

CURRENT COMMENTS

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Mr. D. Scott Quinton spent Saturday in Petersburg.

Kaufman, the jeweler, buys old gold.
Mr. T. B. Beany, of Washington, was in the city Saturday.

Kaufman, the jeweler, buys old silver.
Mr. Chas. T. Bevan, of King George, was in the city Saturday.

Have your old family silver repaired.
Kaufman, the jeweler, does same.

Mr. Lee J. Graves was at Bowling Green Friday on business.
Who repairs your watches, clocks and jewelry? S. S. Kaufman, the jeweler, of course.

Mr. E. O'Connor Goolrick was in Washington Friday on legal business.
Miss Nannie Maury Quinn, of Richmond, is visiting her parents here.

Come down tonight and look over our new and exclusive line of post cards and you will like them. H. Wallace Carver & Co.

Mrs. C. C. Covert of Washington, is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Birdwell.

A sale of unusual interest for one week, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 16 to Tuesday night, Feb. 23, of muslin underwear, foulard and rajah silks. C. W. Jones.

Mrs. T. B. Beany, of Washington, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Montague.

Ladies' undermuslins, foulard and rajah silks on sale for one week from Tuesday, Feb. 16 to Tuesday night, Feb. 23. C. W. Jones.

Only one case before Justice Danneli Saturday. Daniel Sullivan was fined \$35.00 for being drunk.

Just take a look at the window display of beautiful hand work in Batterbury Handkerchiefs, Collars, Combs, Barrettes, etc. Then come inside and buy one of our beautiful hats. Mrs. D. E. Smith & Co.

Mrs. J. P. Corbin left Saturday for New Orleans, where she will be a guest of Mrs. John R. Ficklen.

Just received a large line of new silver and carving sets, superior quality and new patterns. Inspect this line before buying. We can save you money. The H. E. Norris leading jewelry store.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stoll, Mrs. Augusta Bode and Master Chas. D. Fitts left Friday on a visit to Philadelphia.

Big bargains in fine suits, silk rain coats and skirts. Stylish suits, at \$5.00, \$7.50, \$9.75 and \$12.50. Beautiful silk rain coats, only a few left, at \$9.75. Winter cloaks at bargain prices, from \$1.00 to \$7.50. \$7.50 now gets that \$16.50 kind. The N. Brent Store.

Treasurer W. D. Beany, of Stafford, has returned from a visit to his brother, Mr. T. B. Beany, and family in Washington.

For a wedding present we believe you will agree with us that the H. E. Norris jewelry store is the place to buy it. If your fancy turns to silverware, cut glass, art china, fine clocks or jewelry of any description, we can furnish it at the lowest prices.

Justice Danneli had before him Friday Philip Lee and Andrew Lucas, charged with disorderly conduct. They were both fined.

When you want a beautifully finished photograph and correct likeness of self or family, the thoroughly equipped Fredericksburg Image Studio is prepared to make it. All work guaranteed first-class in every respect.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henry, Mrs. Kate Henry, of Washington, and Miss Flora R. Mason, of the city, left Saturday for Old Point to witness the arrival of the fleet.

A good watch is a good investment. We think so, and it is our reason for selling only good new standard watches. From the Jewell Elgin, we can give you any standard make to a 25 jewel. Compare our prices before buying. The reliable H. E. Norris jewelry store.

Mrs. E. D. Washburn left Friday for Old Point to spend a week with friends and see the arrival of the fleet, and from there will go to Camden, S. C., to visit relatives.

The condition of Mr. Chas. L. Kennedy, of Stafford, is not improved. His son, Mr. C. Howard Kennedy, is arranging to have him brought to the hospital here.

Judge and Mrs. John T. Goolrick left Saturday for Old Point, where they will be guests for a week of their son, Lieut. R. E. M. Goolrick. They will see the arrival of the fleet. The trip is taken principally on account of the condition of Judge Goolrick's health.

