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☞ Anæsthetics administered when desired. Office on corner of Main and Augusta streets, up stairs. Entrance on Augusta street.
dec8—1y*

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oct6—1yr JOHN B. WATTS, Attorney at Law.

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All calls promptly attended to, both day and night, in the country as well as in the town.

Office—on Bruce's corner, up stairs. Entrance on Augusta street, 3 doors from corner.
aug4—6m

DR. J. H. FULTZ, Graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, offers his services to the citizens of Staunton and vicinity. Office—opposite Virginia Hotel.
aug 4—6m

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SMITH & ELDER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, *Staunton, Va.* Practice in the Courts of Augusta and adjoining Counties, and in the Federal Court at Staunton.
june1—1y

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A. R. ARTHUR, D. D. S., (office one door from corner of Beverly and New streets, *Staunton, Va.* Artificial Teeth mounted on Gold, Silver, Platina, and Vulcanite. The greatest improvement yet introduced into Dental Science is conceded to be the Vulcanite process; it being four times lighter than gold, and much cheaper, embracing superior cleanliness, nicer adaptation, and many other advantages. All the various operations of Dental Surgery performed with strict reference to permanency. March 20—tf

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ECHOLS, BELL & CATLETT, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, *Staunton, Va.*, Will practice in the State and Federal Courts at Staunton, and in the Circuit and County Courts of Rockbridge, Rockingham and Alleghany.—They will also attend to special business in any part of Va. and West Virginia. [Sept 12—tf

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MICHIE & SMITH, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, *Staunton, Va.*, Practice in the Federal Court at Staunton; in all the Courts of Augusta county; in the Circuit and county Courts of Rockingham; and in the Circuit Courts of Rockbridge.

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Nov. 14—tf

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☞ Special attention is called to our stock of Watches, Gold and Coin-Silver Cases. The celebrated American Waltham Watch, from 15 to 20 per cent cheaper than ever before. Also Bridal Presents of every description and all orders for the same promptly attended to.

We are determined to build up a first-class trade in this place, and can make it to the interest of every one to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. Highest cash price given for old gold and silver.

All repairing done by experienced workmen and warranted.
oct20—6m CONE & HANGER.

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aug4—tf

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aug 27—tf P. R. BLACKBURN.

THE Undersigned offers at private sale his house and lot on Market street, in the Eastern part of Staunton, nearly opposite the residence of Samuel M. Woodward.
aug27—tf D. R. BLACKBURN.

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Teas, Coffees and Sugars of all grades,
Sugar cured and country hams,
Sweet and Irish Potatoes,
Fresh bolted meal,
Fresh ground buckwheat,
Spices of all kinds, cheese, crackers, &c.

Also, a good lot of wooden ware, and a prime lot of "Marshall Salt."

We have also in store a good assortment of Tobacco, which we offer at factory prices, and to which we call the especial attention of country merchants.

Country produce bought and sold for cash.
H. KERR & BRO.,
General Produce Merchants,
Old Burwell Building,
nov10—tf Staunton, Virginia.

RICHARDSON & WHEAT.

GROCERIES AND PRODUCE,
all kinds of best Family Groceries.
a large and well selected Stock,
NOW IN STORE.
The attention of the Farmers and Citizens generally, is called to our Present
Stock of Groceries, viz:
SUGARS—of all Grades and Qualities.
COFFEES—from Lowest Quality to highest.
SYRUPS AND MOLASSES,
a Prime Lot.
A Prime Lot of SOLE LEATHER,
(White and Red,)
COTTON CLOTHS—Best Brands,
LIVERPOOL SALT, a large lot on hand, large, well-filled sacks.
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We are paying the highest cash prices for
FLOUR,
GRAIN,
SEED,
BACON,
BUTTER,
LARD,
EGGS,
POTATOES,
and country Produce generally.

We desire all who wish to sell or buy to call and see us.

RICHARDSON & WHEAT,
Cor. Main and Augusta Streets,
Oct 13 Staunton, Va.

