CURRENT COMMENTS

Miss Alice Cole spent Tuesday in Washington.

Big lot of new millinery opened this week, new shapes, new ribbons, new plumes. Don't buy a beaver until you see Lowery's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Helmig returned to Baltimore Monday.

We are in a position to be of service to those who only wish to invest small amounts in cloaks and suits. A big lot of garments which were manufacturers' samples and broken lots that we will close out now at half the former prices. The T. N. Brent Store.

Mr. R. E. Mountjoy, of Mount, was in the city Tuesday.

Remember your friends this Christmas with a beautifully finished photograph of yourself or family. The Davis Gallery is the place to have it made. Don't delay.

Purchase your watch from the reliable Norris store; larger stock now than ever before and a safe guarantee given with each; expert hand engraving free. The Norris Store.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boggs, of King George, were in the city Monday.

For Xmas gifts, fine bracelets, signet and set rings, lockets, brooches, cuff buttons, scarf pins, collar pins and everything in the latest novelties at Kaufman's the jeweler.

Councilman H. B. Lane has returned from a business trip to New York.

Dainty Xmas goods, fine watches, diamonds, jewelery, clocks, gold and silver novelties in endless profusion, rich in beauty, low in prices at Kaufman's the jeweler.

Mr. J. H. Boggs and wife, of King George, were here shopping Monday.

Listen! Christmas is only a few weeks off. Now is the time to make your selection of dainty Xmas novelties at Kaufman's the jeweler.

Mrs. Augusta Bode and Mrs. J. B. Proctor were in Washington Tuesday for the day.

Whatever you need in jewelery let Kaufman the jeweler supply your wants. Right goods, right prices and right treatment is the opinion of everybody who buys here.

Miss Aline St. John, of Mobile, Ala., has been a guest of Miss May Rowe for several days.

Xmas gifts of lasting merit. Watches, diamonds, jewelery, silver and gold novelties. Select them now while stock is complete at Kaufman's the jeweler. Mail orders promptly filled.

Mr. Jack White has returned from Urbanna, where he has been doing granolithic work for the past month.

Sterling silver novelties—Brush, comb and mirror sets of every description at lowest prices at Kaufman's the jeweler. Artistic hand engraving free.

Sophie Sprow, widow of the late Edmond Sprow, qualified as guardian of her minor child, Wellington Wallace Sprow, in the corporation court Monday.

Big lot collar jabots and fancy goods just received at Mrs. D. E. Smith & Co's. Come early and get some of these stylish articles.

Miss Dora F. Shelton, who spent Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Shelton, in Stafford, has returned to Washington.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will have their Christmas sale with useful and fancy articles at the Enterprise building on Tuesday, Dec. 7th. Come and buy. td

Mrs. Maria Wheat, of Dumfries, and Mrs. Geo. Bresenham, of Washington, spent Tuesday in the city, guests of their relatives, Mrs. R. B. Merchant and family.

Dr. William D. Scott, who has been at the home of his parents here, is convalescing from an attack of fever and left Monday for Washington on a brief visit to relatives, after which he will resume his practice in Baltimore.

When you buy "Gold Medal" flour from W. L. Brannan you are buying it from the mills' agent; you therefore save money. Sacks 42c., 84c., $1.68, $3.33 and barrels $6.65. "Gold Medal" flour is the best flour milled in America. Try it and see for yourself.

Mr. G. W. Perry, of Sunlight, and N. B. Kinsey have gone to Washington to buy a car load of furniture, pianos and organs.

The faithful and good old bird dog, "Chang," owned by Mr. K. N. Goolrick, died Tuesday night. The dog was a pet with young and old, sportsmen and others. When "Chang" made a stand you could always count on birds. He was a valuable dog in his prime and was prized by his owner in his old age.

Clerk C. A. Bryan, of Stafford, was in the city Wednesday.

Postmaster E. L. R. Dunn, of Bowling Green, continues very ill.

Wednesday the first winter month commenced, but according to the almanac winter does not begin till Dec. 21st.

Mr. Alfred J. Faulkner, of Spotsylvania, has accepted a position with Larkin and Rodgers, the well known clothiers and furnishers, where he will be pleased to see his friends. d2.5t

Mrs. Henry Washington, of Caroline, is a guest here of her mother, Mrs. S. G. Coghill.

