Staunton Spectator.

Tuesday, December 28, 1869.

The Old Year.

Ring the bells slowly,
The year is lying
Chilly and cold on his bed.
Lofty and lowly,
Time is still flying;
Silence and list to his tread.

Out on the mountains
Winter is heaping
Snowdrifts on evergreen leaves:
Down by the fountains,
Frozen while sleeping,
Gently the evening star grieves.

Burnish your armor
Quickly and brightly:
Up with new heart for the fight.
Plant your step firmer:
Time touches lightly
Those who keep pace with the right.

THE NEW YEAR.

The record is almost complete; the page is nearly written over, soiled and blotted here and there with tears, and when a few more lines are added, we will fold the parchment and place upon it the great seal of the Past. The end of the Old Year draws nigh, and the rosy tints which herald the coming of the New already begin to appear. The stars hold their faithful vigil in the sky, and they seem to wax paler and to wear a more solemn, sombre glow, as they mark the swift revolutions of Time, and gaze down in silence upon the shortening span which speaks of death—the life span of the once New but now dying year. A strong arm swings the scythe, and as the forms fall, like the grass, the thistles and the flowers of the meadow, the hands of the reaper bind them into sheaves, and they are gathered and garned safely from the storms. The scythe never grows dull, and the reaper's arm is always strong, therefore, the harvest lasts from day to day and from year to year. But now the year, which bears upon its brow the remorseless stamp and birthright of Time, is passing away beneath each sturdy stroke, and ere long the life current will cease to flow, and the midnight chimes become a parting knell. The year that has been fruitful with the harvest of life and death, at last must yield to the harvest itself and be garnered in the Past. We can gather no flowers to strew upon its bier and to make fragrant the path to the tomb, but we can bid the skies to weep, and can spread over the dead a robe of spotless white—a mantle of snow. We need no magic wand to summon the unseen spirits of the wingless air, for they will come unbidden to hover in solemn, mysterious awe over the couch of the dying year. They will come to see the Recording Angel write the last line upon the page, be it a line of joy or sorrow, and will bend closer and flit nearer as the worn pen trembles in the nerveless grasp, and then falls like the broken reed, when the minstrel's voice is mute—falls upon a finished page, and yet without a blot, because the fluid is dry—falls, because its mission is ended and the scroll is complete. But while we listen to the sad tolling of the bells and gaze upon the ghostly spectres of a shadowy funeral train, a mist, which deepens into a veil of darkness, come between mortal vision and the hallowed memories and resurrected spirits of the Past, and the white sepulchre is shrouded from view. We brush the tears away that are trembling upon the eye lashes, as the bounding step or rude wind brushes the pearly dew drops from off the grass and flowers, for now another vision rises before us, and another Recording Angel, without a line of care upon the brow, is seated at the ponderous desk. The bells are ringing joyously, the chamber door is open, and across the threshold timidly trips the young New Year. Upon its brow is written purity, the eyes beam with hope, a tender rosebud is the only jewel worn upon the breast, and in the hand is grasped a tiny sheaf of weeds and golden grain, and withered flowers. It comes with timid step, while the dirge of the Old Year is drowned in the noisy peans of the New. A new volume is open, and the angel holds the pen ready to begin the weary task of writing line after line and page after page. Here is a record for births, and here is one for deaths.—The columns stand side by side, one crowned with a wreath of thorns and flowers, and the other surmounted by a broken arch tipped with sunshine and made gloomy by dark shadows.—A new harvest has opened, and as the sturdy arm swings the scythe, the angel hand guides the pen over the unsullied page. Alas! for whom do the bells gaily ring, and for whom is sounded the funeral knell? The unseen spirits of the air do not linger near to whisper an answer, but as the vision extends, there is a strange blending of shadow and sunshine, a strange blending of sounds, joyous and sad.—The dim spectres of the Past point to graves in the Future, and as the fatal mystery dawns upon the mind, we tremble to cross the threshold with the young New Year. We know not whether the flowers bloom or wither for us, and and we hesitate to solve the problem. The soul paints the great Land of Rest in brightest colors, yet we demur when called to cross the dark river, for the Future is made clear and bright by Faith and not by Reason. When mind attempts to solve the awful secret beyond the grave, the mystery deepens as we reason more and more, and, panting with the bewildering struggle, we lay the head upon the bosom of Faith, and folded in her arms, sink into a passive sleep of blind devotion. Why then seek to read in vision the great truths which Time and the Recording Angel will unfold to us day after day? Let the moments pass, for in their silent flight they will solve the great problem of Destiny over which mind, immortal mind has no control. Each dying year brings us nearer to the grave, and nearer to the great object for which we live. Each tick of the clock shortens the pulse, and we know not what chime may prove our knell. Nor should we ask to know, for life has no charm so great as that of the mystery in which it is surrounded.

