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Schedule in Effect Nov. 24, 1901.

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Schedule corrected to Nov. 24, 1901.

All trains arrive at and depart from Pennsylvania Passenger Station, Washington, D. C.

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10:50 a. m.—Daily—Leaves Fredericksburg 12:24 p. m.: Washington, Richmond and Florida Limited via Richmond and Danville—First-class coach and drawing-room sleeper to Jacksonville, dining car service.

11:15 a.m.—Daily—THE UNITED STATES FAST MAIL—First-class coaches and drawing-room sleeper to New Orleans, dining car service.

11:37 a. m.—week days—Local for Warrenton and Charlottesville.

4:01 p.m.—week days—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations on Manassas Branch.

4:30 p. m.—Daily—Local for Warrenton and Charlottesville.

9:50 p. m.—Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited, via Lynchburg, first-class coach and sleeping car to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Memphis, sleeper to New Orleans, dining car service.

9:50 p. m.—Daily—New York and Atlanta Express—First-class coach and sleeper to Atlanta; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Sunset Route Tourist Sleeper Washington to San Francisco.

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NORTH BOUND—
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CAROLINE

Entertainments—Personals, Etc.

(Correspondence of THE FREE LANCE.)

Bowling Green, Va., Dec. 26, 1901.

The pupils of the Seminary gave a delightful and enjoyable evening at the Seminary on last Friday. The recitations and music were very good, and the young ladies took their parts well.

Messrs. John White and Moncure Gravatt, students of the University of Virginia, are spending their holiday here.

Miss Sallie Segar, of Jamaica, Middlesex county, is the guest of Miss Cordie Winston.

Miss Annie White is the guest of relatives in Richmond.

Little Miss Edith Chandler entertained a number of her young friends at a Christmas tree on Tuesday night.

Mr. W. A. Moncure, of Richmond, is at "Auburn," the home of his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. C. Moncure.

Miss Maude Broaddus, of Blackstone Female Institute, where she is teaching this year, is at her home here for the holidays.

Mr. Cecil L. Baker, of Knoxville, is the guest of his family here.

Mr. W. A. Williams left on Sunday for his home in Essex, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Sallie, who has been boarding at the home of Dr. R. T. Glassell and attending the public school. She will spend the holidays at her home.

Messrs. John and Reuben Broaddus, who are attending school in Richmond, are at their home here.

Mrs. George E. Burt, of Waverly, is the guest of Dr. W. L. Broaddus and family.

Miss Chalkley, of Richmond, is the guest of her friend, Miss Freida Quarles at the Academy.

The ladies of the Bowling Green Baptist church will give an entertainment in Bullard's Hall on Thursday night, after which an oyster supper will be given. The proceeds go to the church.

Mr. Harry Coghill, a traveling salesman of Richmond, is at his home here for a few days.

There was a beautiful Christmas tree given to the members of Calvary Baptist Sunday-School. The children furnished good music and recitations, and the evening was a pleasant one for the parents.

Mr. Ferd W. Chandler spent a portion of this week in Richmond.

Mr. George Scott, of Tappahannock, spent Saturday in town, having driven over for his daughter, Miss Sadie, who is a pupil at the Seminary; she will spend the holidays at her home in Tappahannock.

Misses Annie and Jeanie Doswell, of the Seminary, left on Saturday for their home at Doswell.

Mr. Richard G. Moncure spent Monday in Richmond.

Mr. Charles Lee, of Baltimore, is among the guests at the "Lawn."

Mr. Webb Rains, of the Smithdeal College, arrived here Tuesday night and will spend several days in our midst.

Quite a number of our people took advantage of the recent ice spell and filled their houses. The warm weather has broken up the skating to the regret of the many lovers of that sport.

X. Y. Z.

Stop the Blight

It is a sad thing to see fine fruit trees spoiled by the blight. You can always tell them from the rest. They never do well afterwards but stay small and sickly.

It is worse to see a blight strike children. Good health is the natural right of children. But some of them don't get their rights. While the rest grow big and strong one stays small and weak.

Scott's Emulsion can stop that blight. There is no reason why such a child should stay small. Scott's Emulsion is a medicine with lots of strength in it—the kind of strength that makes things grow.

