The Free Lance

TUESDAY.....DECEMBER 5, 1899.

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The Baptists Enjoy a Sociable—The Program.

At the Baptist Church last Friday night a sociable was enjoyed by the members of the church and congregation, who turned out in numbers that quite filled the spacious lecture room Col E D Cole presided, and the short program consisted of choice selections of instrumental music by Mrs Mary Quinn Hicks on the organ, and Miss Belle Downing on the violin; prayer by the pastor, Rev Dr J S Dill; singing by the audience; welcome address by Capt S J Quinn; reading of a paper on the Young People's Union and its work, by Mr. A. P. Rowe, Jr; two beautiful solos by Miss Hayes, of the college, and humorous reading selections by Dr Dill.

At the conclusion of these exercises ice cream and cake was served to all present, and a pleasant time spent in a social way. The occasion was a complete success and was given under the auspices of the Baptist Young People's Union, of which Mr. J. P. Rowe is the active president

A Pretty Stafford Marriage.

A pretty marriage occurred in Ebenezer Church, near Garrisonville, in Stafford county, Wednesday, November 29 The contracting parties were Mr. Waller S. Gill and Miss Mary V Cloe, both of Stafford. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. J. Kyle Gilbert.

Lunsford-Heflin.

Mr Sanford Lunsford, a former member of Company K, 3d Virginia Regiment in the war with Spain and Miss Cora Heflin, daughter of Mr. W. E Heflin, of Stafford were married on Thanksgiving Day, Rev D J Shepoff, of the Presbyterian Church, officiating

Commencing November 16th, we will sell round trip tickets Fredericksburg to Washington, good for three days, including date of issue, at rate of $2 75 Round trip tickets are already on sale to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.
6t C. O. Cox, Agent

In the Legislature which assembles to-morrow, the only contest which is attracting attention is that over the clerkship of the House, to succeed the late Col. John Bell Bigger There are five aspirants, which, with all of the other places in the two branches, will be filled at the caucus of the Democratic members to-night The race for the clerkship seems to be between Messrs W. H. Mann and Judge Gooch The result may depend upon combinations, which may possibly be made with some of the weaker candidates.

Mr. John G. Williams, Jr. of Orange, had his left arm dislocated while playing football at Woodberry Forest Academy, says the Observer

Local and Current Comments

We regret to chronicle the serious illness of Mrs. John W. Lafoe, of Moss Neck, in Caroline.

Don't fail to see E. T. Baker's stock of Underwear.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Leavell, of this city, will celebrate their silver wedding on next Friday night.

There will be a meeting of the Mary Washington Hospital Association at the Mayor's Office to-day (Tuesday) at 4 P. M. A full attendance is requested.

We can furnish you the correct fall styles in dress goods, silks, millinery, Ladies', Misses and Children's wraps Men's and Boys clothing, etc. T. N. Brent.

Robert E. Bozel and Co., offer great inducements to purchasers of mens' and boys' clothing, ladies and gent's shoes, boots, gents' furnishing goods, etc. See their ad. elsewhere.

You can always find at "Hall's" a complete assortment of goods in the drug line Prescriptions are prepared with accuracy at lowest prices Orders receive prompt and careful attention.

Dr. P. R Jordon, formerly resident physician to Old Dominion Hospital, Richmond, Va., has located at Belmont, Spotsylvania county, for the practice of medicine and surgery

There is nothing a true friend will more appreciate than a beautifully finished Carbon Photograph of yourself this Xmas The Davis Gallery here can make them for you. See their specimens

Our men's $2.50 shoes equal $3 50, because we do not pay the manufacturer a price based on the expense of advertising in magazines all over the United States; the manufacturer fixing the retail price. We fix our own price. J. W. Thomas.

Rev. W. Meade Clarke, of St Mark's church, Richmond, came here yesterday and left by steamer Richmond for Lancaster county, where he will be married to Miss Alice Lyle Pierce on Thursday next. He was accompanied by Revs J. Yates Downman and Preston Nash, of Richmond, who will officiate at the marriage

The steamer Richmond next Thursday will be covered with flags and bunting when she goes out of the river from Tappahannock to Baltimore. She will have on board two brides and grooms who will be married that day in Richmond and Lancaster counties Capt Gourley is making great preparation for the occasion. The table to be set will tempt the appetite of the most fastidious.

