

Staunton Spectator.

Tuesday, November 9, 1869.

Death of Mr. Geo. Peabody. It is with unfeigned sorrow that we announce the death of Mr. Geo. Peabody, one of the most eminent benefactors of this country.

Secretary Bottwell's interference in the elections in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Texas, is offensive to that staunch Republican journal, the New York Nation.

On the 30th ult., the vote in the county of Page on the proposition to subscribe the sum of \$200,000 to the stock of the Shenandoah Valley R. R. Company resulted as follows:— For the subscription, 848—against the same, 54.

FIGHT IN CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Mr. Shelton F. Leake was attacked on Monday week by Mr. G. W. Dillard, and having succeeded in warding off Dillard's blow, struck D. three very severe licks in the face, peeling the skin therefrom.

Senator Morton and Representatives Bingham and Butler prepared speeches in advocacy of the cause of Cuba, which they will deliver soon after the assembling of Congress.

Some time since, Joseph Roberts, of Lee county, attempted to murder his wife, for which purpose he inveigled her into the woods near his house and stabbed her seventy times, leaving her for dead.

On the 25th ult., the dwelling house of Mr. Jacob Rosenberg, residing near Hamburg in Shenandoah county, was destroyed by fire.

We regret to see that a number of the citizens of this State are leaving it to establish homes in other States. This is not wise.

Mr. Drake, who put down the first oil well in this country, and who at one time was worth a million, recently died in the poor-house.

An extensive gang of counterfeiters, regularly organized for the purpose of manufacturing and selling counterfeit tobacco stamps, securities and money, has been captured in New York.

The result of the elections in West Virginia has not, as yet, been definitely ascertained, but the indications are that the Democrats and Liberal Republicans have defeated the pro-secessionist Radicals.

On Friday week, near Pierce's Mill in Wythe county, Ephraim Boothie was shot by Joe Kitchen, and died on the Sunday following.

A Bloody-Minded Governor. Every carpet-bag government that has been set up has been compelled, says the Richmond Whig, to resort to a negro militia.

The condition of affairs in Orange and Chatham counties is such that it can no longer be permitted, for it is a burning disgrace to the State and to the nation.

The Byron violation grows stronger by developments. The October number of the Quarterly Review has a very able article on the Byron controversy.

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Ya. State Agricultural Fair. The recent State Fair at Richmond, we are pleased to learn from the journals of that city, was a great success.

The exhibition, we say, is the finest we ever had. Only in one thing is it behind the greatest exhibition we have before us, and that is the number of fair cattle; but then we have a better show of various breeds, and a better show of milk cows.

The pomological department is admirable. There are more than a hundred varieties of fine apples and other fruits, which make a fine display.

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The Presbyterian Church.—The Reunion Accomplished. The New York Observer of Thursday says:—More than two-thirds of the Presbyteries in both branches of the Presbyterian Church have approved of the reunion sent down by the General Assembly, the work is done.

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The above sale is postponed to SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1869, and by consent of parties the property will be sold in four most desirable lots, each containing about one acre and a quarter.

TO THE PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA. While during the year now drawing to a close the report of the Board of Public Lands of the Commonwealth may not, in all respects, have equalled those enjoyed by some of our more fortunate neighbors, nevertheless we have had many reasons for profound thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God.

WAR, PESTILENCE AND FAMINE, with their attendant horrors, have been absent from our borders; religious liberty has been enjoyed by all; good will and peace have prevailed; reasonable success has attended our varied industry; the dark and sombre clouds of adversity and desolation which have often shrouded our horizon are breaking away, and the bright and cheering beams of a substantial prosperity is dawning upon us.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF BUILDING LOTS.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, and by consent of parties in the case of H. I. Gray, ex. vs. Thomas Heyden, I will proceed on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1869, in front of the Court-house in Staunton, to sell the parcel of land in the proceedings mentioned, fronting on Winchester street, extending on the Northwest, and the Institution road on the South West, and nearly opposite the premises of Mr. Heyden.

