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Local and Current Comments

Col. E. D. Cole spent Tuesday in Richmond. Mayor A. P. Rowe was a Richmond visitor on Tuesday.

All of the schools of the city re-opened on Tuesday, January 2nd. Miss Bruce Goodrick has returned from a visit to relatives in Washington.

When in need of good orders send your orders to John M. Griffin, 600 Main Street. Mrs. Lena Rowe was the guest of friends in Bowling Green Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Olive, of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays here with his relatives. Mrs. W. P. Johnson and children have returned from a visit to friends in Alexandria.

Miss Annie B. Kirk is visiting friends in Fredericksburg—Richmond Times of yesterday. Mr. C. O. Rowlett drove Tuesday to Tappahannock and is expected to return Saturday on the steamer.

The Bradford Building.

Mr. Sydney Bradford is having plans and specifications prepared by Mr. A. J. Dimmock, a prominent architect of Richmond, for the large office building to be erected upon the corner of Commerce and Princess Anne streets, upon the site of the old Farmers' Alliance building, which will be pulled down within the next few months.

Work upon the new building will commence about March 1st, and completion is anticipated about the first of September. The Bradford Building will be four stories high on Commerce street and three stories upon Princess Anne street.

The third and fourth floors will be suitably fitted up in convenient offices, will be up-to-date in all respects, and will be in demand on account of the many advantages of location and convenience. The entrance will be upon the Princess Anne street corner nearest the City Hall, and will be a large and imposing arch, opening into a large vestibule, which, when attained, affords the pilgrim the option of continuing on a flight of stairs to the Mecca above or of turning to the left through another arch into the bank where the Balm of Gilead will be dispensed by Mr. George W. Shepherd, Jr.

The entire building will be heated by steam, and illuminated by both gas and electricity. Sanitary arrangements and all modern conveniences will be provided for upon each floor, and when completed, the Bradford Building will both be a source of pride to the town and a testimonial to the progressiveness of that prince of good fellows, Sydney Bradford. "May his shadow never grow less."

Our Efficient Fire Department. As indicating the efficiency of our fire department Mr. W. D. Williams, whose foundry narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire Tuesday, says he telephoned the central office of the Telephone Company as soon as the fire broke out and in six minutes from that time the firemen and reel were at the fire. The distance from the fire department to Mr. Williams' foundry is about three-quarters of a mile. The central office telephoned to Capt. Quinn as soon as Mr. Williams' message was received, who ordered the fire bell rung at once, and the firemen responded immediately, as stated.

ORANGE.

Ice Harvest—Other Notes of Interest. (Correspondence of The Free Lance.) Orange Co., Va., Jan. 1st, 1900. Everything sold well at Mrs. Jackson's sale last week. We hear that this excellent woman will spend a portion of her time with her sister in Gordonsville.

Our people are shipping lots of turkeys and chickens. A dealer at Orange keeps teams running all through this section gathering in eggs, game and all manner of fresh meat. Daniel & Co. are placing lumber upon the site of the recent fire at Lahore and we hear that building will be pushed to completion.

Public schools have again opened. The atmosphere has been laden with kindly expression and happy appreciation. Among the many gifts that have greeted and gladdened our friends there is one conspicuous. The cup of Sergeant Grymes is full. Long may the little boy cheer the worthy father and mother, may his life be full of usefulness and sunshine.

We are having abundant ice harvest and many of our best houses are full. Mr. Ernest Baker, with his charming wife and son, of Washington, spent a few days at Mr. John Frazer's during the holidays. Christmas was unusually quiet in our section. The Sunday school trees at Macedonia and Pamunkey churches were greatly enjoyed by large crowds.

Scholars from distant schools have returned to their studies, with pleasant memories, and we hope with eager determination for high endeavor. To one and all of the readers of The Free Lance I send New Year greetings. May the year be one of profit, pleasure and Christian development to you all. Amen.

CHAMBERS,

810 Main Street. (Hebrew's Old Stand) Just received FULL LINE CANDIES, TOYS, ETC., For Christmas trade, and invite your attention to LOWEST PRICES to be found in town for First-Class Goods.

Nice, Fresh French Candy, 50 pound. Stuck Candy, Drops, Etc., 30 pound. Chocolate Drops, 12 1/2 pound. Peppermint Lollipops, 120 pound. Mixed Nuts, 120 pound. Ginger Snaps, 50 pound. Oyster Crackers (salted), 30 pound. Macaroni 30.

Dolls & Toys all Prices. COCONUTS, Oranges, Lemons, Celery, Cranberries, AT LOWEST PRICES. The trusts have made heavy advances on PAPER AND ENVELOPES, but we still have them at old prices.