Scott's Emulsion makes children grow, makes them eat, makes them sleep, makes them play. Give the weak child a chance. Scott's Emulsion will make it catch up with the rest.

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"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. Bowman and King.

TO HUNT IN VIRGINIA.

New Yorkers Send Horses And Hounds to Warrenton.

Messrs. John R. Townsend and E. S. Craven, of the Orange County (N. Y.) Hunt, has shipped from Goshen, N. Y., 20 horses and the pack of 20 couples of Irish foxhounds to Warrenton.

The Hunt Club, by the courtesy of Col. Richard Dalaney, will hunt the Piedmont country for three months. Col. Dalaney owns a pack of Virginia hounds and is a well-known sportsman. Mr. F. Gray Griswold, master of the Orange County Hunt, will send an additional pack of 20 couples from New York to Warrenton.

Messrs. E. H. Harriman, E. S. Craven, John R. Townsend, F. Gray Griswold and Dr. J. O. Greene will bring their families to Virginia for the hunting season. The first run will be held in January.

How to Cure Croup.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by M. M. Lewis.

Notes From Upper Stafford.

(Correspondence of THE FREE LANCE.)

Tacketts Mills, Va., Dec. 28, 1901.

We always welcome THE FREE LANCE and enjoy perusing its columns. The country letters are always a source of pleasure.

Miss Mollie Patton, who has been visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood, has returned to her home in Fairfax.

Miss Lillie B. Harris, daughter of Mr. P. Harris, died of pneumonia recently.

Mr. Oscar Littleton Heflin died Dec. 18th, after a long illness, in Fauquier county. He leaves a widow and seven daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Cummins and the interment made in the family burying ground.

Mr. Silas Manuel, an aged citizen, died Dec. 21st. He leaves a widow and five children. H.

A mass-meeting in the interest of the preservation of County Courts was held at Warrenton recently. A motion to appoint a committee to petition the Constitutional Convention for the preservation of the County Court system was carried and Col. McIntyre, W. Golder Davis, and T. C. Pilcher were appointed with full power to act. Fauquier county is overwhelmingly in favor of County Courts.

Holiday Excursion Rates—R., F. & P. R. R. Co., and Washington Southern Railway.

Washington and return $2.20, Alexandria and return $1.95, Richmond and return $2.55; and between all points on these lines at reduced rates for the round trip.

Tickets to be sold December 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, 1901, and January 1st, 1902; good going only on date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction; final limit January 3rd, 1902.

C. C. Cox, Agent.

Farmers and others interested in good roads will find it to their interest to obtain from the Department of Agriculture of the United States Bulletin No. 21, which contains the proceedings of the "International Good Roads Congress" at Buffalo in September last, with a view to learning from the articles read at the congress just how a good road is to be made and how to educate and organize public opinion for the work.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

SPOTSYLVANIA.

Literary Society Meeting—Telephone Line Purchased.

(Correspondence of THE FREE LANCE.)

Spotsylvania, Va., Dec. 24, 1901.

The Literary Society met at the schoolhouse here Friday night. There were recitations by Misses Nellie Rawlings, Rhodessa Heckman and Carrie Pendleton; readings by Misses Ethel Carner and Pearl Rawlings. Misses Carrie and Fannie Pendleton sang a duet, and Miss Fannie sang a solo. The society suspended its meetings until warmer weather.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at Zion church, at this place, Thursday night.

Mr. Eustace H. Blackley came to the Methodist parsonage Saturday and was baptized by Rev. J. W. Heckman, uniting with Zion church. He was converted in a meeting held by Rev. J. A. Billingsley.

The Spotsylvania Telephone Company has closed the trade with the Louisa Telephone Company for twelve miles of their line, from Belmont to Tinder's, at $750. The Bell receivers have been taken out and the Standard receivers substituted.

Mr. George Hohmann, of Fredericksburg, was in our village Saturday straightening up some business with the Spotsylvania Telephone Company.

Mr. Ed. Landram killed two fine wild turkeys near here Saturday.

Mr. Medwyn Carner, a dental student of the Medical College of Richmond, is spending the holidays with his father, Mr. H. A. Carner, at the Historic Hotel, and Mr. Marvin Harris, who is also a dental student at the same college, is spending the holidays with his father, Sheriff T. A. Harris.