A. G. POINTS,
Grocer and Dealer
IN FLOUR, GRAIN, SEEDS,
BACON, LARD, &c.
Main Street, opposite 1st National Bank,
STAUNTON, VA.
Pure Cider Vinegar
in store and for sale by A. G. POINTS.

WHITE BEANS
Wanted by
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DRIED FRUITS, of all kinds wanted for which the highest cash price will be paid by
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PRIME LOT OF SOLE LEATHER
For sale by
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TIMOTHY SEED wanted by A. G. POINTS.

Marshall's Prime
Liverpool Salt,
in store and for sale by
A. G. POINTS.

A prime lot of
Green and Black Tea,
in store and for sale by
A. G. POINTS.

All qualities
Sugars,
Coffee,
Syrups
and Molasses,
for sale by A. G. POINTS.

Grain of all kinds Wanted by
A. G. POINTS,
Main street, opposite 1st National Bank.

P. B. HOGE & BRO.,
(successors to Hoge & Mason,)
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Groceries, Produce and Fertilizers.
Highest market price in CASH paid for FLOUR, WHEAT, RYE, OATS, CORN, &c.
aug4—

CLEVELAND & SEARS,
MAIN STREET—3 doors East of Augusta St.,
STAUNTON, VA.,
Dealers in Flour, Grain, and Produce generally, with a good assortment of Staple Groceries, always on hand.

WE have in store and for sale cheap, a complete stock of
Groceries, Tobacco, Cotton Domestics, Yarn, and in fact, *all* acticles desired by farmers, which will be exchanged for all kinds of country produce. McCLURE & BUMGARDNER.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned have entered into Copartnership for the purpose of conducting the GROCERY AND PRODUCE BUSINESS at the old stand of Hoge & Mason and would be glad to see their friends and the public generally. P. B. HOGE.
july 14— CHAS. E. HOGE.

5000 GRAIN BAGS.—We are Sole Agents for the sale of the superior E. B. Bentley GRAIN BAG, and offer superior inducements to purchasers.
McCLURE & BUMGARDNER.

COAL OIL.—Extra No. 1 Fire test, warranted, in store and for sale cheap, by
oct20 CLEVELAND & SEARS.

MOLASSES & SYRUPS, from 50 cents to $1.25 per gallon, just received and for sale by CLEVELAND & SEARS.
oct 20—tf

Tailoring.

TAILORING! TAILORING!!—The co-partnership heretofore existing between Graves & Sprinkle has been mutually dissolved and the business will hereafter be conducted by P. B. Graves alone.

He has reduced his prices for cash, and will do all kinds of work pertaining to the tailoring business, in the very best manner, and at figures so low that no one will fail to be satisfied. He has removed his shop to the room formerly occupied by Dr. B. B. Donaghe as an office, and invites all his friends and the public generally to give him a call.
july 30. P. B. GRAVES

Well Digging.

WELL DIGGING AND MINERAL PROSPECTING.—The undersigned, an experienced Well Digger is prepared to undertake the digging and repairing of Wells in this locality or county. He will work by contract or by the day as preferred.

He has also considerable experience (13 years) in the mineral business and will engage in prospecting for minerals for parties desiring his services. He can be found on application to John Day, Staunton.
dec 22—1y WM. R. MARKS.

Farming Implements!

BURKE'S IRON WORKS, STAUNTON, VA.
WM. A. BURKE,.....Proprietor,
NOTICE—Persons having Threshing Machines, Reapers, Mowers, Drills, &c., needing repairs, can have them done in the very best style and workmanship, at Burke's Iron Works at short notice. I keep constantly on hand repairs for all the leading machines in the country at manufacturer's prices. I have a supply of sections for the following machines:
Buckeye Reaper and Mower,
McCormick " " "
Wood " " "
Union " " "
also all the repairs for
Pitts and Sweepstakes' Threshing Machines,
and
Bickford and Huffman's Grain and Guano Drill.
TERMS CASH. W. A. BURKE.

☞ I am still putting up the best LIVINGSTON PLOWS made in the State.
june 16—tf WM. A. BURKE.

