RICHMOND NEWS AND GOSSIP

Great Increase in Virginia Real Estate Values.

BOTH IN CITY AND COUNTRY

Serious Fire as Result of Crossed Electric Wires—Much Property Goes Up in Smoke—A Murderer Pleads For Pardon on the Ground of Ill Health—Capital City Notes of Interest.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Jan. 13.—It will be a surprise to many, probably a majority, of Virginians to know that during the year 1898 there was an increase in real estate values in the State aggregating nearly $3,000,000.

This statement was made at the Auditor's office to-day, and at first seemed hardly credible. Figures were at once shown, however, clearly substantiating the assertion.

There has been so much talk of the depreciation in land values in Virginia, and the assertion was so frequently made during the session of the last General Assembly that the income from real estate taxation would be greatly decreased when the lands were re-assessed next year, that it will be a matter of great surprise that there is to be an increase instead.

The great increase has been in the counties. The increase over 1897 on lands was $152,433; on lots in towns, $336,719; on buildings, $1,123,034; a total of $1,612,186. The increase in cities over 1897 was $1,113,180.

The total increase in the State over 1897 in the assessed values of lands, lots, and buildings, was $2,725,366.

This sum would be very much increased had the land been assessed last year. These figures show that it is not proper to speak of Virginia as poverty stricken. "Lands are increasing in value all the time," said an official at the Auditor's office yesterday. "A few months ago in my county a small farm, not a specially good one, was sold for what was thought to be a good price. In a few weeks it was re-sold for an advance of $2,200."

FIRES FROM CROSSED WIRES.

The undertaking and livery establishment of James McDonough & Co., on Eighteenth street, was totally destroyed by fire at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The fire, the origin of which was a live electric wire, was discovered by a gentleman a half hour before the fire department could reach the scene, having been delayed by the fallen wires, and the ice along the streets. Several alarms were turned in, but no response could be had. At length a telephone message to the fire department called out several companies. During this time the fire gained great headway, but it took the firemen only twenty minutes to get it under control.

Mr. McDonough stated to-day that his loss would be at least $30,000. There was no insurance on the stock, which consisted of caskets, carriages, hearses, paints, horses and harness.

At 2:30 o'clock the J. J. Wright Cotton Company and the A. D. Shotwell & Co.'s tannery, on Perry street, in Manchester, were consumed in flames, thereby destroying about $22,000 worth of property. The plants were fully insured. Temporary buildings will be constructed immediately. Many men were employed in the concerns and a large business was carried on. Both fires are thought to have resulted from crossed wires.

WANTS A CONSUMPTIVE PARDONED.

Governor Tyler is being urged to pardon Willie Meadows, a young white man, who killed Maggie Driver in a saloon in this city several years ago, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for eighteen years. Meadows is dying of consumption and Dr. Norman, surgeon at the State farm where Meadows is confined, has twice written asking for his pardon on the ground that his presence is injurious to other inmates of the convict hospital. The mother of Meadows, a widow and very old, who resides here, has besought the Govenor to let her son come home to her to die. The pardon will hardly be granted.

CALLED HIM A LAWYER.

A newspaper of the State in criticising Labor Commissioner Montague because the law requiring merchants to supply seats for their female saleswomen is not enforced, called the commissioner several things, including lawyer. Mr. Montague is a mechanical draughtsman and an ardent labor union advocate.

CAPITOL NOTES.

The Governor has had to turn down the application of a young man who wants to be commissioned a notary. He is only 18 years old and under a recent opinion rendered by Attorney General Montague the Governor thinks he has no right to commission a minor.

Mr. Sam G. Brent, of Alexandria, called at the Governor's office.

Mr. Frank P. Brent is still confined to his bed and there is little or no improvement in his condition. He has an aggravated attack of the grip.

FUNERAL OF MR. E. D. CHRISTIAN

The funeral of Mr. E. D. Christian, who died yesterday morning at his residence, No. 415 West Franklin street, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock from St. Paul's Church, and the interment will be made in Hollywood.

Mr. Christian was one of Richmond's most prominent business men, having been connected with the Richmond Paper Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Christian's life was insured for $150,000 in several excellent companies.

TWO PRETTY MARRIAGES.

Two very pretty weddings took place yesterday, in which Mr. E. Franklin Woodall and Miss Susie Ford, and Mr. John O. Harris and Miss Lillian Tourman were the contracting parties. The marriage of the former couple occurred at West View Baptist Church at 9 o'clock last evening, and the latter was solemnized at the home, "Valhalla," of the bride's father, Mr. John Tourman, at 3:30 p. m.

SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Richmond Union Passenger Ry. Co., vs. R., F. & P. R. R. Co. Argued by Wyndham Meredith for plf. in error, and Hill Carter for deft. in error and submitted.

Beatty vs. Barley &c., argued by Jno. M. Johnson for appellant and Samuel G. Brent for appellees and continued until Monday next.

Washington Southern Ry. Co. vs. Roslyn Packing Co. Dismissed agreed.

CHARGED WITH WASTING GAS.

A singular case was brought before Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court this morning, and it somewhat puzzled him. The defendant in the case, E. A. Callahan, was charged, on a warrant sworn out by Gas Inspector Joe Shelton, "with moving out of No. 314 North Seventh street without giving proper notice to the Gas Inspector's office to turn off the gas, thereby causing, in addition to a delinquent monthly bill of $3.08, another bill of $5.80 to be paid by the property owner, principally due to waste of gas, in violation of section 23, chapter 25, concerning the Gas Works. Mr. Callahan's case will be continued to-morrow morning.

No wonder some women feel as if the disease which constantly pursues them is just a malignant devil dooming them to endless misery. Thousands of women who could get no relief from any other source have written grateful letters to Doctor R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalid's Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., telling him of the benefits received from his wonderful prescriptions and the careful professional advice which he sends by mail without charge.

A lady living in West Eaton, Madison Co., N. Y., Mrs. Mattie A. Walker, in a recent letter to Dr. Pierce, says: "I write to inform you what your remedies have done for me; but they have helped me so much that I know not where to commence or where to leave off, as I had such a complication of ailments. For three years I had such bad spells I thought that if dying was only just a sleep I did not want to wake and suffer again; I would be glad to have death come any night. I got so discouraged it seemed as if I could never be well and happy again. I had asthmatic spells towards morning. Sometimes I felt as if I could not get breath enough to live; had dreadful pains in the top of my head, and was so nervous I felt as if something dreadful was going to happen—I could not tell why either. I could write a dozen sheets full and not tell all the dreadful things I suffered, from female weakness, coustipation, asthmatic spells, and rheumatic neuralgia.

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TOWN OF SUFFOLK

A New Bank Soon to Be Established.

Colonel Wm. H. Darden Dead—Liquor License Granted at Yellow Branch—Forthcoming Confederate Celebration—Marriage Announcement.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 13.—Current rumor has it that there will soon be launched here another strang financial institution. It is a new bank, with a paid-up capital stock of $75,000 to $100,000. Several men—men with money to spare—have become interested in the interprise, and the next move will be something else.

The details of the new bank are just at present in a somewhat nebulous condition, so far as the general public is concerned. The people most interested in the scheme are not willing to give away all their institutions right now, but it is acknowledged there is a movement whose result is hoped to be another banking institution.

The capital stock of the proposed bank—so the story goes—will not be confined to Suffolk. Several capitalists from Norfolk and Southampton county have signified their willingness to take stock. It is said a popular young lawyer here will be president, and a former Suffolk man, who has been away a year or so, will be cashier.

Opposition banks have been talked of here before within the the past few years, but the present project seems to have more prospects of materializing than any one mentioned previously.

COL. DARDEN'S DEATH.

Colonel William Herbert Darden, one of the best known citizens of Isle of Wight county, died to-day at his home, near Orbit. Colonel Darden had been in poor health for a year or two, and for the past month his end was looked upon only as a matter of time. The interment will take place in Suffolk at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The body will be laid beside the grave of his late wife, who was Miss Nelms. The deceased was nearly 80 years old.

Colonel Darden gained his title by being colonel of militia during antebellum days. He resided most of his life on the farm where death came. Colonel Darden was formerly a school teacher, and during the prosecution of that profession he endeared himself to hundreds of young people, by whom his memory will be revered always.

Colonel Darden leaves two children—Mrs. J. R. Darden, of Belvidere, N. C., and Mr. L. J. Darden, of Isle of Wight county. Both made their father's last days on earth as comfortable as possible by unremitting attention.

LIQUOR CASE WON.

