

STAUNTON SPECTATOR.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1865.

Capt. Jos. M. Stevens is authorized to make contracts and receipt for advertisements for the "Staunton Spectator."

A Word to Subscribers. To those who had paid in Confederate money for the "Spectator" to a period beyond the 23rd of September, 1864, we have sent the paper from the date of their subscriptions to the present time without charge.

The Lynchburg Republican says that "some of those who insist that no one should be elected to Congress who cannot take the test oath of 1862, are driven to the necessity of putting a construction upon that oath which it does not bear and was never intended to bear."

It will be observed that this oath does not require a man to swear that he has never given any "aid," &c., to the Confederate government, or to the authorities of that government; nor does it swear him that he has never given any sympathy to the cause of the rebellion.

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Both Mr. Botts and the Whig admit that if this be the effect of the oath, that they know of none who can subscribe to it. Mr. Botts admits that he cannot. But they deny this construction, and contend that the question of motive is to decide the matter.

Mr. J. Segar has published a number of letters from different citizens of Virginia, concurring in the opinion that, in Virginia, the people accept the results of the war as settling all issues made, and are sincere in their declarations of allegiance to the Government.

The truth is, this test oath was framed for the express purpose of excluding from office every man who had ever had, directly or indirectly, openly or tacitly, any connection or sympathy with the rebellion, or any "persons" connected with it, or who had ever "yielded a voluntary support" to any "authority" under the rebellion.

The Alexandria Gazette says that one of the peculiarities of the times is, that in the electioneering now going on, the main question seems to be not whether any particular candidate ought to be elected—but, if he is elected, can he take his seat?

Railroad and Steamboat Slaughter.

The New York Times publishes a summary of the losses of life and wounding of persons which have taken place in the United States within the last five months, and which have been attributed to "accident." It embraces railroad and steamboat slaughters, boiler explosions, gunpowder explosions, falling down of buildings, and other catastrophes of the like, which are usually declared to have been unavoidable, but most of which, it may be assumed, might have been prevented by the adoption of proper precautions.

The Alexandria Gazette says that it is stated that in Germany since the beginning of the railroad system, twenty or thirty years ago, not a life has been lost in consequence of carelessness or mismanagement on the part of railroad agents. Surely a system which has this result deserves to be particularly studied in the U. S. We do not know, however, that studying the matter would do any good—because in this country there is an ultraism in railroads, as there is in politics—and both seem to be destructive.

The latest news from Europe fills us with apprehensions with reference to our noble, impulsive and high spirited Irish friends. There are many indications that they are on the eve of another badly matured and, we fear, rash attempt to rid themselves of English domination. There seems to be imminent peril of a collision between the Fenians and the Government. Bold demonstrations by the former have been made in Tipperary, Limerick, Cork and Kerry, in which counties there are said to be at least fifty thousand Fenians, or sworn soldiers of "the Irish Republic"—"a Republic," by the way, which the dilapidated Palmerston and that diplomat old fox, Lord John Russell, will be slow to recognize as they were "the Southern Confederacy."

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The Alexandria Gazette very truthfully says that the Radicals profess to fear that if Representatives from the Southern States are admitted to seats in Congress, slavery will be re-established, or encouraged, secession again advocated, &c., &c. No such fear, in reality, is felt at all. The fear is that the Radical political party, as a political power and a party, will be materially damaged by the increase of the number of Conservative men in the national councils.

Gen. Cox, the Republican candidate for Governor in Ohio, having stated that Vallandigham favored the formation of a new Confederacy to be composed of the Northern States, Vallandigham, in noticing it, says that Gen. Cox "has lied," and says that he never used that expression before except upon one occasion, when he used it in reference to B. F. Foy for a similar offense.

On Monday week, (Court day,) the people of Shenandoah county, in Convention assembled, made the following nominations:—For the State Senate, Dr. P. Ballew; for House of Delegates, J. B. Strayer and Thomas A. Jackson. The Convention also expressed itself in favor of Robt. Y. Conrad, of Winchester, as the Representative in Congress from the 7th District.

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In December, 1860, the present President, Andy Johnson, proposed to amend the Constitution of the United States so as to provide for the election of a President one term from the South and the next from the North, and so on alternately as long as the Government should endure.

The Republican Party have at no time since the war, passed any resolution in denunciation of arbitrary arrests or arbitrary proceedings. That party has never protested against any infraction of the Constitution.

Parson Brownlow says there are now, according to the census just taken, over 20,000 negroes in Memphis, many of them idle and dissolute.

COMMUNICATED.

For the Editor of the Spectator. Sir:—A friend has called my attention to the recent issue of the Spectator, in which your paper to correct several errors into which Mr. Lewis has, (no doubt inadvertently) fallen.