PLOWS! PLOWS!!—I wish to call the attention of farmers and the public to my LIVINGSTON PLOWS—Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6; all of these numbers will fit the old Bradley Castings in every way, made at or near Midway, Rockbridge county. I also make a very superior hillside for two horses, and will have a very good one-horse in time for fall plowing—single and double shovel plows of superior style.

Having carried on the Plow business in South-Western Virginia, for 16 successive years, and a part of the time very extensively, (my sales being three thousand plows per year), but having met with misfortune, my operations at present will be somewhat limited. But if I cannot regain my fortune, I am determined to secure a reputation for making the best plows, and of dealing honestly with my customers. I have made the plow my study, and can make and fit up any kind of patterns, and would refer to Mr. W. A. Burke's as specimens having fitted up all his patterns and stocked all his plows which have given general satisfaction; and by close attention to my business, hope to merit a portion of your patronage. Shop—adjoining Staunton nursery immediately on Va. C. R. R. All repairing done in the very best manner and with dispatch. Castings, Lumber and Produce taken in exchange.—Orders addressed to W. J. KELLER, Staunton, will receive prompt attention.

You will find all of these Plows for sale at BAKER BROS., near Rail Road Depot.
may 26—1yr

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GREAT REDUCTION OF PRICE.

During the year 1869 to Clubs for
Daily Dispatch,.....$5.
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The great increase in the circulation of the *Dispatch* enables us to offer it to our subscribers for the next twelve months at the following reduced rates;

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Five " " to one person at 1 P O, 7 00
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Ten " " one person at one P O, 20 00
And larger clubs at the last named rates.

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The money must accompany every order. Remittances may be made at our risk in drafts, postal money orders, or registered letters.

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COWARDIN & ELLYSON,
jan5—tf Richmond, Virginia.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

WINTER SCHEDULE.—On and after the First of October, 1868, the passenger trains will run as follows:

Mail train between Richmond and Staunton daily (except Sunday) and between Staunton and Covington tri-weekly, viz: Leave Richmond at 7.15 a. m., and arrive at Staunton at 3.28 p. m.—Leave Staunton at 9.35 a. m. and arrive at Richmond 5.25 p. m.

On Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday leave Covington at 5.10 a. m., and arrive at Staunton at 9.10 a. m. Leave Staunton at 3.53 p. m. and arrive at Covington at 7.55 p. m.

Accommodation Train between Richmond and Charlottesville on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Leave Charlottesville at 4 a. m. and arrive at Richmond at 9.30 a. m. Leave Richmond at 3.30 p. m., and arrive at Charlottesville at 9 p. m.

The Mail Train connects at Gordonsville and Charlottesville with trains on Orange, Alexandria, and Manassas railroads for Alexandria, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Lynchburg, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, New Orleans, Montgomery, Mobile. &c. At Staunton, with stages for Harrisonburg, Winchester, &c. At Goshen, with stages for Lexington, Natural Bridge, &c. At Milboro, with stages for Bath Alum, Warm, Hot, and Healing Springs. At Covington, with stages for White Sulphur Springs, Lewisburg, Charleston, &c.
JAMES F. NETHERLAND,
oct6 General Ticket Agent.

Millinery.

Millinery! Millinery! Millinery!

Just received, the latest styles of colored and mourning Bonnets and Hats, a beautiful stock of Ribbons, Feathers, Flowers and Wreaths, bonnet Velvets, Silk and Satins, BRIDAL BONNETS of different styles at the Ladies' Bazaar.

Trimmings of all kinds, consisting of colored and black Bullion Fringes, Gimps, Cords and Tassels, Silk and Velvet Buttons, Velvets, all widths, colors, &c.

Best quality French Corsets, Hoop Skirts, Kid Gloves, Lace Collars, Satins, Velvets, Silks, Thread Laces, Gimpure Laces, Cluny Laces, Valencienne Lace, &c., at the
LADIES' BAZAAR,
next door to the Post Office,
Hunter & Nowlin's old stand.

☞ Ladies wishing to make their own Bonnets will be furnished with all the materials.

