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sept20–1y*

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sep20–6m—Town papers copy

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will practice in all the courts of Augusta and Alleghany, and in the Circuit Courts of Rockingham, Rockbridge and Nelson.

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july6–1y

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may17–1y

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BALDWIN & COCHRAN,
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Will practice in all the Courts holden in Augusta county. jan4–tf

DR. JAMES JOHNSTON,
DENTIST,
MAIN STREET, Staunton, Va.
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dec21–tf

Foundries.

PRICE OF PLOWS REDUCED.—I have this day reduced the price of the genuine Bradley Livingston Plows, and will now sell them as follows:

No. 4 (2 horse) Plow at $7.50.
" 5 (medium 3 horse) " " $8.50.
" 6 (large 3 horse) " " $9.50.

These plows, together with the castings suitable, all of the very best quality, will be found constantly on hand, at the Hardware Store of Geo. E. Price, Staunton, Va., and at the foundry near Steele's Tavern.

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aug16–3m Manufacturer.

BURKE'S IRON WORKS,
STAUNTON, VA.
WM. A. BURKE.....Proprietor,

NOTICE—Persons having Threshing Machines, Reapers, Mowers, Drills, &c., needing repairs, can have them done in the very best style and workmanship, at Burke's Iron Works at short notice. I keep constantly on hand repairs for all the leading machines in the country at manufacturer's prices. I have a supply of sections for the following machines:

Buckeye Reaper and Mower,
McCormick " " "
Wood " " "
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also all the repairs for
Pitts and Sweepstakes' Threshing Machines,
and
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☞ I am still putting up the best LIVINGSTON PLOWS made in the State.
june 16–tf WM. A. BURKE.

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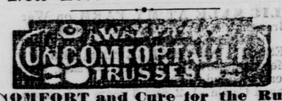

COMFORT and Cure for the Rupture.—Sent post paid on receipt of ten cents. Address Dr. E. B. FOOTE (Author of Medical Common Sense), No. 120 Lexington Avenue, New York. mar15–6m*

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SADDLES AND HARNESS.—If you want good work, go to GEO. F. ELICK'S where you will find the best assortment this side of Baltimore, which he will sell cheap for cash. Saddles and Harness of all kinds—old and new; Trunks, Whips, Bits, &c.; Buck Gloves, (Winchester and Lewisburg make), and, in fact, everything in his line of business.

Thanking his friends for past patronage he hopes to merit a continuance of the same.

REPAIRING done on short notice.

Also, a good lot of old McClellan Saddles and Halters for sale cheap.

Store on Main street, 3 doors west of Augusta, next door to Woods & Gilkeson's hardware store.
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Elias' Transparent Cement, for mending China, Glass, Marble, Alabaster, Terra Cotta, Wood, Leather, Ivory, &c., &c., sold by
F. H. LINK, Druggist.

Insurance.

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HOME OFFICE, CORNER NINTH & MAIN STS., RICHMOND, VA.

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DIVIDEND paid policy-holders, 1st April, 1869, *forty per cent.*

This Company has met with a success beyond all parallel in Life Insurance, and offers to the Southern public a Home Enterprise equal to any and surpassed by none in existence.

Commenced active operations about Nov. 1st, 1867.

Assets 15th of Sept., 1869, $1,500,000—now much increased.

Policies issued, 8,000.

It has paid for losses of $31,000 and in every instance waived the ninety days time and paid at once.

It advises the payment of *all cash premiums*, because then dividends will continually decrease each next payment until nothing will be required, and the policy may be a source of income, but it will allow one-half loan on life and joint life policies. One-third loan on other participating policies.

It requires no notes for loans of the part of premiums, but endorses the loan of its policies until absorbed by dividends or policy is payable.

It has no restriction on residence or travel.—All its policies are non-forfeitable and the right of parties guaranteed *on the face of the policy*, as part of the contract.

It has the following feature which no other company gives: The late war taught many the penalty of being separated from the Home office by having their part payment forfeited. "The Piedmont" guards against this in *her policies* and in event of separation from its office by any intervention guarantees to such all the right of non-forfeiture, paid up policy, surrender value and reinstatement as though there had been no intervening cause.

Its investments are made for benefit of Southern advancement.

It brings money to our people—keeps money with our people. Then why should they continue to impoverish themselves by sending money off which can as easily—as safely—as profitably be spent at home?

