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Fifteen years ago James B. Orman, of Pueblo, went to Colorado, a poor boy. Today he employs 3,000 men, and owns and works 2,000 head of mules and horses. While this is true of Mr. Orman, there are hundreds of men who have gone to Colorado and other portions of the West with a few hundred dollars in their pockets and subsequently beat their way back on freight trains. There are any number of cases in almost any State, of men, rich to-day, who, fifteen years ago, were poor. Men who go west expecting to find money laying around loose, are generally disappointed.

Nelson Merryfield, a young man living at fairmont, who has not long been married, and who is said to have made it almost a daily practice to beat his wife and abuse his mother, was visited by a body of men not long since and severely flogged. He didn't like it, of course, and his screams were loud enough to awake many of the neighbors. Who the perpetrators of the outrage are is not known, but their act is generally condemned.

J. W. St. Claire, of Fayette county, shot and severely wounded a negro at Caperton Station on Tuesday evening of last week. He was a miner and had been arrested and placed in the depot and when brought from the depot to be put on the train he tried to make his escape and was fired upon by St. Claire five times, three of which took effect.

A funny story is told of Belva Lockwood, the female lawyer of Washington. A witty fellow was once her opposing counsel, and when he desired to refer to the Hon. Belva, was perplexed. He couldn't say "my brother," as he did when speaking of the lawyers who wore pants. He didn't like to say "my sister," out of respect to that expression. He sent a smile over the room by referring to Belva as "my sister-in-law," but she certainly looked daggers at him.

## THE VIRGINIA MIDLAND RAILWAY.

The Virginia Midland Railroad now have their engineers in the field, in the North Mountain region, west of the Shenandoah Valley, in Frederick and Shenandoah counties, Va., and Hardy and Hampshire counties, West Va., exploring for a route for the extension of its Manassas branch from Strasburg, its present terminus, and junction with the Valley branch of the B. & O., or its vicinity, to the westward, through the iron ore fields of Virginia and West Virginia, to the coal fields of West Virginia,—either due west to the North Branch Potomac coal fields, to a connection with the now partially constructed West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railroad, in Grant county, W. Va., or southwest, to the great Ohio river coal basin itself, at the head of Gauley and Big Rivers, in Pocahontas and Webster counties, W. Va.

We have it from the very best authority that this extension will be begun as soon as the engineers have located the route. Col. J. S. Barbour has the enterprise and a proper appreciation of the advantages that will accrue to the Virginia Midland by this extension, converting a now paralyzed arm of that road, 63 miles in length, into its most important feeder. Heretofore the means have been wanting whereby he could bring about this most desirable extension; now the "Clyde Syndicate" has become a factor of means in the question and the extension will at once be made.

The air line distance from Strasburg (a place about 90 miles by rail from the harbor of Alexandria), is only about 50 miles from the North Branch of the Potomac coal field, one abounding in the best of coals, judging from the reports that have recently come to us from that quarter; and it is only about 100 miles air line from the same place to the great Ohio basin coal field in Pocahontas, or Webster. Within a few miles of Strasburg it will reach Shenandoah-Capon group, of Upper Silurian mountains and Valleys, but in Frederick and Shenandoah counties, Va., and in Hardy county, W. Va. abound in iron ores, especially in the red shale and fossil ores of Clinton rocks, which in the southwestern part of this group, in Shenandoah county, have the most remarkable development of these ores the writer has ever seen or heard of; some of its stratified beds of ore 15 feet, and even more, in thickness, samples of which, by analysis of Prof. Geuth, contained 55.48 per cent. metallic iron, 5.207 manganese, 0.072 sulphur and 0.026 phosphorus—ore so cheaply mined that it is delivered at a furnace for \$1 a ton. Farther to the west it will reach the Warm Springs mountain and the Jackson River or Highland groups of Upper Silurian rocks, also rich in iron ores.—*The Virginian*.

