AUTUMN LEAVES FROM ROCK ALUM

Fall Weather in the Mountains a Joyful Existence.

OUT-DOOR LIFE THE THING.

The Bowling Alleys Very Popular as the Cool Weather Comes On—Interesting Children's Parties — A Brilliant Cotillion.

ROCKBRIDGE ALUM SPRINGS, September 9.—Special.—

"There is a beautiful spirit breathing now
Its mellowed richness on the clustered trees,
And, from a beaker full of richest dyes,
Pouring new glory on the autumn woods,
And dipping in warm lights the pillared clouds.

"Morn on the mountain like a summer bird
Lifts up her purple wing, and in the vales
The gentle wind, a sweet and passionate wooer,
Kisses the blushing leaf and stirs up life
Within the woods of solemn ash, deep crimsoned
And silver beech and maple yellow leaved."

The delightful weather which has ushered in the autumn has made life in these mountains a joyful existence, fraught with a daily repetition of pleasure. September promises golden hours and people are fast coming to appreciate these autumn days with the crisp cold mornings and evenings which bring exhilaration unknown earlier in the season.

The "out-door" side of the springs is most prominent just now in the social life at the Alum, although there is considerable entertaining on a rather small scale within. The bowling alleys and tennis courts are the liveliest places, frequented especially by the younger contingent. Every day they are crowded and the days themselves have been perfect, clear, cool and sunny—

"While not a cloud was in all the sky—
Save a few light fleeces, which here and there
Half mist, half air, like foam on the ocean
Went floating by."

Great play-grounds for men and women, relaxing tense nerves, throwing into oblivion knotty problems of life which bow the shoulders and dim the eye.

And yet we are still on the threshold of the outer world, with the latch-string in hand—one can either escape from or entertain the throng just as it suits their own sweet will.

A POPULAR RICHMONDER.

Mrs. Edmund Waddill, of Richmond, who is one of the most popular and admired women here, entertained delightfully Thursday at a matinee game of "hearts." The guests assembled at 4 o'clock in the drawing room of Central, and did not separate until after having enjoyed delicious fruit and bonbons and having shared in some of the prettiest prizes that ever gladdened the heart of confirmed card-players, for which the Alum is far famed. A gold and ivory engagement book, which fell to the share of the very pretty and attractive Miss Emma Bowe, was perhaps the handsomest; but the winsome and irresistible Miss Bessie Ellyson claims that her silver bracelet is the daintiest of its kind, and Mrs. T. M. Jones, one of the handsomest women here, was equally fortunate in an exquisite enamelled locket.

Those so fortunate as to be invited to this dainty affair: Mesdames Fox, Harris, Jones, Keatts, Hayes, Wingfield, Springer, Parrish, Norfleet, Waddill, Rawlings, Hayes, Ellyson, and Misses Waddill, Bowe, Ellyson, Emma Bowe, Mary Waddill, Barnes, Jeffreys, Sykes, Bain, Courtney, Gordon, Gordon, Sorell, Brown. Mrs. Waddill made a most graceful hostess, and every one voted it one of the most elegant affairs given at the Alum this season.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES.

There have been several very interesting children parties given during the last week, where the "wee sma" folks seem to greatly enjoy themselves.

One by Ida Hayes, and the riding parties given by Mrs. Burton-Smith's lovely little daughter, Hildreth, were especially delightful.

One of the most brilliant affairs of the season was the cotillion given by the genial and ever popular host, Mr. James Frazier, to the dancing contingent of the springs. No touch was left unfinished to make the occasion a beautiful success. Near the stage looking on and chaperoning might be noticed Mrs. James Keatts, looking lovely in black lace, decollette; Mrs. Waddill, charming in black net over turquoise silk; Mrs. I. N. Jones, very handsome, in black silk; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fox; Major Crank, Colonel Semmes, Judge Waddill, Mrs. Wingfield, very pretty and graceful in white silk; Mrs. Talley, Mrs. Norfleet, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Rawlings. The german was led by Mr. Graves, who has contributed so greatly to the success of all such occasions during the entire season, and the effect of the dancers going through the graceful and intricate figures, was very picturesque.

THE DANCERS.

Among the dancers: Misses Waddill, Mary Waddill, Nannie Waddill, Ellyson, Woodward, Bowe, Emma Bowe, Dabney, Brown, Jeffreys, Barnes, Briscoe, Courtney, Sykes, Morton, Juliet Waddill, and Messrs. Ellyson, Talley, C. Waddill, Mr. Waddill, Harris, Smith, Woodward, Harris, Nelson, Dr. James, Dr. Winfree.

