AN INCIDENT IN THE NEW SPEAKER'S LIFE.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, writing from Lexington, Ky, gives the following incident in which Hon. William S. Pennington, of New Jersey, the recently elected Speaker was an actor: I think it was either in 1845 or 1846, that Henry Clay became embarrassed to such an extent that he had to mortgage Ashland.—In the meantime a movement had been started in New Orleans by some of Mr. Clay's friends, that they would pay his debts and relieve his embarrasments, and Mr. A. H. Trotter, the agent of the Northern Bank in New Orleans, was sent East to confer with Mr. Clay's friends.

The consequence was that about fifty thousand dollars were subscribed, and the Hon. Wm. S. Pennington was sent to Kentucky with the money, and came to Lexington without scarcely any person knowing him. He walked into the Northern Bank, asked for Mr. Scott, the Cashier of the Bank, and upon being shown that gentleman, asked if there were not several notes of Mr. Clay's that were due in a few days, and was answered that there were. Mr. Scott was requested to give the whole amount of Mr. Clay's indebtedness, which was done, and a draft on one of the New York banks was handed him, and Mr. Pennington left the bank with all Mr. Clay's notes paid.

In a few days Mr. Clay came to town to arrange for a renewal of the notes, if possible, and was shown in a side room of the bank. After sitting a few moments he asked Mr. Scott if there could be any arrangement to run the notes for a longer time. Mr. Scott looked at Mr. Clay to see if he was not jesting, and finding that he was not, told him that a gentleman from New Jersey had called yesterday and paid all of his indebtedness. Mr. Clay started when Mr. Scott spoke, looked at him a few seconds, burst into tears, and left the bank everwhelmed. No man ever had such friends. Such, sir, is a brief narrative, an incident in the life of the Speaker elect; and here, sir, where Mr. Clay lived, his personal friends are rejoiced that he has been honored with the Speakership.

UNION COUNSELS.—The Hon. Wm. C. Rives, of Virginia, is out in a long and able letter against the South Carolina Disunion Convention. He says:

How would the system of absolute free trade, patronized by the cotton States, accord with this condition of things in Virginia? With one of her staples—tobacco—more heavily burthened with taxation by foreign Governments than any known production of the earth, and which, from the necessities of their systems of revenue will continue to be so burthened, and with rising manufacturing establishments of her own, could there be an act of more suicidal rashness than for Virginia to place herself in a situation, in which "king cotton," by undisputed preponderance in the councils of a separate Southern Confederacy, would be enabled to throw her ports wide open to the free and indiscriminate admission of the manufactures and productions of foreign countries, without any regard to her distinctive and vital interests?

I glance at these things to show that in the utopia of a Southern confederacy, we should have no more harmony and concord—in some things, far less—than in the grand continental temple dedicated by our fathers to American unity, peace and freedom. Let us be content with the noble structure which they have bequeathed to us; desiring neither a general convention to botch it, nor a sectional convention to subvert it. If evils arise from time to time—and I have no disposition to extenuate the magnitude of those which have fallen on us—let us seek a remedy for them within the Union as it is. It is the peculiar felicity of a federative Republic like ours, as I have already remarked, that it affords remedies, within the pale of the Constitution, for the defence of the public liberty, unknown to any other system of government.

IMPORTANT SUIT DECIDED.—The Virginia Court of Appeals at Richmond, on Monday decided the long pending suit of the Rinchmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company *vs.* the Virginia Central and Orange & Alexandria Railroad Companies, favorable to the former, instituting an injunction on future travel over the combined roads forming the central route from Washington to Richmond, and decreeing an account to be rendered by the Central roads of all money received thereon from through tickets to the present time, deducting the fare received on such during the disability of the Fredericksburg route by ice in the Potomac. Also a decree against each of the combined Companies for its share of the proceeds; and each of the combined roads are bound for the other if the decree against either prove ineffectual.

A card from Col. Fontaine in the Richmond Dispatch, corrects some mistakes into which that paper had fallen. Mr. F. says: The decree has not been finally adjusted, but this is certainly known, that the Court has decided every point in the case against the R., F. & P. R. R. Co., except the right to carry exclusively the through passengers from Richmond to Washington, and *vice versa*, by a continuous railroad in cars running through, or with the aid of a free ticket, and that the amount of the recovery in money for the past will not probably exceed one-tenth of that which your article intimates, which was, we believe, about $250,000.