Misses Ada and Dora Hudson and Maxie Pendleton, all teachers in the public schools, are spending the holidays here with their parents.

Miss Earle Dunavant, a little daughter of Mr. Allen Dunavant, near Eley's Ford, is very sick with spinal meningitis, and is threatened with pneumonia. Dr. Bledsoe is her physician.

Mr. Joe Dunavant, while hewing cross ties, cut his knee with a broad axe and is said to be unable to walk, except backward.

Irvin Clore, a son of Mr. James L. Clore, near Eley's, who has been suffering with sciatica in Washington at a hospital, where an operation will be performed as soon as practicable. Mrs. Clore, his mother, is also in Washington.

Mr. John Blankenbaker, near Eley's, is kept indoors with a sprained ankle.

Morton Heckman, who has a cold, is convalescent.

The young people met at Mr. J. A. Pendleton's Sunday night to practice singing for the Christmas entertainment at Zion.

Rev. J. W. Heckman filled his appointments at Tabernacle and Beech Grove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Graves and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Alrich were in Fredericksburg yesterday buying presents for the Christmas tree at Goshen Baptist church. The entertainment will be on Christmas Day.

Of Benefit to You.

D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns. Beware of Counterfeits. Bowman and King.

Dwelling Burned—Robbery—Marriages.

(Correspondence of THE FREE LANCE.)

Middlesex County, Va., Dec. 22nd.

Thursday, Dec. 19th, Wm. Wormley, a colored man living near Wake post-office, had his dwelling destroyed by fire. The fire originated from a defective stove-pipe. He and his family, a wife and several small children, were turned out of a home in the midst of a heavy snow storm. Some little of his household effects were saved. No insurance.

Saturday night, Dec. 21st, a thief, or thieves, forced open the ware-house door at Mill Creek wharf and carried away, besides doing damage by bursting open trunks, boxes and etc., 5 jugs of whiskey, box tobacco and many smaller articles. The wharf agent's oyster-house was also forced open. This makes the second robbery committed at this wharf inside of four weeks.

Miss Amy Crittenden and Dana Ailworth were united in marriage, last week, at Zoar Baptist church, by Rev. A. T. King. Miss Crittenden is the daughter of G. W. Crittenden, deceased, who was once mail agent on the Weems Steamboat Line.

Cards are out announcing the marriage, during the Christmas week, of Miss Leah Hurd, to a Philadelphia gentleman.

GREENE COUNTY GOSSIP.

(For THE FREE LANCE.)

In sawing laths a few days ago,
In Madison county near station Uno,
A serious mishap met Willie Harlow,
The saw lacerating his right elbow.

Dr. Weaver, who makes Rochelle his home,
Was called to the scene by telephone.
Found the flesh was fearfully torn
But happily had not touched the bone.

After doing all that he could do
The intense suffering to subdue,
Said a five-dollar bill, cut half-in-two,
Would pierce his satisfaction through.

The patient then came to Ruckersville,
Where Dr. Jennings prescriptions fills,
And after plying a surgeon's skill
Demanded another dollar bill.

King Cupid is issuing some new decrees—
The court is o'erwhelmed with pleas,
The plaintiffs yielding by degrees,
And defendants rising from their knees.

Bud Gilbert has no one to blame
Except himself for being lame,
While hunting in this broad domain,
Shot his own foot instead of game.

He asked a neighbor if he would hire
A horse to take him to his sire,
Where he could lay before the fire
Until his spirit moved up higher.

Mr. N. B. Early, on the Rapidan,
Is peradventure a dying man;
His childless wife yet clasps his hand,
While relatives around him stand.

Mr. J. E. Harlow had a close call.
He slipped on the ice and got a fall,
His head rebounding just like a ball,
His face reversing the visage of Saul—

With camphor gum bound up his head
And cautiously laid himself in bed.
Gently closing his eyes he said
He'd rather be alive than dead.

But we poor sons of Adam's race,
Who have no sure abiding place,
Must many kinds of music face
And every chance for good embrace.

Now, while the snows around us drift
And flakes against our windows sift,
Unto THE FREE LANCE my hat I lift
And claim of you a Christmas gift.

—J. E. H.

Quinque, Va., Dec. 24, 1901.

Saved His Life.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Chrestenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles. Bowman and King.

A MIDDLESEX MARRIAGE.

