Miller & Rhoads

BARGAINS IN RELIABLE Shoes

EXTRAORDINARY REDUCTIONS on certain lots of Women's and Children's Shoes that have become reduced in quantity or broken up in size. It is a sale in which neither cost nor the value of the goods is considered. TO-DAY—on the second floor—as follows.

Evening Slippers, $1 pr

A number of pairs of Satin and Kid Evening Slippers; some of these are mussed from handling, while others are faded from window display; mostly in sizes 4, 4½, 5 and 5½, on A and AA lasts. The regular prices on these Slippers are $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00 a pair; your choice $1.00

Children's Shoes, 89c pr.

Small lot of Children's Lace Shoes, in sizes 13, 13½, 1 and 1½. Former prices were $1.25 and $1.50 a pair; all reduced to 89c

Children's Shes, $1 pr.

Small lot of Children's Lace Shoes, vici kid, patent and tan; sizes 11½, 12, 12½, 13 and 13½, on B, C and D lasts; sold regularly at $2.00, $2.50 and $3 a pair; choice $1.00

Women's Shoes at $2.19 pr.

181 pairs of Women's Shoes. This total comprises small lots of eighteen styles; not a pair of which sold for less than $3.50; others in the lot were as much as $6.00 a pair; but of course, the sizes are badly broken, hence this sale. Wonderful bargains; every pair of them at $2.19

NOTE.—All four of the above lots of Shoes are EXCEPTIONAL VALUES at their respective prices, and owing to LIMITED QUANTITIES, those who wish to share in the bargains MUST COME EARLY! Remember, these are all good Shoes, bought in our regular stock, and with the same eye to values that characterizes all our Shoe purchases.

MILLER & RHOADS.

CALLS HALT ON FANCY LIGHT

Don Leavy Riddles $40,000 Estimate, and Says City Buildings Should Come First.

At a meeting of the Council Committee on Electricity last night a subcommittee reported an estimate aggregating approximately $40,000 for installing ornamental lights similar to those on Broad Street on Main Street, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Streets, South Seventh Street, to the Byrd Street Station, Jefferson Street, South Fourteenth Street, and other sections where requests have been made for the installation of this form of street lighting. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance along with the schedule of the needs of the department for the coming year, so that such provision as is deemed advisable for ornamental street lighting may be included in the next annual appropriation ordinance.

Mr. Don Leavy, of the committee, gave notice that he would oppose in the Board of Aldermen any further appropriations for this expensive form of installation for street lighting until some provision had been made for lighting the City Hall and other public buildings from the municipal electric plant. Other members of the committee agreed that it was disgraceful to have such buildings dingily lighted by gas when the city owns its own power house, and can readily supply the current for electric lighting.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Creamer Made Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus.

The newly-elected officers of Richmond Council, No. 396, Knights of Columbus, were installed last night at the regular meeting of the council, the installation ceremonies being conducted by James S. Patterson, the retiring district deputy of the Knights of Columbus of Virginia, assisted by James E. Phillips, Jr., of this city, who succeeds Mr. Patterson as district deputy.

M. J. Murphy, of Norfolk, State deputy of the order, took part in the meeting.

New officers were installed as follows: James J. Creamer, grand knight; John J. Blake, deputy grand knight; J. Garnett Boehling, chancellor; Walter J. Conatt, financial secretary; Frank E. O'Connell, recorder; Henry G. Fitzpatrick, treasurer; S. A. Laterzo, warden; J. T. Lewis, advocate; E. James McCue, inside guard; Joseph Melvin, outside guard; George J. McSweeney, lecturer.

Messrs. Joseph A. Dart, J. L. O'Keefe and J. E. Phillips, trustees.

Jefferson Hotel.

Arrivals Jefferson Hotel yesterday were: John E. Plummer, New York; P. H. Powell and wife, Concord, N. H.; R. Waters and wife, Baltimore; Charles Allen, Rochester; A. B. Freeman and wife, Boston; E. F. Anthony and wife, Boston; S. A. Morrisey, New York; J. D. Gray and wife, Waverley, Va.; H. H. Willis, Culpeper, Va.; Thomas M. Gathright, Covington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Simms, Philadelphia; Mrs. William Allen and maid, New York City; O. B. Raine, New York; Allen A. Warfield; J. Noble Stockett, Baltimore; J. A. Wilson, New York; W. C. Young, New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Elmore, Troy, N. Y.; Sol Miller, Newport News; Edmond Burke, Washington, D. C.; L. C. Bailey, Alexandria, Va.; Victor E. Smith, Atlanta; Arthur Lee, Newport News, Va.; W. L. Williams, Norfolk, Va.; Robert Edward Lee Sledge, Baltimore, Md.; L. E. Ehinger, Philadelphia.

