

STAUNTON SPECTATOR.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1865.

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

Christmas.

We hope all our patrons have enjoyed a happy Christmas, and that the New Year, now so near, may be fraught with rich blessings for them...

The President's Views.

On Tuesday last, the President, in reply to a resolution of the Senate of the 12th instant, communicated a message to that body stating that the rebellion, waged by a portion of the people against the properly-constituted authorities of the Government, has been suppressed, and that the United States are in possession of every State in which the insurrection existed...

Gen. Grant's Views.

In Gen'l. Grant's report, submitted to the Senate by the President, he briefly reviews his tour of inspection throughout the South, and states he is satisfied the mass of thinking men in the South accept the present situation of affairs in good faith...

The Policy of Peace.

The Richmond Enquirer maintains that the United States, instead of placing themselves in antagonism to the Canadas, should make it their first duty to secure their good will. It says, "we need peace at home to enable the restored Union to recover breath from its gigantic efforts..."

Golden Opportunity Lost.

We concur with the Richmond Whig in the opinion that, if Congress had made the admission of the Southern Representatives the first measure of the session, "nothing would have tended so much to blot out all unpleasant memories of the war..."

Freedmen Affairs.

Major-General Howard, Commissioner, has received a report from Colonel E. Whittlesay, Assistant Commissioner for the State of North Carolina, in which he represents the number of schools in the State as sixty-seven, the number of teachers as six hundred, and the number of scholars as seven thousand and fifty-three...

England and Spain.

The English Government has asked Spain to desist from her hostilities against Chili, but she has responded to Earl Russell's remonstrance with the assurance that Spain "has resolved not to permit its dignity, causelessly and gratuitously affronted, to remain without the just reparation to which it is entitled..."

Berkeley and Jefferson Counties.

In the United States Senate on Thursday, Mr. Wade from the Committee on Territories, reported favorably on a bill to give the consent of Congress to the annexation of the counties of Berkeley and Jefferson, Virginia, to the State of West Virginia.

The True Policy of Virginia.

In the report of J. W. Garrett, the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, he says: "The Baltimore and Ohio Company has increased its equipment to about three hundred locomotives and four thousand cars. Its capacity for business is now far beyond the ability of lines working in connection with it to dispose of the vast quantities of freight it brings to Baltimore..."

Fonder it think of it—300 locomotives, 4000 cars, and more than 75 trains daily! Consider the vast business done upon that road, remember that Baltimore wined to run the road through this populous Valley, teeming with productions, thirty years ago, and admire the wisdom of the "log-in-the-manger" policy adopted by the Legislature of Virginia of that time!

Events of Last Week.

The four prominent political events of Monday and Tuesday of last week, says the Richmond Whig, were—the proclamation of the Secretary of State declaring that, inasmuch as twenty-seven of the States, being three-fourths of the States of the Union, have, by their Legislatures, ratified the constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery or involuntary servitude within the United States, except as punishment for crime, the same has become valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States...

The Contrast.

A Texan editor, on his travels, writes a graphic and very interesting letter to the Galveston News, from which we extract the following paragraph: "Morning on the Mississippi! The sun is glorious, as the little white fog fleeces are drunk up by his beams. Look out upon the stately mansions, the great piles of sugar mills and the villages of white cottages where the slave resided and grew sleek and happy..."

The New Constitutional Amendment.

The following is the resolution proposing another amendment to the Federal Constitution, adopted in the House of Representatives on Tuesday: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, two thirds of each House concurring therein, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of said Constitution..."

The Test Oath in Congress.

The following is the resolution by which the House of Representatives, on Monday, the 18th determined to adhere to the test oath. It was offered by Mr. Hill, of Indiana: "Resolved, That the act of July 2d, 1862, prescribing an oath to be taken and subscribed by persons elected or appointed to office under the Government of the United States, before entering upon the duties of such office, is of binding force and effect in all departments of the public service, and should in no instance be dispensed with..."

Affairs in Mexico.

Two important decrees, says the Republic, have recently been issued by Maximilian, one of them extending for fifteen days, from the 29th of November, the time in which the soldiers of President Juarez laying down their arms were to be granted amnesty, and the other ordering a general draft for the army throughout Mexico. The work of drafting the laws for the future government of the empire having been completed, the fact was announced in an imperial order, and the official journal was giving the statutes to the public in daily instalments...

The Pardon List.

The following pardons among others were received at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth last week: AUGUSTA COUNTY.—Sam'l Kennerly, Jr., Franklin Cozier, W. F. Smith, John R. Woods, B. F. Walker and R. Turk. ROCKINGHAM.—Henry Kisting, Jno. R. Koogler, Robt. A. Gibbons, G. Moseby and Isaac Wenger.