United States army officers are to make an inspection of the Virginia troops during the month of March and April. They will inspect Washington Guards at Fredericksburg April 9th. Major John S. Malloy, of Tenth Infantry, is inspecting officer.

Gordon Wallace is building a handsome suburban home in the Westhampton neighborhood.—Richmond Times-Dispatch

For Golaeville, Caroline county, Lou R. McKenny has been appointed postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Burton, of Stafford, were welcome visitors to our office Saturday.

Meessers John and Gordon Wallace, of Richmond attended the funeral of Mr. J. Stansbury Wallace.

There is but little change in the condition of Mr. Geo. W. Shepherd. He is resting comfortably.

Mr. Joseph Wine, of Stafford, has been confined to his bed since December 1. He is attended by Drs. Payne and Buck.

Miss Helen Somers, of Petersburg, is a guest of Miss Grace Jones.

Mrs. Delaford Cliff has gone to Washington to visit her sister, Mrs. Robert Guard, and to Parisville, in Loudoun, to be a guest of her sister, Mrs. E. G. Ellet.

Mrs. W. L. Bradbury, of near Nason's, who has been quite sick, is convalescing.—Orange Observer.

Mr. W. N. Blake spent Sunday here with his family.

Mr. Chas. L. Kennedy, of Stafford, was brought to the Washington Hospital Sunday for treatment.

Mr. F. L. Hill caught the first herring of the season at Falmouth Monday.

THE SO-CALLED CONFERENCE

Democrat Wants the People to Decide Question of Legislative Candidates

To the Free Lanes:
Roman-habbling, astoundingly almost-dumb-founding, incommunicable communication of Mr. C. O'Connor Goolrick, a candidate of the Democrats, unwilling to give the people a voice in determining, and Col. E. D. Cole, impudently friendly to Mr. Goolrick's candidacy and chairman of the City Democratic Committee, which is nominally friendly to Mr. Goolrick's candidacy.

As said the purpose of this combination-communication is to take from the people the power of the choice to say whom they will select and nominate as their candidate for the House of Delegates from this district comprising the City of Spotsylvania and the City of Fredericksburg.

Why are these two gentlemen so afraid to trust the rank and file of the Democratic party with the matter of nominating a candidate? Why is a nomination by committee preferable to a nomination by the people?

Do these gentlemen not know that the law of the Democratic party prescribes that every Democrat, be he office holder or not, shall have a voice in saying who shall be the Democratic standard bearer for any office elective by the people? And now why Mr. Goolrick and Col. Cole so much afraid to submit their claims to the voters?

This is a government of, for and by the people, and the people have a right to say by their vote who shall be their representative, and the primary is the law of the party so long and until it is displaced by some other method of nomination.

So by all means let this arrangement of secret and dried schemes by committees be never again resorted to.

Give every Democrat voter a chance to favor his choice between the candidates for the Legislature. Trust the people and the square thing will be done.

But the most surprising part of this two-faceted communication, before referred to, is that it has the endorsement of the Hon. C. O'Connor Goolrick, for he is remembered, that when nominations were last in order the Hon. Goolrick threw fire of most earnest solicitation to the Democrats of the county of Spotsylvania should not live up to and keep sacred and inviolate the holy custom of allowing the county to have the representative for two successive terms and then the city for two successive terms. Yes, Mr. Goolrick by speech and by vote had changed the great reverence a departure from this time-honored custom meant. It would, according to Mr. Goolrick, have been an unpardonable political sin for the county to have approved the right of the city to have a delegate last time when the argument was in favor of the city's candidate, Goolrick.

But—out now the argument is in favor of the county's candidate, and Mr. Goolrick, with the impetuous and strenuous support of the rough-riding Col. E. D. Cole, endeavor to ride rough shod over this custom and shut their heart and ears to the appeals for justice to Spotsylvania.

And knowing that the good voters of the city and county cannot be prevailed on to do the unfair thing of following their lead, they want to take the matter out of the people's hands. Will this be done?