Y. W. C. A. Meeting To-Night.

Miss Katherine Hogue, president, has called a meeting of the Young Woman's Christian Association to take place to-night at 8 o'clock in the Grace Street Presbyterian Church. Dr. Russell Bowie, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will be among the speakers, while numerous committee reports will be made.

Want Women to Propose.

At a moving-picture recital to be held to-morrow night at the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association building there will be a debate on the topic: Resolved, "That Women Should Do the Proposing." The affirmative will be led by E. P. Reynolds and the negative by N. Curtice Scott. Railroad men are especially invited to bring their families.

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UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVING FUNDS

SUFFRAGISTS GO AFTER DRY VOTE

Want Aid of Temperance League in Votes for Women Propaganda.

A largely attended meeting of the local division of the Woman's Temperance League of America was held yesterday at Leigh Street Baptist Church, more than 100 delegates being in attendance. The visitors were welcomed by Mrs. William Hodges Mann, wife of the Governor, who made an address at 11 A. M. She was followed by Rev. David Hepburn, field agent of the Anti-Saloon League, who spoke on "The Relation of the Liquor Traffic to Motherhood." Rev. W. H. Edwards spoke on "The Disparagers, Critics and Followers of the Water Wagon," and Rev. J. M. Rowland on "What Right Has the Saloon to Exist?"

Mrs. Ida M. Hiltz, of Toledo, O., was one of the strongest of the speakers of the day. She was followed by Rev. H. D. C. Maclachlan, whose topic was "Is the Church in Opposition to the Liquor Traffic?"

R. H. Barbour, State president of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, spoke on "The Power of the Press."

Mrs. Mattie Hamilton Welsh told graphically of her efforts for temperance in the mountain districts of Virginia.

The league will meet again this morning at 10 o'clock in Leigh Street Baptist Church.

Rev. M. S. Eagle, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, will speak on "Our Duty to the Temperance Cause"; Hon. Hill Montague will speak on "Woman's Place in Civic Reform"; Mrs. B. B. Valentine on "How Should Women Be Enfranchised?"; Rev. E. J. Richardson on "The Child of To-Morrow," and Dr. Olive Ingersoll, of Washington, D. C., on the topic, "Alcohol—Woman's Worst Enemy."

The annual election of officers and transaction of other routine business will be taken up at the afternoon session.

New Charters.

The following charters were granted yesterday by the State Corporation Commission:

The Endimeon Company (Inc.), Roanoke. T. L. Engleby, president; G. N. Dickinson, vice-president; D. T. Moore, secretary-treasurer—all of Roanoke. Capital, $1,000 to $10,000. Object: Real estate business.

J. S. James (Inc.), Richmond. J. S. James, president; T. J. Watkins, vice-president; Harry Irwin, secretary-treasurer—all of Richmond. Capital, $5,000 to $100,000. Object: Jewelry business.

The Smith Automatic Box Machinery Company (Inc.), was granted an amendment to its charter, changing its principal office from Richmond to South Hill.

PRESENT REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

State Education Commission Finally Passes on Annual Record.

The annual report of the State Education Commission, to be presented to the General Assembly within the next few days, was completed and finally passed upon yesterday at a meeting held in the office of Governor Mann. The members adopted a resolution which prohibited making public its contents until it has been presented to the Legislature.

It was said, however, by Superintendent of Public Instruction Eggleston that while the report contains numerous recommendations, no requests for the passage of any bills are made.

The report will be printed and distributed to all of the members of both houses, to members of the boards of visitors of all educational institutions, all educators and others who may be interested. The idea of this is for the purpose of thorough and mature consideration of the various recommendations, it not being the wish of the commission that there be any precipitate action.

With this end in view, it is not anticipated that any action on the report will be taken at this session of the Legislature.

