Staunton Spectator.

Tuesday, November 2, 1869.

The fortune or rather misfortune of the *Spectator* Office this week illustrates the truth of the remark of Shakspeare that, "ills come not in single file, but in battalions."

The Senior Editor has been summoned as a witness in Court in another county—the Junior has been married, and the principal compositor has a boil on his arm, and of these three it is difficult to tell which is the worst so far as the execution of work in the office is concerned, and, at this time the office is overwhelmed with work to do. There is consolation, however, in the reflection that Courts adjourn, honey-moons wane, and boils get well. In a short time, the normal condition of affairs will be restored, and business in the office will be made to resume the "even tenor of its way."

The New York Tribune has a paragraph to the effect that many thousand fraudulent votes were cast in the last Presidential election in that city; but even if the fact were proved, it would avail nothing, as, under the ballot system, it could not be shown for whom they were cast. The evil may be palpable and incontestable, but there is no remedy for it. While both parties thus concede the inherent iniquities of the secret ballot system, but few will raise their voices against it—because, it is thought, it is just now "popular." That which is "popular" is not always *right*, and we are for the RIGHT, be it ever so "unpopular."

Cold Comfort.

Gen. Don Piatt, the brilliant editor, who has been of late greatly disgusted with his party, evidently thinks that it has nothing to brag of for having been saved, as by fire, in the States of Pennsylvania and Ohio. He writes to his paper, the Cincinnati *Commercial*, that there never was a fight in Ohio so fiercely contested by the Republicans as the last. "The land rang with speakers and was flooded with documents. The Republican losses indicate coming defeat unless we take a new departure. As the fifteenth amendment takes the negro out of politics, the future issues will be of a financial sort, and where are we? Put your house in order, my Republican friends, for to-morrow you die."

Officers of State Council.

The State Council Friends of Temperance met at Petersburg on the 27th ultimo. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, J. E. Pennybacker, of Harrisonburg; Associate, Rev. J. A. Jefferson, of Petersburg; Chaplain, Rev. J. William Jones, of Lexington; Secretary, Rev. W. B. Wellons, of Suffolk; Treasurer, James Alexander, of Charlottesville; Conductor, W. Hall Crew, of Richmond; Sentinel, J. S. Lipscomb, of Staunton.

The Richmond State Journal says, on direct authority, that Secretary Boutwell has declared that Judge Johnston, Senator elect from Virginia, has a moral right to the removal of his disabilities, which should not be impaired by an unintentional oversight of Congress; and that President Grant concurs with Mr. Boutwell, and expresses his hope that Congress will remove Judge Johnston's disabilities.

The rascality and villainy connected with the late gold conspiracy in New York, the charges and counter charges which have been made by some of those implicated, the suspicions thrown upon different persons, the free use of the names of individuals in official positions, all combine to render necessary a most thorough and searching investigation and a full exposure of the whole affair.

On Tuesday last, Charley Norris, a son of Dr. Jas. Norris of Charlottesville, while out hunting, was accidentally shot and almost instantly killed by the discharge of his gun while he was crossing a fence. Boys cannot be too careful while hunting. Many accidents occur.

The Tennessee Radicals are jubilant over the defeat of Mr Johnson. On receipt of the news they held a meeting, made speeches, and passed resolutions thanking the Legislature for its action, denouncing Johnson, and applauding Cooper, though he is said by them not to be their choice.

The people in the vicinity of Dayton and Forest Station, Ohio, were startled early Wednesday morning by the appearance of an immense meteor, which filled the air with sulphurous odor, and was accompanied by a booming sound, causing the houses to shake and some of the windows to break.

The steamer Stonewall was burned Thursday morning, on the Mississippi, about forty-five miles above Cairo. She had on board one hundred and ninety cabin and deck passengers and a crew of sixty-men. Nearly all were drowned.

The Lynchburg *Republican* mentions a report of a sale of a large tract of land in Amherst county to a Polish company, which proposes to plant upon it a colony of three hundred German and Polish families. Among the purchasers is a Polish Count of high distinction and ample means.

The discovery of "Junius," so often announced, has at length, it is said, been placed beyond doubt by the researches of the Hon. Edward Twisleton, of England. But then, it is not said who Mr. Twisleton thinks Junius is. If he was anybody else but Sir Philip Francis, we shall be much mistaken.

Mr. John Tyler, commission merchant, of Richmond, died suddenly in that city on Monday night week, in the sixty-second year of his age. The deceased was for many years a well-known, highly respected citizen of Scottsville.

It seems that the statement that the Fifteenth Amendment has been ratified by the Nebraska Legislature is incorrect. That body adjourned in February without action.

A telegram from Cincinnati reports five steamboat accidents on western waters last week. Three of the boats were sunk.

Hon. George H. Pendleton, of Ohio, has been appointed President of the Kentucky Central railroad.