Mr. Julian LeCompte Bryan, of Richmond, arrived here yesterday and went by steamer Richmond to Richmond county, where on next Thursday morning he will be married to Miss Loula Pratt, daughter of Dr R H Pratt, at "Shelby," her home He was accompanied by Rev. James L. Bryan, his father, who will perform the ceremony; Mr W H. Bryan, his brother who will be best man and Mr. W. H. Hunkamp of this city.

Death of Mrs. Dicie Aldridge.

After an illness of more than a month from nervous prostration, Mrs. Dicie Aldridge, widow of the late F. M. Aldridge, died at her home in this city, Saturday morning, at 5 o'clock She was a Christian woman, highly esteemed for her work's sake by a large circle of friends. She leaves three children, Lou, Johnnie and Charlie, for whose welfare she has labored since the death of her husband with a devotion characteristic only of a faithful mother.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev Dr. J. S Dill The pall bearers were: Active—J. H. Myer, Jr., W. F. Bell, Eugene Bode John Robinson, Thomas Humphreys and George McCalley. Honorary—Isaac Hirsh, E T Baker, S. J. Quinn, C. E. Hunter, S E Eastburn, M. C. Strasburger.

Beet Sugar Factory in Fredericksburg.

A telegram from Richmond on Saturday says:

"Those interested in the establishment of the beet sugar factory near Fredericksburg were at the office of the commission of agriculture this morning, and announced their readiness to commence construction of the buildings by January 1. The only consideration that now enters into the plans for building is the securing of promises of farmers to plant a sufficient acreage in beets to keep the plant running after it has been erected. A great many farmers have already indicated their purpose to raise beets for the factory and a great many more will undoubtedly plant beets

"Commissioner Kolner will shortly issue in bulletin form a statement of his trip to Nebraska, making plain to the farmers the methods in vogue there in the raising of the sugar beet and stating that handsome profits result therefrom"

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Death of a Multi-Millionaire.

John I Blair, of Blairtown, N. J., died at his home early Saturday. Mr Blair, who was born August 22, 1802 near Belvidere N J, was very wealthy, having made a fortune in railroad building and manufacturing estimated at $40,000 000 to $50,000 000 He was ninety-seven years old. Until he was eleven years old his life was that of an ordinary farmer boy.

In politics he was a Republican He was the candidate of the Republican party for governor of New Jersey in 1868 He was also a delegate to the national conventions from 1860 to 1896.

The deceased was a near relative of the wife of Mr Carter H Fitzhugh, of Chicago, who is one of the legatees.

Death of Dr. Wm. Wirt.

Dr. Wm. Wirt, eldest son and only surviving child of William Wirt, for twelve years Attorney-General of the United States, died last Tuesday at his home "Wirtland," Westmoreland, aged about 85 years.

His wife was Miss Payne, of Virginia. His sons are Daniel and William Wirt, of Westmoreland, and his surviving daughters are Mrs. Edward L Engle, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Agnes Washington, of Westmoreland. A deceased daughter was the wife of Col. R. J. Washington, of Westmoreland.

LETTER FROM MANILA.

Lieut. R. S. Knox Writes of His Long Sea Voyage—One Man Lost Overboard—No Sickness on Ship.

The following letter, written on board the U. S. Steamship Tacoma October 27th, by Lieut. Robert S Knox to relatives here immediately after his arrival in Manila Bay, Philippine Islands, descriptive of his trip from San Francisco to Manila, will be read with interest, not only by Lieut. Knox's many friends here, but by the public generally:

We arrived in Manila Bay, off the city of Manila, this morning about daylight, after a long and tedious trip of about 37 days, including the eight days we stopped in Honolulu for repairs. The weather was beautiful all the way over, except for two or three days after leaving Honolulu, when the whole crowd of us got sea sick again, even worse than we were when leaving San Francisco, and I stayed in my bunk for at least three days. After that we had good weather The distance, according to ship's log, is 7 0 0 miles from Frisco to Manila, and in the entire distance we only sighted two ships, one before arriving in Honolulu, the other in Manila

On the second day out from Honolulu we had quite a gale, and one man, Corporal Henderson, of C Company, was lost overboard. The ship cruised around for several hours after he fell overboard, but all to no purpose, we never caught sight of him again, though chairs, life-belts and boxes were thrown to him We were kept busy all the way over with the various schools of instruction, though between times I managed to get homesick enough to think of resigning, especially when I was sick.

