

Miller & Rhoads

Women's Sweaters

One Quarter to One-Half Under Value.

We thought winter would begin before it did, and bought a big stock of Golf Vests and Sweaters. Cold weather is here, and likely to stay—but the Sweaters have to go.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Sweaters, now \$1.00	\$2.50 and \$3.00 Sweaters, now \$1.50	Golf Vests, now \$1.95	\$1.25 Golf Vests, now \$1.00
\$4.50 Sweaters, now \$2.95	\$1.98, \$2.75 and \$3.50	85c Golf Vests, now 75c.	\$1.50 Golf Vests, now \$1.00

Men's Norfolk New Brunswick Underwear.

Medium Weight Natural Wool Underwear—an excellent weight for this very changeable weather. These Shirts and Drawers are sold by others for one dollar each. Our price is

75 Cents.

Men's Heavy Weight Underwear in Natural, White and Scarlet Wool; also Natural Wool Ribbed and Gauze Weight Natural Wool—\$1.

Men's Medium Weight Ecrú Ribbed Underwear; drawers with double seat—50c garment.

Men's Blue Mixed Fleece Lined Heavy Winter Weight Underwear; all sizes; former price, 60c, now 30c garment.

MANTELL SCORED GREAT TRIUMPH

His "King Lear" Was Excellent and Was Received With Approval.

AN EXCEPTIONAL COMPANY

"Hamlet" Will Be Presented at Matinee and "Macbeth" at Night Performance.

Mr. Robert B. Mantell, as "King Lear," scored a distinct and popular triumph at the Academy last night in so excellent a production of the great tragedy that but little room was left for criticism.

The company of players with which he had surrounded himself was well selected; the scenery was in keeping with the dignity of the presentation, and the play was enacted with intelligence and surrounded with artistic coloring.

Mr. Mantell, in speaking of the tragedy, said that Lamb had written that the character of King Lear was so wonderfully drawn that no actor could hope to successfully attempt to play it.

Had Lamb witnessed Mr. Mantell's performance last night, when playing with a traveling company, without the aid of the effects that tend so greatly to enhance the scenes, without the multitude of attendants that give force and dignity to a production, he would have made at least a single exception.

"King Lear," unlike other great characters in the plays of Shakespeare, is a man of many emotions. Hamlet is a philosopher, Romeo a lover, Macbeth a king, but no thought save of ambition, Shylock dreams of vengeance and gain, Othello is consumed with jealousy, and the pitiful old King runs the gamut of all human emotions—love, pity, sorrow, anger, rage, despair, misery and mental darkness.

Mantell is An Artist.

Mr. Mantell is an artist in his finger tips and in his affable hands the aged King became a living, moving picture, rotting from happiness to a slowly ending of struggle. Mr. Mantell shone as a romantic actor, of acknowledged talent and extraordinary good looks. His comeliness has in no way waned, but the hand of time has led him to a high place in histrionic art.

Miss Marie Booth Russell, made a charming Cordelia, pathos, delicately kind and with a stage presence that added natural beauty to art.

Both Misses Margaret Gray and Emily Dodd, as "Goneril" and "Regan," played acceptably, and the "Edmund" of Mr. Guy Lindsay was well portrayed.

A Laugh Launcher

Extra Kendall, the "laugh launcher," in a scene revival of his former success, "The Vinegar Buyer," when at the Academy last year, won the approval of large audiences, and his return is customarily sure to witness a return of the pleasant conditions he then enjoyed. The central character, as will be remembered, was suggested by "Joe Miller," of James Whitcomb Riley's poem. The title role is one fitted to Mr. Kendall's personality and his drill comedy and his dry, humorous way of telling a story, with which "The Vinegar Buyer" abounds, usually keeps audiences in continuous roars of laughter. Not only is a handsome new scenic production promised, but a company composed of actors and actresses, excellent in their respective lines of dramatic work. The complete cast is entirely new, and contains the names of Thurlow Bergen, Harold Russell, James Huron, John A. Garrick, J. H. Kennedy, Ethel Brandon, Mary Stockwell, Rita O'Neil, Edith Tallaferra and others. Mr. Kendall is the coming attraction at the Academy on Monday and Tuesday.

