Staunton Spectator.

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AUGUSTA COUNTY FAIR.

General Remarks.

The second annual exhibition of the Augusta County Fair was held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week, the 12th, 13th, and 14th instant. It was, in all respects, and in all its various departments, a grand success. The quantity, quality, and number of articles exhibited—the sports, amusements and pleasant entertainments supplied—the vast number of gentecelly-dressed, fine-looking and well-behaved visitors who thronged the grounds, formed a combination which made this one of the most attractive and successful Fairs which has ever been held in this State. The general estimate of the number of persons present on the several days was as follows: First day, 3,000; second day, 10,000; third day, 9,000.

A more beautiful and imposing spectacle than that presented by the natural amphitheatre, thirty feet in height and four hundred yards in length, closely packed with seated visitors, and the foot walk and carriage-way, which run above, perfectly thronged with persons passing to and fro, cannot well be conceived. Though such great numbers were in attendance, such was their admirable behavior that there was not the least disorder, and nothing occurred, of an unpleasant character, to mar in the slightest degree, the pleasure of the occasion. This was due in part to the efficient police arrangements, and the manner in which the policemen conducted themselves, but chiefly to the good breeding and gentlemanly behavior which so conspicuously characterize our people. As on this occasion, there was no disorder or misbehavior of any kind on the Fair Grounds last year. As we remarked on the Fair Grounds to a distinguished official, a native of another State, who seemed to be forcibly struck with the fine appearance and gentlemanly bearing of the persons present, "we think that our best stock is the stock of our people—that our stock of horses, cattle, sheep and swine may be excelled, but that the stock of our people is, *par excellence*, A No. 1—a first premium article."

We were pleased to see the refreshment tables of the various religious denominations, and the booths of our enterprising confectioners, so well patronized.

The Executive Committee, Directors, Marshals, and other officials with their assistants, deserve great credit for the efficient service rendered by them. To Col. Baldwin, President, and to Wm. A. Pratt, Superintendent, are due the credit for the valuable improvements made upon the Grounds. Before the next Fair, other desirable improvements, both useful and ornamental, will be made.

Want of space prevents us from publishing, as we would like to do, the names of the persons who exhibited articles which deserve special mention. The ladies deserve special credit for the articles exhibited by them. We give as full an account of the proceedings of the Fair as our limited space will allow. We publish, also, a full official list of the premiums awarded, for which we are indebted to the accommodating spirit of Maj. Jed Hotchkiss, the energetic and efficient Secretary and Treasurer.

FIRST DAY.

After the Chief Marshal and his assistants had met in Gatherem Hall and had organized the Committees of award in the several departments, there was music by the band of the D. D. and Blind Institution led by Prof. Turner, and a grand procession on the track of all animals entered for exhibition led or ridden in the order prescribed by the Chief Marshal.—After which, there was music in the Rotunda, and trotting, racking and pacing upon the track.

Col. Frank. G. Ruffin, who had accepted the invitation to deliver an address on this day was unavoidably detained in New York, and, consequently, failed to fill the appointment. Col. Baldwin, the President of the Augusta County Fair, with characteristic determination, resolved

"Not to give it up so, Mr. Brown,"

and, at the appointed time, called upon some of the gentlemen present, whom he knew the vast auditory would be pleased to hear, to deliver short *extempore* addresses. In response to invitations thus unexpectedly given, Col. Thos. J. Randolph, of Albemarle, Hon. Wm. Milnes, of Page county, Congressman elect for this District, and Hon. A. H. H Stuart delivered sensible, practical and appropriate addresses, to which the audience paid marked attention, and with which they seemed much delighted.

Not having taken any notes, we publish brief abstracts of these addresses as furnished by the correspondent of the *Dispatch:*

Colonel Randolph gave some very interesting and amusing reminiscences of Staunton in the days when the court-house and principal hotel were simply log cabins, when there was no clergyman west of Staunton, and the bridal parties had all to come here, and when "West Augusta" extended to the Mississippi. He gave a vivid sketch of the material development of the country since then. He gave a history of the rapid progress in the invention of agricultural implements since the days when the Scotch servant complained of the wheat-fan that it "raised the wind by *human device*, instead of trusting the Lord to raise it, and fasting and praying to induce Him to do so." He spoke of the progress of agricultural science, and closed with some practical advice on manures, urging that every farmer should, in the main, make his own manure.