The excitement concerning the organization of negro militia by Governor Holden, of North Carolina, continues in North Carolina. The intentions of that functionary are not yet clearly understood.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. Stone, formerly of General Stoneman's staff, and well known in this State as a courteous gentleman, was killed recently by the Indians near Apache Pass.

The negro nurse of Henry Creasy, of Bedford county, Va., threw his child into the fire last Friday and burned it to death. She was arrested.

Yerger Case.

The decision of the Supreme Court affirming jurisdiction in the Yerger case, says the Lynchburg *Virginian*, has fallen like a wet blanket on the Radical party, and, to a certain extent, invalidates the laws of Congress erecting military governments in the Southern States. There never was any reason to doubt the unconstitutionality of the Reconstruction acts; and the subsequent act of Congress which prohibited decisions of this high court—which is really a co-ordinate branch of the Government—on all questions involving the merits of Reconstruction, was a confession of their want of confidence in the constitutionality of these measures, and their total incongruity with the letter and spirit of that instrument.—They never could have stood the test of judicial investigation. But, it is not our purpose now to enter into any labored argument on this subject, or to encourage further resistance to a power that has shown itself as able as it is willing to set aside the Constitution, as Thad. Stevens, one of the ablest and most unscrupulous of the Radical leaders, acknowledged they were doing when these laws were passed. Virginia is too nearly "out of the woods," as we trust, to engage, at this late day, in any hostility to measures that have served their purpose, in this State at least. The time may come, however, when shall be able to look back upon the long dark night through which we have passed, with feelings less chastened than those that now dwell in our bosoms; when we shall wonder, even more than we now do, that this country ever tolerated the usurpations and outrages that have marked the career of the Radical party during nearly five years of profound peace. And our Northern fellow-citizens, too—unless the love of liberty and law, under a wise and beneficent Constitution, shall die out in their hearts—will regard that interregnum wherein the Constitution was virtually suspended in certain States of the Union, and one of them the oldest of the Confederation, with feelings akin to those with which all lovers of Constitutional liberty regard the dismal reign of Jacobinism in France. If these bitter recollections shall serve to quicken our love of true liberty, and to stimulate our hatred of "every form of tyranny over the mind of man;" then, indeed, the history of the Radical party in the United States may serve a useful purpose in teaching those who shall come after us to look with suspicion upon, and to repress the very first efforts of men who may rise hereafter to emulate the bad example of those whom impartial history will hold responsible for all the crimes, beginning with a fearful civil war, that have been committed against Liberty, and the record of which will darken our annals throughout all future time.

Virginia.

To a poetical mind, says the Petersburg *Courier*, if any such there be in these prosaic days of restless, mercenary effort, the present attitude of Virginia is inexpressibly grand and touching. Recalled at last from her long estrangement, lifted from her hopeless sorrow and bitter humiliation, she stands at the door of the Union clad in the "beautiful garment" of her restored sovereignty, calmly and trustfully awaiting the signal of recognition and the invitation to enter.

It is for the younger members of her own national household, sitting in judgment on her loyalty, her liberty, her life, to determine whether the service of submission and obedience which she offers, shall soothe their unnatural enmity and reconcile them to her prayer; or whether her supplication shall be repelled with scorn and made the pretext for heavier exactions. Neither the lost blood of her slaughtered children nor the sighs of her tearful anguish have heretofore succeeded in removing "the crystal bar" that kept her in her isolation; and now when, for the first time, she presents herself, not like the banished Peri, with tears of penitent confession, but crowned with the proof of her sincerity and her loyalty, it is no idle hope that her offering will be accepted, and that she will be welcomed to her place in the sisterhood of States.

We can only wait; we have done what has been required of us, and now let us hopefully anticipate the restoration of our long suspended rights, and prepare to achieve a grand and glorious prosperity that shall more than compensate for the losses and disappointments that darken these latter years of our history.

Sons of Temperance.

At the recent meeting of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance in Portsmouth the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

G. W. P., R. G. Staples, of Norfolk; G. W. A., Rev. W. T. Lindsay, of Richmond; G. S., T. Wiley Davis, of Richmond; G. T., W. H Pleasants, of Richmond; Grand Chaplain, William J. Bain, of Portsmouth; G. C., W. J. Cussen, of Richmond; G. S., C. C. McCabe, of Leesburg.

Mr. R. H. Mullen, of Richmond, was elected State Lecturer.

A MAN KILLED.—A white man named Geo. H. Brooks was run over by the passenger train, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, within four hundred yards of Millford, on Thursday morning. He was lying asleep from intoxication, with his neck on the rail, and the engineer did not observe him until too near to check his engine. The consequence was that the poor fellow's head was severed from his body. The deceased resided on the land of the Hon. D. C. Dejarnette, not far from where he was killed, and leaves a wife and four children.