Those who attend the theatre to laugh, who have no business for bright, breezy comedies, brilliant stage pictures with

DOES THINGS
You don't suspect—
That's Coffee!
POSTUM
FOOD COFFEE
is a pleasant change and builds back
HEALTH.

background of handsomely attired girls, accompanied by catchy songs and rhythmic dances, should find an offering much to their liking in E. D. Stair's big musical comedy, "Down the Pike," which will be the attraction at the Bijou all next week. The piece is declared to be an emphatic laugh hit, much of this pleasing condition being due to the presence in the leading roles of Johnny and Emma Ray. A company of fifty is announced in their support, and the production is said to be extremely elaborate.

New Songs and Plays.

Chauncey Olcott, the "romantic singing comedian," will appear at the Academy next Wednesday, matinee and night, in his new play, "Edmund Burke," its first presentation in this city. It is by Theodore Burt Sayre, and deals with some of the most interesting episodes in the life of Burke, which role is taken by Mr. Olcott. Four new songs have been composed and written by Mr. Olcott especially for this play. Their titles are: "You Can Sail in My Boat," "The Little Bird's Story," "Miss Mary," and "Your Heart Alone Must Tell." "Yes play opens with Burke and his school for the eighteenth century. Burke loves Mary Nugent, Lord Nugent's adopted daughter. His love is returned. Burke is dismissed, goes to London, later rescues his sweetheart from a house to which she has been abducted, saves the Prince of Wales from a plot to murder him, and rises to position and power. Mr. Olcott made a most substantial hit in this city last season, when he toured the South for the first time.

MESSENGER ATTRACTIVE

College Monthly Contains Number of Creditable Articles.

Not in recent years have the Richmond College students exhibited such earnest interest in so many directions. Not only in their class room work, but also in athletics, in the annual, in monthly magazine and in literary society work there is magnificent and almost feverish activity.

The January number of the Messenger, the college monthly, of which P. S. Flippin is editor, and J. B. Webster is business manager, is just out. It is a most creditable number especially so in the various departments of editorial work. The various papers show promise, while there are several articles of merit, the serious line. J. B. Webster contributes a valuable paper on "The Elements of Population in Virginia." Two very creditable stories are "Rastus, the Politician," by S. D. Martin, and "A Sister's Confession."

Other articles on "A Happy Accident," "Air Castles," by S. K. Phillips, and "Joseph L. of Austria," by S. W. Smith, lay the most original contributions in "A Literary Farce," by John Moncreu (1905). This is a stinging biting attack upon Hall of Fame Committee in New York that excluded Poe. It is directed at American poetry (?) in general, and Whitman and Whittier in particular. The sum of it is that there is no American poetry. The new officers of the Messenger who have just been elected, and who assume charge April, are: Editor-in-Chief, Samuel D. Martin; Associates, Mr. Sigma Rho Society, and L. Kersa, B. C. Jones, W. J. Young, Philologist Society, T. W. Gzlin, T. H. Binford and E. M. Southern.

In the literary societies the following officers have just been elected: Mu Sigma, S. K. Phillips, president; E. M. Ramsey, secretary; C. W. Owen, critic; P. P. Watlington, censor; L. C. Quarles, chaplain; J. E. Cain, sergeant-at-arms. Philologist—W. O. Beazley, president; W. M. Block, vice-president; R. M. Daniel, secretary; E. M. Ramsey, treasurer; C. W. Owen, critic; P. P. Watlington, censor; L. C. Quarles, chaplain; J. E. Cain, sergeant-at-arms. The forthcoming debate with Randolph-Macon College on March 16th, is attracting great attention. It is to be held in the Richmond College chapel. The contestants are to be selected early in February. The question deals with the subject of municipal ownership and is as follows:—

Resolver, That all street railway facilities, including subways and elevated railroads should be owned by the several municipalities. Richmond College has the negative side.

At the recent meeting the faculty granted permission for the publication of the college annual. The Spider, the issue of last year was a highly successful one and equal success seems to await this year's number. The annual board has selected officers as follows: York Coleman, president; H. B. Brown, editor-in-chief; A. W. Robertson, secretary; J. B. Woodward, Jr., art editor; S. W. Wood, T. E. Cutchins, P. B. Watlington and C. W. Owen, associate editors.

