence in the party save Mr. Bryan. Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, and ex-Mayor Carter Harrison, of that city, have been mentioned by several Democratic papers in connection with the Democratic nomination. It would be most surprising if either captured it. A Southern man might be nominated; it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that a Southern Democrat will be placed on the ticket.

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It begins to look now as though Secretary Shaw would be the only Republican from outside Virginia who will take a part in the Republican campaign down there this fall. Mr. Yerkes says his throat is not in good condition, and Secretary Taft slipped away to the Philippines, and is staying there. Secretary Shaw will have to go down and make a few speeches—enough, at any rate, to insure that the delegation from Virginia to the next Republican convention will be solidly for Shaw for the presidency. Possibly Vice-President Fairbanks will take time to go on the stump a few times for Judge Lewis, but it was stated a day or two ago that he did not expect to be able to make any campaign speeches in the Old Dominion this year. The absurd story sent out from here that the President would depart from the unbroken custom of the White House since the foundation of the government, and take part in the Virginia campaign, was never credited in well informed circles.

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Representative Hay says he supposes there is no doubt that Representative Henry, of Texas, will succeed him as chairman of the Democratic caucus. "I do not care for the place any longer," said Mr. Hay.

Mr. Hay has not been in fullest accord with Representative Williams, the minority leader, and knew of the attempts of some to induce Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, to contest with the Mississippian for the honor. It is believed that Judge DeArmond plans to stand for the leadership next session. Mr. Williams will be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Money next year. The nomination will be made in a State primary, like the one just held in Virginia. Governor Vardaman will attempt to capture the plum and Mississippians here say there is a good chance that he will succeed; so good a one, in fact, that it is extremely doubtful whether Mr. Williams will come to the upper house. It is not believed he will be a candidate for the Senate, and for his seat in the house at the same time, so it is possible, and indeed probable, that he will not stand for election to the house again. This would, it is believed, give Judge DeArmond a clear field for the leadership.

FASHION IN COSTUMES FOR CANINE PETS

Week End Resort for Delicate Dogs After the Strain of the London Season.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York Herald.)

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LONDON, Sept. 17.—Fashions in costumes for canine pets are now occupying the attention of the London women who own dogs.

According to a woman who "does" dogs for titled people in addition to conducting at Pinner a week-end fresh air resort for stylish canines whose delicate constitutions are not equal to the continuous strain of a London season, there is now a wardrobe which is complete in all its details for driving in the park or making calls.

Doggy should wear a neat tailor made coat to supersede the sealskin jackets of last winter, designed to protect the dog's chest while in a carriage or automobile. The handkerchief, by the way—and every well cared for pet has one—is now some times carried in a purse at the end of the leash.

Then, again, to be thoroughly in the fashion, the dog's silk or satin bow must be of rather massive proportions, worn at the side of the face, under the ear, not on top of the head, besides the shade of the dog's bow must match some prominent feature in his mistress' attire, generally the trimming on the hat. This rule often causes great anxiety, because only certain colors will match pet's coat. Blue, pink, red does well with black poodle; blue is preferred for Blenheims, but any color may be used for black and tans, except green.

Perfumes are simpler—my lady invariably has her darling perfumed with the scent she herself uses.

There is little new to report in the matter of dog jewelry. In some cases gold bracelets set with gems are worn on the fore paws. Of course, jewelled collars, bearing the owner's crest, when there are crests, still remain stylish. Boots are quite gone out of fashion. It was found they made dogs' feet look longer than they actually were.

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A SHAPE FOR EVERY FIGURE

MERCER MONUMENT.

Work of Excavation Begins—To Have Big Fair—Personal.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 17.—The work of excavation on Washington Avenue preparatory to the erection of the beautiful Mercer Monument, in this city by the United States Government this fall, has begun.

Active preparations are in progress for the Agricultural Fair to be held in this city, beginning September 26th, and continuing three days. A fine band of music from Washington has been engaged, diversions and attractions, such as balloons, side shows and similar performances have been booked, and the races are expected to be of unusual interest. The Fair here, with good weather, is always largely attended, from five to seven thousand people being present usually on the second day. The exhibition this year will be the nineteenth successive Fair, and all of them have been successful.

The lawn party given here Thursday night in the church-yard of the Baptist church by the Young Woman's Mission Band was so successful that the sum of $90 was realized for church purposes.

The annual shoot of the Rappahannock Gun Club will take place at Rappahannock Academy, in Caroline county, on Saturday, September 23d, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. There will be three twenty-five target events. Prizes are offered to the amount of $150. There are two traps, and the event is looked forward to with interest.

Mr. G. E. Waugh, a prominent farmer of Orange county, lost a few days ago, from hydrophobia, one milch cow and several hogs, which had been bitten by a dog suffering from rabies.

Mrs. Jane C. Washburne, of Martinsburg, W. Va., has moved here with her family to educate her children at Fredericksburg College.

Mr. F. W. Coleman, a prominent young attorney of this city, who has been ill with typhoid fever for some weeks at the home of his parents, in Caroline county, is convalescent.

Affairs in Northampton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

EASTVILLE, NORTHAMPTON CO., VA., September 17.—The marriage of Mr. John H. Turner and Miss Lillian R. Tilghman, both of the upper part of this county, took place at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening. The interesting event was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives. The bride is the daughter of Mr. W. B. H. Tilghman, a successful business man of the county. Mr. Walter L. Hamilton and Miss Jennie W. Charnock, both of the lower part of this county, were married Wednesday, Rev. J. W. Reames, of the Baptist church, officiating.

