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Brought Here and Interred.

The remains of Emma Orrock, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Orrock formerly of Spotsylvania, but now of Henrico county, who died last Thursday, were brought here Saturday and interred in the City Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. W. D. Smith, of St. George's Episcopal church.

Young People Enjoy Themselves

Miss Flora Mason, daughter of Judge John E. Mason, gave a most enjoyable party Saturday to the following friends: Misses Lucy Brockenbrough, Susie Yates, Lillian Young, Elizabeth Coghill, Susie Bradley and Master Taylor Smith. Innocent amusements were indulged in and refreshments served in profusion.

Vocal Recital at the College.

On Friday night, 21st of April, a vocal recital will be given in the College chapel, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Bidsz, assisted by the Glee Club, which will make its first appearance in public this year. The principal attraction of the program will be the rendition of some of the best numbers of Gounod's opera "Faust." Mrs. L. A. Bidsz will sing the celebrated "Jewels Scene."

Three schools of singing will be put into comparison: Mendelssohn, the immortal German writer, Denzetti, one of the best representatives of the Italian school, and Gounod, the father of the French school.

The public of Fredericksburg is cordially invited.

Grand Council Royal Arcanum April 18th, 1899.

On account of the above meeting we will sell round trip tickets to Richmond April 17th, 18th, good to return until the 21st, inclusive, at \$2.60. C. C. Cox, Agent.

Wheat and Corn Lower.

The bulls held the market for wheat and corn up to Saturday morning and carried the price of May wheat to 75 cents and May corn to 35 1/2, but the offerings were large, receipts in West heavy, crop damage reports thought to be exaggerated and export demand small, and both reacted Saturday and closed at 72 1/2 for May wheat and 34 1/2, May corn.

Improvements.

Mr. Frank T. Covey, of Baltimore, who recently purchased a number of lots in the western part of city, is having a residence erected on Lee Avenue, which he will occupy with his family. As soon as the dwelling is completed, Mr. Covey will erect a number of greenhouses and open up a florist's business here.

Local and Current Comments.

Real estate is advancing rapidly in Ranko, Va.

Mr. George Freeman, Jr., is very sick at his home here.

Mr. H. B. Coghill, of King George C. H., was in the city yesterday.

Italian Queen Bids for sale. Apply to Eugene Bozell, Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr. F. W. Chandler, of Caroline, was in the city yesterday on business.

Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway returned yesterday from a visit to Washington.

Mrs. Laura J. Cook of Washington, is visiting Mr. J. H. Williams and family.

Judge J. E. Mason left yesterday by steamer for Richmond county, to hold Circuit Court at Warsaw.

Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway preached Sunday at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, in Washington.

Mr. E. L. Lent, of the Guineys neighborhood, Caroline county, was in the city Saturday on business.

Sunday was cold and disagreeable. Sunday night a heavy frost fell. Yesterday was almost a perfect day.

At the Methodist Church Rev. John A. Keen, of Randolph Meun College, preached two able sermons Sunday.

Miss Eliza Davis, a relative of Capt. Dan M. Davis, died Sunday at her home in Stafford county, aged 20 years.

Many country people were in town Saturday, and the county elections was the chief topic of conversation with them.

The engagement is announced of Miss Charlotte Thornton Mason, of Virginia, to Mr. Julius M. Dashiell, of Philadelphia.

Mr. James L. Powell is a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney in Spotsylvania county. See his card elsewhere.

Messrs. James L. Powell, Lee J. Graves and R. H. Jerrell, of the county, were among the visitors to the city Saturday.

Saturday afternoon Fredericksburg College base ball team was defeated by Gallaher of Washington, D. C., by a score of 8 to 5.

Messrs. Mason Willis, W. E. Embrey, Jr., R. E. Swift and Elight Harrison, of Least Dale Academy, are home for a day or two.

Beautiful gingham, figured niques, check muslin, dotted muslins and wash goods of all kinds now being opened at E. T. Baker's.

Mr. B. C. Stephens, of Tackett's Mill neighborhood, Stafford county, was in the city yesterday. He reports county politics lively.

Peyton and Charlotte Williams, an aged and respected colored couple, passed the 54th anniversary of their marriage last Saturday.

Work on the new bridge over the canal on Hanover street was commenced yesterday under the supervision of Major W. S. Embrey.