Hail! a glad hail to the New Year, even if the sands of life are running low, for on the natal morn, Hope wears her brightest smile! We remember the errors of the past, only that we may profit by them, drop a tear upon the graves of the departed, because we would keep them green in the halls of memory, and driving the shadows back from the heart, we pledge our faith anew to those who have proved constant and true, and resolve to live so as to catch the sunshine in the great hereafter.—*The Field and the Farm.*

It is now said that Mr. Motley has proposed the transfer of the Alabama claims negotiations to Washington and the proposition has been accepted by Great Britain. Mr. Motley has proposed to include the question of the neutrality of the seas in the subject of negotiations, and the British Government has accepted that also. No time is fixed for the reopening of negotiations.

Three hundred Chinese are en route from San Francisco to the Southern States, where they have contracted to work for three years.

Over two thousand negroes have migrated South, from Virginia, within the last month.

Our neighbors of the *Valley Virginian* and the *Virginia Advance* are disputing as to which is entitled to the "paternity" of the scheme for the Railroad from Culpeper Court House to Staunton. "The scheme" will, like the little boy in the story, be surprised to find it has *fore* fathers at least. Over a year ago a bill was introduced into Congress and a "scheme" much discussed, to build a series of "national railroads" from the "national" capitol at Washington by "air lines," Northward, Westward and Southward, and thus obviate the necessity for removing the capitol (the argument of the *Virginian*). This bill provided for an air line from Culpeper C. H. to Staunton as one of these "national" roads. Some obscure member of Congress then may be entitled to the credit of discovering this scheme, and yet as the boy said of Columbus discovering America, he didn't deserve so much credit after all, as America was so big, he couldn't have well missed it.

The substantial credit will be to him who find's some "scheme" which will *make* the railroad. A crow can find an "air line" anywhere, but not the money to build a railroad there.—If the same ability which advocates the "scheme" will demonstrate the advantage of county and individual subscriptions to carry it out, something may result. The *scheme* for a "Valley Railroad" has always been plausibly presented, but the difficulty has been to get advocates of county and individual subscriptions to build the road, and hence none has ever been built.

If the counties of Culpeper, Madison, Green, Rockingham and Augusta cannot or will not give *the money* to make this road, who will?—The Chesapeake and Ohio want first to get to the Chesapeake bay—the Orange and Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company want first to get to North Carolina and up the Valley to Salem. The *Virginian* has heretofore been a strong advocate for Augusta county to subscribe to build the Valley Railroad—we presume it is yet. If that scheme, which is a feasible one, and only lacks, in all probability the Augusta subscription, we will then earnestly unite with the *Virginian* in urging the *subscription of money* to make the Staunton and Culpeper C. H. air line road, unquestionably a most desirable one.

THE DEAD OF '69.—While the year now drawing to a close has not been as remarkable for its illustrious dead as 1859, still its funeral roll is a long and distinguished one. In the Old World, among those who have died are Leopold, Duke of Brahant, heir apparent of the Belgium crown; Field Marshal Sir Hugh Gough, one of England's bravest soldiers; M. Laborde, the Oriental explorer; the Rev. Alexander Dyce and Peter Cunningham, both prominent in literature; Baron Broughton, better known as John Cam Hobhouse, the friend of Byron; George Peabody, Baron Stanley, of Alderley; William Jordan, the dramatic critic; Prince Menschikoff, the Russian diplomatist; Lady Duff Gordon and the Hon. Emily Eden, both well known in literature; Marshal Niel, one of Napoleon's most trusty military advisers; St. Beuve, the critic and the Bishop of Salisbury and Exeter. In our own country the mortality among public men has been very great. Ex-President Pierce; Senators, or ex-Senators, Fessenden, Bell, Walker, Pratt, and Fitzpatrick, Secretary Rawlins, Amos Kendall; General Wool; Admiral Stuart.

The Stay Law Again.

On the 24th instant, Gen. Canby issued an order extending the Stay Law until ten days after the publication of the order announcing the approval by Congress of the Constitution ratified by people of Virginia at the election held on the 6th day of July, 1869. The following is the order:

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 24th, 1869.

General Orders No. 140.

"The provisions of General Orders No. 80, of June 29; No. 97 of August 19; and No. 100, of August 27, 1869, from these headquarters, are continued in force until ten days after the publication of the order announcing the approval by Congress of the Constitution ratified by the people of Virginia at the election held on the 6th day of July, 1869.

