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Personal Briefs.

Mrs. J. L. Teaford, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. V. Grinstead, has returned to her home in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. H. H. Myers and wife, who have been the guests of Dr. John D. Myers, at Huntington, W. Va., have returned home.

Dr. Thornton Whaling filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church in Lynchburg on Sunday.

Miss Agyle Tutwiler is visiting friends in Lynchburg.

Miss Mamie Bickle, of Staunton, is visiting Mrs. R. G. Templeton, at the Bruce House.

Mr. J. H. Whitmore is in Baltimore last week on business.

Captain Gerow, of Glasgow, was in town Saturday on business.

Mrs. Donovan, of New York, is the guest of Miss Maggie Freeland. She is visiting her son, Cadet Donovan, of the V. M. I.

Hon. G. D. Letcher has returned from a visit to Harrisonburg.

Mr. J. G. Cress of Elmeria, is on a three weeks visit to his sister in Augusta, Ga.

Miss Ada Armentrout, of near Flumen, spent last week here visiting her brother, Mr. S. D. Armentrout.

Dr. J. T. Wilson has returned from a business trip to Lynchburg.

President W. L. Wilson, of W. & L. University, delivered the opening address before the State committee of the Y. M. C. A. in Lynchburg on Wednesday last.

Mr. W. K. McClung, of Covington Va., and a student of W. & L. U., was elected one of the secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Lynchburg.

Hon. W. A. Anderson has returned from Staunton, where he attended a meeting of the directors of the Virginia Female Institute.

We are glad to note that Mr. Fred H. White has sufficiently recovered to appear at his place of business.

Our Kerr's Creek correspondent informs us that since sending his communication to the GAZETTE Mr. J. A. Dixon has taken a turn for the worse and is very ill.

Gen. Scott Shipp, who has for some time been extremely ill at his home at the V. M. I., is reported as resting better than for some days.

Mr. C. R. Hunter is out again after several days' confinement to his room by sickness.

Rev. Dr. J. T. Wightman has been complaining for several days with a slight attack of the grip, but he is better now.

Mr. Wm. Netz, of East Lexington, has been suffering for several weeks with a bealed hand. We are glad to see him on our streets again.

Hon. H. St. G. Tucker has received a check of one hundred and twenty dollars for the Tucker Memorial Hall from the Kendall Green Deaf Mute College of Washington, D. C.

Dr. H. A. White of W. & L. U., we are glad to learn, has declined the call recently tendered him to a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

Messrs. H. M. Mellhany and H. W. Pratt, of Washington and Lee University, left Tuesday as delegates to the Third International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 23rd through the 27th.

Colonel Robert Catlett and Mr. R. H. Gillock left Monday for Petersburg to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pythians which convened in that city Tuesday. Colonel Catlett is a member of the Grand Lodge, holding the office of Grand Master-at-Arms. Mr. Gillock represented the Lexington Pythian Lodge at the State gathering.

On last Sunday afternoon the rain-storm here was accompanied by several loud peals of thunder.

OUR COUNTY FAIR.

The Fincastle Herald has this timely suggestion concerning the value of a County Fair:

The Lexington Gazette of a recent date urges the farmers of that county to give their assistance to those who are attempting to re-establish a County Fair for Rockbridge, but refers to the lack of interest the farmers are taking in the scheme. The Gazette says: "The very persons who above all others should take an interest in this movement—the farmers—are holding back. If they could once realize the good that would result to them with a successful County Fair, then surely every farmer in the county would take an interest in this matter and give it their financial support." The farmers of Rockbridge are evidently standing in their own light. A County Fair there would result in great benefit to them. In Botetourt the farmers, as well as others, have taken a commendable interest in our Fair, and we hope that in the future they will give it a much more earnest support.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

On account of the indisposition of Rev. Dr. Wightman the pulpit of Trinity Methodist church was filled Sunday morning by Rev. Dr. H. A. White, and at night by Rev. R. E. Hutton.

There was no preaching at the Baptist church Sunday night. Rev. Thos. A. Johnson held services for the cadets in the Jackson Chapel at the Virginia Military Institute.

An interesting missionary meeting was held by the Christian Endeavorers at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. A free-will offering was made for the work.

Rev. Mr. McFadden, of the First Presbyterian church, Lynchburg, filled the pulpit of the Lexington Presbyterian church in an able and acceptable manner on Sunday morning and night.

KIN TO ABE LINCOLN.

Mr. Jacob Lincoln, whose remains were buried here on Saturday, could trace directly his relationship to President Lincoln.

In the year 1630 seven Lincoln brothers, driven from their home in England by persecution, came to the United States, and five of them settled on Linville creek, in Rockingham county, purchasing there a farm of sixteen hundred acres.