Mrs. O. E. Fleming, of this city, who is at Memorial Hospital, Richmond, is improving. Mr. Fleming has returned from a visit to her.

Mr. E. A. Groves, of Brooke, was here Wednesday.

Mr. Edward Waller, of Stafford, who is attending school here, is sick at home of Dr. R. J. Payne but improving.

Mrs. R. J. Payne has gone to Middlesex county to nurse her aunt, Mrs. Ison, who is sick with fever.

SPOTSYLVANIA COURT NEXT MONDAY

The fall term of the Circuit court of Spotsylvania will convene Monday next, Judge Jno. E. Mason presiding. The court will likely be in session 10 days. There are two felony cases to be tried. Commonwealth v. Edmonia Fletcher for burning valuable barn and contents belonging to A. W. Chewning. Plea of the accused will be insanity. Dr. Joseph DeJarnette, of the Western State Hospital, of Staunton, has been summoned by the State as an expert on insanity, and Dr. J. N. Barney, of this city, as expert for the accused. T. Stokeley Coleman will conduct the prosecution and Frederick W. Coleman will represent the accused.

The case of Commonwealth v. Young for unlawfully shooting Wallace Cooke, will be called. T. Stokeley Coleman will conduct the prosecution, assisted by Attorney Frederick W. Coleman. Judge Alvin T. Embrey will represent the accused.

There are eight or ten civil cases to be tried by jury, as well as many contested chancery cases.

"CROWS' NEST" SOLD

Purchased By Parties from Warrenton.

"Crows' Nest," the large estate of over fifteen hundred acres, formerly owned by Dr. G. M. Wallace, has again changed hands. Attorneys C. O'Conor Goolrick and G. B. Wallace Wednesday closed the deal for the buyers and sellers and a deed from Messrs. Davis, Keifer and Cooney, of Conemaugh, Pa., the owners, has been delivered to Messrs. Peter R. Labousse and Jas. D. Hall, Jr., of Warrenton, Va. The consideration in not known, but is thought to be between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars.

The new owners have large means at their command and it is said they will turn the place into a game preserve and have a shooting club there. There is a quantity of valuable timber on the estate, which is located on the Potomac river in Stafford county.

SUIT AGAINST P., F. & P. R. R.

Suit was instituted in the Circuit court of Spotsylvania county Tuesday against the Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont Railroad Co., to recover damages for the death of Capt. Wm. Goldsmith last December, who died from injuries caused by a train running over him. The amount sued for is $10,000. Attorneys Wm. W. Butzner and C. O'Conor Goolrick represent the administrator, Mr. H. R. Gouldman, who brings the suit.

The case will likely be tried next April, that being a jury term.

CASE DISMISSED

Justices Norman and Mountjoy held a special session of their court at Lee's Store, Stafford county, Monday, the complaining parties being Mary Johnson, who charged Thomas Porter with unlawfully holding one horse and hog belonging to her, and also charging Porter with obtaining the horse and hog under false pretense. After examining many witnesses Mr. Justice Norman, speaking for the court, handed down his opinion, finding Porter not guilty and dismissing the warrants. Attorney Frederick W. Coleman represented Johnson, and Attorney C. D. Foster represented Porter.

MR. THORNTON'S PREMIUM CORN

He Sends Specimen to Omaha Exposition.

Mr. J. Taylor Thornton, of Port Royal, who took first premium for Boone Co. white corn at the State Fair at Richmond, has shipped an ear of the same corn to Omaha exposition, which he considers more perfect than that he took the premium on at Richmond.

Mr. Thornton has received a letter from Landreth & Sons of Philadelphia, asking for two tubs of this corn to exhibit in Germany in May, 1910.

FOUND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Potomac View, Nov. 30, 1909.

Found in the road—one hundred dollars. The loser of said money is hereby notified to meet me at the National Bank, Fredericksburg, and prove all rights and title to same, stating what date the money was lost and what road it was lost on—also whether in bills or coins. Nothing spurious will be accepted. John F. Farmer, Stafford county, Va.

PROF. WHEELER FINDS THE KEY

Prof. Wheeler, of the 20th Century Stars, drove blindfolded down Main street from opera house Tuesday evening, found key of postoffice box that was hidden at Heflin's store, went down to postoffice, unlocked a box, took out of it a watch hidden by a committee of four Fredericksburgers and told time of day. He was followed by a thousand people and there was great interest manifested.

