## GURRENT COMMENTS

Mr. A. P. Thornton is home for the holidays.

Open nights until Christmas. The T. N. Brent Store. Mr. E. W. Carter was in Washington

Thursday. If the gift comes from Kaufman, the jeweler, it's all wight.

The right way to give is to give heerfully. We can always give a

Give her a nice watch and chain. It will please and be the reminder of the giver for years to come. Kaufman, the jeweler's, stock is complete in all sizes, styles and prices.

Remember the poor.

\$150 SLIPPED FROM HIS GRASP

Mr. J. A. Dillard, commissioner in chancery for Spotsylvania, was a visitor here Thursday.

If uncertain what to give, go to C. W. Jones' and the question will be quickly solved. Store open every night until Christmas. Extra bargains every Supervisor George Lyon and Mr. S. H. Evans, of Caroline, were visitors here Wednesday.

What \$1 Will Buy—A gold fountain pen, scarf pin, gold ring, brooch, lock-et, necklace, bracelet, pearl pen or pencil, chain, charm, clock and many other useful and appropriate gifts at Kaufman's, the jeweler.

It is reported that the Trexler Lumber Co., of Allentown, Pa., will establish a branch here. Mrs. E. C. Walker and daughter,

Caroline, have returned from a visit to relatives in Washington. Miss Fannie M. Taylor, of New York, here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

is here with her parents, Mr. and J. Arthur Taylor, for Christmas. Mr. Jas. Somerville, a student at Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, is at his home here for the holidays.

Miss Cora Rowe, who is attending Mary Baldwin Institute, at Staunton, is home at "Brompton" for the holidays.

Mr. P. H. Hudgins, of Ontario Vet-erinary College, is spending the holidays with his father, Mr. C. H. Hudgins, in

Jas. Shelton was sworn in as a special officer at the R., F. & P. R. R. during the Christmas holidays, which will be for the next ten days.

Miss Evelyn Crismond is home from State Normal School at Farmville to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. F. Crismond.

Miss Lillye Talley has returned from Farmville and will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. N. Talley, in Spotsylvania.

Mrs. B. F. Graves, of Belmont, wil move to this city on Tuesday and will reside with her son, Attorney Lee J. Graves, on Princess Anne St.

Mr. Ennis Powell, of King George, will move to Fredericksburg with his family to reside. He was here Wed-nesday looking for a house to rent.

Miss Fritzi Bode arrived home from school at Wayne, Pa., Wednesday, ac-companied by Miss Norma Roberts, of Baltimore, who will be her guest during

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brackenridge and daughters, Misses Helen and Cornelia, of Pittsburg, Pa., are here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richards, at their ne on Charles street.

Miss Bessie Fitzhugh Ficklen, of New Orleans, daughter of the late John R. Ficklen, who is studying in New York, is here for Xmas holidays, a guest of Mrs. James Parke Corbin.

Dr. W. A. Gordon, of Wilderness, was here Thursday to meet his daugh-ter, Miss Irene Gordon, who is a stu-dent at Woman's College, Richmond, who will spend Xmas at home.

churches Sunday.

DEPOSITS SOLICITED.

# Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Morgan and two children, of Keatchie, La., who were guests of Mr. Nelson E. Decker and family, left Friday to spend Christmas with Mr. R. C. Decker, father of Mrs. Morgan, in Orange.

If you want the Xmas present that you give to have ardent appreciation and to last and keep you in pleasant remembrance for years, you will buy them at Kaufman's, the jeweler.

Ben Scott Arrested at Wharf.

Ben Scott, colored, a fireman on the steamer Lancaster, was caught open handed by Sergeant Chichester Thurs-

If the gift comes from Kaufman, the jeweler, it's all right.

Mr. P. K. Bauman is in the city for the bolidays.

Go to Kaufman, the jeweler's, for your Xmas presents.

Mr. C. D. Green, the prosperous merchant at Brooke, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Retter select your Xmas presents.

Mr. And Mrs. M. B. Krusi, of New York, are spending Christmas with Mrs. L. S. Poggenburg. Mrs. Krusi is a sister of Mrs. Poggenburg.

There has been no "disappointment" in the business at C. W. Jones' store. Jones has the stock and the people appreciate the splendid service they get, so Jones' store is always busy. Open every night until Christmas.

Retter select your Xmas presents.

Christmas is the children's day.

sizes, styles and prices.

Miss Mamie Beale, who has been quite sick for some time, is somewhat improved.

Don't wait till the last day nor the last week, buy now before the big rush, select from a fresh new stock and get expert engraving free as poor engraving ruins any article. The Norris Store.

