finding the old Virginia hospitality of the capital city more congenial than the conventional scenes of the show.

Has Fared Well.

In the commercial reaction of recent months Richmond has suffered less than almost any city of its size in the United States. For the greater part of the year its manufacturing and jobbing houses have been loaded to their fullest capacity with orders, and though during the last sixty days the city has felt the reflex influence of trade conditions in other parts of the country, still the records of the banks show a gratifying progress, notwithstanding the comparative letup in the speed with which business was being conducted. Merchants who have reviewed their Christmas trade and looked over their stock claim that the year was as good as any, and many wholesale dealers in toys and holiday goods practically sold out before the holidays were over.

Social features have largely centered around the distinguished visitors to the city, and the year has been one of gayety and enjoyment. No session of the Legislature has been held, and the activities of the departments of the State government have been largely given to pushing the Jamestown Exposition, which has taken much of the time and attention of Governor Swanson and his assistants. The administration of the State Library and of the hospitals for the insane has called for careful investigation, and for some changes in the management.

In municipal affairs the city has made some progress towards securing a Board of Control, and is ready to ask the Legislature for some changes in its charter and manner of government. The death of Colonel Cutshaw has deprived the city of a valuable and efficient officer whose place will be hard to fill. Revelations of graft among some members of Council and some of those connected with the City Almshouse resulted in changes for the betterment of that institution.

The New.

Looking forward to 1908, Richmond welcomes the incoming Legislature, and looks forward with confidence to that measure of prosperity which the future has in store. With an enlarged area and an increased population, she has through 1907 maintained her position as the capital city of the South. With this section of the country rapidly coming into prominence in the commercial and manufacturing world, Richmond can afford to look with confidence on the future, and to utilize every opportunity that 1908 brings for building up the city and strengthening its position in all lines of trade and civic endeavor.

EXCHANGE NO MORE

Tobacco Building Will Be Used As Storage House.

The Tobacco Exchange, whose days of usefulness passed when the trust got hold of the market here, will be used no more for the purposes for which it was intended. Already men are at work transforming it to a storage house, in which capacity it will be far more lucrative. In the heyday of its prosperity many a thousand pounds of the seductive weed was sold on its floor, but in recent times it has been an abode of spiders and rats, covered with dust and cobwebs. In a few days the floor will be cleaned of the old sample binns and desks, and no sign of its former self will be left.

John Mitchell Improving.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO., December 31.—John Mitchell, of Indianapolis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, is here to enjoy a period of rest, which will extend over a period of about three weeks. Mr. Mitchell has gained strength since his recent recurrence of illness.

No Successor to Brownson.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31.—It was expected that upon the President's return from Pine Knot, Va., and certainly following the first Cabinet meeting thereafter, some announcement would be made as to the successor to Admiral Brownson, as chief of the Bureau of Navigation. It was said today, however, that the matter had not been decided at the Cabinet session and that possibly a choice might not be made before Thursday.

Firm Dissolves.

The insurance agency firm of Benson & Ryland yesterday dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Benson will continue the business at the present offices in the Mutual Building under the firm name of E. L. Benson & Company, and the retiring member, Mr. Charles H. Ryland, Jr., enters the firm of Williamson Talley & Ryland. The two young men, who had been together for some time, parted good friends, there having been no misunderstanding or disagreement.

Praise for Police.

Major Louis Werner, Chief of Police, yesterday evening sent to both stations a communication, in which he complimented the department on the good work done during the past year. In concluding Major Werner said: "When others have their holiday you have to work, but I hope you had a merry Christmas, and I wish you one and all a bright and happy New Year."

Thought It a Riot.

James G. Lally was arrested last night by Policemen Vest and Goodman on the charge of being disorderly and assaulting Maude Lally. He was also charged with being drunk, and the officers had such a time in arresting him that it was said that a riot had occurred in Fulton.

Holiness Meeting.

Holiness meetings will be held on to-day at 10:30 A. M., 3:30 and 8 P. M. in the West End Rescue Mission, No. 806 West Cary Street, and will continue daily until January 8th. All are welcome.