CONGRESSIONAL COLLISION.—On Friday last, on the Capitol grounds at Washington, Mr. Edmundson, member of Congress from Virginia, made an attack upon Mr. Hickman, of Pennsylvania. The Washington Star says Messrs. Edmundson and Keitt and Vice President Breckinridge were together and met Mr. Hickman, when Edmundson walked up to H. and some words passed between them in reference to a speech made by the latter on occasion of a late serenade. Finally Edmundson struck Hickman on the head and was following up the assault, Hickman endeavoring to close with him, when the bystanders interfered. The correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says Hickman's hat was only knocked off, Mr. Clingman, who was passing, having caught Edmundson's arm. He says also that the alleged provocation for this attack was an insulting reflection upon Virginia, contained in a recent speech of Mr. Hickman, in which he charged that seventeen men and a cow had frightened the State.

ATTEMPTED ARREST OF COPPIE—HIS ESCAPE.—A few days ago an officer from Virginia, arrived at Des Monies, Iowa, with a requisition from the Governor of Virginia, on the Governor of Iowa, for the body of young Coppie, brother of the one who was executed at Charlestown, for participating in the Harper's Ferry disturbance. Young Coppie, after the arrest of his brother and John Brown, managed to escape to Canada, but recently returned to his home at Spring Grove, Iowa.

Gov. Kirkwood, on examining the Virginia officer's papers, stated that they were informal and refused his warrant. The officer then sought the aid of the United States Marshal, but in the meantime, a friend of Coppie started on horseback to inform him of his danger; and it is presumed he escaped before the U. S. Marshal could reach his house.

Mr. Memminger, of South Carolina, the special messenger to Virginia, has been called "a conservative Unionist," and "indisposed to measures tending to a dissolution of the Union."—Strangely does such a declaration sound, when it is remembered that as late as 1852, after the passage of the compromise measures, he said, in the South Carolina Legislature, that "he had rather South Carolina was attached to the Government of Great Britain, as she was previous to the Revolutionary War, than to remain a member of this Union."

THE WAR IN MOROCCO.—It is stated there were sixty thousand Moors engaged in the battle of Costellegos. Col. Tassara, about 39 years of age, a younger brother of the Spanish Minister at Washington, distinguished himself greatly at the head of his regiment of Hussars, and was wounded in the engagement. Most of the high officers of the Spanish army are young men.—The army had been obstructed in operations and suffered much from constant rains. Spain is prosecuting the war with vigor and will have before long a force of 80,000 men in Morocco.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSONER.—Col. Memminger, having waited several weeks in vain, for the response of the Legislature to the proposition of South Carolina, has taken his departure for Charleston. He leaves very agreeable impressions among those who enjoyed his society while here, and we can only regret that the nature of his mission was such as to preclude Virginia from a prompt and cordial acquiescence in it. With his departure end the last hopes of the Southern Convention.—*Rich. Whig.*

The Democracy of Richmond city have declared in favor of Gov. Wise for the Presidency.

The Next Census.

Extracts of an address made by Hon. C. G. Kennedy, of the Department of the Interior, to the United States Agricultural Society, in Washington city, on the subject of the next Census, the taking of which will commence on the 1st day of June:

"With these few remarks, which I have thought might present some encouragement for persevering in the maintenance of your organization and the enlargement of your influence, I will refer briefly to the prosecution of the work of obtaining the statistics of agriculture by means of the eighth national census, which will be conducted on the same principle observed in the seventh; and state that measures will be taken to make known in advance throughout the country the points on which information is requested—a matter wherein you can render essential aid. Our agricultural schedule will give the number of farms, the acres of improved and unimproved land composing each, the value thereof, and the worth of agricultural implements and machinery.

It will embrace a return of all domestic animals, excepting two or three of recent introduction, which are not at all numerous, such as the alpacca and the camel, and will return the quantity of the eleven principal crops grown for food, the items of cotton, wool, tobacco, hemp, flax, sugar and molasses, which form such important items of consumption, manufacture and commerce; the quantity of wine, butter, cheese, hay, hops, clover, grass, flaxseed, beeswax, honey, cocoons for silk, and the value of orchards; products of market gardens, of home made manufactures, and of animals slaughtered. These interests will comprise forty-nine separate items, being about one half of the whole number of questions proposed by the census, answers to all which may be obtained by care with almost absolute certainty. They are to be returned as existing on the first day of June, or produced within the year previous, terminating on that day. They are the *great agricultural interests of the country*, and it is not doubted that the agricultural community will be prepared to make a cheerful and prompt response to the agents of the Government who will visit them personally.

