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CURRENT COMMENTS.

NEWS OF FREDERICKSBURG AND VICINITY

Gathered Here and There By The Free Lance Reporters. Mr. H. Falk is in Baltimore on business. Mr. C. O'Connor Goolrick is in Washington on business.

Miss Emma Stollings, living near Hall's Chapel, Stafford county, is quite sick. Mr. Archie Ray has gone to Cleveland, O., where he has obtained a position.

Mr. Thomas Combs and Miss Sallie Jackson, both of Stafford, were married last Sunday. Mr. J. Morton has accepted a position with Mr. W. L. Watson, of the Boston Variety Store.

Mr. Geo. B. Pearson is out, after being confined to his home for several days with bad cold. Mr. W. D. Scott accompanied his little grandson, Master Edward Scott Tylor, to Washington Tuesday.

Half price buys any Cloak (ladies' or children's) at W. Jones' Cash Store. He must have the room they occupy. Miss Julia Wallace has returned to her home in Stafford, after a visit of several months to relatives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Warner, of Washington, who were on the ill-fated steamer Madiana, arrived in New York Monday. Mr. E. C. Rowe has resumed his duties as postal clerk on the P. F. & P. R. R. and was warmly greeted by his many friends.

The farm in Spotsylvania county belonging to the estate of Augustus Pates has been sold to Mr. N. M. Gardner for \$750. Mr. Frank Gouldman has received a letter from his sister, Mrs. Daniel Welch, announcing their side arrival in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. C. W. Jones' ad. He wants the room in the Clock and Suit Department, for a new line; one-half price buys any Cloak or Suit.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Officers Chosen For the Year—Mr. Green Addresses the Body—Matters of Interest Discussed and Reports Heard

A regular and well attended meeting of the Business Men's Association was held Tuesday night, with President W. D. Carter presiding. There were no reports from the regular committees and Mr. Biscoe, of the Special Hotel Committee, yielded to Mr. Stengele, who stated that he had offered to rent the Exchange, paying a year's rent in advance, but that those who have charge of the property had refused to rent the house to anyone other than an experienced hotel man, which he was not. The committee was continued.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Chas. J. Green, President of the Kenmore Shoe Company, addressed the Association. Mr. Green stated that it was the desire of his company to enlarge the scope and work of the plant and they desired the co-operation and sympathy of the business men of Fredericksburg.

Going straight to the point Mr. Green said that the company offered the people a guaranteed investment in the way of preferred stock bearing 6 per cent interest, and he thought, but did not guarantee, that the stock would pay 10 per cent. It was proposed to capitalize the company at \$200,000, \$100,000 of which would be for sale as preferred stock, the remaining one hundred thousand to remain in the possession of the present Kenmore Shoe Company, who Mr. Green stated, proposed to retain a controlling interest in the business. The stock, which will be preferred, said Mr. Green, would in addition to the guaranteed return, share equally with the common stock all profits remaining after the payment of the preferred dividend. The matter was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Stengele stated that the Manufacturers Committee was in correspondence with the Eureka Key Fender Company, of Haverhill, Ky., which was considering the advisability of locating here. The report of the treasurer, showing a balance of \$190.52 in the treasury, was read by Mr. Isaac Hirsch. Mr. Hirsch's report showed expenditures during the fiscal year to have been \$722.50. Of this amount \$111 was expended in securing acreage for the Robert's Canning Factory; \$173.33 for travel vouchers, and \$209 to the Special River Boat Committee.

The report of the secretary was received and filed. Nominations for officers were declared in order and Mr. Rowlett presented the name of Capt. M. B. Rowlet president. He was unanimously elected, the secretary, on motion of Mr. Isaac Hirsch, casting the ballot for the Association. Other officers were named as follows: 1st Vice-President, C. W. Jones; 2nd Vice-President, C. C. Rowlett; 3rd Vice-President, R. L. Biscoe; Secretary, E. W. Stearns; Treasurer, Isaac Hirsch.

On motion of Mr. Goolrick, a rising vote of thanks was tendered the retiring President, W. D. Carter. The latter addressed the Association and gave an extended review of the Association's work during the year, referring especially to the successful establishment of the cannery factory and of a river boat line on the Rappahannock. Mr. Rowlett then took the chair, and on motion the Association adjourned.

Mr. Johnson Acquitted at Washington in Arms Shooting Case. John Roland Johnson, on trial in Washington for assault with attempt to kill Maj. Geo. A. Armes, U. S. A., retired, on August 21, 1902, was acquitted Tuesday before Justice Anderson in Criminal Court No. 1. The verdict of not guilty was brought in after a deliberation lasting less than three-quarters of an hour. Mr. Johnson was discharged. Mr. Johnson married Miss Agnes Gayle of Spotsylvania county.

Death of a Former Resident. Mr. R. G. Latham, of Manchester, formerly of this city, died in the former place Tuesday. He leaves two daughters and three sons. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Bettie Jones, of Fredericksburg. He has twenty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was a man with a noble Christian character.

Call System. The Western Union Telegraph Company will in a few weeks establish the call system in this city. Under same the business man can touch a button in his store or office and call, bringing a messenger at once to the caller. The introduction of this system will prove a great convenience to the patrons of the company in Fredericksburg.