Colonel Baldwin introduced Hon. William Milnes as being entitled to our respect, not only as our congressman elect, but as a high-toned gentleman, who has invested largely in our iron interests, and is earnestly striving to promote our material interests. Mr. Milnes is a rather fine-looking man of thirty-five or forty, of frank manners, and a very pleasant speaker. He expressed his pleasure at this fine exhibition, and in listening to the speech of Colonel Randolph. He had seen stock here to-day which could not be excelled anywhere North. This Valley was a great agricultural region; but our chief wealth is beneath the surface. No section on earth excels this in the quantity or quality of its minerals. From here to Front Royal there is iron ore enough to employ one hundred furnaces five hundred years. But these mineral resources must be developed. He argued that the great want is *transportation*, that we might get coal to work up our ore, and be able to send off our iron. We are now sending our pig-iron across the Potomac to build up cities there, and he thought it high time to stop that sort of thing, and so to develop our own iron interests that we will be the rivals of those people. Give us coal, and we can compete with the world. The agricultural and mineral resources of this section are boundless. The Valley of Virginia can sustain three millions of people. A grand future is before us if we will only go up and possess it. We will be properly "reconstructed" only when we can touch the *pocket-nerve* of the North.—The young men of the South lack neither talent nor energy; they only need proper direction. Railroads are our great want, and we must have them.

He desired, in conclusion, to thank the voters of this district for his election to Congress, and to pledge himself to do all in his power to promote their interests. Though not a Virginian by birth, he intended to make this State his *permanent* home, and no native felt a deeper interest in her welfare, or would labor more earnestly for her good.

Mr. Stuart congratulated the people on their wise choice of congressman. If there had been any doubt before, the speech he had just made would clear away all doubt.

He made an interesting statement of the mineral resources west of us along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. There are already eleven furnaces between here and the White Sulphur, and as soon as the road is completed to the great coal beds, others will rapidly spring into existence. He predicted that in less than ten years one hundred trains per day would pass along this railroad.

He vividly sketched the material progress made in the last forty years, but said that it is nothing compared to what lies before us in the future. Now that the "incubus of slavery" is removed, Virginia will become a great manufacturing people. New England philanthropy has overreached itself; for Virginia and the South will soon become their competitors in manufactures. The spindles of New England will be transferred to Virginia to be turned by our superior water-power, and in our more genial climate. Our political skies are brightening. "We have passed through the Red sea, and our Moses (turning to Mr. Milnes) will lead us over the Jordan into the land of promise." He drew a bright picture of the future. Congress will promptly admit us. Now that the negro is taken out of politics, there will be no sectional contests, and all will go forward most gloriously. He argued that there is no real conflict between capital and labor, and that the apparent conflict which the shoddy wealth of the war has brought about by administering the Government in its interests will soon pass away. He was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his address.

After these addresses, there was music and promenading in the Rotunda, and later the enlisted Knights practised for the Tournament.

SECOND DAY.

After a general display of harness horses on the track, music and promenading in the Rotunda, then trotting, racking, pacing, and examination of animals, implements, machinery &c., the hour arrived for the delivery of the address for the second day by PROF. J. W. MALLET of the University of Virginia. This admirable address, plain and practical as well as scientific, will be found published in full on the first page of this issue.

After the address of Prof. Mallet, the fine exhibition of horses on the track excited great interest. The mule race created much merriment. Five mules entered, but the chief interest attached to the close contest in a mile race of speed between Master Frank. R. Bear's black mule "Jeff." and Wm. A. Mann's sorrel. Master Frank on black "Jeff.," came out victorious amid the huzzas of the spectators.—Many gathered around the Judges' stand to witness the presentation of the "*Silver Cup*," announced in the programme as the prize of the successful competitor; and when, after a very humorous speech, Colonel Baldwin uncovered and handed over to Frank a large *tin cup*, with a mule engraved on it and the motto "*Here's your mule*," the merriment knew no bounds. The little fellow took the hoax very kindly, and galloped off, holding aloft his prize.

The trotting match for a prize of $50 was between Jno. Parkins and Nelson Andrews, Parkins drove a well-trained horse, while Andrews's horse was only four years old, and had not been trained. Parkins won the match, but the sympathies of the crowd were evidently with the colt.

The pig chase afforded much amusement. A large number of boys on the Green trying to catch and hold a pig with a shaved tail.

The "Star Cotillion" danced "upon the green" was one of the most interesting and attractive features of the Fair. It was a most beautiful representation of rural enjoyment.—The emerald meadow, the brilliant dresses and

"Varied scarfs of mixed embroidery,"

and the moving figures of

"The dancers dancing in tune,"

combined to form a scene not easily forgotten.