The yearly meeting of Friends held at Richmond, Indiana, on the 29th ult., directed the following address to be sent to the President of the United States. There is a vein of deep feeling and patriotism prevailing its beautiful simplicity of language:

"Dear Brother:—Bound by the one sorrow into a unity of feeling, we feel to extend to thee our earnest sympathy. Being placed, as thou art, in a tried situation, we earnestly desire that wisdom may be given thee to fulfill all thy obligations to God and our country, may not only the mantle of our loved predecessor rest upon thee, but may the spirit of our Father clothe thee so completely that all things may work together for good. Remember that thou art the head of a great Nation, we hope no longer divided by sectional feeling, but, instead, united by the ties of loving brotherhood. May thy every act be characterized by charity and love of justice, so that when the term closes, thou mayest have the full approval of thy conscience as a seal upon thy labors. Let nothing mislead thee in judgment, but abide in that state where thou canst judge aright. Let not obligations to individuals cause thee to lose sight of thy duties to the whole people. Be fearless in thy integrity. We trust thou wilt not be unmindful of the cause of the Indians. Mayest thou use every effort to advance them in civilization and Christianity. We assure thee of our earnest support in every good work, and with the prayer that divine guidance may be thine in all things, we remain thy friends.

The Herald tells us there will be a white day on December 1st. It looked very much that way on Thursday last.

Quite a number of persons assembled in the Court house Tuesday to hear the preliminary trial of Charles Pritchard and A. W. Hoster, before Justices G. A. Simpson, G. E. Roy and W. D. Maddox, charged with uttering on the 8th of November, the forged receipt of W. A. Compton, Clerk of the county, for the delinquent capitation for 1880 of "Alexandria" Deering. The Commonwealth was represented by its Attorney, H. H. Downing, and the accused by Rockingham Paul (brother of Hon. John Paul) of Harrisonburg, and E. H. Jackson, of this town. After the examination of witnesses and the argument of counsel, the Justices considered that there was "sufficient evidence for charging the accused with the offence," and required of each a recognizance in the penalty of \$100 with security for their appearance before the county court. P. F. Winstarrow became the surety of Charles Pritchard, and John G. Brown of A. W. Hoster. On account of the absence of the Commonwealth's attorney at the November term of the County court, the final disposition of this accusation will not be had until the December term.—*Warren Sentinel*.

### SEEKERS AFTER HEALTH.

Unfortunates who are seeking to restore their health, are many. So often have they been deceived by the advertisements of worthless compounds that many are discouraged, and refuse to believe anything they read in the papers. Therefore the best advertisement of a really good medicine is the reputation it has gained in places, where it is being sold. No other remedy ever discovered has grown so rapidly in public as that true medicinal tonic called Brown's Iron Bitters. In localities where its extraordinary merits have become fully known and realized by those who have been in ill health, the sales are unprecedented. A druggist in our city reports the sale of 228 bottles in one week. It is indeed a wonderful, health-giving, life-preserving preparation. It is soothing and refreshing in its effect and strengthens every part of the body, and creates a healthy appetite and a healthy digestion, even when the system is almost destroyed by the many hurtful cathartics, now so commonly used. Reader, beware! duty demands that you try Brown's Iron Bitters, if your health is poor from any cause whatever.—*Enquirer*.

### WINCHESTER ITEMS.—From the Times:

Miss Mollie, the accomplished daughter of Prof. J. I. H. Baker, died on Monday, after a brief illness. The guests at the Union fire company's entertainment a few days ago, can hardly realize that the sweet voice which charmed them on that occasion is now silent forever in death.

Mrs. Patrick Conner died suddenly on Saturday night, of hemorrhage. She had been in delicate health for some time.

The Wingfield cases are now being tried before Judge Sherrard. Gen. Williams for the prosecution, Messrs. Conrad and Dandridge for the defence.

C. B. Mann, a well known and highly respected colored barber of this city, (familiarily known as "Blucher") died at his residence on Saturday, after a brief but painful illness of Bright's disease. He was an *attache* of the Winchester Light Infantry, and generally accompanied them on their parades and excursions. They evinced their respect for him by attending his funeral on Monday, in uniform, with sidearms. Besides the military a number of other white citizens followed his remains to the grave. The lodge of colored Odd Fellows also turned out, and he was buried in accordance with the rites of that Order. The colored band, playing solemn music led the procession. He was a native of this city—a son of James Mann, also a well known barber. He was industrious, honorable, polite, and was universally popular with the white people, who recognized and appreciated his worth.