Mrs. Theodore Ellyson of Richmond, was the handsomest woman at the german. She looked regal in black lace, trimmed in point lace.

Punch was served during the entire german and at mid-night a delicious supper of salads, ices and sandwiches was served.

Each day is marked by several seven-hand euchre parties. The prizes are always pretty and are contested for in the most spirited manner. One "wee sma" boy was heard to say to his mother, "you need not talk to papa, you damble and damble yourself."

Mrs. Fox gave a very enjoyable one on Tuesday morning, Mrs. Wingfield, of Richmond, winning the prize, a lovely handpainted pitcher.

Monday afternoon was a combination of the "bitter sweet" of life during the summer-tide. A large party invited by Mr. McCormick went to Goshen to pay "good-bye" to Mrs. Morehead and Miss E. Gray Morehead, two women who, by their charm and loveliness, of both character and person, have added more to the happiness of those by whom they have been surrounded during te entire season than I can tell through the point of this pen.

On returning to the Alum Mr. McCormick invited the entire party to a beautiful "course," supper, where claret-cup and champagne worked wonders in driving the skeleton from the feast, but sunshine and shadow chased each other over the spirits of the party and the toast, to the "vacant chair," which Miss Morehead has so gracefully filled on several happy occasions of the kind during the summer, caused a ripple of sad thought and regret, for no one can fill the place which this magnetic and beautiful woman has left in the heart of her friends.

Mr. McCormick's guests were Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Jones, Mr. Burke, Mrs. Frazier, Judge and Mrs. Waddill, Mrs. Keatts, Mrs. Rawlings, Miss Courtney, Mr. Wise and Mr. Figgat.

THE ALLEGHANY.

The acquisition of the beautiful Alleghany hotel at Goshen by Mr. James Frazier, the well-known proprietor of the Rock Alum, will be hailed with pleasure by all resorters who spend their summer in the Virginia Mountains. The Alleghany in its every appointment, is the handsomest hotel in the mountains of Virginia, when its interests are combined with the infinite resources of the far-famed Rock Alum, it will form a combination that will satisfy every demand made by both pleasure and health seekers. Golf links will be added to the already long list of attractions.

Mrs. Sykes and Miss Mary Sykes have returned home to the regret of all.

The graceful and pretty Mrs. T. K. Parrish, of Richmond, and her lovely children attract marked attention.

Mrs. King, of Portsmouth has won many friends by her charms of manner.

Mrs. Woodward and Miss Wodward, two very popular and attractive women, have returned home.

NEW ARRIVALS.

R. T. Dorsey and wife, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Rosa L. King, Goshen, Va.; Colonel L. B. Stephenson, Missouri; G. D. Letcher, Lexington, Va.; Mrs. Luther Dawson, Richmond, Va.; John V. Rice, Bridgeton, N. J.; Thomas L. Semmes, Lexington, Va.; J. B. Wood, Goshen, Va.; Miss Kemper, New Orleans, La.; Miss Radley, New Orleans, La.; J. W. Bell, Goshen, Va.; James N. Boyd, Jr., V. M. I.; James M. Meuston, V. M. I.; Mrs. E. P. Allan, Lexington, Va.; Mrs. H. S. Powell, Lexington, Va.; F. H. Auschutz, Lexington, Va.; W. R. Vance, Lexington, Va.; Mrs. A. Mackay, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. W. S. Philpot, New York; M. R. Tregerant, Memphis; W. S. Burke, Staunton, Va.; T. L. Courtney, Richmond, Va.; Henry W. Anderson, Richmond, Va.; S. Rutherfoord Rose, Richmond, Va.; R. L. Owen, Lexington, Va.; R. G. Mitchel, Lexington, Va.; H. C. Wise, Lexington, Va.; B. F. Vaughan, Lexington, Va.; Samuel P. Waddill, Richmond, Va.; S. P. Figgatt, Roanoke, Va.; J. T. Morehead, New York; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Doyle, Richmond, Va.; Miss Alice and Master Hobart Doyle, Richmond, Va.; C. Tyler Brock, Goshen, Va.; Robert B. Jones, Goshen, Va.; Morton Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; A. W. Cameron, Lexington, Va.; Miss Janie Cameron, Lexington, Va.; Miss Randolph, Buena Vista, Va.; Mrs. E. H. Gold, Parkersburg, W. Va.; J. F. McSorley, Richmond, Va.

JOHN KIRK.

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People Linger and Cannot Leave Present Delights.

OUT-DOOR EXERCISE POPULAR.

The Days Taken Up in Riding, Driving and Outdoor Sports, but the Ever-Popular Card Table is Surrounded at Night.

