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ESSEX.

To Preach Annual Mission and Sermon - The Good Dinners Served at All-Day Meetings - Remarkable Case of a Man Becoming Suddenly Bald - Another's Hair Turns White in One Night - Mr. Brockenbrough's Big Wheat Crop - Other Interesting Items.

Dunnsville, Va., July 14th, 1904.

Rev. John T. Hurdley, of the Christian church, of Norfolk, delivered a sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning. "God's constant thought of his people" was the subject. Mr. Hurdley also preached Sunday night, having "Liberation" as his subject.

The Rev. M. Ashley Jones, son of Dr. Wm. Jones, was the chaplain. He will preach the annual missionary sermon at Epworth Baptist church the last Wednesday in this month. There will be an all-day meeting. The dinners which the ladies of the church spread on such occasions are very nutritious. A correspondent held himself an expert with a carving knife. On these protracted meetings and missionary days he is occasionally called on to help about the ham and lamb slicing. This affords an opportunity to watch the crowd partake of those things necessary to strengthen the physical of the good brothers and sisters, and of many others who scarcely ever attend church at any time. Well, the capacity of some under the stimulating and splendid sermon and of meeting with old friends and the like is just alarming. Fried crabs and corn pudding, roast lamb and baked tomatoes, fried oysters and apple sauce, old ham and chicken pie and watermelon, and a postal clerk handles his letters. And following there comes watermelon and other fruit of vine and tree, and cream to bring up the rear. We have seen some small "fried up" looking men and women, but as a matter of fact, as the whole bill of fare, and seem perfectly well afterwards. "What becomes of the pins" is a mystery unfathomable they say, and we in turn ask how a small man could hold his in all-day dinners and still live and be content.

Tim Burnett, a colored man, who lives on the edge of King and Queen county, had the strangest thing to happen with him ever heard of. Burnett was one morning several years ago perfectly well and attended to his usual daily, before breakfast duties. When his good woman announced that breakfast was ready, Burnett went into the house and completed his toilet. While combing his hair, he noticed that it was coming out freely. He called his wife and told her that he was losing his hair. She told him that she reckoned just a little of it was coming out. He replied, "No, look here, I believe they bit it out of my head." And with that remark, he caught hold of his great shaggy crop of mulatto wool and every strand of it came out, leaving his head as slick as a peeled onion, and not a strand of it has ever come back. How is this for the saint's bank of old Essex?

Some few years ago Mr. Robert B. Verley, of this county, shipped from his semi salt water marsh pasture the finest beef cattle received in the Baltimore market. We lack the natural lime of the valley, and, of course, agricultural economies must come in to supply this essential if we wish such grasses as spring sward spontaneously in limestone counties, but our marshes in this summer are now in good grazing land and the cattle fattened on them are welcomed by the city butchers.

Miss Annie Laurie Dillard, daughter of Mr. R. Peet Dillard, late home for the summer. Mr. Dillard was a rare violinist and was also gifted with a fine voice. His daughter is doing excellent work in music and her piano recitals are worthy of high criticism. Her father's talents have fallen to her lot.

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WESTMORELAND.

Crop Reports - Church Notes - Marriage - Other Items.

Chiltons, Va., July 12, 1904.

With the exception of a few crops the wheat throughout this county has been thrashed, and the yield has been exceptionally good, some getting as much as forty from one, and quite a number going as high as thirty. We have had plenty of rain, and the corn and tomatoes are growing at a rapid rate. Many of our farmers are shipping Irish potatoes to market, and getting good prices. The yield is fine.

The annual protracted meeting at Currioman Baptist church will commence the third Sunday in August. Rev. F. H. Farley, of Pennsylvania, will assist Rev. G. M. Connelly, the pastor, in the meeting.

Children's Day exercises were held at Grant's Methodist church on last Sunday night. The well-arranged program was interesting, reflecting credit upon Mr. Chas. Nash and his corps of officers and workers. A much needed and instructive talk on the early training that children should receive in the home and in the Sunday school. Miss Cora Trew presided at the organ and Mr. Willie Weaver led the singing.