CHEAPEST PLACE to buy your shoes, tinware and Groceries of every kind. Special inducements to Churches and Sunday Schools. CHAMBERS, 810 MAIN STREET. (Hebrew's Old Stand.)

TO OUR FRIENDS AND THE Public Generally. We wish to extend to you our sincere thanks for the liberal share of your patronage which we have received. It has been and will be our aim to please you in every way possible. In order to be able to do this, we will endeavor to have a Full and Complete Line OF Fancy & Staple Groceries, HAY, GRAIN and FEED.

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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 Luggies. 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.

CHANCELLOR & RAWLINGS, FARMERS' SUPPLY STORE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

We Appreciate Your Liberal Patronage

and promise in the future to use every effort to make it both pleasant and profitable to deal at our store. At the commencement of another New Year and Century, we will offer you more rare attractions in NEW, STYLISH GOODS, made for people who appreciate style to wear in the year 1900. Having made contracts for these goods early, you get them at Old Prices. 2,500 yards of Beautiful New Percales will be opened January 1st.

T. N. BRENT.

THE DIXIE.

This is a very popular little SHELLER, especially for those who do not raise large crops. Price is very reasonable. Can sell you a fine Double Sheller for more money. Call or write to us. DECKER & ALRICH.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

We desire to extend to our customers and public generally our many thanks for their kind patronage during the past year, and promise to endeavor to do all we can to please you in any transactions with us in the future. HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Respectfully, W. A. BELL & BRO., Fredericksburg, Va.

1900!

Will Water Run Up Hill? No!

Neither can a merchant be successful by giving poor goods, poor service and all sorts of prices to their customers. Our business methods are such that all customers are treated alike. All goods of best quality, all prices consistent. Delivery prompt. New crop finest quality No. 0. Mollasses, price per gallon 00c. Finest Penn. Buckwheat Flour, 6 pounds for 25c. Standard 3 pound Tomatoes, per dozen 90. Sweet, tender, small E. J. Peas per can, 12 1/2 dozen \$1.25. Finest Maine Sweet Corn, per can 10, dozen 1.20. Finest imported Macaroni, per pound 12 1/2. Bremen Egg Noodles, per package 10. Maple Syrup, 1 gallon can, per can 90. Oyster Bay Asparagus (best quality) per can, 35c. Finest California Prunes, 3 pounds for 25c. Fine California evaporated Peaches, per pound 12 1/2. Fine California evaporated Apricots, per pound 20c. We buy the best and sell the best because "IT PAYS TO BUY THE BEST."

W. L. BRANNAN.

WANTED.

Every man and woman that visits Fredericksburg for pleasure or business to visit our store and see the BAR GAINS and Newest Goods for Fall and Winter in

PLAIN, FANCY, PLAID AND BLACK DRESS GOODS,

Cloaks, Capes and Furs. Blankets and Flannels. Silks for Waists. Near Silks for Linings from 12 1/2c. up.

Our Millinery

for the Fall is one of the largest that has ever been shown in town. Come and look for yourself at 294 MAIN STREET. HIRSH'S

LOCAL MARKETS

Wheat, 65 to 70; corn, 38 to 35; meal 90 to 100 per 100 pounds; oats, 35 to 30; fowls (live), 6 to 8 1/2; turkeys dressed, 10; hogs, 7 to 8; chickens, 6 1/2 to 7 cts. per lb.; lard, 7 to 8; eggs, 18 to 18 1/2 cts.; butter 12 to 20; hams, 10 to 11 1/2; Irish potatoes, 15 to 16; beef, 8 to 8 1/2; veal 4 to 4 1/2; pork, 4 to 4 1/2; hides (green), 8 to 7; hides (dry), 8 to 10; hides (green) salted, 7 to 8. Wool—Unwashed, 19 to 20; washed, 22 to 25. The grain markets closed yesterday as follows: Chicago—Wheat, Jan. 66 1/2; May 70 1/2; Corn, Jan. 80 1/2—May 85 1/2; Jan. oats, 22—May 24. New York—Southern wheat, 68 to 72; Southern corn, 35 to 37 1/2; Baltimore—Southern wheat, 68 to 72; Southern corn, 35 to 37 1/2. Alexandria—Wheat, 60 to 65; corn, 38 to 39.

Sale of Valuable REAL ESTATE IN SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA.