OLD SWEET SPRINGS, W. VA., Sept. 9.—Special.—A most congenial company is still gathered at the Old Sweet, loth to leave this beautiful spot, which looks its loveliest at this time of the year. The fall is undoubtedly the most delightful season here and those who remain in the mountains during September thoroughly enjoy nature as her autumnal garb is very beautiful and brilliant. The days are so bright and the air so bracing that one is tempted to spend all of one's time out-of-doors.

Driving parties to neighboring resorts and points of interest are more popular than ever, while the many romantic walks around the springs have suddenly sprung into high favor. The golf enthusiasts, too, are enjoying these beautiful days to the full, and the links are steadily occupied morning, noon and evening.

CARD PARTIES.

Cards have held their usual popularity during the week. Many delightful little card parties have been given, whose great charm was their informality. Prominent among them was one given by Mrs. Derling, of Chicago, on Monday evening, when Mrs. Smith, of Richmond, won the first prize, a lovely fan, and Mrs. Patterson of Charleston, received the booby, a "red, white and blue" work-basket of rustic manufacture. That same evening Mrs. Christopher Tompkins, of Richmond, was the hostess at a charming seven-handed euchre party, when the fortunate player was Mrs. Lewis, of New Orleans, who received an exquisite pair of gold cuff pins. Mrs. Hampton Lewis entertained at cards on Tuesday evening. The prize, a dainty handkerchief case was won by Mrs. Herbert Claiborne. Friday evening was marked by a delightful card party given by Mrs. Donaldson, of West Virginia, and Mrs. Osborne also entertained a number of her friends at cards. The following evening Mrs. Whitehurst, of Richmond, was hostess at one of the most charming euchre parties of the week, when the prize, a beautiful belt-buckle, fell to Mrs. A. C. Jones, of Newport News.

On Saturday evening the last large dance of the season took place. Those participating were Misses Old, Taylor, Robinson, Goddard, Tompkins, Patterson, Norfleet, Thayer, Mayo, Wilson, Shields, White, Houston, Couch, Baker, Chamberlayne, and Messrs. Whaley, White, Trotman, Coleman, Pettit, Robinson, Goddard, Winn, Gordon, Carney, Thayer, Hotchkiss, Couch, Sams, Whitehurst, and others. The chaperones were Mrs. Whaley, Mrs. Tunstall, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Davenport, and Mrs. Smith.

DANCING AT SWEET CHALYBEATE.

On Monday evening large parties from here went over to the Sweet Chalybeate to attend the final dance there, on which occasion Mr. White kindly placed the omnibuses of the hotel at the disposal of his guests. Mr. Whaley, of Norfolk, entertained a very merry driving party for the same occasion. His guests were Mrs. Whaley, Misses Wilson, Baker, Bessie Chamberlaine, Lillie Norfleet, Louise Allan Mayo, and Messrs. Conway Sams, Wm. Whaley, Jr., Barley and Mackenzie Gordon. After their return home the guests of the springs were serenaded by the band, which a few hours later departed to keep its winter engagement at the V. M. I.

On Tuesday morning a delightful bowling party took place, when Miss New proved herself the most expert player and was presented by Dr. Jones with a dainty silver ink eraser as a token of her skill. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Whaley, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Mead Robinson, Misses Wilson, Mayo and Norfleet, and Mr. C. W. Sams.

The ladies who had charge of the raffling of the antique blue china cup for the benefit of a Virginia lady in reduced circumstances, wish to announce that it was finally raffled off August 15th, at Atlantic City, the lots being drawn under the supervision of an appointed committee. The lucky number, sixty-three, was held by Mrs. McKay, of Baltimore. The sum netted and transmitted to the former owner of the cup was twenty-five dollars.

DEPARTING GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Meredith returned to their home in Richmond this week much to the regret of a large number of friends made during their stay here.

Dr. Christopher Tompkins and his charming wife and family took their departure on Thursday. Mrs. Tompkins is pronounced on all sides not only one of the handsomest, but one of the most popular guests who have visited the springs this summer.

A charming recent acquisition to Old Sweet society is Miss Goddard, of St. Louis, who has been spending the summer at the White Sulphur. Miss Goddard is an unusually handsome girl of the brunette type, and is an expert golfer and swimmer.

Miss Bessie Chamberlain, of Norfolk, well known in Richmond society, left on Friday, much to the universal regret. She gained for herself a large circle of friends during her stay here by her brightness, wit and vivacity and altogether charming personality.

A PHANTOM BALL.

Glimpses of a Pretty Hill Town in Our Sister State.