"This is the only way recognized by law for obtaining exact information of this nature, and the results thus procured, when proclaimed, will demand and receive the confidence of the world. They are to proclaim the importance of agriculture and power of the cultivator, and it is gratifying to know that thus far no case has arisen where the farmer refused to respond to the question of the census taker, whose universal testimony is, that among the agricultural community his demands are heard with respect and answered with alacrity.

It is very desirable that every farmer shall have posted up his books and be prepared, when called upon by the Marshal in June next, to make well considered replies to his questions.—Thus will he best support the character of a patriotic, intelligent and law-abiding citizen, elevate the dignity of his pursuit, and promote the best interests of society. I hope, gentlemen, you will lend your aid and influence in this matter, and I doubt not that before the taking a ninth decennial enumeration you will have the satisfaction to witness the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, if not a Department devoted to the interests which you have so much at heart.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.—The new Pacific Railroad bill before Congress grants a charter for a railway and telegraph to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation already chartered by the State of Texas, of which Company J. Edgar Thompson, of Pennsylvania, Jas. Guthrie, of Kentucky, John P. King, of Georgia, S. M. L. Barlow, of New York, and various other gentlemen are now Directors—the Company to receive grants of alternate sections of the public lands along the route, besides $1,000,000 for every fifty miles completed this side of the Rocky Mountains, and $2,000,000 for every fifty the other side—amounting in all to $35,0000,000.

The bill also grants the right to build another road and telegraph from the Missouri river to the Pacific north of the 38th parallel, with a branch to Oregon, on the same terms.

The passengers who left New York on the 20th December, 1859, in the Atlantic, connecting at Panama with the Golden Gate, made the through trip in twenty days and six hours, being the shortest time ever made from New York to San Francisco.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JUDICIAL ELECTION.

We are authorized to announce DAVID FULTZ, Esq., a candidate for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court for Amherst, Augusta, Bath, Nelson and Rockbridge counties.

Jan. 24, 1860* Lex. Gaz. and Valley Star copy and charge this office

FOR CIRCUIT COURT CLERK.

☞ I hereby declare myself a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Circuit Court Clerkship caused by the death of the late incumbent. It is within fresh recollection that in time past I had charge of the office for several years. The duties of it are familiar to me.—Should it be conferred on me, I will discharge the duties involved by it with all the faithfulness and assiduity of which I am capable.

Nov. 22, 1859. JOHN B. WATTS.

☞ We are authorized to announce WM. A. BURNETT a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta county.

☞ We are authorized to announce ALEX. F. KINNEY, a candidate for the Clerkship of the Circuit Court of Augusta county.

Dec. 20.

☞ We are authorized to announce JAS. COCHRAN as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta county.

Dec. 13.

☞ We are authorized to announce JOHN PARIS a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta county.

Dec. 27, 1859.

FOR SHERIFF.

☞ We are authorized to announce Col. JAS. M. LILLEY, as a candidate for Sheriff of Augusta county, at the next election.

Dec. 20—tde.

☞ We are authorized to announce JOHN J. LAREW a candidate for Sheriff of Augusta county.

☞ We are authorized to announce HENRY H. PECK a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Augusta county.

Jan. 3, 1860.—*

☞ We are authorized to announce PETER G. STEELE a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Augusta county.

Jan. 10, 1860.*

☞ We are authorized to announce CAPT. P. O. POLMER a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Augusta county.

Jan. 24, 1860.

We are authorized to announce WM. G STERRETT as a candidate for the office of Sherriff of Augusta county.

Jan. 31, 1860.

☞ We are authorized to announce ISAAC H. STEEL a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Augusta county.

Feb. 14, 1860*

FOR TOWN SERGEANT.

☞ TO THE VOTERS OF THE CORPORATION OF STAUNTON—I am a candidate for the office of Town Sergeant at the next election; and have only to say, if elected that I will devote my whole time to it and will discharge its duties to the best of my ability.

Respectfuply, JAS. H. WATERS.

Jan. 10, 1860.*

To the Voters of the Corporation.

I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Town Sergeant, which election takes place on the 4th of April. In doing so I feel that it is due to you to assure you that I will endeavor to discharge the duties of the office with promptness and with a view to render satisfaction to all. R. W. STEVENSON.

January 17, 1860.—tde*

☞ We are authorized to announce WM. CRAIG a candidate for the office of Sergeant of the town of Staunton.