DEATH IN CAROLINE

Mrs. Rebecca Martin, widow of the late J. Y. Martin, died at the home of her son, Dr. A. L. Martin, in Caroline county, Monday. Her funeral took place from Enon church, in Essex county, Wednesday. Interment in the family burying ground in church lot.

BODY BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

The body of Mary Frances Keene, little daughter of Rev. W. D. and Grace Keene, who died last March, will be brought here from Leesburg on the 1:23 p. m. train Thursday, and interred in the Keene family lot in the City Cemetery. Friends of the family will meet at the grave.

A BIG HAWK

H. T. Rose, of Stafford, killed a hawk Tuesday which measured 4 feet and 2 inches from tip to tip. The bird was hovering around, when Enoch Sullivan shot and wounded him. When Rose went to his rabbit traps he found him and killed him with a rock.

COLORED WOMAN DEAD

Nellie Jackson, colored, 20 years old, died suddenly, after an illness of three days of typhoid pneumonia, Tuesday at the home of her parents, four miles from Spotsylvania, on the Court House road.

FINED FOR CONTEMPT

The case of Ernest Carey was postponed in police court until Wednesday. He did not appear Tuesday and was fined $2.00 for contempt.

APPOINTED ASSESSOR IN RICHMOMD

Mr. Gilbert J. Hunt, formerly of this city, has been appointed one of the four assessors for re-assessment of real estate in Richmond, by Judge Witt.

PREACHING IN STAFFORD

There will be preaching in Stafford, Sunday, Dec. 5th, at the following places:—Antioch, at 11 a.m.; Ebenezer, at 3:30 p. m., and Andrew Chapel at 7 p. m. Sunday school at Antioch 10 a. m.

OPERA HOUSE

20th Century Stars Tonight.

Lady Audley's Secret was presented at the opera house Monday night to a small audience. It was a play in four acts, with Miss Jennie Tempest as Lady Audley, the principal character. The special vaudeville between the acts was good.

Tonight The Oliver's 20th Century Stars will present a thrilling show.

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. J. P. Stiff has moved his dental office to corner Main and Commerce streets, next door to John F. Scott's hardware store. tf

OUR LAHORE LETTER

Lahore, Va., Dec. 1, 1909.

I touch my hat to the Unionville correspondent for his kindly expressions and beg the fates to decree his happiness and continued excellence as a contributor to our enjoyment through the columns of The Free Lance.

A great slaughter of fine porkers occurred early last week, and we are enjoying delectable sausage and spareribs.

The possum hunters had a fruitless but otherwise enjoyable hunt Friday night.

"Nox was lit by light of luna,
It was a night most opportuna
To catch a possum or a coona."

But the dogs seemed rather to seek persimmon trees for fruit than fur. You know it is a well established maxim that you can't cook this marsupial so that a dog will eat it. I mean the quadruped.

Dr. Forest filled his pulpit Sunday. The large audience followed the preacher closely as he unfolded the resurrection. While here he was the guest of Mr. M. S. Johnson, of Monrovia.

Dr. L. M. Cowardin, of Richmond, met his wife and Miss Nannie Morton, who for some months have been traveling the romatic West, at Orange Friday and has been enjoying a hunt with Mr. L. G. Burrus for the past few days. They found game and good things generally plentiful about the home of Mr. C. P. Graves, of Za.

Mr. Parks Kendall, of Norfolk, attended the burial of his father at Pamunkey last week.

Mr. Parks Davis has taken board and lodging at Capt. A. M. Daniel's, of Pamunkey.

Prof. Berkley is teaching school at Mr. W. C. Graves'.

The young son of Launcelott Burrus, recently kicked by a mule, caught cold in the wound and is not out yet.

Mrs. Butler, daughter of Mr. Pugh, of Pamunkey, died at the Mines in Louisa Friday.

Roll of honor for our high school and grammar grade—Robt. Burrus, Marshall Jackson, Lillie Woolfolk, Lillie Burrus, Bessie Foster, Lucile Brockman, Lorine Brockman and Cindie Fraser. Primary Department—Hilda Bell, Lucie Bell, Ernestine Cooper, Bertha Loyd, Myrtle Mathews, Lindsay Woolfolk, Leonard Mathews and Maelon Saunders.