The Usury Laws.

In an article urging the policy of repealing the usury laws of this State, the Richmond Whig says that, "it is of the first importance to stop the drain of money from the State, which is the flow of the life-blood of the Commonwealth—and not that merely, but to attract additional capital..."

Small Pox.

The small pox is prevailing very extensively in various portions of the South. At Wilmington we learn that it is raging violently. It is also very prevalent among the negroes on the large Carolina plantations, and will play its part in that extermination of the negroes, which politicians have provided for and ordained.

We trust the South will pursue a calm, prudent course; omitting no duty, and assailing no prejudice; if avoidance be possible, consistently with honor. This implies no exhibition of mean servility, no abnegation of our "manhood..."

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Raymond's paper, the N. Y. Times, says: "If what President Johnson calls the 'invitation' to the Southern States be now exchanged by Congress for repulses, it will be an assumption of the gravest responsibility. The consistency, and we believe we may say, the good faith of the Government must suffer from it; and new animosities will be excited throughout the South which will not die away for years..."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS. ATTORNEY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH. Election, Thursday, January 25th, 1866. TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY. The Constitutional restriction which forbade my qualifying as Attorney for the Commonwealth, under the election held in July last, having been removed by the General Assembly, as authorized by the people of the State, I again announce myself a candidate for that office.

WE are authorized to announce SAMUEL PAUL a Candidate for Sheriff of Augusta county Dec 26-28\*

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

2nd. The more custom a merchant has the cheaper he can afford to sell—the more he advertises the more custom he will have—therefore, the more he advertises the cheaper he can sell.

3rd. Customers should buy from those who can afford to sell cheapest—those who advertise most liberally can afford to sell cheapest—therefore, customers should buy from those who advertise most liberally.

This truth is equally applicable to persons in all kinds of business, embracing professional men, mechanics, artisans, tradesmen, &c. Before buying anything or employing any one, see if he has an advertisement in the "SPECTATOR."

Having replenished our Job Office with New TYPE, of the best style, we are better prepared than ever before to execute all kinds of Jobs in the best manner—Persons desiring CARDS, CHECKS, NOTES, BILLS, PAMPHLETS, POSTERS, or any kind of BLANKS can have them printed at the "Spectator" Office, in the finest style, at the shortest notice.

No. 1629 TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF THE CURRENCY, Washington, December 13, 1865. WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that

The National Valley Bank of Staunton, in the town of Staunton, in the County of Augusta, and State of Virginia, has been duly organized under, and according to the requirements of the act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to provide a National Currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, approved June 3d, 1864," and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of banking under said Act.

Now, therefore, FREEMAN CLARKE, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The National Valley Bank of Staunton," in the town of Staunton, in the county of Augusta, and State of Virginia, is authorized to commence the business of banking under the Act aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and seal of office this thirteenth day of December, 1865.

Dec 26-10t FREEMAN CLARKE, Comptroller.

THE NATIONAL VALLEY BANK OF STAUNTON, AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$500,000. JOHN ECHOLS, President. B. CRAWFORD, Vice-President. E. A. TAYLOR, Cashier.

DIRECTORS. John Echols, G. A. Harman, B. Crawford, J. E. Price, H. M. Bell, E. M. Taylor.

GREAT BARGAINS IN FURNITURE.—A. D. Chandler has purchased a large lot of Bureau, Wardrobes, Marble Top and other Tables, and Bedsteads in any quantity, which he can sell for a mere trifle as they were purchased at sales very low.

Auction Sales.

VALUABLE FARMS AT AUCTION!—We will sell, at public auction, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of February, 1866, the "Home Farm" belonging to the heirs of John Evers, dec'd, lying one mile East of Cross Keys, Rockingham county, adjoining the lands of Annandale Park, B. S. Kemper, and Haugh, and others containing 248 1/2 ACRES. It has on it a large and commodious Dwelling House, with a fine cellar, a very large barn, under good roof, with an excellent Corn Crib, a Blacksmith's shop, Smoke house, Cattle Yard, and other necessary and convenient out-buildings. The farm is well watered, having a never-failing Spring about 50 yards from the dwelling, and an excellent well within 10 steps of the house, well enclosed, and has about 115 Acres of very fine timber on it, the balance of the land being cleared and in cultivation. It has on it a pretty good orchard, with a large variety of trees and fruit. The land is of very fine quality, and there are a few acres of meadow. This farm can be so divided as to make two excellent farms, being well watered and well timbered.