The men have been healthy, indeed, and now that we are in the tropics, we can see why they were picked out physically, because these hot days, even on the ship, have been quite trying, especially as we have been traveling in the blue uniform, and will not change into Khaki until we get into camp tomorrow, and then we will change entirely, even to the hats for which large cork helmets covered with Khaki cloth, will be substituted. The uniform then will be truly English in appearance.

Today is the first we have heard of the Boer war, which, we are told, has been going on two weeks; we also received our first news of the yacht race The officers of our ship are all English, and we have been guying them considerably about both the war and the race.

We have been brigaded with the 30th and 37th and form the First Brigade, under Gen Hall; 1st Division under Gen. Lawton. 8th Army Corps, so with these old regulars if there is any fighting we will get our full share. We will go ashore tomorrow and will be camped at the famous water works, about five miles north of the city, and all our operations will be toward the North. The other five companies of our regiment are already encamped at the water works, and have been under fire, that is, they had an alarm, mistook one of their own men at night, outside the lines, who would not halt and was shot and killed

Where we are at anchor the Baltimore, which is the flagship is on one side of us, the Princeton, a gun boat, on the other, besides the transports Sherman, Sheridan, Azier and hospital ship Relief. In the distance we can see Cavite, where Uncle Sam's marines are stationed, and the Spanish wrecks lying around in different places I have been on as officer of the guard today, and a busy day I have had with all the bum boat and launches running up at all hours

We have no sickness on board and no one in the hospital. I am feeling very well, though homesick, but I have a good captain, a perfect gentleman A New Yorker, F. M Knox, is 2nd Lieutenant a very nice little fellow. We have had four Virginians on board during the trip, three of us being in the 1st Battalion. Needless to say we have stuck together, especially Fauntleroy and I. F is a great big fellow, 6 feet 2½ inches large in proportion, and as good natured as he is large We both say now that when we get back to Virginia that it will be quite good enough for us there. It is rumored that we will be in the regular army after the 1st of January, 1900. Give my love to every one, and tell them to send me the news and remember me at Christmas, for it is hot as —— out here even in the winter time, which is now.

STAFFORD.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance)

Stafford C. H., Va., Dec. 2, '99.

Mr. Geo. W. Hanes, of Washington, D. C., spent Thanksgiving day visiting here.

One of our citizens at Brooke complains that so much wood has been hauled to that point for shipment that he has to get a ladder to climb off his premises when he comes out to attend to his business.

Mr. Geo. V. Moncure, Jr., paid the Court-house a visit today on business.

The protrated meeting at Register Chapel still continues.

Mr. J. R. McGregor still continues ill at his residence.

The fine weather this fall equals that of 1888

Some of our citizens who were engaged in the cider war, have sold their stock on hand at a good price.

Mr Jas Morton and Mr. Weston the night operator at Brooke for R. F & P R R, also paid the Court-house a visit today.

Mrs Allen N Waller, who has been visiting friends in Baltimore county, Md., returned to her home, at Wayside, today

Mr. Geo Woodard has been appointed as draw-tender at Chappawamsic draw, on R. F. & P R R

F A. Hill, Esq, of Clermont, visited the clerk's office today on business

Mr. Andrew Briggs, of upper Stafford, spent several days this week visiting R A Moncure, Esq

The saw-mill belonging to the estate of H F Bradford, deceased, was appraised recently at $3 000

A deed was admitted to record in the clerk's office recently which paid $40 State taxation and $40 to Uncle Sam's Internal Revenue

Hunters complain very much of the scarcity of game. No partridges; even the proverbial "old hare" has forsaken his lair and gone to more happy hunting grounds; opossum and "coon" seems to be plenty, much to the delight of our Afro American citizens.