William D. Holland got his liquor license to-day, and Yellow Branch will soon have a barroom. The expected opposition to the granting of the license did not come about. Early this week County Judge W. J. Kilby was presented with a petition, saying the signers wanted to oppose liquor at Yellow Branch. But to-day, when the case was called for a hearing no lawyer nor witnesses put in appearance, and Holland got his permit. Attorney S. E. Everett was counsel for the applicant. Yellow Branch is located on a public road, three miles south of Suffolk.

FIXING TO CELEBRATE.

The Tom Smith Camp of Confederate Veterans is going right ahead preparing for their celebration of General Lee's birthday next Thursday. They will put on uniform and escort the orator of the day, State's Attorney E. E. Holland, from his home, on Bank street, to the auditorium of the City Hall Theatre. Mr. Holland will repeat the oration made on a like occasion two years ago. It's worth telling again. The Tom Smith Camp extends a cordial invitation to all veterans in nearby counties to come to Suffolk and be with them.

COMING KENTUCKY MARRIAGE.

Mrs. Malvina Dickson Thompson, of Louisville, Ky., has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Mary Bell Thompson, who is well known in Suffolk. Miss Thompson is a sister to Mrs. H. A. Bagby, and has frequently visited here. She will be wedded to Rev. Ernest Jennings Smith on Wednesday, January 25, at noon, in the Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville. Some of Miss Thompson's Virginia friends will attend the marriage. They all wish her much happiness. The prospective bridgegroom is a Baptist minister.

PROPERTY SOLD.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were recorded to-day in the County Clerk's office:

Maria J. Fosshay et als. to Mary Everett, 110 acres in Sleepy Hole district; $1,800.

Mary Everett to M. Jennie Lee, the same property for the same consideration.

Mary Ella White and Mrs. Land to Romus Cowper, one lot in Cypress district; $60.

The Monumental Saving and Loan Association to J. M. Brinsley, one lot on Lee avenue; $400.

Conrad King and wife to St. Paul Lodge No. 299, I. O. of G. S. and D. of S., 15 acres of land in Holy Neck district; $350.

YOUNG GIRL'S DEATH.

The remains of Mr. E. S. Holloman's 5-year-old daughter, who died in Norfolk, were brought to Suffolk this afternoon for interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Mr. Holloman used to live in Suffolk. Rev. William T. Green, pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church, read the burial service at the grave.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.

Charged with housebreaking near Buckhorn, Will Franklin is in Nansemond county jail waiting for trial. He was brought here by Constable King. The preliminary hearing will take place Monday in Suffolk before Justice R. H. Baker. No counsel has been engaged yet.

A FEW PERSONALS.

Miss Frances Wood arrived from Norfolk this afternoon to visit Miss Janie Carr, on Sycamore street.

Ben Britt, who had been up in North Carolina on a hunting trip, came home this afternoon.

Mr. A. W. Riddick, a former citizen of Suffolk, but now a hotel clerk in Knoville, Tenn., was in town to-day.

Mr. J. L. Leath, of Richmond, Va., registered at the Commercial Hotel to-day.

Mrs. G. Jackson has been ill for several days at her home on Sycamore street.

Mr. J. B. Philhower, of Magnolia, stuck a nail in his foot the other day, and has suffered much from the wound.

Mr. Ben Holman, of Norfolk, visited his former home in Suffolk to-day.

Suffolk is getting to be not only a big peanut mart, but the pork packers are doing some business of their own.

Miss Julia Levy, of Portsmouth, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. H. January, at the Beales House. She will remain a few weeks, and then Mrs. January will return back with Miss Levy.

LEXINGTON.

ROLL OF ROCKBRIDGE SOLDIERS —HEAVY SHIPMENTS — DISMISSED CADETS.

Lexington, Va., Jan. 13.—The complete roll of Rockbridge soldiers who served in the Confederate army is soon to be published in enduring form. A committee of Lee-Jackson Camp, Confederate Veterans, of this place, who have for many months been at work collecting names for the roster, have done this duty in a very thorough manner. It is hoped that the roster can be printed at an early day and that half-tone cuts of all officers, including the rank of captain and other meritorious officers, will be added. The Rockbridge rolls include twelve companies, embracing 2,000 men.

Rapine, a village of this county, reports heavy shipments in grain and stock for the past year. One firm alone shipped 52 cars of stock, containing 2,500 hogs, 1,090 sheep and lambs, 559 cattle and 89 veal calves. The sum of $34,110.10 has been received by the farmers of that community for stock. There were also shipped from the same station 41 cars of wheat and corn, 19 cars of hay, 19 cars of lumber and 3 cars of wood. This is one of the finest farming sections of Rockbridge, a portion of Augusta county being tributary to this depot.