The Associated Press despatch reports that it is stated that upon the assembling of Congress a movement will be inaugurated modifying the powers of the Supreme Court to the extent of subjecting all its decisions affecting reconstruction to the revision of a special joint judiciary committee of Congress.

The policy of the government in the Yerger case seems to be to postpone the issue.

A serious schism is threatening the Mormon Church. Mr. Stenhouse, the editor of the Mormon paper, heads the opposition to Brigham Young, and has been suspended from the editorship of the Church organ. At Brigham's death it is thought a revolution will be inaugurated that will sweep away polygamy.

Miss Pet McKay, a beautiful young lady, of Quincy, Ill., deliberately drowned herself in the Mississippi, at that place, on Thursday.—She left a note stating that she did not commit suicide for shame, nor for love, but because "all her friends were enemies" and "this is a cold, dreary world to live in."

The citizens of St. Louis are making liberal arrangements for the recovery and sepulture of the bodies of the passengers and crew lost by the disaster to the steamer Stonewall, and for the relief of families rendered destitute by it.

The indications are that the Duke of Genoa will be selected as King of Spain.

The returns from the election in West Virginia have not been received yet.

From the Lexington Gazette.

PREMIUMS AWARDED,

At the Annual Fair of the Rockbridge Agricultural and Mechanical Society, held at Lexington, Virginia, October 20, 21, 22, 1869.

BRANCH I.

CLASS 1—DURHAMS.

Bull three years old and upward.—1st. Prem—"Gen Forrest," S R Moore; 2d, "Gov Floyd," O P Smith.

Bull calves—1st Prem., "Judge White," O P Smith. "Judge White was a perfect beauty, 4 months old. 2d Prem., "Richmond," S R Moore.

Cows three years old, &c.—1st Prem., "Lottie Lynnwood," S R Moore; 2d, "Mollie," E S Tutwiler.

Heifers 1 to 3 years.—1st Prem., "Nellie," O P Smith; 2d, "May flower," S R Moore.

Heifer Calves—1st Prem., "Beauty," O P Smith; 2d, Tulip," S R Moore.

In every instance above the pedigree was required, and was shown when the animals were entered; and the Ex. Com. desire it to be distinctly understood that the pedigree will hereafter be required in every case where stock is entered as thoroughbred. They express the hope, now that interest in this direction is much increased, that some of our enterprising stock breeders (and it is confidently expected the number of these in the county will be increased,) will bestir themselves, so that Rockbridge may have her fine Devons, Ayrshires, Herefords and Alderneys, boastingly to show at our 1870 Fair.

CLASS 2—*Natives and Grades.*

Bull 3 years old and upward.—1st Prem., E S Tutwiler, (no competition)

1 to 3 years old.—1st prem. "Jacob," S D Gilmore; "Judge Brockenbrough," J W Hamilton.

Cows 3 years old and upward.—1st prem. "Flora," A L Nelson; 2d, "Goshen," W A Ruff.

Heifers 1 to 3 years old.—1st prem, "Susy," W A Ruff; 2d "Beauty," W A Ruff.

CLASS 3—*Milch Cows.*

1st prem. "Flora," A L Nelson; 2d, J W. Hamilton.

Heifers 1 to 3 years.—1st prem. "Muley," W A Ruff; 2d, "Red," A T Barclay.

CLASS 4—*Fat Cattle.*

Bullocks on the hoof 3 years old and upward and fed more than 1 year—1st prem. W A Ruff; 2d, W A Ruff.

5 years old—W A Ruff. Premium also awarded for yearling bullock weighing 1110 lbs.

CLASS 5—*Working Oxen.*

For 4 years old—1st prem. "Roans," W A Ruff; 2d, "Spots," J W Hamilton.

BRANCH II—HORSES.

CLASS 6—*Improved Breed.*

Less than three years old—1st premium, an "Orion" Filly "Frolic," Jas J White.

Less than 1 year old—1st prem. Shiloh Colt, "Manassas," J J White.

CLASS 7—*Saddle Horses.*

Gelding over 4 years—1st prem. H S Locher; 2d, Chas F Jordan.

Under 4 years—1st prem, Charles Kayser; 2d, A T Barclay.

Mares over 4 years—1st prem. C J Brawley; 2d, F G Hamilton.

2 years old—J W Hamilton; 2d, Thomas McGuffin.

Colts under 1 year—Stud Colt, 1st prem. A L Nelson; 2d, W A Ruff. Mare Colt, 1st prem. J J White.

CLASS 8—*Horses for Light Draught.*

Best pr Matched Horses, 1st prem J J White; 2d, Andrew Edmondson.

Horses for Single Harness—1st prem P Johnson; 2d, A M Glasgow.

Filly under 4 years old—1st prem A T Barclay; 2d, J McGuffin.

Gelding under 4 years old—1st prem C M Dold; 2d, W A Ruff.