Scribbler.

If you have Sore Throat Pain-Killer will cure it. If you have a cough or cold, Pain-Killer will end it. If you have cramps or diarrhœa Pain-Killer will relieve it. If you cut, burn or bruise yourself, Pain-Killer will stop the pain. In short, a bottle of Pain-Killer on your shelf will save you pain, time and money. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

A Bank in Madison.

The Madison Free Press says: "Unless something unforseen prevents, the Madison Bank will be organized and ready for business by January 1, 1900, thus adding to the institutions and new enterpises of the county."

Gov. Tyler has removed the political disabilities of Churchill Johnson, petit larceny, King William, and James Vessels, petit larceny, King William.

Big Fire at Onancock.

For the second time in 13 years the business center of Onancock, in Accomac, has been swept out of existence by fire. The fire broke out on the morning of December 1, in a building occupied by Ned Parker as a grocery on Main street, a half block from the Grand Central Hotel. In 10 minutes the building was wrapped in flames, being of wood, as were all others in the block. It burned like tinder, notwithstanding the fact that a powerful stream of water deluged the doomed building. The fire steadily ate its way through the thin walls and spread east and west to the buildings on either side. Night fortunately, quite calm, and the light air being from the south, the fierce blaze in a measure spent its energies upon the vacant lots in the rear of the block. In less than an hour the fire had worked its way to the barber shop within 30 feet of the hotel. That was its utterment limit in that direction. The large hotel was saved only by heroic efforts. Slowly the fire worked its way to the large apartment store of Ames, Shield & Co This large building, filled to the roof with wares of all descriptions was soon a mass of flames Wise's drug store next went, then the building on the corner of North and Main streets, occupied and owned by E. E. Miles, Bundick's grocery, Duncan's jewelry store, and Winders' grocery all burned in quick succession. At Adelstein's jewelry store the combined efforts of the entire fire department conquered the flames. Slowly but surely unsurpassed pluck and intelligent effort won their victory. At dawn of day the water was shut off and hundreds of trembling people whose homes had been rescued from the flames retired to rest. The newly furnished waterworks had for the third time saved the town.

Losses, insurance, B. T. Parker's estate, barber shop, loss $250; W. H. Parker's drug store and post-office, loss $3 500, insurance $500; West & Miles' building, loss $800, insurance $500; E. B. Parker, building and stock loss $1,400, insurance $700; Robert Pennewill building, loss $800; Slocomb Bros, stock and building, loss $5 000, insurance $2 600; Ames, Shield & Co, stock and building, loss $34 000, insurance $13 000; T W. Wise stock and fixtures, loss $2,500, insurance $1,000; E E Miles, building and stock, loss $2 500, insurance $2 000; J. F Bundick, stock, loss $900, insurance $300; J W Duncan, building and stock, loss $3 500, insurance $1,000; L J Winder & Co, loss $500; J L. Winder, building, loss $800, insurance $500; J. Adelstein, stock, loss $100; Glick & Co., stock, loss $100; Powell & Waples, stock loss $250; L Cohen, stock, loss $200; R P Custis, stock, loss $150; W. C. West, hotel furniture, loss $300; D Wilkins, livery, loss, $100 Loss about $60,000; insurance about $23 000

LANCASTER.

Hog Killing—Preparation for Christmas—Personals, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance)

Lancaster, Va., Dec. 2, 1899.

This is hog killing time in Lancaster, and back-bones, spare-ribs and sausage are in abundance

Our people spent Thanksgiving in a quiet social way and are now looking forward to the coming of Christmas. Many Sunday schools are preparing for their annual festival and the young think of old Kris Kringle as away in Germany or at the North Pole loading up his reindeer cart with newest toys. Our merchants seem to be doing a fine business.

D. E E. Barnum, of New York, will resume his medical practice here about January 1st, 1900.

The death of Miss May Sloane, who has been ill so long, is expected at any moment. She is an accomplished young lady loved by all who knew her. She is a devoted Christian.

