

# The Free Lance

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### Railroads.

#### N. & W. Norfolk and Western

Schedule in Effect  
May 27, 1900.

**LEAVE RICHMOND BYRD-STATION**

9:00 A. M. THE GREAT EXPRESS, Arrives Norfolk 11:30 A. M. Stops only at Petersburg, Waverly and Suffolk. Second-class tickets not accepted on this train.

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

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Schedule for 1900.

No. 1. LV	ARR. #No. 2
8:00 a.m.	Fredericksburg 8:15 p.m.
8:15 a.m.	White 8:30 p.m.
8:30 a.m.	Mine Road 8:45 p.m.
8:45 a.m.	Bohney 9:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	Decreasville 9:15 p.m.
9:15 a.m.	Airch 9:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Fredericksburg 9:45 p.m.
9:45 a.m.	Brook Road 10:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	Stephens 10:15 p.m.
10:15 a.m.	Fairfax 10:30 p.m.
10:30 a.m.	New Hope 10:45 p.m.
10:45 a.m.	Clader 11:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	Swains 11:15 p.m.
11:15 a.m.	Farmington 11:30 p.m.
11:30 a.m.	La Fayette 11:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m.	Unionville 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.	Nash 12:15 p.m.
12:15 p.m.	Taylor 12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	Orange 12:45 p.m.

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### ORANGE

Coming Christmas Marriages - Personal and Others Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Flat Run, Va., Dec 19, 1900.

Miss Annie S. Herring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Herring, will be united in marriage to Mr. Hoodie R. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Jones, of Lignum, Culpeper county, Wednesday, December 26th, in Lael Baptist church. Miss Laura C. Jones, the charming sister of the groom will be bridesmaid, and Mr. Alvin Herring, of Washington, brother of the bride will be best man. The ushers will be Messrs Malcolm Harris, of Lignum, Oswald Watson, of Barr Hill, Ashby Payne, of Flat Run, and Robbie Herring, of Lagrange. The bridal party will spend Xmas in the vicinity and then return to Washington where the groom is engaged in business.

Messrs. John A. and Hugh Payne, of Flat Run, were in Fredericksburg this week shopping.

The Wilderness Chapel Sunday School had a treat for the scholars Sunday afternoon. Everything passed off nicely. The old soldiers will have an oyster dinner at Lignum, December 26. A welcome will be accorded all who come.

Mr. Tom. Aulman, of Locust Grove, is quite sick.

Miss Oallie Dempsey will be married at her home, the "Wilderness," Sunday a. m., to Mr. Fred Webb, of the same neighborhood. Rev. F. S. James officiating.

Miss Eva Meterie and Mr. George Brown will be married December 29th at Lignum. The ceremony will take place in Lael church. Rev. F. S. James officiating.

The children are busy talking about old "Kris".

Miss Fannie Monore, teacher at Mrs. John A. Payne's, will leave this week to spend her vacation at her home in Richmond. Miss Monore is very popular in our vicinity.

Mr. Ashby L. Payne was in your city a few days ago shopping.

Mrs. Jno. A. Payne, Jr. and daughter Ruth, of Somerset, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Roger Payne, of Flat Run.

Mr. Jesse Nash and grandson spent several days with relatives and friends in Fredericksburg last week.

Mr. Ashby Payne expects to have Mr. Walter Faber, of Gordonsville, as his guest the coming week.

Miss Mary Wiltshire, teacher of the public school, has returned to her home at New Hope to spend the Xmas holidays.

Mr. Arthur Brown will move to his new home at Germania Thursday. Also Mr. T. O'Connell will move to Hickory Hill, in our vicinity.

Mr. Harrison Morris, of Barr Hill, has accepted a position with Messrs. John A. Payne & Son for the coming year, and has moved his family down. They are welcomed by all.

Miss Ruth Willis, of Flat Run, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Dr. Gordon, of Indian town. Y. T. X.

### WESTMORELAND.

Coming Marriage - New Town Hall in Prospect - Dog Tax, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Montross, Va., Dec. 19, 1900.

The signs of approaching Christmas are visible on all sides.

In taking a retrospective view of the past year we find its record filled with occasions of sadness and disappointments. Many who added much to the pleasures of the Christmas of 1899 are with us now only in memory, having joined the host above. Others have married during the year and located in distant parts.

During the year 1900 matrimony has played an important part at and near Montross. Nine young couples, each engaged in teaching the public schools, have married and left the neighborhood. Still the stock of beauty is not exhausted, and announcements are now made of the approaching marriage of Mr. H. H. McKinney and Miss Annie H. Wharton, and Mr. Arthur Brown and Miss Annie Pusey, both to take place December 30.

The ladies of Montross, who have been engaged for some time in raising funds to erect a town hall at Montross, have met with success and will soon lay the foundation of this much-needed structure.

