

WEATHER REPORT. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21, 1900. Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: For Virginia—Fair and warmer Saturday and Sunday; fresh northerly winds becoming variable.

METEOROLOGICAL. December 21st, 1900. Maximum temperature 40. Minimum temperature 34. Normal temperature 42. Departure from normal plus 5.

CALENDAR. Sun rises at 7:15 a. m. and sets at 4:53 p. m. TIDES. High water at 9:00 a. m. and 9:24 p. m. Low water at 2:39 a. m. and 3:20 p. m.

DEED. WILLIAMS—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. Edmonds, 119 Windsor avenue, Brambleton, at 1:30 p. m., Thursday, December 20th, 1900, VIRGINIA M. WILLIAMS, relict the late Willoughby Williams, in the 73d year of her age.

U. S. Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va. December 21st, 1900. AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE clerks connected with the Department of Supplies and Accounts and Steam Engineering of this Navy Yard held this day, the following preambles and resolutions on the death of Mr. Lucius D. McClure, a clerk in the Department of Steam Engineering, at the time of his death, and previously, a clerk in the Department of Supplies and Accounts, were adopted.

Resolved, First, that we extend to the relatives and friends our heart-felt sympathy in their bereavement. Resolved, Second, that they have in their loss the consolation that the life of deceased has been such as to justify the belief that Earth has lost the loser and Heaven the gainer.

Resolved, Fourth, that these resolutions be published in the daily papers, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased. C. E. BETTIS, Committee. H. E. ORR, Secretary. E. D. TAYLOR, Chairman. W. N. EATON, Chairman. WYTHE D. ANDERSON, Secretary.

MEETINGS. The Norfolk Bank For Savings and Trusts, Norfolk, Va. Dec. 25, 1900. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at its Banking Home, 236 Main street, on TUESDAY the 23d of January, 1901, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. Matinee & Night SAT. DEC. 22. The Augustine Daily Company, Presenting. A Runaway Girl. 69—ARTISTS—69. Prices—25c. to \$1.50—Matinee—25c. to \$1.00—Night.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. Mon. and Tues. Dec. 24 and 25. CHRISTMAS MATINEE TUESDAY. The Greatest Theatrical Success of the Closing Century.

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OYSTER MATTERS.

Oystermen Fear Inimical Action By Constitutional Convention.

The Tidewater Section Should Be Strongly Represented in That Body—A Noted Isle of Wight Oyster Case The Baylor Survey Rocks and Mud and the Statute.

The following in regard to oyster matters will no doubt be read with great interest throughout the Tidewater section: OYSTERMEN UNEASY.

"Considerable fear among the oystermen exists that the constitutional convention may undertake the adoption of measures to virtually turn our oyster rocks out to the world. Much depends upon the representation that the Tidewater section has in the convention. If we are ably represented by men in whom that august body has confidence as to a knowledge of the oyster question and its interests to the people and State, there is little doubt that the basic principles of protection will be interfered with.

"What we need now are even more stringent laws in order to perpetuate the oyster industry in Virginia. Too much of the natural bottom is now being let out. Our oystermen say that if the present wholesale renting out of lands and bottoms heretofore known as natural grounds continues that the seed-oystermen will soon have no place to catch this stock. This is becoming a crying shame and demands early action.

"About the only mode of relief and protection now practicable, that the natural rocks and bottoms may recuperate, is the adoption of a call law, a strict patrol of the waters in closed season and a successful enforcement of the law prohibiting plants from being carried out of the State.—Farmer and Fisherman.

A FAMOUS OYSTER CASE. "Mr. R. M. Lett left yesterday for Isle of Wight county to fish up the famous oyster case. Infringements will be argued today and arguments will be had on the merits of the case.

"The action is peculiarly interesting to river men. "In years gone by there was a continual contention between the State and the tanners as to what constituted natural rock. Finally, the State had Baylor make a survey to include all the natural rock. Everything within this survey, whether mud or rock, was to be considered natural rock; everything without the survey, whether rock or mud, was to be considered mud.

"When the survey was completed, four months were given in which amendments might be filed and errors corrected. After that, the survey became official, absolute and irrevocable. "In the case in question, the Bloxham tract of 150 acres had been surveyed, it is said, but when the plot of the survey was made, in some way, it was not included. There was much litigation several years ago resulting in the matter being taken to the Supreme Court, which decided that the Bloxham tract was mud—that is to say, not being on the Baylor plot, was out of the survey.

"Then came the incident leading up to the present proceedings. Mr. Bloxham discovered some sixty-seven oystermen on his tract one day. He took their names and brought them into court on charges of larceny. Convictions were obtained in the magistrate's court on the prima facie evidence and the case went up to be argued out along the more technical lines.

"It is hard to tell what the result will be. It is a difficult thing under any circumstances to convict a white man of larceny in Isle of Wight. If the warrant had charged 'malicious trespass' possibly the proposition would have been simplified.