Mr. Lewis is mistaken in regard to both of these important propositions. I made a speech on the occasion referred to, but it was on an entirely different subject. A proposition was pending before the County Court, to appropriate a sum of money for the benefit of the wives and children of soldiers then, or soon to be in the field. I was called on to express my opinion on that subject, and did so, by earnestly advocating it. I made no speech in favor of the ordinance, and so little was known of my opinions [the seal of secrecy not having been removed from the proceedings of the Court] that a note signed by a number of our best citizens, and which, I probably a month afterwards, and a few days before the vote was to be taken on ratification or rejection, asking my views on the subject.

It is evident that President Johnson did not mean anything of the kind, for he has so much confidence in Mr. Stuart's loyalty and patriotism, that he would not have been so long in coming to a decision, had he not been very much pleased to see Mr. S. a member of the next Congress. As a matter of course, Mr. S.'s next opponents are well known to President Johnson.

The voters of Naked Creek, my friends and neighbors, will give me credit for sincerity, I know, when I say to them, that the arena of politics possesses no charm for me, and that I desire no office of honor, profit, or trust whatever. What I here declare, it would be an insult to the understanding and good sense of my friends to assign as a reason for declining to be a candidate for the Senate; for, conceding my fitness for the honorable and responsible position of Senator, that would be a good and substantial reason for their preference. I appreciate the patriotic motives of my friends, and I may have another opportunity to require their kindness, but I cannot be a candidate for the Senate, and that for reasons good and substantial, which it would be unnecessary and useless to detail, as it would be to define my position.

On Monday night, the 18th inst., there was a meeting, in the City Hall, Richmond, of capitalists, merchants and others, for the purpose of organizing a National Express Company to be managed by those, North and South, who have recently belonged to the armies of the two sections. Hon. Wm. H. Macfarland acted as President, and Jas. A. Cowardin as Secretary. In a few minutes after the subscription list was opened the sum of \$154,700 was subscribed by those present, the shares being limited to \$100, and the sum to be subscribed in Richmond to \$250,000. Col. M. G. Harman announced that he was authorized by Gov. Pierpont to subscribe \$5,000 in his name. A Committee was appointed to report a plan at the next meeting to be held the next day at the same place. At the meeting of the next day, the Committee reported the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the operations of the company shall commence as soon after two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of stock shall have been subscribed, and five per cent. thereon paid in, as the law will authorize.

That until otherwise ordered the office of the company shall be in the city of Richmond.

That a committee of three be appointed to memorialize the General Assembly of the State of Virginia for the passage of an act increasing the capital stock of the company to the sum of five millions of dollars, and for a change in the corporate name of the said company, and for such other modifications as may be necessary.

That the increased amount of stock of the said company shall be allotted among the various States of the Union, and that the books of subscription to stock shall be closed at the end of thirty days after the opening of the same. And that for the present the following apportionment of the capital stock be made to the various States, herein named, as follows:

New York, - - - - - \$600,000
Massachusetts, - - - - - 208,000
Connecticut, - - - - - 82,500
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That upon the subscription of the said two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and the payment of said per centage, the Stockholders may proceed to the election of a President and Vice-President, and the appointment of nine Directors, who shall proceed, forthwith, to take such steps as may be necessary to the immediate organization and operation of the Company.

That three commissioners, any one of whom may act, be appointed by the Chairman of the meeting of the Stockholders in each State to open books of subscription to the stock of the Company in their respective States, with the power to such Commissioners to appoint sub-commissioners in the various portions of the State.

Messrs. Editors:—We, the undersigned, having been appointed by Sangerville Division, No. 131, Sons of Temperance, as a committee to take into consideration the propriety of holding a Temperance Convention, we have, therefore, decided upon Sangerville, Augusta co., Va., as the place, and Friday, the 13th of October, as the time for holding a district Convention to be composed of delegates from all the Subordinate Divisions that may see proper to send delegates to represent them in said Convention. A full delegation is expected. Doe Hill and Repose Divisions, of Highland co., Va., have signified their approval of our course in this matter, and have expressed their intention to send delegates to represent them in the proposed Convention. Business of importance will be transacted for the good of our Order.

Mr. Editor:—It is reported that President Johnson, in the conclusion of his speech to the Macfarland Delegation, the other day, said, "the Southern States ought to elect thoroughly loyal men to the next Congress of the United States." There are many persons in our Congressional District, who believe that the language, "thoroughly loyal," has a peculiar significance, and was intended to mean nothing short of men who could take the oath prescribed by the Congress of 1862.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

1st. Persons should advertise in the best advertising medium—the "SPECTATOR" is the best advertising medium—therefore, persons should advertise in the "SPECTATOR."