"By command of Brevet Major-General Canby. LOUIS V. CAZIARC,
Aid-de-Camp, A. A. A. General.

Gen. Butler has received letters from several persons in Virginia, advising him "to place no confidence" in the promises and pledges of some of the "Legislative Committee" of Virginia, who have recently been with him, and professing to detail a conversation that recently took place between members of the committee and late Confederate officers on board the steamer en route for Aquia creek, alleging that sport was made of Butler's name, and that his promises were not considered genuine, &c., &c. This matter is publicly talked of in Washington. Butler says he cares nothing about this matter—but it is evident he does, and that he is not pleased.

Virginia Ain't in the Union Yet.

It was the general expectation that this State would be admitted into the Union before Christmas, but the matter has been postponed till after the holidays.

A few Virginians, and others from this Commonwealth, have been for days licking the blacking from the boots of Butler and offering themselves as spittoons for Radical expectoration without accomplishing any good for themselves or the State. They have covered themselves with saliva instead of glory, and brought us into general contempt. "Deliver us from our friends."

WINCHESTER AND STRASBURG RAILROAD.—It is announced that the above road, now a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is completed one half of the way, and that construction trains are running nine miles beyond Winchester. The grading of the entire road is nearly completed. The ultimate completion of this road will be virtually a prolongation of the railroad facilities of the citizens of the Valley of Virginia.—*Spirit of Jefferson of 21st.*

Judge Nat. Harrison, of West Va., says that carpet-baggers have played out entirely and scalawags have nearly done so, and he hopes they may all go up Salt river before long, and that the people of West Va., may soon have a decent and respectable government.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, formerly Secretary of War, and but recently appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court, died in Washington on last Friday morning, of heart disease. He was 54 years of age.

The Secretary of the Treasury has ordered the payment of the January interest on and after Friday next without rebate. The amount of interest due will be $30,000,000. There are now in the Treasury $108,000,000 of coin.

"A religious interest" has been awakened in Cincinnati. In one church two hundred children, young men and women have "asked for prayers." Another church added fifty members to its number at one time.

The remains of George Peabody will be buried at South Danvers, Mass., early next month.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.—Monday, Dec. 20th.—The report of Special Commissioner David A. Wells, upon the Internal Revenue, was read to the Senate. A bill was passed to annul the leasing of the land on which the Custom House stands in San Francisco. The Committee on Finance reported favorably on the bill to exempt canned fish from duties. The Judiciary Committee reported a joint resolution declaring that the State of Virginia is entitled to representation in Congress. A bill was introduced regulating the civil service of the United States. Petitions of certain citizens of Erie county and of Buffalo, New York, were presented, requesting the abolition of duties on coal. A bill to charter an American and Holland Ocean Cable Company was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. A short executive session was held. The Census bill was read and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Laws. The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A number of bills and resolutions for reference only were introduced and disposed of temporarily. Among them was one to establish a post route in Calvert county, Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads. Mr. Cox's bill, to regulate the United States currency, was discussed until the expiration of the morning hour. A bill to regulate the franking privilege was introduced by Mr. Getz and referred to the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads. A number of new bills and resolutions were introduced and appropriately referred. A resolution for the admission of Virginia was not allowed to be introduced, as the Reconstruction Committee had postponed the consideration of that subject until after the holidays. The Georgia Reconstruction bill, as passed by the Senate, was called up, and Mr. Butler made a characteristic bullying proposition that the vote on it should be taken at 4 o'clock P. M., but after some blustering modified his resolution so as to provide that a vote shall be taken at 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.—The bill was then discussed in Committee of the Whole until 4:40 P. M., when a recess until 7:30 P. M. was taken.

Evening Session.—The House met at 7:30 P. M. The consideration of the Georgia Reconstruction bill in Committee of the Whole was resumed, and several speeches were made for and against it, after which the House adjourned.

SENATE.—Tuesday, Dec. 21st.—Several bills of no general interest were disposed of temporarily. The Census bill, as passed by the House, was reported from the Committee on Revision of the Rules and after considerable discussion was recommitted, and a resolution suspending all laws relating to the taking of the census until February 1st, 1870, was adopted. A bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the National banking capital, was referred to the Finance Committee. An unsuccessful effort was made to get the bill for the admission of Virginia before the Senate. The bill relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries was after a long debate, recommitted, with the pending amendments, to the Committee on Foreign Relations. A bill was passed to reimburse "loyal" owners of steamboats taken for Government use. The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A deficiency appropriation bill was reported and passed.—The discussion of the Georgia Reconstruction bill was resumed, and a number of members made speeches in opposition to it, denouncing the measure as an infamous attempt to force the State to adopt the Fifteenth Amendment. Mr. Butler closed the debate with one of his characteristic speeches in favor of the bill. The vote was then taken and the bill passed—yeas 121, nays 51. A joint resolution was passed extending the recess of Congress until the 10th of January. The resolutions providing for appropriate honors to the remains of Mr. Peabody, on their arrival in this country, was taken up and passed after some opposition from Mr. Schenck, who objected on the score of economy. A bill was passed donating cannon for a statue of General Grant. A bill allowing officers of the army and navy on the retired list to hold civil offices was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. The House then adjourned.