From one of these five sons descended Jacob, father of the gentleman who was buried here, and from another descended Thomas, father or grandfather of Abraham Lincoln.

IN HONOR OF OUR DEAD SAULORS

The flags at the Virginia Military Institute were placed at half-mast on Saturday as a token of respect to the brave sailors who went down at their post of duty on the decks of the Maine in the harbor of Havana, on Tu day night, February 15th, when that magnificent war vessel was blown up by accident or by foul means.

VALENTINE PARTY

Miss Mary Barclay entertained her young friends at a birthday party on Feb. 14th, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Barclay. All who were so fortunate as to be present had a very enjoyable and entertaining time and it was the wish of each one on parting that their young hostess should have two Valentine days instead of one in a year.

WORK RESUMED.

"After repeated attacks of the grip I was so weak I could hardly drag myself about. I was nervous, had palpitation of the heart and food did not agree with me. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and after taking four bottles I resumed my work and now enjoy the best of health." Mrs. M. F. Murray, Staiback, N. C.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, and to operate. Cure indigestion, headache.

The officers and battalion of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute have received an invitation to attend and participate in the exercises to be held at New Market, Va., on May 12th, 1898, at the unveiling of a monument to cadets and other soldiers who fell in battle at that place May 15th, 1864.

The bazaar held in the Rhodes old carriage factory on upper Main street by the ladies of Trinity Methodist church closed Friday night. The entertainment was a great financial success, the gross receipts amounting to about \$280 and after expenses are paid nearly \$200 will be realized.

The front room of the building was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and presented a beautiful and interesting appearance. The corners of the room were adorned with booths representing several nationalities. The Indian wigwam was typified, Miss Laura Woodward and Mr. Herbert Boley, dressed in native costume and adorned with feathers and paint, representing that unfortunate race. Fur her along was the Japanese booth, with Misses Fannie Boley and Sallie Deaver upholding the customs of the the sunrise kingdom. They also were habited in native costume, and had for sale various articles manufactured by the ingenious Japs. A gypsy caravanary was likewise among the attractions, and the members of the camp were Mrs. H. Krause, Misses Florence Hildebrand, Myrtle Nuckels, Bessie Grinstead, Nellie Wilbourn, Addie DeYoung, Bessie Wolfe, and Mr. Earl Deaver. One of the side features was an elaborately arranged art gallery, presided over by Mrs. J. Lloyd Teaford and Miss Anna Krause, in which were exhibited pictures, mementoes and bric-a-brac galore.

The bazaar opened Tuesday afternoon with a doll show, at which were exhibited dolls of various colors and many nationalities, of all ages and many classes. The centenarian seemed to look with contempt on the parvula, while the aristocrat scorned the plebeian. The prize for the oldest doll, whose age was ninety years, was awarded to little Miss Ethel Young. The prettiest doll was exhibited by Miss Janie Campbell, and the largest doll entered was that of Miss Willis Williams, for which prizes were given. Apron-hemming contests by gentlemen were held Wednesday and Friday nights, which afforded much amusement. A cake was given to each winner for his superior skill—Studen! Witherspoon of Washington and Lee University, in the first contest, and J. Norvell Woodward in the second. Thursday night the children's flag drill came off, and on account of the large crowd present two contests were held. The winning couples were Pauline Welch and Fred Deaver in the first drill, and Nellie Deaver and Madison Pettigrew in the second.

In addition to the special features mentioned a fancy table had for sale many beautiful and useful articles. Refreshments of all kinds were served day and night. Large crowds were constantly in attendance and the ladies feel much gratified at the hearty support given them by the general public.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Mr. J. B. Lincoln of Tye River, Nelson county, and a former well known and highly respected citizen of this county was stricken with paralysis on Feb. 14th, in the store of W. A. Miller and Son in Lynchburg. He was removed to the home of a relative in the city and the best medical aid summoned, but he never rallied and died on Thursday. His remains were brought here and interred in the Lexington cemetery Saturday morning.

Mr. C. P. Nair, formerly of this county, will be recommended by Congressman Yost for appointment as postmaster at Cliff on Forge. Mr. Yost has written to Mr. Nair to that effect. The office pays \$1,600 a year. Mr. W. C. Hamilton, also a former citizen of this county, was a candidate for the same office.

Stop dragging yourself with quick nos trums or "cures." Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy that will do the work. Catarrh and Cold in the head will not cause suffering if Ely's Cream Balm is used. Drug gist will supply 10c. trial size or 50c. full size. We mail it.

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good digestion; sound sleep; a fine appetite and a ripe old age, are some of the results of the use of Tutt's Liver Pills. A single dose will convince you of their wonderful effects and virtue.

