

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

It is now stated that the Hon. Mrs. Norton is the editor of the London Owl.

General E. Carrington has been re-appointed District Attorney of Washington.

The report of the trial case in Washington made a pile of manuscripts over twenty-eight inches high.

W. P. Johnson, the brother of the President, has been appointed surveyor of the customs at Columbus, Texas.

Nearly twenty thousand dollars have been collected for the statue of Shakespeare, which is to be erected in Central Park, New York.

A movement is on foot by colored men to purchase the Charleston Mercury and publish it as an anti-slavery journal.

H. D. Sherman, of the famous Sherman oil well, who five years ago, was a poor man, is now reported to be worth over five million of dollars. He expects soon to be rich.

One firm in London advertises to the amount of \$200,000 per annum. All the partners have grown immensely rich.

Governor Perry, of South Carolina, has issued his proclamation for rehabilitating the State, filling executive offices, etc.

Secretary McCulloch announces that shipment of arms, ammunition and grey cloth may be made hereafter to and within the State of Tennessee.

At last the health of New Orleans continued good. There was the average number of deaths, but none from fever. Weather intensely warm.

General Sherman, in his speech at Indianapolis, said he should "never, never accept civil office, and never again draw his sword in anger."

"Blind Tom," the musical slave prodigy who created such a sensation four or five years ago, is now in a incumatti, and as wonderful as ever for his mastery of music.

A convention of the colored men of Va. assembled at Alexandria, last Tuesday. They desire the right of suffrage, and varied their proceedings by a "long and angry and threatening debate."

During the present fiscal year, thirteen or fourteen millions of dollars will be needed to pay the pensions. In June the applications for pensions were one quarter more than in previous months.

Gov. Boreman of West Virginia, has appointed Nathaniel Harrison, Esq., Judge of the ninth Judicial Circuit of that State, composed of the counties of Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, Mercer, and McDowell.

Weichman, the principal government witness in the conspiracy trial considers himself the government, for he says to attack him, a government witness, is to attack the government. Be careful what you say about Weichman.

We wont say a word about Weichman.

Major General Halleck and family, with a number of army officers, sailed on Tuesday for California in the steamship Ocean Queen. The Gen. goes to the Golden State to assume the duties of his new command, the Military Division of the Pacific, one of the five grand divisions into which the country is now militarily partitioned.

A special correspondent of the N. O. Times, dated Brownsville, July 13th, says:

Major Texier of Cortina's staff, has just arrived from above, bringing intelligence of the capture of General Kirby Smith and his entire party. He was intercepted by the Governor of Saltillo, S. Viesca, on the 4th of July, at Piedras Negras, Mexico, about fifty miles below Eagle Pass, and compelled to surrender.

The victors get four pieces of artillery, nine hundred new rifles, and a train of wagons loaded with ammunition and provision. The officers and men were paroled.

For the Spectator.

MEMOIR OF MRS. SIDNEY R. POINTS.

Surely, "The memory of the just is blessed." "The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the spirit; for they rest from their labors."

These sacred sentences are suggested as appropriately connected with the demise of Mrs. SIDNEY R. POINTS, widow of Mr. David Points, and daughter of Mr. John Taylor, deceased. She died in Staunton, April 25th, 1865, in the 60th year of her age, in the full hope of a blissful immortality. Though mourned for as dead, yet, is there rejoicing also on the part of her surviving family and friend—children and church associates, who know how properly to estimate religious real worth, as they call to mind her maternal affection, her meek, quiet spirit, her exemplary patience, her unswerving fidelity to Christ, amidst the multitudinous cares that pressed often times heavily upon her, and the no ordinary afflictions to which she was called so frequently to be subject. For, in her life and labors of love, she beautifully blended the gospel gems, with the sterling characteristics which constitute christian womanhood, and in her last illness as she encountered the swellings of Jordan, in her "walk through the valley of the shadow of death," she was enabled to magnify the grace which furnishes the exemption from the penal consequences of sin, having the joyous assurance:

"Jesus can make a dying bed,  
Feel soft as downy pillows are,  
While on his breast I lean my head,  
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

Mrs. Points was the happy subject of regenerating grace in 1825, and, perhaps, in the same year became united to the Methodist Episcopal Church; thus for a period of two score years, she lived in that communion, maturing in the use of the sanctified privileges of such a connection, and enjoying the Christian fellowship of many, who long years ago, passed on before her, entering into rest, having the fraternal counsel of Mr. Sampson Fagan, as her earliest class leader, than whom, the town knew no worthier man in his day.