There was not as many couples in this dance as was expected, but sufficient to present a beautiful spectacle. There were, we believe, about thirty couples. There will be more next year.

After the dance, the knights, as on the day before, closed the day's exercises by practising for the tournament.

THIRD DAY.

As on the days preceding, there was much interest in the trotting, pacing and racking on the track. E. C. Crawford exhibited best rackers. Mr. Harvey took premium on Belle Boyd as the best walker. There were five entries for the trotting match for certificate of merit. The contest was between Ficklin's "Black Hawk" and C. B. Coiner's four year old colt; won in two heats by Coiner. Parkins's gray horse won the trotting match over Pratt's sorrel. There was an exciting pig race, and mule and harnessed ox race.

ARCHERY.—Nine interesting young ladies contended for the prize to be awarded to the most skillful archer. The real contest was between Misses Avery Covell and Belle Taylor. The latter was the arch fair one to whom was awarded the prize, a beautiful archer's outfit, which was presented in a happy and appropriate speech by Gen. Trimble of Maryland.

The judges of the contest—Hon. Jeremiah Morton, of Va., Thos. R. Branch, Esq., of Richmond, and Hon. Mr. Norris, of Baltimore—expressed themselves highly gratified with the skill and address displayed by the young ladies, and shrewdly surmised that these darts were among their least effective weapons of offence. As a matter of course, the Archery Club is a very pleasing feature with those who visit our Fair, and is a very beautiful and graceful one.

TOURNAMENT.—The most brilliant and imposing feature of the Fair was the grand tournament in which thirty gaily costumed knights tilted. The riding was excellent, and, perhaps, has never been excelled in this State. E. B. Burke riding without saddle or bridle took the ring with apparent ease.

The burlesque tilt made by J. M., a very long-legged man, in fantastic costume, riding a very small donkey, created much merriment. He dismounted at the stand and took the ring by knocking it down and then putting it on his lance, after which he remounted and rode around the track, receiving several falls on the way. The rider acted his part well, and the donkey ditto.

The following are the names of the knights, with their characters, who tilted on the occasion: S. B. Allen, Black Knight; J. A. McGuffin, Fort Lewis; Jas. R. Smith, Flying Cloud; N. A. Baylor, Emerald Isle; J. H. Francisco, Sable Plume; W. B. McChesney, Mid Night; Wm. McCue, Wilderness; C. W. Brown, Oakwood; Wm. F. Bell, Fancy Free; Geo. R. Bell, Champagne Charley No. 1; Arthur Harman, Augusta; J. H. Snapp, King of my colors; Thos. Shumate, Highlander; E. B. Burke, Knight Templar; Alex. Harman, Harry of Navarre; Col. J. D. Lilley, Just missed it; Ned Hall, Woful Figure; N. Davis, Champagne Charley No. 2; S. H. Bell, Knight of the Glade; H. R. Boykin, Debardo; Wm. M. Dinkle, Golden Cross; M. G. Harman, Jr., Bellefonte; Zack McChesney, Lone Star; E. M. Parker, Bohemian Girl; C. J. Bell, The Red Knight; H. A. Vanlear, Cross Keys; M. Gold. McDowell; Wm. Hamilton, Lexington; J. S. Dinkle, Rockingham.

When the knights were drawn up in proper order, Maj. Thos. C. Elder, of Staunton, to whom that duty had been assigned, delivered to them the following appropriate charge:

Maj. Thomas C. Elder's Charge to the Knights.

It is fitting, Sir Knights, that the programme of our Fair should find its conclusion in a Tournament. It shows that whilst we are alive to the present, we are not forgetful of the past. It shows that whilst we take an honest pride in exhibiting specimens of our success and skill in agriculture and the varied arts of peaceful industry we would also commemorate and perpetuate the chivalrous virtues of our ancestors.

The world just now is too intensely practical. There is a universal race and scramble for emolument and gain. It would seem there is but little within the gift of man money will not buy, but few injuries for which it is not an effectual remedy. The gross materialism of the day, with its thews and sinews of iron and breath of steam needs a soul, a spirit—for most unspiritual it is.

Do not understand me, Sir Knights, as decrying the physical energy and material development now visible everywhere over the civilized world. I know that without the wealth which comes of the application of labor and skill and science to capital, society, the society of modern civilization at least, can be neither happy nor refined. I would not reproduce the age in which the chivalry and knight-errantry you honor to-day most flourished—I would not assimilate too closely the age we live in to that. The virtues of the latter, though, in kind, manly and ennobling, were perhaps but few and not without alloy; its vices, many and wide-spread.

