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Railroads.

N. & W. Ry. Norfolk and Western

Schedule in Effect May 27, 1900.

LEAVE RICHMON, BYRD-STREET STATION.

9:00 A. M., NORFOLK LIMITED, Arrives Norfolk 11:20 A. M. Stops only at Petersburg, Waverly, and Suffolk. Second-class tickets not accepted on this train.

9:05 A. M., THE CHICAGO EXPRESS, for Lynchburg, Roanoke, Columbus, and Chicago. Buffet Parlor car Petersburg to Roanoke. Pullman Sleeper Roanoke to Columbus; also, for Bristol, Knoxville, and Chattanooga Pullman Sleeper Roanoke to Knoxville.

3:15 P. M., Ocean Shore Limited. Arrives Norfolk 5:35 P. M. Stops only at Petersburg, Waverly, and Suffolk. Second-class tickets not good on this train Through coach to Virginia Beach

6:50 P. M., For Suffolk, Norfolk, and intermediate stations. Arrives at Norfolk at 10:40 P. M.

9:10 P. M., For Lynchburg and Roanoke Connects at Lynchburg with Washington and Chattanooga Limited Pullman Sleepers Lynchburg to Memphis and New Orleans Cafe, parlor, and Observation cars Radford to Attala, Ala. Pullman Sleeper between Richmond and Lynchburg, and berths ready for occupancy at 8:30 P. M. Also, Pullman Sleeper Petersburg and Roanoke.

Trains arrive Richmond from Lynchburg and the West daily at 7:35 A. M. and 8:56 P. M.; from Norfolk and the East at 11:10 A. M., 11:42 A. M., and 6:50 P. M.

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Potomac, Fredericksburg AND PIEDMONT RAILROAD

Schedule for 1900.

No. 1.	LV	ARR.	*No. 2
8:00 a m	Fredericksburg	3:15	p m
8:16 a m	White's	3:01	p m
8:20 a m	Mine Road	2:56	p m
8:23 a m	Robey's	2:51	p m
8:29 a m	Screamerville	2:46	p m
8:32 a m	Alrich	2:42	p m
8:35 a m	Furnace	2:37	p m
8:40 a m	Brock Road	2:28	p m
8:43 a m	Stephens	2:25	p m
9:00 a m	Parker	2:10	p m
9:08 a m	New Hope	1:57	p m
9:18 a m	Tinder	1:45	p m
9:28 a m	Reynolds	1:36	p m
9:38 a m	Verdiersville	1:25	p m
9:48 a m	La Fayette	1:18	p m
10:03 a m	Unionville	1:06	p m
10:14 a m	Nason	12:50	p m
10:24 a m	Taylor	12:40	p m
10:40 a m	Orange	12:30	p m

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Schedule in Effect Nov. 25, 1900

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8:01 A. M.—Daily—for Danville, Charlotte and way stations, connecting at Calverton for Warrenton, at Manassas for Strasburg and Harrisonburg daily and Staunton week days at Lynchburg with the Norfolk and Western daily for Roanoke and points Southwest and with C. & O. R. R. daily for Natural Bridge and Lexington.

11:15 A. M.—Daily—THE UNITED STATES FAST MAIL carries Pullman, Sleepers New York and Washington to Jacksonville, via Savannah, uniting at Salisbury with Pullman Sleeper for Asheville and Hot Springs, N. C., Knoxville, Chattanooga and Memphis, Tenn., and at Charlotte with Pullman Sleeper for Augusta and at Danville with Sleepler for Birmingham; and at Columbia, with sleeper for Charleston, Pullman Sleeper New York to New Orleans. Solid train Washington to New Orleans without change, connects at Lynchburg daily for Natural Bridge and Lexington, Va. Dining car service.

11:37 A. M.—Daily—Local for Charlottesville, connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:01 P. M.—Local for Strasburg and Harrisonburg daily except Sunday.

4.30 P. M. daily, local for Charlottesville, connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

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SOUTH BOUND—
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Lv. Doswell	†11:04 A	3:47 P	11:42 P
Ar. Staunton	† 3:38 P	7:30 P	4:22 A
" Clifton Forge	† 5:45 P	9:25 P	6:28 A
" Va. Hot Springs	.....	10:20 P	7:25 A
" White Sulphur	.....	9:55 P	7:00 A
" Ronceverte	.....	10:17 P	7:15 A
" Cincinnati	.....	8:00 A	8:30 P
" Lexington	.....	8:00 A	6:10 P
" Louisville	.....	11:00 A	8:00 P
" Chicago	.....	5:30 P	7:15 A
" St. Louis	.....	6:56 P	7:30 A

Time marked † daily except Sunday.