The Piedmont asks all who wish to insure to compare its rates—terms—progress with any company, and feels confident its merits will equal any other company.

HOW OFTEN is THE HOUSEHOLD LOAF buried with the Household Head, and families that might have been comfortably provided for, left destitute by the want of a proper foresight in its deceased protector?

The Virginia Insurance Company,

STAUNTON, VIRGINIA,

Offers to every head of a family perfect security against this melancholy condition.

IT IS

FOR LIFE INSURANCE ONLY.

ITS CHARTER IS PERPETUAL.

Its Cash Capital,.....$125,000.

It is organized on the basis of the old Mutual Life of New York, and its successful experience

THE PREMIUMS ARE PAID IN CASH.

ITS DIVIDENDS ARE PAID IN CASH.

ITS POLICIES ARE PAID IN CASH WITHOUT DEDUCTIONS.

There are no premium notes, and hence its assets are all cash, which presents the only solid, substantial basis of business for individuals or corporations.

IT INSURES ON ALL PROPER, SAFE TABLES.

IT PUTS NO IMPROPER RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL.

IT INSURES UNIMPAIRED FEMALE LIVES.

The Company is a combination of the proprietary and mutual systems, securing the advantages of both.

Its Policies are non-forfeitable after two years, and incontestible after five years for all mis statements and errors in application except as to the age of the applicant.

THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL HOME COMPANY.

The Assets will be invested in Virginia, and help to build up our own interests in Virginia. It commends itself for its safety, management and organization, to every Virginian and other Southerner in search of a safe Home

Life Insurance Institution.

Live agents wanted in every precinct of every county in the State. Send for circulars.

REFER TO THE FOLLOWING CITIZENS WHO HAVE INSURED IN THIS COMPANY.

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	Charles E. Young.

Address, PHILLIPS & MAYO,
General Agents for Virginia and W. Virginia,
Lock Box 216, Staunton, Va.

Insurance.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Look at Exhibits:

From Official Reports is made the following Losses of other Companies compared with the Piedmont and Arlington:

Organized.	COMPANY.	No. Policies Dec. 31, 1868.	No. Deaths in 1868.	One in every Deaths
1843	Mutual Life	60872	396	154
1845	New York Life	28340	199	142
1847	Connecticut Mutual	55691	424	131
1850	Manhattan	13625	112	122
1850	Charter Oak	19028	137	139
1851	Massachusetts Mutual	10396	72	144
1851	Phœnix	17761	107	166
1858	Northwestern	27887	178	157
1859	Equitable	27666	185	150
1860	Washington	8885	43	207
1860	Home	10311	65	159
1862	North America	11328	78	145
1862	John Hancock	5018	26	193
1862	Security	10503	64	166
1864	Widows and Orphans	3452	21	164
1864	National, N. Y.	2093	13	161
1865	Universal	3832	20	192
1865	Hahneman	2452	11	223
1686	Great Western	1472	5	294
1866	Atlantic Mutual	2675	15	178
1866	World	1423	9	158
1866	New Jersey Mutual	2691	19	142
1866	Travellers'	3568	17	210
1866	Hartford Life & Annuity	1105	1	105
1866	American Popular	2604	16	163
1867	Piedmont & Arlington	3122	10	312

Average of all companies organized since 1859, one in 188.

Average of all companies organized prior to 1860, one in 145.

Average of all companies, one in 153.

Following Companies have no exhibit as to number of losses, but show amounts lost:

1868, "St. Louis Mutual," policies in force 1st of January, 10,056.

Losses by Death, Policies and Reversionary Additions.....$455,838.46
Losses admitted and not yet due..... 85,600.00

Total Losses in 1868 .....$541,438.46

Piedmont and Arlington had 3,122 policies *in force* 1st January, 1868. Losses in 1868, $42,000, and for present year, (1869) losses of Piedmont and Arlington is *far under* experience of general average of Companies above stated, all which show this company has lost less than any other.

Agents wanted everywhere.
jan4–1y

Richmond Advertisements.

CHARLES L. TODD—GROCER AND **Commission Merchant,**
RICHMOND, VA.
Consignments of Flour, Grain and Produce solicited, and liberal advances made on same by
J. W. TODD & CO.,
july26 Burwell corner, Staunton.