TEMPLE OF FASHION.—Mrs. Kelley is now receiving a new and elegant assortment of CLOAKS, which she offers very low for cash, and also new HAIR BRAIDS AND FRIZZES. nov16

Portable Fence.

A NEW FENCE.—The attention of the farmers of this county is requested to a new style of BOARD FENCE, a specimen of which is to be seen in the Court-house yard.

It is erected without posts, costs less to prepare than the ordinary board fence, can be put up and taken down with great rapidity, is firm and durable, can be prepared during the winter and presents many points of advantage for the consideration of the farmer.

Farm rights will be disposed of upon reasonable terms, either by GEO. E. PRICE or the undersigned. DAVID BUCHER.
mar 24—tf Vind copy

Carriage Factory.

JAMES H. WATERS, CARRIAGE MANUFACTURER, (Hardy's Old Stand,) Staunton, Va., will warrant all new work and will furnish it a cheap as any shop in the country; will also pay special attention to repairing, and hopes, by strict attention to business and fair dealing, to merit the patronage of the public.
ob4—tojan7'69 JAS. H. WATERS.

☞ The circulation of the "SPECTATOR" is about as great as the combined circulation of both the other papers published in this place, and has as many subscribers in this county alone as are contained in the whole list of either of the other papers.

Poetry.

Going to Sleep.

Come hither, my baby, my darling,
My lily, my wonderful rose!
The white-bosomed flowers in the garden
Begin their soft petals to close;
The bees have gone home from the clover,
The swallows are under the eaves,
And down in the orchard the robin
Broods o'er her nest in the leaves.

Come, baby, my beauty, my darling!
Your eyes are heavy with sleep,
Your little red mouth has grown silent,
And scarcely its laughter can keep;
Lay off the white robes from your shoulders,
Unclasp the small shoes from your feet—
Oh, daintiest blossom of Eden,
I kiss you, my lily, my sweet.

Do you feel the cool wind coming softly,
And see the young moon in the sky?
The clouds sailing over the sunset,
The bats flitting silently by?
Do you hear how the cattle are lowing
Along the green lane by the hill?
And the brook running over the pebbles,
With music that never is still?

Now hush while I sing to you, baby,
A song of the angels above,
That come on invisible pinions,
To watch o'er the children they love;
So all through your beautiful dreaming
The voice of your mother shall creep,
Lest, hearing the harpings celestial,
Your soul shall fly homeward in sleep.

One Hour with Thee.

One hour with thee! When earliest day
Dapples with gold the eastern gray;
Oh, what can frame my mind to bear
The toil and turmoil, cark and care.
New griefs which coming hours unfold,
And sad remembrances of the old?—
One hour with thee!

One hour with thee! When burning June
Waves his red flag at pitch of noon,
What shall repay the faithful swain
His labor on the sultry plain;
And, more than cave or sheltering bough,
Cool feverish blood and throbbing brow?—
One hour with thee!

One hour with thee! When sun is set,
Oh, what can teach me to forget
The thankless labors of the day;
The hopes, the wishes flung away;
The increasing wants and lessening gains,
The master's pride who scorns my pains?—
One hour with thee!

For the Spectator.

MR. EDITOR;—

I am still an unwived young man, verging towards 45 and dreaming of the fond, gladsome days—the morning twilight of matrimony. Yes, still dreaming! But I pause to record my last, exactly as it came by the midnight telegraph. *Prehapse*, it might not be all a dream—tho' I can't say I am wide awake, even now. But I tell it, because I have dreamed the same thing, for years. It is ever fragmentary—in vivid skeleton outlines—like distant fields of frost-work—seen through mist and moonshine. But here it is:

I had fallen into a slumberous reverie and dreamed myself *married*; or, rather, very much like married. At all events, I got myself up into the fringed margin of the Happy Land, like a "border ruffian," and walked about as "one of them"—at least, so the dream had it. I thought this fair country of matrimony stretched itself out among the stars and floated on an atmosphere of love like a soap-bubble with a sentimental kink. And I had a hard time of it, getting up there. I had to climb a greasy pole, feet foremost, and kick a hole through the flooring, to get in—and, "I perspired accordin."