RONCEVERTE, W. VA., September 9. Special.—Upon a recent visit to the little town of Ronceverte, W. Va., I have been impressed with the summer aspect of the place and the social prestige of the people, especially of a unique social function which was given by very prominent young people. The place is full of flowers, the hills are blue and fair, the river green and full of fish and wide and smooth for boating. Indeed, picnics on the Greenbrier river in boats are quite a feature of the season. One such affair is proposed for to-day.

But it is of the lovely "Phantom Ball" we would tell, given at the handsome home of Dr. Harry B. Moore. Dr. Moore's wife and mother are Virginians—the former belonging to the Fairfax family, of Narrow Neck, a lovely young woman, gifted with the graces of youth and beauty and sweet womanliness so charming and so acceptable in a hostess. Their home is one of the prettiest in the county, and it is a place of pleasure to all her acquaintances. Upon this occasion they invited many guests of the town, making the night one of happiness to strangers, who will carry away memories, not only of the home and its host and hostess, but a memory of the town and its name. The young people were invited to be present at 8:30—and, by the way, one of the sweetest summer girls we have seen this season went about in her buggy inviting and giving directions about the dominoes when the thermometer stood at 93 in the shade—a feature of heroic self-sacrifice quite beyond the ordinary girl. This was Miss Edith Patton, daughter of the popular editor of the Greenbrier Democrat, S. R. Patton, and she was one of the sweetest girls at the party, too, in pale green organdy—a very becoming gown.

When they were all assembled—each wearing a graveyard gown of white, draped over snowy shoulders in some instances like Roman senators, and others in priestley, stately folds and each also with a white mask and peaked cap, every one assuming a silence solemn and scarry, you would have thought the last day had come and one had found one's way

"To that drear land where sad-eyed ghosts walk only."

But after a bit of silent peering of ghastly faces through slits of muslin for eyes, and smothered giggling or gruff-voiced greetings in muffled laughter, a strain of music floated down into the dim parlors and the ghosts began to dance. Oh, such a dance! One graceful, ghastly girl evoked much laughter from those who were only in "evening dress"—your correspondent one of these—by her "cake walk," and the young fellow who challenged her was inimitable in his dancing.

The music was a special feature of the evening. It was made by one musician—a black-faced, happy-hearted son of Ham, a prodigy—a man who wore a French harp across his mouth like a muzzle and played a guitar as the rest of the orchestra like a Spanish troubadour—indeed, like a host of them, for all the popular music came from this unique source—airs from "The Runaway Girl," from Princess Bonne, and from all the coon ballads born during the season—The Hot Times, the Georgy Camp Meetin', and Dixie all came in for a share of attention. The man was first on the upper hall in Dr. Moore's handsome house, but when the masks were removed he descended to the library and played there for the beautiful dance on the parlor carpets. All the parlors were thrown together by the opening of folding doors, and there was a miniature ball-room ready made.

During the ghost dance cards were furnished the ghosts and pencils, with which they proceeded to guess who were hidden behind the hideous masks, and a handsome prize was given to the one guessing the most.

Miss Florence Best was the winner of this prize—a sterling silver nail file, beautifully chased. A consolation prize was given—a pair of eye-glasses—and little Miss Dorothy McLoney, of Virginia, won this.

Refreshments during the evening were: First, lime drops and dates, then cake and ices, followed by black coffee.

After this a humorous game took place in the handsome oaken hall, where a sheet was suspended, having a skull and one cross-bone painted artistically on it. The game was to go blindfolded to that gruesome skull, to feel for its cross-bone, and pin the other one there. Bones of paper were furnished each ambitious guest, and then the fun was lively.

Mr. Taylor, of Ronceverte, won this prize, given for the cross-bone puzzle, and it was worth finding in the dark—a "gold ring" containing a lucky stone of four-leaf clover.

The dancing of the lancers, the reels, the "rythmic two-step," were quite beautiful in those pretty parlors, where all the girls looked dainty as flowers and where the gentlemen possessed the old-fashioned chivalry, the earnest reverence for the ladies—a thing sadly missed at the average summer dance, where men and girls alike seem to be blase.

Dr. and Mrs. Moore were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, Miss Mae Best and Mrs. M. A. Gates.

Those present at this pretty party were as follows: Misses Cora and Nuna Betts, Misses Mae and Florence Best, Miss Edith Patton, Miss Cooke, of Staunton; Miss Eva Clare Grant, of Danville, Ky; Miss Kate Staley, Miss Dorothy MaLoney, of Virginia; Mrs. Ernest Williams, of Washington City; Mrs. M. A. Gates, Mrs. John Harris, Mrs. Alex Hereford, Union, W. Va.; Mr. Harlow Dixon, of Washington and Lee University (late editor of the College annual Calyx), Dr. Clark Thompson, of Virginia; Dr. Powhatan George, of West Virginia; Mr. Taylor, of West Virginia; Mr. Brady, of Yonkers, N. Y.; Mr. Zimmerman, of Virginia; Mr. John Hagan, West Virginia; Mr. George Hauck, of Ronceverte; Mr. Ned Patton, of West Virginia; Mr. John Staley, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. Will Webber, of Ronceverte; Mr. John Harris, of Lewisburg; Mr. Dave Appling, of West Virginia, and others.