J. J. WAGGONER. WM. G. HARVEY.
WAGGONER & HARVEY,
WHOLESALE GROCERS
AND
Commission Merchants,
No. 3 Pearl Block, Fourteenth street,
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.
Strict personal attention given to the sale of COTTON, TOBACCO, GRAIN and COUNTRY PRODUCE. Grain Bags furnished at five cents for fifteen days. Commissions for selling grain 2½ per cent. aug9–tf

P. E. WILSON,
General Commission Merchant,
12th street, third door South of Cary, (in Corn and Flour Exchange Block) Richmond, Va., Will sell *Tobacco, Hay and Flour* at 2½ per cent; all other produce at 5 per cent., and in all cases make prompt returns. *Liberal Advances made* on all consignments when desired. Grain Bags furnished free of charge.

T. GRAHAM WILSON of Rockbridge county is with me, and would be pleased to receive the patronage of his friends. jan25–1y

Millinery.

MRS. M. E. FAGAN & SISTER have now opened their complete stock of Millinery and Fancy Goods. Also the greatest variety of Chignons, Curls, &c., for the hair. They have a handsome selection of Sash Ribbons, Neck Ties, Lace Collars, Jet and White Wax Necklaces, Corsets, all the varieties of French Hats—the Dauntless, the Rhine, the King William, Arab, Nile, St. Clair and many others—all of which are becoming and pretty, and which they offer very cheap for cash, and pledge themselves to give entire satisfaction.
oc25–3t

TEMPLE OF FASHION.—I have returned and am now opening one of the largest and best Stocks of Millinery and Fancy Goods I have ever brought to this market, consisting of all the latest French and German novelties. Orders from the country promptly attended to.

MRS. K. M. KELLY.

Mattresses, &c.

NOTICE.—Made at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind,
Hair Mattresses,
Moss and Shuck Mattresses,
Coir Mats, all sizes,
Corn Brooms.
Old Mattresses renovated,
Old Chairs filled with new cane seats,
Books bound in plain binding,
Articles to be repaired will be called for at private residences, and returned when finished.

All orders for work should be made through the Steward, or Foreman of the Shop to the Principal. feb8–1y

Tailoring.

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

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

STAUNTON NURSERIES:
Staunton, Augusta County, Va.
TANNEHILL & WHEAT, Proprietors.
FOR SALE.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS:
Agriculturist, Wilson's Albany,
Russell's Prolific, Chs. Downing,
Green Prolific, Downer's Prolific.

RASPBERRY PLANTS:
Philadelphia, Clarke, Mammoth Cluster.

EVERGREENS.

☞ Call and supply yourselves.
ap19—tf

Groceries and Produce.

GREAT BARGAINS.—The subscribers having opened a new store room on Augusta street, opposite the Court-house, next door to Hendry Brothers, (on site of Col. Geo. Baylor's law office,) have opened an entirely new stock of GOODS, and offer a full STOCK OF GROCERIES;

Sugar, Coffee, fine Teas, Syrups, Vinegar, &c.
Leather of all kinds, such as French and Country Calf Skins, Kip Skins, Sole Leather, &c.

A general assortment of Domestic Goods, such as Prints, Jeans, Casinets, Fulled Cloth, Cotton Yarns, and a variety of other Dry Goods.

Also Glassware, Woodenware, Brooms, &c., which we offer at a small advance on cost, *for cash only.*

Flour, Bacon and Meal constantly on hand.

We respectfully solicit a call from our friends and acquaintances.
oc25–tf N. A. BAYLOR & CO.

FACTORY CLOTH.—That very superior Factory Cloth of Winchester make, which has given such satisfaction to our customers, to be had very cheap, at
oct25–tf BAKER BROS.

JUST RECEIVED—Fresh Crackers of all kinds, at the "new store on the wharf.
R. D. SEARS, agent.

CHICKENS, Chickens, always on hand at the new store on the wharf.
R. D. SEARS, agent.

A NO. 1 CIDER by the gallon only, for sale by R. D. SEARS, Agent.

JOHN O. TAYLOR,
Grocer and Commission Merchant,
Main, near Augusta street, Staunton, Va., offers to the trade a large assortment of Groceries, Provisions, &c., at the lowest figures.