Interest in the dismissal of the graduating class of the Virginia Military Institute for their escapade on the night of New Year's Eve has not abated. All the expelled cadets have left for their homes with one exception, and as he is from South America, he will remain in Lexington until after the meeting of the Board of Visitors. General Scott Shipp, the superintendent, continues to receive commendatory letters for his promptness in punishing the class by dismissal. A prominent member of the military commission now investigating the affairs of the camps in the late Spanish war, on reading General Shipp's order, said: "That shows manhood. I consider that institute next to West Point, and it is so considered all over the country, and that is what makes it."

President W. L. Wilson's Denial.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Lexington, Va., Jan. 13.—President William L. Wilson, of Washington and Lee University, was shown to-night the special dispatch of yesterday from Morgantown, W. Va., which stated that he had, in a private letter to Prof. R. C. Berkley, of that city, said that the presidency of Yale University had been offered him. Mr. Wilson denied having written any such letter, and repeated that there was no foundation for the report.

WILL GO ON YOUR BOND.

We have just executed a bond of $50,000 for B. P. & J. L. Gay, as administrators of the estate of John M. Gay, deceased, and are prepared to go on your bond for any desired amount and at the shortest possible notice. We will save you money if you will call on us.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

All persons holding claims against the estate of ALEX BYRD, deceased, will please present them to me at once for settlement.

MILLS ROGERS, Administrator,
ja10-1w, Cauckatuck, Va.

THE TERRORS OF A REAL BLIZZARD.

A great deal has been said and written about those blinding storms that sometimes sweep with resistless fury the Western prairies, but without the experience no one, however vivid his imagination, can fully picture to himself such a storm, unless rhemrdlhrdl self such a storm, much less realize all that a blizzard means.

The penetrating wind, roaring and howling, shifting quickly from one point to another, whirls the sharp particles of snow into the traveler's eyes and nostrils, blinding and smothering. It often obscures in a few moments every vestige of track, rendering travel difficult and dangerous.

The wolves and foxes that roam the prairies, if far away from scrub or timber when a blizzard bursts upon them, burrow at once into the drifts and there abide until the storm is over.

The grouse, or prairie chicken, flying swiftly, presses its wings to its sides and plunges head first into the snow and there is perfectly safe.

The Indian of the plains if caught away from his tepee (tent) scrapes the snow away with his foot and wraps his blanket closely about him, creeps into the hole he has made and is quickly drifted over.

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VIRGINIA:—IN THE COURT OF Law and Chancery of the City of Norfolk, on the 23d day of December, 1898.

W. Lynch ....Plaintiff

vs.

Ward & Spivey .....Defendant

IN TRESPASS ON THE CASE IN ASSUMPSIT.

The object of this suit is to obtain judgment against the defendants for the sum of $24.51, which the defendants owe the plaintiff on acount of his having paid out and expended that sum of money on their behalf and at their request, and to have said judgment satisfied out of certain funds belonging to the defendants and which have been attached in this suit, and affidavit having been made that the defendants, A. J. Ward and W. H. Spivey, partners under the firm name and style of Ward & Spivey, are not residents of the State of Virginia, they are herby required to appear within fifteen days after due publication hereof and to do what may be necessary to protect their interest. Tests: JUNIUS A. COLEMAN, D. C.

L. D. STARKE, Jr., p. q. de24-law-4

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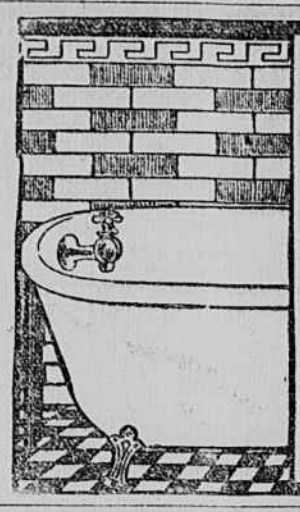

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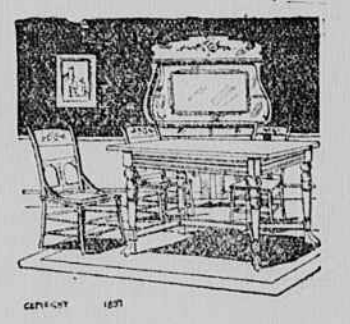

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