Fresh garden, flower and grass seed, large stock, low prices, also everything usually found in the best drug stores, at lowest prices at Hall's.

Miss Lucy Belle Morris, of Philadelphia, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. M. Braxton, is spending several days in Richmond before returning home.

On account of the sudden disappearance of spring fish the seine fishery at Fowke's Shore, on the Potomac, in King George county, "cut out" last week.

We open this week another large line of the latest styles in sailor hats and shawls, beautiful new flowers, gumps, &c. T. N. Brent, millinery department.

The funeral of Mr. John A. Alesh at his late home in Spotsylvania Sunday afternoon was largely attended, attesting the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

T. D. Ficklin, well known to many of our readers, has gone to Fredericksburg where he has accepted a position with the firm of James T. Lowery & Co.—Northern Neck News.

Mr. Thomas G. Lewis, of the Oso neighborhood, in King George county, while walking about his farm a few days ago, lost from his pocket a handsome double case gold watch.

Lieutenant W. D. Newbill, on duty at Porto Rico, arrived at his home in Lancaster county, a few days ago, and will spend his "thirty-days" furlough with his folks in and around Irvington.

The month of Carter's creek, in Lancaster county, has been surveyed by a civil engineer of the U. S. War Department Corps, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not dredging or deepening it is a public necessity.

Miss Elie Mary Werth has been chosen by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to be their maid of honor at the reunion in Charleston next month. Miss Amy Werth will accompany her sister—Richmond Dispatch.

In the recent election at Fremont, Ohio, Mr. M. L. Shackelford, a brother of Col. Geo. S. Shackelford, of Orange, was re-elected City S. Alder by 57 majority, being the only Democrat elected in the city.

Miss Mary Eyrd Gagie, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gayle, near Spotsylvania Court House, has returned to Fairfax county, where she is teaching in a private family.

The dwelling on Charles street belonging to Mrs. Flora Swift is being handsomely repaired and put in thorough repair by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Dill, who will occupy it as their home as soon as the improvements are completed.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. B. W. Mebane, who went to Winston, N. C., last week to officiate at the marriage of a relative, the pulpit at the Presby. Church was filled Sunday by Rev. F. P. Ramsey in the morning and by Rev. Dr. W. N. Mebane at night.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. T. D. Coghill, the marriage of Mr. Robert A. Coghill to Miss Annie F. Winston, which was to have been solemnized in the Methodist church of Bowling Green today, will take place quietly at the home of the bride tonight.

Rev. Charles R. Hyde, of Richmond, who has been the guest of Prof. and Mrs. S. W. Somerville, while here acquainting himself with the needs of the Assembly's Home and School left Saturday for Baltimore to begin his work as financial agent for this institution.

Saturday Col. James D. Brady held a conference here with other members of the Battledie Field Association, in reference to matters connected with the promotion of that project. In company with Judge J. B. Souder and Mr. St. George R. Fitzhugh, he also visited the historic places in and around the city.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Carrie L. Paxton and received by friends of the groom-elect here, to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Winifred Paxton, to Rev. Croydon W. Trawick. The ceremony will take place Wednesday morning, April 26, at 9 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, in Buena Vista, Va.

The young women of Norfolk have taken up the question of better Sunday observance. Under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union they have declared themselves prepared to make a fight for proper keeping of the day.

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WESTMORELAND.

Circuit Court—Escaped From Jail—Corn Planting—Fish—Personals.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Montross, Va., April 15th, 1899.

Circuit Court, Judge J. E. Mason presiding, was in session Thursday and Friday. A jury was summoned to answer the roll call, but as there were no cases on the docket at this term of his court requiring their services they were discharged. The following attorneys were on hand: Hons. W. W. Walker and O. Harding Walker, W. T. Mayo, Jos. Chinn, R. J. Washington, ex-Judge Chas. H. Ashton, Geo. Mason, Judge R. H. Beale and C. Conway Baker.

The county jail, at Montross, has been liberally patronized for the past six months, but for a few days this week it was without an occupant. The last inmate, Joe Hall, made his escape a few nights ago. With the use of a file he released himself from the iron cage, after which he opened a hole through the brick wall. At this writing his whereabouts are not known.

Victoria Smith, a colored lunatic, was brought from the neighborhood of Baynesville yesterday and lodged in the county jail.