"Berry's for Clothes."

Turning over a new leaf is an effort, but exercise is good for one.

Here's a resolution that will not be much of an effort to keep and will benefit your pocket.

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MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHIERS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS ANNUAL MEETING

President Submits Annual Report and Officers Are Elected.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Historical Society was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The president, Mr. Joseph Bryan, was in the chair, and submitted his annual report. Throughout the society is in a very flourishing condition. In spite of the large number of losses by death, seventeen in number, there are now 752 members. There have been considerable extraordinary expenditures for house painting, etc., during the year 1907, but after the payment of all these there remains a good balance in the treasury. There is a substantial increase in the permanent fund, which now amounts to $5,300. When the bequest from the late Edward Wilson James is received this fund will be raised to nearly $9,000.

Other Important Work.

The names of numerous donors of books and objects of historic interest were given, and the number of additions of books and pamphlets was stated to be 463. These include many books on Virginia published during the year 1907.

The president stated that the rule of publishing mainly manuscript stories in the magazine had been adhered to in 1907, and would be continued in 1908. He gave an interesting outline of the various documents to be published during the coming year.

The report next paid a tribute to the many valued members of the society who have died during the year.

The share of the society in the Tercentennial Exposition at Norfolk, was described, and great praise was given to the collection shown in the History Building.

The president concluded his report with a summary of what has been done at Jamestown Island by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

Officers Elected.

At the conclusion of the annual report a motion was made that a committee on nominations be appointed.

The committee reported recommending that the present officers and members of the executive committee be re-elected. On motion this was done. The following are the officers and members of committee elected:

President, Joseph Bryan, Richmond, Va.; Vice-Presidents, Archer Anderson, Richmond, Va.; Edward V. Valentine, Richmond, Va.; Lyon G. Tyler, Williamsburg, Va.; Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, William G. Stanard, Richmond, Va.; Recording Secretary, David C. Richardson, Richmond, Va.; Treasurer, Robert A. Lancaster, Jr., Richmond, Va.

Executive Committee—C. V. Meredith, Richmond, Va.; B. B. Munford, Richmond, Va.; Charles W. Kent, University of Virginia, W. Meade Clark, Richmond, Va.; A. C. Gordon, Staunton, Va.; S. S. P. Patteson, Richmond, Va.; S. C. Mitchell, Richmond, Va.; S. H. Yonge, Richmond, Va.; W. J. Leake, Richmond, Va.; W. Gordon McCabe, Richmond, Va.; William H. Palmer, Richmond, Va.; Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, Norfolk, Va.

Charged With Robbery.

James Judah (colored) was arrested last night and locked up in the First Police Station on the charge of stealing $19 from the person of Lucian Tate. The money was taken, it is alleged, by personal violence, which makes Judah liable for pulshment for highway robbery.

HEAVY INCREASE AT POST-OFFICE

Annual Statement Shows Past Year to Have Been Unusually Good One.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES

Reports Give Complete Review of Work in All the Departments.

Post-Office Receipts

Receipts for year 1899	$243,213 24
Receipts for year 1900	270,498 59
Receipts for year 1901	294,827 04
Receipts for year 1902	335,064 10
Receipts for year 1903	361,058 16
Receipts for year 1904	384,163 57
Receipts for year 1905	437,892 16
Receipts for year 1906	488,009 76
Receipts for year 1907	537,964 90
Increase over 1906	49,055 14

Reports of the Richmond post-office, issued yesterday, show a steady increase of business each year; that for 1907 being relatively greater than during any previous twelve months. The figures are an encouraging index to business conditions in this city. The comparative totals are given above. The receipts in detail were as follows:

Sale of postage stamps, envelopes and postal cards	$448,640 94
Sale of special request envelopes	41,900 66
Newspaper and periodical postage	24,118 79
Third class postage	17,228 03
Box rent	5,977 54
Miscellaneous	89 94
Total	$537,964 90
Total receipts of the office over 10 per cent. increase:	
Postal deposits from other offices (fourth class)	$111,129 37
Post-office warrants	309,800 00
Grand total	$958,394 27

An increase of $49,055.14 over the year 1906.