Ronceverte is one of the wealthiest, most prosperous towns along the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. It believes in up-hill tendencies—indeed, it is built upon hills.

Many improvements in the near future—among these a new and costly passenger depot for the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad—and perhaps a round-house. The Chesapeake and Ohio has made the town, and it is not surprising that it will add strength to its buildings. One thing surprising about the place is the lack of interest in politics. People say little and care less about the political issues of the day, though everything from the Town Council to the dog laws are run on a political basis—Democratic.

EVA S. GRANT.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Sands & Howard, special commissioners, to John Wright, all interest of Isaac Avery Goddin and judgment cerdi. tors of said Goddin in 52 feet at northwest corner Nineteenth and Cary streets, $100.

Henrico: Northside Land Company to Fred. H. Powell, lot 19 in square 22, Chestnut Hill, $200.

Annie V. and E. A. Holland to Johnnie Gaines, five acres on south side York River railroad, adjoining lands of Ro. Smithie, $200.

Wirt G. Quarles and wife to Mary Elizabeth Rolle, 100 feet on a road leading from Mechanicsville turnpike, $1,250.

An electrical fountain brush has been designed by a Pennsylvanian, having the handle and back of the brush hollow and connected with a water pipe, wires being used to connect the brush and a foot-plate with a battery, the current flowing through the wet bristles into the body.

WARM SPRINGS ARE STILL LIVELY

Germans, Dinners and Card Parties Still in Vogue.

DELIGHTFUL MORNING DANCE.

The Favors Were Natural Flowers and the Souvenirs Were Pretty Silver Trinkets — Shuffle Board and Devil Among the Tailors.

WARM SPRINGS, VA., Sept. 9.—September has not yet brought the quiet for which September in the mountains is noted. We are still indulging in germans, dinners, card parties, shuffle board, and "Devils Among the Tailors," the dining room is full, and every evening the green, yellow, and red parlors are given up to private entertainments that transcend cottage space.

The only morning german of the season was given on Tuesday morning by the young ladies, who have made the Warm Springs charming this summer. The ball-room was decorated with trailing vines and sun-flowers, the costumes were fresh, fleecy muslins, with shady hats, and the girls themselves were dainty and pretty enough to dance a "Wild Flower German," or inspire a summer idyl.

A PRETTY IDEA.

The favors were sun-flowers, gentian, ferns, golden-rod, and China asters, and the german was beautifully led by Miss Kerfoot, of Chicago, a graceful, spirited girl with eyes as "blue as the skies," and golden brown hair, and Miss Fry, of Mobile, another one of the sweetest and most attractive girls here. The figures were the rope, the May-pole, the football, the gong, and the Aurora.

Souvenirs, all sorts of pretty silver trinkets, were given the men, and Miss Waggaman, of Washington, drew the prize presented by Mrs. John S. Middleton, of Louisville.

Among the dancers were Misses Burgess, Pilcher, Weisinger, Bayard, Waggaman, Peebles, Shepard, Williams, Slingluff, Thornton, Davis, Boykin, Wilson, and Messrs. Williams, Lehr, Van Winkle, Shaw, Boykin, Bayliss, Middleton, Elliott, Cobb, Gibson, Merrick, Carey, Barnes, Chapman, Thompson, Kerr, Hawes, and Walsh. The chaperones were: Mrs. Waggaman, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Hawes, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Widiner, and Mrs. Middleton.

SHUFFLE BOARD.

On Wednesday Miss Thornton, of Lexington, Kentucky, gave Mrs. Bright, of New Orleans, a shuffle board party.

Mrs. Grandy, of Norfolk, won the prize at "Devil Among the Tailors," a silver court-plaister case; Mrs. Bright, at shuffle board a very handsome crystal clock, and Mr. Duane Cobb, a Russian leather pocket-book. Those present were Mrs. Bright, Misses Mary and Margaret Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George T. M. Gibson, Miss Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hamilton, Mrs. Grandy, Miss Weisinger, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Edward S. Elliott, of Savannah, gave a charming little card party on Thursday evening, at which Miss Davis, of Philadelphia, won a Dresden china cup and saucer, and Miss Thornton, of Lexington, Ky., a very pretty silver pen.

EUCHRE PARTY.

