

# The Stephens City Star.

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NEW MARKET is infested with burglars.

THE election in Kentucky on the 1st inst. resulted in a victory for the Democrats. The majority is largely increased.

A CABLE dispatch received at Richmond announces the serious illness of Dr. E. H. Smith, United States consul at Naples, from an attack of typhoid fever.

BOSTON is indignant over the discovery in one of her jails of a boy eight years old, who had been held three weeks in default of bail that his mother could not obtain.

GEN. GRANT expects to return to Galena in October, and after passing a few days there he will go to Mexico. Many of the presents received by him during his tour around the world are stored in his Galena house, which is guarded by one of his old soldiers. And yet there are people who want the poor devil pensioned.

COL. JOHN W. SKILES, of Philadelphia, has purchased from Dr. Hughes and others the "Big Hill" iron lands, said to be one of the finest ore deposits in Virginia. These lands are in upper Botetourt county, on the line of the Richmond and Alleghany Valley railroad, and not far from the Alleghany line. The price paid was \$60,000. A furnace near the property will be erected shortly, to be built by Pennsylvania capital.

A CURIOSITY in the way of apples, says the Staunton Vindicator, was shown us the other day. They are called the Early Harvest, and grow in bunches, like grapes. On one twig, six inches long, eleven apples of fair size were suspended, and on another sixteen. There are six of these trees on Mr. D. F. Clemmer's place, and they are fairly loaded down with an abundant crop of fruit, so that the trees appear to be almost solid pyramids of apples.

GUTEAU TREMBLING IN HIS BOOTS. A correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette says: Guteau has been informed of the unfavorable change in the President's condition, and has been visibly affected by it; for whereas he has been quite pert before knowing that his punishment at most would be only eight years imprisonment, now that there is danger of the shot proving fatal there is equal danger of his being hanged, he has now become sullen and morose.

MRS. JULIA ANN ESTEP, of Forestville, Va., now in her ninety-first year, is probably the head of the largest family on the continent. She is the mother of twelve children—nine sons and three daughters; the great-grandmother of one hundred and forty-six children, and the great-great-grandmother of ten children—two hundred and forty-four souls in all. One son has only one child, and another only two children, so that the other ten children of Mrs. Estep have eighty-three sons and daughters—an average of more than eight to each.

THE Mechanicstown (Md.) Clarion gives the following description of a race between a locomotive and a snake one day last week: "Just as the Shenandoah Valley fast train entered the mile cut near town, the engineer was horror stricken to see what he supposed to be the end of a rail just ahead of his rushing locomotive sliding rapidly away from him. His first thought was a broken rail caught by the pilot, and he expected an instantaneous shock. Wonderment usurped the place of fear when a second glance revealed a five-foot blacksnake of the species known as "runner," gliding rapidly away from him on the top of the rail. In the excitement of the moment his hand sought the throttle, he threw it wide open, and the train bounded forward under the impulse, but the snake maintained its lead although the train was running at fully fifty miles per hour, and when the end of the cut was reached and an opportunity was afforded to escape, it left the rail, ran out into an open space, coiled itself up, threw its head into an attitude of defiance, and died right there. An examination proved that the intense heat of the rail had burned it to death."

## The Next Congress.

Taking it for granted that the President will recover, the Senate of the United States, in case of the prompt admission of Miller and Lapham, and no Democratic deaths in the States having Republican legislatures, would be evenly divided, with the Vice-President casting the occasional vote that decides in favor of his party. In this calculation we always take for granted that Kellogg will be alive and well when the Senate shall be reconvened in regular session. It is also presumed that Mahone will act with the Republicans and David Davis with the Democrats. For the purpose of sparing the country another dead-lock, Judge Davis may see fit to act with his old associates, and the Democrats may waive their constitutional privilege by compromise in the matter of the Senate reorganization as to committees and offices. From the changed tone of the country, and the lessons of the past few weeks, it would not surprise us if there were some such amicable arrangement as this. Under a distinct Democratic control of the Senate about 30 per cent., as we understand, of the officers of the body were Republicans. Under a doubtful Republican majority, one good turn deserves another. By December, in case of Mr. Garfield's survival, there may be some changes that will solve the whole question, and to that future we can look with hopes, or fears, as the case may be.