As the lives of the truly good after the Christian type more than the

"Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime;  
And, departing leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time;  
Footprints, that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,  
A forlorn, shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing may take heart again."

So, may we be personally profited, by the practical illustration which the real, actual life, of the humble Chris-tian exhibit of the priceless lessons, derived from the "High Priest of our profession," and comprehend how these who have savingly "learned of Him," to possess "like precious faith," the "good hope through grace," and finally, to "inherit the promise," of "immortality—eternal life," yes, "to fight the good fight," to finish our course and "gain the port of bliss securely."

See how Mrs. Points in life's varied relationships, enduring at times the severely afflictive visitations incident to such relationships, showing forth commandingly, the power of faith in the word of Him who called her from darkness into His "marvellous light." Her example commends to us forcibly, the only course suited to this life and the life which is to come,—the "here and beyond."

Hushed, now, as is her voice in the death-silence, no more kindly to warn, or affectionately to counsel, may her blessed Christian character so claim our study as to win us to Christ, and then it may be said though dead she yet speaketh.

"With songs let us follow her flight  
And mount with her spirit above;  
Escaped to the mansions of light,  
And lodged in the Eden of love."

Died, at Mt. Selon, Augusta Co. Va., on Sunday morning, the 23rd inst., Mr. HENRY HARMAN, in the 49th year of his age.

He was quiet and unobtrusive in his manners and remarkable for his industry, integrity and a character un sullied by the faults which so often stain the lives of erring humanity. He lived on good terms with his fellow-men, secured their respect and esteem, maintained the reputation of a Christian, and leaves as a legacy to an interesting family of five daughters and a son, together with his heart-stricken widow, the reputation of an honored man. A lovely daughter, who died some years since, and a gallant son, killed in the battle of McDowell, preceded him to the home of the blest, and all three rest quietly beneath the sod of Mossy Creek church yard. A numerous connexion, with a large concourse of neighbors and friends testified their respect for his memory and sympathy for his family, following his remains to their last resting place. May those who survive him imitate his virtues. M.

VALUABLE FARM

FOR SALE.

The subscriber, proposing to remove to a Western State, offers for sale, privately his Farm, lying on Middle River, six miles North-West from Staunton.—It contains

204 ACRES,

nearly one-half is RIVER-BOTTOM, the balance of the cleared land very productive. About 25 or 30 acres in timber. The improvements consist of a nice two and a half-story

BICK HOUSE.

four rooms and a basement, with wash room and cellar, and also a roomy garret. There is attached a frame etc, containing dining room and kitchen, with three small rooms above, and a house for servants, with one room below and one above. There are on the premises and in the yard, a stone spring-house, corn-crib and granary, and smoke house; a barn, with two stables, two cutting rooms, sheep cot and granary. There are on the premises 4 or 5 springs. The entire farm can be seen from the house. Middle River winds around the farm without washing it. There is a first class Merchant Mill within 100 yards of the premises, also a saw-mill. Schools and churches are convenient. Address

S. M. YOST,  
Staunton, Va.

Aug 1—4t

CRAWFORD SPRINGS,

AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA.,

SITUATED within sight of the Pond Gap Depot on the Virginia Central Railroad, 17 miles West of Staunton, will be open for the reception of Visitors on and after THURSDAY, the 3d of AUGUST next. The Analysis of the SULPHUR SPRING here shows that it very strongly resembles the

White Sulphur Spring,

in Greenbrier County, and it is considered valuable in Dyspepsia, Diseases of the Liver, and other maladies for which that water is so justly celebrated. There is another Spring on the premises which has a high reputation as a healing and curative agent.

