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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1907.

The only happiness a brave man ever troubled himself about was happiness enough to get his work done.—Carlyle.

HOUSE-CLEANING.

In a recent issue we referred to the good work done by the New York Clearing House Association in ousting Mr. Heinze and his associates from the banking business in that city. The manner in which these "promoters" forced their way into New York banking is now related by the Evening Post of that city, and makes an instructive narrative.

About six years ago men of affairs in New York were startled by the extravagant prices paid for certain bank stocks in that city. At the highest price paid these stocks yielded a revenue of only 2 per cent. The source of the buying was finally traced to so-called financiers, who desired to get control of banks in order to use them in their "syndicate undertakings." They did not have the necessary money to buy outright, and operated by the "kiting" process. They would purchase a controlling interest in the stock of a moderate-sized New York bank, put up this stock as collateral for loans in another bank, and use the proceeds of such loans to buy stock in still other institutions—repeating the operation with each successive purchase. In this way they gained control of a group of banks through mere ownership of stock purchased on a margin.

"With this control," says the Evening Post, "they packed the boards of directors in their own interest."

They exploited these banks to the limit, in their own interests, and all went well with them until their outside speculations collapsed. Then began the trouble with the banks which they controlled. The Evening Post confirms the view expressed by The Times-Dispatch, that it was the fortunate side of last week's United Copper incident that it gave the Clearing House Committee the power to act against these fake bankers and put them out of business. When the Mercantile National applied for assistance it was forced to make an exhibit of its loans and collateral. The committee of inquiry found, as they expected, that the speculative owners of at least one of the "chain of banks" had been loading its surplus account with their own dubious securities. The investigation was pushed farther into the affairs of the other banks in the "chain," and the Clearing House Association then demanded peremptorily that the officers in control should forthwith resign and retire from the banking field. They had no choice in the matter, and were compelled to take their medicine.

It was a happy riddance, and although their operations brought on a panic, great good will come eventually out of the disaster, and the financial district of Gotham will have learned a lesson which it will not soon forget.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE RAILROADS.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday handed down an opinion denying the motion of the Attorney-General to increase the assessment for taxation in 1907 upon the roadbeds and tracks of the railroads of Virginia. The commissioners point out that the State already receives from the tax on roadways and visible property of the railroads a yearly revenue of $256,121 and from the franchise tax of 1 per cent. on their gross receipts a revenue of $419,672. In addition to this, it is estimated that the cities and counties tax the railroads to the extent of $658,598 per annum, and the commissioners think that this is enough. "In view of business conditions which at this time prevail," they say, "we are of opinion that a sound consideration of justice and a broad public policy require us to deny the motion, and no change will be made in the assessment for 1907."

The railroads of Virginia are operating under increased expense and a reduced passenger rate. They are also compelled, by reason of stringency in the money market, to use current earnings to make needful improvements and extensions. They are not in condition to pay more taxes at this time, and we feel sure that the decision of the Corporation Commission, which is just and courageous, will be generally approved by the public. The people of Virginia are determined that the railroads shall obey the law and provide a good and safe service at reasonable rates, but they have no disposition to cripple or oppress them. If the roads will deal fairly with the people they may count upon getting a square deal.

JAMESTOWN—CONTINUED.

The Times-Dispatch is already committed to the proposal to continue the Jamestown Exposition for another year, and we are glad to know that the directors are favorable. The exposition is really very beautiful and instructive, and as it was completed only a few months ago, it would seem to be little short of vandalism to destroy it in December. We doubt not that the government buildings and the State buildings would be allowed to remain, and there would be little difficulty about keeping the exhibits. Indeed, the probability is that the exhibits in 1908 would be larger and better than those of 1907. We think also that the attendance would be much larger another year. How many persons east of the Mississippi ever saw a great exposition? Not one in ten, we venture, in spite of the several expositions that have been held. There is fine promise for the Jamestown Exposition of 1908, and we predict for it a great success.

THE UMLAUF PRINCIPLE ADOPTED.

The Dabney ordinance to regulate the liquor traffic, which was approved by the Finance Committee and passed on to the Board of Aldermen, is the embodiment of the fundamentals of the ordinance on the same subject proposed by Mr. Jacob Umlauf. The basic principles of both ordinances are reduction of the number of saloons, restriction of the district in which they may operate, and increase in the license fee. Each also provides for the retirement of the saloonkeeper who is convicted of any violation of the law. There are differences as to details and methods, but in essentials the two plans are identical.