I am informed that the Col. did not consult our County Chairman, nor a member of our County Committee, Dora Bursey, Cole control, Fredericksburg? I believe I can say, for I believe there are too many good, just and upright citizens in the "Old Burg" who regard promises sacred as rights, whether political or otherwise, who will respect and see to it at the proper time that promises, as well as long-established custom shall be observed and held sacred even if it would disregard promises and custom. Right will prevail. Democrat.

ASKS MR. COLEMAN QUESTIONS

Mr. F. M. Aldridge, of this city, Saturday mailed to Mr. C. R. Coleman the following letter, which is self-explanatory:
Fredericksburg, Va., Feb. 20, 1909.

Mr. C. R. Coleman, Mayor, Va.
Dear Sir: I took from your letter of the 15th instant, one of which I received, that you state "it is now the right of the county of Spotsylvania to have the representative in the House of Delegates of the Virginia Legislature for the next term." Since you are invoking this so-called custom to secure votes please be kind enough to let me know—

First, whether it is fact that Mr. F. M. Coleman, your brother and your cousin, Mr. F. W. Coleman, all supported Dr. Massey against Mr. Swift four years ago when, according to the custom you now invoke, it was the city's time to have the Delegate?

Second, whether I am correctly informed in stating that of the 27 votes cast at your precinct, Thornsburg, Dr. Massey received all of them, and that in the general election following when Morrison, Republican, was a candidate against Swift the latter only received 14 votes?

If these things are so there can be no merit in your appeal, because you and your friends four years ago tried to break down the very custom which you now call on to aid you.

I shall give this letter to the newspapers here and ask permission to publish your reply.
Very truly yours,
F. M. Aldridge.
(A copy.)

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN T. KNIGHT

Mrs. Alice L. Knight, widow of the late John T. Knight, and daughter of the late Thomas C. King, died at her home on the Boulevard Friday night, aged 50 years. She was a member of the Methodist church and beloved by a large circle of friends. She is survived by her son, Dr. Edward Knight, of Fredericksburg, Va.; Mr. Lloyd Knight, of Rochester, N. Y.; and Mr. Vernon Knight, of this city, and two step-daughters, Mrs. W. W. Atwood, of High Point, S. C.; and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, of Rochester, N. Y. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. L. Dolly. The interment was in the Burial Home, near Nason's, Dr. D. C. Bowman, T. N. Cunningham, Ernest Layton, Henry Wissner.

CAPT. ROACH LEAVES HOSPITAL

Capt. James Roach was well enough to leave the Mary Washington Hospital Monday and was taken to his home on Stafford Heights.

FRIDAY'S WEDDINGS

On our first page will be found a letter from Hon. J. H. C. Beverly, of Lees, containing valuable information in regard to the selection of seed corn, planting, etc. Read it.

PIERCE-BRUCE

Joseph Pierce, of Urbanna, and Miss Hattie Bruce, of Caroline county, were married at the Baptist church Friday night, Feb. 27th, Rev. J. P. Essex officiating.

BAPTIZING

Rev. R. Aubrey Williams baptized 28 persons at the Baptist church Friday night.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24TH, WILL BE ASH WEDNESDAY, THE BEGINNING OF LENT.

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CITY COUNCIL

Col. Cole Named as Member of Board of Directors Wallace Library—Other Business.

The City Council held its regular session for February Thursday night with Councilmen Garner, Metcalf, Goldenfirth, Embrey, Brown, Masters and Warden present. Vice-President Garner presided.

Mr. Metcalf of Finance committee, presented the Mayor's report, stating that officers had performed their duties and their salaries, on motion of Mr. Embrey, were ordered paid.

Mr. Metcalf also presented a communication from Mayor H. Lewis Wallace stating that Rev. John W. Rosboro, having moved from the city and State, giving up his residence in same, his position as director on the Wallace Library Board became vacant. The Mayor nominated Col. E. D. Cole as Dr. Rosboro's successor on said board.