Mr. John W. Carroll, formerly of Cape Charles City, has been a visitor in the county this week. While here he made the sale of his nice Cape Charles home to Mrs. Lottie Garrison, of that town. Mr. Carroll will move his family to Chicago, where he has a position with the Michigan Central railway.

Mr. Johnson, living in the lower part of this county, was struck by a passing train at Bayview crossing Friday and narrowly escaped with his life. He was greatly injured and his conveyance was demolished.

Messrs. Allworth and Ellis, druggists of this place, have dissolved partnership, Mr. V. P. Ellis having sold his interest in the business to Mr. W. B. Trower. Mr. Ellis will remove to Norfolk.

Rev. C. A. Thomas, rector of the Episcopal churches of this county, has returned from spending his vacation visiting relatives in Indiana.

Miss Jacquelin Ware, of Culpeper, arrived to-day on a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Nottingham, of this place.

Around Belona.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BELONA, VA., September 17.—The people of the village are busy preparing for the opening of schools. Miss Hawks will begin her work in the public school in a few days.

Mr. Hutson Rudd will leave next week for Fork Union academy.

Miss Mattie Thraves has just left for the State Normal school.

The pupils of Oak Grove academy are coming in. Woork will begin in this promising new school September 20. The beautiful new building is nearing completion and the principal expects a happy and prosperous term.

Mrs. E. A. Rauch and daughter, Miss Birdie, are visiting friends and relatives in Richmond.

Miss Katie Burch, who has been visiting in the village, has returned to her home in Richmond.

Misses French and Parke Patton, of Ashland, are visiting Miss Pattie Hobson.

The Belona library is growing. Many books have recently been contributed by friends and the treasurer has added many purchased with the membership fees.

An entertainment will be given to-night in the Belona hall for the benefit of the library.

Mrs. Spence Hobson, who has been ill with typhoid fever in Culpeper county, is convalescent and her husband hopes to bring her home very soon.

Miss Annie Williams, who has been visiting her uncle, Mr. E. A. Baugh, left this morning for her home at Jefferson, Va.

AMERICAN STAGE IN FRENCH EYES

Paris Temps Publishes a Review of Dramatic Art Here From Notes By Mr. Grau.

MOST PLAYS FROM EUROPE

Some Astonishing Information Contained in Article, Owing to Blunder By Adapter.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York Herald.)

PARIS, September 17.—Before Paris theatres reopen the Temps has been entertaining its readers with reviews of the dramatic art in other countries, concluding with an article on the American stage from notes supplied by M. Maurice Grau. He says:

"America's dramatic art, though still young, is distinguished by its absorption of the mature talent of all races going to make the American people. On the other hand, it may be said that an American dramatic art does not axist, for people with business cares look on the theatre only as providing amusement after the day's work.

"Although many plays are produced in America, most are of European importation. But as the people have an intuitive love of the beautiful, certain banal dramas and operas, successful in Europe, have failed to draw in America."

This article makes certain reserves as to American dramatists, hinting that there are too many adaptations, but none whatever concerning the artists, who are "truly astonishing." Americans, in spite of statements to the contrary, have considerable taste on the stage. They want the best and most magnificent. No truly great artist ever failed turning to the lyrical stage.

Poor Field for Opera Comique.

The article states that Americans little appreciate the opera comique, as understood in France, their taste oscillating between opera and opereaat. With regard to the former, touring companies triumph for the reason that the country is poor in good voices, male especially.

After referring to his Italian seasons at the Metropolitan, M. Grau lays stress on the fact that he has given a preponderating place to French works and artists. In twelve years he never produced an American opera, not because he despised their productions, but none in his particular field seemed worthy of production. Moreover, for American artists are more important than authors. On this point education has to be made entirely. Vaudeville and musical comedy do much harm to opera.

In conclusion, M. Grau has great hopes for the future of America. She will have to stage, combining all origins, Shakespeare, Schiller, Moliere, Calderon, Goldini, and Ibsen.

The adapter of M. Grau's notes made sad blunders in the names, leading the New York Herald's European edition editorially to comment thus:

"Possibly American readers may regret that only passing reference is made to people of whom fuller particulars would be acceptable. One's appetite for information is merely whetted, not appeased, by the brief allusion to 'the celebrated Auguste Daly, who frequently presents his repertoire at the Theatre Francais.' Certainly he cannot refer to the late Augustin Daly, unless he continues to present his repertoire by wireless telegraphy from the world beyond the grave.

"One would like to learn more of the native dramatist 'Elisafitch,' of the popular comedian counted among the national glories of America, Mr. 'Gilded Fool, of the actress, Mrs. Batis,' who appeared in a Chinese play for many years in succession of the estimable comedy, 'Alabama in Mizzoura,' a geographical miracle only Americans can fully appreciate.

"In a second chapter of his memoirs, M. Grau may gratify public curiosity on these and other matters. He may explain, for example, what was going on at the New York Academy of Music, in 1881, when Patti was singing at 'Castel Garden,' and Mme. Sembrich at the 'Metropolitan, or, why American theatregoers attribute the authorship of 'Trilby' to Mr. Paul Potter, when, according to the Temps, that honor is due to Mr. 'Gillet.'

"American composers, as Mr. Grau claims, may be chiefly remarkable for their complete ignorance of music, though the statement will surprise the admirers of Messrs. Dudley Buck, J. K. Paine, MacDowell Parker and many other apparently learned musicians, but an American audience likes only what is best and knows how to distinguish it from what is mediocre."