Staunton, Jan. 17.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE.

☞ We are authorized to announce THOMAS S COALTER a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue in the First District of Augusta county.

Feb. 7.

☞ We are authorized to announce THOS. M. DONOHO, a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue in the 1st District of Augusta.

Feb. 14, 1860.

☞ We are authorized to announce JOHN G. STOVER, a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue in the 2nd District of Augusta.

Feb. 14, 1860.

PLASTER.—We have on hand a large quantity ready-ground Blue Windsor Plaster which we will sell for $1.50 per Ton of 2000 lbs, *for cash on delivery*, or will exchange for Wheat or Corn delivered at the Staunton Steam Mills, at fair market prices.

Feb 7. S. A. RICHARDSON, Sup't.

DENTAL NOTICE.—Wm. Chapman has removed his office to the old Bell Tavern, near the Virginia Hotel, and opposite Brandeburg's Corner, and adjoining Rankin's Daguerrean Gallery, where he will be pleased to see his friends and costomers.

Staunton, Jan. 31, 1860.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT.

From rich and poor, bond and free, all colors grades and conditions of life, we hear the same meed of praise awarded this wonderful article. Sores are healed, pains relieved, lives saved, valuable animals made useful, and untold ills assuaged by this great medicine, which is surprising to the judgment of man. What family does not require a standard Liniment.—Who ever heard of the same effects produced by any other article? For Cuts, Bruises, Sprains, Rheumatism, Swellings, Strained Horses, &c., it has no equal. *Beware of imitations.* The genuine Mustang Liniment is sold by all respectable Druggists and Livery Men in every town, parish and hamlet throughout the North and South America, Europe, and the Islands of the Ocean. Buy at once.

BARNES & PARK Proprietors,

Jan. 17, 1860.—1mo. New York.

"FOR"
HERRING'S FIRE PROOF SAFES,
LEATHER and RUBBER BELTING,
LACE LEATHER,
STEAM PACKING HOSE,
COTTON and LINEN TWINE,
AND FOR
INSURANCE on your Life, or the Lives of your servants, at the lowest cost, call at Stationers' Hall, No 21 Pearl Street, Richmond, Va.

KNOWLES & WALFORD.

Richmond, March 15, 1859—1y

Mr. THOS. J. BAGBY, General Collector, Richmond, is an authorized Agent for the *Staunton Spectator.*

Religious Notice.

The Va. Annual Conference of the United Brethren in Christ will meet in Churchville on the 23rd of the present Month.

J. J. GLOSSBRENNER.

Feb. 14, 1860.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening last, by the Rev. J. A. Latane, R. H. FOSTER, Esq., of Richmond, and Miss FANNIE, daughter of Dr. F. T. Stribling of this place.

On the 31st of January, 1860, by the Rev. J. W. Howe, Rev. MOSES MAY, of the Baltimore Conference, to Miss MARGARET COLLEY, of Bath county.

On Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., by Rev. G. G. Brooke, Mr. BEN. F. MARKWOOD to Miss MARY WILLIAMS, both of this place.

On the 9th inst., at the American Hotel, Staunton, by the Rev. Wm. E. Baker, Mr. NOAH F. BEAR, of Rockingham, and Miss M. E. PULLINS, of this county.

THE MARKETS.

STAUNTON MARKETS.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

Reported by P. N. Powell & Co.

FEBRUARY 14, 1860.

FLOUR.	New Superfine	$5.00@0.50
	Extra,	5.50@0.75
	Family,	6.50@0.75
GRAIN.	Rye,	9.80@0.00
	Oats,	0.35@0.37
	Corn, (New)	0.70@0.00
BUTTER.	Fresh Roll,	0.18@0.20
LARD.		0.9½@0.10
BACON,		0.9@0.9½
PLASTER	Lump, per Ton,	11.00@0.00
	Ground,	13.00@0.00
SALT.	Ashton,	3.25@3.00
	Marshall,	3.00@0.00
	Ground Alum,	2.50@0.75

RICHMOND MARKETS.

Reported for the Spectator by W. D. Tompkins & Bro.

RICHMOND, FEB. 11, 1860.

FLOUR—Receipts and stock very small, sales of Superfine $6; Extra, 6½ to 6¾.

WHEAT—Sales of Red $1.20@1.30. White $1.40@1.50.

CORN—Sales at 80@85, and dull.