Meeting of Finance Committee. The finance committee of the Councils held a meeting at the city treasurer's office last night to further consider the matter of the erection of the new jail. A conference was held with a majority of the members of the Brambleton Local Board and with Mr. J. D. Armstrong, chairman of the Atlantic City Board, as to whether these two boards would be willing to assume a part of the expense of building the proposed new jail.

Y. M. C. A. Speakers. The following speakers have promised to appear in the State convention program: Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D.; Mr. Edwin F. See, secretary of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Association; Mr. Augustus Nash, secretary of the religious department of the Cleveland (O.) Association; State Secretary George F. Tibbitts, of the Maryland group; A. G. Kachel, of the Carolinas, and International Committeeman Harry W. Hicks, C. L. Gates and H. O. Williams.

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Record of the Vote.

Members of the City Councils who voted on November 8th, 1900, to put this city at the mercy of a Bell Telephone monopoly, to bestow the good name of this city by repudiating its contract and to impair its reputation for fair dealing by illegally favoring one private corporation against the interest of the citizens of Norfolk:

- N. BEAMAN, EDWARD CAMP, T. M. CASHIN, C. H. CASHIN, J. FRANK EAST, R. F. FOREST, W. M. HANNAN, W. H. HARRIS, W. R. JOHNSON, E. S. JOYNS, E. H. KIRKMAN, W. H. KIRKMAN, J. J. O'KEEFE, W. P. OREINDORFER, W. M. RANSELL, A. A. RAY, B. A. UNDERDOWN, A. G. WALSH, E. H. WILBURST, F. T. WISE.

Members of the City Councils who voted on November 8th to amend the Southern Bell franchise by establishing a maximum rate and protect the interest of the citizens of Norfolk:

- C. P. DENBY, T. S. FITZGIBBONS, J. M. KEELING, W. W. OLD, J. O. PITT, J. O. REID, J. A. RIDGEWELL, J. LEE SENECA, T. S. SHIGATE, J. G. SULLIVAN, B. G. TENSTALL, C. O. WRENN. Members who were absent from the meeting: J. W. CASHIN, A. M. COUSINS, FRED GREENWOOD, E. L. MAYER.

DIVINE SERVICES SUNDAY.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

First Church, street, between Holt and Cove streets—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Westminster League prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m.

Second, Freemason, near Boush street—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Ave Have Seen His Star in the East." Evening, "The Kingdom He Came to Establish." Session meets at 10:40 a. m. Sunday for reception of members.

Park Avenue, Brambleton—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. B. McClure, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Colley Memorial, Atlantic City ward—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Maxwell, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Freemason, corner of Bank and Freemason streets—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Gospel for the Poor." Evening, "Planning for the Future." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

First, corner of Granby and Freemason streets—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Hatcher, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Christ Child Before Simon." Evening, "Reaping the Harvest." Third in the series on "The Story of a Wild Young Man." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Park Avenue—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hill, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Sich-ilem"—a Christmas sermon. Evening, "The Foes of Home." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Grace, corner of Church street and Princess Anne avenue—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Owen, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Birth of the Child." Evening, "The Son Given Shall be Called." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Freemason Memorial, Windsor avenue, Brambleton—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Riddick, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Central Avenue, Atlantic City—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Dudley, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Epworth, corner of Freemason and Boush streets—Preaching by Rev. W. M. Leftwich, D. D., at 11 a. m. and by the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith at 7:30 p. m.

Cumberland corner of Freemason and Cumberland streets—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. H. E. Johnson, D. D., in the new Sunday school room at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Entrance on Cumberland street. All cordially invited.

Queen, corner of Palaski and Queen streets—Preaching by Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., at 11 a. m. and by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Hatcher, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Contemporary corner of Boush and Queen streets—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. M. Chandler, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Junier Epworth League at 3 p. m. Strangers welcome.

McKendree, corner of Clay and Chabonne avenues, Brambleton—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Proctor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Trinity, corner of Malby and Corey avenues, Brambleton—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. George W. Jones, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Lekies Memorial, corner of Cramp avenue and Fort street, Atlantic City—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. G. H. B. Lambeth, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Huntersville, Johnson avenue—Preaching by the new pastor, Rev. W. R. Evans, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. First church, Public Library building—Services at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. Subject, "Christ Jesus." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Georgie Myers, who has been visiting Mrs. Arthur Floyd, in South Orange, has returned to the city, and is with Mrs. Barton Myers, in Freemason street.

Mr. Wm. Shield and Mr. George Loyall have returned from Baltimore.

Miss Mary Nicholson left last evening for Philadelphia. She has been visiting Miss Cooke, in York street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baldwin leave tonight to spend Christmas with Colonel Boykin, in Baltimore.