In pursuance of decree of the Circuit Court of Fredericksburg in Heasley vs. Beasley and Jackson vs. Beasley of December 5, 1899, the undersigned special commissioners will expose to sale at public auction in front of the Exchange Hotel, in Fredericksburg, Va., at 12 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1900, all the land of the late William Beasley described in said suits being a tract of about 104 acres in the "Muir's Pasture" in the county of Spotsylvania, Va., adjoining White Hall and Randolph Gold Mines, and supposed to contain gold, pyrites and other minerals. The tract is well watered and well wooded, and is about 2 miles from Parkers' Depot, on the P. & O. R. R. Terms of sale: One-third of the purchase money in cash and the remainder in two equal installments of one and two years from date of sale, with 8 per cent. interest thereon, to be paid promptly on the first day of December, 1900, and the balance to be secured by a lien on the property, but a purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all cash. ST. GEO. R. FITZGUGH, JAMES L. POWELL, Special Commissioners. Virginia: In the Circuit Court of the City of Fredericksburg: I, James P. Cobb, clerk of the said court, do certify that the bond required of the Special Commissioners by the decree rendered in said causes on the 5th day of December, 1899, has been duly given. Given under my hand as clerk of the said court, this 11th day of December, 1899. JAMES P. COBB, Clerk.

We extend to all our sincere thanks for your patronage during this year, which was the largest we have ever experienced. Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We remain, Respectfully yours, Strasburger & Son

An Air-Tight Stove Sets the House on Fire. An air-tight stove in the home of Joseph Lawson, colored, between Prince Edward and Charles streets, became so much heated Tuesday night that it caused the mantel-piece to take fire, which extended to the floor, burning a hole in it. Lawson discovered the fire before it made much headway and extinguished the flames. The room was damaged to the extent of \$80, which is covered by insurance.

Inspecting the Water Power. Messrs. J. B. Duke, of New York, president of the American Tobacco Co., B. F. Duke and W. A. Irwin, of Durham, N. C., and L. P. Gaston, civil engineer, of New York, were here Tuesday, and in company with Mr. B. T. Spenser, spent the day in inspecting the water power, with a view to the proposed purchase of the same. The engineer, Mr. L. P. Gaston, remains here to make a more thorough inspection, and arrange the details for the proposed purchase. For Good Roads. The committee appointed at a mass meeting of the citizens of Stafford court day, to formulate a bill that would use the county good roads, to go there with a number of other citizens, met here Tuesday, at Capt. S. O. Peyton's. The matter was thoroughly discussed and many suggestions made, after which the committee adjourned to meet again next Saturday, when such a bill as they believe will meet the requirements of the situation will be agreed upon.

National Union Officers. On Thursday, December 28th, National Union, of this city, elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their meeting Tuesday night: President, John H. Pettit; ex-president, J. D. Ryz; vice-president, E. W. Stearns; financial secretary, W. F. Coates; secretary, G. T. Downing; treasurer, J. W. Masters; speaker, W. T. Leavelle; chaplain, W. H. Merchant; usher, J. R. Rawlings; sergeant-at-arms, J. P. Keener; T. N. Brent; trustees, J. P. Orbin, O. D. Foster, J. M. Griffin; deputy in charge of council, T. N. Brent.

For Over Fifty Years Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

Death in the County. The remains of Miss Sarah E. Connor, who died at the home of Mr. Charles A. Orrick, in Spotsylvania, Monday, were brought here yesterday and interred in the Rubeys lot in the City Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Smith, of St. George's Episcopal Church. The pall-bearers were Messrs. T. F. Morrison, Amos Silver, Andrew Chalmers, Jas. W. Martin, James W. Powell and R. B. Hildrup.

RHEUMATISM-CATARH. ARE BLOOD DISEASES-CURED BY B. B. B. Bottle Free to Sufferers. It is the deep-seated, obstinate cases of Catarrh and Rheumatism that B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) cures. It matters not what other treatments, doctors, sprays, liniments, medicated astringents, B. B. B. is the only remedy strong enough to do this and cure and so there can never be a return to the symptoms. Don't give up hope, but try B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) or B. B. B. For sale by druggist and K. Nelson Goodrick in Fredericksburg, Va., at \$1 per large bottle (full treatment) \$5. To prove our faith in B. B. B. we will send a Trial Bottle Free and prepaid to sufferers, so they may test the remedy at our expense. Address BLOOD BALM CO. 179 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Ga.

The Virginia Legislature reconvened yesterday morning.

Virginia: In the Circuit Court of the City of Fredericksburg: I, James P. Cobb, clerk of the said court, do certify that the bond required of the Special Commissioners by the decree rendered in said causes on the 5th day of December, 1899, has been duly given. Given under my hand as clerk of the said court, this 11th day of December, 1899. JAMES P. COBB, Clerk.