Corn and rough food is selling fairly well this early in the season. Good fodder is very scarce.

The bloody oyster has appeared in our waters

A colored girl, Flora Woods, landed at Merry Point, Wednesday, from Baltimore. She was quite sick and had to be carried from the boat to the wharf She died soon afterwards in a buggy while being taken to her home.

Mrs. Wayland F. Dunaway and daughter, who have been visiting Mrs. D's father, Mr. Thos H. Pinckard, will leave Wednesday for their home in Loudoun county.

Mr. L. O. Cox, of Carrotoman, is in Baltimore this week on business.

Several young men are having handsome residences built. Rumor says when the cage is completed a bird is to sing therein Radiator.

Charlottesville Ice Plant Sold.

All the property, franchises, &c., of the Virginia Ice Company's large plant in Charlottesville has been purchased by a syndicate made up largely of the owners of the Charlottesville City and Suburban Electric Railway, and Mr C. J Rixey, of Culpeper. Capt T. O. Troy, the president of the railway states that the joint operation of the two properties will be inaugurated.

Seized 350 Gallons of Brandy.

Culpeper Dec. 3—Revenue Officers Eddins, Hansbrough, and Bolvin raided the premises near Criglersville Thursday, and seized 350 gallons of "crooked" apple brandy Should any one claim the brandy the government would require a double tax and impose a fine, but as usual no claimant has appeared the government will confiscate the brandy and sell it

Silas Deal, a farmer living near Rapidan Station, was burning brush on his farm last Saturday, while his children played around the fire The youngest child, a little boy, ventured too near, and was fatally burned before assistance reached him.

The five-year-old girl of Peter Lucas, colored, of Batna, Culpeper, was burned to death Sunday evening The parents were away from home at the time, and had locked the child in the house.

Milton Seaton, town sergeant of Middleburg, Loudoun county, who was so severely cut by Harrison Thompson, colored, died Saturday evening, just one week after the assault. Both Harrison and Dick Thompson are at large. Great indignation prevails in the community, and active means are being taken for the arrest of the parties.

Mrs. Dewey, wife of Admiral Dewey, is suffering from laryngitis, and her physician has advised her to give her voice as near absolute rest as possible. He has forbidden her to return any calls except by card.

Notice of Removal.

Having removed to the office formerly occupied by the late Capt. John Ward, at No. 605 Main street, next to Botts' wood yard, will be pleased in the future to see my friends and patrons at my new place.

I am in the market for any quantity of railroad ties, cedar posts, poplar wood and sawed lumber. I will be pleased to have your patronage.

Yours truly,
J. W. Masters.

A mass-meeting at Cienfuegos, Cuba, decided to protest to President McKinley against the establishment of a civil government for the islands.

About forty firms have announced that they have withdrawn their exhibits from the Paris Exposition on account of French enmity.

The Bee Hive.

810 Main Street.

(Sebree's Old Stand

A few prices to boom business during the dull season.

Prunes 7c. pound.
Maccaroni 8c.
Plain and Mixed Candy 7c. lb.
Large box Lye 8c.
Lump Starch 4c. lb.
Alabaster Starch, with Blueing and Wax 4c. package.
Corn Search 4c.
Large boxes Matches 9c. dozen (8 dozen for 25c.)
Wooden Wash Boards 8c.
Clothes Pins 1c. dozen
Cobbler's Shoe Nails 3c. box.
Ink 3c. bottle.
Envelopes 3c. package
Paper 3 and 4c. quire.
Armour's Key Soap 2 for 5c.
Our Favorite Soap, 12 bars for 25c.
This an old well seasoned soap and only limited quantity in stock and cannot be sold again at the price.
Special bargains in

SHOES, BOOTS,

Tinware, Dry Goods, Notions, Etc.

Country merchants will do well to get our figures to the trade before buying.

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The Purest and Best.

We sell nothing that we cannot accompany with our guarantee.

Everybody Wants Them.

Crystallized Figs, Turkish and Japanese Figs,
Something fine to taste.
French dip Bon Bons,
Choc. Cralines,
Finest Marshmallows,
Cream Almonds,
Cream Dates,
French Mixtures,
Royal Creams,
Lowney's Fine Goods.