Vaughan—Blake.

Middlesex County, Va., Dec. 26, 1901.

The marriage of Mr. Edward Spencer Vaughan and Miss Vessie Boldry Blake, both of Middlesex county, was solemnized Dec. 25th, at Harmony Grove church, in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives, Rev. Jas. H. Barnes officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. King. The church was artistically decorated in white and green.

Miss Helen Christian Blake, sister of the bride, presided at the organ. To the strains of Lohengrin's March the bridal party, preceded by ushers, entered the church in the following order: Seven bridesmaids, beautifully gowned in white organdy, came slowly up the left aisle, while their escorts proceeded up the right, met and stood around the altar. The bride leaning on the arm of her maid of honor, Miss Emma Florence Blake and the groom, escorted by his best man, Dr. Gwathmey, met at the altar.

The ceremony was beautifully performed. "Oh, Promise Me," was softly sung during the ceremony by the organist.

The maid of honor wore a creation of white mull and silk and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The bride was attired in a handsome castor broadcloth going-away gown and carried white carnations.

The bridal presents were handsome and numerous.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. R. L. Blake, of Middlesex county.

An elaborate wedding breakfast was served the bridal party at the home of the bride.

The groom is a prominent and influential gentleman of the county.

The couple left on the Baltimore steamer for an extended trip.

Quill.

Health and Beauty.

A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's refuse is carried off it will surely cause impure blood. Pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poisons which the bowels failed to remove. De Witt's Little Early Risers are world famous for remedying this condition. They stimulate the liver and promote regular and healthy action of the bowels but never cause griping, cramps or distress. Sale pills. Bowman and King.

Miss Julia Whiting has donated to Upperville School, Fauquier county, a library of 170 volumes of histories, and historical tales with a few of the standard novels.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Dieting unnecessary. Pleasant to take.

It can't help but do you good

Prepared only by E. C. DEWITT & Co., Chicago. The $1. bottle contains 2½ times the 50c. size.

CURRENT TOPICS

Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson believes that the day is not far distant when the United States from an agricultural point of view will be absolutely independent of every other nation on the earth.

About a month ago a cow belonging to Mr. John Wine and one belonging to Mr. Frank Martin were bitten by a mad dog. About two weeks ago the former was taken with hydrophobia and had to be shot and yesterday the latter was attacked in the same way and had to be killed.—Warrenton Virginian.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples fre at M. M. Lewis's drug store.

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Hearty Thanks

to our customers and the general public. Wishing you all a

Happy New Year

we are, yours to command,

THE

Boston Variety

STORE.

Notice! Notice!

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit court of Spotsylvania county, Va., entered on the 8th day of November, 1901, in the chancery cause of Lipscomb and als. vs. Coleman and als., the undersigned as special commissioners will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of Spotsylvania court-house, Va.,

MONDAY, JAN. 6,

1902 (court-day), at 12 o'clock m., to the highest bidder, the

186 Acres of Land

in Spotsylvania county, Va., near Lewiston P. O., of which the late R. G. Coleman died seized and possessed. About 60 acres of said land is heavily timbered in first-class original growth of white oak timber, within 10 or 11 miles of C. & O. R. R. This timber should attract the special attention of saw-mill men, as the commissioners are authorized to sell same separate from the land.

BUILDING consists of a barn 30 by 40 feet; land in good condition; soil, clay loam; takes improvement readily and holds same. Located in the Lewiston neighborhood, a desirable community, convenient to churches, school, mill, store and postoffice, and well watered; will make a desirable home.

TERMS.

The land and timber will be offered together and separately, and sold as same may bring the most. If the land and timber is sold together the purchaser is to pay one-third cash and balance in 6 and 12 months with interest. If the timber is sold apart from the land, then same terms as to land and cash as to timber.

LEE J. GRAVES,
E. H. DeJARNETTE, Jr.
Special Commissioners.

Nov. 15, 1901.

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit court of Spotsylvania county, Va.

Lipscomb and als. vs. Coleman and als.

I, J. P. H. Crismond, Clerk of the said court, do hereby certify that the bond required of the special commissioners in said cause has been duly given by Lee J. Graves and E. H. DeJarnette, Jr.

Given under my hand as Clerk of the said court this 15th day of November, 1901.

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