Of the above stamps, envelopes and postal cards:

Station A, No. 215 West Broad Street, sold	$ 44,555 31
Station B, No. 2418 East Broad Street, sold	15,051 29
Station No. 1, No. 204 Harrison Street, sold	4,524 15
Station No. 2, No. 2901 Williamsburg Avenue, sold	4,285 37
Station No. 3, No. 334 South Pine Street, sold	2,926 89
Station No. 4, No. 601 North Seventeenth Street, sold	2,760 93
Station No. 5, No. 330 West Leigh Street, sold	1,471 77
Station No. 6, No. 1101 West Clay Street, sold	2,183 55
Station No. 7, No. 26 West Leigh Street, sold	5,896 00
Station No. 8, No. 2431 Venable Street, sold	3,011 34
Station No. 9, No. 500 East Marshall Street, sold	18,492 15
Station No. 10, No. 2017 East Main Street, sold	8,608 00
Station No. 11, No. 1301 West Main Street, sold	3,984 95
Station No. 12, No. 101 East Broad Street, sold	25,910 02
Station No. 12, Barton Heights, sold	743 39
Station No. 14, No. 817 East Broad Street, sold	8,546 94
Station No. 15, No. 908 North Twenty-ninth Street, sold	107 45
Station No. 16, No. 1557 West Grace Street, sold	512 33
Total	$153,471 83

(The last three stations established within the year: Station No. 14, April 1st; stations Nos. 15 and 16, August 1st.)

Number of clerks employed in the post-office, 89; number of clerks employed by substations, 10; number of carriers employed, 74; number of substitute employes, 16; railway postal clerks paid from this office, 39; special delivery messenger boys, 10; rural letter carriers serving from this office, 7; number of rural letter carriers paid from this office throughout the State of Virginia, 887.

Amount paid rural letter carriers in Virginia for the year	$658,871 82
Amount paid substitute rural letter carriers for the year	22,478 60
Total	$681,350 42

Mailing Division.

Pieces of mail dispatched:

	1906.	1907.
First-class	38,916,037	39,456,422
All others	16,891,152	17,756,300
Special delivery	35,096	40,924
Total	55,842,285	57,253,646

Made up mail received:

	1906.	1907.
Pouches	48,655	50,243
Sacks	134,132	139,793

Made up mail dispatched:

	1906.	1907.
Pouches	44,532	45,363
Sacks	189,008	197,221

Pieces of misdirected mail:

	1906.	1907.
Returned to sender	83,938	91,052
Corrected and forwarded	12,102	14,608
*Sent to dead-letter office	4,198	13,396
Held for postage	5,364	7,897
Canadian matter sent to dead-letter office	23	13
Disposed of as waste	12,766	13,057
Total	118,441	140,024

*Great increase of mail sent to dead-letter office is caused by postcards bearing particles of glass, metal, mica, sand, tinsel or other similar substances, which are unmailable, except when inclosed in envelopes.

Delivered by carriers	71,878
Dispatched	61,205
Official	17,000
Received for transmission:	
Domestic	62,208
Foreign	5,307
Official	2,205
Railway packages, envelopes, containing letters and parcels for transmission to other offices	153,549

Money Order Division.

Domestic money orders issued:

	Number.	Amount.
1907	21,935	$219,826
1906	21,016	193,455
Fees on same, 1907		$1,480
Fees on same, 1906		1,361

International money orders issued:

	Number.	Amount.
1907	2,200	$42,680
1906	1,659	30,377

Fees on same:

1907	$481
1906	422

Domestic money orders paid:

	Number.	Amount.
1907	168,736	$1,072,750
1906	161,614	1,011,761

International money orders paid:

	Number.	Amount.
1907	282	$5,606
1906	317	5,833

Surplus money order funds deposited to credit of Treasurer of the United States:

1907	$523,000
1906	336,600
Remittances received from other post-offices:	
1907	$1,487,475
1906	1,185,719

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Cleanses, preserves and beautifies the teeth, and Purifies the breath—A superior dentifrice for people of refinement

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AL SPINK SERIOUSLY SHOT

Veteran Sporting Writer Victim of Employe's Bullet.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 31.—Al H. Spink, editor of the Daily World, author of the "Derby Winner" and several other plays, and formerly a sporting writer of national reputation, was shot and perhaps fatally injured to-night by Victor Groves, an employe, following an altercation with William Spink, the editor's son. Mr. Spink was rushing to the scene of the quarrel when Groves drew a revolver and fired two shots, one of them entering the editor's left shoulder and penetrating his lungs.