On motion of Mr. Embrey, the nomination of Col. Cole for director on Wallace Library Board was approved by the Council.

Mr. Metcalf of Light Committee, reported that the appropriation to the Gas Committee was about exhausted, and asked for an additional appropriation of \$2,500 to run his committee until July 1st. On motion of Mr. Goldenfirth, the request was laid over until next meeting.

\$100 was appropriated to the Health and Police Committee at the request of Chairman Metcalf.

On motion of Mr. Warden action on the salary of police justice was postponed until next regular meeting. The Council then adjourned.

TRAGEDY IN KING GEORGE

Lewis Morgan Kills his Brother, Wendell Morgan.

At Index, King George, Saturday night in a quarrel, which is said to have originated over a young lady for which they were both suitors, Lewis Morgan stabbed his brother, Wendell Morgan, to death. It is stated that both were under the influence of intoxicants when the quarrel commenced. Both young men are well known and were looked upon by the friends as successful farmers. The fratricide has caused considerable excitement in the county.

Lewis was arrested and lodged in jail at King George, C. H., and was arraigned before the coroner's jury. Wendell Morgan died immediately, the knife in his brother's hand going straight to the heart.

The murdered man was 21 and his brother 18.

NATIONAL BANK OFFICERS

Judge A. W. Wallace Chosen President—Mr. S. G. Wallace a Director.

Judge A. W. Wallace has been elected president of the National Bank of Fredericksburg to succeed the late J. Stansbury Wallace. Mayor H. Lewis Wallace was elected vice president in place of Judge Wallace and Mr. Samuel G. Wallace was chosen to fill the vacancy in the board of directors occasioned by the death of Mr. J. S. Wallace.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. S. WALLACE

The funeral of the late J. Stansbury Wallace took place from St. George's church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. J. McBryde and H. H. Barber. The large building was filled with friends to pay their last tribute of respect. The floral offerings were beautiful. The interment was made in the family lot in the city cemetery.

CAROLINE FARM SOLD

Gulney's, Va., Feb. 20.
Mr. Sion T. Coleman, of this place, has sold his farm near here, containing 250 acres, known as the Fitzhugh estate, to Mr. H. W. Dickerson, of Catz, Ohio. Mr. Dickerson comes well recommended. He will move his family in and take immediate possession. Terms private. The sale was made through Jno. W. Allison, Jr., of Fredericksburg.

ANOTHER VICTORY ADDED

The local fire defeated the last Richmond Howitzer in a fine game by the score of 36 to 5. The feature of the game was the lightning and whirling passing of the home team, which "dizzied" the visitors from start to finish.

Goals from field, Melville 7, Carter 7, Jordan 2, Gammon, Weaver and Tucker 2. Free tries, Tucker.

STOKES-SULLIVAN

Mr. W. F. Stokes, of Richmond, and Miss Mamie Sullivan, formerly of Stafford, now of Charlottesville, were married in the latter place Wednesday.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. Stewart Sullivan, of Stafford, and a niece of Messrs. Harvey and Wallace Sniffings, of this city.

BARN BURNED

The new barn of C. Gallinger on Fall Hill, on the Spotsylvania road, near the city, was burned at noon Friday. The three stalls and a large lot of feed were also destroyed. It is not known whether there was any insurance.

SALE OF CITY REAL ESTATE

The house and lot on upper Main street, formerly owned by the W. H. Thomas estate and purchased by Mr. G. E. Pratt, was sold by him to Miss Maria E. Pratt, Thursday. Terms private.

MR. HURKAMP AT HOSPITAL

Mr. W. H. Hurkamp went to Mary Washington Hospital Friday, where he is being treated by Dr. W. J. Chewning for a deep cold.

WILD GEESE GO NORTH

A large flock of wild geese went over the city Friday night going north.

SALE OF A KING GEORGE FARM

Mrs. Lucy L. Wallace has sold her farm in King George Co., known as "White Hall" to Mr. J. B. Mullen, of that county, on private terms.

