

Men of gold with limbs of steel, Fried and tempered by the heat of the fires we cannot feel, Of the trials we dare not meet?

Harden hands, but hearts as soft, As a baby's first caress, Drown and rough the earth that hides, Souls of utmost tenderness—

Could I catch the tones that swell In the silent toiler's breast, Weave them into harmonies, Willingly I'd go to rest.

For my songs would ever live, Treasured where a sob or sigh I unknown had comforted, Would not gladly let them die.

Tobacco is coming freely and good quality selling well.

Mr. R. J. Baldwin with his wife and son, of Bluefield, W. Va., is visiting his father in this place.

George Carter, of Buckingham, sold nearly 3,000 pounds of tobacco here last week for \$12 hundred.

Mr. Howell Richardson, who for nearly two years has been away from home in the far south and west, returned yesterday morning.

A "25c. show" struck the town the other day and effected one of our fellow-citizens seriously. He was somewhat better at last reports.

The big pile of sand and brick in front of the Opera House are for the pavement which is to take the place of the old plank and dirt walk.

The date fixed by the court last Monday for the local option election, is February 20th. This is but a little over one month in which the canvass is to be made.

Robert Downing's grand production entitled "An Indiana Romance," has been engaged for the Farmville Opera House for the night of Wednesday, February 14th.

Miss Flora A. Twelvetees, of New York City, who has been visiting her uncle, Mr. F. H. Twelvetees, left Wednesday for Charlotte, N. C., to visit relatives.

The passage of the "Jim Crow" bill by the Legislature will meet the approval of nine tenths of our white citizens, and little or no comment is heard in opposition by the colored people here.

It is reported that a subscription list is being passed around and favorably looked upon for the establishment of another bank in Farmville. It is to be a national institution with a capital of \$50,000.

The governor has respited the negro youth, who on this day was to have expiated a heinous crime at Cumberland courthouse. It is learned that the execution will not take place before the latter part of March.

People visiting and trading in Town this week were J. R. and J. W. Foyes, Henry Patteson, Buckingham county; George Webb, Willie Coleman, Appomattox county; John W. Blanton, H. K. Adams, Cumberland county.

A large quantity of rock has been placed on the road leading to Hampden-Sidney, near Kingsville, and the crusher is now ready for work. Why not attend to the bottom places first? It strikes us that this would be "sensible to the last."

The county of Cumberland has five fat horses in the stable of Mr. W. D. Lesturgeon, eating and having a "good time." They could be usefully employed on the public roads winter and summer. Why it is not done is a mystery to us.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. B. W. L. Blanton, Jr., son of Col. B. W. L. Blanton, of Cumberland, to Miss Eda Perkinson, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. E. A. Perkinson, of Richmond, Va. The marriage will take place on February the 6th, 1900, at 10:30 a. m.

On the night of the 11th inst quite a severe lightning, thunder and rain storm passed over Farmville. The same unusual thing occurred about the same date of last year, followed the next month by the worst spell of cold and snow known for thirty years. We hope the same will not be true this year.

That was a good joke on a temperance advocate who was forced to apply to a saloon keeper for a stimulant for a sick friend, and that too on Sunday. The sick person couldn't wait, and the owner of the medicine generously contributed to the relief of suffering humanity. So there are times when we must have the "stuff," no matter who it kills at other times.

Those old "Hets," they don't object to the name, "Bob" Miller and "Sam" Paulett, have had their pictures "took" in the regulation gray, and though a little gray themselves, there is the old time bearing and flash of eye which reminds of days when they not only wore the uniforms but carried the gun and used them when occasion offered. How they would rejoice in having the Confederate Home located in Prince Edward, and what times they would have telling camp jokes and singing camp songs. Long may they live and flourish.

A rumor is that at the approaching local option election our citizens will probably have up the question of the town's purchasing the water works. Many are favoring this proposition, suggesting the combining of the electric light plant and the water plant, making one set of machinery do the two-fold work of lighting our town and pumping water at the same time.