The new court-house has been recently carpeted from top to bottom, making it a place of ease and comfort.

The dog tax in Westmoreland will amount to more than one thousand dollars. There are some who are as sessed as high as eight dollars for dogs.

A Thousand Tongues.

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1124 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Croup 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.

### Stafford's List of Writings.

Deeds recorded in Stafford County court since November term, 1900:

D. B. S. Jno. M. Lee et ux to Aquia school trustees.

D. B. S. Joseph Bontychard et ux to James Bontychard.

Power of attorney from Henry Wissner, president, to O. A. Bryan.

D. B. S. M., Shreshley et ux to W. Wesley Oliff.

D. B. S. O. A. Bryan, clerk, to Wm. D. Smith, plat of delinquent land.

D. B. S. E. S. Babcock et ux. to Geo. Parvis.

D. B. S. and plat, Jas. O. Lee et ux. to Geo. Parvis.

D. B. S. J. E. Morton et ux. to Ada Mercer.

Sale, Edward Holmes to Thos. S. Chesley.

Homestead deed, Walker Shelton.

Homestead deed, Byrd L. Morgan.

Sale, Edward Holmes et ux. to Amos Silver.

Deed for land, A. T. Embrey, Commissioner, to James T. Blackburn.

Deed of trust, Frank Boswell et ux to Enterprise Building Association.

Deed for land, W. O. Mettelton et al. to Wm. T. Parker.

Deed for land, Jas. E. Balins et ux. to Bennie Black.

Deed for land, F. B. Stone et ux to Wm. F. Burton.

Deed for land, O. A. Bryan, trustee, to Andrew Tyler.

Deed for land, R. A. Lowry et ux. to R. M. Lowry.

Deed for land, Mary E. Jacobs to Lucy E. Hoffman.

Deed of trust, James Bontychard et ux. to T. W. Berrey, trustee.

Deed of trust, J. W. Brummett et ux. to Enterprise Building Association.

Deed of trust, Wm. F. Burton et ux. to John H. Stone, trustee.

Bill of sale, L. A. Gray to Peter Soellings.

### Boers Fought, Then Prayed.

Details of the defeat of the British at Noitgedacht indicate that Gen. Clement's entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boer plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were stemmed only by artillery. After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer-meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retiring British.

All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss.

Col Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his pistol before he fell with three bullets in his body.

Dorsey Nicholson, who was sent to the penitentiary from Page county for criminal assault a few years ago, was convicted of the same offense in Madison county, at the last July term of court, the jury bringing in a verdict of seven years in the penitentiary. Sentence was suspended that his counsel—Hay, Jeffries & Browning—might prepare the record on the bills of exceptions taken to the ruling of Judge McMullan. The motion for new trial was argued at Culpeper before Circuit Judge Grimesley, who granted the prisoner a new trial, the appellate judge holding that the instructions offered by the attorney for the Commonwealth as to extending the circumstance and the character of the circumstance were too narrow.

### Robbed The Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store.

## House Work is Hard Work without GOLD DUST.

### POWERS HAVE AGREED.

Peace Negotiations With China.

The negotiations of the powers in regard to the joint China note have been concluded, all agreeing to the conditions as outlined by Count von Buolow, the Imperial Chancellor of Germany, with the exception of the introductory clause saying the demands are irrevocable, which is eliminated.

The text of the demands follows:

"Article 1. An extraordinary mission, headed by an Imperial Prince, shall be sent to Berlin in order to express the regret of the Emperor of China and of the Chinese Government for the murder of Baron von Ketteler. On the scene of the murder a monument worthy of the assassinated Minister shall be erected, with an inscription in Latin, German and Chinese, expressing the regret of the Emperor of China."

"Article 2 (a). The death penalty is to be inflicted upon Princes Tuan and Chang, upon Duke Lan, and, further, upon Ying Nien, Kang-Yi, Chao Shu-Chiao, Tung-Fuh-Siang, Yu Hsien and other ringleaders whose names will be given by the representatives of the powers. (b). In all places where foreigners have been killed or maltreated official examinations shall be suspended for five years.

"Article 3. The Chinese Government shall erect a monument in every foreign or international cemetery which has been desecrated or where the graves have been destroyed.

"Article 4. The prohibition of the importation of arms into China shall be maintained till further notice.

"Article 5. China has to pay a just indemnity to Governments, corporations and individuals, as well as to those Chinese who suffered during the recent events in person or property in consequence of being in the services of foreigners."

Count von Buolow here interpellated the remark that it was intended to effect a further understanding among the powers with regard to the principles on which claims for compensation should be preferred. This particularly applied to the case of missionaries.

"Article 6. Every single foreign power is granted the right of maintaining a permanent legation guard and of placing the quarter of Peking where the legations are situated in a state of defense. Chinese are not to be allowed to live in that quarter of Peking.

