MERCHANTS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Progress in All Lines of Industry Reported From Petersburg.

REUNION OF MANN FAMILY

Marriage Licenses Refused to Two Couples—Other News.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,
109 North Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va.

Merchants generally of this city report a good business year—above the average. In the wholesale line the bulk of business was larger than last year, though collections have been somewhat slow. The fine crops and high prices have made the farmers comparatively independent. They are out of debt as a general thing, and pay for everything needed on the farm and in the home.

Bank deposits have largely increased both in the banking institutions in the city and in counties. The Spanish peanut crop in the Virginia counties this year is one of the largest and best ever grown, and the tobacco crop, most of it yet to be marketed, is the best in many years. With the manufacturers in line the year has been a prosperous and busy one, and their output has been large. Altogether the year has been a satisfactory one in all lines of trade.

Interesting Family Gathering.

The home of Captain and Mrs. Samuel A. Mann, of Chesterfield county, nee Matoaca, who have been very happily married for forty-four years, was the scene of an interesting reunion and dining on Christmas day. There were present, besides the parents, thirteen of their fifteen living children, two being prevented from attending, and twelve of their grandchildren. The married union of Captain and Mrs. Mann was blessed with eighteen children, three of whom have passed away. Of the living children now grown to manhood and womanhood eight are men and seven are women, and the record among the men is that they have not known the taste of liquor or tobacco.

Captain Mann is one of the best known and most respected citizens of the county, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of all his fellow-men. He has held uninterruptedly the office of Commissioner of Revenue for his district for forty years, the duties of which he has most faithfully and satisfactorily discharged.

Deaths and Births in December.

The report of the Health Officer for the month ending December 26, shows a total of fifty deaths in the city—whites, eighteen; colored, thirty-two. There were twelve deaths among infants and children under five years of age; fourteen of adults between sixty and eighty years old, and one of over eighty years. During the month the coroner certified nine deaths. Among the causes assigned for death were: Tuberculosis, ten; cerebral hemorrhage, seven; heart disease, five; Bright's disease, four. Several cases of diphtheria and tuberculosis were reported during the month.

The record shows that the majority of those who died of consumption were colored persons, and that the mortality among the colored race almost doubled that among the whites.

The number of births reported to the Health Department during the month was sixty-two; white, thirty-one; colored, thirty-one.

Marriage Licenses Refused.

Two couples anxious to be married applied at the clerk's office this morning for licenses. One was a dashing young couple from Norfolk, and the other was from Lynchburg. The licenses were refused, much to the disappointment of the applicants, for the reason that the law requires such papers to be issued in the city or county where the prospective bride resides. The couples left for another point, where the road to wedlock is not so difficult.

Competitive Examination.

A competitive examination under civil service rules will be held at the post-office in this city on February 4 for first grade clerical positions in the customs and internal revenue service, and other positions.

Personal and Otherwise.

Among the guests attending the reception given by Professor and Mrs. Arthur Kyle Davis, in honor of the debut of their daughter, Miss Lucy Mellwaine Davis, were Mr. and Mrs. Mann S. Valentine and Dr. and Mrs. John Dunn, of Richmond.

A charming entertainment and dance were given at the Riverside Club last night by Miss Donal Claiborne, in honor of her friend, Miss Lucille Paxton, of Washington. Many guests were present.

Mrs. Robert A. Martin, Jr., entertained the Afternoon Bridge Club yesterday at her home on High Street.

The riders of the Riverside Hunt, who were guests of the Deep Run Hunt, of Richmond, this afternoon, were: H. S. Seward, E. B. Sydnor, Sidney M. Green, Jr., R. R. Percivall, M. C. Jackson and I. J. Hartley.

The board of directors of the Petersburg Investment Corporation, at a meeting last night, declared a dividend of 2 per cent. on the capital stock, making 6 per cent. for the year.

Monday will be observed as a holiday, and the banks, public buildings and all industrial establishments will be closed.

Election of Officers.