SENATE.—Wednesday, Dec. 22—Mr. Sumner introduced a bill to carry out the Reconstruction acts in the State of Virginia, and to secure equality before the law, and said he should, at the proper time, move it as a substitute for the bill reported by the Judiciary Committee. A bill to partially supply deficiencies for the year 1870 was passed. A resolution was adopted instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to increase the number of Lieutenant Generals to three, and reduce the number of Major Generals to three. A resolution was passed demanding that the Attorney General inform the Senate whether he has given any opinion that it is necessary to consult the wishes of the late "rebellious" State Legislatures; whether the National cemeteries, in which loyal soldiers are buried, shall be undisturbed. A bill regulating emigration to the United States was referred to the Committee on Commerce. The House resolution extending the recess of Congress of January 10th, 1870, was agree to. The House resolutions providing for appropriate honors to the late George Peabody were adopted. The correspondence relating to the Alabama claims was laid before the Senate. The bill providing for a National Industrial Exhibition at Washington in 1871 was discussed and several amendments were adopted. Pending discussion, the Senate went into executive session, and at its close adjourned until the 10th of January next.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Several bills of no general interest were introduced and referred to committees. The House then went into Committee of the Whole for general debate, and a number of speeches were made on various subjects. The House then adjourned until the 10th of January, 1870

The Reception of Mr. Peabody's Remains on Shipboard.

The reception of the remains of the late George Peabody on board the iron-clad Monarch, took place on Saturday, December 11th. Although it was intended that the proceedings should be privately conducted, they were attended by an interesting demonstration of respect. The remains were accompanied to the place of embarkation by Sir Curtis Lampson, Chas. Reade, Minister Motley, J. S. Morgan and H. Somerby.

They were received at the dock by the municipal authorities of Portsmouth, and the officers and marines of her Majesty's ship Monarch and of the United States ship Plymouth. Her Majesty's ship Duke of Wellington fired minute guns during the embarkation. The ships in the harbor displayed their flags at half-mast, and dipped their ensigns as the Monarch steamed out. On the arrival of the coffin on board the Monarch, Mr. Motley addressed Captain Commerell, commander of the ship, as follows:

Sir—The President of the United States having been informed of the death of the great philanthropist, the lamented Mr. Peabody, at once ordered a ship from the European squadron of the United States to proceed to this country in order to convey his remains to America. Simultaneously Her Majesty, the Queen, being apprised of the sad event, gave orders that one of Her Majesty's ships should be appointed to perform the same office. This double honor from the heads of two great nations to a simple American citizen, was, like his bounty to the poor of both nations, quite unprecendented. The President has yielded most cordially to the wish of the Queen, and the remains of Mr. Peabody are now to be conveyed across the Atlantic in the British vessel to his native country to be buried with his kindred, while the American national vessel will accompany her as consort on the voyage.

All that was mortal, therefore, of our lamented friend was taken this morning from Westminister Abbey, where very rarely before in history did a foreigner of any nation find sepulture, whether temporarily or permanently and has been brought to this port. As Minister of the Republic at the Court of Her Majesty, I have been requested by the relative and executors of Mr. Peabody, who are now present, to confide these, his revered remains, to your keeping. This duty I have now the honor of fulfilling.

Capt. Commerell replied:

Mr. Motley: I accept this sacred trust, sir, in the same spirit in which you have confided it to my care; and I assure you that these remains shall be cared for and guarded by me and those around me with jealous interest as sacred relics of one whose memory will ever be held dear by the people of my country.

And now what are we to do? There is no trouble about our not having done this or that—no charge continuing contumacy. We have repealed our ordinance of secession; have repudiated the Confederate debt; have ratified the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery; have ratified the fourteenth Amendment giving the blacks equal rights with the whites, proscribing all of our old officials, and guaranteeing Federal debt; have ratified the Fifteenth Amendment giving the negroes the right to vote; have obeyed an order not to elect a Virginian to the office of Governor; have elected a State Republican ticket; have ratified the Bayne-Underwood Constitution by a nearly unanimous vote; have elected one out-and-out Republican United States Senator, and refused to elect another who, although a consistent Union man, was popular with the Virginia people; have elected a Republican delegation to Congress; have kept Thanksgiving Day; have visited General Butler; have promised to execute the constitution in spirit and to the letter; and have danced Yankee Doodle and Hall Columbia with every demonstration of enthusiasm. We have done all these things. There is nothing else that we can do. There is no complaint of omissions on our part. The whole trouble now is that General Butler has fallen into a bad humor.—*Enquirer and Examiner.*

New Advertisements.