Also, at the same time and place, will be sold another Farm belonging to the same heirs, lying about 1 1/2 miles from Port Republic, adjoining the lands of Peter Walker, Esquire, Ludlow, Samuel Senger and others. This farm contains a little over ONE HUNDRED ACRES, and has on it a tolerably good Dwelling House, a stable, and other buildings, with a fine site for a barn, the foundation standing as it did when the barn was burnt last Fall. There is an orchard of splendid fruit on this place; it is pretty well watered, and has on it upwards of 30 acres of fine timber. There is excellent meadow land, comprising near 20 acres, and the whole is well enclosed. This can be made one of the most desirable homes in the county. The title of both farms will take place on the "Home Farm," first described, near the Cross Keys.

TERMS.—A little over one-fourth down, and the balance on an extended credit, say between 5 and 7 years. Particulars more fully made known at sale. Any one wishing to see the farms can do so at any time by calling upon either of the undersigned, who reside upon the "Home Farm" place.

Dec 26-10t-27. JOHN EVERS, A. M. EVERS, Administrators of John Evers, dec'd. Staunton Spectator copy until sale, mark cost, and send bill to this office.—Register.

VALUABLE ROCKINGHAM LANDS AT PUBLIC AUCTION.—We will sell at public auction, on Friday, the 19th of January, 1866, the Home Farm, belonging to the heirs of Abraham Ditch, dec'd, lying on North River, two miles North-West of Port Republic, in Rockingham county, adjoining the lands of Jonathan Miller, J. Root, and others, containing about 182 ACRES. It has on it a Dwelling House, Smoke House, Corn House, a good Dairy, which has an excellent Spring running through it, (the barn was burnt last Fall by the raiders), a fine Orchard, Peaches, &c. One-third is in timber, the balance cleared and in a high state of cultivation. Also, at the same time and place, will be sold another Farm adjoining the Home Farm, containing about 80 acres cleared, and has on it a dwelling house and a smoke house, corn house, &c. It has a good spring convenient to the house, also fruit of different kinds. We do not wish to overrate the lands mentioned; we will only say to those who wish to see good land to come and see for themselves before snow falls. The land will be shown to those who wish to see it by Abraham and Samuel Ditch who are living on the farms.

TERMS: 25 cts. down on the day of sale. ISAAC LONG, CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, Staunton Spectator copy 3t, mark cost, and send bill to this office.—Register.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, in Rockingham county, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1866.—With a view of breaking up hoarding-up, on account of a fire and other causes, I will sell, at public auction, (if not sold privately before the day of sale) on Wednesday, the 17th day of Jan., 1866, the VALUABLE FARM I now occupy, lying on the West side of North River, 2 miles North of Bridgewater, Rockingham county, containing 200 Acres. The greater part of the land is River Bottom, in good condition, and well watered, and the farm is well stocked with stock. Improvements comprise a fine Brick Dwelling House, a large Swallow Barn, an out house near the dwelling, and other necessary buildings, making it one of the most conveniently fixed plantations in the county. There is also a fine apple orchard of the choicest fruit on the place, and the farm is well watered. As before said, it may be bought at private sale, but if not, it will be sold on the day of sale specified above. A good spring under the roof of the house. It is a fine Dutchman's home, arranged with an eye to comfort and convenience. It is believed to be one of the best farms in the county, in almost all respects. As before said, it may be bought at private sale, but if not, it will be sold on the day of sale specified above.

PERSONAL PROPERTY, consisting of Cattle, (Cows and young Cattle) a few Shoats, Wheat, Corn, and Flour, household and Kitchen Furniture, Beds, Bedsteads, &c., including many articles not necessary to mention.

Terms of sale made known on day of sale. ISAAC LONG, CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, Staunton Spectator copy 3t, mark cost, and send bill to this office.—Register.

SALE OF LAND.—In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, made in the case of Peter G. Garber's widow against his heirs, a bill proceeded, on the premises, on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1865, to sell, at public sale, the highest bidder, a TRACT OF LAND in Augusta county, containing about one hundred acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of Martin Garber, George Tomberman and others, and near the Port Republic road. It has on it a comfortable dwelling house and necessary out-houses, and it is a desirable small farm. TERMS: One fourth in twelve months with interest from day of sale, and the residue in equal payments at one and two years thereafter, the purchaser giving bonds with good personal security, and reserving the title as ultimate security.

Dec 5-4t. RUBEN GARBER, Commissioner.