Stud colt under 1 year old—1st prem Shiloh Colt, S D Gilmore.

Brood Mares—1st prem H T Terrill; 2d, A T Barclay.

CLASS 9—*Heavy Draught.*

Brood Mares—1st prem W H Ott; 2d, S McMasters.

Colts 2 years old—1st prem. Filly—R K Wilson; 2d, S J Gibson.

Geldings 2 years old—1st prem A T Barclay; 2d, S R Moore.

Colts under 1 year—1st prem Stud colt, S McCorkle; 2d, filly, Henry Bartley.

There were three fine teams brought upon the track on the last day of the Fair, and exhibited not for premiums, but by way of compliment to the Fair, by George W. Shields.—His reason for not entering them in accordance with the rules of the Society was that he would have been, by so doing, unable to fill a very important contract. The Committee have no hesitation in recommending him a Diploma.

CLASS 10—*Mules and Jacks.*

1st prem team of 4 Mules, J S Hogsett; Best pair mules, A T Barclay. Best 2 year old mule, S T Holden.

BRANCH III—SHEEP.

CLASS 11

Prem to W A Ruff, (no competition)

BRANCH IV—SWINE.

CLASS 11—*Fat Hogs.*

1st prem A L Nelson.

Best pen of hogs—1st prem W A Ruff; 2d, J G Steele.

Boar pigs—1st prem (Chester) W A Ruff; 2d, J M Hogsett.

BRANCH V.—POULTRY.

CLASS 16.

Pair of Turkeys, 1st prem A T Barclay; 2d, W A Ruff. Pair of Gee-e, J D H Ross. Ducks—1st prem divided to A T Barclay. and J D H Ross; 2d Mrs J Y Clarke. Best Bantams, 1st prem W W Lewis; 2d, Willie Bacon.

Display of Poultry—1st prem Brahams, (both white and gray) and White and Black Spanish, (a fine show, S M Templeton.

Spring Chickens—1st prem J W McClung; Summer chickens, 1st prem W A Ruff.

Display of Rabbits, 1st prem W W Lewis; 2d, Willie Bacon.

The committee in this Branch speak with satisfaction of the marked increase of interest in this important branch of house industry, and in commendation especially of Mr S M Templeton for efforts to improve our exhibition in this direction.

BRANCH VI.—AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, &c.

CLASSES 17, 18 and 19.

They award first premium to Fuller & Sloan for Straw Cutter "Maryland Cutter;" Corn Sheller, "Va. Corn Sheller;" Washing Machine, Claybaugh;" Clothes Wringer, "Universal;" Clover Seed Gatherer, R Sinclair & Co.; Well Curb, (H M Smith;) Canal Wheel Barrow, (H M Smith;) Dirt Scraper; Wood frame Harrow, (H M Smith;) Axe Handles, (N. C. Factory;) Flag Collars.

The commode or earth closet, an "admirable arrangement for chamber use, is highly recommended."

Mowing Machine, "Wood;" Cider Mill, "Old Dominion;" Churn, (Rotary Power and Vertical Dasher, by Fix & Hoffman: a Rockbridge invention;) Apple Peeler, "Union;" Shovel Plows, single and double, (A P Routt's); Coulter Plow, (Smith's) "Wing;" and also for the greatest variety and best display of Implements.

The award committee decline expressing any opinion of preferment between the two threshing machines, the "Pitt" exhibited by Myers & Son, and the "Geyser" by Fuller & Sloan—both being esteemed most excellent machines; so too with regard to the two sewing machines, "Grover & Baker" by Fuller & Sloan, and the "Howe" by N W Darby. The "Howe" employs the lock stitch; the "Grover & Baker" the elastic stitch peculiar to itself. There are advantages claimed for each machine, with regard to which the Committee decline giving an opinion.

The Breeden Washing Machine is a new Rockbridge invention, not yet fully tested. The committee think highly of it, and have good grounds of hope that with some small changes, such as experience may suggest, it will prove a superior machine.

The committee think well of a device by J D Humphreys, a Bench knife and screw driver combined, a pocket implement.

There being no opportunity offered for testing the turning ploughs, the committee asked to be excused from expressing an opinion in relation to them.

They award first premium to J H Myers & Son for the following, viz:

Horse Hay Rake, "Hagerstown;" Corn Planter, "Challenge;" Wheat Drill, "Keller's" and Clothes Drying Rack.

To Howard Humphreys for the following:

Combined Reaper and mower, "Buckeye;" woodsaw, "Harrison;" one-horse wagon.

DEPARTMENT.

CLASSES 21, 22, 23, 24.

For finest display of Cabinet ware, consisting of burial case, extension table, washstand and stools, all of indigenous wood. Bayliss & Henderson, of Lexington.

Fancy chair, worthy of honorable notice. Miss Mary Pringle.