A Known Fact.

An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, malaria, sour stomach, dizziness, constipation, bilious fever, piles, torpid liver and all kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

Col. W. T. Poague and Col. E. W. Nichols have returned from Richmond.

Everything points this season to a greater sale of Wash Goods than ever before. The perfection of style, the fastness of color, the cheapness, and the demand of fashion all combine to bring them into universal use. Now is the time to buy them, securing lovely styles—the choice—and make them up before the trying weather of spring and summer.

Percale.

We are showing at present about seventy patterns, all new designs and colorings, and more attractive, I think, than ever before. Most of them are specially designed for shirt waists. Price 10 and 12 1/2 cts.

Toile du Nord.

This is unquestionably the best ten cent fabric on the market. Perfectly beautiful style, absolutely fast color, good weaver and nice dress effects. Also many styles for waists and children's wear.

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This is also a very desirable thing. Just a little more sheer than Toile du Nord, but very beautiful. It is good width, good style, and only 10 cents per yard.

There are so many other pretty things out I can't mention them all, such as Organza, Zephyrs, Dotted Swiss, Mulls, Lappet Cloths, Madras Gingham, Seersuckers, Corded Novelties, Jaconet Duchess &c.

Everything made of cotton is cheap at present. We now sell best Indigo Calico at 5c.; best light Calico at 4 1/2 and 5c.; good Brown Cotton at 5c. Bleached Muslins and Sheetings are also very cheap. Many ladies are buying them now and beginning their spring work. Hamburgs are lovely and never better or cheaper. We have a new one with a draw-string through it, which makes it very convenient.

We now take all kinds of country produce. Bring us your Eggs, Butter, Chickens, &c.

Try a bag of our fine, full-weight Chestnutfield Salt at \$1.00. Nothing better on the market.

If you want the best Coffee in town for the money, ask us to show you Chase and Sanborn's.

J. McD. ADAIR.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

February 22nd, the birthday of the Father of his Country, was observed here by the closing of the banks and postoffice, and the suspension of academic duties at Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Military Institute.

At night the Washington Literary Society of the University held their annual celebration. A large and cultured audience encouraged the young gentlemen by close attention and appreciation. The officers for the occasion were: V. A. Batchelor, of North Carolina, president; C. W. F. Spencer, of South Carolina, vice-president; Robert Glasgow, of Virginia, secretary; and Hampton H. Lisle, of Kentucky, chief marshal. The following program was carried out: Orators—J. Preston Allan, of Virginia, subject, "A Political Danger of the Day"; G. Cathbert Powell, of District of Columbia, subject, "The Liberty Hall Volunteers." Debators—affirmative, Thomas J. Farrar, of Virginia; (second debator in the affirmative failed to appear); negative, M. G. Perrow, of Virginia; A. M. Webb, of Maryland. The question for discussion was: Resolved, That Free Institutions in the United States are in danger."

Capt. J. P. Moore, Wm. A. Glasgow, Esq., and A. T. Barclay, Esq., served as the committee, and medals were awarded the following young gentlemen: Orator's medal—G. Cathbert Powell, debator's medal—A. W. Webb.

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Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed." Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena, Mont.

The McCrum Drug Co. have on exhibition in one of their windows an excellent collection of drawings of United States battle ships. Among them is the Maine, the battle ship recently blown up at Havana. These drawings were done in the engineering department at the Virginia Military Institute.

We regret very much that an interesting communication from the Rockbridge Baths was unavoidably crowded out of the GAZETTE this week.

There's been a "Hot Time in Old Town" for the past few days. Mountains on fire and high winds. Much as "Col. Jeems" could do to stay in his bed.

Messrs. Will Dooley, A. Mitchell and Mrs. Robert Campbell are on the sick list at this writing, but we are glad to note they are improving.

A certain young man in our town says he is ready to help whip the Spaniards any time "Uncle Sam" calls him. He has been watching down the river on the look out for Spanish gun-boats.

Two more weeks and our schools will close.

The fence question has been settled. What next? Oh, yes, here it is! We can trade pen-kives and suggest the best way to annihilate the Spaniards.

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Soft, White Hands with Shapely Nails, Lustrant Hair with Casah, Wholesome Scalp, glowing Complexion, and a clear, bright, and healthy skin, are the most effective results of using the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purest and sweetest, for toilet, bath, and nursery. The only preventive of inflammation and clogging of the Pores.

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BABY HUMORS

Rain yesterday made it too wet for the farmers to plow, and in consequence our town is full of jockeys to-day, all with good horses that they want to trade or others.

On account of the bad weather there were small congregations at all our churches yesterday.