Woman's Home Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South.

Interesting services were held at the Methodist church on Sunday. Two persons received the sacrament of baptism and four were received into church fellowship. At night the pastor, Rev. G. T. Tyler, preached the anniversary sermon for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, from "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" He gave some account of the work being done by the society. Ten schools of various grades are under care of the society. At Dallas, Tex., there is a home for the rescue of fallen women. One important branch of the work is the helping to build parsonages; thirteen have been helped in the Baltimore conference. In this department alone the society has paid out since 1886 \$117,384, and helped 1,265 parsonages. Surely so good a work, extending to the Pacific coast, merits the attention and help of our women here. The cost of membership is only 10c per month. There will be a meeting of the local society at Miss Copenhagen's, Thursday, at 4 p. m., to which the ladies of the congregation are invited.

Double-Tracking R. F. & P. Railroad. The work of double-tracking the R. F. & P. R. R. between Richmond and Quantico is progressing rapidly, despite the inclement weather the contractors have had to contend with. Rails have been laid from near Ashland to Acca, and a good many freight trains have been handled over the new tracks as a test. When this work is completed the road will be straightened at points between Ashland and Ashland Park, and a new bridge will be constructed over South Anna River at Taylorville, straightening the track at that point, where there is an "S" curve. Large forces of hands are working at various points between Ashland and Quantico, and before summer is over trains will be running over a large portion of the double track.

At College Hall Friday Night. Mr. John Ed Pearce will entertain with banjo, guitar and mandolin at College Hall Friday night. Admission only 15 cents. Proceeds for benefit of Athletic Association. Here is what the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune says: "His playing of his instrument is not at all like the ordinary player. He secures much better tone volume, shades his numbers with good taste and shows himself to be a naturally a musician. His ability to play his own accompaniment on the mandolin elicited many compliments, and it was remarked by many who heard him that they had never heard better mandolin playing."

Health Report For February. The number of death reported during February is 8—5 white and 3 colored. The causes of death were whooping cough 2, pneumonia 2, heart disease 1, septic meningitis 1 and tuberculosis 1. The death rate is 14 per thousand. During the same month 8 births were reported—7 white and one colored. The water supply was clear during the entire month at one point of observation. J. N. Barney, M. D., Health Officer.

Help Wanted. Two farm hands wanted at once. Farm close to Fredericksburg, Va. Apply at once. Jno. W. Allison, Jr., Fredericksburg, Va.

Fish. Mr. Henry Newton brought to the city Tuesday the first wagon load of fresh fish of the season. They were caught in Potomac Creek. In the lot were over 200 herrings, many perch, one bunch of rock, etc. Fishing has commenced at several of the large shores on the Potomac, but reports are to the effect that the hauls are so small that the fish caught are used in feeding the employees.

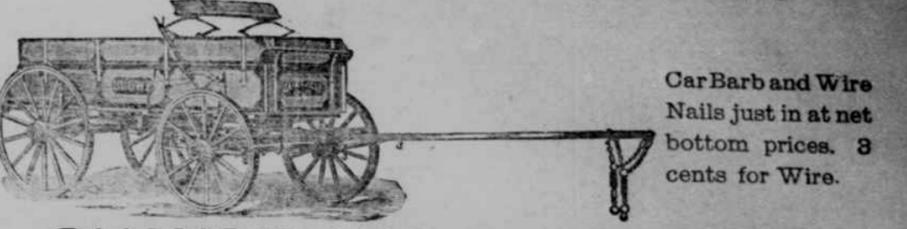
To Fix Virginia Horse Show Dates. The second annual meeting of the Virginia Horse Show Association will be held at the New Willard hotel, Washington, on March 10 for the purpose of setting the dates for the coming horse shows in Virginia. The following shows will be represented: Berryville, Charlottesville, Front Royal, Harrisonburg, Leesburg, Lynchburg, Manassas, Orange, Richmond, Upperville, and Warrenton.

To Tomato Growers. Persons contracting to grow tomatoes to be delivered at Roberts Bros. factory at Fredericksburg will call at Hotel Dannehl and sign contracts for the same at once. Persons desiring to increase their acreage will also call at Hotel Dannehl and sign contracts. 1-27, 2m.

Local Markets. (Corrected by Simon Hirsch & Bro.) Wheat, \$5 to \$7; corn, new, 45 to 50, meal, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 100 pounds; oats, 40 to 50; fowls (live), 9 to 9 1/2, dressed 10 to 11; turkeys (live), 11 to 12; turkeys, dressed, 13 to 16; ducks, live, 8 to 9, dressed, 11 to 12; Winter chickens, 12 to 13 pound; lard, 11 to 12; eggs, 12 to 13; butter, 15 to 25; hams, 14 to 13; Irish potatoes, 70 to 75; sweet potatoes, 75 to 80; beef 3 to 3 1/2; veal, 4 to 5; pork, 7 to 7 1/2; hides (green) 5 to 6; hides (dry), 8 to 10; baled hay \$15 to \$18 per ton. Wool—Unwashed, 19 to 20; washed, 24 to 25. Leaf Sumac—50 to 60 cents per hundred pounds.

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