In truth, an unqualified acceptance of the present, and a blind veneration of the past are alike erroneous. *In medio tutissimus ibis* is a maxim as sound in theory as it is difficult in practice. In the cycles of the ages, human society has advanced and retrograded, has gained and lost; sometimes the gains have exceeded the losses, sometimes the losses have exceeded the gains; but as a resultant of the whole, the world has moved onward. In society, as in the individual, man is ever learning, but never able to come to a perfect knowledge of the truth.—Radicalism and Conservatism—under whatever shapes and guises they may have appeared at different periods—these are the great centrifugal and centripetal forces, ever active, ever variant, which the great reformers of the world have never been able so to adjust as to produce a perfect orbit for society. Just now it would seem Radicalism had well nigh annihilated its opposing force.

These general reflections, in view of our present condition, have a particular interest for us. We are about to commence the world anew. Our ancient Commonwealth stripped of her fondly cherished and time-honored institutions, aye, deprived of her autonomy by a war which, however terrible and devastating in other respects, but illustrated her uncalculating devotion to principle and added fresh renown to the valor of her arms, is about to be "rehabilitated." Her separate organism is to be restored, but she is required to make what is called "a new departure." In this novel and difficult situation her counsellors are many, and in the bestowal of their advice both lavish and arrogant. Like ancient Job, she seems to be regarded by them as the guilty author of her own misfortunes. Her sons are told to ignore the past, to avoid it as the mariner avoids the maelstrom, and look only to the future; to discard theories and aim at the practical and useful. The political principles of our fathers are condemned as abstractions. Their generous social customs and field sports must be abandoned, the open-handed, open-hearted hospitality of the country mansion is to be no more; they will not pay. And as for chivalry!—our honest forefathers, may their souls rest in peace, thought, Sir Knights, they understood the point of honor among men and gallantry towards the gentler sex—chivalry is applied as a term of reproach to us by our affectionate brethren of the other section of our country, who fain would shame us into a little common sense.

Now, as I have already intimated, it is no part of my purpose to detract aught from the dignity of labor. Plough your fields—earn the honorable distinction which a high authority declares should be awarded to him "who causes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before."

Utilize the waters that flow in such copious and sparkling currents from your mountain sides. They will beautify and gladden your meadows and plains as well after turning wheels and spindles as before. Make the mountains that environ our beautiful Valley disgorge the wealth that lies encased in their rock-ribbed sides. Exert muscle and brain to make the utmost of the gifts which a munificent Providence has bestowed on our State.—But, I pray you, do not neglect the graces and courtesies of life. Our rights may be wrested from us by the mailed hand of power; but it cannot annihilate our household gods. There are some things of which—thank God—we cannot be deprived without our consent. Honor, fidelity, gallantry, true knightly courtesy can never be lost by those who regard them as worth preserving. But like all other virtues, they do not flourish without cultivation. Without the Olympic and Corinthian games, ancient Greece would not have won an imperishable renown for the manly beauty, polished graces, heroic endurance and indomitable valor of her sons.

Remember, Sir Knights, it is upon young men like yourselves—the incoming generation—that the Old Commonwealth must rely for the preservation of her honor and renown. All her interests must be confided to your keeping. Our men of age and experience are no longer to have a voice in public affairs. Our disinherited Knights, unlike he who won the prize at Ashly in the days of the lion-hearted King of England, are not permitted to enter the lists against those who come from abroad.

Never! no never did higher responsibilities rest upon young men; never were they surrounded by more inspiring circumstances. You are to shape the future destiny of the State.—Transfuse your young blood into her depleted veins; rejuvenate and re-invigorate her exhausted form; but, I beg you, do not make her too practical. Do not sacrifice everything to mammon. Preserve something of the chivalry, aye knight-errantry, if you choose, of the earlier days of the ancient Dominion.

With these views, a blessing I say, on your noble diversion. It is worthy of all encouragement. We should have a permanent order of knighthood connected with our Fair; and in honor of an ancient order established by gallant old Governor Spotswood and his jovial comrades who first among the anglo-saxon race crossed yon blue mountains and watered their horses in the crystal stream of our own lovely Shenandoah, it should be called "Knights of the Horseshoe." The decoration of our order like that of the Tramontane order, might be a golden horseshoe.