EXECUTOR'S SALE—GOOD FARM IN MARKET.—As Executor of Joseph Earman, dec'd, I will, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of February, 1870, sell on the premises, that very valuable farm left by said decedent, containing **100 acres.** Has on it a good brick mansion with six rooms in it, with a wing attached, kitchen, new barn and all necessary out-houses; good orchard; well watered; about thirty acres in timber, and all in a good state of cultivation; adjoins Dr. Ewing, Wampler, Miller and others, about 2½ miles from Mt. Meridian, and 4 miles N. E. of Mt. Sidney near Rockland Mills, Augusta county. Is convenient to churches, school houses, stores, &c. Mr. Crickenberger on the premises will show the property to any one wishing to see it.

Terms—One-third in hand, balance in one, two and three years in equal installments—vendor's lien reserved.

Sale to commence at 12, M.

THOS. P. CRAWFORD, Executor.
dec28—tds—Rockingham Register insert and charge this office $8.

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dec28—3t Box 490, Richmond, Va.

NEW GROCERY STORE.—The subscriber begs leave to inform the public that he has opened a selected stock of fresh **Family Groceries** at the new brick store on Augusta street, next door to the shoe establishment of Hendry, Bro. & Fagan, and opposite the Court House Square.

He will keep constantly on hand Coffee of all grades, Teas, Sugars, Syrup, Molasses, Cocoa, Chocolate, Cheese, Condiments in variety, Soaps, Tobacco, both chewing and smoking, a choice stock of Liquors, and, in fact, everything usually kept in his line.

Having bought for cash, he can sell as low as the lowest.

Everybody in town and country is invited to give him a call. GEO. C. JACKSON.
dec28—tf

VALUABLE LOT IN MARKET.—IN pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, in cause of Crawford, com'r vs. J. S. Byers, &c., and by consent of parties, I will, on Friday, the 28th day of January next, sell on the premises, in Staunton, that desirable lot bounded by Frederick and Market streets, known as the stable lot, formerly attached to the late National hotel.

TERMS:—Costs of sale and suit in hand; balance in equal instalments, bearing interest at six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months, purchaser giving sufficient personal security, and title retained as ultimate security.

dec28— NICHO. K. TROUT, Com'r.

TRUSTEE'S SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the Shultz farm, containing 304 acres, and of the 60 acre and 15 acre parcels of land heretofore advertised for sale by the undersigned, as trustee for James E. Casson, has been postponed until TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1870, on which day these valuable lands will be sold on the Shultz place, near Greenville.

Terms of Sale.—Cash in hand to pay the costs of sale, and the balance in one and two years, with interest from the day of sale, bonds with good security to be given by the purchasers, and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

A. B. LIGHTNER, Trustee.
dec28—1t

CASH SYSTEM! I am sorry to find it indispensably necessary to adopt the CASH SYSTEM on and after the 1st day of January next, and keep no accounts except in a few cases where they are always promptly paid.

I have been driven to this course by the great want of attention and promptness on the part of those having bills for the last year.

dec28—3t DAVIS A. KAYSER.

OFFICE OF BURKE'S IRON WORKS, Staunton, Virginia.

HO! FOR 1870!—My Accounts to January 1st, 1870, will be ready promptly on time. All persons knowing themselves indebted to me must come up and settle promptly. A strictly CASH BUSINESS will be carried on in the future. W. A. BURKE.
dec28—1m

NOTICE.—On the evening of January 3rd, 1870, a CONCERT of vocal and instrumental music will be given at the Chapel of the Institution for the D., D. and B., by the blind pupils, conducted by Prof. A. J. Turner and Mrs. M. A. Gifford.

Doors open at 7 o'clock, P. M. Free to all.
dec28—1t J. C. COVELL, Principal.

NOTICE.—My Accounts will be ready on the 1st day of January, and as no bills have been rendered for six months, I hope my friends will feel the importance and necessity of a prompt settlement.

dec28—tf DAVIS A. KAYSER.