CAPT. MURRAY F. TAYLOR'S WILL

The will of Capt. Murray F. Taylor was admitted to probate in the Clerk's office at Spotsylvania C. H. Wednesday, Dec. 1st. The executors named in the will are Judge A. W. Wallace and Mr. J. Fitzgerald Forbes, of this city, and Mrs. Bessie Forbes Robinson, of Fall Hill. The estate passing under the will amounts to $5,000. No security was required of the executors and no inventory or appraisement of the estate will be made. The will is dated Oct. 1st, 1909.

Capt. Taylor's life was insured for $15,000, the policies being in the Home Life Insurance Company and the Equitable Company. $5,000 of this amount goes directly for the benefit of his three daughters, Mrs. Kate Thornton Craig, of New York, Mrs. Annie Thornton Bayliss, of Wolverhampton, England, and Mrs. Bessie Forbes Robinson, of Fall Hill.

The will gives the "Fall Hill" property to Mrs. Robinson for life and after her death to her daughter, Miss Butler Brayne Robinson. The will also provides for $5,000 to be expended in the education of Miss Butler Brayne Robinson.

The residue of the estate, after several small legacies, is left to Capt. Taylor's three daughters above mentioned.

SPOTSYLVANIA NOTES

Spotsylvania, Va., Dec. 1st, 1909.

Mr. R. Mason Waller, wife of Sheriff Waller, had her hand burned Saturday by a stove. The burn is not serious but painful.

The heirs of Jno. Carter, deceased, through Attorney Alvin T. Embrey, have instituted suit in the Circuit court of Spotsylvania to settle the estate of F. E. Carter.

Dr. J. N. Barney and Attorney Frederick W. Coleman were at the Court House on business Tuesday.

Mr. W. P. White has purchased of Mrs. C. B. Southworth her farm of 253 acres near Thornsburg.

Rev. Walter R. Leckliter, of Baltimore, is conducting the union meetings at this place.

Mr. G. W. Perry is on a business trip north.

HUDGINS-RICE

A Pretty Home Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Annie Louise Rice to Mr. John B. Hudgins was solemnized at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rice, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. M. Perrig officiating.

The parlors were tastefully decorated with palms and ferns. Master Odell Rice acted as ring bearer.

Miss Ruth Blakey, of Ashland, attired in white Egyptian mull over pink was the bride's attendant. Mr. O. O. Oliver, of Richmond, was best man. Miss Minnie Wallis presided at the piano.

The bride wore a handsome going-away gown of stone green with hat and gloves to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins left immediately after the ceremony for a trip to Northern cities.

CHILDRESS-CARTER

Mr. T. W. Childress, of Richmond, and Miss Inez Carter, daughter of Mr. Nelson Carter, of Spotsylvania county, were married a few days ago at the home of the bride, Rev. Charles E. Saunders officiating. They will reside in Richmond.

EARLY-BRIGGS

Mr. Hannon Early and Miss Sue R. Briggs, both of Stafford county, were married Wednesday, Dec. 1st, at 11 o'clock a. m., at Potomac church in Stafford county, Rev. D. J. Shopoff performing the ceremony.

PROVENDER BURNED

Mr. John Stevens, of near Brooke, lost a quantity of hay and fodder by fire Sunday. Children had been playing around the stacks and it is supposed they started the fire.

INFORMATION WANTED

Concerning Benjamin and William Ficklen.

W. H. Ficklin, of University Park, Colorado, wishes to communicate with anyone who knows the place of residence or burial of Benjamin Ficklen (or len) who emigrated from England to Virgina and settled in King George about 1720 and died about 1750. Similar information is desired concerning William Ficklen, son of Benjamin, who lived in Spotsylvania county, near Fredericksburg, and died about 1790. Any other information concerning them will also be gratefully received.
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VIRGINIA NEWS

Roanoke Chamber of Commerce passed resolutions urging city council to submit the $800,000 bond issue to vote of the people. The matter has been before city council for more than a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Dabney Robinson, of King William C. H., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sophie Chapman, to Dr. W. E. Croxton, of King William. The wedding will take place late in December at Jerusalem church.

Passenger engine on the Atlantic Coast Line jumped the track at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon at Mt. Airy, a mile south of Petersburg. Engineer W. J. McAllister was instantly killed and Walter Moore, colored fireman, is believed to be fatally injured. No passengers were hurt.