Have no fears for the success of such an order. Witness the pleasing, eager interest of this vast concourse in the present spectacle.—Innumerable bright eyes rain sweet influence upon you. Yes, the daughters of Virginia are true to her ancient fame. They will smile on all efforts to preserve the chivalric spirit of yore. They are the vestals who will keep alive the fires on the altars of our household gods.

It may be that some of you, who poise the lance to day, have wielded other weapons on sterner fields in defence of what you thought were the rights and honor of Virginia; if so, you have had occasion to know something of the devotion of her women. The Spartan maiden whose fingers, trembling with patriotic ardor, converted her own beautiful tresses into bow-strings for the defence of her home became famous. There be many of Virginia's daughters who could prefer a better title to fame. Their presence here in such numbers to-day, their smiles should excite a noble emulation for the prizes set before you. The victories here won will be bloodless, it is true; but they are not, therefore, to be despised.—Thanks to the softening and purifying influence of our progressive christianity, the tastes of this amphitheatre do not require that bloody corses should strew the lists, or that proud knights with battered shields and broken helmets roll in the dust before the contest is decided. This will be, indeed, "a gentle and joyous passage of arms." The triumph of the victors will be enhanced by the recollection that it will entail no harm on the unsuccessful competitors. The utmost that can befall them is to do homage for a few flying hours around a throne presided over by the Queen of Love and Beauty, assisted in the ministration of her sweet offices by those only less lovely and beautiful than herself.

And now, Sir Knights, to the charge.

The following are the names of the successful knights, given in the order of the honors won, together with the names of the ladies chosen by them respectively:

J. B. Allen, "Black Knight," I. Josephine English, of Staunton, Queen of Love and Beauty; J. A. McGuffin, "Knight of Fort Lewis," Anna Ryan, of Staunton, 1st Maid of honor; W. W. Hamilton, "Knight of Lexington," Mary Cameron, of Rockbridge, 2nd Maid of honor; S. H. Bell, "Knight of the Glade," Emma Brown, of Staunton, 3rd Maid of honor; Jas. J. Smith, "Knight of the Flying Cloud," Bettie Eskridge, 4th Maid of honor.

To the successful knight was awarded a premium saddle for himself, and also one for his chosen Queen of Love and Beauty.

CORONATION AND BALL.—At the hour appointed for the Coronation and Ball, the spacious Rotunda on the Fair Grounds, a circular building eighty feet in diameter with comfortable seats around the circumference accommodating five hundred persons, presented a brilliant and imposing scene. To the music of the "Grand march from Martha" rendered by the D. D. and Blind Band, led by Prof. Turner, the *costumed* knights, attended by the ladies chosen by them, marched into the Rotunda, fronting to the throne, when, on the part of the judges of the tourney, Maj. H. M. Bell announced the successful knights in the order mentioned above. Then Wm. S. Gilman, to whom, for his special qualifications, that duty had been assigned, delivered, in a handsome manner, the following felicitous

CORONATION ADDRESS.

With no mailed arm, or gleaming sword, or barbed trappings for steeds did our knights go forth to-day to battle in deadly strife as did the knights of old. But in mimic and bloodless tourney they contended, with no less chivalric pride for the knighly privilege of offering to Beauty the tribute, which the Brave of all ages have sought to win for the Fair. Brighter smiles, more winning glances, nor riper blushes never greeted Chandos, nor Percy, nor Black Edward, than cheered the knights wearing your victorious colors, fair ladies, to deeds of daring in the brilliant tilt to-day. They needed not to go back to the realms of the shadowy past to seek a chivalresque model in the Unknown Knight, who entered the lists at Ashly, for in their young life has swept along this grand historic Valley, with raven plume, on snow white charger, a knight, whose name and deeds will live in song and story when mighty cities have grown old where virgin forests now stand. Gay Poesy and sparkling Romance will not leave him to the cold embrace of their staid and exacting sister, History, but will woo Tassos, Ariostos and Spencers, yet unborn, to sing Ashby's glory in immortal verse.

"Braver, knightlier foe,
Never fought with Moor or Panim;
Rode at Templestowe."

Fit theatre for heroic deeds and chivalrous exploits, this beautiful Valley—pride of Virginia—with mountains bluer than Cheviot hills of Bonnie Scotland—with rivers, if not richer in legends more romantic and picturesque than the Rhine, the Clyde, or the Shannon,—with a people as devoted to their faith as was ever Son of Judah to the ceremonials of his fathers, and with maidens as lovely and as loveable as the fair haired Saxon or the dark eyed Jewess made immortal by the world's greatest novelist.