Mr. John Campbell, of this place, who is agent for the German Life Insurance Company, of New York, and the Northern Neck Mutual Fire Association, of Virginia, has returned from a week's visit in King George county, where he wrote quite a lot of business.

Miss Sophia and Ella Rowe, May Springer and Sallie Clark are home on a visit from the Capital City.

Walter Weaver is here from Washington visiting his sick mother, Mrs. Geo. A. Weaver, at Stratford.

Mrs. Emma England has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mr. Jeter Coates, of Foneswood, and Miss Kate Balderson, of Newland, were married at Foneswood church on Tuesday night, July 12th, by Rev. A. D. Reynolds, the pastor. Miss Violet Coates, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Mr. R. L. Balderson, cousin of the bride, best man. The other attendants were Miss Cora Trew, Julia Franklin and Henrietta Hall, and Messrs. Rowland T. Cullen, J. R. Scates, Robert Hall and Elton Balderson. Miss Hattie E. Pullen rendered the wedding ceremony. They will reside at the home of the groom, near Foneswood.

The youngest daughter of Mr. C. G. Peed had one of her ankles broken by a wagon passing over it last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Oscar L. Sanford, the undertaker at Stratford, had the misfortune to have his horse smashed to pieces last Saturday while driving down a hill. The pole broke and the horse, running high on the bank, overturned. It contained an empty cask.

Mr. W. C. McGinness, a popular young man of Montross neighborhood, has been placed on the police force of Washington.

Mr. R. L. Pettit, the cattle buyer, of Fredericksburg, has been in this section purchasing cattle. He carried a large drove with him.

Miss Louise Haynes, of Washington, is visiting the Misses Pullen, at Newland.

Your writer had the pleasure of visiting Fredericksburg not long since, and was agreeably surprised to see how rapidly the historic Burg is progressing, showing an enterprising spirit on the part of the business men and city officials.

We hear many good reports of the work of the Free Lance wherever we travel.

While in King George county your writer had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. J. Sydney Massey. The meeting is on the farm, much building is going on and everything seems to be encouraging for the farmer and the business man. The hospitality of the King George people is unsurpassed. Their orchards and everything about the farms are well cared for.

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FATE.

Two shall be born the whole wide world apart
And speak in different tongues and have no thought
Each of the other's being, and no need.

And these o'er unknown seas to unknown lands
Shall cross, escaping wreck, defying death;
And all unconsciously shape every act
And bend each wandering step to this one end,
That one day out of darkness they shall meet.

And read life's meaning in each others eyes.

And two shall walk some narrow way of life
So nearly side by side that should one turn
Ever so little space to left or right,
They needs must stand each on wretched face to face.

And yet with wishful eyes that never meet,
With groping hands that never clasp,
And lips
Calling in vain to ears that never hear,
They seek each other all their weary days,
And die unsatisfied; and this is Fate.

—Susan Marr Spalding.

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STAFFORD.

The Railroad Improvements At and Near Brooke - They Afford Work For Many People - Crops and Other Notes.

Brooke, Va., July 14, 1904.

The railroad improvements at Brooke have left Brooke out of sight. At present I cannot see, owing to the elevated track, where the ticket and freight station will be located. From a consultation with many of the patrons of the road, the most suitable place for the station would be just south of the dry bridge.

The abutments of the draw bridge are now in place, and very soon the new bridge will be constructed.

The track is now graded nearly to Washington, and ties are laid along the road ready to be put in place.

The railroad improvement has been a god-send to many. The liberal price paid by the company for land used has reassured a number of trust deeds and also given employment to all boys and men in this locality.

As to crops in this section, the wheat has a plenty grain, and corn never looked better for a five-crop. Clover crop was good, but timothy not so good in low lands.

Aquia creek, notwithstanding the many rains, is in fine condition to fish or bathe. The health of this section was never better than now.

Fruit prospects good.

Occasional.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CONVENTION.

Programme of the One to be Held at Oakland Church, Culpeper County.

A Sunday School and Bible Convention will be held at Oakland Baptist Church in Culpeper county, commencing Friday before the 13th Sunday in July, 1904, and continue 5 days.