Cash paid for all kinds of produce, and liberal advances made on consignments.
oc4–3m

J. S. GILLIAM & CO., next door below the Post-office, keep constantly on hand a large stock of choice Groceries; also Salt and Plaster, and 600 gallons prime stoneware, all of which we will sell very cheap.
sep27

NEW GROCERY STORE.—J. W Utley & Co., dealers in Choice Family Groceries, Bagby's new building, Frederick street, Staunton, Va., respectfully inform their friends and the public that they have in store a choice stock of sugars, coffees, teas, bacon, lard, soap, candles, fish, salt, molasses, tobacco, plaster, brooms, buckets, shoes, &c., and, in fact, everything usually found in a first-class grocery store.

Cash paid for country produce, or goods given in exchange at market prices. They are prepared to supply families with anything in the grocery line at very low prices for cash.
sep6

H. KER & BRO., Augusta street, opposite the P. O., have for sale
SUGARS,
COFFEES,
TEAS, &c.
No. 1 Hams, family sizes, breast bacon, Wood's Family Roe Herring, nice new mackarel, N. C. cut Herring, buckets, brooms, tubs and all kinds of wooden ware, 500 *earthen crocks*, white bolted meal, flour, oats and offal.

☞ Bring your greenbacks, and get cheap goods and good goods. au30

FLOUR, GRAIN
AND FEED.

Always in store, choice FLOUR for Family use. CORN MEAL and FEED of all kinds at the lowest wholesale and retail prices.
BUTCHER & LEWIS,
next door above the Postoffice, Staunton.
july19–12m

CHARLES N. COLE,
(late of Winchester, Virginia,)
DEALER IN
Country Produce, Flour, &c.,
426 NINTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Solicits consignments, guaranteeing quick returns and moderate commissions.
References—The business men of Winchester and adjacent counties.
au23–3m

POWERS & PRITCHARD,
Augusta street, Staunton, Va.,
Grocers, Flour, Grain and Produce
MERCHANTS.
ON HAND—4,000 pounds Bacon, White and Brown Sugars, Green and Black Teas, Market, Herrings, &c., &c.
july19–6m

FINE TEAS.—We have very superior teas, at reasonable prices—English Breakfast Tea—a prime article. All qualities of Teas at
ju7 RICHARDSON & WHEAT.

NEW SUPPLY OF GROCERIES at
GEO. C. JACKSON'S NEW STORE,
on Augusta Street, opposite C. H. Square.

Coffees, Teas, Sugars, Syrups, Bacon, Fish, (Herrings and Mackerel fresh and nice, and ALL articles usually kept in a first class FAMILY GROCERY.

These goods having been bought exclusively for cash can be sold *very low.* Everybody call and see. ap12

P. B. HOGE & BRO.,
(successors to Hoge & Mason,)
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Groceries, Produce and Fertilizers.

Highest market price in CASH paid for FLOUR, WHEAT, RYE, OATS, CORN, &c.
aug4—

Carriage Making.

CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES.—I wish to inform my friends that I have moved my CARRIAGE SHOP to my new building near the "Virginia" Hotel, where I will keep on hand Carriages and Buggies of every description. By close attention to business and fair dealing, I expect to give entire satisfaction. I will pay strict attention to REPAIRING. Give me a call before purchasing.
jan 1b J. H. WATERS.

CARRIAGE-MAKING.—At the solicitation of many of my former patrons I have again taken charge at my old stand, where I will carry on the CARRIAGE-MAKING BUSINESS in all its various branches, and I am determined that my work shall not be surpassed in finish, style, durability or price.

Special attention given to repairs.
an4—tf JOHN M. HARDY.

PREPARE FOR WINTER.—THIS IS THE SEASON TO HAVE FURNACES, FIRE-PLACE HEATERS & OTHER STOVES made ready for winter.

W. J. POINTS, on the Wharf near the Depot, is prepared to receive your orders and execute them promptly, and at very low prices:

ROOFING and GUTTERING Houses done of the best tin and at low prices.

COOKING STOVES of all kinds for sale cheap, and warranted. se20–3m

Pay Up!

JULY 1st, 1870.—My accounts will be ready in a day or two, and I hope my friends will feel the importance of a prompt settlement. Old accounts in all cases must be settled before new ones are made. DAVIS A. KAYSER.