"Article 7. The Taku forts and those forts which might prevent free communication between Peking and the sea shall be razed.

"Article 8. The powers acquire the right of occupying certain points, on which they will agree among themselves, with the object of maintaining free communication between the capital and the sea.

"Article 9. The Chinese Government is bound to post Imperial decrees for two years at all subprefectures. In those decrees—(a) to belong to any anti-foreign sect is forever forbidden under penalty of death; (b) the punishments inflicted upon the guilty are recorded; (c) to prevent fresh disturbances, it is declared that the Viceroy, as well as the provincial and local authorities, are made responsible for the maintenance of order in their districts. In the event of fresh anti-foreign disturbances or other infringements of the treaties which are not at once stopped and avenged by punishment of the guilty, those officials shall be promptly deposed and never again intrusted with official functions or invested with fresh dignities.

"Article 10. The Chinese Government undertakes to enter upon negotiations with regard to such alteration in the existing commercial and navigation treaties as the foreign Governments consider to be desirable, as well as regarding other matters which are concerned with facilitating commercial relations.

"Article 11. The Chinese Government shall be bound to reform the Chinese Foreign Office and the Court ceremonial for the reception of the foreign representatives and to do so in the sense which shall be defined by the foreign powers."

### To Redistrict the State.

The question of redistricting the State for the election of members of Congress may be taken up at the extra session of the Legislature if the pending bill changing the basis of representation to one Congressman to every 20,000 people is passed. It will probably do so, in which event Virginia will lose one Congressman, as the population of the State by the census of 1900 is 1,854,184.

There are at present only two districts in the State with enough population to entitle them to one Congressman if the proposed bill becomes a law. The Second district has a population of 255,767, and the Ninth 227,381. The Eighth district has only 154,195; the First is next to the smallest, with a population of 160,739; the Seventh has 162,935; the Fourth 166,521; the Fifth 175,539; the Sixth 181,571; the Third 184,013; the Tenth 186,492; the Ninth, the next to the most populous, 227,381, and the Second, the first in point of population, 255,767. The Second and Ninth will lose one or two counties each. There will be a general shifting of all the counties.

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### SPOTSYLVANIA.

Over the Coffee Cups.

HE SAID.

Remarked the husband to his wife: "How free our happy home from strife!"

SHE SAID.

"I sneezed that it had better be."

HE SAID.

"Some men," he sighed, "I've seen with pain, Must everlastingly complain."

SHE SAID.

"If you did so," she said, "I fear You'd feel it painful, too, my dear."

HE SAID.

"They swear and klot like perfect brutes; Whatever's done, no one thing suits. 'Suppose, for instance, I should storm Because the coffee wasn't warm? In such a case, what would you do?'"

SHE SAID.

Quoth she: "I'd make it hot for you."

—Obituary Record.

[Communicated.]

The Lahore Postmaster.

Unionville, Va., Dec. 19, 1900.

To The Free Lance:

In your issue of Tuesday, December 18, we note a paragraph in the Orange county letter, signed by your correspondent "S," that reference is made to a report that Mr. P. L. Jackson, postmaster at Lahore, would be turned out. The paragraph referred to is very misleading as to the real facts in the case, and the matter having been called to the attention of the official members of the Taylor District Republican Club, some explanation of the paragraph referred to is deemed advisable by the undersigned officers thereof. The facts in the case of the postmasterhip of the office at Lahore are these: Mr. James Duncan, of the Lahore section, a loyal member and vice-president of the club referred to, and a gentleman of unqualified business capacity and integrity and social prominence in the community in which he lives, has by the eternal fitness of things become an applicant for the post-office at the point referred to, and is endorsed by said club of which he is a member. So far as the present incumbent is concerned, and waiving the great personal tribute paid him by the writer of the paragraph referred to, against which we have nothing to say, we will state that Mr. Jackson is a Democrat; has been said office for two decades and has done so more because there has never before been an applicant for said office, than otherwise, we presume. Your correspondent further states that in the event of such a change now, it would result in breaking up the office and a wrong to a chivalrous people. We are at a loss to know why such dire results would follow, and for the first time learn that it would be an unchivalrous act to induct into an office held by a strong Democrat, a true and honorable Republican.

"S" closes his interesting paragraph by referring to the whole matter to "Bro. Eddins," and advises the application of the golden rule, and adds that "we mistake the man, if you do not." We will state for the benefit of "S" that the rule by which he would have "Bro. Eddins" act in the case referred to, would if applied, unseat every Democrat federal office-holder in Virginia, if previous political campaigns are to be considered, and we have no idea that H. O. Eddins, the present Republican county chairman, will be induced by "S" to have a staunch Democrat official retained in office, when a good Republican desires it. If so we shall "mistake the man" if he does.

Signed—A. C. Walter, President of Taylor District Republican Club. James B. Martin, Sec.

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