These remarks are not meant, of course, to disparage Mr. Dabney. He worked very hard over his plan, and ransacked the situation to discover obstacles and obviate them. There were many difficulties to be overcome, many contrary conditions to be provided for; but the Dabney ordinance seems to us to be about as good a compromise as could have been devised. At the same time it is only a more practical application of the Umlauf idea, and Mr. Umlauf should receive full credit for the service he has performed.

The city of Richmond is very fortunate to have secured the services of Colonel George Wayne Anderson as assistant to the City Attorney. Mr. Pollard could not have made a better selection. Colonel Anderson is an able lawyer, industrious, painstaking and faithful to Richmond in all things. He is also a man of character, and will be an honor as well as a help to our civil service.

It is a singular fact that financial stringency should have come in the United States in an era of unprecedented gold production. Mr. George E. Roberts, who recently resigned from the position of director of the mint, estimates the production of gold in the United States during the calendar year 1906 to have been $94,373,800, against $88,180,700 for the calendar wear 1905, a gain in 1906 of $6,193,500. The principal gain was in Alaska. Nevada's gain in gold was $2,391,500; Oregon, $75,200; Tennessee, $22,300; Arizona, $55,800; Virginia, $3,500.

Boll weevils do not exist in communities which produce no cotton. Otherwise we should have pointed out before this that the boll weevils of Royal Richmond were eight times as courteous as the boll weevils of Malignant Manhattan, and seventeen times as courteous as the boll weevils of Hoodlumy Houston.

Many Boston pies are shipped to Richmond on consignment every year by Hub manufacturers yearning to secure the indorsement of our connoisseurs. They are sold at from six to eight for a nickel, according to the ruling price of gold, and command a fairly good sale among the dusky gastronomists of Jackson Ward.

A Henrico county sweet potato, weighing a little under five pounds and having a guaranteed chest measurement of sixteen inches, was brought to this office yesterday. Down in Texas, if they ever raised a potato half this size, the astonished natives would try to float a stock company to eat it.

Learning that Senator Beveridge is the hero of a certain new novel, the Atlanta Constitution wagers a hogshead of Georgia potlicker that the hero of that novel "talks himself to death." It is painfully obvious that our esteemed contemporary has forgotten the existence of the new Mrs. Beveridge.

The Montgomery Advertiser, having declared for prunes, will hereby and herewith consider itself disqualified from all future dietetic symposiums among the country's sober-minded and judicious pure-food experts.

"Heinze's present pickle makes it 58 varieties," observes the always genial Nashville American. But is this one a mere, plain pickle? From our conning-tower it looks much more like a large sour-mash.

Now Senator Bourne is going to give $1,000 to the author of the best essay proving that Mr. Roosevelt must be President some more. All the country's loose change doesn't go to Wall Street, by any means.

Mediocrity must be content with faint praise. We are willing to concede to the Boston Globe that the Hub pies are far superior to the pieties of Samhousston, Tex.

John Temple Graves's New York salary is to be $15,000 a year. On the other hand, however, he will be compelled to surrender the deed to his nominating-factory.

"All I did was turn on the light," explained Mr. Roosevelt at Nashville. Isn't this rather ignoring the hallelujah chorus and the seventeen brass bands?

The dinners for The Hague conference cost [illegible],000, and were doubtless worth it to the conferees.

The President talked to a great crowd at Vicksburg, Miss. As usual, nobody talked back.

John D. Rockefeller appears to be gradually waning as a jokesmith's paramount issue.

Soap was invented over 3,000 years ago. Kindly spread the new

Rhymes for To-Day.

THE PROCESSION.

THROUGH the stress and throng of
Wall Street, in the noontide
of the day,
Came a strange and dread procession
flying madly down the way:
Frightened, fleeing, awful creatures,
formed to make a heart turn
weak—
But because men knew and feared
them, they stood still to hear
them speak.

"Can't you run a little faster?"
breathed The Flurry to They-
Fail,
"There's a Panic close behind me,
and he's treading on my tail!"
But They-Fail made answer: "Faster!
It ain't possible, old
pard!
There's a Frenzy 'ere before me,
and he's crowding of me
hard!"

On they hurried, hurried, hurried,
through the waiting, anxious
marts,
And a million people watched them
with their hands against their
hearts,
And a million people started, with
their faces ghastly white,
When they caught that note of terror
which no pen could ever write.