Washington Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, last night elected the following officers: President, J. L. Trayler; Vice-President, W. D. Temple; Master of Finance, J. H. Johnson; Recording Secretary, Thomas B. Ivey; Assistant Recording Secretary, W. E. Talbott, Jr.; Treasurer, C. M. King; Financial Secretary, Thomas S. Simmons; Conductor, J. M. Vaiden; Guards, R. L. Harvell and J. C. Harvell; Chaplain, L. A. Livesay.

New Company to be Chartered.

Application was made to-day to the Corporation Commission for a charter for "The Bryant Shoe Company, Incorporated," of Petersburg, with an authorized capital of $10,000 minimum, and $40,000 maximum. The officers are: President, R. H. Bryant; Vice-President, C. M. Brister; General Manager, R. H. Bryant; Secretary, E. H. Hoy; Treasurer, Walter Sparklin. These officers and C. L. Guthrie, P. S. Pugh and Paul Pettit, constitute the directors. Among the incorporators are some of the best known business men in Petersburg.

Police and Fire Reports.

The number of arrests made by the police of this city during the year was 2,000, embracing every grade of crime from murder down to simple violations of city ordinances.

The report of the Chief of the Fire Department shows fire losses during the year amounting to about $450,000. The great bulk of this loss was sustained this month by the disastrous conflagration on Sycamore Street.

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12-22-10.

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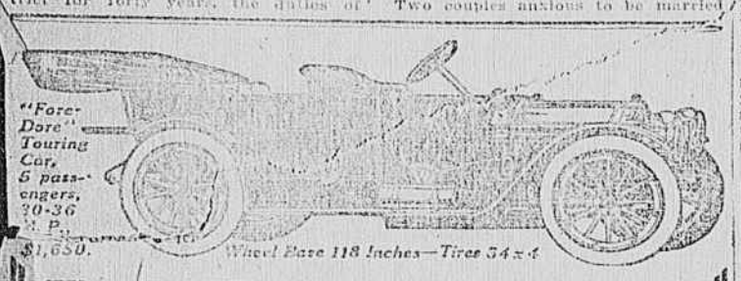

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"Fore-Dore" Touring Car, 30-36 H. P.	1,650

The records given below of the Speed, Stamina and Power that the Cole 30 has shown in races and economy tests give evidence of unusual perfection in construction and prove conclusively that it is a car that will hold up under any and all conditions.

SPEED.—The Cole 30 holds the world's 50-mile speed record for cars of its class, making the grind in 43 minutes 49.69 seconds. It won the Massapequa Sweepstakes in the last Vanderbilt Cup Race, making the run of 126.6 miles without a single stop.

ENDURANCE.—The Cole 30 is the lowest priced, lowest powered car—in fact, the only one of its class—that ever completed a 24-hour endurance run; yet the same car has accomplished this at Brighton Beach, maintaining a speed of more than 40 miles an hour for 24 hours without a particle of tire or mechanical trouble.

ECONOMY.—In the Chicago Motor Club's Economy Run, last spring, a distance of 191 miles over country roads, the Cole 30 was another winner, making a record of 23.6 miles for each gallon of gasoline.

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We are now booking orders for spring delivery, and urge upon you the necessity of placing yours now. Don't wait until the last minute, for you may be disappointed and have to take a second or third choice. Order now and be sure that you will get the car you want when you want it. Ask us for a demonstration. This places you under no obligation whatever.

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NEW YEAR COMES ALONG ON TIME

Gladly Hailed by Those Who Greeted Old One Just Twelve Months Ago.

Blowing of whistles, booming of fire crackers, ringing of bells, shoutings of gleeful urchins, myriads of colored lights from rockets and other contrivances made by the festive Oriental, ushered in the New Year in Richmond. There were bonfires here and there, there was much toasting and many good wishes, but in a few moments peace reigned again in the city, and 1911 had been born.

Watch night services were held in some quarters of Richmond, but for the most part, because New Year's Eve was on Saturday, whatever religious observances there may be were reserved until to-day. There were many private watchers, and no doubt the usual number of vows were made.

Time for Retrospect.