On Friday evening Miss Julia Mengel, daughter of one of Louisville's most prominent business men, and one of the leaders in the younger society set, gave a seven-in-hand euchre party to Miss Ethel Kerfoot, Lillian Weisinger, Elise Parkinson, Mamie Williams, Nellie Davenport, and Jarvis Burgess, Walter Murphy, Phil Weisinger, and Davenport Williams, Mamie Williams, of Richmond, a lovely little blonde, won a silver bracelet, and Jarvis Burgess, a scarf pin bearing the coat of arms of the United States. Delicious refreshments were served.

But the handsomest entertainment of the week was the card party given by Mrs. Lehr, of Baltimore. Mrs. Lehr, very handsome and distinguished, received her guests in the yellow card-room, assisted by her cousin, Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis, of Philadelphia. There were four tables of eight-in-hand euchre, around which were gathered prominent members of Baltimore, Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, St. Louis, Savannah, Richmond, and Lexington society. The prizes were won by Mr. Robert Thornton of Lexington, Ky., hand-painted memorandum book; Mrs. George T. M. Gibson, of Baltimore, silver bell; Mr. George T. M. Gibson, of Baltimore, silver cork-screw; Mr. Horace Hawes, of Richmond, silver match-case. The score-keepers—Misses Lothi Haile, Precious Moore, and Annie Moore, received enamelled four-leaf clover belt buckle and tortoise shell combs. The souvenir of the evening was an exquisite violet and diamond neck clasp. Almond, chicken, lettuce and pate du foie gras sandwiches and champagne were served during the evening.

Those present were Mrs. Horace Hawes, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Davis, of Philadelphia, Miss Davis, of Washington; Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Waggaman, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Weld, Mrs. Grandy, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Eubank, Mrs. Taliaferro, Mrs. Perry, Misses Thornton Brown, McCandlish, Bayard, Waggaman, Mrs. Filley, and Messrs. Gibson, Elliott, Bayard, Ross, Perry, Rutherfoord, Thornton, Hawes, Ross Perry, Jr., Lehr, Stuart, and Dr. Williams and Mr. George E. Hamilton.

Mr. William Kerfoot, one of Chicago's most prominent men, is with his family, spending September here.

Mrs. Filley and Miss Hopkins, of St. Louis, and Mr. and Mrs. John Woodward, of Louisville, who made so many friends here last summer, have returned for September.

The Misses Boykin, of Richmond, are delightful additions to the society here.

Another Car Line.

There is a plan on foot among the property owners of the Cary-street road to widen that thoroughfare, and to secure, if possible, a car line to run to the forks of the road. They will probably offer the franchise to one of the existing companies, unless a new company can be organized for this purpose.

Among the promoters of this enterprise are some of the largest land-owners of this section, Messrs. Henry Haase, P. A. Lowry, Jno. Lennox, C. H. Thompson, and others.

Dr. R. A. Patterson, who owns considerable property on this road says that he is not in favor of the widening of the road, as it will necessitate the loss of the trees now along its edges.

Should the car line run through the fields, the Doctor says that he would be in favor of it, but as the case now stands he does not see the use of this line.

Should this line be completed it will add largely to the advantages of this section, and open one of the most delightful residential parts of the city.

A SWELL AFFAIR.

Hunt Bal Poudre in Full Dress at Wytheville.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., Sept. 9.—Special.—The swellest social function of the season was the Hunt Bal Poudre given on Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Macalister, of Baltimore, who are sojourners in Wytheville. The gentlemen were attired in full dress with red full dress coats and the ladies in white with red ribbons and red bouquets.

The ball opened at 10:30 o'clock P. M., with one hundred guests. The programme was (1) Two Step; (2) Waltz; (3) Two Step; (4) Dancing in the Barn; (5) Hunt Lances. In the lances there were three sets, composed of eight couples each. The English Hunt Lances songs were sung while the Lances were danced. After the dancing was over an elegant repast was served and several toasts were proposed by orators of wide reputation.

Those dancing the Lances were as follows: First set—Colonel W. O. Moores, in full uniform of the Governor's Staff, with Mrs. Stephen Putney, of Richmond; John C. Blair, of Wytheville, with Miss Willie Withers, of Wytheville; C. M. Trinkle, of Wytheville, with Mrs. John C. Blair, of Wytheville; H. L. Crockett, of Wytheville, with Miss Hyer, of Pensacola; Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, with Mrs. Hodges, of Norfolk; Robert Blair, of Wytheville, with Miss Kellogg, of Mobile; J. A. Sanders, with Mrs. Christie, of Philadelphia; Ed. Moyler, of Roanoke, with Miss Ethel Smith, of Lynchburg.