We learn from an exchange that Mr. Henry S. Walker, of Kanawa county, West Va., and a well known editor and politician of that State, has sold a tract of coal land which he purchased at a low price on speculation, some years ago, for \$135,000. Mr. Walker is a native of Winchester, and has many relatives and friends here who will be glad to hear of his good luck.

One night last week some thief entered the yard of Mr. Geo. M. Anderson, and stole nearly a half barrel of flour from his porch, notwithstanding Mr. A. has two bad dogs.

## THE COURT OF APPEALS.

(From the Richmond Dispatch of the 18th)

It was stated in our local columns yesterday that the present judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals will hold their office until the first of January, 1883. This statement no doubt surprised the Readjusters who have been hoping to take possession of this high tribunal on a once. Let us explain.

The judges of the Court of appeals were elected in 1870 for twelve years. The Constitution provides as to all judges that "their terms of office shall commence on the first day of January next, following their appointment." It follows that the term of the present judges commenced on the 1st day of January, 1871, and will end on the 1st day of January, 1883.

Of course, therefore the Riddleberger bill will never be the law of Virginia before that time. The august tribunal has had occasion to decide more than once that the funding act of 1871 was a valid, binding and constitutional law. It has dealt a blow at repudiation whenever a repudiating proposition appeared in its presence. It is, therefore, not anticipating its judgment when we predict that it will condemn all such repudiating schemes as the Riddleberger bill.

If, however, we do not misjudge the so-called Readjusters, they will be not at all distressed to know that they still have a long period before them of agitation for Readjustment.

—It is a conceded fact that Steele & Bro. have 6 cases of the best men's and boy's boots in our city, they offer a good boot for only - 2.00 a pair. Kimmels extra boot, - 2.50 a pair, Kimmel's Whole stock - 3.00 a pair. Challenge boot, (warranted) 3.50 a pair Ladies heavy winter shoes .95 a pair. Ladies and Misses morocco, foxed and lasting button shoes all warranted.

Mr. Jas. H. Smallwood shot on the wing, November 10th, near his house on the Shenandoah River, a Swan which measured from tip to tip of wing 7 feet, and from bill to tail 44 feet, and weighed 18 pounds.

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Dr. Franklin's mother-in-law hesitated about permitting her daughter to marry a printer, as their were already two printing offices in the United States, and she was uncertain whether the country could support a third. If we only knew the address of this prudent, but unpropitious soul, it would be a great pleasure to mail her a copy of the census report for 1880 on the newspaper and printing business of America during the past decade.

POTATOES FROM IRELAND.—The cry of a potato famine in this country has occasioned the importation of tons of the genuine Irish potato to the port of New York. While the American potatoes are sold at from \$2.50 to 3.00 a barrel, the product of Ireland can be shipped to this country and an agreeable profit realized by the dealers, who sell them at from 2.25 to 2.50 a barrel. The Irish potato bears a close resemblance to the kind raised in America. It is, perhaps, of more solidity, and is said to be a rare and enticing dish.

George Briggs, a Wetzel county farmer, ordered a young man named Dan Powell to cease paying attentions to his daughter. Nevertheless Powell escorted her home the other evening, and while bidding her good-night Briggs appeared on the scene and ordered the girl in the house and Powell to leave. This the latter refused to do, and a quarrel ensuing Powell threw a rock, striking Briggs in the head and fracturing his skull. A young man named Albright, running to Briggs' assistance, was attacked by Powell, and had his eye cut out and other injuries inflicted.

Mr. John Rowland, incarcerated in the jail at Berryville upon the accusation of being a party to the recent stealing and shipment of horses, escaped on Wednesday week, and a reward of \$100 is offered for his capture.

Wm. Petty, convicted of stage robbery in Texas, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 99 years.

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