For fine display of Vehicles, consisting of family carriage, open buggy, top buggy, and spring wagon, and also for carriage coupling, Wm. Graham, of Christiansburg, Va.

For best assortment of Tinware, (mostly imported.) Philip Webb.

Best tin guttering (very fine.) Philip Webb.

Parlor Stoves—1st prem "Oriental," F P Rhodes; 2d, "Morning Glory," Philip Webb.

The committee had considerable difficulty in coming to a decision as to a preference between these two stoves.

Certificate of Merit to—"The Illuminator" for great saving of fuel, to F P Rhodes.

Cooking stoves—1 See Diploma. "Noble cook," F P Rhodes; 2nd Society Diploma, "Columbian cook," Philip Webb; 3rd Certificate of Merit, "Garfield," Philip Webb.

For best collection of Marbles, Limestone and Fossils of Rockbridge, dressed and polishing, (a handsome case,) J T Gibbs.

The specimens of ore were of the highest order, and it is to be regretted that exhibitors failed to enter upon the Receiver's books locality, etc., where these ores are to be found. All particulars in regard to our Mineral wealth, we desire to make our Society, as far as practicable, the instrument of developing and making known.

The Committee speak in extravagant terms of the specimens of both iron, manganese and clay, exhibited by S F Jordan, J W Jordan, W A Donald, J Shelman, and E H Barclay.

Case of samples of sugars, coffees and Teas, Bacon and Lewis.

Best brooms—"Buena Vista Factory," J Compton.

FINE ARTS.

For Photographs, most beautiful and meritorious for accuracy of expression and finish, Boude & Miley.

The Committee feel called upon to give more than a passing notice of a handsome landscape painting from the gallery of Messrs. B. & M. (which gallery, by the way, has been pronounced by competent judges, the best in the State.) It is a view on Jackson's River near Clifton Forge, and in a high style of the Art.

BRANCH VIII.

CLASS 25—*Grain, &c.*

1st prem	White Wheat, (fine)	R K Wilson.
2d "	cor.	W A Ruff.
1st "	Red Wheat,	W H Ott.
2d "	(cer.) do	A Leyburn.
1st "	Corn,	J D Ross.
2d "	"	H Bartley.
1st "	Oats, "New Brunswick,"	S D Gilmore
2d "	Rye,	H Bartley.
1st "	best flour	R B Kirkpatrick.
1st "	Sweet potatoes,	H Bartley.
1st "	Smoking tobacco,	M H Effinger.
1st "	manufac'd tobacco,	M H Effinger.

CLASS 26—*Dairy Products*

1st prem 10 lbs butter (fresh) Mrs J Y Clarke.

2d (cer) 10 lbs " " Mrs W A Ruff.

1st prem Cheese. Tutwiler & Breedlove.

BRANCH IX.

CLASSES 28, 29, &c.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN PRODUCTS.

Best and largest collection of apples, 1st prem John A Kinnear.

Basket October peaches, certificate H Miller.

For largest apples, O P Smith.

Finest collection flower plants, 1st prem Mrs Dr Pendleton.

Finest display of cut flowers, Mrs W W Lewis.

The committee commend in high terms apples exhibited by J Y Clarke, James M Hogsett, James Johnston, T McCorkle, and J Lincoln.

Best Irish potatoes "Goodrich,"	J M Ruff.
" Cabbages,	J M Hogsett.
" Beets,	H Bartley.
" Pumpkins,	H Miller.
" Esculent gourds,	Mrs S F Jordan.

WINES, &c.

Best and greatest variety of domestic wine.	
Blackberry, Raspberry, Currant, and Gooseberry,	Mrs J G Steele.
Best Currant,	Mrs T B Heck.
" Catawba,	I N White.
" Whiskey.	" "
" Apple Brandy,	" "
" Brandy Peaches	Walz & Finster.

PRESERVES, &c.

Best fresh canned peaches (of 1867)	Mrs. J M Ruff.
Best pickles, two kinds, sweet and citron,	Mrs W A Ruff.
Best collection preserves, four kinds, peaches, pears, quinces, and tomatoes,	Mrs J E.
Best jellies, two kinds,	Mrs W A Ruff.
" fruit cake,	Mrs S F Jordan.
" white cake,	Mrs E L Graham.
" honey in comb,	Mrs W A Ruff.
" honey strained,	Mrs J Y Clark.
" soap (hard)	Mrs W A Ruff.
" " toilet,	Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Asylum

BRANCH X.

CLASS 29.

Best woolen coverlet.	Mrs R Bare.
" woolen hose,	Miss Jennie Bell.
" homemade jeans,	Mrs Lam.
" " linsey,	Mrs M F Hogsett.

" and finest grade of Factory Goods, Charlottesville Woolen Factory.

Best heavy and coarse Factory Goods, R H Brown.

CLASSES 30 and 31.