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Lv. Doswell	7:25 A M	9:38 P M
Ar. Richmond	8:30 A M	3:30 P M
Lv. Richmond	9:00 A M	3:40 P M
Ar. Newport News	11:10 A M	6:00 P M
" Old Point	11:45 A M	6:35 P M
" Norfolk	12:15 A M	7:05 P M

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STAFFORD.

Numerous Robberies—Notes and Personals.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Stafford C. H., Va., Dec. 17th, 1900.

Thermometer 10 degrees above zero this morning.

Miss Nellie Bryan has returned home after an extended visit to Leesburg and Washington.

Mrs. A S. Bullock paid Washington a visit last week.

An unsophisticated lady paid the Clerk's office a visit last week, being shown a typewriter, which she called a "printing machine," suddenly inquired if one of the newspapers was printed here.

Mr. Robert M. Lowry, section master of the R., F. & P. R. R at Quantico, paid the Court-house a visit Saturday on legal business. He was accompanied by his father, R. A. Lowry, Esq., one of ye ancient citizens of Brooke.

Many petty robberies are reported in and about Garrisonville.

It is estimated that Mr. W. K. Squires will get 20,000 R.R ties from the Conway tract on Potomac creek, which he purchased last spring.

Mr. Robert Fritter, of this village, has been christened by the boys—"Plumb Bob."

Messrs. Gill & Gill opened a store some time ago at Horton's Landing on Aquia creek, and are reported as doing a large business at that point. Mr. W A. Cloe is the manager.

Mr. N. W. Jones took a flying trip to Alexandria Saturday night.

Mr. A. C. Bruce, of Richmond, special agent of the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, is again in the neighborhood and seems to be very successful writing policies.

Mr. N. T. Shacklett, the valued drummer for Shackman & Co., paid us a visit Saturday.

Prof. Oden has organized a singing class at Register Chapel.

Scribbler.

A Thousand Tongues.

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found 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 and Drs. could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure: "It soon removed the 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. and $1.00 Trial bottles free at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

BRYAN WILL START A NEWSPAPER

It Will Be Called The Commoner.

Hon. W. J. Bryan gave out the following statement:

"I have for several years had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper, and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it. Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions, I have taken this method, because it will best accomplish the purpose which I have in view Through a paper I will be able to keep in touch with social, economic, and political problems. The paper will, at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for any pecuniary needs, and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past.

"I expect to lecture occassionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students; but my principal work will be done with the pen; or, perhaps I should say, with the pencil.

"The paper will be called the Commoner, and will defend the princles set forth in the Kansas City platform. I shall be publisher and editor. Place of publication Lincoln."

The exact date of the first issue of the Commoner has not been decided upon, nor is Mr. Bryan ready to announce the membership of his staff. He said recently, however, he had arranged for such assistance as he would require. For the present, he said, the mechanical work will be done in a city printing house. The size and make-up of the paper is yet to be determined. Mr. Bryan, immediately after Christmas, expects to go to Florida to be present at the inauguration of his cousin, Governor-elect Jennings, and on his return will devote his time to his newspaper venture.

WESTMORELAND.

Ready For Winter—Singular Find—Other Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Montross, Va., Dec. 17th, 1900.

The very favorable weather of the fall and winter thus far has furnished an opportunity to do much farm work that usually takes up the farmers' time in spring, such as fencing, grubbing, ploughing, etc.,—preparing for spring crops. Also a good supply of winter wood, cut ready for the stove, or arch, is seen at almost all home places. The pork is butchered and salted down, and if the winter should be severe, our people are well prepared to meet it.

In the last few days corn has taken a lively advance, but there is not sufficient in the county to supply the home demand, and many farmers are holding their crop, anticipating the scarcity next spring and summer.

The disease that killed a large number of valuable horses in this county has about left us.

Mr. R. Anadale, a thrifty merchant, doing business near Baynesville, in this county, is engaged in digging a large ice-house on the public road, and after digging about 12 feet, the hands came to soft rock, in which was a large needle and thread, and around which the rock had grown. The needle is fast in the rock, the thread is a double thread, about number 24 cotton, and is about 18 inches long. Mr. Anadale has a portion of the rock, needle and cotton at his store, and many have called to see it. Also near the same spot in digging was found a number of persimmon seed and several coffee grains, apparently as perfect as if grown the present year. At the place where the digging took place no residence or house of any kind was ever know to be located. Mr. Anadale says he has evidently broken up the house-keeping of some one, and is busily digging with a force of hands and anticipates overhauling the occupants of this rocky and dark abode before Xmas. P

Montpelier, Historic Mansion.