"CAKE TALK."

"Gloucester Mix," the finest Cake we ever saw, 20c. pound.
"Chrysanthemums," a perfect beauty, nothing finer, 20c. pound.
"Cheese Straws," the Parlor Wafer, perfectly delicious, something new, just in, try them.

"Nuts to Crack."

Our stock of Nuts, such as California Soft Shell Almonds, Farragona Almonds, XXXX Brazil's Jumbo Pecans, Sicily Filberts, Grenoble Walnuts and Royal Mixed Nuts, are just in All of the above goods are new crop and very fancy. Never before has such a stock been exhibited in Fredericksburg. Just come and take a look.

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The Modern Grocery.

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The best remedies that can be put up—no humburg patent medicines—but of genuine and real merit Our word for it, they will undoubtedly give entire satisfaction. The prices too are a consideration.

Iron Tonic Pills, blood maker and nerve tonic,	50c
Fig Syrup, constipation cure,	50c.
Syrup Hypophosphites Co.	75c.
Quinine Hair Tonic,	50c.
Ely Water a ready relief,	25c.
Emulsion Cod Liver Oil,	75c.
Rheumatic and Nerve and Bone Liniment,	25c.
Sarsaparilla Compound,	75c.

Cies & Company.
Apothecaries.

First Snow in Virginia.

Tazewell, Va., Dec. 2.—The first snow of the season fell here last night and this morning. The ground was covered and the mountains presented a beautiful appearance, but the day being warm, the white mantle soon disappeared.

Gaining a Wide Reputation.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D B Johnston, of Richmond, Ind, has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm It acts like magic with me My foot was swollen and pained me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me" For by sale M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

William Hay, the 17-year-old son of Congressman James Hay, was held up near Millwood, Clarke county, one night last week by two men and brutally assaulted. Young Hay is a student at Clay Hill Academy, and was returning home, when a man stepped from the side of the road and demanded his money. Hay refused to comply and was knocked down and beaten. While one man held him another rifled his pockets.

The Virginia Legislature, which meets tomorrow, is made up as follows: The Senate consists of 38 Democrats and 2 independents, and the House of 93 Democrats, 4 Republicans, and 3 independents.

Thanksgiving Pleasures

in driving may be marred by a horse that shies, but the timid driver can feel secure when he is seated in one of our reliable Buggies. Their perfect construction, light and easy running gear, luxurious upholstery and finish, as well as their new and up-to-date designs, make them comfortable, stylish and safe, and render them general favorites with everyone.

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Go at once and see the most elegant Fall Stock ever offered here, in Domestic Dry Goods, Ladies' Dress Goods, Silks, Millinery, Ladies', Misses and Children's Wraps, Skirts, Trunks, Rugs, &c. Men's, Youth's and Boy's Clothing, Blankets, Bed Comforts, Counterpanes, Table Linens and Towels. The latest New York Styles in Dress Goods, Silks, Millinery, Wraps, &c Men's and Boy's Stylish Suits, at 25 per cent. less than you can buy them at other places Boy's Suits, from 69c. up. Men's Suits, from $1.98 up; Good heavy yard wide Cotton at 4c., North 6. Calicoes at 3½c. Percales at 5c., worth 8. Trunks, from $1.00 to $10.00

We have late styles and low prices, that you cannot find at other stores. It will pay you to see this stock before making your fall purchases.

T. N. BRENT, Fredericksburg, Va.

Crowding In.

Our fall goods are now crowding in, and our warerooms and store building is fast filling up with our fall purchases of

Fall Goods, Thanksgiving Goods, Christmas goods,

and Seasonable Goods. Never before has our line been so complete. Never before have we been as prepared as now to fill all orders for Fine or Staple Groceries. Your interest shall be well cared for here, and with our system of doing business, with our stock and experience as foundation stones, we solicit your patronage. Write us for prices if you are unable to come in person, and keep before you this fact that "IT PAYS TO BUY THE BEST." A few of the lines already arrived are Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Macaroni and Spaghetti, Raisins, Citrons, Currants, Prunes, Evaporated Fruits, Nuts, Buckwheat Flour, Hominy, Beans, etc.