The passing of the old year and the birth of the new seems especially conducive to retrospect. It is this thing of memory, with its poignant stings, which gives life to resolutions and which starts the water wagon upon its lumbering and precarious course.

Some wise man has said that he had seen great changes in one year and very little change in fifty years. The world has already said that this is not altogether true. Some events which loom big in history were of passing importance to the men of the age which saw them, while others, which seem epochal when they happen, are merged into a small part of a great movement in the years which follow, or are lost altogether in oblivion.

Year in Richmond.

So only the future can tell the place of 1910 in the history of Richmond and of Virginia. It has been a year of business expansion, a year in which, in all things material, the city of the old South and the new has demonstrated its position of leadership among the municipalities of the country between the Potomac and the Gulf. It has shown official confirmation of a 50 per cent. increase in population within a decade. In all things by which men count progress and material greatness, Richmond has made strides during the year which has gone.

Yet many of the events have been just such as happen any year. There have been, perhaps, an average number of disasters, all of them fortunately small and affecting only one or two people at a time. Some distinguished citizens have been buried in Hollywood; with every fall from ranks another man has stepped forward to take the vacant place, for this is the relentless law of life.

Virginia's Prosperity.

The State has also been singularly prosperous. With bumper crops of corn and of apples, which her citizens sold at what a few years ago would have seemed fabulous prices, she is at last taking her place among those Commonwealths which have their part in feeding the world, instead of being a purchaser from more thrifty communities. In agricultural development she is coming to the front, and the past year has seen renewed activity in the movement for modern methods. The educational uplift is no small part of the Virginia spirit of the age. The State has learned the lesson that the schools exist solely for the future—which is the child.

Yet no city nor State nor nation, hardly even an individual, can go through a year without something to be regretted. During 1910 the grave closed over the mortal remains of John Warwick Daniel, Virginia's most distinguished son. Survivor of a generation which has gone, he has joined Lee and Jackson.

Officials Who Died.

Within a few days of the end of the year, the State was called upon to mourn the loss of Colonel Morton Marye. The hand of death was laid on Assistant Attorney-General Bibb, and the bench of the Commonwealth has been called upon to give up Judge Daniel A. Grimsley and Judge John E. Mason.

Looking beyond the State (it was old Matthias Claudius who said that on New Year's Day his patriotism was as dead as a mouse, and all men were his brothers), the country has witnessed a political upheaval, which has retired the party in power for so many years and put the reins of government into practically new hands. History may or may not make mention of the elections of 1910.

Conquering the Air.

Nothing, perhaps, will so firmly fix the late year in the minds of coming generations as the advance made in the science of aerial navigation. It was but yesterday since the Wrights at Fort Myer were making trials which were regarded as marvelous, and yet they would be laughed at today for similar efforts. Aeronautics is no new thing. For hundreds of years adventurous spirits have been trying to read the riddle of the skies, and balloons of all sorts and shapes and designs have been launched, most of them with disastrous effect.

Yet the principle was there, awaiting solution. As with the steam engine, it needed just the final touch to achieve success. It may be that the men who gave their lives to science in the dying hours of the old year will be remembered when the statesmen of this era have been forgotten.

And This Is New Year's, Too.

Luther Moore was locked up in the Second Police Station last night on the charge of stealing three quarts of whiskey from the establishment of Patrick McDonough on West Broad Street.

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TERRIFIC RATTLE OLD YEAR'S KNELL

Unusual Pandemonium Reigns When the New Year Is Ushered In.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, January 1.—The old year went out and the new came in amid terrific rattle, prolonged crash, a smash and a bang, that made it resemble every other like occasion, excepting that there was an absence of confetti and ticklers that made for comfort and safety of feet.

At midnight one of the biggest crowds in the history of New York gathered in lower Broadway to listen to the chimes of Old Trinity. There was an impressive few moments when the bells began to ring, and the crowd was actually quiet and attentive. Then the clatter was resumed.

Broadway was a picture. The air was bracing, the sky was clear, and every electric sign was fully illuminated from Twenty-third Street up to Forty-seventh.