Visitors Here.

Among the visitors in the State treasurer's office yesterday were W. M. Crouse, sheriff of Gloucester; William P. Shelton, treasurer of Hanover; A. W. Brook, commissioner of the revenue of Hanover; William H. Sneed, commissioner of the revenue of Lynchburg; H. P. Adams, treasurer of Lynchburg; E. W. Carpenter, treasurer of Rockingham, and Carter Braxton, Esq., of Staunton.

CURIOUS TANGLE ABOUT SALARIES

Committee Reset By Difficulties in Drawing Bill to Increase Officials' Pay.

CONSIDERS THOMAS BILL

Day Set for Hearing Discussion of Proposed Increase in School Fund.

While both houses of the General Assembly held long sessions yesterday, enlivened with spirited debates and made interesting by the number of new and important bills proposed, perhaps the heaviest work was done in committee, where a series of measures of very considerable moment were taken up, debated and either passed upon or laid by for further deliberation.

In the Finance Committee, which held a session in the morning, the two bills which emanated from the State auditor's office were taken up and reported favorably. Widespread interest was taken in these matters on account of the plan proposed in one of the bills for the gradual extinguishment of the Virginia public debt. The first bill, extending the funding act until the next Legislature, was reported at once. Judge Dew, second auditor, then appeared and made a statement in favor of his plan for the settlement of the debt. The plan was very favorably regarded by the members of the committee, and after full consideration it was reported without amendment. Under the terms of the bill, which was explained yesterday, the auditor will be enabled to divert 50 per cent. of the remaining cash year after all appropriations have been made, and use this sum for the purchase of outstanding Virginia bonds. With this fund the sinking fund and the literary fund, the debt of over \$25,000,000 will be extinguished by the year 1950.

A Curious Tangle.

A curious tangle has developed in connection with the salary increases of the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the State Librarian. The House of Delegates had passed two bills, one raising the salary of the Commissioner to \$3,800, and the other giving the Superintendent the same amount. The bill increasing the salary of the Librarian has not yet been reported from committee. In the Senate committee yesterday afternoon the salaries were agreed to. A majority of the committee appeared to be in favor of giving the Superintendent \$3,000 a year, but to prevent the necessity of sending the bill back to the House and causing delay, the committee accepted the House bill for \$2,800. A third bill was then reported giving the Superintendent the same amount as the Commissioner. It was discovered that all three bills as drawn, including the two already passed by the House, were unconstitutional. It is provided in the Constitution that when a section of the Code is amended the entire Code shall be re-enacted. The provision for salary increases in the bills was unconstitutional. Under the Constitution the salaries of certain officials cannot be increased or diminished for the term they are serving. This refers to the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the State Librarian. The bill increasing the salary of the Librarian was unconstitutional. It is provided in the Constitution that when a section of the Code is amended the entire Code shall be re-enacted. The provision for salary increases in the bills was unconstitutional.

Detective Loses a Key.

Detective C. D. Duke, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, yesterday afternoon lost a very valuable small steel key, a patent of which he has secured at the patent office in Washington. He lost the key between the American National Bank Building and the corner of Ninth and Main Streets.

Mr. Ryan Abroad.

Former Speaker John F. Ryan, sailed from New York yesterday for Jamaica, Panama and other points in the West Indies. He is traveling for his health, and will not return home until spring.

Great Bible Class.

The Bible Study Brotherhood of Venable Street Baptist Church, corner Twenty-first and Venable Streets, will have a membership of 250 men, extends to every man in Richmond a cordial invitation to come and see it with again tomorrow morning in a great contest on there.

Will Preach on the "Tongue."

Rev. R. M. Maxey, pastor of the Union Station M. E. Church, will preach on the "Tongue" tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The usual service will be held at 11 o'clock.