TOBACCO.—Lugs $2½@4½@5.00, Common Leaf 5¼@6½@7.00, Good 7½@8½@9.00, Fine 9.¾@10½@11.00, Common Stemming 7½@8½.

OATS—Sales, 45@50.

CLOVER SEED—$5¾@6.00.

FLAX SEED—$1 30@1 40.

BUTTER—12@16 for cooking, 18@20@22 for table.

LARD—11@12.

HAY—$1 25@1 30

PLASTER—$5½ by the cargo.

GUANO—$58.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SELLING OFF AT FIRST COST!!!!

IN consideration of the expiration of my Lease on my DRY GOODS Store and preferring to reduce my Stock before removing, I will sell **At First Cost** from this day on to the 1st day of April, my entire Stock, consisting of Cloth and Velvet Cloaks, Spring and Winter Shawls, all wool Delaines, half wool do, Cashmeres, Valencias, Debages, Coburg, French Merinoes, Dress Goods of all descriptions, Black and Fancy Dress Silks, Bonnet Ribbons, Dress Trimmings, Irish Linens, Brilliants, Marseilles, 4, 8 and 10 quarter Sheeting Cotton, Plain and Figured Swiss, Plain and Figured Cambrics, plain and dotted Flannels Linseys, Bed Blankets, Woolen and Marseilles Coverlids, bleached and Brown Table Linens, Napkins, Toweling, Swiss and Lace Window Curtains, Prints, Steel Spring Skirts, Velvet Bonnets, (reduced from $7.00 to $3.50,) a large lot of Millinery Goods, Five sets of Furs (reduced from $10.00 to $6.00,) French Cloth, black and fancy Doe-skin Cassimeres, Cassinetts, plain and fancy Silk Velvet Vestings, Satin and Grenadine do., plain and fancy Marseilles do., Hosiery and Fancy Goods, 600 yards CARPETING, 500 yards Straw Matting, Oil Cloth Table Covers, a nice assort of Jewelry, one thousand pair of Ladies', Misses and Children's Shoes, with a great many other articles too numerous to mention.

The public are respectfully invited to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. S. H. HILB.

☞ N. B.—For Goods sold at Cost, I shall look for the *Cash Down*; Goods purchased on credit, the old retail price will be charged. S. H. HILB.

Staunton, Feb. 7, 1860.

ONE CENT REWARD.—Ran away from the subscriber, on the 22nd day of January, 1860, WM. HALBERT, an indented apprentice to the Blacksmith business. I forbid all persons harboring or trusting said boy on my account, as the law will be enforced against all persons so offending.

The above reward will be paid by me to any one returning said boy to me near Old Providence Church, Augusta co. J. W. MINES.

Feb. 7.—3t*.

100 NEGROES WANTED.—I will pay in CASH the highest market prices for able bodied young NEGROES for the Southern market. Persons having such for sale will find it to their interest to call on me before selling, by letter or otherwise at Waynesboro', Augusta County, Virginia.

Feb. 7, 1860—6mo.* JOHN B. SMITH.

Augusta county, Court Clerk's Office, to wit:

ESTRAY.—Taken up by John Reid, on his land in Augusta county, in September last, of the following description to wit:

A Heifer about three years old with half crop off the left ear, white back and belly with black sides, and appraised at $13. Extract Teste,

Feb 7. WM. A. BURNETT, D. C.

STORE STAND FOR RENT AT HERMITAGE, AUGUSTA CO.—The Store House is a large, new and commodious building, situated in a wealthy and thickly settled neighborhood. A good business has generally been done here. A married man can be accommodated with a dwelling house, or a single man can get boarding if desired. Possession given on the 1st of March.

For further information address

January 17—tf. SAM'L KENNERLY, Jr.

STORE HOUSE FOR RENT.—I have a Store House for rent in the county of Fayette, which is an excellent stand for a country business, situated on the main road leading from Lewisburg to Kanawha C. H., 40 miles west of the former place and about 4 miles from the location of the C. & O. R. R. The nearest store east is 25 miles distant. Persons wishing to rent will address me at Lewisburg, Va., or apply to W. A. Burke, at the Staunton Depot.

Jan. 31, 1860.—4t THOS. J. BURKE.

TAKE NOTICE.—The subscribers having, last summer, executed a bond to John N. Crouse, for $150, the price of one of Zink's Threshing Machines, which we purchased of said Crouse, and learning that Zink denies the right of Crouse to sell the Machines, we hereby caution all persons not to trade for the said bond, as we are determined not to pay it.