FOR RENT OR SALE, on reasonable terms—possession given the 1st day of January, 1870—the House and Lot now occupied by O. Smith, near Staunton Nurseries. Apply to SMITH & ELDER, or A. KINNEY.
dec28—tf

CLOVER SEED! CLOVER SEED! We have a prime lot on hand. We desire all persons who need this article to give us a call. Remember the place.

dec28 RICHARDSON & WHEAT.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—Quarterly meeting will commence at Spring Hill, on Saturday, the 1st day of January, 1870.

1t E. P. PHELPS, P. E.

FOR PRIME TOMATOES, Corn and Peaches, call on CLEVELAND & SEARS.

FOR PREPARED COCOANUT call on CLEVELAND & SEARS.
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Just received from New York and Philadelphia a handsome assortment of

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suitable for Holiday, Bridal and Birth-day Presents. Among the books are handsomely bound Poetical and other Illustrated Works, Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, beautiful Sunday and Common School Reward Cards, Toy Books, &c. The fancy articles consist of Writing Desks, Portfolios, Work Boxes, Card Cases, Inkstands, Penholders, Penknives, Ivory Tablets, Photographs Frames, Pocket Books, Book Marks, Paper Cutters, &c.

dec21 ROBERT COWAN.

Auction Sales.

PUBLIC SALE OF LAND.—As Executor of the will of Christian Michael, dec'd., I will offer for sale, upon the premises, at public auction, on *Thursday, the 13th day of January,* 1870, a tract of land, containing about ONE HUNDRED ACRES, (a small part arrable and cleared in part, the remainder very valuable for its fine timber and cattle range.) Also, a tract of 60 Acres, upon which there is an excellent spring, and a due proportion of wood land. Another tract, containing about 15 Acres, 5 of which are cleared, with a small tenement upon it; the remainder well cleared and timbered. Also, a small lot of wood land, containing about 4 acres. The above lands are situated about midway between the Augusta Springs and Mt. Solon, near the public road connecting these two points and convenient to churches, schools and mills. Persons desiring to view these lands before the day of sale, can do so by calling upon James or Dennis Michael, who live adjacent to them.

TERMS:—One-fourth cash in hand, and the balance in one, two & three years, the purchaser to execute bonds with good personal security, and the title to be retained until the last installment is paid. If not sold upon that day, they will be for sale privately.

We again respectfully, but most earnestly ask payment from those indebted to the estate—that we may be saved the necessity of coercion.

dec21—tds JAMES T. CLARKE,
Spectator copy—Vind. Executor.

PUBLIC SALE.—I will sell at my residence in Waynesboro', *Thursday, January 6th,* 1870, a large quantity of valuable personal property, viz: Horses, Colts, Milch Cows, Stock Cattle, Corn (200 or 300 bushels,) Oats (100 New Brunswick,) Hay, Farming Implements, and Household Furniture; also, a valuable lot (12 acres,) near town, and about 100 acres of mountain land. Sale to commence at 10½ o'clock.

dec21—tds W. T. RICHARDSON.
☞Vindicator copy one time.

Commissioner's Sale.—As special commissioner appointed by a decree of the Circuit Court of Highland county, rendered on the 25th day of September, 1869, in the chancery suit of Benjamin B. Campbell, surviving obligee of himself and James B. Campbell, dec'd, vs. Leonard H. Ervin, I will, on the 22nd day of January, 1870, on the premises, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, a tract of land belonging to the said Ervin, lying in Warwick's Draft in said county, on the main road leading from Monterey to Huntersville, about fifteen miles from the former place, containing about **165 acres.** Also, if necessary, at the same time and place, another tract on Back Creek in said county, the property of said Ervin, of 43 acres.

The 165 acre tract is about one-half cleared, and the rest heavily timbered; is well watered, and is immediately on the line of the projected extension to the Ohio river of the A. L. and H. Railroad, and has on it a comfortable log dwelling and out houses. The 43 acre tract is unimproved.

TERMS—One-fourth of the purchase money in hand. The residue in equal installments of one and two years from the day of sale, with interest from said day of sale, the purchaser giving bond with good personal security, and the title to be retained until all of the purchase money shall have been paid. J. W. MYERS,
dec14—6t Commissioner.

FINE ESTATE IN MARKET.—I offer for sale my estate on South River, in Augusta county, Va, two miles from New Hope.—It contains **350 acres,** every foot of which is arable and of superior quality. It has on it a handsome and commodious brick mansion house, spacious barn and all necessary out-houses, an abundance of timber, young orchard of select fruit, well set in grass and in a good state of cultivation. The character of the improvements—the quality of the land—its proximity to market, (being fourteen miles from Staunton, and ten from Waynesboro depot) to churches, schools, stores, &c.—as well as the surrounding society and attractions, warrant me in saying that there is not a superior estate in market in this part of the Valley. If desired, it can be conveniently divided into two farms. My address is New Hope, Va., and Mr. N. K. Trout of Staunton, Va., authorized to sell for me.

dec14—6t LOGAN J. MAUPIN.
Lancaster Intelligencer copy and send bill to this office.