At the festivals which followed the tourney in the olden times, the successful Knights, and the ladies of their choice, were accorded precedence at the banquet and in the dance, and in imitation of that knightly custom, the knights declared victorious by the judges at the tilt today, will, with the ladies they have named Queen and Maids of honor, lead in the dance about to follow. In conclusion, I have only to hope that the reign of her majesty may be as brilliant as the deeds of the Black Knight were conspicuous in the tourney, for I need not remind her, or the honored ladies of her court, of the distinguished compliment paid them in being thus selected by gallant Knights, from all the assemblage now gathered in this Hall, as woman's instinct tells them, that the

"Bravest are the tenderest,
The Loving are the daring."

The response, on behalf of the Queen of Love and Beauty, was eloquently delivered by S. Travers Phillips, Esq., as follows:

Fair Ladies and loyal Gentlemen:

The fact that you are assembled from every portion of the lovely "Valley of Virginia" at this, its greatest Annual Festival, to contend for that throne whose sceptre is limited in its sway by no imaginary boundaries, and circumscribed in its influence by no geographical divisions, but which extends its dominion alike over infidel and christian, over sceptic and pagan, over demon and angel, including, in its wide domain,

"Camp and grove,
And Heaven above,"

enhances immeasurably its value in the eyes of those whose charms render them worthy claimants of its honors, as well as in the eyes of those whose skill, daring, and prowess in knightly accomplishments give them fair hopes of naming its beautious occupant, and of receiving, at her hands, their well-merited guerdon.

That contest is now over, and, before entering upon the coronation festivities, it only remains for me, as the humble mouth-piece of her Majesty, the Sovereign Queen of Love and Beauty, to signify her gracious acceptance of that crown which is hers because her own exceeding fairness hath nerved the strong arm of her doughty champion—the worthy "Black Knight," a second Cœur de Leon—to this deed of high emprize.

That brilliant host of beauties, whose claims to your crown were the most considerable, will be, I am sure, the most ready to yield them to this arbitrament, which, unlike that of a more bloody nature, with its relentless and ruthless cry of *væ victis*, is one where the conquered and the conqueror may alike unite in heaping honors upon, and in twining laurels around the royal head, since here rivalry ceases when the fiat of Cupid and Venus hath gone forth—you, then, will be the most willing to bend the leal knee of allegiance, homage and fealty to our peerless Queen, who now gives her royal assurance to all that her chiefest object shall be to make her reign a "rain of benefits," and her enactments copious provisions for your joyance, so that your *Manga charta*, granted of her free will and with royal grace, shall only demand and ensure the Feast, the Tournament, and the Ball, and your Petition of Rights, and bills for the redress of grievances, only contain humble prayers for the longer duration of your gentle Sovereign's power—thus all, with joyous hearts, will join in the loud acclaim: "God save the Queen of Love and Beauty."

The Knights then selected and crowned with wreathes the Queen and her maids of honor, whose names are given above.

At the conclusion of these ceremonies, the coronation quadrille was danced by the Knights and their chosen ladies and others in *costume*, after which the floor was free to all who wished to participate. The gay scene presented in that spacious hall, brilliantly lighted with gas, and filled with finely dressed ladies and gentlemen, was such as to thrill the old with joyous emotions, and the young with ecstatic delight. In spite of their triteness, we are tempted to quote,

"Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes look'd love to eyes which spake again,
And all went merry as a marriage-bell,"

and

"Tripping the light fantastic toe."

These familiar quotations have done much service in descriptions of similar scenes, and will continue to be used by those, like ourself, whose invention is unable to substitute other phrases equally appropriate and expressive.—The dance at this splendid ball was concluded by Master Jno. McChesney, a small son of Dr. Wm. S. McChesney of this place, who danced beautifully, in character, the Highland Fling.

This ball was a grand and brilliant success, and furnished a fitting conclusion to the Fair, which was, in all respects, such a success as to reflect credit upon all engaged in its management, and to inspire with emotions of pride the citizens of the county generally.

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S. H. CLARK,
oct19—4t Special Commissioner.