SAMUEL HAYS,
SAMUEL GOLLADAY.

Jan. 31, 1860.—3t*

TO JOHN W. SITLINGTON and all others WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—I shall, on *Monday, 27th day of February*, in front of the Sheriff's Office in the Town of Staunton, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, a NEGRO GIRL, named Molly, as unsound, and shall hold you responsible for cost and damages.

JOHN B. SMITH.

Feb. 7, 1860.—2t,

ATTENTION.—Company C. Va. Militia, will parade at Maj. S. Stover's, the usual place of mustering, on Friday the 27th of this month. Persons failing to attend will be fined according to law.

By order of the Captain.

J. H. STOVER, O. S.

Jan. 24, 1860—1t

NEW YORK LEDGER.—THRILLING Tales in the New York Ledger. Hereafter I will not sell the Ledger or Harper's Weekly on credit.—No money—no papers. Don't ask for credit on papers. ROBT. COWAN.

Staunton, Jan. 3, 1860.

NEW GOODS.—FRENCH MARINOES, &c.—We have also a large lot of French Marinoes, all Wool Delaines, Poplins, Alpaccas, Poil De Cherres, English Valencias, Coburgs. We are also receiving some new goods suited to the season.

Staunton, Dec. 20. PIPER & FUNKHOUSER.

500 NEGROES WANTED.—I wish to purchase 500 likely young Negroes, of both sexes, for the Southern market, for which I will pay the highest market prices in cash. My address is Staunton, or Middlebrook, Augusta Co., Va.

Jan. 24, 1860* J. E. CARSON.

PLASTER.—I am now receiving 300 Tons of the best Windsor Blue Plaster, ever brought to this market—which I will sell low for Cash or Country Produce. Call at the Freight Depot.

Staunton Jan. 24, 1860—3m W. A BURKE.

JUST RECEIVED.—A very fine lot of all kinds of Spectacles—plated, steel and gold—and all kinds of Spectacle Glasses, concave, convex and colored.

Staunton, Jan. 31—tf A. LANG.

AUCTION SALES.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.—Will be sold at public auction on *Thursday, the 8th day of March next*, (if not sold privately before that day,) a valuable tract of land, 1 mile from Greenville, Augusta county, containing **152 Acres**, situated on the head waters of South River. 100 cleared and the balance well timbered. This land is of the best quality of Lime-stone land, finely adapted to grain and grass of all kinds, and has on it from twelve to fifteen acres of fine Meadow. It is very conveniently situated with reference to Mills, Stores, Churches, &c., and has on it tolerably good buildings of all kinds necessary for a small farm. An adjoining tract of about 170 Acres can be purchased, if desired. Persons wishing to purchase will examine the land for themselves, and can obtain any information from our neighbors or Mr. James W. Hudson living near Staunton.

TERMS.—One-third in hand and the balance in 1, 2 and 3 years, in equal payments, with interest. Good personal security will be required, and the title retained until the purchase money is paid.

NANCY T. DOAKE,
ELIZABETH W. DOAKE.

Jan. 31, 1860.—Rock Reg copy above 3ts.

At the same time and place will be sold all the farming implements, Household and Kitchen Furniture, Stock of different kinds and some Corn, &c., on a credit of nine months for all sums over $5; under that amount the cash will be required.

N. T. DOAKE.
Jan. 31, 1860. E. W. DOAKE.

A LARGE and VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE—We will offer our valuable Farm lying on Moffets Branch, 11 miles from Staunton, near Parnassus, for sale, on *Thursday the 8th of March*, 1860. It contains **600 Acres**—about 300 of which are cleared, well fenced, and in good state of cultivation. The balance is well timbered. The improvements consist of a large BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, a good Barn and other out-houses. There is near the house a large spring of as good water as is to be found in the county. Also a large fine meadow, and 150 or 200 acres of timbered land fenced in, which makes a fine outlet for hogs. These and many other advantages make this a desirable farm. We will sell 400 acres, with the improvements, or the entire tract, just as the purchaser may desire.

The Terms will be very accommodating. As the tract of land is large, the purchaser will be required to pay $3000 down; the balance in six equal payments, the title given when the third payment is made.

Possession will be given immediately.

Persons wishing to buy land would do well to call and see for themselves, for we will sell the greatest bargain that has been sold in the county for 20 years.

San. 10, 1860. JOHN F. SILLING & BRO'S.