Among other things, it is recommended that the commission be continued.

MANY CALLS, BUT SMALL DAMAGE

Damage to Fire Equipment Greater Than Total Loss Up to Yesterday.

By a somewhat curious coincidence the "three sixes," the general alarm which calls out practically every piece of fire apparatus in the city, was rung last night just before 6 o'clock for the Binswanger fire. Just as President Charles F. Taylor, of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and Secretary L. S. Jones finished a computation showing that although there had up to that time been seventy-five alarms in the first seventeen days of January, the fire loss so far this year had amounted to practically nothing. For two weeks past every call fireman has slept at his engine house, as have the three chiefs, Chief Joynes having had a couch put in his office over the engine house at Ninth and Broad Streets, where his horse and buggy have been kept, so that every man in the department from chief to the lowest call man might be ready for instant emergency. Slippery streets have been dangerous for the horses at every turn, and every call has entailed on the department danger and in some instances damage, the probable damage to fire apparatus, teams and equipment for responding to the seventy-five alarms having been greater than the total fire loss.

NEW DIRECTORS HOLD MEETING

Chamber of Commerce Will Ask Government to Place Bell Buoys in James River.

The first meeting of the recently elected board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon in the temporary quarters of the organization. Because acceptances had not been received from a number of those appointed on the several committees, no reports were heard and but little business transacted. It was decided, after hearing remarks from a number of those present, that every member of the chamber should constitute himself a special committee on membership, for the purpose of securing as active members every business man in the city.

The chamber, upon request from the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, adopted a resolution, copies of which will be sent to the presiding officers of the two branches of the General Assembly and to the individual members, asking that body to appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of constructing a Virginia building at the exposition, with suitable exhibits. A letter was received from the division superintendent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, containing a petition signed by the masters and pilots plying the James River, asking that bell buoys be placed in the river at suitable points between Hampton and Richmond, in order to facilitate navigation. A copy of this petition has already been sent to the Lighthouse Board of the Department of Commerce and Labor, in Washington. The chamber will lend its influence toward the move.

H. E. Tresnon, Commissioner of Revenue, and Dr. Jud. B. Wood, proposed by Business Manager Dabney, and J. R. Wingfield, proposed by Judge George L. Christian, were elected members of the chamber. A committee was appointed to have a picture of the retiring president, Henry W. Wood, painted, to adorn the walls of the chamber.

Those attending the meeting were T. M. Carrington, president; W. T. Reed, first vice-president; E. C. Laird, second vice-president; R. A. Dunlop, secretary; W. T. Dabney, business manager; W. Meade Addison, Thomas P. Bryan, Samuel Cohen, John C. Easley, O. Herbert Funsten, T. Peyton Giles, Julien H. Hill, John M. Miller, Jr., William M. Moncure, John B. Pinder, Charles C. Reed, W. F. Richardson, Jr., Fritz Sitterding, Alvin M. Smith, Warren P. Taylor, Gordon Wallace and J. L. Wingo, directors, and George L. Christian, James R. Gordon, S. W. Travers, Frank D. Williams and Henry W. Wood, ex-presidents.

Business Manager Dabney was given assurance of the warmest possible support from the board of directors.

IMPORTATIONS INCREASE

Figures Given Out by Custom House Show Big Gains.

Figures given out yesterday at the office of the collector of customs for the quarter year ending December 31, 1911, showed a big increase of importations and a corresponding gain in the collection of duties.

The total collections amounted to $171,[illegible] while for the same period of 1910 the sum was $[illegible]. The value of the imports for the last quarter was $[illegible], while for the previous period, $[illegible]. Imports which were exempt from duty were valued at $[illegible], or about $12,000 greater than the corresponding quarter.

Hotel Clerk Bankrupt.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court by J. A. Mallory, a hotel clerk of Lawrenceville. His liabilities amount to $[illegible], while he has no assets.

NEW SKYSCRAPER TO BE 12 STORIES

Architect Shows Preliminary Drawings for Street Car Company's Office.

Architect A. C. Bossom, of New York, who designed the new First National Bank skyscraper, now in course of erection, was in Richmond yesterday in conference with Building Inspector Beck in regard to preliminary drawings for the new office building to be erected by the Virginia Railway and Power Company at the northeast corner of Seventh and Franklin Streets. The new building will be twelve stories in height, detailed plans to be ready for bids within the next thirty days. The street car company will occupy about half of the building with its general offices, the remainder being rented for office purposes.