Second set—Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, of Wytheville; General James A. Walker with Mrs. Wright, of Pensacola; Mr. Alex. Walker, of Florence, Ala., with Miss Hornsby, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Captain Phillips, Fourth Artillery, U. S. A., Fort Monroe, with Mrs. Alex. Walker, of Florence, Ala.; Arthur Ribble, of Wytheville, with Mrs. Phillips, of Fort Monroe; Will Trinkle, of Wytheville, with Miss Laura Jones, of Petersburg; Kyle Gibboney, of Wytheville, with Mrs. W. S. Poage, of Wytheville; Stuart Spiller, of Wytheville, with Miss Nellie Sayers, of Wytheville.

Third set—Hugh Caldwell, of Wytheville with Mrs. Chas. Macalister, of Baltimore; Stuart Bancock, of Wytheville with Miss Fannie Goodwin, of Wytheville; Samuel Sayers, of Wytheville with Miss Eveline Christie, of Philadelphia; Captain Sydney Moore, Wytheville with Miss Sue Spiller; Judge William E. Fulton, of Wytheville with Miss Ella Menefee, of Galveston, Tex.; Robert Pierce, of Allisonia, Va., with Miss Mae Preston Kent, of Wytheville; Robert Miller, of Wytheville with Miss Minnie Spiller, of Wytheville.

Among those who did not participate in the Lances were Captain Robert Crockett, Captain William Gibboney, Mr. David Blair, Mrs. W. S. Poage, Miss Obenchain, Mrs. A. C. Brown, Mrs. John Brown, Miss Josephine Putney, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Campbell, Miss Mary Poage, the Misses Lovelace, of Marion, Ala., Dr. Ed. McGavock, Miss Julia Sayers and several others. The ball continued until near 3 A. M., when the party dispersed with the unanimous verdict that never before had they attended a more enjoyable affair.

Adjudged Insane.

Mr. John Bottoms was judged insane yesterday morning by a commission composed of Magistrates Thomas, Lewis, and Fitzwilson, of the county. Bottoms is subject to spells of insanity, which last for several days, when he is very dangerous. He was brought to the court-house by Constable Chas. W. Thomas.

The teachers of the Brookland District Schools were at the office of the School Board signing the contracts for the coming session, which will open to-morrow.

The Fairfield teachers will be in next Saturday, and Tuckahoe and Varina on the Saturday following.

The County Court opens to-morrow for a long term. There will be a grand jury and a number of important cases are on the docket.

Voice Culture.

Miss Helen Nye, soprano at Grove Avenue Baptist church, and late soprano at Centenary M. E. chuhch, in a card elsewhere offers to teach voice culture and sight reading.

Miss Nye is a pupil of Dr. J. W. Bischoff, of Washington, D. C., and is recommended by him not only as a singer, but as a competent teacher of vocal music. Her method is thorough and those who patronize her may be sure of the best results. She may be consulted from day to day at her studio No. 206 east Main street.

The High Bridge.

The world has its seven wonders. Prince Edward its one, which is the high bridge. Older readers of the newspapers can remember when it was building, years and years ago, and it has always been a mystery to many of them that it was built at all. Why Farmville could not have been reached without crossing the Appomattox none but an engineer will ever know. When it was originally constructed it was said to be the highest bridge of its length in the country. Its length is 2,863 feet, and its height 115. Until 1870 its superstructure was of wood. In that year General Mahone, being president of the road, it gave place to iron, this in turn, in 1886, was followed by another iron structure—"up to date" in every particular. The new structure was put in place without any interruption whatever to travel.

In 1896 Mr. W. A. Foreman entered upon the discharge of his duty as guard of the bridge, and with the exception of two years, when he was absent on account of ill health, he has been doing that work since. He says that during the days of the wooden bridge he was kept constantly fighting fire, and that it was not unusual to have as many as six or seven fires on at the same time. This condition was improved with the introduction of iron for the first time, and is very much better now. The brick piers to the bridge have been painted several times since Mr. Foreman has been guard, and this being done occasionally, it is said that they will last forever.—Lynchburg News.

The French Opera Company will leave Paris about the middle of September, going to Canada direct. The tour will open in Montreal during the first week in October, and will be under the direction of Charles Nicosias.

TRADE CARNIVAL FOR STAUNTON

Merchants Moving to Make It a Success.

GERMAN AT HIGHLAND PARK.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Celebrate Their Silver Wedding— The Fruit Growers Wagt the Legislature to Pass a Pure Food Bill.

STAUNTON, Sept. 9.—Special.—The merchants are working to assure the success of the Trades Carnival to be held on October 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. This will be something entirely new for Staunton. The Baldwin District Fair Association will hold their annual fair at the same time. A fine exhibition of cattle and some good racing is promised.