At last, I made out to get through and gather myself up and look cautiously about me. I was really bewildered. I cannot describe my feelings of wild surprise, as I realized, for the first time, the unwonted features and strange occurrences of this land of Promise. A few others came bursting through, as I did—unbidden—I beheld, likewise, frequent trains of bridal parties arriving from and departing to every point of the compass. These all wore happy faces, which seemed to brighten up, flush, at the sight of Paradise. And yet, there was a prevailing look of relief, as if they had escaped some great peril. I could not tell why; only, as the Irishman said, "I should like to know what they scared at." But, as I said, the trip seemed to improve them. I, too, felt happy in so reduplicating my blessedness, after years of loneliness, so many and sad. Indeed, I almost expired of the most excruciating hilarity. I felt as if I could snub the fondest ambition of my life, only to realize the thing for one moment—in spite of the occasional presence of a passing grief to part forever from my *sole* self and the happy world below, which I had so recently left in quest of this ecstatic change, "for better, for worse." I moved about, very timidly, through a forest of white marble pillars, extending in far-reaching vistas beyond the ken of mortal vision.

These were interlaced with a wild profusion of vine and fruit and flower. There were green shady retreats—sparkling fountains—birds of glorious hue, wild with delight and bursting into song. And, there came forth, from a thousand viewless hearts, notes of rejoicing and festivity and merry-making—divinely beautiful—sweeping over the soul like the awakened memories of childhood. Naught but the music of exulting and innocent delights disturbed the surd and whispered stillness which breathed over the scene, like a great wilderness murmuring to the touch of caressing winds. And then, as each wedded pair perambulated this glittering realm of nuptial bliss, you could almost see the first awakenings of the new intoxication starting into being from their refulgent faces. It awoke me to the idea of Devotion: "They twain shall be *one* flesh." And, they *were* one flesh—they did seem to lose their personal identity. Oh! there *is* something beautiful in love, when one goes a wooing—but to have it culminating in married bliss—to witness two fond ones—*flagrante delicto*—lavish upon each other their most affectionate regards; to see them play off the sleekest and tenderest endearments and melt into the softest and sweetest solutions—this is to come forth renovated with a true conception of RAPTURE!! Who then, once attaining this conception, could ever have a word of excuse for that apparition of infelicity—the single life?

For my part, I felt it was a vale of tears below, where dwell the rueful Bachelors. But, I had not as yet even heard of my "better half"—I began to have an intense desire to realize her. But, no one was disposed to help me. And I note it as a respectable circumstance that I could get information from no one. They reveal anything! Not they. And so I wondered and wearied far in this forest of Pillars inquiring "what was to be done—where was my fair one &c," always getting for answer—"why, pshaw! boy, this is matrimony—find out for yourself." I felt queer. At last, I met with a venerable tow-head old woman, who, I thought, would appreciate my perplexity. I spoke to her kindly—I said;—"My dear sweet lady, I am a travelling man, I am from a far country—I am very much troubled—people won't tell me anything—I don't know what to do—will you be kind enough to help me a little?" She raised her spectacles and looked at me as quizically as a crone. "Really!" says she, "*you* want information! Poor innocent thing! A mighty helpless, harmless, sucking bird you are! Aint you afraid the cows will take you for a *green* owl?" I wilted outright. I entertained serious apprehensions of being kicked out of Paradise—she looked so *orful*! But she continued in a gentler strain: "But don't be uneasy—your mind will expand—you'll soon know it all—but avoid that Star"—pointing to her right.

And, thereupon, I thought I would "know it all." And so I broke toward that "Star"—and, oh, rapturous vision! It was my hope—my joy—my PET—my intended! But, as I approached her, she looked me a sunny fare-thee-well, and vanished out of sight, toward the far South. And, as she left, darkness gathered about me and the birds all went to roost, as if night came by reason of her departure, and I tripped and fell—flip, flap, flop—back to earth again, wounded in all my matrimonial parts. And the fall awoke me, and rubbing my eyes, I wept at how I had been mocked of the dream. And, yet, I am good natured enough to wish it all true—except the flight of Miss —— toward the South. If she had flitted a shade to the East, I could have assured her the kindest alighting.