Mrs. Rachel Miller.

Mrs. Rachel Miller, widow of Mr. George Miller, died yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, at her residence, No. 700 South Pine Street, in the seventy-eighth year of her age.

Mrs. Miller leaves seven children—Messrs. Hydronimus, John, George, Charles and Henry Miller, and Mrs. J. H. Pace and Miss Mary Miller.

The funeral will take place from St. John's German Evangelical Church, Eighth and Marshall Streets, at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Wednesday, moderate temperature; Thursday partly cloudy; light to fresh west winds.

North Carolina—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light, variable winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather was clear and warm. Range of the thermometer:

9 A. M.	40	6 P. M.	42
12 M.	47	9 P. M.	42
3 P. M.	50	12 midnight	41

Average 43 2-3

Highest temperature yesterday	50
Lowest temperature yesterday	35
Mean temperature yesterday	42
Normal temperature yesterday	39
Departure from normal temperature	3

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Time.)

Place.	Ther.	H.T.	Weather.
Asheville	40	48	Clear
Augusta	40	48	Clear
Atlanta	52	54	Clear
Buffalo	34	34	Rain
Chicago	38	38	P. cloudy
Cincinnati	34	44	Clear
Davenport	38	38	P. cloudy
Detroit	32	36	P. cloudy
Hatteras	46	50	Clear
Jacksonville	50	56	Clear
Kansas City	46	50	Clear
Memphis	50	54	Clear
New Orleans	52	58	Clear
Oklahoma City	62	58	P. cloudy
Pittsburg	34	36	Clear
Raleigh	44	52	Clear
Savannah	48	52	Clear
Norfolk	42	46	Clear
Tampa	64	72	Clear
Washington	36	42	Clear
Wilmington	46	50	Clear
Yellowstone	26	30	Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

		January 1, 1908. HIGH TIDE.	
Sun rises	7:26	Morning	2:23
Sun sets	5:01	Evening	2:39
Moon rises	4:15		

FOREIGN STEAMER LINES CONTROL

Cosmopolitan Shipping Company Moves to Dismiss Demurrer in Case.

BALTIC POOL DEFENDANTS

Question of Control Over Rates from This to Foreign Land the Issue.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31.—The Cosmopolitan Shipping Company, through its general agent, Peter Wright & Sons, of Philadelphia, today filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission its brief of argument to dismiss the demurrer in the complaint against the steamship lines comprising the Baltic pool.

The defendant steamship lines include the Hamburg-American packet Company, North German Lloyd, Scandinavian-American Line and the Wilson (Hull) Line. The companies are among the largest in the world, and such improtant questions are raised as whether ocean carriers, acting in conjunction with inland carriers, through the joint issue of through bills of lading at through rates from interior points in the United States to points in Europe are subject to the provisions of the act to regulate commerce and the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The lines are charged with maintaining a monopoly in restraint of trade, pooling, discriminating between shippers and localities and the giving of rebates. The German government is said to be watching with zealous interest the outcome of the matter.

It was alleged by the Cosmopolitan line that these defendant companies, foreign in control, "dictated the rate, the line, the manner, the methods, and every other condition of trade and traffic to which the United States producers, manufacturer or shipper must submit in order to introduce his goods to the three most important northern continental ports of Europe."

Defendants Deny Control.

"In the demurrer the companies denied that the Interstate Commerce Commission has any control whatever over transportation 'from any place in the United States to a foreign country or over property shipped from a foreign country to any place in the United States.'"