Montpelier, which was recently sold by Mr. L. F. Detrick, of Baltimore, to Mr. C. K. Lenning, of Philadelphia, is one of the famous country homes of Virginia. It was the ancestral home of James Madison, the fourth President of the United States. To this estate, which was famed for its picturesque beauty, President Madison took his bride, the lovely Dolly Payne Todd. The stately colonial mansion has a frontage of 152 feet, and is three stories high. It was built by President Madison shortly before his marriage in 1794. Within its walls many notable social gatherings were held with the charming Dolly Madison as the hostess. The couple entertained liberally and many notable people were guests a Montpelier. Lafayette visited President Madison there.

The property is situated four miles west of Orange, on the Southern Railway. It was bought by Mr. L. F. Detrick, in 1881 It had a number of owners after the death of Madison and finally went into the hands of Frank Carson, of Baltimore, in 1857. He was a well-known Southern sympathizer during the civil war, and fearing confiscation by the Federal government, deeded the property to his brother, who held the title previous to Mr. Detrick's purchase. At present the property embraces 1,236 acres of land. Of this about 500 acres are in timber, and the rest is under cultivation. The land is of a rolling character and is watered by a number of streams. On the property are the tombs of President Madison, who was buried there in 1836, and Mrs. Madison, whose death occurred in 1849 These tombs have been looked after by the different owners of the property.

It is believed that the new owner, Mr. Charles King Lenning, will make the place his country home, and it is reported that he contemplates using the land for a stock farm, for which it is admirably situated.—Orange Observer.

Roll of Honor.

School No. 6, Spotsylvania C. H., month ending Dec. 14, 1900 Fannie Pendleton, Morton Heckman, Woodford Alrich, Edna Garner, Elva Garner, Alice Graves, May Andrews, Levert Graves, Edgar Dempsey, Charles Andrews, Willie Kishpaugh, Elizabeth Gordon. Miss Mary Byrd Gayle, teacher.

Meritorious pupils of school No. 5, Chancellor District, Spotsylvania county for second month ending November 27: Mary Trigg, Lizzie Faulconer, Susie Trigg, Susie Faulconer, Alfred Faulconer, Frank Parker, Lucy Trigg, and Dillie Faulconer. Number of pupils enrolled, 18; average daily attendance, 13 Miss Louise Jerrell, teacher.

ORANGE

Dunkard Meeting—Personals—Other Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Burr Hill, Va., Dec. 15, 1900.

Our people are busy getting ready for Christmas.

The Dunkards or German Baptist are holding a series of meetings at Mine Run school-house this week, and will have their love feast Saturday at 4, p. m.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Zoar church held a meeting Wednesday at 2 p. m., and elected new officers for the coming year.

Mr. Jno. Cash died a few days ago at his home near here at an advanced age. The interment took place at the home of his son, Mr. Abb Cash.

We regret to learn of the extreme illness of Mr. Tom Almond, of Locust Grove.

Mr. N. Linwood Sisson, of Indiantown, left home recently to engage in business in your city. We wish him much success.

Mr. Frank Pittman, of New York, is visiting friends in the neighborhood.

Mr. George B. Seely, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., spent several days with Mr. Champ Hillman and family this week. He is now a guest of his brother, Mr. Joe Seely, Saint Just.

Mr. J. Harrison Morris moved his family to Culpeper county yesterday. He will engage in work at the saw-mill of Mr. John A Payne.

Mr. W. T. Spicer and family will occupy Mr. Morris' former residence.

Mr. Jas. T. Payne was in your city this week, on a business trip.

Mr. Willie Sisson, of Fairfax county, spent Monday night with friends here.

Alex. T. Browning, a popular young attorney of Orange, was in our midst this week.

Miss Vera Bartley, accompanied by Mr. F. D. Reynolds, visited the Misses Tinder, at Verdierville, recently.

Miss T. D. Tinsley is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. G L Tinder, of True Blue. Hope.

Monuments to Famous Men.

An association has been formed in Richmond for the purpose of raising the funds necessary to the erection of a monument in one of the public parks to the memory of the late Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire, the eminent Richmond surgeon, who died a few months ago. The association is officered by women and has the co-operation of some of the leading men. A considerable sum has already been raised.

The fund for the monument to Jefferson Davis, president of the late Confederacy, is growing, several hundred dollars being received each week. Mrs Norman V. Randolph, president of Richmond Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, is at the head of the undertaking as chairman of the executive committee. Mrs. Edgar D Taylor, treasurer of the fund, is receiving contributions from nearly all the Confederate camps and chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and every other available means of securing money, such as entertainments, sales of souvenirs, buttons, etc., is being employed. More than $3,000 was collected at the recent United Daughters of the Confederacy convention at Montgomery. The corner-stone of the monument was laid in Monroe Park four years ago, but the location will probably be changed, the ladies seeming to favor a great memorial arch on Broad street.

