ACCOMAC OYSTERS IN GOOD SHAPE.

A Handsome Sum in Hand for a Confederate Monument.

OLD CITIZENS PASS AWAY.

Examples of Long Life Are Plentiful on the Eastern Shore—Citizens of Chincoteague in Goverment Employ—Other Matters.

ONANCOCK, December 19.—Special.—Accomac county has seventy-one post-offices. Included in this number is one presidential and thirteen money-order offices.

Oysters have greatly improved in the past month and are now good on the bay and seaside. Chincoteagues are very fine and command fancy prices.

FOR A MONUMENT.

The committee to select site for the monument to the Confederate dead of Accomac and Northampton at the meeting Monday last postponed action until January. The treasurer reported $1,250 in hand, with subscriptions of probably an equal amount to be collected.

Mr. Frederick Waddy, for several years proprietor of the hotel at Accomac Court-house, has moved to Chatham, the large estate of Dr. A. W. Downing, near Bridgetown.

Alice Woodward Waples, the second daughter of Mr. Joshn S. Waples, of Onancock, died Sunday last from typhoid fever. Funeral services in the Baptist church were very largely attended. At least one hundred and fifty of her schoolmates were present.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Ocean Lodge, No. 116, A. F. and A. M., will celebrate St. John's Day by a banquet at their hall in Wachapreague.

Rev. T. S. Dunaway, of Accomac, has been assisting Rev. Walter Rhodes in revival services during the week.

Among the deaths this week are Dr. James Q. Williams, aged eighty-three, and Mr. Asa Shield, aged eighty-four years. Both were residents of Northern Accomac and possessed the confidence and esteem of the community. In this section, Captain Thomas Johnson recently celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday, and Mrs. Rachael Spence has passed her ninety-sixth milestone. Both are still very active. Our city and mountain friends seldom miss an opportunity to express their great dread of malaria that they imagine can't be escaped here. It found here it surely does not always shorten life.

BAPTIST MINISTERS.

The Baptist Ministers' Conference of the Accomac Association will meet January 10th at the court-house.

Rev. J. B. Pruitt, former pastor of the Baptist church here, is, with his wife, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Pitts, the parents of Mrs. Pruitt.

Citizens of Chincoteague Island receive about $16,000 per year as surfmen in the life-saving service and keepers of light-houses.

Rev. Edward C. Gamble, of Tarboro, N. C., spent the week with his brother, the rector of this parish.

Upshur Swift, one of the hands at the saw-mill of Johnson & Hayman, Deep Creek, cut his foot with an axe Wednesday. Dr. E. W. Robertson has since found it necessary to amputate three of his toes.

Mr. Mallory D. Fletcher, of Onancock, has entered the service of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company and will be stationed in the cashier's office at Norfolk.

Stock of the First National Bank of Onancock sold at the administrator's sale of Mr John L. Ward, deceased, Friday at a considerable premium.

WINTER IN SMYTHE.

The Farmers Exercised Over a Practical Question of Expansion.

MARION, VA., Dec. 19.—Special.—The weather has for some weeks been the principal topic of conversation here. A very rainy fall, which seriously delayed seeding wheat and shucking corn, ended in a thunder cloud, earthquake and blizzard Thanksgiving week, since which time we have had solid winter with the mercury below zero last week. Very fine ice is being housed and all the ice-houses in town will be filled.

The farmers have been killing some very fine hogs and made plenty of buckwheat last summer, and now as Christman approaches they are considering the question of "expansion" in a practical way, being not so much concerned about Uncle Sam's expanding his borders as whether they can eat all the good things the year has brought them before they spoil. This has been a year of bountiful crops and the people find themselves with plenty to eat and fair prices obtainable for all they have to sell.

Marion can claim marked improvement during the year. No previous year has seen so many good houses built or so much solid improvement of the streets and pavements. No one improvement shows more conspicuously than the changes recently made in the Valley House, which has been very much enlarged and modernized, and the drummer, who so often finds his "warmest welcome at an inn," will find the Groseclosses ready to take him in and show up his goods.