The German government has been paying the Hamburg and North German-Lloyd lines subsidies for years. The latter company has received $1,000,000 per annum since 1885, and the former a smaller sum under contracts that will live until 1915, by which time these two companies will have received an aggregate of $55,000,000. The 20,000 miles of State railroads owned by Germany are actively associated with these companies, and accord them preferential rates for the promotion of export and import traffic. The two companies practically dominate the ports of Hamburg and Bremen, so far as American merchandise is concerned.

The Cosmopolitan Company maintains that the freedom of the sea is monopolized by combinations, threats, intimidations and pooling.

ANTI-RACE-SUICIDE CRUSADE

Over 100 Couples Promise to Name First Boy Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Decembr 31.—At least 133 Theodore Roosevelts are promised in a new anti-race suicide crusade during the year 1908. These prophetic statistics are based upon the promises of couples who formed the rush line at the City Hall on the opening of the new marriage license bureau.

By noon 135 couples had obtained licenses. At that hour the members of the City Hall Reporters' Association became enthused over the situation, and this telegram was sent to President Roosevelt:

Law requiring license to marry in this State goes into effect January 1st. One hundred and thirty-three couples bought licenses in the City Hall before 12 o'clock to-day. One hundred and thirty-three couples promised reporters that they would name their first boy Theodore Roosevelt. The thirty-odd newspaper men at the City Hall beg to advise you that there is no prospect of immediate race suicide in your native city.

(Signed) CHARLES T. WHITE, President.

Those who bought licenses will not be married until the New Year. The average number of marriages in this county in one year is 38,000.

POPE'S JUBILEE BEGINS

Fortieth Anniversary of His Priesthood to Be Celebrated.

ROME, December 31.—The Pope's jubilee will begin to-morrow. On December 18, 1865, he said his first mass. To-day the Pope remarked that it had been twenty years since the opening of the jubilee of the priesthood of Pope Leo XIII., when 200,000 pilgrims gathered here from all points of the earth to render him honor. In contrast to this, the jubilee of Pope Pius will open very quietly and without the coming together of a multitude.

New Year Reductions on Suits

Ladies' All-Wool Cheviot Suits, satin-lined jackets with trimmed collars; a $16.00 value, for $12.50.

Ladies' Cloth Suits, in browns and blues, satin-lined jackets, skirts trimmed in folds; worth $19.00, for $15.00.

Hard-Finish Serge Suits, new cuts, skirt with folds; a $25.00 Suit, for $16.98.

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CASE IS TURNING AGAINST HARDEN

German Editor's Conviction on Libel Charge Now Seems Very Likely.

HE MAY GET PRISON TERM

The Prosecutor Censures Harden and Demands His Conviction and Punishment.

BERLIN, December 31.—At the opening of the hearing of the Harden-von Moltke libel suit this morning the judge questioned Count Kuno von Moltke as to whether he had resigned from the army as a result of the articles published by Harden in Die Zukunft. The count responded emphatically in the affirmative. The state attorney, Dr. Isenbiel, then opened the pleadings and demanded the imposition of a sentence of four months' imprisonment against Harden. He declared that Harden had assumed that there existed near the person of the Emperor a group of men whose influence was detrimental to the interests of the Fatherland, and which he felt himself called upon to disperse. Among the members of this group were Prince Philip Zu Eulenberg and Kuno von Moltke. Harden attacked these two men, and, founding his accusation upon the mere word of an hysterical woman, Mrs. von Elbe, the former wife of von Moltke, and upon statements made by her mother, Mrs. von Heydon, who was quite untrustworthy, he declared them to be possessed of abnormal tendencies.

Claims Vindication of Count.

Continuing, Dr. Isenbiel said: "Count von Moltke, who has been covered with filth by Harden, leaves this court completely cleared; he is without stain, a nobleman from head to foot. Prince Zu Eulenberg is equally vindicated.

"I do not know what the Emperor said to Count von Moltke, but he probably told him, 'Go, von Moltke, and clear yourself; stamp on this poisonous snake.'"