Mr. Bossom was also in conference with a committee from the board of the Young Woman's Christian Association in regard to its proposed new building, for the erection of which a fund of $150,000 has recently been subscribed. In connection with this undertaking, Mr. Bossom brought a letter of introduction from Miss Helen Gould, of New York, who was the largest contributor to that fund. The award of contract for designs for this building has not yet been made, and both local architects and contractors are making strong protests against the work going out of the city.

PHARMACISTS NAMED

Certificates Issued After State Board Examinations.

After examinations which have been in progress for several days past announcement was made yesterday by the State Board of Pharmacy of certificates issued to twelve new registered pharmacists and to six new registered assistant pharmacists. There were twenty-six applicants as registered pharmacists and eight for the position of assistant. The board will be in session to-day for the transaction of routine business.

The following were given certificates as registered pharmacists: E. M. Wallace, Danville; J. L. Horseley, Portsmouth; J. L. Hawkins, Staunton; John B. Williams, Salem; E. K. Morris, Buena Vista; J. H. Newsome, Danville; R. W. Staton, Roanoke; W. A. Obenchain, Roanoke; James H. Hume, Williamsburg; George B. Stovel, Norfolk; W. J. Adamson, Jr., Manassas; B. M. Robertson, South Richmond.

Registered Assistant Pharmacists: Harold Thornton, Crewe; Thomas W. McCrary, Richmond; J. T. Worsham, Richmond; W. B. Williams, Richmond; Frank Hogshead, Richmond; J. M. Broski, Richmond.

POLICE COURT CASES

Three Men Sent On to Grand Jury on Charge of Highway Robbery.

James Powell, colored, charged with wounding Jackson Radcliff, was fined $25 and placed under $300 security for six months.

H. L. Richardson, B. A. Clayton and Chester Beckman, young white men, were sent on to the grand jury on a charge of holding up and robbing William B. Reynolds of a pair of kid gloves and $6 in currency. The alleged hold-up occurred underneath the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway viaduct at Seventeenth Street. The three men were arrested soon after the hold-up was reported.

John Thompson, colored, charged with wounding Richard Green, was sent on to the grand jury.

The hearing of Hiram Fitzgerald, sixteen years old, charged by his father, Patrick Fitzgerald, with being incorrigible, was continued to January 24. After he was arrested, Hiram said that there were no real good boys, and there was none who disagreed.

Annie Wafer, colored, suspected of having stabbed Linwood Carter, was placed under $300 security for twelve months.

CALLED, BUT CAME NOT

Henrietta Martin Fails to Answer in Hustings Court and Bond Is Forfeited.

Henrietta Martin, colored, who was arrested on December 11 on a charge of selling intoxicants without a license, and who, after conviction in Police Court, appealed to the Hustings Court, was solemnly called yesterday and came not.

Thereupon Judge Wells, sitting for Judge Witt, declared the bond put up by Dr. J. A. Lewis (colored) for the woman's appearance forfeited, and issued a capias for Henrietta.

In Police Court the woman was fined $10 and was sentenced to sixty days in jail. She appealed, and the trial in the higher court was set for yesterday. Following the solemn program of court procedure, she was called. There was no answer. And no one knows whither Henrietta has flitted.

Qualifications in Chancery.

Josephine O'Grady qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as executrix of the will of John F. O'Grady. The estate is valued at $16,000.

Josephine O'Grady also qualified as guardian of James, Melvin and Henry W. O'Grady.

A. J. Montague and James Caskie qualified as administrators of the estate of Helen Montague. The estate is valued at $8,000.

A. J. Montague and James Caskie also qualified as administrators of the estate of Melinda M. Montague. The estate is valued at $15,000.

Bertha Bowers Cooke qualified as guardian of Louis N. C. Bowers.

Eugene F. Tiller qualified as administrator of John S. Tiller. The estate is valued at $500.

A. W. Bennett qualified as administrator of Joseph Perkins. The estate is valued at $1,000.

Captain Schaefer Resigns.