100 ACRES GOOD LAND FOR SALE. This land is situated about midway between Mt. Solon and Stripling Springs, being about three miles from either place, and contains a few Acres less than 100—has on it a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, necessary out-buildings, a good Barn, about 300 feet long, Fruit Trees—the greater portion bearing Fruit—2 or 3 good Springs, water in every field, 2 streams of water running through the land. A first rate site for a Tannery or Distillery—naturally adapted to Grass, 15 Acres Wood Land and 15 Acres of Watered Meadow.

Persons wishing to purchase can be shown the premises by David M. Kyle, Esq., who resides on the adjoining farm, or by R. P. Eubank, at Moscow, Augusta County, Va.

TERMS very accommodating, and the money will be taken in currency, as it may fall due. Aug. 29-10t R. P. EUBANK, Commissioner.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY.—In pursuance of an act approved August 6th, 1861, part of the 3rd Section of which is as follows: "That a direct tax of twenty millions of dollars be, and is hereby annually laid upon the United States, and the same shall be, and is hereby apportioned to the States respectively, in manner as follows:—To the State of Virginia one hundred and thirty seven thousand, five hundred and fifty and two thirds dollars." Also an act, approved July 1st, 1865, entitled "An Act for the collection of taxes in insurrectionary districts and for other purposes, part of the 3rd Section of which is as follows: "That the laws in force for the collection of taxes in said districts shall be in full force and effect in said districts until the 31st day of January next, and until the Tax Commissioners herein named, shall have fixed the amount, to pay the tax due, and charged upon the same."

NOTICE is hereby given to the owners of Real Estate in Augusta County that the amount of said taxes has been fixed, and that L. H. Searles has been duly empowered by the Secretary of the Treasury to receive said tax, and that his office at the Virginia Hotel, in Staunton, will be open for the next sixty days for its reception.

JOHN HAWKINS, GILLET F. WAINSTON, LAWRENCE FOSBER, U. S. Direct Tax Commissioners for Va. P. S.—The law has been so modified that but one year's tax will be collected. Alexandria, Va., Dec. 26th, 1865. Dec 26-2m

R. W. HARMAN, R. T. PHILLIPS, E. W. HARMAN & CO., Manufacturers and Dealers in House and Hotel Furniture, Chairs, &c. OFFICE and WAREHOUSE—Union Hall, Beverly Street, STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Having secured the services of Mr. CANDLER he will give his special attention to the conducting of Funerals, &c. Dec 26-10t

NOTICE.—James A. Harvey having represented himself as being in co-partnership with me, I beg leave to state that all connection in that sphere expired upon the surrender of Gen'l Lee. Any one giving him credit upon my account since that time do so at their own risk. THOS. H. B. HAASE. Dec 26-10t

LECTION NOTICE.—By order of the County Court of Augusta, there will be an election held at the several places of voting in the county of Augusta, on the 4th Thursday in January next, for a Sheriff, and Common Pleas Attorney for said County, and at the same time, an election will be held for thirteen Justices, to wit: two for the first, three for the third, one for the fourth, two for the fifth, one for the sixth, two for the seventh, and two for the eighth Magisterial districts; and the Commissioners and Officers of the superintending the general election held on the 12th day of October last, will superintend and conduct the said election according to law.

By order of the County Court, Dec 26-10t WM. BURBETT, Clerk.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT AT THE VIRGINIA HOTEL. F. SCHIFFER. Aug 23-10t

THOS. H. B. HAASE.

Staunton Advertisements.

Jno. A. & Y. M. Bickle, PRACTICAL CABINET MAKERS & UNDERTAKERS.

HAVE lately received, in addition to the work made by themselves, an assortment of Case Seats and Back Parlor, Rocking and Nursing Chairs, also Wood seats of various styles and prices; solid and veneered Walnut, Mahogany and other styles of Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Sashes, Washstands, Dining, Heavy, Heavy, and other style of Tables. We have also made an arrangement with the best Manufacturers in N. York and Boston to receive, in a few weeks a general assortment of Chamber Sets, as Walnut, Mahogany and Rosewood, varying in prices and styles from \$75. to \$300 per set; also, all styles dressing Bureau, Centre, Toilet, and Washstands, and a variety of other articles, and have such other facilities in contemplation that we are satisfied we can furnish any style of Furniture desired at short notice and at less prices than any other establishment in the county. We have now on hand, a full stock of seasoned LUMBER—Walnut, Cherry, and Sycamore. Also, extra crocheted Veneers of Rosewood, Walnut and Mahogany, and can make to order any articles desired in the very best style.

We will, also, pay strict attention to the Undertaking Business and can furnish and convey any part of the county, solid and veneered Walnut and Mahogany COFFINS; also, Cloth covered Coffins; and, with a department, Metallic Cases of improved patterns. All we ask is a fair trial. Satisfaction guaranteed.