Mrs. Mabel and Miss Mary Paul Mael returned yesterday morning from a trip to Chicago.

Mr. Charles Sampson, Jr., left last night for Philadelphia to join Mrs. Sampson, who has been in that city since Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Lind Morrison, of Norfolk, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Taylor, of Church Hill, Richmond.

Miss Crislie Gull and Master D. Frank Gull, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Gull, of No. 245 Holt street, have returned home to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with their parents. The former from Marshall Female Seminary, Oak Lane, Philadelphia, and the latter from the Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

A very delightful reception was given last night from 8 to 11 o'clock by Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Cooke and Miss Mary Lou Cooke in honor of Miss Mary Gladys Merrill, who will be Miss Cooke's guest during the holidays. The handsome parlors were decorated for the occasion with palms and other potted plants and cut flowers. The reception was largely attended.

Dr. Edward Percy Odendahl and Miss Annie Eley, of this city, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock in Baltimore at noon Thursday by Rev. D. S. Cole, Telegrapher, making known the event were received here the afternoon of the marriage. The bride went to Washington some days ago in company with Miss Carr, on the occasion of the latter's marriage, and then went on a visit to friends in Baltimore. The happy couple will return home Christmas morning.

The groom is a well-known and popular young physician of Norfolk and one of the city coroners. His bride is the highly accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Eley, of Wood street. They will make their home for the present with Mr. and Mrs. Fortune Odendahl, of Olney road and Mantoo avenue, Ghent.

Mr. Joseph K. Cotton, of Elizabeth City, N. C., and Miss Molly A. Green, of Norfolk, were married in one of the parlors of the Hotel Remont, Baltimore, at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Duke, of Immanuel Baptist church. They will reside in Elizabeth City.

Miss Mary Della Thorpe, who was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, Fred, Gregory, of West Laurens, N. Y., on Tuesday, was married to Mr. John Thomas Wade, of Berkeley, Thursday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Merritt at the Seaman's Bethel, this city. The groom is employed in the navy yard. He is originally from New Haven, Connecticut.

Classification Committee End Their Deliberations. The Southern railway classification committee, which has been in session at the Monticello Hotel during the past week, concluded its labor yesterday and adjourned for the quarter. This committee, which is made up of forty members, practically comprise all the railroads and steamships engaged in Southern freight traffic and their deliberations had to do with the classification of freight.

The subject matter of their discussions being largely of a technical character, possesses little public interest other than its general effect on the transportation of classified freight. While many changes, covering over 100 different subjects, were made, the general classification of 1900 stands. Mr. P. J. McGovern is the president of the classification committee.

Christmas Sermon. Rev. J. A. Fleckinger will preach the Christmas sermon at the First Lutheran church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are invited to hear this able divine.

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The Sofa Cushions that arrived Thursday are finding new owners rapidly. So, you'd better hurry up if it's a cushion you're after.

Prices run, \$1.13 1/2, \$1.50 up to \$3.50.

The Handkerchief Sale.

is creating a furore. Never has selling been of so lively a nature. They're going singly, by twos and threes, by half dozens and dozens. The stock still runs way up into the thousands! But, to-day and Monday will scatter them from end to end of Norfolk—and elsewhere.

The men's 19c. all-linen ones at 12 1/2c., and the women's, at the same price, are making the salespeople step lively.

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Lace Ties—50c. on up to \$1.75. Neck Huffs—black liberty silk, \$1 on up to \$1.50.

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And here's the promised news of Books in Sets

- GEORGE ELIOT'S COMPLETE WORKS—6 volumes. Publishers' price, \$1. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$1.45. MEMOIRS OF NAPOLEON BONAPARTE—by Boulayne. 4 vols. Publishers' price, \$7. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$3.75. GEORGE ELIOT'S WORKS—9 vols. Publishers' price, \$10. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$5.30. GEORGE EBERTS WORKS—8 vols. Publishers' price, \$8. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$4.15. OLIVER OPTIC'S WORKS—new titles, for boys, 6 vols. Publishers' price, \$6. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$3.25. CHARLES DICKENS WORKS—15 vols. Publishers' price, \$10. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$5.25. SCOTT'S WORKS—12 vols. Publishers' price, \$7.00. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$3.90. CAPT. MARRYAT'S WORKS—17 vols. Publishers' price, \$10. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$5.75. JULES VERNE'S WORKS—12 vols. Publishers' price, \$12. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$6.75. ROLLIN'S ANATOMY LABORATORY—4 vols. Half-calf. Publishers' price, \$8. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$4.50. DUMAS' WORKS—Marie Antoinette Series—6 vols.—half-calf. Publishers' price, \$12. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$6.50. TOLSTOY'S WORKS—12 vols. Publishers' price, \$18. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$10.75. BALZAC'S WORKS—Trent edition—16 vols. Publishers' price, \$20. Our TO-DAY'S price, \$11.75.

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