Rev. A. P. Boude stepped over with us a short time one day last week while on his way to Salem on business. We are always glad to see Bro. Boude. He reminds us of times that were better than they are now, as he was one of our first acquaintances here.

Mrs. J. E. Townes and Mrs. M. D. McCorkle are visiting friends in Danville.

Rev. J. G. Scott has returned from a trip to Richmond, where, we suppose, he has been looking after the prohibition move that is to prohibit the sale of whiskey within two miles of Buena Vista.

Master Walter Harris, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid pneumonia is, we are glad to hear, improving.

We are sorry to note that Miss Emma McCorkle's health is so bad as to cause her to visit the Home and Retreat of Lynchburg, where we hope she may be soon restored to good health.

We are sorry to note the indisposition of Mrs. E. G. Johns, but hope she may be out in a few days.

Mr. W. H. Burroughs, of Lynchburg, paid us a short business trip one day last week.

SPRINGFIELD SPRINKLINGS.

The friends of the GAZETTE are always glad to get the news from other parts of the county through its columns and thinking others will be pleased to hear our doings, will try and give some of our latest happenings from here.

The farmers are busy and rejoicing in the good weather, as spring work has been very much delayed by cold and rain.

The nice days have already started here this way, as the hotels of Natural Bridge have entertained some guests of late. Mr. W. H. McClure, who spent the winter in Kentucky, is the present manager.

Rev. G. A. Long is filling his appointment at Shawsville.

Deputy Sheriff Leech has lost a valuable horse from causes unknown. Mr. Leech has sustained serious losses in stock in the last couple of years.

Squire Overton, of Glenwood, held protracted court the past week. It seems to be the determination of our officers to entirely purify this district of wrong doing.

Mr. Thomas D. Parsons is repairing his house here with the intention of occupying it at an early date.

Your correspondent regrets the action of the Supervisors in tearing down his neighbor's horse-fence, as the same action fences up his pasture field, that is, the public road.

Langdon's Cakes and Crackers are the best. We get them often and always have them fresh.

IRWIN & CO.

Now is the time to buy Bleached and Brown Cottons, ten, six and five-quarter Sheatings, White Countermans, Gingham, Seersuckers, Calicoes, &c., &c. Cotton, like clover seed, is cheaper than it has been for sixty years. The rise on cotton goods has commenced already, but we "healed" ourselves when they were at their lowest.

When you want Mollasses come to us. We keep ten (10) kinds, and plenty of good Buckwheat to go with it.

A new line of Hats.

A new and hard to beat line of Gent's Shirts—colored and white.

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The Coffee war still continues, and we, as usual, carry the scalping knife.

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Clean, Good and Cheap.

A "PECK OF DIRT" is soon consumed by those eating tomatoes from the average canner. Ask your grocer for HARVEY GILT EDGE BRAND.

If you want the highest quality grade on the market. Our other brands are all nice, clean goods.

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Feb. 25, 1898.

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Danger and suffering lurk in the pathway of the Expectant Mother, and should be avoided, that she may reach the hour when the hope of her heart is to be realized, in full vigor and strength.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

so relaxes the system and assists Nature, that the necessary change takes place without Nausea, Headache, Nervous or Gloomy Foreboding of danger, and the trying hour is robbed of its pain and suffering, as so many happy mothers have experienced.

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WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE LOT, OF WHICH WE MENTION:

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GLEASON for skirts, all wool, in very rich colorings, 36 inches, 50c.

COVERT CLOTHS, in the choicest Spring shades.

New weaves in BLACK CREPONS.

A large variety of Plain and Fancy mixed goods at 25 to 50c. per yard.

The above embrace some of the choicest dress fabrics on the market, and the prices we make will cause you to doubt the change in tariff!

We offer a limited quantity of ready-to-wear SHIRTS at \$1.25 to \$5.00 each. The latter is an excellent all wool serge, well made, and lined throughout with "near-silk."

GINGHAMS will be much worn. There are many kinds, that you may buy anywhere, but we control one for this market, that is the Gingham of the season. It is SILVER STAR MADRAS, and is 36 inches wide, guaranteed to wash, is much finer and lighter than percale, and is only 12 1/2 cents per yard.

BONNY DOON FLANNELS for dressing sacks and wrappers, at 10c. per yard, are excellent imitations of French flannels, and cost less than half as much.

PUNJAB PERCALES are the best to wash and wear that 1 1/2c. will buy.

We have a beautiful line of Embroideries and White Goods.

Our GROcery DEPARTMENT is worthy of your careful attention. We are not price cutters, but we guarantee the price and quality of all our groceries.

Try our new brand of Canned Tomatoes, nice, ripe, solid goods, with very little juice.

Langdon's Cakes and Crackers are the best. We get them often and always have them fresh.

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