The council at its last meeting paid the interest and $1,000 on the town's indebtedness, and report our corporation finances in a most satisfactory condition.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church begin a carnival to-night which will doubtless deserve and receive liberal patronage.

DR. DUNNAWAY'S ANNIVERSARY.

His Resignation After Thirty-Two Years of Service.

FREDERICSBURG, VA., Dec. 18.—Special.—Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Dunaway preached to-day at the Baptist church his thirty-second anniversary sermon as pastor of that church, which ended his pastoral relations after a period of thirty-two years of continuous service, his resignation, which was tendered and accepted some weeks ago taking effect at the close of the sermon. The church was crowded to the doors with an earnest congregation, composed not only of Baptists, but of members of other denominations and of citizens generally.

Dr. Dunaway chose for his text, II Corinthians, 6 chapter, 13 verse: "Now for a recompense in the same, I speak as unto my children, be ye enlarged." He stated that it was a singular coincidence that the anniversaries of nearly all the important events in his life clustered closely together about the same period of the year, the anniversary of his birth, spiritual birth, ministerial life, ordination, marriage, and pastorial life all occurring within a period of about ninety days.

Dr. Dunaway said he thought he could without immodesty, address the church as his children as ninety-five per cent of the present membership had come into the church under his ministry, and his parting words to his children were "Be Ye Enlarged," in the spiritual life. He then passed in review the history of the church for the past thirty-two years saying that when he came to the pastorate, not having lived here or served as a pastor before, he came with trepidation and self distrust, but he soon became satisfied that there was a work for him to do here, as there were 104 additions to the church in the first six months of his pastorate and so he has continued on to this day, turning away from offers to go elsewhere at a larger remuneration. The death roll during these thirty-two years numbers 184. During this period there have been added to the church 1,360; 822 by baptism and 538 by letter and restoration. The losses have been 917, leaving a net gain of 443, with a present membership of 654. The year just closing has been marked by more than the average growth, 43 having joined. The Sunday-school has prospered continuously and has a present roll of 500. An interesting feature of the school is the large number of adult males enrolled in three Bible classes, numbering 121. Out of one of these classes 21 young men enlisted in the military service of the United States during the late war with Spain and altogether 42 from the entire church enlisted. Speaking of the temporalities of the church, he said that some very gratifying things had been accomplished. A large church debt which existed when he become pastor had been paid, the church building enlarged and improved at an additional cost of $6,000, a new organ had been put in at a cost of $1,800 and the pews declared free.

Dr. Dunaway pressed on the attention of his congregation the exhortation of the text. He made an earnest plea for enlargement in the individual Christian life and the church life and spoke at length of the means to accomplish that end.

Dr. Dunaway then closed with a few parting words to his people assuring them of his love in the past and in the present and his desire and prayer for the present and future prosperity of the church. He said if he had wronged anyone in words or action it was not in his heart so to do and asked forgiveness. Thanking his hearers feelingly for all the kindness they had shown him in the past, he commended them to God, saying, "Finally Brethren, Farewell. Be of good comfort, live in peace and the God of Love shall be with you."

During the sermon Dr. Dunaway alluded to the debt of $1,200 which the church owes and expressed regret that he should leave the church encumbered. Rev. J. P. Stump, of the Methodist church, who participated in the services, suggested at the close of the sermon, that the amount be subscribed then and there to pay off this debt and in twenty minutes the $1,200 was raised. In recognition of the striking act of courtesy and respect on the part of the Methodists in omitting their morning service and attending the Baptist church on this occasion, the Baptists did not hold services to-night, but attended the Methodist church to hear Rev. Mr. Boyd the presiding elder of this district.

An elaborate programme has been arranged for a farewell service at the Baptist church on Monday night to be participated in by ten or twelve ministers, a number of them from a distance, and others, to which the public is invited to bid farewell to Dr. Dunaway as pastor.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA R., F. AND P. R. R.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company will sell tickets at reduced rates between all points on its line on account of Christmas Holidays, based on a fare and one third for the round trip. Rate to Washington, $4.85; to Alexandria, $1.60; to Fredericksburg, $2.60 for the round trip.