THEIR CHIEF IS NOT FORGOTTEN

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lague coat of arms and these words: His Excellency, Andrew Jackson Montague, Governor of Virginia—January 1, 1903, February, 1906. On the other side of the cup appears the names of his staff officers, as follows: Colonels John S. Harwood, chief; E. E. Holland, Barton H. Grundy, Sol. Cutchins, L. W. Lane, Jr., S. V. Fulkerson, Harry Baker, Robert E. Lee, Jr., Mann S. Valentine, E. Randolph Williams, Henry M. Lewis, Jo Lane Stern, St. John Goode, John R. Saunders, Sidney Shelton, R. N. Harper, Henry Easley, H. H. Wray, A. B. Carrington.

DINNER IN HIS HONOR.

Col. Anderson Invites Prominent Men to Meet Governor. Another graceful and beautiful compliment paid Governor Montague during the closing days of his administration as Governor of Virginia, was a reception and dinner tendered by Colonel Archer Anderson last evening in his home, No. 103 West Franklin Street.

No more elegant and courtly host could be found throughout the length and breadth of Virginia than Colonel Anderson, and nowhere in the city could there be a more appropriate environment for such a company as that which gathered at Colonel Anderson's invitation to pay its regards to the chief executive of the State than the spacious parlors and dining room of the Anderson home.

The elegantly furnished and beautiful apartment were decorated throughout in American Beauty roses and palms. The most prominent representatives of professional and commercial life in the city and State were present to do honor to the occasion.

Governor Montague, who returned from Washington yesterday, specially to attend the reception, was the central figure of the entertainment, and the prime factor in the unusual enjoyment felt by all present.

The dinner menu did rare justice to the host's discrimination and the hospitality which the Old Dominion is famed for offering. The good cheer was only equaled by the fine flavor of the social converse in which his discussion was intermingled.

Dr. Deaton's Will.

The will of the late Dr. James C. Deaton, Jr., was read and proved in the Chancery Court yesterday. Mrs. Minnie Miller qualified as executrix. The estate is valued at \$21,000, and was left to the three sisters of the deceased—Mrs. Minnie Miller and Misses Estelle and Lizzie P. Deaton.

"Dewey" Meeting Rough Water.

PENSACOLA, Fla., January 26.—The British steamer Helmsford, reports having spoken of a typhoon, which is being toward the Philippines on January 14th, in latitude 23, longitude 156. She signalled all well. The sea was very rough at the time and the typhoon was blowing strong time, but was riding the waves all day.

BORE PAID OF CREDIT IS NOW PROPOSED

Mr. Sadler Introduces Bill Which Would Revolutionize Present Financial System.

HAVE WELL-PAID SECRETARY

He Will Be Provided With Several Assistants—To Have Broad Powers.

In a bill offered late yesterday afternoon in the Senate by Mr. Sadler, of Powhatan, the first step was taken looking to the creation of a new department of government, to be known as the bureau of audit, which, under the direction of a high-salaried secretary vested with broad powers, will have supervision over the accounts of all officers having charge of the collection and disbursement of funds belonging to the State or to the cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

The bill grows out of the present complicated system of State finances and is designed to effect a thorough and far-reaching reformation. Under the terms of the act the Governor will appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Senate for a term of four (4) years, beginning the first day of October, 1906, and each four years thereafter a secretary of the proposed bureau of audit, who must be an expert accountant and auditor. The salary of the secretary will be \$3,500 per annum, and his traveling expenses while engaged in the discharge of his duties. The secretary will have power to appoint three assistants, whose salary shall be \$2,000 per annum, respectively, and their actual traveling expenses while engaged in their official duties, and a clerk whose salary shall be \$1,200 per annum.

The secretary and his assistants will have power to examine and examine vouchers to administrator oaths, to require the production of all books and papers relating directly or indirectly to the public revenue, or to the expenditure of State appropriations. Furthermore, the secretary is empowered to discharge any or all of such assistants and to appoint others in their places when, in his judgment, the best interests of the State require it. He will have power to require all officers charged with the duty of collecting or disbursing public revenues to make such reports, and to furnish such statements, and to keep such accounts as, in his judgment, may facilitate the auditing of such accounts.