Captain Paul Schaefer, of Company D, Richmond Light Infantry Blues, has resigned his commission on account of business reasons. It has been accepted by Governor Mann. To fill the vacancy the company will hold an election to-morrow night.

HALF THE WAY

Along the road to prosperity is as far as some people ever go. Many make the start and save a little money; so far, so good; but the REAL TEST comes when the decision must be made as to whether the money shall be placed at interest, awaiting judicious investment, or shall be spent for something that the owner has wanted for a long time. We are simply calling your attention to this point. We want to offer the Security and Service of the

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OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,

to you for your funds while awaiting investment. We are sure that if you avail yourself of the conveniences of our Checking Department in keeping an accurate record of your expenses that there will be more money at your disposal when the time comes to invest. In the meantime we add to your balance 3 per cent. Compound Interest twice a year, giving you and your money

SECURITY AND SERVICE.

DOUGLAS KIDD PUTS OUT FLAMES

He and His Mother Save the Kidd Homestead From Burning.

A cool head and a strong arm on the part of Douglas Kidd saved the Kidd homested near Rio Vista from being totally destroyed by fire on yesterday.

About 11 o'clock, when all the members of the household were out of doors, Mr Kidd happening to go to his room found that the embers from an open fireplace had fallen on the floor and that the home was in flames. Without waiting to call for help he closed all windows, and with his mother and the servants, half smothered by smoke, fought the fire until help came from the Country Club of Virginia and from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tailey, who are near neighbors. A chemical extinguisher made short work of the flames.

Distillery Suspends Operations.

The Richmond Distilling Company, which operated a plant in Henrico county, yesterday suspended business because the boilers of the plant were burnt out. Suspension papers were filed in the office of the collector of internal revenue.

With the suspension of this distillery it leaves only four plants in operation in the Second Virginia District. Three of them are in the vicinity of Richmond and the fourth is in Norfolk county.

BOARD WOULD SAVE CHESTNUT TIMBER

Asks Legislature, at Koiner's Suggestion, for Appropriation of $5,000.

In order to save the chestnut timber of Virginia from destruction by a blight which threaten: the State from others on her borders, the State Board of Agriculture, at its semi-annual meeting, held at the Capitol yesterday, asked the Legislature for an appropriation of $5,000. It was stated that very little of this blight is now in existence in Virginia, but it is in adjoining States. Pennsylvania is spending large amounts in its destruction.

The chestnut timber in Virginia, said Commissioner Koiner, of the Department of Agriculture, in his address to the board, is worth $10,000,000, and it can be saved by prompt measures. The National Department of Agriculture will co-operate in the matter of inspections and in location of the trouble. There is but one remedy—cutting down the tree affected—and the problem is to find such a tree and do away with it before its deadly parasite can reach others.

All of the district fertilizer inspectors were elected by the board, all being re-elected save two.

The books of Commissioner Koiner and of Commissioner Saunders, of the Dairy and Food Department, were inspected by the board, found to be correct, and approved.

The conditions surrounding agriculture in Virginia were reported to be constantly improving. It was felt that the farmers' Institute trains are especially valuable agencies.

OFFICERS NAMED

Jefferson Club Selects Board of Governors and Trustees.

Officers have been elected by the Jefferson Club for the coming year as follows:

Dr. C. A. Labenburg, president; A. L. Straus, vice-president; Isaac Heid, secretary; Moses May, treasurer, the latter two being re-elections.

The board of governors will be as follows: I. H. Kaufman, Alvin B. Hutzler, Ralph J. Levy, Leon M. Nelson, L. L. Straus, W. H. Schwarzschild, Arthur Levy, Charles Gunst, Edward Whitlock and Dr. M. C. Sycle.

Library Committee: Joseph L. Levy, M. I. Binswanger and H. I. Straus.

Trustees: Israel Stern, M. E. Marcuse and M. I. Hessburg.

Manager: Goodman Davis.

Librarian: Miss May Lee Myers.

Hearing Both at Once.

Trial began yesterday in the Law and Equity Court of the suit of David Davis against Sheriff J. Herbert Mercer, receiver of the Southern Tent and Awning Company. By consent of parties the countersuit of the receivers of the Southern Tent and Awning Company against Davis was heard at the same time, the two claims, it is alleged, more or less offsetting each other. The evidence was partly heard yesterday, and court adjourned to this morning at 10 o'clock.