These tickets will be on sale December 22d to 26th and December 30th to January 21, inclusive, good to return until January 4, 1899. To students of schools and colleges these tickets will be on sale from December 16th to 26th, inclusive, upon presentation of certificates signed by their principal, superintendent or president.

Tickets for sale at Byrd-Street station or at office of Richmond Transfer Company, 903 east Main street.

W. P. TAYLOR,
Traffic Manager.

A COMPLETE MUSIC STORE.

Mehlin, Braumueller, Hallet-Davis, Wesser Bros., C. C. Maunar, and half a dozen other makes of pianos are displayed in an artistic manner at the store of Fergusson Brothers, No. 815 east Broad street.

This thoroughly complete music store is in holiday attire, and is well worth visiting. The instruments are all new patterns and are being selected by piano purchasers to be presented to friends at Christmas. The display of mandolins, guitars, violins, drums and such musical instruments is good and full of Christmas suggestions. Fergusson has in stock a large assortment of new sheet music, and the latest popular songs.

Lately a new department has been added to the store in a repairing department, where any kind of instrument can be made good again or tuned to perfection.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES 1898-'99 VIA ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

On the above account the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets between points on its line and connections east of the Mississippi and south of the Potomac river at a rate of one and one-third first-class fare for the round trip, selling dates, Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, 1898, and January 1, and 2, 1899.

Tickets will also be on sale for teachers and students of schools and colleges, Dec. 16 to 25, inclusive, at above rates, upon presentation of certificates from presidents or principals of such institutions. Final limit of all tickets January 4, 1899.

MUSIC CABINETS OF ALL KINDS

If you wish anything in this line call at our ware-rooms, where you will find a fine stock to select from. All woods and all kinds. Open every evening during Xmas until 10 o'clock. Walter D. Moses & Co., 1005 Main street.

SAUER'S has no equal. Don't spoil your cakes with poor Flavors.

"Not how cheap" but "how good" is the trade mark of Antoni, the leading confectioner in the city, 825 Broad street, below Murphy's Hotel.

BIG SHIPS FOR VIRGINIA TRADE.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Increased Exports.

MORE VESSELS ARE REQUIRED.

Two Duplicates of the Monster Rapidan Building in England for the Line—Seven Hundred Cattle Have a Narrow Escape.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 19.—Special.—It is understood here that the Chesapeake and Ohio has two monster freighters—of the same dimensions as the famous Rapidan—building at the yards of Sir George Furness, at Hartlpool, Eng. These vessels, which will carry eleven hundred carloads of freight, are already launched and will be in commission by June.

BIG EXPORT BUSINESS.

The export business of the road has increased enormously, and the seven large ships it now has in the Liverpool and London trade cannot transport the freight. There is enough piles on the piers at this time to load ten vessels of the Rapidan's size, and she is the largest freighter plying out of this port.

CATTLE IN DANGER.

The seven hundred cattle in the Chesapeake and Ohio pens here awaiting shipment had a narrow escape from being roasted prematurely yesterday morning about 5 o'clock, when the warehouse adjoining the pens caught on fire from a cattleman's pipe. The entire force of the company was summoned by the dismal syren of the elevator, and the company's fire department turned out with remarkable quickness.

The blaze was extinguished, but not until half the city had been aroused.

THE HOBO IN HIS LAIR.

Remarkable Advance in the Value of Real Estate.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 19.—Special.—A gang of hoboes has been discovered in a cave just above the Chesapeake and Ohio junction. Sergeant Reynolds raided the cave this morning and rounded up three of the inhabitants. The place was fitted up as well as could be expected, having such modern improvements as a stove, tin pans, board seats, tin cans and the like.

A short distance away from the cave the officer discovered another lair, constructed of staves stolen from the railroad. In this he found eight more hoboes, whom he arrested and brought in. The Willies will be impressed into the chain gang.