Farmers are all very busy and some are planting corn. The wheat and clover has undergone a wonderful change in the last week, and the prospect for both is brightening.

Herring and shad are being brought to Nomini wharf in abundance by run boats from the lower Potomac fish traps. Herring find ready sale at 25 cents per hundred, shad slow sale at 35 cents per pair.

William Tate, a well known and respected colored man, died Saturday evening last.

Rev. Mr. Hurras, pastor of the Methodist Church, at Montross, is in Washington on a visit.

Dr. Mann arrived home by steamer Wakefield Saturday.

The political market is solid and well supplied with stable material. Candidates all on the hustle.

THE GAME TO DAY

Harvard Varsity vs. Fredericksburg.

To-day will be the biggest in the base ball history of Fredericksburg and a tremendous crowd is expected to watch the Harvard University team play the locals. Harvard comes flushed with Saturday's victory over the University of Virginia, but the home boys hope to make the big collegians hustle from the start. With the Crimson will be seen the two celebrated football players of last year's champion team—Dibble and Huntington—and both are said to be as good on the diamond as they are on the gridiron. The Fredericksburg boys do not feel a bit discouraged over their defeat of Saturday, and the whole team practiced yesterday afternoon in the most approved style.

Admission this afternoon will be the same as usual, 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. When the game begins at 4:15 p. m. the management hopes to see five hundred people on the grounds.

The Richmond team, last year's pennant winners in the Atlantic League, play here Friday.

Notes From Richmond County.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Warsaw Va., April 15th, 1899.

Mrs. W. E. Coleman is visiting friends in Baltimore.

L. J. Warner and J. K. Morgan are in Baltimore this week on business.

Mrs. W. G. Wallace returned Sunday from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives at Sharps Wharf.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Shackelford returned from Baltimore Wednesday, and were accompanied by Miss Hattie Mitchell, who has been spending some time there.

Miss Lola Minor, a charming young lady of Colonial Beach, is visiting Miss Eva Garland.

The German given recently by the young men of Warsaw and Westmoreland at Mr. Airy was quite a success.

Mr. Minetree, of Petersburg, is visiting at Sunny Side, the pleasant home of Mrs. Agnes Barron.

Recent arrivals at the Hotel, E. H. Browne, E. D. Clifton, W. Palmer, Adams and M. Gresham.

Judge J. E. Mason, of Fredericksburg, will begin the spring term of Richmond county Circuit Court here on Tuesday, the 18.

Roll of Honor.

Roll of Honor for School No. 11, Berkeley District, Spotsylvania Co., for fifth month ending April 12th, 1899, M. P. Jones, teacher:

Merle Preston, Kolso Pendleton, Maxie Blaydes, Cecil Carnohan, Mason Carnohan, Quimby Tompkins, Jessie Frankfather, Tom Humphries, Willis Carnohan, Milton Carnohan, Rena Tompkins, Grace Hemenger, Estelle Chewning, Bettie Carnohan, Annie L. Carnohan, Zelma Humphries, Katie Humphries, Lula Goodman, Maud Goodman.

The term closing on Wednesday, the 12 instant, prizes were awarded as follows:

First for perfect lessons, Merle Preston, second Pearle Pritchett, third Quimby Tompkins. For most regular attendance Estelle Chewning and Grace Hemenger.

The Semi-Centennial of St. George's Church.

Next Sunday, April 23, will be the semi-centennial of the completion of the present St. George's Church building, and the morning services that day will be in commemoration of that event. The rector, Rev. W. D. Smith, will preach a historic sermon, appropriate to the occasion, giving not only important and interesting facts in connection with St. George's Church, but also of the entire parish.

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King George News.

We clip the following items from the King George Orr. of the Dispatch:

The failure of the Democratic mass-meeting of this county last week to determine upon a convention and the nomination of candidates for the county offices will have a very significant and far-reaching effect upon King George politics. Not only is the way open for a continuation of the "free-for-all" fight among the Democrats, but the King George Republicans had long waited to see what course the Democrats would eventually adopt so that they could make the Republican slate "according to circumstances" and "to meet emergencies," and now it is said that they will make no nominations. Hence, both political parties are "ploughing the same row of stubs."

A Mr. Kendall, of West Virginia, has been spending some days in King George, looking for real estate, the object of his visit being to purchase homes for himself and a number of other West Virginians who want to locate near the Potomac. Mr. Kendall states that his grandfather was a native and long a resident of this county, and the grandson desires to spend the remaining days of his life where the "old folks" spent their halcyon days.