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the celebrated Wizard and Ventriloquist, with his
Lilliputian Circus!
Distribution of Valuable Presents at the close of *EACH PERFORMANCE!*
Admittance.....25 Cents.
No half price.
Doors open at 7 o'clock, performance commences at 8. oct19—1t

U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE.—Collector's Office, 6th District, Va.
HARRISONBURG, Oct. 15th, 1869.
TAX-PAYERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY are hereby notified that I have fixed upon *Monday and Tuesday, the 25th and 26th days of October*, 1869, in the town of Staunton, at the office of the Assistant Assessor for the collection of all unpaid taxes of whatever kind. Circumstances render it absolutely necessary that these taxes be paid *at once* and I earnestly call upon *all* who know themselves delinquent to come up promptly at the time specified, and thereby save trouble to me and additional expense to you.
oct19—1t SAM'L R. STERLING,
Collector 6th District, Va.

I. WITZ & BRO., dealers in staple and fancy Dry Goods, Main st., Staunton, Va., have just received a large stock of new and beautiful Fall and Winter Dress Goods for Ladies' and Gentlemen's wear, to which they invite the attention of buyers.

Their stock consists of all the latest styles, and has been purchased on the very best terms for cash, which enables them to sell at figures as low as they can be had anywhere else in this market.

☞ Give them a call and examine for yourselves. oct19

ED. F. JOHNSON, Cabinet-Maker.
Main street, Staunton, is prepared to manufacture all kinds of Furniture in the neatest and most workmanlike manner.

Repairing, and all work in a cabinet-maker's line of business done in the best and most substantial style. He respectfully solicits the patronage of his friends and the public.
oct19—3m

TEMPLE OF FASHION.—Mrs. K. M. Kelley has returned with an elegant assortment of Millinery and Fancy Goods, selected by herself to suit the tastes of her different customers.

Her stock consists of everything that is necessary and indispensable to complete a lady's trousseau.

Prices of goods will vary according to quality.

☞ N. B.—Orders from the country will be promptly attended to oct19 tf

JOHN A. NOON, New Post Office, Staunton, Va., dealer in Books, Stationery, Newspapers, Periodicals, Inks, Pens, Pencils, Pen-Holders, Writing Paper, Envelopes, &c., &c

Tobacco, Cigars and Pipes, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, &c.

SPECIALTY—Best Tobacco, 25c a plug; 3 Cigars for 10c. oct19 4t

BOLIVAR CHRISTIAN. J. W. GREEN SMITH.
CHRISTIAN & SMITH,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
STAUNTON, VA.,
Practice in Augusta, Rockingham and Rockbridge counties. OFFICE on Court House Alley.
oct19—6m

JOHN TYLER. WM. H. TYLER.
TYLER & SON,
General Commission Merchants.
No. 1208 Cary Street, Richmond, Va.,
Give undivided attention to sales of Country Produce, and execution of orders for Merchandise. oct19—6m

LOST—On Saturday last, 16th inst., between Baker Bros' store and Mrs. Tate's place, a Memorandum Book containing $27.50 in currency, bonds, receipts, and other valuable papers. My name is printed on the outside of the book. The finder will be liberally rewarded on returning the book to me at Peacock's mill, or leaving it at the Spectator Office. J. C. LALEY.
oct19 1t

LOST.—A new, quilted, fair-leather Shafter Saddle, Plaid Cloth and Bridle, was lost or taken from my horse at the Rotunda Thursday night. A suitable reward will be given for the saddle and bridle, left at the Spectator office.
oct19 1t S. B. FINLEY.

I HAVE A TWO-SEAT SECOND-hand Rockaway and harness, almost new, the Rockaway of my own manufacture, in which I will sell a bargain, if early application be made.
oct19 2t Call on J. H. WATERS.

THE LARGEST, BEST & CHEAP-est stock of Queensware, Glass and Stoneware, in this country. Don't buy until you see it.
oct19 3m R. M. AYRES,
dealer in groceries and country produce.

TO THE LADIES.—Opening of Pattern Bonnets, Saturday, 10 o'clock, Oct. 23d.
Mrs. M. E. FAGAN & SISTER.
oct19 1t

SALE OF FINE STOCK.—We will sell, on Monday, Oct. 25th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in front of the Court House, a number of fine Cows and Horses. PECK & CUSHING.

Picture Galleries.

CLINEDINST'S GALLERY OF PHOTOGRAPHY,
Burwell Building, Corner Main and New Streets.

I would inform the public that I have just returned from the city and have refitted and furnished my Gallery with all the latest improvements known to our art, and with every convenience for the accommodation of my customers. The success which has heretofore attended my efforts in the art, has induced me to improve and enlarge the business in every department.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RUSTIC SCENERY.