COMMISSIONER'S Sale of Land in Alleghany county.—Under a decree of Essex Circuit Court of the 18th of November, 1869, in the case of "Jones vs. Valk," we will on the 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY NEXT, if fair, if not, on the next fair day thereafter, expose to sale to the highest bidder at public auction, on the premises, in the county of Alleghany, the undivided moiety of the defendant, John M. E. Valk (subject to the contingent right of dower of his wife) in a tract of land in said county containing about **3000 acres,** lying about six miles from the White Sulphur Springs—the turnpike from said Springs to Covington running through said land. The other moiety of the said land is owned by the White Sulphur Springs' Company.

Terms.—One-third cash; the residue on a credit of six and twelve months, the purchaser giving bonds with approved personal security, and title retained till purchase money is fully paid.

THOMAS CROXTON,
JAMES M. MATTHEWS,
Tappahannock, Va. Commissioners.
dec7—tds

A Good Small Farm for Sale.—I will offer for sale a tract of land belonging to the estate of Abraham Stoner, dec'd, containing **141½ acres,** situated near New Hope, on the road leading from Staunton to Port Republic, 10 miles from Staunton and adjoining the lands of Henry K. Eakle and others. If not sold privately before Saturday, January 15th, 1870, it will be sold at public auction on that day. There is a good log dwelling on the land with two kitchens, a good Swisher barn, cabinet-maker's shop—with a cellar under it—and all necessary outhouses, and is convenient to schools, churches, &c. There are about 60 acres cleared and the balance is under good fencing and in a fine state of cultivation.

Terms—One-third in hand and the balance in one, two and three years.

nov9—tds LEVI G. STONER,
New Hope, Va.

Legal Notices.

Office of Augusta County Fair,
STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 20th, 1869.

By order of the Executive Committee, all the bonds due the Augusta County Fair, on which no payments have been made, (and there are more than 50 such,) have been placed at the First National Bank of Staunton for payment by or before the 1st of February, 1870, and unless paid by that time, suit will be brought for the sums due. The Fair owes the money, and must have it. By order of Executive Committee.

JED. HOTCHKISS,
dec21 Sec. and Tr. A. C. F.

LAST NOTICE!! My accounts are ready, and all persons indebted to me are requested to come forward and settle immediately, as longer indulgence cannot be given.

dec21—3ts N. B. HENDRY.

WE GIVE NOTICE

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

That our Accounts will be ready for collection the 1st of January next.

We will confidently expect

PROMPT SETTLEMENT AT THAT TIME.

dec14—3t GUY & DRAKE.

STRAY TAKEN UP.—About the last of October, the subscriber took up an estray steer, 2 years old, of the following description: white and red, with a crop off each ear.—The owner can recover this steer by proving ownership, and paying for keeping and the cost of this advertisement. The subscriber lives on the Harrisonburg & Warm Springs Turnpike, 4 miles North of Deerfield in Augusta county.

Address WM. H. LANGE,
dec14—3t Deerfield.

TAKEN UP.—Came to the subscriber, about the 10th of Sept. last, a red sorrel horse, badly stove in the shoulders, low in order, and age unknown, which the owner can have by proving property, paying charges, &c.

L. L. SLAVEN,
Travellers Repose,
Dec 14—1t* Pocahontas, Co., Va.

NOTICE.—The store-room now occupied by Ker & Bro. as a grocery, in the Burwell building, will be rented at public auction, in front of the premises, on Monday, the 1st day of the December court, for a term of one year or more, if desired. Possession to be given on the 1st day of January, 1870.

JOHN S. CHURCHMAN,
A. H. TAYLOR,
for heirs of T. C. Burwell, dec'd.
nov2—tdr

N. F. BURNHAM'S
NEW TURBINE
WATER WHEEL

Is acknowledged to be the simplest in construction, most durable and efficient Turbine known.

☞ Power pledged equal to any overshot wheel.

Illustrated and Descriptive Pamphlet, containing all necessary information relative to this Wheel, sent free, by addressing

N. F. BURNHAM,
july6—6m* York, Pa.

Private Sales.

2000 ACRES.—VALUABLE LANDS FOR SALE, lying on both sides of Piney River, in the counties of Nelson and Amherst, 1500 acres cleared, 600 acres of which is River Bottom. The whole of this land is unsurpassed for its fertility, producing corn, wheat, oats, tobacco and grasses, a large portion of which is now set in grass. Upon this land, there is a large vein of very rich iron ore, (a sample of which can be seen at the office of Messrs. Echols, Bell & Catlett, Staunton.) This property is worthy the attention of capitalists, as seldom such is found upon the market. The whole of this land lies in one body, but will be divided into tracts to suit purchasers.