The Manhattan clothing store was entered some time last night and robbed of several suits of clothing, some valises and a number of other articles. There is no clue to the thief.

A remarkable example of the increase in the price of real estate is that furnished in the case of R. B. Wilkins, a grocer, who a year ago purchased a house and lot on the corner of Washington avenue and Twenty-seventh street. He paid $8,000 for the property and has just been offered $15,000 for it, but has not closed the deal. It is a cash offer, but Mr. Wilkins thinks he ought to double his money in a year.

COL. CUNNINGHAM'S LOSS.

His Historical Storehouse Burned with Its Contents.

DANVILLE, VA., December 19.—Special.—The storehouse of Colonel John S. Cunningham, at Cunningham's, Person county, N. C., was burned with all its contents at an early hour this morning. The fire was accidentaly and destructive. Colonel Cunningham, the present owner of the store was away from home at the time, being in Raleigh winding up the year's business of the North Carolina State Agricultural Society, of which he is president.

The storehouse burned is something of an historical building. It was built originally in 1781 on the spot where Lord Cornwallis encamped when on his famous march from the hills of North and South Carolina to Yorktown. It was built by Hon. Thomas Cunningham, who did business in it and made a fortune. The original store, which was of logs, was burned early in the present century, and in its place the house which was to-day burned was erected by William Cunningham.

It has been a country store, conducted by the Cunninghams, descending from father to son, since before the revolutionary war. It was now owned by Colonel John S. Cunningham, who for the past fifteen years has owned and operated the store.

MANY POTATOES LOST.

More Than a Million Barrels Shipped Over One Railroad.

CAPE CHARLES, VA., Dec. 19.—Special.—The potato season on the Eastern Shore is about over for this year, the cold weather of the past two weeks having ceansed many hundred barrels of potatoes to rot in the fields, the prices not being sufficient to justify the farmers in shipping them. The record for the year over the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad is about 11,000.

Mr. John R. Read, a prominent citizen and ex-Treasurer of Northampton county, was paralyzed at his home, in Bayview, a few days ago, and very little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Captain Noah Nelson, formerly of Crisfield, Md., and a brother to Mrs. William H. Sterling, of this city, died at the lattter's residence, in this city, last Saturday of pneumonia, after an illness of only a few days. His remains were taken to Crisfield, Md., for interment.

Dr. G. P. Moore and Mr. Maurice A. Garrison, of this city, have purchased the drug stock of Mr. R. L. Allworth.

The oyster dealers report that the stock is very poor here this year, and in consequence the shipment of the delicious bivalves from this point has not been very heavy, but it is thought they will limprove some, and be much better in a few weeks.

MUSTERED OUT.

Portsmouth Rifles Paid Off and Discharged—Old Rails to England

NORFOLK, VA., Dec 19.—Special.—Company L, Second Regiment Virginia Volunteers (Portsmouth Rifles), was paid off to-day at Portsmouth and discharged from the service of the United States. A movement is already on foot to reorganize the company preparatory to re-enlisting in the service of the State. The men received from paymaster Muhlenburg about $11,000, an average of about $100 each.

Major Price, mustering officer, and Major Shanks, quartermaster, were present.

The revenue cutter, Colfax, is in this harbor. She will shortly sail for her future station off the North Carolina coast.

The British steamship Croydon is taking on 2,000 tons of old steel rails of the Norfolk and Western railway, and will sail for Europe on Wednesday next. To the present high price of pig iron in Europe this shipment is attributed.

Recruits for the Fourth.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., Dec. 19.—Special.—Captain Wyatt, of the Richmond Blues, recruiting officer for the Fourth Virginia Regiment, sent fifteen recruits to Savannanh this morning to be embarked for Cuba. Captain Wyatt's recruits were a fine-looking lot of men, late of Company D, Second Regiment, of this place.

Among them were several sergeants and corporals.

SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Rev. W. A. Barr in the Chapel Pulpit—Mrs. Long Improves.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 19.—Special.—Rev. W. A. Barr, of Monumental church, Richmond, occupied the chapel pulpit at the University yesterday, preaching to a large audience, composed mostly of professors and their families and students.

Mrs. M. H. S. Long, who has been extremely ill for some time, is slowly improving.

MEETING OF THE SONS.

Nominations Made for Officers for Next Year—Gen. Wheeler Coming.

About one hundred of the Sons of Veterans were in attendance at their meeting held in Lee Camp Hall last night, Captain W. R. Walden presided.

Comrade Courtney, of the Pelham Portrait Committee, reported that everything was in fine shape for the presentation in January, at which time General Wheeler would certainly be present.

The commander appointed Comrades J. E. Cook, Edwin Courtney, E. P. Cox, L. B. Spence and W. J. Morrissette to serve as a Portrait Committee to work in connection with the Portrait Committee of Lee Camp.

Comrades Cook, Courtney and L. B. Spence were appointed to audit the secretary's and treasurer's books.

Nomination of officers was then gone into, and the following were nominated: Commander, E. Leslie Spence, Jr.; First Lieutenant Commander, W. J. Morrissette; Second Lieutenant Commander, Elwin Courtney; Third Lieutenant Commander, Edwin P. Cox and J. S. Bosher; Surgeon, Dr. Stuart McGuire; Chaplain, Rev. J. E. Cook; Secretary and First Sergeant, Joseph H. Shepherd, Jr.; Second Sergeant, Louis B. Spence; Third Sergeant, Judson S. Bosher; Fourth Sergeant, J. E. Bennett; Color Sergeant, Henry Worth; Quartermaster Sergeant, H. P. Angle; Commissary, W. W. Hardwicke; First Corporal, E. B. Thomasson; Second Corporal, Ryland C. Williams; Third Corporal, John A. Lamb; Fourth Corporal, R. D. Lacy.

Executive Committee—Edwin P. Cox, Robert Locky, Jr., E. B. Thomasson, Colonel T. P. Pollard and Colonel A. G. Evans.

Captain J. E. B. Stuart and Comrade William Crump Tucker were re-elected as members of the History Committee.

Short addresses were made by Colonel Thomas P. Pollard, Colonel A. C. Peay, Captain John Bolling, Colonel Gervas Storrs, of Lee Camp, after which the camp adjourned to meet on January 3d.

MANY CHANGES TO BE MADE.

A New Law Will Affect the Boards of Visitors.

The terms of many of the members of the Boards of Visitors of the various public institutions will expire next April. There will be a number of changes made for an act passed at the last session of the Legislature requires the Governor to apportion the visitors among the several geographical divisions of the State.

Governor Tyler will soon go to work and make up the list of persons to fill the vacancies that will be created.

Council to Meet.

City Clerk Ben. T. August yesterday received a letter from President James Caskie, of the Common Council, requesting him to issue a call for a meeting of that body on Thursday night at 7 o'clock to consider two ordinances passed by the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting to grant certain electrical privileges to the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company. This is a meeting to consider business of great importance, and it is urged that as many members as can do so will attend.

Condition of the Sick.

The condition of Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge is practically unchanged. He is growing weaker, but the change for the worse is very slight.

Mr. C. P. Rady does not improve as rapidly as his friends hoped for. He is still very ill.

Mr. N. J. Smith is thought to be growing better.

Oldest Woman in the County.

STANARDSVILLE, Dec. 19.—Special.—Mrs. Betsey Miller died at the age of ninety-two years and was buried at the cemetery in this town Friday. She was the oldest of three sisters and the oldest woman in this county.

Mr. Thomas Davis and family have just moved from Chesterfield to their home near Stanardsville.

FIVE-DOLLAR FUR SALE.

The Meyer Store will to-day commence a sale of Fur Neck pieces, Round collarettes, Long Stoles, Double Scarf and 18 inch Capes in Dark and Light Furs, with from eight to twenty-four tails on each. These are the second and third lots left from their last special purchase and not a single one sold in that sale for less than seven dollars and many sold for eight dollars and a half. The last will be sold at a choice of five dollars. Sale on main floor of the Meyer Store, corner Foushee and Broad.