Miss Lucy Omohundro, of Westmoreland county, is a guest of Mrs. Hayes Beckwith.

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

Mr. J. A. Dillard, commissioner in

#### HARVESTING ICE

Mr. S. Graham Howison, of "Brae-nead," has filled his icehouse with good firm ice.
Capt. M. B. Rowe is filling his ice-house at "Brompton" from the same

Mr. A. T. Smith qualified before
Judge J. E. Mason Thursday as assessor of real estate for St. George district,
Spotsylvania county, and gave bond in left for their home in Montgomery, W.
States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. as
surety.

CHITS

Miss Carrie Free Monroe left all of her
Jencie Monroe left all o

Suits for divorce have been entered in Spotsylvania by Attorney Lee J. Graves for Frank W. Mastin vs. Minnie B. Mastin, charge desertion; Edna Bev-erly vs. Charles Beverly, desertion.

## POULTRY AND EGGS

Poultry was high to the finish before Christmas. There are but few turkeys on the market and fancy hens sold for 25c per pound. Eggs sold for 28c from baskets and retailed at from 32 to 35c.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED

The public schools closed Thursday and will resume on Monday, Jan. 3. Prof. A. D. Wright left Friday to spend

#### WILL HUNT IN CULPEPER

Messrs. John W. Allison, Jr., and W.
T. Leavell will leave Monday for a mar week's hunt in Culpeper. Mr. Allison has a new gur and the result of the lirst five shots was one deer, two wild turkeys and two birds.

#### MR. CASSELL ARRIVES

Mr. J. H. H. Cassel, of Darke county. Ohio, who purchased the farm of Dr. H. Harris in Staflord, has arrived are with his family and will take possession at once. We welcome them to

PERSONAL PROPERTY SALE

Mr. W. Butzner will assume the duties of Commonwealth's attorney on Jan. 1st, 1910, and will ask the judge for a special grand jury for the Hunter

The Conway, Gordon & Garnett

...NATIONAL BANK...

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

All correspondence promptly answered in sealed envelopes.

Handsome lithographed eheck books presented to each customer.

# **NECRO CAUCHT**

HAD TO CUT THROUGH ICE, ETC.

steamer Lancaster, was caught open handed by Sergeant Chichester Thurs-

Steamer Lancaster, due Wednesday night, did not reach the wharf here until about 2:30 Thursday. The steamer passed Port Royal at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, but soon encountered ice in the river and had to cut her way through. The ice for some miles down the river was quite thick. It was about 21-2 inches thick off the wharf here and the boat had considerable difficulty ploughing through it.

Quite a number of passengers were

is spending Christmas at his home in Stafford.

Miss Mary Irving Henderson has gone to spend Christmas with her parents near Millford.

Christmas is 1.

A well-known character of this city went to Alexandria Wednesday. He came back loaded. In his hand was a quart of "Lord Fairfax;" in his pocket was a quart of some other brand. When he got to Widewater he thought it was Fredericksburg, stepped off the train and fell down an embankment ten feet. He was put back on the train and at Fredericksburg was assisted to the ground by two porters and an officer telephoned for. He spent the night in jail and on Thursday morning was before Justice Dannehl. He had not entirely recovered and was ordered back to Chichester's Hotel to regain his equilibrium.

#### VACATION CUT SHORT

First Lieut. S. S. Lee, of the U. S. S. Vermont, which had been stationed at Hampton Roads, arrived here last week to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. D. M. Lee, in Stafford. He received orders Thursday to report at Annapolis and left at once for New York to get his baggage off the Vermont, which had left Hampton Roads for New York some days ago. Lieut. Lee will report at Annapolis Saturday. some days ago. Lieut. at Annapolis Saturday.

#### GONE BACK TO WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. Wm. W. Holland, of Maryland, and Miss Effie May Mills were married here at the residence of the bride's here at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills, Wednesday evening by Rev. R. A.

### MUSSELMAN-LEITCH

Mr. Wm, Musselman and Miss Annie L. Leitch were married Wednesday at 10 a.m. by Rev. Decatur Edwards, at the latter's residence in this city. They will make their home in Spotsylvania county.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license was issued by Clerk A. B. Yates Thursday to Wil-liam Henry Fugit and Alice Toombs, daughter of Chester Toombs. The marriage will take place Christmas Day. The bride-to-be is only 16 years

#### MARRIED IN WASHINGTON

Lee B. Brooks and Miss Maggie A. Carpenter, both of Caroline county; Frederick M. Day and Miss Mary L. Beach, both of Fauquier county; Joseph M. Jacobs and Miss Carrie B. Green, both of Midland, were married in Washington Thursday.