We have always on hand Splendid Bottom Chairs of the Best Make. JOHN A. & Y. M. BICKLE, Practical Cabinet Makers.

HOGE, MASON & CO. are now opening their 2d supply of FALL & WINTER GOODS, consisting in part of French Merinos, Poplins, (plain and striped) All wool Delaines, Alpacas, Broad Cloths, Factory Goods 6-4 and 3-4, Satinets, Gents' Fine Cash Goods, Men and Boys' Heavy Boots, Gents', Ladies', and Children's Shoes, Hats of every description, Salt, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Candles, Wooded n and Willow Ware, to which they invite the attention of purchasers. Dec 25-10t

NOTICE.—We have just received a large assortment of New Goods, Notions, Dress Goods, &c., including all kinds of Dress Trimmings, Bindings, Inserting, Edgings, Ruffles, Buttons, Buttons, Kid Shoes, Morocco Do, and all other kinds. Mouslin Merinos, Plaids, Calicos, &c. All kinds of Gents' and Ladies' Gloves; Kid Gloves, white and colored; Brown Cotton, Cottons, Yarns, Cassinets, home-made and Linsey, ready-made Clothing, Furs, Muffs, Fancy Soaps, &c., which we offer for sale at reduced rates for cash or country produce, in advance, and we are determined to give our friends the immediate benefit of the fall.

Don't forget to call at "White's Corner," opposite Benj. Crawford's old stand, and you will find we are in earnest in what we propose. Nov 25-10t

SAVE YOUR MONEY by getting your Watches repaired by BARNAARD MAYNE, who, for the last ten years, has been employed in some of the best Watch-making Establishments in Europe and in this Country. Persons having fine Watches such as Chronometers, Repeaters, Duplex or English Patent Levers, will find it to their advantage to give him a call, as he does his work on the best principles, at moderate terms. (No work Room, Corner of Main and Augusta Sts., up stairs, over Armentrout's Tobacco store. Dec 5-2t

ISAAC PAUL & CO. GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.—Piper of Fankhouser have just received a very large lot of NEW GOODS, especially Dress Goods, and to which they invite the attention of the Ladies, and in fact all dealers who want great bargains. We saw how all kinds of Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices, having recently made a purchase at lower figures than formerly, and we are determined to give our friends the immediate benefit of the fall.

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WANTED—A Farm Hand and also a good COOK. R. SUMMERSON. Dec 12-10t

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WANTED—1000 bushels FLAX SEED. ISAAC PAUL & CO. Dec 12-10t

WANTED.—A situation, by a lady, as a TEACHER of the English Branches, in some village or country school; one preferred within ten miles of Va. C. R. Road, between Godwons and Western terminus of Va. C. R. Road. Apply immediately, stating terms, &c. to Nov 28-3t "AUGUSTA VIRGINIA," in care of "Spectator," Staunton, Va.

WANTED.—Two GOOD COOPERS.—Constant employment for good wages will be given. Apply at Waynesboro' Mills. Nov 28-10t H. L. GALLAHER.

WANTED.—1000 BUSHELS OF OATS, 50 TONS OF NO. 1. TIMOTHY HAY, 20 LOADS OF GOOD STRAW. F. SCHIFFER. Aug 29-10t

Strayed or Stolen. \$50 REWARD.—Stolen from the subscriber, on "Sunday night, the 3d instant, a SORREL MARE, 4 years old, 15 hands high, a white face, black mane and tail, and a white blaze on both sides and under the mane, carries a high head, has fine carriage and dog-trot well. I will give \$25 for information that will enable me to recover the mare and \$25 for the thief. Address, ANDREW A. CRAWFORD, No. 12-3t Mt. Solon, Augusta Co., Va.

NOTICE.—I have in my possession an extra Horse of the following description:—A brown colored, about 5 years old, w h left hind foot white, a saddle mark and a small white spot on the back, a few white hairs on the right side, a small wart under the right eye, paces some and moves well generally. He was found on my premises, the 11th of Dec. 1865, and is about 14 or 15 hands high, the four miles below Mt. Sidney, on the Keezletown road, in Augusta county. Dec 26-21t BENJ. F. WAMPLER.

NOTICE TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, is hereby given, that Cyrus Mellon, is my lawful Attorney to receive and to collect, as the Big Mountain Survey, (containing about 25,000 acres of land, lying in Augusta county and extending down to Jennings' Gap) and to prosecute all persons who have or trespass on the same. Also, that all powers of Attorney which have heretofore been given to other persons, for that purpose, are hereby revoked. J. J. MERRILL. Nov 18-16t

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