Having, after much labor and expense, finished my arrangements for the production of Photographic Portraitures in *real rustic style*, I respectfully invite the public to examine the wonderful and pleasing effects.

I would call attention to the specimens on exhibition at my rooms—especially a very fine life-size *Pastel Portrait*—a style of picture that has never before been exhibited in Staunton. I will also make the *Porcelain Picture*, a very beautiful photograph resembling an Ivory Miniature, colored in every style.

Particular attention will be given to copying old Daguerreotypes, Ambrotypes, &c., and enlarging from them to any size.

Ladies and Gentlemen residing in or visiting Staunton, are respectfully invited to call and see the improvements we are making in the art.
Very respectfully,
oct5—tf B. M. CLINEDINST.

GEORGE C. TEAFORD'S PICTURE GALLERY,
Opposite D. A. Kayser's store, Main street, Staunton, Va.

Having fitted up the Gallery over Piper & Son's store, I would respectfully call the attention of my friends and the public generally to the fact that I am prepared to take pictures, in the very best style, on reasonable terms. A call is solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed.
oct5—3t GEO. C. TEAFORD.

Boots and Shoes.

N. B. HENDRY. I. S. HENDRY. JAS. FAGAN

NEW BOOT & SHOE FACTORY.—Hendry, Bro. & Fagan

Have just opened their new and commodious store room on Augusta street, opposite Court-house, Staunton, Va.

Men's Coarse Boots and Shoes of all kinds;
Men's Fine Stitched Boots, Shoes and Gaiters; a large stock of Childrens, Misses, and Ladies' Shoes of the Latest Styles!

Anything in our line furnished at the shortest notice.

Work fitted to order by Mr. James Fagan.

JUST RECEIVED—A large supply of Men's and Boy's Hats, from a coarse article to the latest and most elegant style.

ON HAND.—A good assortment of Leather and Shoe Findings, which we offer to consumers at low prices.

Shoemakers will find it to their advantage to examine our stock.

Our aim shall be to compete with Northern prices, and we think we can furnish goods at as low figures as they can be bought in the cities.

We will soon be prepared to fill orders from merchants—any sizes desired will be furnished.

We specially invite the public to call and see our goods, whether wishing to purchase or not.

WANTED—Good Leather—for which we will exchange goods or pay a fair price in cash.

WANTED—Good hands to work in the factory. None others need apply.
HENDRY, BRO. & FAGAN.
oct12—tf

Dry Goods.

J. W. NEWTON'S CASH STORE,
opposite Robt. Cowan's book store,
NEW STREET, STAUNTON, VA.

I take pleasure in announcing to my friends, and the public generally, that I have opened a new and varied assortment of BEAUTIFUL GOODS. My stock consists in part of

DRY GOODS, LADIES' DRESS GOODS,
also a large stock of
Millinery,
of the very latest French, English and American styles, including a complete line of
LADIES' AND GENTS' NOTIONS,
such as Shawls, Hosiery, Gloves, Skirts, Corsets, Collars and Cuffs, ladies' Merino Vests, &c.

A liberal discount on all sales to
CRIPPLED CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS,
who are in needy circumstances.

Positively one price only.

All goods warranted as represented or money refunded.

☞ Please give us a call. ☜
oct12—tf

DAVIS A. KAYSER is still receiving at his new store, large additions to his stock of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, to which he asks attention.

He is prepared to offer great inducements to cash buyers.

His friends will please remember their unpaid bills that are due. oct12

Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.—On and after SUNDAY, October 10th, 1869, MAIL TRAIN will leave Richmond daily for White Sulphur Springs at 9 A. M.; leave White Sulphur Springs at 4 A. M., and arrive at Richmond at 4:40 P. M., making close connections with the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Mail Train in both directions at Gordonsville, avoiding the delays heretofore existing between Richmond and Washington.

ACCOMMODATION TRAIM between Charlottesville and Richmond will leave Charlottesville at 4:30 A. M., and arrive in Richmond at 10 A. M., on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS. Returning, same days, will leave Richmond at 4:30 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 Weyer's Cave, Harrisonburg and Augusta Springs. At Goshen with stages for Lexington, Natural Bridge, Rockbridge Alum Springs, Cold Sulphur Springs, and Rockbridge baths. At Millboro' with stages for Bath Alum and Warm Springs. At Covington with stages for Hot and Healing Springs. At Alleghany with stages for Old Sweet and Red Sweet Springs; and at White Sulphur