SALE OF LAND.—Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, rendered at the November term, 1858, I will sell at public auction, on *Friday, the 3rd of February next*, a valuable Tract of Land containing about **107 Acres**. This tract of land is known as the "Heiskeil Farm," and lately owned by Catharine Fauber, dec'd. It lies about 5 miles north of Staunton and adjoins the lands of John Bumbgardner and George Welch. The tract is in good condition, well watered, and with a sufficiency of timber It has on it a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, a good Switzer Barn, and an Orchard of excellent Fruit Trees.

TERMS:—So much in hand as will defray the expenses of sale, and balance in one, two and three years, secured by bond with good personal security, and the title retained as ultimate security.

Jan. 10, 1860. ALEX. ANDERSON, Com'r.

Postponement.

The above sale is postponed till *Saturday, the 3rd of March*, 1860. ALEX. ANDERSON, Com'r.

Feb. 7, 1860.

ROCKBRIDGE LAND FOR SALE.—The subscriber offers for sale his **FARM** on South River, Rockbridge County, 2½ miles East of Fairfield. It contains **204 Acres**, and the soil is naturally of good quality, being well adapted to all the grains and grasses raised in the Valley, especially wheat. It is of Southern exposure, and has on it an abundance of fruit of various kinds, about seven Acres in a solid Orchard, besides a great many other trees. About two-thirds of the land is cleared and in cultivation, the balance heavily timbered. To persons wishing to view the land it will be shown them by Mr. John Patterson, who lives on the place, or by the subscriber, living near Newport, Augusta County. If not sold privately before the *1st day of March*, 1860, it will be offered on that day at public sale.

TERMS accommodating and a bargain can be had as it is too far from me to attend to personally. The improvements are as ample and as good as usually found. WM. SMILEY.

Aug. 23, 1859—Lex. Gaz. and Rock. Reg. copy.

PUBLIC SALE.—The subscriber desirous of selling his *HOUSE AND LOT*, in Staunton, will offer it for sale on *Monday, the 2nd day of April* 1860. The house is built of Brick, 3 stories high, and well laid off, and suitable for a Tavern—for which purpose it has been occupied. There is also a Store House attached to the main building, and a large and convenient Stable, Smoke House and Magazine on the lot.

TERMS:—Fifteen hundred dollars will be required to be paid down, and the balance will be made in lighter payments of five hundred dollars a year with interest from date, the title retained until the last payment is made.

Also another lot lying on the run side will be offered on the same day, situated on the Turnpike towards the North end of the town,

It is deemed unnecessary to give further description, as persons desirous of purchasing will undoubtedly view the property. RICHARD RIDGWAY.

Jan. 24, 1860

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE. By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to me on the 15th day of January, 1842, by James Shultz, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Augusta, I will sell, on the premises, to the highest bidder, for cash, on *Friday, the 17th day of February* next, the Tract of Land in said Deed conveyed. The Tract contains **20 Acres**, situated on the Junction Valley Turnpike, about three and a half miles South of Greenville, in the County of Augusta, and adjoining the lands of Ballard Smith. There is on the land a comfortable Dwelling House and Barn The title is believed to be unquestionable, but selling as Trustee, I will convey with special warranty.—Sale at 12 o'clock M.

Jan. 24, 1859 tds JOHN NEWTON, Trus.

PUBLIC SALE.—Having sold my farm, I will sell on the premises, on *Saturday, the 25th day of February*, 1860, all my Farming Utensils, Cattle, some very valuable Horses and Cows; some Corn, Oats, Rye and Hay; an excellent Manny's Reaper, a Bickford and Huffman's Drill, (new last Fall,) a Doyle Wheat Fan, two improved Rollers, three good Farm Wagons, Hay Ladders, Harrows, Plows, Harness, &c., &c.

TERMS:—On all sums amounting to $5 or more, six months credit; bonds with good security to be given by purchasers. Cash for all sums under $5.

Feb. 7.—tds. H. W. SHEFFEY.