The Commonwealth confesses an error in the case of Prof. J. D. Harris against the Commonwealth and the Supreme court enters an order reversing the decision of the Circuit court of Fauquier county, remanding case for new trial. Harris is the school teacher who shot and killed W. A. Thompson several months ago while Thompson was beating Harris. The latter is now out on bail. He was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

TEACHERS ORGANIZE IN ORANGE COUNTY

The teachers of Taylor district met at Unionville Nov. 20, 1909, and organized the Taylor District Association, which is a branch of the Orange County Association. The following officers were elected: Supt. Cowherd, president; Miss Franke, vice president; Miss Sadler, secretary. There were six teachers and two trustees present. The meeting was presided over by the division superintendent, Charles P. Cowherd. Papers were read by the teachers and general discussion followed on "How to Make Education More Practical?" All agreed that the fundamental principles well instilled in the child's mind, and, above all, character building and thoroughness should be the basis in elementary schools. The meeting then adjourned.

The next meeting will be held at Lahore in January. It is the wish of the division superintendent that all of the teachers in Taylor district be present.

DECEMBER MEETS

Tomahawk Hunt Club, of Orange, has announced dates for December meets as follows: Dec. 3, at Lewis Booton's gate; Dec. 9, at the kennels; Dec. 16, at Orange; Dec. 29, at Willow Grove, and New Year's Day, at Chestnut Hill.

COURT OF APPEALS

The State Supreme Court of Appeals has adjourned for the term and will meet again January 4th

HEIR TO $20.000 DYING

Asbury Park Young Man Fatally Injured In Grade Crossing Accident.

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 1.—Only nineteen years old, heir to $20,000 and the family homestead at West Belmar, Willard Palmer, while attempting to cross the railroad tracks at Twelfth street in a bakery wagon, was fatally injured by collision with a train. Palmer, under the will of his father, William Palmer, was not to receive his fortune until he became twenty-one years old. He has been employed by N. A. Lloyd, a Belmar baker. The wagon and Palmer were carried a block before the train came to a standstill. Palmer's skull was fractured in two places. He was taken to a hospital, where his death is hourly expected.

UNEARTHED AZTECS BODIES

Bones of Sixty High Caste Indians Found In Mexico City.

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—The remains of bodies of ancient Aztecs have been unearthed by workmen near the old cathedral in this city during the last two days. The remains of more than sixty bodies have been taken up. It is believed that the bodies are those of Indians of high caste who were interred in the royal burying grounds adjoining the old Aztec temple, upon whose site the present cathedral was built. As it is known that no cemetery was ever established by the Christians near the present cathedral the remains just excavated are Aztecs or the race preceding them which ruled in the valley of Mexico.

ZELAYA IS WILLING TO QUIT WAR GAME

Offers to Retire if Congress Can Select Successor.

Washington, Dec. 1. — President Zelaya has made overtures to the revolutionists intimating his willingness to retire from the presidency of Nicaragua, provided the congress be allowed to select a provisional president in his stead.

This news comes from the United States consulate at Bluefields.

At the navy department it was said that no confirmation has been received of a report from Galveston, Tex., that marines have been landed in Nicaragua and sent to Managua for the protection of United States Vice Consul Caldora.

It was pointed ou that the Vicksburg, which is at Corinto, the nearest seaport to Managua, has no marines on board, and that if any landing party were to be sent ashore it would consist of bluefackets. As a matter of fact, no word whatever has been received from the commanding officer of the warship that a landing party has been placed on Nicaraguan soil. Had such an important step been taken, it was said, the officer in command of the ship would have at once notified the navy department by wireless, with which apparatus the Des Moines is equipped.

The state department denies the report that a commission will be sent to Nicaragua or elsewhere to adjust the diqerences with Zelaya. It is made clear that in only one way can questions affecting the national honor be settled.

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, Va., on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, 1909, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

At this meeting the President will submit his annual address, the Treasurer will make a financial report, and officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Every stockholder is urged to be present. By order of the President.
S. J. Quinn, Secretary. td

BIG PREMIUM OFFERED

For every $5 worth purchased at the Norris jewelry store, there will be given free a handsome "Grife" picture, an ornament for any parlor. Call and see them. The Reliable Norris Store.

The Studebaker is built for the man who wants a good wagon. Likely you will not buy a wagon often, then buy the best. Call for a Studebaker Almanac for 1910. Decker & Alrich.