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MYSTERY. That mystic path was treaded, When the sun his rays was shedding, Beaming, gleaming, fairly streaming thro' the clouds, As the sunbeams shone on the ground; When beneath a tree reclining, Where no ray of sun was shining, As he sat low-bowed on the ground; Though no other feature shifted, Quickly, soon his eyes uplifted, Upward his gaze he slowly looked around. Good friend, said I, approaching, Do not charge me with encroaching, Are you waiting for some messenger of news? But no other word he uttered, And no other sentence muttered, Save "Go to Simon Hill's for dry goods, books and shoes." That's a strange expression surely, And I'm leaving it to you, I trust you'll see, the question you'll excuse, But he only looked the prouder, As he spoke the words the louder, Go to Hill's for all the goods you use, Why bless me man! I shouted, As he said to me, "I'll look you over, I'll surely want to see what merchant's goods you buy." But he only cried the higher, With a satisfied air, You'll save half your cash if Simon Hill you buy.

TEMPLE OF FASHION: Ribbons, Millinery & Straw Goods. NEW GOODS. Fall and Winter 1869-70. Bonnet and Neck Ribbons, Veil and Trimming Ribbons, Silks, Satins, Velvets, Blouses, Corsets, Neckties, and other articles of our own manufacture. FRENCH FEATHERS AND FLOWERS, French, English and German Corsets, Hair Brushes, Razors, Chignons and Switches. A large variety of new and desirable at Low Prices.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.—A large stock of ENGLISH, GREEK, LATIN, and FRENCH SCHOOL BOOKS, and great variety of STATIONERY, Rosewood and Mahogany WRITING DESKS, PORTFOLIOS, &c. NEW BOOKS.—Appleton's Illustrated Almanac for 1870, the Standard American Year Book, John Ploughman's Talk, by the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, Lippincott's Magazine for November, The Sunday Magazine for October and November, The HOME-STOWN ALMANAC FOR 1870, Hagerman's Farmers and Housekeepers' Almanacs for 1870.

A Good Small Farm for Sale.—I will offer for sale a tract of land, containing the estate of Abraham Stone, dec'd, containing 100 acres, situated near New Hope, on the road leading from Staunton to Republic, 10 miles from Staunton and adjoining the lands of Mr. K. E. Hicks, etc. It is not sold privately but at public auction, on Saturday, November 13th, 1869, at 10 o'clock, on the premises. It is a good farm for dwelling on the land with two kitchen gardens, a well, a good barn, a good house with a cellar under it—and all necessary out-buildings, and is convenient to schools, churches, &c. There are some excellent trees on the place, and the balance is under good fence and in a fine state of cultivation.

COUNTY RIGHT FOR SALE.—I am desiring to change my business, and remove to the State of Maryland, I will dispose of the Patent Right to manufacture and sell "Cotton Washing Machines." This machine has been in use in Augusta county for the past three years, and is the best machine now in use. It took the first premium at the Augusta county fair, and never failed to give satisfaction wherever put on exhibition. There is no machine made that can compete with it successfully. I will sell the exclusive rights for the county of Augusta, Va. for one year, for the sum of \$250, and for two years, for the sum of \$400. If the right is not sold I will offer the same to agents.

THE GREAT WESTERN METEOR—HOUSES SHAKEN AND WINDOWS BROKEN.—The Dayton (Ohio) Journal publishes the following interesting account:—KENTON, Harlan county, Ohio, October 21st. At three o'clock this morning the inhabitants of our village were suddenly startled from their beds by a terrific noise, accompanied by an earthquake-like tremor, which rattled the windows, doors, and a general shaking up of buildings, causing many to rush out of their beds to ascertain the meaning of the strange phenomenon. The earth's nodulations were distinctly felt by several persons who happened to be upon the streets at that early hour. A few seconds before the report the northern sky was illuminated as bright as day. The same light was seen throughout the village, and in several places in different directions from here.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE 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 case of Patterson's Administrator and others, vs. Patterson's heirs and others, the undersigned Commissioner will proceed on the premises on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following valuable estate, to-wit:—1st. The Forge property on South River 13 miles above Waynesboro, consisting of about 70 acres of land with dwelling house and out-buildings, the Forge buildings and fixtures. The water power is one of the best on the river, the dam is in good order. The property very desirable for manufacturing purposes.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash in hand to defray costs of sale and of said suits, and the residue up on credit for 18 and 24 months, with interest, for which bonds with approved security will be required, and the title retained as ultimate security.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE GRAZING LAND IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY, VA. At a circuit court of the county of Pocahontas, at the court house thereof, on the 6th day of October, 1869, I, John Trimble, Administrator of Jacob Harper, deceased, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the report of the said Jacob Harper, deceased, as made to me, the said John Trimble, Administrator, on the 6th day of October, 1869.

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