Uniform Bookkeeping. It will be the duty of the secretary of the bureau of audit to introduce as early as may be practicable a system of uniform bookkeeping and to require of all officers charged with the duty of collecting or disbursing public revenues, or making expenditure of public appropriations. It will be his duty, further, to inaugurate, as soon as may be practicable, a system of audit and inspection of the accounts of all officers charged with the duty of collecting or disbursing public revenues and public appropriations.

When he discovers an embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds, it will be his duty to report the same to the Governor, and a duplicate of the report shall be furnished the Commonwealth's attorney of the county or city in which the embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds occurred, and the secretary must cause the report to be printed in some newspaper of general circulation in the city of Richmond, and also in some newspaper in or near the county or city in which the embezzlement or misappropriation occurred.

An annual report to the Governor will be made by the secretary, showing the results of his examinations and audits and with the report he will make such recommendations as he may deem proper to improve the system of keeping the accounts of the State, counties and cities, and suggest such legislation as he may deem necessary to render his work effective.

It is provided in the bill that the secretary of the bureau of audit shall have an office in Richmond, and shall, in connection with his assistants, inaugurate a system of personal inspection of the accounts of the clerks and treasurers of the counties and cities of the State, and also with other persons through whose hands the public revenue or State appropriation pass.

Any person charged with the collection or disbursement of public funds or appropriations, who refuses or fails to produce any books or papers, or declines to permit the inspection of his accounts when requested so to do by the secretary of the bureau of audit, or his duly accredited assistant, under the act, he fined one hundred dollars per day, to be recovered by motion in the Circuit or Corporation Court having jurisdiction.

The Governor will have power to suspend the secretary of the bureau of audit for cause until the General Assembly is convened, when he will report the same to the Senate, with the reasons therefor. He will have power to fill such vacancy during such suspension.

MARKET CONGESTED.

Great Loads of Tobacco Cause Fall in Prices.

The sales on tobacco market have been extremely high all this week, and consequent congestion of the market has caused a slight fall in the prices. Much of the weed is still lying on the floor, and the price of the highest quality of the weed, which was sold yesterday, although the market was kept open unusually late. There is some talk of having an extra sale of the weed, so as to get rid of the present surplus before the incoming loads of next week. On account of this week's rush the farmers are advised by the market conference to hold their tobacco until the rush is over and the factories are cleaned up.

This week, Shocco Warehouse reports a total sale of 375,000 pounds, with the prices ranging between \$4 and \$25. Stonewall Warehouse, reported the sale of 250,000 pounds, with the price of \$10 a pound on account of the glut. Shilburn's reported a total sale for the week of \$250,000, with the highest price at \$25. Shilburn's gave the following figures for the week: 100,000 pounds, a handsome lunch, which was much enjoyed. Crenshaw Warehouse, reported a sale of 100,000 pounds, with the highest price at \$15.

Chicago and Michigan May Break. CHICAGO, Ill., January 26.—The Universities of Chicago and Michigan are all worlds' points, so as to get rid of the break in athletic and other relations. Ugly charges are being bandied back and forth, all growing out of the recent football conference here, when it was decided to radically reform the game or eliminate it altogether.

The conference was called by Michigan, but at that time Chicago, through Coach Sturgis, said it was unalterably opposed to any changes that would hurt the game. Chicago took little part in the conference and has been non-committal since.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Mass Meeting Called for To-night in the Court-house.

ANNEXATION A LIVE ISSUE

Three Negro Film-flammers Are Heavily Fined—Personals and Briefs.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch. No one in Manchester last night appeared to know very much about the mass meeting that has been called for to-night in the courthouse, when the question of annexation will be discussed from different standpoints. The object of the meeting is not definitely set forth, and those who attend to-night will appear almost entirely from curious motives, unless something more tangible is advanced to-day.

But annexation is the issue that will be discussed, and this is the pivot upon which Manchester is swinging at this time. Opinion is divided as to whether or not the city should consolidate with Richmond, yet at the same time it is a safe assertion, borne out by the expressed sentiment of the qualified voters, that the Council shall be instructed by the citizens to allow those interested to vote upon the question of annexation.

There was a rumor that a resolution would be offered at the proposed meeting to-night that the Council kill the annexation question for once and all. This will not meet with the popular opinion of the people.