Dr. Isenbiel, referring to Harden's motives, said he believed his articles had been actuated as always, by purely political purposes, but in this instance he had injured the Fatherland, and he therefore, merited punishment. In conclusion, the State attorney said he had received a letter threatening him with death if the verdict of the court was unfavorable to Harden, and that he laughed at the threat.

Dr. Zello, counsel for Count von Moltke, said Harden had permitted himself to be persuaded into a regrettable act, and pictured von Moltke as a man of an extremely gentle and sympathetic nature.

Count von Moltke, speaking in his own behalf, said he had discarded his army uniform because he did not want it tesmirched. He denied that any political group or camarilla existed near the person of the Emperor. The only group in the entourage of His Majesty, the count declared, was the imperial family circle, which was loved and honored throughout the land.

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Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature

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REFUSE SUBSTITUTES

SHOWS THE MONEY IS WELL INVESTED

Petersburg Investment Corporation Pays Good Dividend Its First Year.

DEATH OF MR. SPOTSWOOD

One of the Oldest and Most Representative Citizens—Prince George Wedding.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., December 31.—The board of directors of the Petersburg Investment Corporation, which is an adjunct of the Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting to-day declared a dividend as of January 1st of 6 per cent. flat to the stockholders of the corporation. This amounts to about 8 per cent. per annum, as the average time of this collection of the stock subscriptions was about April 1, 1907. This is a fine showing, and needs no other comment than that the Petersburg Investment Corporation is fulfilling entirely the hopes of its many stockholders.

Death of Mr. Spotswood.

The death Monday night of Mr. Joseph Edwin Spotswood was a shock to the community, though not altogether unexpected. He had been ill for a long time.

Mr. Spotswood was one of the oldest and most honored citizens of Petersburg. He was a veteran of the Mexican War and the War between the States. He served throughout the War of 1861-'65 in the Twelfth Virginia Regiment, Mahone's Brigade, and made a splendid record as a soldier. He was the last but one of the two companies of Petersburg volunteers in the Mexican War, Mr. Joseph L. Carter, of this city, now venerable in years and highly esteemed as a citizen, surviving. Mr. Spotswood was for many years engaged in the lumber business in this city, and until a few months ago was an active and familiar figure on the streets. He was a man of high Christian principle and integrity, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He was seventy-[illegible] years old, and is survived by his wife and three sons—William F. and B. [illegible] Spotswood, of Norfolk, and Edward Spotswood, of Petersburg. He was a member of the A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans.

Gilliam—Ruffin.

The wedding of Mr. James Sk[illegible] Gilliam and Miss Virginia Ruffin, of historic old Merchant's Hope Episcopal Church, in Prince George county, was one of the notable social events of the winter. A number of friends of the young couple attended the wedding.

The names of Ruffin and Gilliam are intimately and prominently connected with the history and progress of this section, and old Merchant's Hope Church, in which the marriage ceremony was performed, is one of the few remaining church edifices of Colonial days. The bride is the accomplished daughted of Mr. and Mrs. George Champion Ruffin, of "Bellewood," near Tar Bay, on James River. Mr. Gilliam is a prominent citizen of Prince George.

Brief Petersbug Items.

Special revival services will be held afternoon and night, beginning to-morrow, in the Salvation Army Hall, Hinton Street.

There were forty-one births in Petersburg in December. Of these seventeen were white and twenty-four colored.

Mr. Mortimer Williams, on account of his business engagements, has declined the position of president of the Riverside Club, to which he was recently elected.

Petersburg Aerie of Eagles will install its newly-elected officers Tuesday night, and will celebrate the occasion with a banquet.

L. R. Gates, of this city, has purchased the Petersburg baseball franchise of the Old Dominion League, and an organization is to be effected on a firm basis. Already several players have been signed for the season.

The residence of Captain Asa Rose, in Jefferson Street, was entered Sunday evening by a sneak thief and an overcoat and hat stolen from the hallway. Tom Davis, a negro, just out of the Richmond almshouse, was arrested last night in a pawn shop, where he had pawned the coat.

1908

Finds us still making medicines, which our family has been doing for more than half a century.