But ——————(?)

Am I asleep, or am I awake? Have I done right? Have I told the whole? I have not. My story does not reach much beyond the Honeymoon. But I cannot more than touch this after period of life and Death. I forgot to say that that upper country of connubial bliss is a secret organization. The secrets are not divulged. And no man dare profane the sanctities of that life by making common that which belongs to each. Hence, I am restrained from revealing the many other things which are not written in this narrative. But, I am permitted to give the following. I spoke of the "white marble Pillars" extending over the plain.

The summits of these columns seemed to pierce the infinite, and bear up the solid foundation of eternity. The place looked like it had been finished, ages long ago, by a master workman, who "saw that it was good," and left it under self-acting laws, and has not been back since, and I found it, even then, in faultless working trim. A spiral highway wound around these columns, like an endless screw, up which monster Cars of Destiny, on muffled wheels were continually ascending, laden with the mournful freightage of the Dead. These were preceded by Death, astride a pale horse. I noticed the Cars become refulgent, in their upward flight—but ever and anon, as they neared a country of pure white light, Death would switch of Car after Car, in a tangent towards a region of "outer darkness." Some few, however, were left to keep their upward pilgrimage and disappeared amid a shifting web of Rainbows, gleaming with the light of Heaven. And, I heard a voice of welcome proclaiming to these—"This is Eternity, awake to Life." And the dead gathered up their dismembered limbs, and assuming a glorified Humanity, awoke to immortality. And thus was mortality swallowed up of immortality, and thus ended my dream. Vale.

PINK POIETES.

For the Spectator.

HEAD'QRS. OF CO-OPERATION UNIVERSAL,
LAFAYETTE AV., BYOOKLYN, N. Y.
January 22nd, 1869.

MR. EDITOR;—

Will you aid me in an enterprise, the realization of which will do more towards conciliating matters between the North and South, than all the Radical Congresses, or legislation of *any* kind can accomplish. I mean the bringing into a harmonious relation the two elements which are now useless, because separated.

The natural elements of wealth are scattered up and down your beautiful Valley in rich profusion, but of no earthly benefit to any one, for lack of Capital, enterprise, and the right sort of laborers. On the other hand, the labor market, both in the Northern United States, and in Europe, is glutted; poverty and the commission of crime, are alarmingly on the *increase*. Now sir, cannot these elements so adapted to each other, be brought into mutual contact?

Millions of acres of Southern lands are offered to day in the city of New York, by various land Agents, and such Agents are scattered all over Virginia, still there are but few sales made. The beautiful law of mutual confidence is not recognised. These Agencies are considered as a system of spoliation, and the functionaries as *middle men* who expect to pocket a considerable share of the purchase money. Capitalists, therefore, do not invest—if they did, they are not the parties you want. You *need* the *bone* and *sinew* of *production*.—We would like to negotiate for ten or twenty thousand acres of your Valley land, to commence colonizing. Can you not, thro' the columns of your influential Journal, stir up the hearts of some of your large landholders, to come forward and offer us, *directly*, some advantages in securing a location? Our *only* object is to develop the natural resources of the country by honesty, industry, and education, thus establishing confidence and good-will among all parties.

Yours for humanity,
J. B. CROCKER.

CONGRESSIONAL

SENATE.—Saturday. Jan. 23rd.—Mr. Morgan presented a memorial from the New York Chamber of Commerce, praying against any change in the bankrupt law, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. A joint resolution was passed donating cannon for a monument to President Lincoln at Springfield, Illinois. The constitutional amendment imposing universal suffrage was made the special order for Thursday next. The Senate resolution providing for the removal of officers in Virginia and Texas who are disqualified by the 14th amendment was received from the House, with an amendment that it shall not operate upon persons whose political disabilities have been removed. The Senate concurred in the amendment, with an additional amendment that the provisions of the resolution be made applicable to the Senate of Mississippi. The Air-Line Railroad bill was taken up, and after considerable discussion was laid aside, and the Central Branch Pacific Railroad bill was taken up. This was in turn laid aside, and the House resolutions in relation to the death of Mr. Hinds were presented, and similar resolutions of condolence were adopted. The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A resolution was passed calling upon the Secretary of State for information as to whether any measures have been taken by the United States Government to recover from the Government of Brazil the property of W. B. Harris, a citizen of the United States. The Committee on the District of Columbia was instructed to inquire whether or not the depot of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad should be removed from its present location to some other place not so near the Capitol. Mr. Boutwell's joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for universal suffrage was taken up, but after a long discussion was laid aside, and the resolutions of condolence on the death of Mr. Hinds offered on Friday were taken up and adopted. The House then adjourned.