SPECIAL—EXTRA—Our ACCOUNTS are drawn off to the 1st of July. Persons knowing their indebtedness will please call and settle, or they may expect to be refused further favors. We must have money to carry on our business.
ju5 CONE & HANGER.

AMERICAN HOTEL
Livery Stables,
STAUNTON, VA.,
DONOVAN & O'TOOLE.....Proprietors.

Our stables are constantly supplied with elegant horses, carriages, buggies, hacks, &c., which will be furnished to our patrons on most reasonable terms. Also good and reliable drivers supplied if desired. We can furnish livery equal, if not superior, to that of any other stable in the State. Give us a trial and we guarantee satisfaction. DONOVAN & O'TOOLE.

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

Poetry.

The Memory of Gen. Lee.

BY EMILY.

Toll the deep, solemn knell,
Amid a country's gloom,
As sad Virginia in her breast,
Folds the great heart fore'er at rest,
And gives her hero tomb.

Weep Southern land your loss,
O'er city, mount and plain—
Far let the mourning dirge peal on,
For him, our second Washington,
Whose shield has borne no stain.

Oh! Bayard of thine age,
Up like a surging sea,
A moaning echo stirs the vines,
And soars above the quiv'ring pines,
In one loud wail for thee.

Cold is that marble brow,
Where mind had made its throne,
And there as stamped by angel's breath,
The pale lips wear a smile in death,
Promise of vict'ry won.

Peace! Christian warrior! peace!
The calm rest of the just!
The dark eyes lit with starry blaze,
The voice that cheered through darkest days,
We yield all to the dust.

Sleep in thy native soil,
The "Old Dominion's" son!
The ground where rolled the battle-tide,
The earth her children's blood has dyed,
Proudly receives its own.

Long shall thy mem'ry live,
Green with a fadeless bloom—
The grave may close thy form above,
The clouds still veil the clime we love,
Yet through all years to come,

Hist'ry's bright page shall thrill
With records true and free—
Fame will weave garlands 'round thy shrine,
A nation glory in each line,
Graved with the name of Lee!

THE VIRGINIA VALLEY RAILROAD.

Declination of John Hopkins, Esq., to Accept the Presidency—Election of Robert Garrett, Esq.

For several days past a committee of gentlemen from the Valley of Virginia, together with a number of the Directors of the Virginia Valley Railroad, have been in this city on business connected with the interests of that road. On Saturday the committee called in a body on Johns Hopkins, Esq, and asked him to accept of the Presidency of the Company. The committee was invited into the room of the Board of Directors of the Merchants' National Bank, soon after which Mr. Hopkins made his appearance.

MR. HUNTER'S REMARKS.

R. W. Hunter, Esq., of Winchester was introduced to Mr. Hopkins, and said: Sir, at a large convention of citizens from the counties composing the Valley of Virginia, which met at Harrisonburg, Va., on the 13th of the present month, on motion of Colonel M. G. Harman of Augusta, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the Convention appoint a committee of —— citizens of the Valley to request the Board of Directors of the Valley Railroad Company to elect Johns Hopkins, Esq., of Baltimore city, to the Presidency of the Company, made vacant by the death of Virginia's most distinguished son, General Robert E Lee, and that the said committee proceed to Baltimore at as early a day as practicable and ascertain whether Mr. Hopkins will accept the position.

Under the above resolution the following named gentlemen were appointed:

Botetourt—Colonel John T. Anderson, Colonel Edward Pendleton and Judge Thomas Houston.

Rockbridge—Governor John Letcher, Joseph M. Leech and J. E. A. Gibbs.

Augusta—Colonel M. G. Harman, S. Travers Phillips, J. D. Hotchkiss and W. A. Burke.

Rockingham—Hon. John T. Harris and W. H. Effinger.

Shenandoah—Dr. J. B. Grazer.

Frederick—L. N. Huck, Holmes Conrad, N. M. Cartmel and R. W. Hunter.

Clarke—U. L Boyce.

Page—Joseph E. Stewart.

Warren—Judge R. N. Turner.

Alleghany—H. H. Robertson. A majority of whom are here at present.

In discharging the duty thus imposed, the committee are of opinion that little need be added to the language of the resolution by way of more clearly defining its object or more strongly enforcing its appeal. It tells its own sad story of the death of Virginia's greatest and best beloved son, to whom our people looked as their leader in the great enterprises and triumph of peace, as they had formerly done in the struggles of war.