Injured by Falling on Ice.

J. T. Crump, a white man, living at 1003 East Marshall Street, met with an accident yesterday while leaving his residence, which may cost him his life. He slipped while walking down the steps from his front porch on the ice and fractured his skull at the base. He was removed to the Virginia Hospital, where his condition last night was reported as critical.

Marriage Licenses.

A marriage license was issued yesterday in the Hustings Court to Hunter W. Ferrall, of Norfolk, and Marie E. Brannan, and to Charles F. Hallis and Lillian H. Batkins.

IRVIN CREERY BURNT TO DEATH

Gasolene Torch Exploded, and Plumber, Under House, Could Not Escape.

Irvin Creery, thirty-five years old, who was practically burned to a crisp while trying to thaw a frozen pipe in the residence of Julius Edel, 832 West Grace Street, died in the Virginia Hospital yesterday afternoon as a result of his injuries. He was married and leaves, besides his widow, three children. The body was removed to his home, 315 Mosby Street.

Creery, together with his nephew, had answered a hurry call from the Edel home and had located the trouble underneath the front portion of the house. The nephew remained above to render assistance. The dead man, with a plumber's gasolene blow torch, began work. The torch exploded, and Creery, unable to aid himself in his close quarters, was a helpless prey to the flames, which burned him from his head to the waist line. A passerby, hearing the man's cry for help, and getting a glimpse of the flames, turned in an alarm of fire. When help was sent to the unfortunate man he was injured beyond help. Only by prying loose the flooring was the man brought to the open.

The ambulance was summoned and Dr. Watts made the man as comfortable as possible. Later Dr. Geo. Gay, his physician, arrived and Creery was moved to the Virginia Hospital, where he died at 4:30 o'clock. The damage to the Edel residence was slight.

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CRYING NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Farmers in Convention Declare That Favorable Laws Should Be Enacted.

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Program For To-Day

MORNING SESSION.

9:30—Business session.
Report of committees—
On President's Address.
On Legislation.

11:45—"Humus," Professor C. L. Goodrich, United States Department of Agriculture.
Discussion.

1:00—Adjourn for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00—"Lime, Limestone and Soil Fertility," Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins, University of Illinois.
Discussion.
(Note.—Dr. Hopkins is engaged in the task of restoring the fertility of the State of Illinois. He is an authority on the subject and one of the foremost advocates of the use of ground limestone.)

4:00—"Co-operation Among Farmers," Dr. John Lee Coulter, United States Department of Commerce and Labor.
Discussion.
Adjourn for supper.

The crying need for immediate legislation favorable to the agricultural interests of Virginia and the technical discussion of farming subjects occupied the attention of the joint convention of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute and the Virginia State Dairymen's Association all day yesterday and last night in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel. The opening address of Westmoreland Davis, president of the Farmers' Institute, bristled with vigorous attacks on present disadvantageous legislative conditions in this State, offered several remedial measures for the consideration of the convention and exulted over the glowing prospects for prosperity and betterment of the farming industry of Virginia by the use of scientific and intelligent methods.

Most important of the day's transactions was the proposed new tuberculin test bill, approved by the convention and put in the hands of a committee for presentation to the General Assembly. The new bill, while differing but slightly from the present statute, carries with it an appropriation of $20,000 as against the former appropriation of $5,000. It elucidates certain passages of the former act that were subjects of dispute, and makes the application of the tuberculin test entirely optional with the owner of stock.

Stuart Talks.

At the night session of the institute both the dairymen and the Virginia live stock breeders were present, and purely technical subjects were brought up. The Hon. Henry C. Stuart, hailed by the delegates as the next Governor of Virginia, delivered a short and forceful plea for "book-farming," or scientific farming, impressing his arguments upon his audience by illustrations from his actual experiences.

His words were short and to the point, visibly impressing the assembled farmers and winning converts to the so-called book farming. He was preceded by Professor W. K. Brainerd, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, who spoke on "Pure Bred Herds," and R. R. Welch, of the United States Department of Agriculture, who had for his text "The Value of Co-operative Cow-Testing Associations." Both speakers were enthusiastically applauded.