SENATE.—Monday, Jan. 25th—The Committee on Retrenchment reported back the House bill repealing the Tenure-of-Office act, with a substitute authorizing the President to remove a Cabinet officer at his pleasure, during the recess of the Senate, and to suspend other officers during the recess. The Committee on the Judiciary reported against the admission of Hon. Joshua Hill, Senator elect from Georgia. Messrs. Trumbull and Hendricks, however, dissented from the recommendation of the majority of the committee. The Central Branch Pacific Railroad bill was taken up and several speeches were made on it. Without taking any action, the Senate at 4.20 P. M. adjourned

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A number of bills and resolutions were introduced and referred to committees. Among them was a bill to change certain collection districts in Virginia and Maryland, which was referred to the Ways and Means Committee. A resolution was offered to pay the members from Arkansas for the full term of the Thirty-ninth Congress. After debate it was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. The universal suffrage bill was postponed until Wednesday after the morning hour. The House then resumed consideration of the Denver and Pacific Railroad bill. After a long discussion the bill was referred to the Committee on Public Lands. The House soon after adjourned.

Speech of Colonel Baldwin Before the Reconstruction Committee.

[Extract from the Editorial Correspondence of the Dispatch.]

After giving Colonel Baldwin's explanation (made at the request of the Committee) touching the church property question, the writer reports his remarks in reply to Wells:

This argument was about as clear, frank and forcible as any I ever heard. It was uttered in a manner that carried conviction of its sincerity and truth. Generally he asseverated the earnestness of the people of Virginia in their desire for restoration and peace. They were tired and sick of strife, and the delay in the restoration of order and harmony was disastrous to their interests and those of the nation. He pronounced a eulogy upon the fairness and justness of the courts of Virginia and the purity of her judiciary and declared that nowhere on earth was justice administered with more impartiality and integrity. Contending that this was a sufficient guarantee of the fair and just disposition of the public mind, he declared his solemn conviction that there was no disposition in Virginia to harm or injure any one through denial of justice under the law, and he believed that if Virginia were restored according to the plan of the committee no mortal being would suffer from such a thing as partiality and malice in the administration of law.

Virginia had (immediately after the war) through her Legislature accommodated herself to the new order of things produced by the war, and had voluntarily accorded to the negro all his rights as completely as they were accorded by the State Constitution of Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and other Northern States; and if there had ever been an attempt to impair the rights of the negro he had never heard of it.—He begged that if anybody thought differently with regard to what he had stated they would say so. He felt that what he said could not be contradicted, and would not.

Virginia having had no voice in national affairs, was not divided by national parties. True, her people had had their opinons, and had sympathized with those who had offered them the most liberal terms of readmission into the Union. Therefore they had desired the success of the Democrats in the recent election; but when that party was defeated they considered the question settled, and now were anxious for restoration, submitting to the national judgment, which they could not evade. True, they had opposed negro suffrage—a thing not considered probable at the expiration of the war in any quarter—and they even now stated frankly that they did not consider the negro qualified for voting, ignorant and just out of slavery, as he was. To the people of the North, where the negro stood as one in twenty thousand, negro suffrage was a matter of no consequence, but in Virginia we had 400,000 negroes. To admit so many uneducated whites suddenly into the constituent body might justly be considered perilous to the State. The experiment could not give rise to less apprehension because it was made with blacks.