We had cherished the hope that his valuable life would be spared to complete the grand scheme of connecting by rail the North and South through our rich and beautiful Valley, to which the energies of his mind and the feelings of his heart were especially devoted—a public improvement which commended itself to his superior judgment as most important not only to the Valley, but to your enterprising city of Baltimore and the country at large, that could possibly be realized.

But our hopes have been blasted by his untimely death; and in our extremity, we appeal to you, sir, as a representative of the commercial enterprise of your city—as one thoroughly acquainted with the immense resources of the region through which the road is to pass, and the rich results to the property of your city which will follow from its construction—and as one amply commanding the influence and financial ability requisite to ensure success—to lend your powerful aid to the enterprise and carry it forward to speedy completion.

In conclusion, permit us to say, if it should be your pleasure to yield to our request and accept the position, we feel assured that you could not crown your long and useful life by any achievement that would redound in greater good to the people among whom that life has been spent, or to your own fame, if such an object be worthy of your consideration.

MR. HOPKINS' REMARKS.

Gentlemen—I desire to make my hearty acknowledgments for your kindness. I have felt always the deepest interest in the inhabitants of the Valley of Virginia. In earlier life, when I was actively engaged in commerce, the people whom you represent were well known to me. I was united to many of them by ties of close relationship (my mother having been a native of the Valley of Virginia), and to more by the active and varied associations of a long business life. I feel that I owe a great deal to the State of Virginia for much of my business success, and what fortune I may have achieved is due largely to your State, because I transacted business almost exclusively with Virginia, and particularly in the Valley of Virginia which the proposed road is to traverse.—When I say thus much you will, I am sure, understand that it would be most agreeable to me to accept the office of President of the Valley Railroad Company if I were a younger man. I regret sincerely that it is not in my power to give my services to so valuable an object. I appreciate all you have said, and should feel proud to make the construction of this great work the closing labor of my life. The prosperity of your road is already assured. It will open a rich and fertile country, and place your people in close connection with the largest commercial city on the Southern sea-board. It is for this reason that I have steadfastly advocated the completion of the route, and I trust I may properly claim some credit for having induced the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to afford you active assistance; so you may be well assured that no effort on my part will be wanting to promote the future usefulness and prosperity of the work in which you are engaged. But I cannot take upon myself the burden of the personal management and superintendence of the affairs of your road.—After many years of active and laborious life I need rest, and the necessity of this repose obliges me to decline the proposed honor. I beg that you will make known to all my friends in Virginia my grateful appreciation of their confidence in me.

REMARKS OF COL. M. G. HARMAN.

Col. M. G. Harman, President *pro tem.* of the Valley Railroad Company, said it was with deep regret he heard Mr. Hopkins announce that he could not accept the position tendered. His reasons for declining were good, yet he regretted exceedingly. He appreciated the energy of Mr. Hopkins in assisting to push forward to completion the Winchester and Strasburg Road, now in successful operation, and he had hoped that Mr. H. would have found it convenient and agreeable to accept the Presidency of the Valley Road. He felt confident that, under Mr. Hopkins' management, the Valley Road would be completed at an early day. The people of the Valley had themselves worked earnestly to accomplish this object, but as yet without entire success. The amount still required to put this great line under contract was $213,000. He knew that Mr. Hopkins would render the road all the aid in his power, as he promised; for what he said he meant. He well remembered his business relations with the people of the Valley, and referred to his earlier intercourse with them in connection with the covered wagons of Tennessee. He hoped that a Baltimore man would be selected, and that Mr. Hopkins would lend his aid in making such a selection for the Presidency of the Valley Road, and that that man would exert himself to bring about its early completion. The people of the Valley could not, with any sort of grace, ask the people of Baltimore to do more than they had already done in the way of contributions to the great object they had in view. Under a legislative act, requiring a three-fifths vote, the subscription of Augusta county, one of the wealthiest in the Valley, to the stock of the road, was lost; otherwise the requisite capital for building the road would long since have been secured. The wealth of Augusta county alone would furnish more than three times the whole amount required. Col. Harman concluded by appealing again to Mr. Hopkins to give his aid in selecting an able Baltimorean to take hold of this great work, and push it forward to early completion.