President Davis, with his carefully prepared and eloquent address, struck the keynote of the meeting—progressive farming and legislation to keep pace. After complimenting the United Board of Agriculture, created through the efforts of Governor Mann, Mr. Davis proceeded to urge the support of the farmers for the practical and eye-opening demonstration work being carried on in this State by the United States government. He evoked enthusiasm by saying that the dairying industry should, by reason of climatic conditions, become the most important department of the farm. In this connection he touched upon the tuberculin test and recommended the proposed bill covering this question, which was later read to the convention.

Flays Scorecards.

In the extension of the dairying industry to the proportions possible and desired, Mr. Davis called upon the General Assembly to follow in th footsteps of Wisconsin and other dairy States in appropriating liberally money necessary to the encouragement and development of such an enterprise. No industry, he said, could flourish under adverse laws. When he finally touched upon the subject of the present system of milk inspection it was to flay the scorecard system which is in use at this moment. He strongly advocated restricting unjust and harsh regulations by municipalities in regard to milk inspection, and brought down the house with applause by some practical examples of abuse under the scorecard plan.

Cheap Limestone.

Other legislation proposed by the president of the association was a bill for the registration of stallions and jacks, a bill for closer inspection of seed, the election by the people of the judges of the Corporation Commission and of the Supreme Court of Virginia, some measure for the purification of the electorate and more stringent corrupt practices acts. Most stress, however, was laid by him upon the need for limestone ground by the State and furnished to the farmers at a reasonable price. In support of this measure he quoted extensively from conditions in Western States, where such provision is made by the Legislatures, with resulting conditions most favorable to the farmer. In the States in which limestone is ground by convicts, under State direction, the speaker said lime could be obtained by the farmer for about one-eighth the price paid by the Virginia planters at present. He also riddled President Taft's reciprocity act, to the delight of the farmers, and called for immediate reduction in the tariff as a remedy for the high cost of living.

Professor Hamilton's Address.

Although the attendance on the opening day of the convention had been record-breaking, the gathering of farmers brought to order yesterday morning by President Davis's gavel almost doubled in number the audience of the preceding day. Following an invocation by Rev. E. L. Goodwin, Mayor D. C. Richardson extended the visitors a hearty welcome on behalf of the city of Richmond. The Mayor was in his finest vein, and delivered a welcome that drew a round of applause from the farmers. After the address of the president, which was next on the program, an enlightening heart-to-heart talk by Professor John Hamilton, of the United States Department of Agriculture, was given on "The Dissemination of Agricultural Information" in such an interesting manner as to elicit many questions from the audience.

To the emancipation proclamation Professor Hamilton laid the credit for the wonders that have been worked on Southern farms since the war, saying that the land was now tilled by the owners, men intelligently educated in agricultural matters, instead of ignorant and careless slaves. He quoted alarming statistics to show how far below the other countries the United States is in the yield per acre of every crop common to the civilized world. He offered a remedy for this condition by co-operation with the efforts of the governmental Agricultural Department.

New Directors.

At the afternoon session addresses were heard from Dr. N. S. Mayo, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, on "Difficult Labor in Cows"; A. F. Howard, on "The Farmer of To-Morrow"; Farm Demonstrator T. O. Sandy, on "How I Built Up My Herd," and State Dairy Commissioner Saunders, on "The State Law and the Tuberculin Test." The following men were elected to the board of directors: D. S. Jones, of Newport News; A. R. Scott, of Richmond; Westmoreland Davis, of Leesburg; W. K. Brainerd, of Blacksburg; O. A. Thomas, of Remington; T. O. Sandy, of Burkeville; James Bellwood, of Chesterfield; J. A. Turner, of Hollins; W. D. Saunders, of Hunter Hall, and A. F. Howard, of Farmville.

Children's Friend.

Santa Claus, somewhat belated and in the up-to-date form of a motor car owner, gave two hours of pleasure to twenty-five youngsters yesterday afternoon when he appeared with his motor car on Franklin Street and allowed the boys and girls to "hang on behind" with their sleds.

S. A. L. Earnings.

For the first week in January the gross earnings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company were $418,795 over $411,731 for the same period of 1911. This was an increase of $7,064.

Around the World Cruise

From San Francisco February 6, 1912—110 days—$650.00 up.

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Richmond's Building Inspector issued permits last year for erecting 492 brick and frame dwellings.

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