"Can't you run a little faster?"
screamed the Flurry, with a
wail—
"There's a Panic close behind me,
and he's treading on my tail!"
And pale Crisis shrieked out
hoarsely: "Let him run you
till you fail!
There's a Frenzy here before me,
and he's going to beat us
all!"

H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING.

Unabashed.

"You sir," said the statesman, "are an undesirable citizen."

"I suppose so," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "But so long as I've got to stand that sort of criticism I'm going to keep on trying to be one of the kind that's rich enough to hire good lawyers."—Washington Star.

A Delicate Hint.

Two very cadaverous-looking tramps looked in at the window of a railway station where a telegraph operator sat at his key.

"Say, pardner," one of them said in a very husky voice, "report a couple o' empties goin' east."—Harper's Weekly.

One Brand of Thoughtfulness.

"Father is purty thoughtful."

"So?"

"Never tells any bad news at home. Jest sets around an' groans an' shakes his head 'till mother is purty nigh crazy. Yes, father is what I call a thoughtful man."—Washington Herald.

No Great Speed.

"Yesterday," said the minister, "I married six young couples in an hour. How's that for rapid work?"

"Rapid?" replied the yachtsman. "Huh! six knots an hour is nothing to brag about."—Philadelphia Press.

A Terrible Thought.

"Alcohol will furnish the power of the future," said the engineer.

"Well," replied the motorist, "I hope it won't affect the running gear of a machine like it does a man's leg."—Washington Star.

In Quest of Knowledge.

Mrs. Knicker: "Henry, do you think a camel can pass through the eye of a needle?"

Knicker: "Dun'no'. Do you think the eye of a needle can pass through a button?"—Harper's Bazar.

The One Deceived.

Mrs. Jiggers: "Mere talent it so often mistaken for genius."

Mr. Jaggers: "It always is by the man who has it."—Cleveland Leader.

Th Fat Man's Revenge.

It was undoubtedly true that the stout man took up more room in the crowded car than is often occupied by one person. The exceedingly thin man next whom he sat heavily down gave a sound of disapproval.

"They ought to charge by weight in these cars," he said to his neighbor on the other side, in so clear a tone that the stout man could not help hearing him.

"Maybe 'twould be a good idea, my friend," he said, turning a calm, dispassionate gaze on the thin man, "but if they did you'd have to walk. The car would never stop for you."—Youth's Companion.

APPOINTMENTS MADE IN NEGRO METHODIST CHURCH

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, TENN., October 23.—The East Tennessee conference of negro Methodists concluded its annual meeting here this week. Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, presided throughout the meeting. The apointments made by the bishop are as follows for Bristol and Southwest Virginia stations:

Bristol District.

Isaac R. Hill, presiding elder, Bristol, Tenn.
Abingdon, Va.—R. A. Swan.
Bristol, Tenn.—E. H. Garrett.
Castlewood, Va.—Supplied by J. H. Kirby.
Gate City, Va.—G. J. Headrick.
Glade Springs, Va.—J. M. Watson.
Johnson City, Tenn.—P. A. Woolwine.
Mountain City, Tenn.—Supplied by N. M. Black.
Marion, Va.—Anderson Davis.
Rural Retreat, Va.—Supplied by T. H. Austin.
Shell Creek, Tenn.—Supplied by J. H. Rogers.
Stonega and Norton—Supplied by J. H. Colman.
Tazewell, Va.—G. T. Wright.
Tip Top, Va.—F. D. Johnson.
Wytheville, Va.—J. F. Pregmore.

CONSERVATIVES TO RULE IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, October 23.—The Parliamentary elections are now sufficiently advanced to disclose the general outlines of the composition of the third Parliament, which the liberals and conservatives agree will be strongly conservative.

Alexander J. Guchkoff, leader of the Octoberists in Moscow, claims 288 seats for the moderates and rights. This estimate is indorsed by Professor Milukoff, the constitutional-democratic leader, who admitted that the members of his party will have to play subordinate roles. The members of the extreme left in the House are not expected to number more than fifty.

The Octoberists and conservatives, though numerically in complete control of the new Parliament, lack a competent leader. The majority of the House will, however, endeavor to co-operate with the government in working out the program of reforms of M. Stolypin, Premier, and will in so doing encounter less opposition.