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5. It should be able to sew from coarse to fine, and from thick to thin, with rapidity, and without changing the tension.
6. It should be able to make the tension greater or less, on both the under and upper threads, and with uniformity.
7. It should have a straight needle, curved ones are liable to break.
8. The needle should have perpendicular motion. This is absolutely necessary for heavy work.
9. It should be capable of taking in the largest pieces of work.
10. It should be able to bind with a binder, hem with a hemmer; should stitch, fell, run and gather.
11. It should be always ready to work.
12. It should be capable of using the same size of thread on both sides of the work, and of using different colored thread or silk, above or below, to correspond with any two colors of cloth to be united.
13. It should be able to make a long or short stitch.
14. It should be able to fasten off the seam, and commence sewing tightly at the first stitch.
15. It should run easily and make but little noise.
16. It should have a wheel feed; none others are in constant contact with the work.
17. It should *not* be liable to get out of order.
18. It should *not* be liable to break the thread nor skip stitches.
19. It should *not* be necessary to use a screw-driver or wrench to set the needle.
20. It should *not* be liable to soil the operators dress.
21. It should *not* form a ridge on the under side, nor ravel out, nor be wasteful of thread, as is the case with ALL CHAIN STICH machines.
22. It should *not* be 'more trouble than it is worth.'
23. All of these advantages are possessed in our machine. LADD, WEBSTER & CO.

Dec. 6, 1859.—1y.

GREAT INDUCEMENTS.—From this date until the 1st day of April 1860, I will offer great inducements to those who wish to supply themselves with Hats and Caps, having determined in order to reduce my stock to sell them at COST FOR CASH. Call before the stock is diminished, at the store room nealy opposite the Va. Hotel.

Staunton, Jan. 24, 1860. WM. SHRY, Agt. for M. G. Hurman.

LOW PRICED OVERCOATS—We have on hand a few Common Over Coats which we will dispose of at a low figure Also a lot of Trunks, together with a fine assortment of Clothing, all of which will be sold cheap for cash. ROAN & ALBY,

North Wing of Va. Hotel.

Staunton, January 17, 1860.—Vind copy

TIN CHAMBER SETS, a very beautiful article for sale by WOODS & GILKESON.

Staunton, Nov. 22.

PRIVATE SALES.

ONE OF THE BEST STORE STANDS IN THE VALLEY FOR SALE.—Having determined to retire from the Mercantile business, I offer for sale, privately, my property, situated in Churchville, Augusta co., on the main road leading from Staunton to Augusta Springs. The improvements consist of a large DWELLING HOUSE, with kitchen and dining-room in the basement, and every other building necessary to make it all that any one could desire. It has also a firstrate Store Room attached, with an excellent Cellar under it, and a good Granary and Crib. It is one of the best stands for a store in the valley.

This property is situated in one of the most healthy and wealthy sections of Augusta County and has every convenience that could be desired. There are two good classical Schools—one for males and the other for females—Mills and Churches in sight, and every other convenience that could be desired in any community. I deem any further description unnecessary, as persons wishing to buy will examine for themselves.

TERMS made easy.

Should I not dispose of my property by the *10th of March*, I will then rent out the Store House, Crib, &c.

For further particulars address me at Churchville, Augusta co. T. N. LINDSEY.

Feb. 7.—tf.

NEAR THE COV. & OHIO R. R.—I have in the Counties of Fayette and Raleigh a large quantity of UNIMPROVED LAND, well adapted to Corn, Wheat, Tobacco, and the grasses, which I will sell low for cash or prompt pay. That in Fayette is within a mile or more of the Court-House, lies well, well watered by good springs and numerous streams, has a good Mill Site on it, and is near to a grist and saw-mill, is penetrated in all directions by good roads, and some of it near the route of this to be the greatest of Railroads. That in Raleigh is on Pine River, is very rich and timbered with the prettiest Pine and other timber in the State, well adapted to Corn and other Crops. I will sell in from 100 Acres to any quantity to suit any one.

TERMS cheap. Address at Fayetteville, Fayette C. H., Va. JACOB SANGER.

Sept. 13, 1859.—Rok. Reg. copy 6 mos.

WHO WANTS AN EXCELLENT FARM AT A LOW PRICE?—Five miles from Staunton—2 south of the R. R.—**300 Acres**—180 cleared and productive, and well set in grass—within 1½ miles of a good female school—near to Churches—new BRICK DWELLING HOUSE neatly furnished—all necessary out-houses new. Terms very easy.—A great bargain is offered in this tract, which is very desirable on many accounts. Apply to

GUY & WADDELL,
Real Estate Agents, Staunton, Va.

Nov. 29, 1859.

FOR SALE.—The neat and comfortable COTTAGE RESIDENCE, with 2 acres of Ground attached, near the Staunton Nurseries, now occupied Franklin Davis. A great bargain is offered in this snug and tasteful suburban residence. Apply to

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