The plowing season is now on. You make no mistake in buying the genuine Oliver—there is none better. Call on Decker & Airich for Oliver repairs also.

SPOTSYLVANIA

Two Weddings—Drop and Farm Notes—The Posted Lands and Hunting License, Etc.

Spotsylvania, Va., Feb. 20, 1909.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17th, at the home of the bride, near Spotsylvania, C. H., Mr. Buford Pritchett and Miss Lizzie Pritchett were married by Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Ray. On the same day at the Methodist parsonage, Mr. Lionel Chewning and Miss Bertie E. Brown were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Harbord buried their 18-month-old child at Zion M. E. church on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 18. What is looking well and has made wonderful growth during the mild weather.

Some of the peach and apricot trees are showing buds nearly ready to burst forth.

Several large flocks of wild geese have gone south lately, indicating the breaking up of winter, yet they move, like the groundhogs, have mistaken the season and have to march back. They fly very high from the ground—why we should like to know.

The open winter has been very favorable for farm work and a considerable extra clearing has been done, besides plowing.

We notice that there is scarcely a farm that is not "posted," or evidence given by some sign, that no hunting shall be done, and the State having licensed parties to hunt upon the whole right, the question is raised as to what right it has to do so on private lands, there being no State lands to be hunted upon.

While the people do not doubt some parties coming here to hunt whatever they please, wherever it may be.

NOTES FROM LOCAN

Locan, Va., Feb. 18, 1909.

Mr. Palmore Lane, of Portland, Maine, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood. He has completed high school and taken a commercial course and will soon enter college. We wish Palmore much success.

Miss Mary C. Shifflett left for home in Crewe Monday, having been summoned to the bedside of her mother, who is quite ill. We wish her a speedy recovery and that her health may admit the return of Miss Shifflett to complete her term of public school and also to fill an engagement to teach in the family of Mr. W. B. Foster for the spring months. Since her sojourn among us Miss Shifflett has made many friends who are loath to part with her, and having done such efficient and satisfactory work in the school room it would be difficult to find one to fill her place.

Dr. J. Glenroy Harris paid a professional visit to this section a few days ago. The doctor is quite popular and keeps busy.

Farmers are making rapid progress with their farm work.

Gardening has commenced. Mrs. W. B. Foster has planted potatoes, radishes and lettuce up and cabbage plants an inch high.

No one as yet has filed his tax home. Mr. Marcus Knighton was a visitor at Locan recently.

BROCK ROAD NOTES

Brock Road, Va., Feb. 18, 1909.

Mr. B. Chewning and family are all sick with grippe.

Miss Edie Dempsey, of Locust Grove, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Chewning.

Miss Mary Trigg spent Saturday and Sunday with her schoolmate, Miss Beale Kennedy.

Miss Goldie Carter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hanney, of Brock Road.

There will be preaching at Wilderness church Sunday. Rev. Mr. Beales will preach a most-ery sermon.

Jack Williamson has purchased land from Mr. C. A. Williamson and is building.

DEATH IN CAROLINE

Another Confederate Soldier Gone.

Mr. Wm. R. Garnett died at his home in Caroline county, near Gutneys, Sunday morning in the 61st year of his age. Mr. Garnett was a Confederate soldier and was twice married. By his first wife there are two children, Mrs. R. L. Filippo and Mr. Jack Garnett. His second wife survives him with four small children. The deceased was a member of Hopewell Methodist church. Interment will be made Tuesday evening on the estate.

SALE OF BUILDING LOT

Mr. D. Willie Scott has sold to Mrs. Mary L. Judth, a fine building lot off of the property he recently purchased from Mrs. F. F. Hart. The lot fronts on Fannings Street. Mrs. Judth will build a residence.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, Washington's birthday, was observed by closing of banks, holiday hours at the postoffice and the private schools and by the public schools. The public schools were in session, the day never having been scheduled as a holiday.