Fine Alum and Chalybeate Water, from the Variety Springs, two miles distant, will be kept on hand for boarders here. CARS leave Staunton Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for the Springs.

BOARD \$2.00 PER DAY.

S. GOODE, formerly of the Hot Springs, Va.

Pond Gap, P. O., July 31, '65—2t

VIRGINIA FEMALE

INSTITUTE,

STAUNTON, VA.

The next session of this Institute, will open on

The 1st Wednesday in October.

The buildings were occupied, during the war, by the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind.—They will be newly furnished and the Departments OF ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, LANGUAGES, MUSIC, DRAWING, and PAINTING, ABLY FILLED.

Board, with furnished room, and English course, \$200 in Specie, or its equivalent, for the annual session. Address, August 1—1st Oct. Rev. R. H. PHILLIPS, Principal, Staunton, Va. Vin copy

NOTICE TO PARTIES SENDING FREIGHT TO AND FROM STAUNTON.—The Va. Central R. Co. will furnish cars at Staunton, as far as they can, to receive loading on the track destined for market. Messrs. McClure & Bangardner have a house immediately on the track and will receive produce in the absence of cars on reasonable terms to be settled by owners. Goods not consigned to other specified houses or not taken from the cars will be stored in the Ware House of Messrs. McClure & Bangardner, being the most convenient house to the track. Mr. Robt. J. Howe and Messrs. Ker, Stevenson & Co. have also houses convenient for transacting this business. H. D. WHITCOMB, General Superintendent. July 28—4t

HOW TO SAVE FURK!!

CALL ON JAS. A. PIPER AT "WHITE'S CORNER"

And buy from one to four hundred

SACKS OF SALT.

The salt can be sold at a low figure as it is offered regardless of cost, carriage or profit. It is important therefore to housekeepers to know that by buying now, may save them TWENTY FIVE PER CENT.—This opportunity to buy may NOT continue but for a very short time. BACON AND FLOUR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE. Aug 1—3t Vin copy.

JAMES W. MILLER,

SURGEON DENTIST,

STAUNTON, VA.,

Offers his professional services to the citizens of Staunton and of Augusta county. All operations upon teeth neatly and skillfully executed. OFFICE, for the present, over Post Office. July 25—4t

STOLEN.—From the subscriber, on Monday Night, 7th inst., A SOLID REL. MAKE, about 17 hands high. No marks remembered, except that she had a lump on the top of her head—the effects of Pol-Evil.

Any information that may lead to her recovery will be liberally rewarded by the undersigned, who lives about 1 mile from Arter Hill, and 1 mile off the Staunton and Middlebrook Turnpike. JACOB BAYLOR, Jr. July 25, 1865—3t\*

WANTED. FOUR COOPERS.

To men understanding their business,

Good Wages and Constant Employment

will be given. Address

H. L. GALLAUER, Wayneboro', Va. July 25, 1865—3t\*

STOLEN.—From the premises of the subscriber, on Friday night last, July 28th, a large dark brown HORSE.

He had two marks on him—one on his wither and one on his back caused by sores. The hair was shaved off his left fore-shoulder hunting for a brand. A liberal reward will be paid for his delivery to me or any information that may lead to his recovery. I lives 5 miles from Staunton, on the old Buffalo Gap road. DAVID ELLINGER. Aug 1—2t5

JOHN B. BALDWIN, LAWYER.

Will practice in all the Courts holden at Staunton, in the Circuit Courts of Rockingham and Rockbridge counties, and in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. He will undertake special cases in any part of Virginia. Register & Gazette copy 3t Aug 1—3t

HEAD Q'RS. SUB. DIST., at STAUNTON, District of South-Western Va., STAUNTON, Va., July 24, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

In obedience to Orders from Headquarters, Department of Va. I hereby assume command of this Sub-District, composed of the following named counties: Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany. All orders, heretofore issued by the Commandant of this Post, and now in force, are continued and will remain in force, until revoked, By Command of CECIL CLAY, Lieut. Col. 58th Pa. Vol., Com'd'g Sub. Dist. August 1—5t