All applications for all-night licenses having been denied by the Mayor the liquor law was observed as it generally is on such occasions, the front doors of saloons being closed and business being done at side entrances.

At the hotels, after 1 o'clock, those who wanted anything to drink simply ordered the waiter to "bring that bottle of wine I ordered at 11:59." In all the hotels and restaurants the lights were extinguished, leaving the places in absolute darkness, at one minute before 1 o'clock. The orchestras then played "America," the crowds arose, and the lights were turned on. Everybody joined in the anthem.

Inspector McClockey, in charge of the police arrangements for the night, estimated that the hotels and restaurants did $1,000,000 worth of business during the night. He said he had never seen money spent so freely. He said there were between 25,000 and 30,000 people in the dining places, and that an average of about $10 a person was spent.

E. FRANK STORY APPOINTED.

Becomes Commonwealth's Attorney of Southampton County.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Suffolk, Va., December 31.—Circuit Judge McLemore late to-night announced the appointment of E. Frank Story as Commonwealth's attorney of Southampton county, to succeed William James Sebrell, deceased. There were six applicants, including every lawyer of prominence in the county. Story is Democratic county chairman and a member of the J. Peter Holland faction in county politics. He supported William A. Young in the August congressional primary and is regarded as a strong organization man in State politics. Judge McLemore said to-night that Story was not an aspirant at first, but that he appointed him because he is competent and is apparently the people's choice.

DEEP SILENCE REIGNS

No Word Has Come from Principals in Elopement.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., December 31.—Deep silence continues to be observed by the principals in the Wylie-Hichborn elopement, which has come to be an accepted fact by Washington society.

Mrs. Wylie, for whom great sympathy is universally felt, has partially recovered from her attack of nervous prostration following her husband's abandonment, and has tried to make the holidays bright for her young children.

It is said on good authority here that the eloping couple left Canada en route to England, and thus eluded the watchers at New York. Private advices received here are to the effect that Mrs. Hichborn and Mr. Wylie were seen a day or two ago in Italy on their way to Egypt.

HAS NOTHING TO WEAR

Mrs. Longworth's New Year's Gown Has Been Stolen.

New York, December 31.—Express company detectives and policeman are scouring New York to-day for some clue to the whereabouts of a gown which Mrs. Nicholas Longworth hopes to wear at President Taft's New Year's reception at the White House. In anticipation of the reception Mrs. Longworth came to New York some time ago and had her dressmakers measure her for a gown. The gown was finished a few days ago and shipped by express to Mrs. Longworth. Yesterday the dressmakers received a telegram from Mrs. Longworth asking why the gown had not arrived. Hurried inquiry of the express company seemed to indicate that it had been stolen from a wagon during the holiday rush. If no trace of the missing apparel is found before to-night the modists will put a special force of dressmakers at work in an effort to construct a duplicate of the gown in time for the reception. Mrs. Longworth declares that she will not attend except in a brand-new gown.

EIGHT MINERS KILLED

Cable Snaps and Cars Crash Into Them.

Bluefield, W. Va., December 31.—Eight men, two Americans and six Italians, were killed to-day in Lick Fork Mine, near Mateawan, W. Va. The accident happened while the victims were ascending in an incline mine car. A cable far above the car snapped and five loaded cars shot down the plane, crashing into the car on which the eight men were riding.

The latest reports reaching here are to the effect that none of the bodies has been recovered.

Two other men who were injured are expected to die.

MANY DISASTERS

Severe Winter, With Heavy Snows, Responsible for Suffering.

Turin, December 31.—A severe winter, with heavy snows, is causing many disasters, especially in the province of Cuneo, where railway communication has been interrupted.

Many avalanches are reported, and it is feared that there have been numerous fatalities.

Throughout Cuneo the law courts have suspended their sessions, as travel is impossible.

County Supervisors.

The monthly meeting of the Henrico county Board of Supervisors will take place Tuesday morning at the courthouse.

Literally Had Goods On.

Roy Smith, colored, charged with stealing a package, containing a suit of clothes, from the Southern Express Company, was in the First Police Station last night. When arrested he was wearing the stolen

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