If a man can get hurt bad enough doing some fool thing any woman can love him for it

HEARD PLOT TO KILL JOHN D.

Cleveland Police Guard Oil King's Mansion.

TWO UNKNOWNS OVERHEARD

Minerva, O., Man Reported He Heard Men Discussing Plans to Assassinate Mr. Rockefeller, and Officers Were Ordered Out to Patrol His Home Until He Left For New York.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 1.—Acting upon information given by a man who said that he overheard a conversation in which plans to assassinate John D Rockefeller were discussed, the East Cleveland police guarded Forest Hill, the oil magnate's home. Several suspicious men were ordered away from the place.

The police of Cleveland and other towns in this vicinity are working on the case.

The information was given by Sawyer Smith, of Minerva, who declares that he heard the plot being hatched by two men at Alliance, O., on Sunday night.

Smith at once took the case to the chief of police at Canton, who in turn sent Smith to the chief in this city

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

with a letter of recommendation. This man, Kohler, referred Smith to the chief of police, Stamberger, of East Cleveland, in which village Forest Hill is located.

Stamberger communicated with Mr Rockefeller and Forest Hill was put under guard. Stamberger said that he drove two suspicious characters away from Forest Hill during the night. No arrests were made.

Sawyer Smith, who is a lumber dealer, said that while he was visiting in Alliance Sunday night he accidentally came near two men near a railway track.

Smith soon learned that the men were plotting against Rockefeller and that they were to be paid well for either killing or kidnapping him. It was agreed by them that it would be easier to kill and the reward would be the same, Smith says.

It is believed that owing to this warning Rockefeller decided not to attend a church banquet at which he was to have spoken.

Extra precaution was used by the Cleveland police in guarding Rockefeller when he departed for his New York home from the East One Hundred and Fifth street station.

KILLED BY BOYS' PRANK

Man Tripped by Cord Across Sidewalk Dies of Injuries.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 1.—The pranks of several young boys who stretched a cord across a sidewalk to trip pedestrians resulted in the death of William Steinmetz, a blacksmith. He was tripped about a week ago, and in falling cut a deep gash on his head. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken to a hospital. The youngsters who stretched the rope ran away and have not been identified.

STORM WRECKS SHIP

Japan's Coast Visited by Heavy Gale Which Sinks Large Vessel.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—A fierce storm has swept over the vicinity of Shimonoseki. The Kisagata Maru, a Japanese vessel of 2371 tons, foundered, and it is feared that all on board were lost. Twenty-five bodies have been washed ashore. Many of the fishing boats are also believed to have been wrecked.

The piers and embankments at Shimonesaki have been badly damaged by the high seas.

Miner Blown to Atoms.

Tamaqua, Pa., Dec. 1.—Andrew Halliday, aged twenty-six years, was blown to atoms by the explosion of dynamite at the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company's Nesquehoning colliery.

TOBACCO AND SHELBURNE'S

Richmond, Va., Nov. 30th, 1909.

Prices on our floor for the past week have been very satisfactory to all farmers. The common to medium grades are higher than they have been, in fact higher than for some years past, and we advise the sales of these grades. The good to fine tobacco had better be held for some time yet until all the buyers get on the market for this grade. It will also run some if left hanging in the barn and look better after Xmas.

We quote prices as follows: Primings $2 to $3.50. Common green tobacco $4.50 to $6.50; green but sweet and waxey $6.50 to $10.50. Red lugs $7.50 to $10. Leaf $10 to $13.50. Fine fillers $13.50 to $26.

If the next season is a good one it is more than probable to bring us heavy receipts. With the finest auctioneer in the world to cry your tobacco, and Victor Shelburne to make a lively sale, Shelburne's warehouse can get you more for your tobacco than any warehouse here. If you wish to hear from the market write us.

Yours truly
Shelburne, Valentine and Lloyd,
Shelburne Warehouse.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

No hunting or trespassing allowed on my property in Spotsylvania.
nov4-1m C. H. Hudgins.

MONEY TO LOAN

In sums to suit on good security. Apply to Lee J. Graves, attorney ltf

MONEY TO LOAN

In sums of $300 and upwards, real estate security. Apply to Chichester & Chichester, attorneys. ls tf

APPLES FOR SALE

I have from one bushel to 40 bushels of apples for sale at 75c per bushel. H. Endsor, near Comorn. d2-9-16-18

So many girls think they give a fool sense by marrying him.