WE are authorized to announce JNO. F. LEWIS, Esq., of Rockingham county, as a Candidate for Congress in the 8th Congressional District, composed of the counties of Rockingham, Page, Bath, Alleghany, Highland, Augusta, Craig, Rockbridge, Botetourt, Albemarle, Greene and Madison. Aug 29-14

WE are authorized to announce ALEX. H. H. STUART, of Augusta County, a Candidate for Congress in the 8th Congressional District, composed of the counties of Augusta, Rockingham, Page, Bath, Alleghany, Highland, Craig, Rockbridge, Botetourt, Albemarle, Greene and Madison. Sept 12-14

WE are authorized to announce WM. G. STERRETT, Esq., a Candidate for a seat in the next House of Delegates of Va. Sept 12-14

WE are authorized to announce HOWEY PEYTON, Esq., a Candidate for a seat in the next House of Delegates of Va. Sept 12-14

WE are authorized to announce JES. ADDISON WADDELL, a Candidate for the House of Delegates for an Augusta county. Sept 26-14

WE are authorized to announce R. J. GLENDY, Esq., a Candidate for the House of Delegates for the counties of Highland and Bath. Sept 26-14

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE—Will be sold, at the late residence of Abraham Landes, dec'd., on Saled Creek, on Monday, the 9th of October, 1865, the following property to wit: 16 Head of Hogs, 8 Wagons and Harness, 1 set of Blacksmith Tools, all the Household and Kitchen Furniture, the Growing Crop of Corn, some Hay, and the old burr Mill Irons. Terms on the day of sale.

Stoves! Stoves!! CALL AT POINTS, Opposite the Post Office, Manufacturers of all sizes, Copper Work of all kinds.

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NOTICE—The Bonds and Accounts of Dr. T. Reynolds, dec'd., are in my hands for settlement and collection. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted are requested to come forward at once, as longer indulgence cannot be given.

Eight Bushels PRIME WHITE CORN MEAL FOR SALE BY KER, STEVENSON & CO. Sept 26-14

FOR BLACKSMITHS.—Best English red-hot rolled IRON, of all sizes. Tire, Round, Square, Barred Hoop, Horse Shoes, Nails, Sheet, Cast and Blister Steel, Plow Plates, Livingston's Castings, etc. just received and for sale low for cash.

WINDOW GLASS.—I have just received an extensive assortment of WINDOW GLASS of all sizes, PUTTY, etc., which will be sold very low by the box or at retail, for cash.

Still continues the practice of his profession, as Dental Surgeon, and would be glad to see his friends and patrons.

New Advertisements.

Fine ESTATE For Sale. HAVING concluded to reside in Clarke county, Virginia, I offer for sale, privately, a part of my REAL ESTATE, in Augusta county, Va., three and a half miles West of Staunton.

Three Hundred and Fifty Acres, and will sell either side, to suit the purchaser. There are several hundred acres of fine, lofty timber upon the whole tract, which would make it desirable to the purchaser to haul firewood to Staunton.

AUGUST A. GRUBERT, MANUFACTURER OF STILLS AND ALL KINDS OF TIN AND COPPER WARE, STAUNTON, VA.

\$1,000 BOUNTY—For Mexico! THE President of the United States having pardoned all men who were subscribers to the "SPECTATOR" would now call attention to their new stock of FALL and WINTER GOODS which have been selected with great care.

TO THE LADIES.—PIPER A FUNKHOUSER are now receiving at "White's Corner," opposite B. Crawford's old stand, one of the largest and prettiest stocks of DRESS GOODS ever laid over here, to which they invite the special attention of the Ladies.

Large and Attractive Sale of HOGS, HORSES, CATTLE, &c. E. M. CUSHING, Auctioneer.

FINE COBBAM STALLION, 20 Head of YOUNG CATTLE, some of them FINE BEEF.

BLACKSMITH, COACH-MAKERS, TOOLS AND MATERIALS, and a great variety of other articles, for Farmers and Housekeepers.

POINTS, Opposite the Post Office, Manufacturers of all kinds OF PLAIN TIN WARE.

NOTICE.—We, the undersigned MERCHANTS, of Staunton, have, in addition to the license of Wholesale and Retail dealers, taken out license as Commission and Forwarding Merchants.

TO FARMERS.—Having bred short horn cattle for seven years, I will by another year have females for sale. Now I have several yearlings and bull calves. Also will have my breeding bull seven years old, bred in Kentucky by imported Orontes II.

FLAX SEED WANTED.—The subscribers will give the highest cash price for all the Flax seed that will be brought to this market.

AVAILS AND VISES.—A few genuine English Avails and Vises, also a few of the Bellows, Saw Plates, Files, Hammers, etc., for sale low for cash.