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FOR PRESIDENT, JOHN BELL, OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, EDWARD EVERETT, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Clubs for the Canvass.

With the view of enabling all to have an opportunity of reading the "Spectator" during the present exciting canvass, we propose to send it to subscribers from now till the Presidential Election at the following low rates:

No. COPIES. RATES. A single copy, \$0.50 Five copies, \$2.50 Nine copies, \$3.50 These low rates will enable the friends of the cause we advocate to subscribe the amount necessary to send the "Spectator" to any friends they may wish to have it during the canvass.

West Augusta—Liberty and Union. Will our readers pardon us for alluding once more to that famous remark of the Father of his country so complimentary to the patriotism and bravery of the people of West Augusta?

Among the individual losers, were Dr. H. S. Eichelberger, Druggist, from \$800 to \$1000, Benjamin Crawford, Dry Goods merchant and Grocer, lost about \$300.

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On New St., from Miller's Shoe Store down to the bridge crossing the creek at Burke's Livery Stable, things were swept completely up; Wm. Miller, Shoe Maker, supposed to lose about \$50, Chas. T. Cochran, Tobaccoist, about \$50, Dr. Young, Druggist, about \$50, J. B. Scherer, Confectioner, about \$50, J. Beck, Confectioner, about \$100.

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On Augusta St., from the American Hotel to its intersection with Beverly, both the individual and corporation losses are very great. The principal losers were James Hannan, Bar-Room, and John O'Hare, Bagatelle Saloon, supposed loss \$600—the floors of O'Hare's Saloon, and Hannan's Bar-Room and another building adjoining, fell down. Messrs. Bledsoe & Davis, Dry Goods merchants and Grocers, (the end of their building torn out) supposed loss from \$8000 to \$4000.

On Beverly St., from Augusta St. up, the loss was very great. A. M. Bruce, Grocer, G. F. E. Lick, Saddler, Lyman R. Blake, Shoe Store, Woods & Gilkison, Hardware Merchants, F. N. Powell, Commission Merchants, and also a book store in the same building with Blake's shoe store, were all heavy losers. Woods & Gilkison think they will lose from \$500 to \$1000. P. N. Powell cannot estimate his loss, but thinks it will be from \$250 to \$500. G. F. E. Lick will lose about \$300. The back part of Union Hall was washed in.

The persons occupying the buildings on Frederick St. from the Market House down to Augusta St., and on Augusta St., from Frederick St. down to Beverly, all sustain great losses. All the gardens and residences on the banks of the Creek at the North west end of the town were overflowed, the gardens destroyed, furniture washed out, &c.

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Accident on the Central Railroad. The train running from Staunton to Richmond on Saturday morning last came in collision with a wagon at the first crossing this side of Waynesboro, in this county. It divided the wagon directly in the middle, throwing the fore wheels on one side of the road and the hind wheels on the other. The driver, a servant of Mr. Hanger was thrown into the air and was seriously injured. For some time he was insensible.

Barn Destroyed by Lightning. In the midst of the terrific storm on Saturday evening last, the barn of Mr. Wm. Donaghe, about a mile from this place, was struck by lightning and burnt up. Several of Col. Ople's servants had taken shelter from the storm in the barn, and were asleep when it was struck. They were slightly stunned, though not injured. Dr. Donaghe had taken his horse from the barn only a few minutes before. There was no live stock in the barn at the time. The wheat crop for the past season and a portion of a threshing machine were also destroyed.

Terrific Storm—Great Loss—Staunton Nearly Rained.

On Saturday evening last, between half past two and four o'clock this place was visited by a most violent storm and terrific freshet. Houses were undermined, walls driven in, goods swept away, pavements torn up, gas pipes broken, hogs drowned, fences washed away, gardens and crops destroyed. The streets presented a spectacle similar to the rapids above the falls of Niagara.

The corporation and individual losses are immense. The individual loss is very great, much more than it has ever been on any former occasion of a similar kind. The flood was greater than that of 1846, and much greater than the one of 1855, and the damage sustained, in the opinion of some, as great as in both combined. At this time there is no means of ascertaining the amount of damages, or even an approximation with any degree of certainty.

The pavements on both sides of Augusta St., from Beverly St. down to New Court House St., were washed entirely out, and in some places to the depth of 5 to 6 feet; and from Beverly St. up Augusta, on the right-hand side.

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Is Bell a Prophet?

Some assign the fact that Bell voted against that "great and swindle," the Kansas-Nebraska bill, as an objection to him. He did a wise not when he did so, as the troubles into which the adoption of that bill has thrown the country amply show.

The "Valley Democrat" calls attention to the important fact that the Democratic State Convention which nominated Gov. Letcher, on the night of the 4th of December, 1853, went out of its way to pass a resolution emphatically endorsing Douglas as the man to be elected President.

"How can this measure furnish any new guarantee for the preservation of the Union? Or how transfer to the Territories, and take away from Congress, those distracting and sectional questions which so often intrude themselves here—slavery, the tariff, the passage of this bill remove the source of those sectional agitations at the North which have heretofore, upon two memorable occasions, filled the country with alarm for the safety of the Union?"

"Mr. President, and the provisions of the Bill as it stands amended, and suppose the inhabitant less or more in number, of one of these Territories, as soon as their government is organized, should establish slavery by law, would that quiet agitation at the North? Or would it not be more rational to conclude that it would be a sounding of the tocsin for a general rally of all the true elements of the Abolition faction at the North, stimulated and supported by great numbers of Northern citizens who have heretofore been so long and so patiently waiting?"

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Gov. Letcher Talking Sense.

Gov. Letcher recently addressed a letter to a gentleman in Washington City in which he stated that, in his opinion, Virginia would go to Bell and Everett, and that any effort to prevent it would be futile. That is a very sensible opinion, very candidly expressed. Some Democrats here are candid enough to admit that Bell and Everett are sure of the vote of Virginia.

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