When the Citizens' Association was formed this week the gentlemen present represented the business element of Manchester, reports to the contrary notwithstanding. It was reported that there were several present who were not citizens, and others who were not voters, and still others who owned no property in Manchester. Colonel Arthur G. Evans was a leading spirit in the meeting, who is a large property holder.

A. L. Adamson was made the treasurer of the association. Mr. Adamson has as much at stake in Manchester as any citizen here.

John M. Toney was a moving spirit in the matter and insisted on the resolution that would call for the annexation of which he is a member, to submit the proposition to the people for their ratification.

Mr. Charles Burkett, one of the wealthiest property owners in Manchester, was the secretary of the association. Mr. Burkett pays taxes on as much real estate as any one man in the city.

Alderman John W. Moore was an interested member of the association and voted to send the matter to the people. Mr. Moore has as much at stake here as any other citizen.

Mr. H. C. Beattie, postmaster of Manchester, and one of the richest men on the Southside, was the president of the association. He wanted to have annexation decided by the voters.

Mr. W. J. Morrisette, while a resident of Swansboro, is well known in Manchester, where for years he has conducted an undertaking establishment, favored letting the people have a voice.

Mr. R. A. Bowen, worth more than one hundred thousand dollars, the largest property owner in Chesterfield county, and the proprietor of one of the largest grocery stores in Manchester, is circulating a petition calling upon the Councilmen to present the matter to the people for their opinion.

This is a class of the people who are favoring the submittal of the annexation question to the people.

Annexation Committee.

The Special Annexation Committee met last night in the Council Chamber and discussed the different phases of the annexation question. The members present—Messrs. A. A. Adkins, C. C. Jones, B. M. Robertson and R. L. Patram—also looked into the matter of making a report at an early date to the Council.

Several resolutions from the Assembly and the Board were presented to the committee and were acted upon. It was entirely an informal meeting of the members and nothing definite was done. Those who are working together on the committee wished to have a thorough understanding of all the questions that have been raised, and for this reason the meeting was held last night.

A negro fireman of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad is confined to his home at No. 219 Petersburg Turnpike, with smallpox. Dr. M. A. Tucker, president of the board of health, on yesterday diagnosed the case and declared it to be smallpox. The patient, from all appearances, will recover.

The house has been quarantined and no one is allowed to enter or leave the premises. The case is a mild one and there is little danger of any spread of the dread disease.

This is the first case of smallpox in Manchester this season and the authorities will make every endeavor to make it the only one.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

The Rev. J. Sidney Peters will speak at the great men's meeting in Leader Hall to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 on "Doomed, Damned and Delivered." Miss Doza Mitchell will sing, and Mr. N. B. Doza Mitchell will have charge of the music, and the Eagle brass band of twenty pieces will furnish a special musical programme.

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. R. T. Minor, member of the school board from the Second Ward, has resigned. He has recently moved to his new home near Forest Hill Park.

Master Charles W. Tinsley is visiting his mother in Washington, D. C.

Miss Sadie Lanier, of Petersburg, is visiting her cousin, Miss Lena Hobson, in Manchester.

Mr. J. B. Henry is quite ill at his home on Decatur Street.

The Golden Link Social Club held an enjoyable meeting Thursday night at the home of Miss Lena Childers, 516 Stockton Street.

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

Father Offers Reward for Capture of Daughter's Assailant. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, Va., January 26.—Fifty dollars reward for the capture of a young negro who attempted an assault upon the twelve year old daughter of Alfred James last Tuesday afternoon, is offered by the father, who lives near Sutherland's in Dinwiddie county. The assault was attempted while the child was returning from school with her younger brother. She was rescued by a negro man.

WHOMER NOT GUILTY SAYS JURY

Killing of Leo Lee Purely a Case of Self-Defense.

PRISONER GIVES HIS SIDE

Lee Attempted to Draw Pistol and the Prisoner Shot Him.

Samuel E. Warriner, who shot and killed Leo Lee, his brother-in-law, on the 11th of December last, was tried on the charge of murder in the Hastings Court yesterday. It was a clear case of self-defense and the accused was promptly acquitted.