But notwithstanding all this, they were unwilling to continue a struggle upon a settled question, and regarding it so, were anxious to return to the Union and to see an end of strife and bitterness. They were earnest, and would act in entire frankness and good faith.

Mr. Baldwin, in much that he had to say which was in direct opposition to what Governor Wells said yesterday, alluded to the statements of that gentleman in very plain terms.—He showed them to be not only unjust, but at variance with the wishes and sentiments of some of the more reliable and influential of his own party. Alluding to Governor Wells' accusations touching the disposition of the people towards Northern men, Mr. Baldwin stated that there were two kinds of immigrants into Virginia—the immigrant proper and the "carpet-bagger," whose motives and conduct had affixed that name to him everywhere. The former the people respected; the latter they execrated. There was, just after the war, a large number of deserters from the Confederate army, and degraded men, who came forth from their hiding places, and a large number of camp followers and others, the debris of the Federal army, who were thrown in the convulsion upon the South; and no country ever was cursed with so ravenous and unscrupulous a set of men. These had rapaciously seized upon the offices of the South, brutally driving out gray-haired and dependent occupants. These persons were regarded with detestation. But the sincere and honest immigrant was held in respect and confidence.—All who thus came to live with us and cast their lot with ours were heartily welcomed. They would be ever received with open arms, and would always be respected and valued as useful members of society. The carpet bagger could never be regarded except with contempt in Virginia. Hurt him we would not, in his person or in his rights. He could be safer in these nowhere else. But we claimed the right which belonged to the meanest creature on earth—to withhold from him our respect.

Mr. Baldwin called the attention of the committee to the patent triple-acting, self-feeding machinery explained yesterday by Governor Wells. It consisted of a committee to three in each county. (Mr. Baldwin wondered that it was not four, as there were four principal offices in each county.) This committee was to receive the application of every man in the county who wanted to have his disabilities removed, and pass upon it; *but no man holding an office* could have his application considered. He must disgorge—resign; that was a *sine qua non*. The office was wanted. Now, after receiving and passing upon an application, it was sent to the Central Committee, and if it was fortunate enough to get through there, it had finally to receive the endorsement of General Wells himself before it was forwarded, duly recommended to Congress; and that body had been informed that it would be highly imprudent for it to relieve any one from disabilities who had not run the gauntlet of these committees and obtained the final approval of Governor Wells. He would make no comment on such extraordinary machinery as this. He left it to the judgment of the committee.

Mr. Baldwin was interrogated briefly only by Mr. Boutwell, who stated that the Government felt obliged to Union men in the South, and would not be willing to place them in a position of danger. They must be protected. He saw the difficulty of exacting any guarantee of the people of Virginia with this view, or rather, he saw the difficulty of giving guarantee; but he desired Mr. Baldwin to state what he could say on the point.

Mr. B. replied in substance, with an earnestness and fervor that must have impressed even Mr. Boutwell, that he believed the people of Virginia were incapable of partiality or cruelty in the administration of justice, and that those called "loyal" or Union men would be as safe in Virginia as they could be anywhere on earth. He believed that a large majority of the people of Virginia sustained the movement attempted to be carried out by this committee, and speaking upon his honor as a Virginian and a gentleman, he believed they were acting in good faith, without qualification or reservations and would carry out the laws in all fairness and equality to all men and classes. Their past conduct, their patience, and respect for law, that had maintained the most perfect order in the recent period of agitation and irritation, were, he thought, the evidence that they were to be fully trusted.

If industry is no more than habit, it is at least an excellent one.

The Oldest Christian Hymn.

In Book III. of Clement of Alexandria, is given (in Greek) the most ancient hymn of the Primitive Church. It is there (one hundred and fifty years after the Apostles) asserted to be of much earlier origin. It may have been sung by the "beloved Disciple" before he ascended to his reward. The following version will give some imperfect idea of its spirit:

Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth,
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant King!
We come Thy name to sing,
And here our children bring,
To shout Thy praise.

Thou art our holy Lord!
The all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife!
Thou didst Thyself abase,
That from sin's deep disgrace
Thou mightest save our race,
And give us life.

Thou art wis