### BIG CHRISTMAS SHIPMENTS

The members of the Presbyterian church appreciate their popular and able pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite. He was given a pounding by his congregation Wednesday evening and there is an overflowing pantry at the Manse. The personal property of Mrs. B. F. Graves was sold at public auction at Belmont Wednesday. Good prices were realized and the property brought about \$1,200. N. B. Kinsey was auctioneer.

\*\*CHIMES DUTIES JAN. 1\*

Agent Howard of the Adams Express and overflowing pantry at the says this season is the biggest business the company has ever done here. Four wagons have been kept going, an extra force of men employed and the big store in the Enterprise Building used for overflow storage.

Miss Frances Daniel Mo Wednesday at her mother?

## PASSES AWAY

NEGOTIABLE PAPER DISCOUNTED

ter, Miss Irene Gordon, who is a stu-dent at Woman's College, Richmond, who will spend Xmas at home.

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

Daniel Rosebud, an old-time colored man, employed by Mr. Samuel Fitz-hugh, died Thursday, aged 80 years. His funeral will take place from Shiloh Baptist church, old site, Friday at 3 p. m., Rev. J. A. Brown officiating.

# Mr. Henry Limerick, aged 44 years, died at his home in Falmouth Friday morning of consumption. Mr. Limberick was a great sufferer for a number of years. He is survived by his wife and five children.

the paper an opportunity to enjoy

REV. MR. HENDERLITE POUNDED

DIED IN SPOTSYLVANIA Milton Wharton, 65 years old, of Dunnavant, Spotsylvania, died of dropsy Wednesday night. He is survived by

#### WED IN WASHINGTON

Clarence S. Leake and Miss Cora S. Morris, both of Kents Store; W. H. Hale and Miss Eva L. Goodall, both of Madison county; Dulaney F. Carter, of Marshall, and Miss Clara Lickey, of Round Hill, were married in Washing

lt's as easy to remain poor as it not to acquire a fortune.

### ORANCE

SELLING LIQUOR Did Not Reach Here Till Thursday School Entertainment at Unionville

STEAMER DELAYED

Afternoon.

unique service and commend them for their kind remembrance of her who has no doubt constantly borne them up-on her mind and remembered them in

CELEBRATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Presbyterian, 10 a. m. Christmas

Day. Methodist, 3:30 p. m. Christmas Day, St. Mary's Catholic, 11 a. m. Christ-

nas Day. People's Mission, Sunday, Dec. 26th,

p. m. Shiloh, (old site) and Shiloh,

ite) colored, will combine in a celebra-ion Christmas night, 8 o'clock, at the lew site church.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Early communion at St. George's on Christmas day at 7:45. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.

AND BASS FROM THE RAPIDAN

ATE BIRDS FROM ORANGE

Unionville, Va., Dec. 23, 1909. The high school at this place gave a most excellent entertainment to the public in the P. O. S. of A. Hall last night, the program being well carried out by all who took part. A spiendid string band by the well known artists, Messrs. Hughes, Knighton and Chilfress, discoursed appropriate music furing the rendition of the program, which was a follows:

aring the remains of the program, thich was as follows: A Boy's Plea—Stuart Blackwell. Tom's Lesson—Miss Willie Perry. Rainbow-By seven children, Boy's Rights—Dennis Hossley. The One-legged Goose—Miss Eunice Janiel.

tions.

It is for this splendid and successful life work of this good lady and for her noble Christian influence exerted over her pupils, together with her present physical condition, that the minds of her old pupils and friends are turned to her at this festal season. This is thoughtful on their part, and as their cards and mementos will enter the sick room they will carry with them bright sunshine and good cheer to their old teacher and friend who has been so much to them.

We congratulate all parties to this unique service and commend them for

King George C. H., Dec. 23, Mr. Rice Hooe, of Washington, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jas. Boggs. Miss Mary Tayloe, who has been ill, a much better. Mr. George Plaster, of Bluemont,

Loudoun county, has been visiting his cousins, the Ashtons, at Waterloo.

Mr. Albert Davis left for Reedville a few days ago, where he will spend the winter. His many friends regret his

St. George's will be held at 7:30 Fri-ay night, Dec. 24th. Trinity, Tuesday, Dec. 28, 4 p. m. Baptist at 10 o'clock Christmas ing. iss Estelle Berry, who attends ol at Fredericksburg, is home for the holidays. Dr. R. A. Hooe, of Washington, has

visiting relatives and friends in e county.
Mr. T. C. Darling, whose horse fell ith him a few days ago, is quite badly

3 p. m. North End Presbyterian, Monday, Dec. 27th, 7 p. m. Falmouth Baptist, Christmas night be Burg, where he went on a shop-ing trip. There is no place yet like redericksburg for bargains. Miss Lucile Hooe Boggs is spending hristmas with relatives and friends in Falmouth Union, Monday, Dec. 27th.