BANNER YEAR FOR FARMERS

Value of Crops so Large Figures Pass Comprehension.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURE

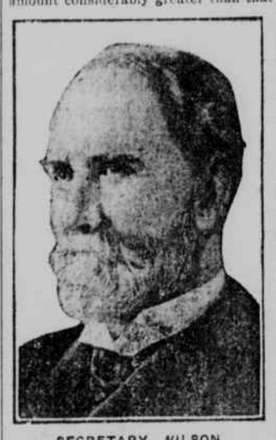
Secretary Wilson Says High Prices Helped, But Bumper Crops Also Played Important Part—Result of Investigation Into Price of Meat.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture, says Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in his thirteenth annual report. The value of farm products is so incomprehensively large that it has become merely a row of figures. For this year it is $8,760,000,000, a gain of $869,000,000 over 1908.

The value of the products has nearly doubled in ten years. It has paid off mortgages; it has established banks; it has made better homes; it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world, and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making it more productive.

Corn, cotton, wheat, hay and oats lead in reaching this stupendous result. The November farm value of these staples was: Corn, $1,720,000,000; cotton, $850,000,000; wheat, $725,000,000; hay, $665,000,000, and oats, $400,000,000. Trailing along came potatoes, $212,000,000; tobacco, $100,000,000, and sugar, $95,000,000.

High prices helped to bring this immense sum to the farmers, but a bumper crop also played an important part, as the production of all cereals combined is 4,711,000,000 bushels, an amount considerably greater than that



SECRETARY WILSON.

for any other year except 1906. It exceeds the average of the preceding five years by 6.5 per cent. The value of all cereals in 1909 has never been equalled in a previous year. It is almost exactly $3,000,000,000 or 34 per cent above the five-year average.

Prices of Meat.

Secretary Wilson has just finished a unique investigation relating to the increase of wholesale prices of beef when sold at retail. Inquiries were made in fifty cities—large, medium and small—in all parts of the country, and it was found that for the fifty cities the total retail cost charged to customers above the wholesale cost paid by the retailers is 38 per cent.

A gross profit of 20 per cent was found in New York city and in Philadelphia, 36 per cent in Boston, 17 per cent in Baltimore, 42 per cent in Washington, 46 per cent in Chicago, 25 per cent in Cincinnati, 23 per cent in Omaha, 39 per cent in St. Louis, Mo.; 64 per cent in Mobile, Ala., and 37 per cent in Denver, Colo. The North Atlantic states exacted the smallest profit and the south central states the largest.

Another feature of the investigation showed that the lower the grade of beef the greater the percentage of gross profit. In Boston, for instance, the rate of gross profit is nearly twice as great for beef costing 8 cents at wholesale as for beef costing 11 and 11½ cents. Low priced beef is marked up nearly twice as much relatively as high-priced beef. In other words, perhaps it is a safe inference that the poor people pay nearly twice as much profits as the well-to-do people pay.

Farmers' Share of Profits.

An inquiry was also made to find if, in the ascending prices of meat, the prices of the farmers' beef cattle and hogs have increased in proportion to the retail prices, and the conclusion was reached that the farmer has failed to receive a share of the higher beef prices with regard to the raw animal. He, however, gets some return for the high-priced corn that he feeds to his steers, but not a return equal to 60 cents a bushel for his corn, which is the price for the last two years. As for the unfed steer, it does not participate in the upward movement of prices in its farm value.

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A. M.	Lv.	Ar.	P. M.
8.00		Fredericksburg	3.20
8.10	5	Whites	3.04
8.20	6	Mine Road	2.54
8.23	7	Robys	2.54
8.29	9	Screamersville	2.48
8.32	10	Alrich	2.45
8.35	11	Furnace	2.38
8.40	13	Brookwood	2.29
8.43	14	Stephens	2.26
9.00	18	Parker	2.11
9.08	20	New Hope	2.07
9.18	23	Tinder	1.48
9.28	24	Reynolds	1.35
9.38	26	Verdiersville	1.25
9.48	28	La Fayette	1.15
10.03	30	Unionville	1.05
10.14	32	Nasons	12.55
10.24	35	Taylor	12.40
10.40	38	Lv. Orange Lv.	12.20

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