THE Winchester News learns that the Washington & Ohio railroad, formerly the Alexandria & Hampshire, will be sold this fall. If this information be correct, says the Martinsburg Statesman, and we are satisfied that it is, it would be in our opinion a good stroke of policy for the Cumberland Valley railroad, should it desire to extend its road southward to Washington, to purchase the W. & O. and build up the connecting link between the Blue Ridge terminus and Martinsburg, thus commanding a through route and a short one from Harrisburg to Washington, cutting both the Winchester branch of the B. & O. and the Shenandoah Valley railroads at right angles, near Summit Point, Jefferson county, and thence connecting with the Washington & Ohio, near Castleman's ferry.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—An active interest is exhibited in the coming agricultural fair by all classes of citizens, far and near, and we think it is safe to predict a great success for it. The Secretary reports an unprecedented demand for the premium lists and other information concerning it. In machinery and agricultural implements the indications are that the exhibition will be even larger than that of last year. No section buys more improved machinery than the Valley, and the manufacturers are naturally anxious to avail themselves of the superior opportunity the fair affords to bring their specialties prominently before our intelligent farmers.—Winchester Times.

OUR postal money-order system, established primarily to accommodate the public, is meeting with a success in every way which is remarkable. It was put in operation November 1, 1864, under an act of Congress passed in May previous, and in the last fiscal year more than 7,000,000 orders were issued, representing over \$800,000,000. The fees charged amounted to over \$917,000, which left a net profit on the business to the government of \$257,575. So perfect a safeguard is afforded by the system that not one order in a hundred thousand is paid to the wrong person, although the papers are not infrequently lost or stolen. The United States has now a system of exchanges of postal orders with a number of other countries, and it is expected that the list will, in the near future, be considerably enlarged.

Look out for your boys, fathers and mothers, when night comes. There is nothing more ruinous to their morals than running about at that time. Under cover of darkness they acquire their education in crime; they learn to be rowdyish, if not absolutely vicious; they catch up loose talk, they hear sinful thoughts, they see obscene things—they become reckless and riotous. If you would save them from vulgarity, save them from dissipation, save them from ruin, save them from prison, see to it that night finds them at home.

## The New Republican Factions.

No. The Dispatch is not the organ of the Grip-Sackers. "On the contrary, quite the reverse," the Dispatch is the opponent of the Grip-Sackers. The Dispatch encourages the Grip-Sackers (we use the Whig's word because we are replying to the Whig) to maintain their own organization, not because it desires them to succeed against the Democrats—the real people—of Virginia, but because they constitute a better party than the so-called Readjusters. The Republicans of Virginia and the Readjusters of Virginia stand, if we may judge from their utterances, upon platforms made up of almost exactly the same planks. They both appeal to the same classes of voters, to the same prejudices, to the same hopes, and both have the sympathy of the northern radicals, and of all others of the enemies of the southern Democrats. The one plank in the Readjuster platform which is not fitted in the Republican platform is the Riddleberger bill. The Republicans profess to be opposed to repudiation in all its forms, and excuse themselves for their alliance with the Readjusters by pleading that the Readjusters agree with them upon all other questions than the public debt. If this be true, then the Dispatch may very consistently prefer a genuine Republican to a bogus Republican—a Republican who wishes to pay the State debt, to a Republican who boldly avows his determination to repudiate 47 per cent. of a debt which all the departments of the State government of Virginia have declared to be a debt justly owing by her—a debt which is evidenced by her own bonds, signed by her own officers, and upon which she has been paying interest for the last ten years. These bonds for ten years have been passing from hand to hand as the obligations of the honored old commonwealth of Virginia, which of her sons is willing to repudiate them? Surely every true Virginian would rather that the Republicans should succeed who will honor these bonds, than the Republicans who will repudiate these bonds. If there is any other difference between the two kinds of Republicans in this State, we don't know what it is.—Richmond Dispatch.

## A TALK WITH GENERAL MAHONE.

—A correspondent of the Petersburg Index-Appel says: A friend of mine on a visit to the Soldiers' Home a few days since, there met with General Mahone. They were old war friends, and this was their first interview since the late unpleasantness. They, in company with three other distinguished gentlemen, who shall be nameless, had a long and pleasant chat, in which the situation was freely discussed. Re-adjustment, the General said, is but a secondary consideration now with his party. They are fighting for the material prosperity of the State of Virginia, which can only come in the securing of political rights to all classes. He referred to his speech in the Senate, and said that a northern man in the gallery got the idea in him; he exclaimed, as he was trying to show what his party proposed to do, "Thank God, I can go to Virginia to live now." My friend says that the General's manner inspired him with his thorough earnestness, and his full conviction was repeatedly expressed that his party would win in the coming contest for Governor.

## THE Bristol Reporter says of Col. Cameron's recent speech there:

He said he wanted votes, he cared not whether they were white, black, green, red or yellow. His only argument in favor of re-adjustment was, that the Re-Adjusters had prepared a statement of a debt proper and it had never been answered by the Funders. Said he endorsed every public act of Mahone in and out of Virginia. If the "Bourbons" had voted for Lewis once why not do so again? He frequently alluded to the rather stale term of the "geranium-scented Democrats." The audience was frequently assured that the speaker did not want its applause, and so the people magnanimously humored his whim and remained as quiet as lambs. His closing remarks were very liberal. He declared that if he was wrong "he hoped to God he'd get beat." If Mr. Cameron creates no more enthusiasm elsewhere than at Bristol, it must be dry work stamping this hot weather.—Debt Payer.

