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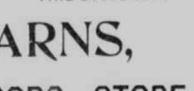
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BALTIMORE, FREDERICKSBURG AND RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER ROUTE.
On and after Friday, March 10th, steamers Richmond, Westmoreland and Essex will leave Pier 2, Light Street, Baltimore, every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30 p. m. for Fredericksburg and all wharves on the river. Returning, will leave Fredericksburg at 2:30 p. m. (tide permitting) Monday and Thursday, and leave Baltimore at 4:30 a. m. Tuesday and Friday for Baltimore.
Leave Baltimore Wednesday, at 4:30 p. m. for Taylor and all wharves below, except Hay Point, returning will leave Taylor at 2:30 p. m. (tide permitting) Monday and Thursday, and leave Baltimore at 4:30 a. m. Tuesday and Friday for Baltimore.
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Will leave Tappahannock for Norfolk at 12 m. on Friday morning at 4 o'clock. Will leave Norfolk at 6 p. m. Saturday for Tappahannock, calling at all landings. No freight received for outgoing steamers after 4 p. m. on sailing days.
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POTOMAC RIVER ROUTE.
Beginning Tuesday, December 27th, steamer Potomac will leave Pier 2, Light Street, Baltimore at 9 p. m. Tuesday and Saturday for the Potomac River, calling at Miller's Bridge, Bacon's, Grason's, Lewis's, Bunkle's, Cowart's, Walnut Point, Conk, Kincaid, Mundy's Point, Lodes, Adams, Piney Point, Abell's, Leonardtown, Colburn's, Howards and Stone's. On Tuesday only for Lancaster, Bushwood, Riverside, Liverpool Point, Glymont, Alexandria and Washington.
Returning, will leave 7th Street Wharf, Washington, at 4 p. m. Thursday, calling at all of the above mentioned wharves, leaving Leonardtown 6 a. m. Monday, and Friday, Kincaid, 12 m. Miller's 4 p. m. Grason's at 4 p. m. Bacon's at 6 p. m. arriving in Baltimore early Tuesday and Saturday mornings.
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KING GEORGE.

Personal and Other Notes.
(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
King George Court House, Va., May 13, 1899.

Messrs Robert N. Murphy and Stafford Murphy, two prominent business men of Westmoreland county, spent the night in our village recently.
Mr. Samuel Olmstead, of Washington, D. C., who has been visiting friends in King George, returned by steamer Randall a few days ago.
Captain Randolph Owens, one of our enterprising citizens, is visiting friends in Washington, where he will remain to witness the peace jubilee.
Mr. Walter Colton, a wealthy resident of Texas, who has been spending the winter in New York city, is visiting his relations in King George.
Mr. Ohas. B. Arnold is visiting friends in Washington city, and will stay to be present at the jubilee.
Mr. E. P. Arnold shipped from Striff's Wharf on the 5th instant a number of veals.
Mr. Jas. Stiff, the enterprising merchant at Striff's Wharf, has sold out to Messrs. Robert Allen and Forest P. Taylor. We wish these gentlemen abundant success.
Mrs. Rosa T. Hunter, of Washington, is visiting her relations at the Court House.
Mr. T. J. Hargert, with his family, has arrived and taken possession of his recent purchase, "Bleak Hill." We welcome them to the county.
A marriage license was issued from the clerk's office on the 6th instant to Beverly Taylor and Margaret Johnson, colored.

A carrier pigeon was captured recently at Cedar Grove, the residence of Mrs. Rosalie E. Stuart. The bird has a ring on one foot with the initials "N. A. 7589," cut on it. This is the third carrier pigeon caught at this place.
The rains of the past few days were much needed in this section, and the farmers are able to start their plows and harrows again and feel more hopeful about their wheat crop.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Snubbing Schley.
Washington, May 13.—The Navy Department made no reply to Schley of the command of Admiral Dewey, to which Admiral Watson has been assigned. There is no question had Admiral Schley been asked to accept the detail he would have been gratified, for it is a great honor to command what is now regarded as the most important of all the five naval stations of the Government.
This second affront is all the more offensive in view of the promises made Schley last December to give him a sea command, and if none was available "one would be created for him." Since then two flag officers have been ordered to command foreign stations, Admiral Howison having been assigned to the South Atlantic and Admiral Watson to the Asiatic. In neither case was Admiral Schley considered. It was the direct intention of the Navy Department all along to continue Admiral Schley on waiting orders or provide him with some inconspicuous shore billet, and one was finally found when he was ordered as president of the examining board two weeks ago. The president of this board has very little to do. Broken down, decrepit or indifferent officers are generally given such duty.

Whooping Cough.
I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. Moore, South Forgeatown, Pa. For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

The Richmond Conference

The Stanton News says: "The feeling yesterday in Richmond, as voiced by one of the papers, seemed to be, that while no nomination to the senate would be made, the result would be to bring out someone as a candidate. If the conference goes to the point of ordering a primary, as it may, such a racket as will be stirred up never stirred Virginia before. Such a primary would be right if held under the law, but suppose we had senatorial primaries all over the state like the recent Augusta county primaries may be the result wouldn't be trouble.
We will do the judges of that primary the justice to say that they tried to conduct a perfectly fair primary, and yet it is generally conceded that the results were largely brought about by republican votes.
Such a primary would be disastrous in its results. There is no reason whatever to believe that the people would be any better satisfied than they are with the present arrangement. If anything of the sort is to be the result, county conventions in regular mass meetings are far better."

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SPOTSYLVANIA,

The Mitchell Mine—Death of Mr. Lloyd—
(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
Goodwin, Va., May 12th, 1899.
Some of the farmers have not yet finished plowing for corn.
The Mitchell Mine is now in operation and will put on a larger force in a short time.
Mr. Robert Lloyd died at his home last Saturday, after a long illness, aged 65 years. A widow and ten children survive him. The remains were interred at his old home Sunday evening.
Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Nellie Hatfield and Mr. John B. Atkins, of this county.
Mr. O. L. Straughan left today for Washington on business.

In Memoriam.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved brother Samuel Burgess, it was unanimously agreed that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions setting forth the esteem and respect in which our beloved brother was held.
Resolved 1. That while we bow in our humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, we mourn not as those who mourn without hope, realizing that our loss is his gain.
2. That while we mourn the loss of our beloved deacon and trustee from our midst, we duly appreciate the example he set us during our relationship both in the church and Sunday school, and shall ever hold it up as worthy the emulation of all.
3. That the church and Sunday School tender to the bereaved family their heart-felt sympathy, knowing that the wife has lost a beloved companion, a wise counselor and a devoted husband and the children a fond and devoted father, whose Christian example they should ever keep bright in their memory and endeavor to imitate.
4. That these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the church and also upon the Sunday school register.
And that these resolutions of respect be published in one or more of the Fredericksburg papers and a copy be sent to the bereaved family of our deceased brother.
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