Prominent among the visitors here is Miss Elizabeth Fisher, of Richmond, who is the recipient of much attention.

Miss Louise Powell is spending some time here with relatives.

POPULAR GERMAN.

One of the most enjoyable social gatherings of the season was the german given by the young men at Highland Park. Those present were Misses Janet Bell, Fannie Peck, Helen Baxter, Mamie Grasty, Lutie Moore, of Galveston, Texas; Jane and Elizabeth Fisher, of Richmond; Sallie and Kate Faunticroy, Bessie Brunson, South Carolina; Alice Kelley and Fannie Wilson, Norfolk; Jessie Bowling, May Crowle, Laura Boyd, Fannie Hogshead, Eita Hangle, of Washington; Gladys and Bessie Frazier, Bessie McCoy, Rose Harrison, Ella Hanson, Elise Jameer, Daisy Yarbrough, Richmond; Anna Woodward, Eliza Hamilton, Janette Summerson, Eugenia Bumgardner, Jessie McLenahen, of Pennsylvania; Sallie Wolfe, Charlottesville; Helen Taylor Belle Foster, Katie Eichelberger and Bates, and Messrs. L. W. H. Peyton, F. G. Hereford, Marshall and Jas. Grasty, Wm. Cooke, Wallace McFarland, Pruviance and Frazier, Sams, High Trout, Tinley and Will Pilson, Louis Peck, R. C. Wilson, Waddell Kinney, Wm. B. Trout, J. S. and Rudolph Bumgardner, L. G. Cootes, Jordan and Gunther Hope, Frank and Frazier Bell, F. L. and Stuart Oliver, Kent Harrison, Frank Webb, A. W. Blackley, R. A. Tonney, Thos. Bowling, J. W. Laird, R. S. Brooke, Chas. East, John D. Crowle, Jr., Walter Hullihen, Harry Hogshead, Gideon and Payt Timberlake, Carroll Summerson, and Dr. G. A. Sprinkle.

The chaperones were Mesdames Moore and Apperson.

Mrs. A. R. Clements spent a short while in town returning from Variety Springs.

T. F. Stonebarner, of Richmond, was in town recently. He claims to have made a discovery that will be most valuable to all fruit growers. A certain kind of mineral when placed around the tree prevents all insects and bugs, and also makes the fruit much larger.

SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brooke celebrated their silver wedding at their home near town last week.

Mrs. Chas. Vaughan, of Richmond, killed fourteen bats on the wing a few days ago. Her shooting was much admired.

Mrs. John Crosby and children have returned to Richmond after a visit to Mrs. Wm. A. Burnett.

The Fruit Growers Association of Augusta, have passed a resolution asking the members of the Legislature to urge a good pure food bill at the next meeting of that body.

Lewis Walke, of Portsmouth, and Selden Walke, of Richmond, spent Sunday here with their sisters.

The Mary Baldwin Seminary opened Wednesday with the brightest outlook it has ever had.

Mrs. DeWitt, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Berkley Miner, has returned to her home in Richmond.

Rev. E. H. Schesle, who for many years was pastor of the Lutheran church here, but resigned last year to accept a call to St. Joseph, Mo., has now resigned there and will spend some time in traveling.

Miss Elizabeth Burwell Jones, one of the most popular young ladies here is now visiting Miss Natalie Harris, at Frederick's Hall, Louisa county.

Prof. J. M. Brereton, who for some years has been the successful director of the famous "Stonewall" Band has accepted a position as travelling salesman for the music house of W. W. Putnam & Co.

DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION.

The Beverly Manor Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will entertain the Daughters from all over the State at the annual meeting to be held here the latter part of October. Preparations are being made to give them a royal welcome and good time.

Saturday night, Nat Russell, a quiet and respectable colored man living near town, was held up and robbed of his money and bundles. His assailants had seen him change a large note at a grocery store and followed him till they came to a dark place in the road where they covered him with two pistols and demanded his money.

Thos. W. Brander was in town this week.

The remains of Miss Sarah Coles Bruce were taken to South Boston for interment on Thursday.

Two new establishments opened their doors to the public this week, one a dry goods and notion house and the other a gent's furnishing store.

Polk Miller was in town this week. He gave two of his delightful entertainments in the county and won many new admirers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Talbott of Waynesboro, and Mrs. W. T. Richardson were in town Wednesday. Mrs. Richardson will make her home here this winter and send her granddaughter, Ann Talbott, to the Virginia Female Institute.

Much sympathy is felt here for Mrs. S. H. Owen and the Misses Stanard in their deep distress over the sad death of their sister, Mrs. Eastham.