Terms liberal. For further information, address J. W. Warwick, Warm Springs, Bath Co., Va., or D. A. Witt, Lovingston, Nelson Co., Va.

J. W. WARWICK,
dec 7—tf D. A. WITT.

WALNUT GROVE FOR SALE.—This valuable property, 1½ miles from Waynesboro, on the Greenville road, will be sold at private sale. It will be divided to suit purchasers into two farms of **100 acres** each. For map and description, apply at my office near Courthouse, from 9 till 2 each day.

WM. A. PRATT,
Surveyor, Architect and Engineer.

Where also plans, and descriptions of all properties for sale in Augusta county may be seen.
dec7—tf

VALUABLE LANDS FOR SALE.—I offer for sale, privately, a part of the farm on which I reside, of the following description:

1st, A tract of **75 acres,** with a good log house, a good young orchard of 100 trees, well watered, about 15 acres of timber, situated miles South of Staunton.

2nd, A tract of **150 acres**—about 75 cleared, and in a fine state of cultivation—balance heavily timbered—superior land. Adjoins No. 1.

3rd, A tract of **250 acres**—fine land—most of which is heavily timbered. Adjoins No. 2.

☞ Terms easy.

The lands will be shown to persons wishing to purchase, by H. P. DICKERSON,
ap27—tf for Mrs. M. A. Crawford.

FOR SALE.—We wish to sell privately the farm on which we reside, situated one-quarter of a mile from Churchville. The farm contains **192 acres** (more or less)—about 150 cleared and in a good state of cultivation, the balance in good oak timber. The improvements consist of a comfortable dwelling with nine rooms, barn, stable and necessary out-houses. There is a well of excellent water in the yard, a never-failing stream across the farm, and running water thro' the barn-yard. The land is of excellent quality, being well adapted to the growth of wheat, corn, and grass; is in the midst of a section not surpassed in the State for the number and grade of its flouring mills, as well as convenience to churches, schools, and mechanics' shops, and in a community unsurpassed for morality, refinement and civil order. This farm can be bought upon very reasonable terms.

Apply in person or by letter to either of the undersigned, agents for the heirs of Harvey Bear, dec'd, at Churchville, Augusta county, Va.

JAMES H. BEAR,
july13—tf JOHN H. HEIZER.

LAND FOR SALE.—I will sell, privately, my farm lying on the waters of Naked Creek, in Augusta county, adjoining the lands of Cyrus Brown, Daniel Craun, and others There is a comfortable dwelling house, barn, corn crib, granary, wash-house, stone spring-house, and fine water in the yard, and three orchards of select fruit. I suppose a further description is unnecessary, as those wishing to purchase will examine the land for themselves. There are **150 acres** in the tract. R. A. CURRY.

STAUNTON Building Association! THIRTY-FIVE SHARES OF STOCK FOR SALE. Apply to HEBER KER, Secretary.

Door, Sash and Blind Factory.

HENDRYS & LUSHBAUGHS'

DOOR, SASH,
AND BLIND FACTORY,
AND LUMBER YARD.

At the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Depot,

STAUNTON, VA.,

Conducted by experienced, practical men, with the advantages of all the latest improvements machinery.

FLOORING,
DOORS, SASH, BLINDS,
MOULDINGS, BRACKETS,

manufactured to order, and, in fact, everything appertaining to the completion of a house.

In addition to this we would call your attention to our **Lumber Yard**—Lumber furnished in the rough or worked as may be desired.

☞ Fencing Plank in abundance.

Orders promptly filled and shipments attended to. Parties from the country will find a market here for Lumber, hingles, &c., for which the cash will be paid.

☞ TERMS—*Cash on Delivery.* ☜
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Meetings.

NOTICE.—The Churchville Horse-thief Detective Club will hold its third annual election, December the 21st, at Churchville, at 1 P. M. A President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for the following year. All officers and members are requested to be present, as some additions are necessary to our Constitution.

J. H. HEIZER, Sec. E. GEEDING,
dec 7—2ts* Pres.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, STAUNTON, December 7th, 1869.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Staunton, Va., will be held at their Banking House on the second Tuesday in January next.

M. HARVEY EFFINGER, Cashier.
dec7—tdm

NATIONAL VALLEY BANK, STAUNTON, December 7th, 1869.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the National Valley Bank of Staunton, Va., will be held at its Banking House on the second Tuesday in January next.

dec7—tdm W. C