A new firm in town is that of Noel Bros. & Cunningham, which is composed of Messrs. W. E. Noel, R. W. Noel and W. N. Cunningham—all Farmville boys, young in years but

rich in experience necessary to the successful conduct of their business. They will within a few weeks throw open their doors in the handsome new building opposite the depot, where the public in want of anything in household goods will be welcomed and courteously treated. Look out for their advertisement in the HERALD.

If we may judge by the frequent conversations on the subject among women, there is today a marked revival of interest in embroidering—both in colors and in white; a fascinating and beautiful employment. In recognition of this development, the "Delicater"—now in its 55th volume—introduces in the February number some dainty specimens of colored embroideries in an artistic plate, supplemented by designs and working instructions for the details. Our lady readers will, no doubt, hail with great pleasure this initial instalment of the new department, which would seem to cap the efforts of the publishers of the "Delicater" to make this charming magazine a delight to its patrons. It will be well worth the while of any woman educated in needlework, who may not be a subscriber, to secure a copy of the February issue (15 cents; any newsdealer).

Mr. Warren L. Giffard, of Massachusetts, has recently purchased, through the Southside Virginia Farm Agency, a portion of the Hurd tract and adjoining that of Mr. E. E. Hundley, and will soon bring his family to the new home and he and they become one of us. Mr. Giffard has already been most favorably impressed with the cordial greetings and warm hand-grips of those of our people he has met with and we doubt not that these things had much to do with his choice of a home in Virginia. The farmers he talked with were cheerful and hopeful, loyal to their homes and sections, and this made the citizen of Massachusetts want to live with such peopled neighbors. No one would knowingly and of his own accord come to reside in a neighborhood of pessimists and growers. There are other homes in this section for sale, and all men who love the section desire to see them occupied by good and true citizens. The Southside Virginia Farm Agency is doing earnest work in the effort of inducing purchasers. You can aid by your manner of welcoming new comers.

Normal School Notes. Miss Ida Sharp was called home Friday by the death of her father.

The entertainment to be given to the school by the Annual staff has been postponed until after "Pitching Day." The senior class received their tickets Wednesday, and every one will be glad to hear that there were no failures. Dr. Frazer is in Richmond in behalf of the school.

The examinations for the senior A class begin on Monday and continue through the week.

Busy Court Term. The first county court term of the new year was a busy one, the chief case of interest being the criminal prosecution of William Watson of Lockett district upon the charge of burning a number of fodder and straw stacks belonging to Mr. L. H. Wingo. In the absence of Judge Watkins, Capt. T. E. Watkins, of Charlotte, and Mr. G. S. Wing, of this county, prosecuted Watson, while for his defense were employed Judge H. W. Flournoy and Mr. Walter A. Watson, of Nottoway. Two days were consumed in taking testimony and arguing the case before the jury, resulting in the acquittal of the accused.

The Normal School. The bill providing for an appropriation of \$9,000 to assist in the education of teachers at the State Female Normal School, was discussed before the House Finance Committee Wednesday. It is intended to defray one-half of the board and tuition of one young woman from each county and town in the State.

Capt. Todd, of Augusta, the patron of the bill, advocated it on the ground that more teachers were needed, and that those turned out by the Normal were superior to any others. President Frazer, of the normal, made a magnetic address, dealing with the far-reaching effects on the State of educated teachers in the public schools and advocating the bill as a public measure. Mr. Turnbull, chairman of the trustees of the school, stated that the school would not be specially benefited, as they had more students than they could care for with the means at hand, but commended it as a good measure for the benefit of the State at large. The bill was passed by.

Society and the Wheel. A Washington correspondent of the Cycle Age says: "Reviewing the past season's business seems to be the principal occupation of the bicycle dealers at present. The past week has been prolific in rosy forecasts for the future, based on calculations from the year's good record. While sales just now are comparatively few, owing to inclement weather and to the fact that a great many of the dealers have been going over their books instead of hunting customers, probably no one agent feels otherwise than optimistic for 1900.

"The significant feature of the local bicycle trade during the past year has been the steady increase in the demand for bicycles from that desirable class known as 'society.' The general impression was that society would soon tire of its new fad, and that it would not be many months before it would be through with the bicycle for all time, but the fact of the matter is that there never were so many society people interested in cycling as there are today, and their ranks are being constantly augmented."