HEAD Q'RS. SUB. DISTRICT, District of South-Western Va., STAUNTON, VA., July 24th, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

The following named officers are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Sub. District, Commander and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Capt. John H. Collins, 58th P. V., Provost Marshal. Lieut. R. M. Overhiser, A. A. A. General. Lieut. Jos. T. Hested, A. Q. M., 58th P. V., Acting Post Q. M. and Commissary. By Command of CECIL CLAY, Lieut. Col. 58th Regt Pa. Vol., Commanding Sub. Dist., Staunton, Va. August 1—5t

HEAD Q'RS. SUB. DISTRICT, District of South-Western Va., STAUNTON, VA., July 26, 1865.

SPECIAL ORDER No. 3.

Captain Newton R. Bunker, of the 58th Regt. Pa. Vol. is hereby appointed to the command of the Post at Lexington, Rockbridge County, Va. Capt. Bunker will act as Provost Marshal at his post. By command of CECIL CLAY, Lt. Col. Commanding Sub. District, R. M. OVERHISER, 1st Lieut. & A. A. A. General. August 1—5t

EDUCATION.

REV. E. P. WALTON, A. M., offers his services as Teacher and respectfully refers to the following citizens:

N. K. Trout, Esq., Dr. F. T. Stribling, Rev. G. B. Taylor, Dr. Wm. S. McChesney.

Long experience in teaching encourages the hope that he will answer all the existing demands for education.

He has associated with him Mr. A. K. YANCEY, Jr., a graduate of the University of Va., who refers to Profs. McGuffey, Smith, Schute De Vere, and Maupin, and Mr. Wm. Dinwiddie, A. M., of Greenwood, Va. From other eminent scholars also he has special recommendations for scholarship.

A few boarders can be accommodated. Terms liberal: apply to the Principal, Aug 1—4t Staunton, Va.

DRUGS, MEDICINES,

CHEMICALS,

I have received a large stock of pure DRUGS, PAINTS, MEDICINES, OILS, DYE STUFFS, PERFUMERY, SPICES, PATENT MEDICINES. In fact a full and complete assortment of all articles incident to the Drug and Apothecary business, which I will sell at reasonable prices. Under the present state of affairs, while others are doing a cash business it cannot be expected that I shall continue my old credit system. P. H. TROUT. Aug 1—4t Main Street, Staunton, Va.

HARDWARE

WE are now receiving a general assortment of Goods in our line, suitable for COACH, HARNESS, SHOE AND CABINET-MAKERS, BLACKSMITHS, BUILDERS and HOUSEKEEPERS. We have also a good stock of WHIPS, UMBRELLAS, GLASS AND PUTTY, AND WOODEN-WARE. And many articles entirely new, in this market, which we will take pleasure in showing. As our terms are CASH, we are disposed to sell at short profit. Aug 1—WOODS & GILKESON.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.—

From the subscriber, on the night of the 18th of July, 1865, TWO HORSES, One a dark chestnut sorrel, with a blaze in the face and blind in the left eye. The other is a light sorrel mare, blaze in the face, three white feet and was two year old last spring. A liberal reward will be paid for any information that may lead to the recovery of the above horses. Address the undersigned at Middlebrook, Augusta county, Va. DAVID RUSMISEL. Aug 1—3t\*

School at the Augusta Church.

THIS School will be resumed the first Monday in September next, and continue until the 20th of June, 1866. I have associated myself with a competent teacher, educated at the University, and young men preparing for College or business will receive particular attention. For particulars address either of us at Willow Spout, Augusta county, Va. Q. M. PACKER, O. S. ROLER. July 25—4t

RAGS, RAGS, RAGS:

THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE PAID AT FOR THE RAGS. TOBACCO STORE OF JOHN B. EVANS. Aug 1—3t

SCHOOL IN CHURCHVILLE.

The subscriber will open his School on the 1st day of August next. A limited number of Boarders will be received. For further particulars apply to JOHN G. STOVER, Churchville, Va. July 25, 1865—3t

A FINE LOT OF QUEENSWARE, SPICES, &c., just received at S. M. WOODWARD & BROS. Staunton, July 25, 1865—4t