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Heard and Seen in Public Places

Hon. Marshall B. Booker, of Halifax, one of the members of the House from his county, and a prominent candidate for clerk of the State Senate, was in Richmond yesterday on his way to Tidewater Virginia on private business.

"I have every reason to believe that I shall win my fight," said Mr. Booker, when seen at Murphy's just as he was leaving for his train. "I have been more than gratified at the kindly interest taken in my canvass by friends in nearly every section of the State, and as the battle approaches I am led to believe that I shall win. My only competitor is Mr. T. A. Lynch, of Tazewell, who holds the place by designation, but who has never had to perform any of the duties. I have nothing to say against him. Indeed, our relations with one another are quite pleasant, but the encouragement I am receiving makes me think that I have the better of the contest. I am not giving out any figures as to my probable strength; neither do I care to say in what sections I am strongest, but when the roll is called they will find that I have support from quarters which are now put down against me."

Mr. Booker has had wide experience in legislative matters. He was an assistant clerk of the House some years ago, and was later a prominent member of that body. Mr. Booker was author of the 2-cent flat passenger rate resolution which was adopted by the last Legislature.

Mr. William N. Roper, of Petersburg, president of the Roper-Hinter Company (Inc.), was in the city yesterday.

Colonel Thomas W. Scott, of Charlotte county, commander of H. A. Carrington Camp, C. V., and a prominent Democratic leader of his section, passed through the city on his way to the Confederate Reunion at Norfolk. State Senator Don P. Halsey, of Lynchburg, also passed through on a like mission, he being active in the work of the Sons of Veterans.

Hon. John J. Owen, member of the House of Delegates from Prince Edward, is here on private business. Mr Owen will leave for his home to-day.

Former State Senator M. J. Fulton, of Warren, who is one of the attorneys for H. C. Hechler in the latter's trial in Henrico county, is at the Jefferson.

United States Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Charlottesville, is registered at Murphy's. Senator Martin declared when seen last night that his visit had no political significance, and that he only ran down to look after some private business.

A number of his old friends called upon him, and chatted concerning current events. The junior Senator will leave for his home to-day.

Dr. J. A. Gilchrist, of Asbury, W. Va., is stopping at the Park Hotel.

Dr. W. F. Drewry, superintendent of the Central State Hospital at Petersburg, and one of the most accomplished alienists in the South, is here to attend the national convention of epileptic specialists, which meets here to-day.

Dr. Drewry is stopping at the Jefferson, where the convention will be held.

Virginians at Murphy's are H. L. Sparrow, South Boston; E. W. Henderson, Scottsville; John W. Neal, Abingdon; J. W. Spriggs, Lynchburg; J. T. Goode, Jr., and wife, Chase City; C. W. Miller and wife, Dublin; T. N. Massey, Mt. Holly; Charles W. Cook and wife, Roanoke.

G. W. Merrell, Roanoke; Mrs. W. W. Moss, Norfolk; G. W. Hansborough, Miss Ethel Hansborough, Winchester; Mrs. William Mitchell and Miss Mitchell, of Roanoke, are stopping at the Jefferson.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy.

To-night—"The Lightning Conductor".

Bijou.

Matinee and night—"Me, Him and I."

Idlewood Park.

Skating Rink—Vaudeville.

Mr. Truesdale.

Mr. George Frederick Truesdale, leading man in the "Three of Us" company which made such a pronounced hit here is well known in Richmond, where he has a host of friends, having attended the Episcopal High School with a score or more Richmond men. Mr. Truesdale, who is a graduate of Yale, has made rapid strides in his profession, and is to-day one of the most successful and popular men on the stage. He has lately written a play which promises to make a hit on Broadway.

Lightning Conductor."

Oscar Figman will appear at the Academy to-night in "The Lightning Conductor," a play in which wit abounds and frolicsome fun runs riot. The story deals strongly with the strange adventures of a motor car, and from this fact alone many automobile clubs are attending the play in a body, and many a laugh they have as they watch the trials and tribulations of the chauffeur and his antiquated motor car.

Grace George.

Grace George, who comes to the Academy for one performance on Monday direct from her successful London and New York run, has in "Divorcons" the most attractive production in her half a dozen years as a star. There is such an alluring zest to the play that it holds one by reason of its clever audacity and its many bright lines. She has also the advantage of being exceedingly well supported, for in the cast are numbered such well-known players as Frank Worthing, Max Freeman and Douglas Gerrard.