SUDDEN DEATH

Froncy Alsop, wife of Waverly Alsop, died at her home here suddenly Monday morning, aged 60 years. She was a highly respected, good woman and leaves three children.

FARMER-JONES

Mr. Eleazer Farmer and Miss Annie Gutteridge, both of Caroline, came here on an evening train Saturday and were married by Rev. Dr. W. J. Chewning at the Methodist parsonage, where they were united in marriage at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. W. L. Dolly. They will reside in Caroline.

COMING WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Masly Broadus, of Newtown, King and Queen county, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Irene Halle Broadus, to John Austin Covington, of Culpeper. The ceremony will take place Thursday, Feb. 25, at noon, at Upper King and Queen church.

THUNDER STORM

Sunday evening this vicinity was visited by a thunder storm. The lightning was vivid and the thunder heavy. But little rain fell.

FOUND DEAD ON ROAD

John Tinsley, a prosperous farmer of Culpeper county, was found dead near his horse on the road. Whether he fell from his horse dead or died after alighting is not known. No suspicion of foul play.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

March 4, 1909. Low rates to Washington via R. F. & P. R. R. \$1.90 round trip from Fredericksburg, \$1.90. Proportionate fares from other stations. Tickets on sale March 2, 3 and for trains arriving Washington by 1 p. m. March 4. Return first March 8, 1909. Apply to ticket agents.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GOOLRICK

A Plea for His Re-election to Legislature.

The following letter written by Dr. W. J. Crittenden, of Unionville, Orange county, was published in the Orange Observer of Feb. 12th. It explains itself. Editors Observer—As a resident of Orange county, and being deeply interested in all that concerns the cause of higher education, I observe with great pleasure that the Hon. C. O'Connor Goolrick, of Fredericksburg, is now a candidate for re-election to represent Spotsylvania county in the State Legislature.

It is indeed a very curious fact that while a large majority of our public school teachers are women, the State of Virginia spends on an average of about \$4.00 for the higher education of men to about \$1.00 spent for women.

To Mr. Goolrick is chiefly due the honor of securing for Fredericksburg, and consequently for all the adjoining counties, the establishment of a State Female Normal School in that city.

Now, there is yet very much to be done before this scheme goes into successful operation, and it is to be most sincerely hoped that the delegate from Orange, whoever he may be, will give Mr. Goolrick his earnest support in the effort to make this school an active factor in the education of our feminine teachers.

It means more convenient, very effective and much cheaper instruction for them. Without any disparagement of other delegates, I think the representative from Fredericksburg made a brilliant and favorable record in the last Legislature, and one which his constituents are not likely soon to forget.

In a protracted struggle, in which he had for his opponent that intellectual and physical giant, the Hon. Geo. B. Kewell, of Keesletown, Rockingham county, he succeeded in dividing honors with him, and procured one of the Normal Schools for his county.

Mr. Goolrick deserves particular consideration at the hands of his constituents for his successful fight in the House for the repeal of the R. F. & P. Railway Company's charter monopoly, and also for his able and diligent services in other detail work.

My close proximity to Fredericksburg has given me an excellent opportunity of judging this brilliant young attorney, and I consider the county exceedingly lucky to have such an able representative.

W. J. Crittenden.
Unionville, Orange county, Va.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Geo. Moss, aged 50, was convicted at Leesburg for burning dwelling of Mrs. Beach, May, 1901. He confessed.

Frank Harris, colored, in Louisa court, was convicted on three charges of burglary and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

The Memorial Association of Essex has awarded a contract for monument to the Confederate dead of Essex to Hammel Co., Pleasantville, N. J. It is to be completed in July.

The authorities of Henrico county offer a reward of \$25 for the capture of Frank Johnson, the alleged horse thief, who escaped from an officer by leaping from a train near Franconia.

Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, historical general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, has issued a circular to the Daughters urging the organization to abolish the annual prize for historical papers.

Bayard Lee Simmons has been