The report in circulation here last week that a Lancaster oysterman had died of fright has been fully confirmed. The man was caught in a severe storm which almost wrecked his boat, and after passing a fearful experience for an hour or so, while his companions were working hard to save boat and crew, he fell prostrate, and expired instantaneously.

Obituary.

On March 16th, at her home near Stafford C. H., Mrs. Annette Patterson, wife of Wm. Patterson, was stricken with paralysis and died a few hours afterwards.

Although of feeble health, for many years—suffering more than others knew—she had rallied and seemed to have become stronger and better. Encouraged, no doubt, by this, she strove to continue her little missions of mercy among the sick and suffering, of her neighborhood. Indeed 'twas upon her return from one of these errands when she was stricken. Her tender ministrations, which, let us trust, have all been appreciated, will be a great loss to this section of the county. Ministering to the poor and needy was one of her specialties; and of a truth, will the Saviour at the last day say to her: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Of a quiet disposition, she, in her day and generation, endeavored to do her Master's will, bearing daily her cross, she moved onward in the march of life, struggling and working, pressing on towards the goal. Omission from all labors came to her when God—who know best—bade the conflict cease, and took to Paradise her soul, there to await the final resurrection and judgment.

Her body to the grave was consigned in the graveyard near her home. Many came to pay their last respects to her, whom they loved.

Her bereaved ones have the deepest sympathy and prayers of all; and, to the tender mercy of God the Father, we commit you, from whom only can true comfort be derived.

The deceased was a sister of Mrs. R. L. Stone, of this city.

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Monday School Convention.

The following programme has been arranged for the meeting of the Northern Neck Baptist Sunday School Convention at Jerusalem Church, Richmond county, beginning Saturday, May 20th:

Annual sermon, by Rev. R. S. Monds.

"How the Sunday school helps the pastor, and how the pastor may help the Sunday school. Essay or address by Rev. W. E. Wright. Discussion opened by Isaac Marsh.

"How the Sunday school helps the Church, and how the Church may help the Sunday school." Essay or address by John L. Beale. Discussion opened by Rev. F. W. Claybrook.

"Some of the chief hindrances to the efficiency of our Sunday schools and how to overcome them." Essay or address by S. Roland Hall. Discussion opened by Rev. George M. Connelley.

"Should our distinctive doctrines be taught in our Sunday schools?" Essay or address by Garrison Booker. Discussion opened by Rev. A. D. Reynolds.

"What good may we hope to accomplish through the Northern Neck Baptist Sunday School Convention?" Essay or address by William Marsh. Discussion opened by Rev. C. N. Betts.

"The study of the Bible as an educational help." Essay or address by Rev. George Y. Bradley. Discussion opened by Giles F. Eubank.

Sunday school mass-meeting, with music and short addresses.

Northampton's New Court House.

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new court house building of Northampton county will occur tomorrow at 1 o'clock. It will be commended by the Masons of Eastville Lodge, assisted by the other lodges of the Eastern Shore.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of Elk Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she said that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies had done her no good, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed all pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price, 50c. 15c. bottles free at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

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Maccaroni 5c.

Plain and Mixed Candy 7c. lb.

Large box Lye 5c.

Lump Starch 4c. lb.

Alabaster Starch, with Bleaching and Wax 4c. package.

Corn Starch 4c.

Large boxes Matches 3c. dozen (3 dozen for 25c.)

Wooden Wash Boards 5c.

Clothes Pins 1c. dozen.

Cobbler's Shoe Nails 3c. box.

Envelopes 3c. package.

Paper 3 and 4c. quires.

Armour's Key Soap 2 for 5c.

Our Favorite Soap, 12 bars for 25c.

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Black Prunes at 10c. pound.

Evaporated Apples 12c.

White Cherries 20c.

Canned Tomatoes 10c. 3 for 25c.

Peaches at 15c.

Pine Apple 15c.

Ice—June 10c.

Corn, French at 8c.

Salmon 15c.

Lobster 15c.

Oysters 15c.

Rolled Oats per lb. 4c.

Quaker Oats, package 12c.

Key Brand Oats 10c.

Oranges, per dozen 18c.

Lemons " " 15c.

Bananas " " 13c.

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