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.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 1313.

Indian Summer

BY JOHN HANNISTER (FATHER) TABB.

O more the battle of the chase
The phantom tribes pursue,
But each in its accustomed place
The Autumn halls anew;
And still from solemn councils set
On every hill and plain,
The smoke of many a calumet
Ascends to heaven again.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Oct. 11, 1903.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Orpin—Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Washington Foster have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Nellie Virginia, to Mr. Arthur Wellington Orpin, the wedding to take place Wednesday, October 30th, at 6 P. M., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, at Highland Park.

Schachte—Brady.

Miss Willie Evelyn Brady, of Richmond, and Mr. Herbert Moore Schachte, of Charleston, S. C., were married in Washington, D. C., Tuesday evening, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's aunt, Miss Lelia B. Austin, of No. 1807 Ninth Street, Northwest, and the Rev. James Smythe, of St. Patrick's Church, officiating.

The bride was gowned in white satin, trimmed with princess lace, and carried a shower of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Wilbur B. Coe, of Baltimore, the matron of honor, wore white d'esprit over taffeta. Miss Charlotte R. Bailey, maid of honor, was attired in pink crepe de chine over pink silk. Her flowers were pink chrysanthemums.

Mr. E. W. Grafton gave the bride away. Mr. and Mrs. Schachte will reside in Wilmington, N. C.

In Jefferson Hotel Ballroom.

The opening german of the autumn season arranged under the direction of two of the most popular society girls of the city, Miss Rebecca Walker and Miss Brent Witt, will be danced Saturday evening from 9 to 12 in the beautiful ballroom of the Jefferson Hotel. The hotel orchestra will set the pace for dancing feet, and the colors of the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina football teams will have a background of palms and American beauties, intermingled with yellow and white chrysanthemums that are specially associated with the heroes of the gridiron, and the evening's guests of honor.

Colonel Jo. Lane Stern will open the dance with a debutante's figure, in which the lovely buds of the season will participate. Afterwards the dance will be changed to a hop. That it will be largely and brilliantly attended goes without the saying.

Among those who have already accepted invitations, are: Misses Caroline Armistead, Hattie Shields, Eugenie Taylor, Fanny Miller, Virginia Whiteley, Mary Butler, Louise McAdams, Nora Randolph, Daisy Boykin, Rachel Urquhart, Anne Keith Royall, Anita Cussens, Roberta Trigg, Rosalie and Maria Milnes, Frances Myers, Juliet Martin, Avis Grant, Louise Clarke, Mary Drake, Juliet Keith, Warfield Crenshaw, Caroline Gordon Rennolds, Julia Coggill Joynes, Rena and Hawsie Glazebrook, Cora Younger, Sherrard Wilcox, Elsie Lindsey, Martha Robinson, Bessie Tompkins, Helen Tanner, Helen Adams, Mary Wortham, Sarah Chamberlayne, Aline Jennings, Josephine Sullivan, Elizabeth Kent King, Mabel O'Ferrell, Laura Rutherfoord, Miss Bunting, of Bristol; Miss Lockermann, Misses Hobson, Julia Moore and Doris Quinn, of Washington, D. C.

Chaperones of the evening will be Judge and Mrs. S. B. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walker, Judge and Mrs. James Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Crenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Levin Joynes, Dr. and Armistead Wellford, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Royall, Mr. and Mrs. Portiaux Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherfoord Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Larus, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mayo, and Mrs. Wilson, of New York.

Gay German Season.

Present prospects indicate that the german season in Richmond and other cities is to be very gay. Dates have been arranged for the dances of the Bachelor's Cotillon Club, of Baltimore, and the Assembly of Philadelphia, as well as the Saint Cecilia, of Charleston, S. C.

The oldest and most exclusive Richmond social organization, the Richmond German Club, has taken the firts step in its program for the season of 1907-1908, by the election of the following officers: Mr. E. T. D. Myers, president; Mr. Levin Joynes, vice-president, and Mr. George Melville Reid, secretary and treasurer. The board of governors is made up of Messrs. Jo Lane Stern, Allen Potts, John Currie, W. S. P. Mayo and James Graves.

To Mr. Reid, probably more than any other one person during the past several years, the Richmond German owes much of the success which has, during his term of office and in the years preceding it, rendered its dances such delightful and notable events in the Richmond world of fashion.