A LARGE PIANO MANUFACTURER

has arranged with us to introduce a few of his pianos during the holidays. We offer a large-size carved case in mahogany, patent roll fall and duet music desk, retails in any market for $300; they go this week for $150. Walter D. Moses & Co., 1005 Main street.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.

If you wish to purchase for Xmas Violets, Beauties, Meteors and Brides, Valley, Carnations or other Flowers, Blossoming and Decorative Plants, just call upon Reynolds & Eby, 901 east Main street, who are prepared to fill all orders to the satisfaction of customers. 'Phones: Old, 1084; New, 1242.

Fruit cake, pound cake, chocolate cake, and all kinds of cake, angel's food, and the very finest bread made by Briggs.

USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Washburn Guitars Mandolins and Banjos, the finest in the world. Elegant new holiday stock. Walter D. Moses & Co., 1005 Main street.

Have your fruit cake baked by I. D. Briggs, 412 east Broad street.

LEARN TO SAY "NO" when a dealer offers you something "just as good" in place of Hood's Sarsaparilla. There can be no substitute for America's Greatest Medicine.

HOOD'S PILLS cure nausea, sick headache, billousness and all liver ills. Price 25 cents.

For Cakes of all sort and Christmas sundries it pays to go to Briggs' Bakery, 412 east Broad.

$10—GRAPHOPHONES—$10.

Largest stock in the South—all sizes and all prices. Come and see them. 7,500 Records. Open every evening during Xmas until 10 o'clock. Walter D. Moses & Co., 1005 Main street.

You can buy Nice, Fresh-Made Pound Cake and Home-Made Fruit Cakes at 15 cents a pound at S. Ullman's Son.

Sweet Oranges, 15 cents per dozen at S. Ullman's Son, 1820 1822 east Main and 506 east Marshall street.

J. T. ALLEN & CO., Jewelry and Silverware, - - Fourteenth and Main Sts.

WATCHES. DIAMONDS

A Big Reduction on Silver Novelties.

Commencing Tuesday we are going to sell out all Silver Novelties at a Big Reduction—Engraving Free.

We want the space for an extra stock of Watches, Diamonds, and Jewelry, which will be sent to us on consignment by one of the largest wholesale houses in New York City. There being no expense, we are going to sell at very low prices. All goods not sold will be returned Xmas morning.

It will be One of the Richest Stocks Ever Exhibited in Richmond.

We can save you money. Every article sold bears our guarantee. It will arrive and be on sale Thursday, December 22d. We have employed extra salesmen, so you are sure to be waited on.

Look Out For Our Window Display of **Watches!**

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

At the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon there was the usual tea, without any variation in the way of a literary or musical programme. The members are now rejoicing in he possession of their very handsome new piano.

The Richmond German opened the season with brilliant success last evening at the Masonic Temple. There were many dancers on the floor, the music was really beautiful, and all details united to insure results which must be highly gratifying to the gentlemen constituting the club.

Miss Ruth Nelson Robins will spend the Christmas holidays with friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne, Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson, Mrs. Jeffreys (all of Richmond), and Mrs. Charles Washington Coleman, of Williamsburg, Va., attended the meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association, of which they are charter members, which held its sessions for three days at the Arlington, in Washington city, D. C. Mrs. Claiborne is one of the vice-presidents of the National Board, where she proved a most efficient and active member, serving on committees of importance requiring ability. Mrs. Ellyson and Mrs. Jeffreys returned to Richmond on Friday afternoon.