Washington.
Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Washington and little daughter, Lloyd, are visiting at Mt. Ida.

Mr. Tom Hargest has returned from
Baltimore and Washington, where he
visited relatives and friends.

Mr. Bruce Pounds, who accidentally
shot himself some days ago, is much

etter. Mr. T. W. Bogg, of Mt. Ida, bought i thoroughbred English trotter from a gentleman in Culpeper a few days ago.

JUDGING CONTEST

A FARMERS' SONS' CORN

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Stero, Mr. and Mrs. Clarance R. Howard, Misses Kate N. Doggett, Jennie Maitland and Nannie Ficklen, Messrs. Sam Wortham, of Baltimore; C. O'Conor Goolrick and Chester B. Goolrick, who left Tuesday Farmers' Institute and the Virginia State Transpage country to spend of Baltimore; C. O'Conor Goolrick and Chester B. Goolrick, who left Tuesday morning for Orange county to spend three days at "The Hall," the handsome estate of Mr. Wm. Stern, returned Thursday pleased with their outing. It was a semi-camping affair and they hunted and fished to their hearts content, ate broiled birds killed in the fields and deliciously cooked base caught in the Rapidan.

ONE OF THE FIRST SUBSCRIBERS

Mr. Robert Skinner paid his subscription to The Free Lance Friday morning for the 25th time. He became a subscriber when the paper was started and was one of the first names on the list, and it has remained there since.

NO PAPER TUESDAY

There will be no issue of The Free Lance on Tuesday, Dec. 28. This is in any or the property of the samples of cornective to the contest. Any boy in the State under the auspices of Virginia and that is visible to compete.

The prizes arranged, in order of receipt of offer, are as follows: A tuition scholarship in the Shenandoah Collegiate Institute and School of Music at Dayton, Virginia. This is transferable and was beside the contest. This is in any or the state of the samples of corn and placing them in order of merit, also in scoring one or more of the samples, using the score card adopted by the Department of Agronomy of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Placing the corn correctly will count 60 points and the scoring 40 points in determining the winners of the contest. Any boy in the State under twenty-one years of age and who has never been enrolled at the V. P. I. is eligible to compete.

The prizes arranged, in order of receipt of offer, are as follows: A tuition scholarship in the Shenandoah Collegiate Institute and School of Music at Dayton, Virginia. This is transferable and may be used by either a boy or girl.

There will be no issue of The Free Lance on Tuesday, Dec. 28. This is in accordance with our usual custom, the object being to give all connected with Value \$40.

Value \$40.

A tuition scholarship in the Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va. Cannot be won by a student of Washington and Lee University. Value

A scholarship in either the Academic or Engineering Departments of the University of Virginia, at Charlottes-ville. Value in the Academic Department \$10 a year, in the Engineering Department \$30 a year. Good for two

A rebate of \$100 in expenses in any

DEATH OF MISS FRANCES

A rebate of \$100 in expenses in any Agricultural or Horticultural course at the Virginia Corristant College at Lynchourg has expressed a desire to give a scholarship for this contest, but nothing definite has been agreed upon.

The boy winning first place will have second choice and so on until all are taken. There is little likelihood of any of the boys eligible to the contest having had special instruction in corn judging, so all will be on equal footing.

Anyone wishing to compete or desiring further information in regard to it, or the Corn Show, should write to the Secretary of the Virginia Corn Growers' Association, Lyman Carrier, Blackes-burg, Va. He will send a sample score card and directions to all who wish them.

#### **BUENA VISTA VOTES DRY**

The local option election in Buena Vista Thursday resulted in a victory for the "drys" by a majority of seventyone. Several voters were challenged by the "drys."

Two hundred and fifty-eight votes were cast. At the last local option election in April, 1907, the town went "dry" by a majority of forty-five.