Best counterpane, quilted 58 years ago, by	Mrs E Alexander
" cotton hose,	Mrs J W Hamilton.
" knit quilt,	Mrs C H Compton.
" linen toweling,	Mrs M F Hogsett.

CLASS 32.

Best silk quilt,	Miss S T Wilson.
" worsted patch-work quilt,	Mrs J C Marquis.
" worsted comfort,	Miss Poague Bell.
" calico patch-work quilt,	Mrs E H Holden.
" cotton shirts,	Mrs E H Holden.
" trimmed bonnet, 1st prem	Miss Barber.
" pair crochet mats, knit by a lady 82 years old,	Mrs M T Truslow, of Knoxville, Tenn.
" worsted mat,	Mrs E H Holden.
" pair embroidered linen pillow cases.	Miss Nina Burks
" beaded pin cushion,	Mrs S F Jordan
" child's dress,	Mrs C Jordan
" thread bag,	Bessie Wharton
" hand made edging,	Miss Kate Withrow
" pair trimmed bonnets, 2d prem.,	Mrs Holmes
" pair embroidered slippers, infant's dress embroidered, child's dress, do colored; all machine work, by Grover & Baker's machine.	Fuller & Sloan.

In this department there were some beautiful quilts and other articles brought in the third (last) day of the Fair. Many of them entitled to premiums, had they been entered in time.

The above premiums will be forfeited, unless claimed within thirty days. In this connection let it be understood that whilst competition is open to all, by the rules of the Society premiums *can be demanded* only by the members of the Society and their wives and children, boys over twelve years of age excepted. This rule was adopted upon the idea that *members* evince such an interest in the Society, as the Society feels bound to reciprocate.

The Executive Committee would take this opportunity of returning their thanks to our farmers and others for the lively interest they have taken in our Fair and the efforts they have made to make it a success. And while the Society is under obligation to the Award Committees for the discharge of their duties with more or less of care and promptitude, it is no derogation to others to say that the thanks of the Society are in an especial manner due to J. R. Buchanan, who acted as Chairman of Committee on stock, for the energy and tact with which his committee acted, the thoroughness of their examination, and the care with which their awards were made.

Now, a word in conclusion. The object and aim of the Society has ever been the development of the industrial capabilities of our county; of her mines of mineral wealth, and the improvement of her people in all that ennobles and refines. Now whilst we have not ignored innocent amusement and jocund mirth, we have not suffered these to monopolize our *whole time*. We have not joined in a *break neck race* after fancy display, fun and frolic. Our people have enjoyed our Fair much, and we trust have received profit from it. This has been our main object, other things we have regarded and will continue to regard, as of secondary importance. As an evidence that our fair is progressing in success, we call attention to the fact that all our stalls for horses and cattle were filled and more than filled. It was often remarked during the Fair that Rockbridge never before had on exhibition half as many fine young horses, or as fine cattle, as were exhibited at the Fair, and next year we can challenge the State to point to a county that can compete with Rockbridge in this line. The people have done well, and we infer from the interest everywhere prevailing in this matter, they are determined to do better.

The agent of the Associated Press has been pleased to proclaim our Fair a *failure*. At this we are not surprised, as the Augusta concern was a thing after his heart, where they took in at the gate over $5000 from visitors, and who were regaled with a sight of we will not pretend to say how many thousand dollars worth of Augusta products. In our case we received at the gate less than $1000, and exhibited over $10,000 worth of choice premium products, all of Rockbridge origin. Not a horse, not a hoof, (save one, a bull from Botetourt) that was not raised in Rockbridge. We invite competition, and are pleased at any time to welcome exhibitors from abroad, but we wish it to be distinctly understood that *the success of our Fair* depends not on importations. Rockbridge, though a single county, and then not a large one, has just proven herself, "*unum, sed leonem*," and we trust, yea, confidently, that the spirit is now abroad among our people that will make her what nature has evidently intended her to make, and eminently endowed her for making, the Garden Spot of the South.

JACOB FULLER, Pres't.

We think that the newspapers that are constantly talking about Gen. Grant's "policy," are doing the President great injustice in one particular. They would represent him as talking with a "forked tongue" and acting with duplicity. We are free to speak on the subject, because we have never united in any *abuse* of the President, or any *unjust* censure of his course, however much we may be opposed to his politics. But Gen. Grant's "policy," ever since he was President, has been consistently Radical, and, generally, in entire accord with the views and wishes of the party that elected him, and upon whom he relies for support in the future. Especially is this the case with regard to Virginia. He, at one time, assented to a separate vote in this State upon the *three* most obnoxious clauses in the lately adopted Constitution, but subsequently reconsidered his opinion, and would allow a separate vote upon but two. *Further than this* he has never gone. He reinstated Gov. Wells after he had been removed by Gen. Stoneman; he was in favor of the election of Gov. Wells as Governor over Gov. Walker, and of the election of the Radical candidates for Congress from this State; he has sustained Gen. Canby in all his proceedings; he has avowed his opposition to the organization of any "True Republican" party; he is constantly removing from office gentlemen who are not in thorough communion with the ultra Radicals—as proved by the removal of Mr. Andrew Jamieson, the late Collector of this port, and Mr. Beach, the late U. S. District Attorney, and many others; and he, in no instance, has shown any favors to those who are not Radicals, or who were not supposed to be willing to give their aid and assistance to their "policy." Why, then, for evident purposes, misrepresent him, or endeavor to represent him in a different attitude from that which he voluntarily assumes? We do not believe that he desires to be considered in any other position than that which he shows by his ACTS.—*Alex. Gazette.*