A MEETING of the Valley Railroad stockholders is called for Staunton, August 11th. A meeting of the board of Directors, held in Baltimore, decided that \$1,000,000 instead of \$700,000 would be the amount for which the road must be mortgaged to complete it to Lexington, including the bridge to be built at Lexington. It is to get authority for this additional amount of mortgage that the directors called for a meeting of stockholders in August. The Baltimore & Ohio road agrees to take the whole mortgage bonds at ninety cents. In the meantime the work will be commenced.—Vindicator.

A telegram has been received at the State Department, from our minister to China, announcing the ratification of the two treaties between the United States and China, which were exchanged at Peking July 9th.

To the citizens of Stephens City and vicinity: In order to close out summer stock I have made some sweeping reductions in prices: 150 pieces best brands of Prints at 5 cents per yard. 25 pieces dress goods at from 3 cents to 15 cents per yard. Parasols, Sun Umbrellas and Fans, very low. The largest stock of Groceries in the Valley, at prices that defy competition. A cordial invitation is extended to all to inspect my stock. No undue solicitation to buy need be feared. Highest prices given for all kinds of country produce. Your obedient servant, G. F. MAYERS.

## Spring and Summer Schedule HARPER'S FERRY & VALLEY BRANCH B. & O. R. R.

Table with columns for Stations, Times, and Directions (EASTWARD BOUND, WESTWARD BOUND). Stations include Lve Staunton, Harrisonburg, New Market, Mt. Jackson, Strasburg, Capon Road, Middletown, Stephens City, Winchester, Stephenson's, Charlestown, Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg, Hagerstown, Frederick, Washington, Baltimore.

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Nos. 638 and 633 daily. All other trains daily except Sunday. Nos. 610 and 605 connect at Strasburg with trains on Virginia Midland road. No. 605 runs to Baltimore via Washington without change of cars. Nos. 610 and 605 dine at Mt. Jackson. Passengers for Jordan's Springs leave cars at Stephenson's; for Rock Enon leave cars at Winchester; for Capon Springs leave cars at Capon road; for Orkney Springs leave cars at Mt. Jackson; for the Hawley Springs leave cars at Harrisonburg. Parties visiting New Market and Luray caves leave cars at New Market. F. M. MANTZ, Supervisor of Trains, Winchester, Va. W. M. CLEMENTS, Master of Transp., Camden Station.

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## Ladies' Goods!

at prices that can't be beat in this Valley. In groceries, we do claim a big thing, and if you will call in we can prove it.

We have one car load of Phosphate on hand, ready for delivery at a very low price. STEELE & DINGES.

## Public Sale!

The undersigned, administrator of the estate of J. T. Ogden, deceased, will sell at his late residence, two miles from Middletown, on

Tuesday, August 9th, 1881,

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## Three Valuable Farm Horses

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## EXCELLENT MILCH COWS,

85 head of Sheep, nice lot of Hogs, lot of Bees, Beds and Bedding, Tables, Chairs, Clock, Watch, and other household articles. Also, set of Blacksmith Tools, one Buggy, one Barshier Single and Double Shovel Plows, Mowing Scythes and Cradles, Front and Hind Gears, Chains, Forks, Axes, &c., with other articles too numerous to mention.

A credit of six months will be given on all sums over \$10.00, purchaser giving note with approved security; all sums under that amount, cash. W. H. DINGES, Admin'r.

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# PLAIN FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE!

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## New and Seasonable Goods!

which they are offering at startlingly low prices. They would call special attention to their large and well selected assortment of

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of the best and standard brands, which they have just received. Table Damasks, Oil Cloths, Shirtings, Cheviot Shirtings, Brown and Bleached Muslins, very cheap. Cottonades at reduced prices.

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Fancy Cotton Hosiery, Corsets, Lisle and Lace Top Gloves, Ribbons, Fans, Toilet Soaps, Perfumes, Gents' Collars and Cuffs, Laundered and Unlaundered Shirts, Ties, Scarfs, Collar Buttons, Men's Socks, Jackets, Overalls, etc., etc. An entirely new supply of

## Ladies' Shoes, Lasting Gaiters,

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## Brown and White Sugars,

Syrups, Green and Roasted Coffee. Try the celebrated Arbuckle's Roasted Coffee in pound packages. Tobaccos and Cigars of the best grades. Bacon, Lard and Flour always kept in stock. A beautiful assortment of

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