Vaughan—Cason.

A pretty wedding of yesterday was celebrated at 6 P. M., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Andrew Cason, when their daughter, Harriet Lillian, was married to Mr. George Dennis Vaughan, son of Judge W. D. Vaughan, of Floyd, Va., the Rev. J. J. Haley, of Seventh Street Christian Church, performing the ceremony.

Elaborate and artistic house decorations were in sprays of autumn leaves and chrysanthemums. Miss Archie Berkeley rendered the wedding march from Lohengrin, and "Hearts and Flowers" during the ceremony.

The bride entered with her father. She was gowned in white lace, with a tulle veil and antique jewels. Her maid of honor, Miss May Daniel Cason, wore yellow crepe de chine, and the bridesmaids—Misses Jane Cason, Emily Waddill and Ethel Montgomery, of Augusta county—were in white organdy. Mr. P. J. Alexander, of Bluefield, W. Va., was best man, and the groomsmen, Messrs. Charles McColgan, of Bluefield; Henry Ellett, of Christiansburg, and P. A. Cason, Jr., of Norfolk, Va. Many handsome wedding gifts were received.

A reception was given the bridal party after the marriage, in the home of the bride's parents.

Dodd—Johnston.

The wedding of Miss Marie Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Johnston, to Mr. James W. Dodd, son of Mrs. S. A. Dodd and the late James H. Dodd, was celebrated yesterday at 6:30 P. M. in the Third Presbyterian Church, the Rev. R. B. Eggleston officiating.

Artistic church decorations were in palms and ferns. Mr. Shepherd Webb played the wedding march from "Lohengrin," as a processional, and Mendelssohn's march as the bridal party left the altar.

Miss Agnes Bell Johnston, the bride's sister, was maid of honor, and Mr. Arthur McL. Lipscomb the best man. The ribbons were held by little Misses Marguerite Hazlewood Parrish and Agnes Rose Parrish, the bride's nieces.

The bride, who entered with her father, was handsomely attired in white lace over ivory satin. Her veil was caught with sprays of lilis of the valley, and her flowers were a shower bouquet of Bride roses.

The maid of honor wore pale blue crepe de chine, and had an armful of white chrysanthemums. The little ribbon girls looked very pretty in white organdy and white satin ribbons. At a reception to the bridal party Tuesday evening many handsome wedding gifts were in evidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodd left after their marriage for a tour through the Northern and Eastern cities.

Somerville—Merchant.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Regester Merchant, daughter of Mrs. R. B. Merchant, to Mr. William David Somerville, a popular young gentleman of this city, was celebrated at 4:15 yesterday afternoon, in the home of the bride's mother at Fredericksburg, Va., the Rev. J. H. Light, pastor of the Fredericksburg Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating.

The parlors were prettily decorated with palms and flowers, and the wedding march was rendered by Mrs. Mary Quinn Hick. Miss Margaret Desportes Merchant, the bride's sister, was maid of honor, and Mr. Powell, of this city, the best man. Little Misses Evelyn Garnett and Retta Cates, nieces of the bride, attended her as ring bearer and flower girl.

The bride, who is a charming young woman and an accomplished vocalist, entered with her brother, Mr. W. H. Merchant. She wore a beautiful suit of cloth and a brown velvet hat with plumes, and carried bride roses. The maid of honor was gowned in violet crepe de chine, and had a coronation bouquet of carnations.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the home of the bride, where a handsome array of wedding gifts was shown.

After a bridal trip which will include a visit to Jamestown Exposition, Mr. and Mrs. Somerville will be at home in Richmond at No. 1410 Floyd Avenue.

Brown-Ridgely.

Miss Page Aylett Royall has gone to Washington, D. C., to be present at the marriage of Miss Katherine Cullom Ridgely, daughter of the Comptroller of the Currency, to Mr. Phelps Brown, taking place at noon of to-day in the national capital.

Attendants at the marriage include: Miss Eleanore Ridgely, who will be her sister's maid of honor; the bridesmaids, Miss Gertrude Brown, sister of the bridegroom-to-be, and Miss Katherine Williams, of Chicago; Mr. Sevellon Ledyard Brown, of Chicago, who is to be best man; Mr. Charles Bradley, Mr. George L. Huntress, Jr., of Wilmington; Mr. George Minnigerode, Mr. Francis Poe, Mr. J. A. C. Palmer, Mr. Raymond Durham, who will be ushers.