DR. MCGUFFEY INTENDS TO LEAVE VIRGINIA.—"*University of Virginia*, October 18.—A. S. Reeves, Esq., Cincinnati: My Dear Sir,—I sincerely regret that your letter in relation to the annual supper came too late to allow of my even sending to the 'Fellows', a toast. I hope for better luck 'next time.'

"I shall probably be a *resident* of Cincinnati by the next anniversary. Yours truly,

"W. H. MCGUFFEY."

The blacks should be justly and kindly treated—the good and industrious generously encouraged, and liberal allowance made for their ignorance and constitutional defects.—Many of them already realize the fact that their welfare and that of their white neighbors are identical; and as bad advisers become rarer, more of them will come to realize the same important truth.—*Rich. Whig.*

EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON.—*Nashville*, October 25.—It is proposed now by ex President Johnson's friends to run him as a candidate for the State Constitutional Convention, and, if elected, to make him president of that body, although the Legislature has not yet called a convention. Nor has it taken any action on the fifteenth amendment.

BURNED.—Last week the wife of a German named Voght, who lives near Bristersburg, in this county, left her child locked up in the house. Some one passing by discovered that the house was on fire, and upon breaking down the door found the flames so far advanced as to prevent the rescue of the child, which perished.—*Warrenton Sentinel.*

New Advertisements.

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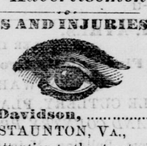

Dr. W. J. Davidson, ... Oculist,
STAUNTON, VA.,

Gives special attention to the treatment of Diseases and Injuries of the Eye.

He *knows* from *actual experience* that he can treat diseases and injuries of the Eye as skillfully and successfully as the city Oculists or Surgeons, and those afflicted would save time and money by consulting him.

He is well aware of the popular idea, when anything serious is the matter, to go to a large city and all will be well.

If you will consult him before going he flatters himself he will be able to convince you that you will save both time and money by remaining here and giving him the same advantages in treating your case you would a city oculist.

He has remedies and appliances of his own invention, and used only by himself, which are of great advantage in the relief of cases. Being a native of this county and State, he respectfully refers to any who know him.

Patients from the country or a distance should come prepared to remain a few weeks or as long as it is considered necessary to cure their eyes.

Board suitable to the various conditions of patients can always be obtained at reasonable rates by applying to him.

ARTIFICIAL EYES furnished and inserted on reasonable terms.

☞ Office next door to Post-office, upstairs.
nov2—3m

VIRGINIA HOTEL, STAUNTON, & HARRISONBURG NEW STAGE LINE. Having failed in our efforts to procure any equal stage accommodations for our Hotel, or indeed any show at all for the Valley travel, we have determined to put on a line of Coaches to run

DAILY

Between Staunton & Harrisonburg.

We expect to run this line as long as we have any connection with the Virginia Hotel, (until the Valley railroad is built to Staunton), and are willing to carry travelers at a bare remuneration. We therefore put the FARE AT $1.00—being only 4 cents per mile. We think the public are more interested in paying this rate regularly and permanently than 50 cents or 25 cents for a month or two, and then two dollars ever after.

Leave Virginia Hotel at 4 A. M. daily, breakfast in Harrisonburg in ample time for the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad.

Leave Harrisonburg each evening at 5 15, after the arrival of the Alexandria train and reach Staunton at 9 P. M.

All one-leg soldiers passed free over our line.

We have careful and experienced drivers and good teams, and, not suffering any detention at the Post-offices for the mail, we shall put the passengers through in quick time.

nov2—tf FRAZIER & SALE.

CLOAKS & CLOAKINGS.—A new lot of black cloth cloaks.

Black Beaver and Fancy Chinchilla Cloth Cloakings just received. Also, a new lot of city made shoes, made to order and warranted good.

nov2—tf

A CARD.—JAMES H. CALLISON, PRACTICAL SURVEYOR, Notary Public and Licensed Auctioneer, will continue to attend to all calls on moderate terms. Address Middlebrook, Va.

nov2—tf

BLACK GOODS.—DAVIS A. KAYSER has just opened a new lot of pure mohair alpacas and French reps of a very superior make.

nov2—tf

WANTED TO RENT A PIANO, for which liberal terms are offered. Apply at the Spectator Office. nov 2—1t.