Rev. Deoator Edwards has been selected to preach the annual sermon, with Rev. A. T. Lynn as alternate.

The balance of the program is as follows:

Friday Morning - 10 a. m. Devotional exercises and organization. Reading Constitution, letters, etc.

Friday Afternoon - 1st Topic, "The Sunday School a Factor in Mission Work." Essayist, W. H. Bayles. Speakers, Rev. Deoator Edwards, Travis Hoffman, 2nd Topic, "What is the Evil of Strong Drink and How Best to Overcome it." Essayist, J. B. Charters. Speakers, J. E. Jett, Rev. A. T. Lynn, Rev. S. W. Cole.

Saturday Morning - Bible Lecture, Rev. C. A. Hall. 3rd Topic, "Which Proves the Most Influential, the Convert of Teen Age or the Adult of Middle Age." Essayist, W. E. Herdin.

Saturday Afternoon - 4th Topic, "At What Age Does a Child Become Responsible for His or Her Sins, or When Should He or She Become a Church Member." Essayist, J. M. Kemper. Speakers, Rev. A. T. Lynn, Rev. S. W. Cole.

Sunday Morning - Bible Lecture, Rev. C. A. Hall. 5th Topic, "The Importance of Teaching Baptist Doctrine in the Sunday School." Essayist, Miss Fannie Giles. Speakers, Rev. C. W. Brooks, Rev. T. P. Brown. 6th Topic, "Orphanage Work." Essayist, Frank K. Tyler. Speakers, C. F. Graninger, L. F. McKenna.

Sunday Afternoon - Reports of Sunday Schools by superintendents and delegates.

The annual sermon will be assigned its place on the program by the Committee of Arrangements.

ALFALFA.

Mr. Allison Praises it as a Valuable Grass For Farmers to Grow.

Fredricksburg, Va., July 14, 1904.

To The Free Lance:

I send you a pamphlet on the growing and feeding of the alfalfa plant, which I consider the most profitable of them all as a feed. I had a gentleman here from Nebraska last week and he carried three samples from three different fields in Spotsylvania county back with him. He said he never saw any better alfalfa in Nebraska, and it seemed strange to him that it was so cultivated. He also states that a few years ago land which sold in Nebraska at \$15 to \$20 now with alfalfa on it brings readily from \$100 to \$150 per acre.

Yours truly
John W. Allison, Jr.

Note - The pamphlet referred to is too long for publication in our columns, but we presume Mr. Allison has more of them or can direct any one interested where to secure them.

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Tobacco Heart

It is estimated that about 20 per cent. of the young men who recently applied to enter the Naval Academy have failed in the physical test, and the failure was largely due to the use of tobacco, resulting in the irregular beating of the heart. Nowadays physicians speak of "the tobacco heart," a trouble caused by the excessive use of the weed. When the smoker develops into a "cigarette fiend" the services of a physician are necessary, but before this point is reached the heart may be permanently injured. The trouble is often of gradual growth, and it is only when the young man is subjected to a physical examination that the extent of the disorder becomes known.

An observant Englishman, recently on a visit to the United States, said in no country in the world had he ever seen smoking carried to such excess as in America - Baltimore Herald.

Rapid Shirt Making.

The up-to-date song of the shirt lasts just six and one-half minutes, according to a factory inspector for whose edification the foreman of a shirt factory started a piece of cloth on the rounds and made it come out ready for a customer's back before the second hand on a watch had revolved seven times. In this short time seven girls had contributed their efforts to the finished product. One machine in this shop makes 16,800 button-holes a day, or twenty-eight in a minute, and in a ten-hour day a man can cut 250 dozen shirts - Chicago Tribune.

D. C. Bowman asks the readers of this paper who are suffering with indigestion or dyspepsia to call on them at once and get a bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. If you know the value of this general health-giving product, you would not suffer another day. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is a thorough digestant and tissue-building tonic as well. It is endorsed personally by hundreds of people whom it has cured of indigestion, dyspepsia, palpitation of the heart and stomach troubles generally. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It is pleasant, palatable and strengthening.

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More worry is caused by the money people have than by the money they haven't.