Church Social.

The annual social of the Church of the Holy Comforter will be held in the Sunday-school room on Friday, October 25th, from 8 to 11 P. M.

The Girls' Friendly Society will have charge of the decorations, the guild will serve the refreshments and the choir will render charming musical selections. Another interesting feature of the evening will be reports of the year's work by the presiding officer of every organization in the church.

Owing to rapid growth and lack of room only the congregation and the Sunday-school scholars could be invited.

Contributions Desired.

Members of St. Anne's Benevolent Society having in charge the rummage sale at No. 1901 East Main Street, desire contributions, which can be sent to that number.

Thursday At-Home Day.

Mrs. A. D. Pollock Gilmore will be at home Thursday afternoons during the winter, at the residence of Mrs. A. R. Jamieson, Union Theological Seminary.

Hulcher—Dippner.

St. Mary's Catholic Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding yesterday forenoon at 10 o'clock, when Miss Theresa Dippner, youngest daughter of the late J. C. Dippner and Mrs. Elizabeth Dippner, was given in marriage to Mr. John Robert Hulcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hulcher, and popularly know in the social world as well as through his business connection with the American National Bank.

The church was artistically decorated with palms by the Sanctuary Society, of which the bride is a member. She is a striking beauty of the blonde type, and is highly accomplished, and was exquisitely gowned in white crepe de chine, trimmed with princess lace. She carried lilies-of-the-valley. Her going-away gown was of blue cloth.

The groom was attended by Messrs. Dennis Doyle, Lawrence Hulcher, Bransford Puller, John B. Billey, Dr. T. Fulmer Bright, Messrs. George and Robert Stratmeyer and Raphael Billey.

The bridal party and immediate relatives were quietly entertained at the home of Councilman John B. Billey. Afterward Mr. and Mrs. Hulcher left by the noon train for the Northern cities. They will be at home in Richmond after November 20th.

Personal Mention.

Miss Ethel Epps entertained the Alfor-Fun Club Tuesday evening, in honor of her guest, Miss Nellie Walls, of Lanexa, Va. The parlors were tastefully decorated in ferns and cut flowers and the colors of the dining-room schemed in green and red, the colors of the club. The evening was spent in games, and at a late hour supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rupp, Jr., of No. 1624 West Grace Street, will leave the city to-day for an extended trip to New York City, Niagara Falls, Canada and other places in the North. They will be gone about three weeks.

Messrs. Lucian M. and Thomas M. Flippen and wife left Monday for their home, in Los Angeles, Cal., after spending some time with their sister, Mrs. J. H. Redd, of Barton Heights. They visited the exposition and many places of interest.

Miss Elizabeth Kenny is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. John Brockenbrough, in this city.

Mrs. Lewis Booker and Miss Lilly Booker, of the University of Virginia, are visiting Mrs. Milton C. Elliott, of Ghent, Norfolk.

Mrs. L. M. Murrie, of Denville, returned home Monday, having spent a pleasant visit with her sister.

Mrs. F. D. Johnson and children have returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Lynchburg, Va.

Mrs. George Adams Lake, of Hampton, Va., whose marriage was celebrated in Washington, D. C., yesterday, formerly spent much time in Richmond as Miss Marianna White. Her wedding took place in the home of her brother, Mr. Doyle C. White, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Rector have returned from their wedding trip, and are at home at No. 1008 East Marshall Street.

Misses Rosalie Jones and Lucy Christian, of this city, are being entertained at a Virginia Beach house party.

Mrs. J. A. Ridgely is the guest of Mrs. J. V. Hooper, of Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. George Lee Mason, of Albemarle county, formerly Miss Sophy White, of Richmond, is visiting Miss Bessie Doyle, on Pembroke Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Macdonald have been guests of friends in Newport News.

Misses Marguerite and Baynie Taylor are expected to return to Norfolk this week, after an absence of several months in Europe.

Miss Mary Clifton Penick is visiting Mrs. John S. Munce.

Miss Helen Waddey is to be the guest of friends in Roanoke, Va., later in the autumn.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ingram were scheduled to return last evening from Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Mrs. Evan R. Chesterman, Miss Chesterman and Miss Mary Frayser, of this city, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Holladay, of Lewiston, Spotsylvania county, and attended the wedding of their daughter, Lucy Mason, to Mr. Archibald Douglas Kincaid, on Wednesday last.

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