The following from the Philadelphia Times will interest the many friends of Senator and Mrs. Faulkner in Richmond:

"Miss Sallie Faulkner, daughter of the Senator from West Virginia, is the only daughter of Dixie who makes her bow this winter. The Faulkners are a power in their own State, and most popular in Washington. Belonging to one of the oldest families in this section, they are socially prominent, both in their native town and at the capital. Miss Faulkner is a blonde. Senator and Mrs. Faulkner have put all their energies in one big event, which for originality, hearty enjoyment, and genuine old-time hospitality, perhaps had outweighed all the rest. The Faulkners are just the people to carry such an affair through successfully. Mrs. Faulkner belongs to the younger set of matrons attached to the commission, and is so pretty and attractive with her slender, graceful figure, golden brown hair, and blue eyes, and the ease and warmth of her charming southern mannenr that she is sure to impart an additional zest to all she undertakes, while the Senator himself is the embodiment of the genial Virginia host.

"The entire party, including both the Canadian and American commissions, with their families, and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Talmage, left Washington in a special train one morning for Martinsburg, W. Va. There they were met by carriages, and conveyed to Boydsville, the country home of the Faulkners, a few miles distant. The building, which is one of the few ancestral homes yet remaining unchanged in that part of the State, was lavishly decorated for the occasion with cut flowers intermingled with the British and American flags. Immediately on the arrival of the guests mint juleps and egg-nog, prepared after a special receipt, the secret excellence of which remains inviolate with the Senator, were handed around, after which an old-time Virginia dinner was served. The rugs were then removed from the polished floors, negro fiddlers were called in, and an informal dance took place, ending up with a cakewalk and the jolliest of Virginia reels. The return to Washington was made the same evening."

Both the Senator and his family have frequently visited this city, and only a few months ago Miss Jane Faulkner, the younger daughter of the household, was for several weeks the guest of her cousin, Mrs. James A. Welch. Miss Sallie Faulkner is a debutante this season, and the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore "Sun" thus refers to an afternoon tea given by her parents recently in honor of the fact:

"At a beautiful afternoon tea, which was the occasion of a distinguished gathering, Mrs. Faulkner presented to society to-day Miss Sallie Faulkner, daughter of Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia. The drawing room floor of the attractive home of the family, 1710 Sixteenth street, was literally a floral bower, for the many bouquets sent to the debutante were in evidence everywhre and formed a beautiful decoration.

"Mrs. Faulkner, the charming young wife of Senator Faulkner, welcomed the company in an elegant gown of pink moire antique silk, trimmed with chiffon. The debutante, who is an unusually pretty and vivacious blonde, was gowned in a girlish costume of mousseline de sole over white, and held an immense cluster of long-stemmed Bridemaid roses, the gift of Lord Herschel, of the Anglo-American commission, of which her father is a member.

"Assisting in the hospitalities were Lady Davies, Miss Davies, Miss Cartwright, Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. John W. Foster, Miss Foraker, Miss Talmage, Miss Talmage's guest from New York, Miss Paxton, Miss Farnsworth, Miss Elsie Love, of Winchester, Va., Miss May Wills Miss Warner and Miss Jane Faulkner. Master Whiting Faulkner, the three-year-old son of Senator and Mrs. Faulkner, in the most picturesque of pink costumes, carried out the pretty color scheme.

"The table was adorned in pink roses and appointments of the same delicate shade. A mandolin orchestra furnished music.

"Among the callers were the Vice-President and Mrs. Hobart, Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, Lord Herschel, the British ambassador and Lady Pauncefote, the Misses Pauncefote, Senator-elect and Miss McComas, Mr. John W. Foster, Miss Mollie Elliott Seawell, Miss Henrietta Seawell, Senator Fairbanks, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Talmage, Mrs. B. H. Warner, Representative and Mrs. Swanson, Senator and Mrs. Elkins, the Misses Gorman, Representative Booze, Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, Dr. and Mrs. Nash, ex-Senator Gibson, the majority of the Senators and Southern Representatives, and many well-known society representatives of the residential circle."

Miss Videau Marion Girardeau, of Sumter, S. C., is the guest of Judge Welford, 400 west Grace street. Miss Girardeau enjoys enviable distinction through her possession of a soprano voice of great beauty, which has been finely cultivated under the best instructors. She is devoting herself to her art and has already taken high rank as a teacher of voice culture.