It is our business to make medicines; and we congratulate ourselves, at the beginning of another year, that our painstaking efforts to make the best medicines have been, from the first, rewarded by an appreciative public.

Always pure, safe and beneficial, no changes have been necessary in Hood's Sarsaparilla or any of our other medicines to comply with the Pure Food and Drugs Act—practically anticipated by us years ago, in the origination of our formulas.

In merit, sales and cures, Hood's Sarsaparilla has far surpassed all other medicines, and the abiding confidence of the people in it is the strongest proof of its unequalled merit as a great blood-purifier, stomach, liver and kidney remedy.

After being before the public more than a quarter of a century, its wonderful power to cure all blood diseases, to create a good appetite and dispel that tired feeling, and the confidence of the people in its merit, are demonstrated by the fact that in recent years it has received more testimonials than ever before—40,366 in two years, by actual count.

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No other medicine possesses so great merit nor effects such marvellous cures.

Grateful for your past patronage and soliciting a continuance thereof, we are, Very truly yours,

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Summary of Operations of the Building Inspector's Office

AUGUST 1, 1907 TO DECEMBER 31, 1907

Number of permits issued in December for new work	40
Number of permits issued in December for repairs, additions, etc.	21
Total number of permits issued in December,	61
Estimated cost of new improvements in December	$67,463
Estimated cost of repairs, additions, etc., in December	3,568
Total cost of work authorized in December	71,031
Average value of permit for new work in December	$1,686.575
Average value of permit for repairs, additions, etc., in December	169.904
Average value of total permits issued in December	1,164.443

NEW STRUCTURES.

	Aug. 1st to Nov. 30th. No.	Amount.	December. No.	Amount.	Aug. 1st to Dec. 31st. No.	Amount.
Brick dwellings	64	$230,900	10	$42,557	74	$273,457
Frame dwellings	111	110,632	13	17,190	124	127,822
Stores	9	31,700	1	500	10	32,200
Sheds	203	10,048	17	671	220	10,719
Stables, brick	11	6,100	3	745	14	6,845
Warehouses and manufactories	8	19,378	2	2,300	10	21,678
Apartment houses	3	71,000	..	.....	3	71,000
Y. M. C. A. bldgs.	1	60,000	..	.....	1	60,000
Churches	1	20,000	..	.....	1	20,000
Office annex	1	1,000	..	.....	1	1,000
Freight depot	1	45,000	..	.....	1	45,000
Conservatory	1	4,000	..	.....	1	4,000
Substation	1	7,500	..	.....	1	7,500
Boiler house	1	6,000	1	3,500	2	9,500
Sunday school	1	6,000	..	.....	1	6,000
		$629,258		$67,463		$696,731

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.

	Aug. 1st to Nov. 30th. No.	Amount.	December. No.	Amount.	Aug. 1st to Dec. 31st. No.	Amount.
Brick dwellings	34	$16,100	6	$ 780	40	$16,880
Frame dwellings	68	17,766	10	1,318	78	19,084
Stores	19	15,278	3	970	22	16,248
Sheds	7	1,140	..	.....	7	1,140
Halls	1	100	..	.....	1	100
Warehouses and manufactories	7	3,710	2	500	9	4,210
Hospitals	1	7,500	..	.....	1	7,500
Asylums	1	175	..	.....	1	175
Hotels	4	1,964	..	.....	4	1,964
Churches	1	250	..	.....	1	250
Brick stables	2	2,250	..	.....	2	2,250
Theatres	1	2,500	..	.....	1	2,500
Office buildings	1	300	..	.....	1	300
		$69,033		$3,568		$72,601

Total number of examinations and reports, 12.

1907.	New Work. No.	Amount.	Alterations, Etc. No.	Amount.	Total. No.	Amount.
August	71	$171,408	24	$14,782	95	$186,190
September	90	178,784	33	20,749	123	199,533
October	91	168,449	53	23,197	144	191,646
November	54	110,617	32	10,305	86	120,922
December	40	67,463	21	3,568	61	71,031
Total	346	$696,731	163	$72,601	509	$769,322

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