New Advertisements.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE WATER POWER, CALLED THE "FORGE PROPERTY," ON SOUTH RIVER, NEAR WAYNESBORO', WITH VALUABLE LANDS.

By virtue of a decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, rendered on the 15th day of January, 1869, in the causes of "Gallaher, vs. Patterson, and others" and "Patterson's Administrator and others, vs. Patterson's heirs and others," the undersigned Commissioners will proceed on the premises on SATURDAY, OCTOBER, the 30th, 1869, at 12 o'clock M. to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following valuable real estate, to wit:

1st. The Forge property on South River 1½ miles above Waynesboro', consisting of about 75 acres of land with dwelling house and outhouses, the Forge buildings and fixtures. The water power is one of the best on the river, the dam is in good order. This property is very desirable for manufacturing purposes.

2nd. Three several tracts of mountain lands supposed to be valuable for timber and minerals, lying near by, containing about 2221 acres more or less, consisting of three tracts, of 923 acres, 805 acres, and 490 acres.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash in hand to defray costs of Sale and of said suits, and the residue upon credits of 6, 18, and 30 months bearing interest, for which bonds with approved security will be required, and the title retained as ultimate security.

N. K. TROUT,
H. M. BELL,
Sept 28—tds. Commissioners.

Postponement.—The above sale has been postponed to Wednesday, December 1st.
nov2—tds

FOR SALE—TOWN PROPERTY.—In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, I will proceed, in the town of Staunton, on

FRIDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER,

next, to sell at public sale to the highest bidder, that valuable property, (or so much as may be necessary) in the West end of said Town, on the Staunton and Parkersburg turnpike, occupied by Mrs. Stafford. The lot contains **8 acres** and 16 Poles of land, and has on it a large dwelling house, and all necessary out houses.

TERMS OF SALE.—Costs of the suit and sale in hand, balance in equal installments at six, eighteen, and thirty months, bearing interest, purchaser to give bonds with sufficient personal security, and title to be retained as ultimate security.

Sale at 12 o'clock, M.

☞ The land attached has been laid out in lots of convenient size and accessible, and will be offered at sale, at same time, and on same terms Plat at my office. N. K. TROUT, Com'r.
Oct 5—tds.

Postponement.—The sale of the above has been postponed to Saturday, November the 20th, when it will be sold in front of the Court-house in Staunton, at 12 M. N. K. T., Com'r.

SPOTSWOOD HOTEL, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

BOARD.....$3. PER DAY.

The undersigned having leased this, the only FIRST-CLASS HOTEL located on Main street, and within one square of the Capitol, Postoffice, Custom-House, Theatre, and the great Northern and Southern railroad depots, respectfully inform the public that IT IS NOW OPEN. It will be thoroughly renovated and refurnished to some extent.

This hotel is world-renowned as the headquarters of the President and Cabinet officers of the late Confederacy; it also contains the historic suit of rooms occupied by Presidents Davis, Johnson and Grant, and Chief Justice Chase.

The traveling public are cordially invited to *make the Spotswood their home*, where they will find every comfort and delicacy that this and other markets can afford.

Southern Express and Telegraphic offices in the building.

JAMES M. SUBLETT,
C. B. LUCK,
WM. B. BISHOP,
nov2—tf Proprietors.

LAND AT TRUST SALE.—In pursuance of a deed of trust executed to me by Samuel Liton and wife, on the 3rd day of November, 1859, I will proceed on the premises, on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd,

near Spring Hill, to sell at public sale, to the highest bidder, two parcels of land—one containing **79 acres** and the other **40 acres**—adjoining Herring, Gamble and others. The place is well improved, and is a desirable residence. I will sell the whole or so much of the land as may be necessary to pay the incumbrance.

Terms.—Costs of sale in hand; balance in six and twelve months, by bonds with good security, bearing interest, and title retained as ultimate security. Sale at 2 o'clock, P. M.

nov2—tds NICHO. K. TROUT, Trustee.

COST! COST!! COST!!!

Selling off at Cost!

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In order to make a change in my business, I will sell from this day MY ENTIRE STOCK OF GOODS AT **PRIME COST.**

SWITCHES! SWITCHES!
Ladies' Switches 25 cents.
C. A. HELLER.
nov2—3m

NOTICE.—As I intend to leave the State of Virginia by the 25th of November, and it being necessary to close up my business beforehand, I earnestly request all persons knowing themselves indebted to me to come forward before that date and settle up.

All persons having claims against me are also requested to present them for settlement.

Mr. George A. Bruce, or my son, Charles M. Gallaher, is authorized to settle all accounts due the Wa