The case was remarkable in that the testimony of six of the Commonwealth's witnesses was good evidence for the defense, and that of the other two, the coroner and the ambulance physician, was not unfavorable to him.

Richard-Commonwealth's Attorney D. C. Richardson, who represented the accused, put only two witnesses on the stand. The first one was Mrs. Warriner, the wife of the accused, and sister of the shooting victim. She knew nothing of the shooting. She was frightened when her home on Pine Street and was ordered to go away from home, and meeting her husband, she advised him not to go in the house. She feared trouble, as Leo Lee had frequently threatened her husband's life. Mrs. Warriner knew nothing of the shooting until it was all over.

Prisoner's Testimony.

The accused was next put on the stand. He said he went out to look for John Lee at his wife's request, she fearing he was about to get a napee, when he came back he met his wife, who was crying, and she got the gun and came through the house and stood on the front porch to avoid trouble. Lee came out on the porch, put his hand in his hip pocket as if to draw a pistol, and he shot him. He testified as to the threats made against him by Lee, and said that he had been waylaid by Lee several times, and that he had been causing him to go home by a circuitous route. Warriner declared that if Lee had gone out by the back door or had not made the motion as if to shoot, he would not have been killed.

At the conclusion of Warriner's testimony Judge Witt said it had been shown by the evidence that the killing was a pure case of self-defense, and that the trial should be ended at this point. The jury was of the same opinion, and without leaving their seats rendered a verdict of not guilty, and Mr. Warriner was discharged.

THE ASHLAND CHORUS.

Dr. Ellis Thrown From Buggy and Badly Shaken Up. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHLAND, Va., January 25.—The last rehearsal of the Ashland Chorus in the chapel on Wednesday evening was attended by the full membership of the society. Dr. R. H. Peters, the conductor of the Wednesday Club, conducted the rehearsal, and took the singers through most of the choruses of "The Red and the White," explaining with emphatic interest the motif and designs of the composer, Gounod, in this great oratorio. The members of the chorus were intensely interested and inspired by the dramatic interpretations of the music by Dr. Peters. The following is the complete membership of the Ashland chorus, which will take part in the Music Festival next May in Richmond:

Soprano—Mrs. E. T. Daddum, Mrs. J. E. Howson, Miss Mattie McCullen, Miss Mattie Midyette, Miss Etta Prosser, Mrs. Morgan Shepherd, Miss Bessie Ladew, Mrs. James Hunter, Miss Mildred Evans, Miss Virginia Hunter, Miss Clarence Wright, Miss Paul Nixon, Miss Laura Lounsbury, Miss Mary N. Jones, Miss Susie Mitchell, Mrs. James Houghnagle.

Alto—Mrs. A. C. Wightman, Miss Margaret Lee, Miss Marjorie Hunter, Miss Helen Nixon.

Tenor—Mr. E. T. Daddum, Mr. Wallace M. A. L. Cutler, Mr. C. W. Crew, Basses—Mr. W. L. Foy, Mr. Morgan Shepherd, Mr. J. F. Foxworth, Mr. Luther White, Mr. James Hunter, Mr. E. N. Chick, Mr. Murray Hunter.

Accompanists—Mrs. C. S. Weisiger, Mrs. R. E. Blackwell. Conductor—Mr. Eugene Jones.

Dr. E. H. Ellis was thrown from his carriage yesterday in being thrown from his carriage. The shafts of his carriage were suddenly broken, and, falling upon the heels of the horse, frightened the animal, who ran for a short distance. Dr. Ellis was suddenly and violently thrown out and bruised about the head and body. His horse, Mrs. L. C. Fox, has the doctor was considerably shaken up, and is now confined to his bed.

The teachers of Hanover met here today in special session, and were addressed by the county superintendent, Mr. H. C. Redd. Much discussion was given to various studies bearing upon the work of the Ashland High School. The school is now in full swing, and there is a full attendance. Owing to the late date at which the school was opened this session, the school will remain open until the last of June.

Miss Clara Cox left here to-day to attend the annual reception in Lynchburg, Va. She will return to Ashland Sunday evening.