The situation in world politics at the close of the Eighteenth Century was defined concisely by The Boston Centinel of April 2, 1800:

The Alls.

France fights all.
British pays all.
Russia threatens all.
Prussia humbugs all.
Switzerland is nearly plundered by all.
Spain does nothing at all.
Germany thinks itself all in all.
The United States is spoliated by all.
And lest destruction should come upon us all,
May Heaven have mercy upon us all.
Amen.

The position of the United States among the nations has changed somewhat for the better during the past hundred years.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss:
LUCAS COUNTY,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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KING GEORGE.

Marriage—Horses Dying—Trapping—Personals, Etc., Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

King George, C. H., Va., Dec. 15.

A pretty marriage occurred at the P. E. Rectory near our village on the 11th instant, the contracting parties being Mr. Chas. M. Jones and Miss Lillie Allen. Rev. B. T. Turner performed the ceremony.

Miss Mary O. Tayloe, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. G. Ogle Tayloe, has accepted a position to teach at the home of Mr. Battle Gordon in Caroline

Dr. Stuart, of Clarke county, who has been visiting Mr. B. C. Grymes, has returned home.

Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Ninde, of Middleboro, have returned from a pleasant trip to Washington.

Mr. George Plaster, of Loudoun county, who has been visiting the Messrs. Ashton, at "Waterloo," has returned.

Miss Bettie Stuart, of Alexandria, is the guest of Miss Martha C. Grymes, at the "Light House."

Mrs. Eliza T. Pratt and her daughter, Miss Maggie, of "Camden," are visiting friends in Washington.

Miss Rosa Ninde, who has been visiting friends in Richmond, has returned to "Middleboro."

Mrs. Henry V. Turner, of "Wood Lawn," is visiting friends and relatives in Washington.

Mr. Charles Huffman, of "Alvin," recently lost two horses, which were strangely affected by some disease.

Miss Sally Staples, daughter of Mr. Silas Staples, is visiting her sisters in Washington.

Mr. A. H. Grymes, of "Mt. Stuart," has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Washington.

Mr. B. R. Grymes will leave Monday for Richmond, where he will pay a short visit.

Mr. Otis O. Owens lost a fine horse a few days ago.

Mr. Wm. Stevens is building a fine house on his farm, adjoining A Smoot's farm, for B. F. Price, of Hampstead, who will move in as soon as the house is completed.

Mr. Sullivan, of Stafford county, who is trapping and gunning on Chotanty creek, has killed twelve wild geese, caught four minks and 120 musk-rats

Mr. W. D. Grymes recently killed his eighth wild turkey for the season. Mr. Grimes' skill as a sportsman has been so widely circulated that he has received an order for five turkey hens and one gobbler to be shipped to London. What has Mr. Wilkins Tayloe to say to this?

Coated

Look at your tongue. Is it coated?

Then you have a bad taste in your mouth every morning. Your appetite is poor, and food distresses you. You have frequent headaches and are often dizzy. Your stomach is weak and your bowels are always constipated.

There's an old and reliable cure:

Ayer's Pills

Don't take a cathartic dose and then stop. Better take a laxative dose each night, just enough to cause one good free movement the day following.

You feel better the very next day. Your appetite returns, your dyspepsia is cured, your headaches pass away, your tongue clears up, your liver acts well, and your bowels no longer give you trouble.

Price, 25 cents. All druggists.

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Mrs. M. E. TALBOT, March 26, 1898. Arrington, Kans.

A FLIRTATION ON THE CAR.

I did not even know her name,
Nor where she lived, nor whence she came—
'Twas sad, and yet
Was I so very much to blame
That all my heart should start to flame,
And flare and fret?

She was so sweet, so passing fair,
With such a smile, with such an air—
What could I do?
A glance as shy, as debonair,
An eye as bright, a smile as rare,
I never knew!

And so I smiled across the aisle,
And met the winsome, merry smile
She sent so bold;
At last she laughed, then after while
She cooed aloud in friendly style:
"I'm free years old!"

—Graphic.

Among the old records in the Clerk's office of Williamsburg was found the following peculiar will: "In the name of God, Amen. I, Pleasant Baker, a free negro in the city of Williamsburg, do make this my last will and testament. I hereby emancipate and set free my wife, Arena, and her children—Betsy, Mary, Sallie, Ann, and John (my said wife and her children being my slaves), and all children which my said wife may hereafter leave, and all the descendants of my said children, whether born before or after my death. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this 1st day of October, A. D., 1853.

His
"PLEASANT X BAKER.
Mark.

"Signed and acknowledged in the presence of William S. Peachy and George P. Scarburgh."

This negro cut his throat about six years later, and many old citizens recall the tragic end of the man whose own wife and children were his slaves.

A railway engine is equal in strength to 900 horses.

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