Sole Leather, Sides, Strips and Blocks, either Hemlock or Oak.
Harness Leather, Belting and Lacing, all sizes. CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT Bell Air Sunday School will give a Christmas entertainment at Bell Air church, in Stafford, on Monday night, Dec. 27, 1909. All are cordially invited

## Chancellor Makes The Price! Spring Farming 1909

American Wire Fencing, from 26 to 58 inches high; Barbed Wire and Staples, Superior Diac Drills, Drag and Spring Tooth Harrows, The Best Manure Spreaders, The Best Gasoline Engines, 2 to 20 Horse Power; Saw Milis, Farmers' Friend Corn Drills, with and without fertilizer attachments; the Most Improved Cream Separators, all sizes; Hand and Horse and Riding Cultivators, Farm Wagons, Carriages, Buggles, and other Vehicles, Tar Roofing Paper and Caps, Oliver Chilled Plows, Farmers' Friend Plows, Churus, Chains, Well Buckets, Spades, Hoes, and other Farming Implements bought for cash in large quantities and offered at the very lowest cash price. REMEMBER THE NAME AND PLACE—

## M. S. Chancellor

FARMERS' SUPPLY STORE, Commerce Street.

# Get Ready For and friends. His remains were brought here for interment, the funeral taking place Sunday last at 2 p. m. from the Christian church, Messrs. H. K. Martin, John W. Clark and M. F. Martin conducting the services in the absence of the pastor. The large crowd present hore evidence of the esteem in which the deceased was held, and so Stuart was laid to rest amid much sorrow and tears. God's purposes will ricen feet. C. W. JONES

## A Dollar Saved is a Dollar Made

Is Ready To Help You

TIMBERLAKE, the Shoe Man, can do this for you by giving better shoes for the same money and paying your railroad or steamboat fare one way if you spend \$15, or both ways if you spend \$25, provided you live within 100 miles of him.

Women's Kangaroo Calf Shoes for hard service, tipped and plain toes, medium weight, a \$1.50 Misses' School, medium weight, solid throughout, full wide toes and a regular wear resister, \$1.25 Men's Medium Weight Shoes for hard service and comfort, tipped and plain toe, un-lined, a great wearer, at \$2.00 Men's Gum Boots, not the best made, but the \$2.75 best value possible for the money.....

The Waldorf Shoe for Men, made like a shoe that cost a dollar more, all styles, in patent \$2.50 leather, gun metal and box calf. One price \$2.50 Boys' School Shoes, made for service and will stay with your boy. Neat in appearance. \$1.50

A Full Line of House Slippers for every member of the family.

# Ed. Timberlake The Shoe Man St.

We extend to our customers and the public generally

# THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

and wish for each and every one

A Merry Christmas

With gratitude and appreciation for your many favors, cordially, BRANNAN.

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 24, '09.

# THOMAS, Shoer and Hatter.

Fur Trimmed Felt Slippers.

A shoe of any kind an acceptable Christmas Present.

## THOMAS, Shoer And Hatter.

Headquarters For All Kinds of Leather

all sizes.

Calf Skins and Blacksmith Aprots.

We don't handle anything but she best
All guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction as to prices, etc.

John G. Hurkamp Co.

REAL ESTATE WANTED

We have buyers for real estate on Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. List your property with us at once.
Piedmont Real Estate Agency, fredericksburg, Va.

ENGINE FOR SALE

One pair oxen, 5 years old, very large, will suit sawmil man. One fine young well broken mule. Engling cutter, with carrier, cheap. Toulouse and brown Chinese geese, Rhode Island Red and B. Plymouth Rock cockerels.

M. B. Rowe, Fredericksburg. ENGINE FOR SALE

Headquarters For Building Materials.

Building Materials.

I keep all kinds of North Carolina and Virginia Lumber, dressed and undressed, Shingles, Laths, Sash, Doors, and Blinds, Lime, Cement, Calcine Plaster, Plastering Hair, Building and Paving Brick, Tin and Iron Roofing, Cut and Wire Nails, all kinds Ready-Mixed Paints and Dry Paint, Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Dryer Varnish and Lewis's White Lead, Paint Brushes of all kinds, Window Glass and Putty, Builders' Hardware of all kinds, Tar Roofing. Sheathing Paper and fine Brick. Keep large stock of Sewer Pipe and Fire Clay Pipe. E. D. Cole. Agent for sale of bricks of Fred-ericksburg Brick Company.

E. K. WHEELER



FUNERAL DIRECTOR & EMBALMER Corner Charlotte and Princess Anne Sts., 'Phone 92, Fredericksburg, Va. Open Night and Day

Telegraph and Telephone Orders seceive immediate attention.

6 H. P. portable Farquhar steam engine in first class condition. For terms write or apply to A. F. Turner, Port Royal, Va.

Office hours 9-1 and 2 to 5; office Main street, over Goolrick's drug store.

## Merchants' business cards placed on their checks. Bank Open From 9 A M. to 4 P M.