HERALD and World only \$1.60.

HENRY ARCHER ALLEN DEAD.

Was an Aged and Respected Citizen of Lynchburg.

Mr. Henry Archer Allen, an aged and highly respected resident of the city, died Friday evening, January 12th, at his home, No. 1001 Jackson street. Although in feeble health, he had been for some years actively engaged in the tobacco business with his sons. In his last illness, he was patient and resigned, and accepted the decrees of providence with unswerving fortitude. While suffering at times from weakness resulting from an affection of the heart, he was not considered fatally ill until a few days ago. The end came as he would have wished it. With his family gathered about him—conscious to the last—without pain and without fear, he met his only enemy.

Mr. Allen came to the city about thirteen years ago from near Farmville, in Prince Edward county, and became connected with the firm of E. A. Allen & Co., tobacco manufacturers. Here he led a quiet but industrious life, and until a few months ago, he went regularly to the factory.

Mr. Allen was a Christian gentleman in the full meaning of the word. He moved among men respected and loved by all who knew him. In his home he loved to have his friends about him. Accustomed in other days to move in the best of Prince Edward's society, his home in this city had the flavor of the old-time life in the country. Unobtrusive as his manner was, his influence was potent with all of his associates. His noble, generous nature endeared him to all who had the good fortune to know him. In Prince Edward, he lived at East Cliff, the home of his father, Dr. Merritt Allen, and in all that country he was greatly honored. His unselfish and ardent patriotism was fully exemplified in our late sectional war, and the beauty of his Christian character evidenced in his unflinching acceptance of its issues.

He was a member of Westminster church, in the welfare of which he took the deepest interest. Mr. Allen is survived by his wife, two sons, and three daughters.

To Educate the Girls. The Rockbridge County News is in favor of the proposition of Delegate Todd, of Augusta, for the State to appropriate annually the sum of \$5,000 to afford help to one girl from each county in the State in obtaining an education at the State Female Normal School. Our contemporary thinks that in taking this step the State would be giving efficient help to our common schools by securing more competent teachers.

Apart from this, we are clearly of opinion that the State should do something more for the higher education of girls. The discrimination against the girls of Virginia cannot be justified. The State expends a large sum of money every year in order to give to the youth of Virginia the very best educational advantages, but very little is done in behalf of the other sex. Give the girls a chance, say we.—Richmond Leader.

And so says every chivalrous son of the Old Dominion.

To Pardon a Burglar. A petition signed by all the court officers of Prince Edward county, and a large number of citizens of this town, will be presented at an early day to the Governor of Virginia, asking for the conditional pardon of George Clark, the famous burglar, sent up for fifteen years from Farmville for burglaries committed here about ten years ago. It will be recalled by many of our readers that Clark and two other white men named Fox and Haley, committed the most daring burglaries in Farmville ever known in this section and were arrested by Richmond officers and brought back here for trial. Among the places broken into and robbed in Farmville on the same night by them was the postoffice. The trial was quite a memorable one, and it kept several of the Richmond police here for a number of days. Fox and Haley confessed to committing the burglaries, but exonerated Clark in their testimony; still, the latter's guilt was clearly established, and for the big fight made for his liberty he was given five years longer term in the penitentiary than the other two, their sentence being for ten years. It transpired after the trial of Clark that he was an escaped convict from Joliet, Ill., and it was said that he had also served a term or more in Pennsylvania. The petition which will be presented to Governor Tyler, reads as follows:

"At the term of the County Court of Prince Edward, one George Clark was convicted of house breaking in our town, breaking the house of R. S. Paulett & Son. From the time of his conviction to the present he has been and is now a convict. He shows evidences of repentance; he is growing old and is becoming feeble. The parties who were injured and the community in which the crime was committed feel that he has already suffered enough, and we earnestly ask that your Excellency will grant him a conditional pardon, that he may have the opportunity of spending his last days a free man, and may as best he can reform his mispent life."

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