All correspondence given prompt attention.

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The following are to be the officers of the next House of Representatives:

Speaker—David B. Henderson, of Iowa.

Clerk—Alexander M'Dowell, of Pennsylvania.

Sergeant-at-arms—Henry A. Casson, of Wisconsin.

Doorkeeper—W. J. Glenn, of New York.

Postmaster—Joseph C. M'Elory, of Ohio.

Chaplain—Rev. Henry M. Couden, of Michigan.

Col. Henry A. Casson, former secretary of State in Wisconsin, was selected for Sergeant-at-arms and successor to Mr. B. F. Russell, of Missouri, who was not a candidate for re-election.

Up to the present time there have been 25,045 claims filed in the Pension Office as a result of the war with Spain and the war in the Philippines Of these 695 come from the navy. The faster the regiments are mustered out the greater are the number of claims for pension.

LOCAL MARKETS

Wheat, 63 to 68; corn, 38 to 40, meal 90 to 100 per 100 pounds; oats, 23 to 25; fowls (live), turkeys dressed, 8 to 10; live, 6 to 8; 6 to 6½; chickens, 6½ to 7 cts. per lb.; lard, 7 to 8; eggs, 20 to 20½ cts.; butter 15 to 20; hams, 10 to 11½, Irish potatoes, 40 to 50; beef, 3 to 3½; veal 4 to 4½; Pork, 4 to 4½; hides (green), 6 to 7; hides (dry), 8 to 10; hides (green) salted, 7 to 9.

Wool—Unwashed, 19 to 20; washed, 22 to 25.

The Grain Market.

The grain markets closed yesterday as follows:

Chicago—Wheat, Dec. 64½; May 68½; Corn, Dec. 30; Dec. oats, 22½.

New York—Southern wheat, 70 to 72; Southern corn, 39 to 40.

Baltimore—Southern wheat, 68 to 70; Southern corn, 35 to 38.

Richmond—Wheat, 65 to 72; corn, 38 to 40

Alexandria—Wheat, 60 to 65; corn, 36 to 38.

IF YOU FOLLOW THE CROWD

It will lead you right in my store, and if you appreciate square dealing you will be our constant customer. We commenced unpacking our Xmas Goods two weeks ago. We had to in order to get through in time. You remember, we sold entirely out of Xmas Goods last year. So we have no old last year cut-price and cut quality goods to offer you but all NEW, FRESH GOODS, as Cheap as the Cheap at Merchants and Sunday School Buyers will find my store headquarters for CONFECTIONERIES, FRUITS, GROCERIES, TOYS, SEWING MACHINES, OYSTERS, FIRE WORKS, ETC. I furnished between 40 and 75 Sunday Schools last Fall. Come to see me. I will do all in my power to make it pay you.

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Ten Per Cent. Increase in Wages.

One of the most highly appreciated Thanksgiving gifts made in Richmond was the announcement of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad to the yard conductors and brakeman of a 10 per cent. increase in their wages, to begin the 1st of December.

The South Carolina Industrial Home for negro boys and girls was dedicated at Columbia, in that State, on Wednesday last

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At morn and eve or busy noon,
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Scissors sharp and razors keen;
And all that art and skill can do
If you will call I'll do for you.
Razors put in order at short notice.
W. H. TAYLOR

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society will be held in the Mayor's Office in the city of Fredericksburg on

Tuesday, December 5th, 1899,

at 11 o'clock A. M. At this meeting the annual reports of the President and Treasurer will be made and officers elected for the ensuing twelve months All Stockholders are earnestly requested to attend.

S. J. QUINN,
nov23 Secretary and Treasurer.

Annual Meeting of Stock Holders.

The Stockholders of The Free Lance Newspaper, Book and Job Printing Company of Fredericksburg, Va., are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the company will be held at the Office of The Free Lance Newspaper, in Fredericksburg, Va., on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER, 30th, 1899,

at 2 p. m., for the election of a President and Directors and for such other business, as may lawfully come before this meeting.

S. J. QUINN,
nov28-td Secretary.