On Saturday evening Captain and Mrs. Lewis Merriam entertained a few friends delightfully in honor of the birthday of their son, Mr. Henry Merriam. Their beautiful suburban home was elaborately decorated for the occasion, the national colors being particularly prominent. A delicious supper was served, and altogather hospitality was truly royal in kind and degree. Mrs. Merriam, Miss Ruth Merriam and Miss Bessie Ray, of Minnesota, welcomed the guests, among whom were the Misses Bodeker, Lula and Nellie Haggerty, Lula Scott, Lieutenants Lloyd, Stewart and Brown, of the garrison, Old Point; Mr. Hunter Scott, Captain W. T. Haggerty and Mr. John Haggerty.

Captain Lewis Merriam is a retired United States army officer, and is a brother of Brigatier-General Merriam. During his residence in Richmond he has made many warm friends.

Winnie Davis' Monument.

The current issue of "The Souvenir," a very bright publication by Alabama ladies, published under the auspices of the Montgomery Library Association for the purpose of establishing a public library in Montgomery, has the following by Mrs. N. V. Randolph, of this city:

Could there be a more beautiful tribute to "The Daughter of the Confederacy" than that her name should be perpetuated in bronze or marble. Monuments are history; carve on them the names of our loved, our dead, and they remain for years after memorials of other kinds have ceased to be. Look at the monuments of the East. They have remained long after even the peoples and nations have been forgotten. Then should we not put up to the one and only woman, peculiar to her nation and her time—the Daughter of the Cofederacy—a monument so lasting that in generations to come he who runs may read, "Here lies the Daughter of the Confederacy."

Who was the Daughter of the Confederacy? The woman above all others the South loved to honor.

What was the South? A nation of all nations the most glorious.

Why the most glorious? Read the history of the past and see if there could have been a more glorious record of fortitude, of valor, of hardship borne, of men who dared to do, of women who suffered and were made strong.

Why should they have undergone such suffering? Because they knew the cause they fought for was just and right.

But why this monument? Because the man who represented this cause was the Hon. Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States, and this monument is placed here in honor of the one and only daughter born to the President of the Confederates States, in the White House of the Confederacy. This woman was Winnie Davis, whom the South mourns for and whom we love to call "Daughter of the Confederacy."

Then are not monuments history?

The Howitzers' Drill.

An event of more than ordinary interest to lovers of military drills will be the competitive drill of the Howitzers to-night when the four sections of the battery will meet in battle royal under Sergeants Wortham, Taylor, Bolling and Minson, respectively, for the positions of honor in line, viz: first place, right of battery; second place, left of battery; third place, right center and fourth place, left center. Unlike other branches of the service each participant in an artillery gun drill has a different duty to perform thereby calling into action not only the whole physical man, but his mind as well, making it necessary for him to be on the alert at all times. It therefore requires a great amount of intelligence to execute the tactics precisely, and each man feels that the success of his section may depend on him.

These sections under the efficient training of their chiefs, have been drilling for several weeks past and each will put forth thir best endeavors to outdo the other to-night.

Ex-Captain E. J. Bosher, B. Lorraine and John A. Hutcheson will judge the drill and award the positions and prizes and the Howitzers will be glad to have their friens and the public to witness it at their handsome armory on north Eighth street, beyond Leigh, at 8:30 o'clock.

For the German Poor.

The German-American Ladies' Aid Association will have their annual Pound Party to-day for the German-American poor and sick. Contributions of all kinds, such as old clothes, shoes, groceries, meat, and money, will be gratefully received by the sick committee who will fix up baskets and distribute them among the poor and sick.

The ladies hope their friends will respond promptly and liberally. Articles will be received at Mrs. George Deitrick, 737 north Fifth street; Mrs. D. Haffel, 309 Pleasant street and Mrs. Metzger, 509 north Twenty-ninth street.

Sacred Heart Fair.

The raffle of a horse and buggy in connection with the recent Sacred Heart Fair will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the basement of the Sacred Heart church.

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