The committee then retired. A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Barnum's at six o'clock in the evening, and at eleven o'clock Mr. Robert Garrett, son of John W. Garrett, Esq., was elected President of the Company. A committee immediately waited on Mr. Garrett and informed him of his election, which, after much hesitation, he accepted. It is now confidently stated that the whole of the road from Strasburg to Salem will be put under contract, and will be built with all practicable despatch. It will run through the Valley, and the heaviest grade is represented to be but fifty feet to the mile.

DOE HILL, HIGHLAND, VA.,
October, 28th, 1870.

Mr. Editor:—Although not a subscriber, yet I am a reader of your paper, being only a sojourner here for the present. I see you have no correspondent from this part of the country; if acceptable I will give you the news of this section while I remain here.

We have no local news of interest, except that there has just closed a revival of religion, which resulted in 34 accessions to the church. Last March, the congregation worshiping here, hired Rev. Wm R. McNeer of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, South, to become their regular pastor and to take charge of Oakland Academy at this place. Under his pastoral care the church has steadily grown in numbers and religious experience. The Sabbath School, under the Superintendence of Dr. H. H. Jones, has been a great success and is one of the best Sabbath Schools to be found in the country. The children under his care have all learned to sing—it would do you good to hear them—it is a model school. But no less success has attended the labors of the Academy. I am sure (and hope I will be pardoned as I am one of the students), that no set of students have accomplished more in five months than we have under our principal, and he has the happy faculty of advancing students more rapidly than any man I know of, and yet he never suffers a student to pass over a thing until he thoroughly understands it. He seems to know how to make every one study to his utmost capacity, and they have learned to do it. He stirs us early—he stirs us late—that is, he stirs us all the time. The experience of all is, that they never knew how to study before. I can say from experience, that a young man can do no better in any school preparatory to College than here. The discipline is fine, firm, but mild. Every young man is treated as a gentleman until he proves himself unworthy of such treatment. A better society is no where to be found—no profanity—no drunkenness—no inducements to young men to become immoral, but all influences are in an opposite direction. Nearly every citizen is a church member—the entire school are church members—preaching every Sabbath—prayer meeting twice a week—one by the young men. Where could young men find a better situation. And then the charges are so much below what they are elsewhere. For 10 calendar months $110 pays all expense, which is nearly eleven school months. Should young men short of funds desire an education, here is their chance. The school is now full (40 students), but the second session now opens in March. The present session closes February 28th. Examination, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. Exhibition 28th. Come out Mr. Editor, we will give you a cordial welcome and plenty to eat. More anon.

W. R. MAUPIN.

P. S.—If there are any young men or ladies desirous of an education or to prepare for College, they cannot do better than come here. If they desire any information they can get it by addressing REV. W. R. MCNEER,
Doe Hill, Highland county, Va.

The Pope of Rome, thoroughly and completely dethroned and deposed and divested of regality as he has been by the vicissitudes of the war in Europe, is not only the most fortunate of the victims of revolution and change, but is really to be congratulated upon the issue of events as far as they relate to his personal condition and comfort. He is deprived of his temporal power, which was merely nominal, of no earthly value or importance, and a source only of delusion and vexatious embarrassment; but is left in the clear, undisputed and uninterrupted enjoyment of his spiritual supremacy, which is undisputed, unmolested and protected even by the powers which have succeeded him in the civil dominion. His position as the august head of Catholicity is not only not to be disturbed, but it is to be augmented in power and increased dignity and in the respect of the faithful. His residence in the Vatican, which is in itself almost an empire, is not to be disturbed, and loyal homage, profound veneration, and jealous respect as a high pontiff, from whose infallible authority there is no appeal, will await him in the exercise of supreme power in the Church of which he is the undivided head; while from the toils and trials and vexations of civil and political life he is happily exempt. The excision of the Church from the civil authority will augment its dignity and its influence, while the separation of the State from ecclesiastical control will strengthen its legitimate powers and advance the cause of popular freedom and independence.—*Boston Post.*

The Little Grave.

You need not dig it very wide,
Nor dig it very deep—
The little grave in which to hide
My baby gone to sleep.

But dig it where the sun will shine
Upon it all the day;
And birds and blossoms all combine
To drive the gloom away.

Choose some fair spot where in the spring
The grass will soonest grow—
And where the robins first will sing,
And daisy blossoms blow.

And take some violets from the brook,
And plant them at her head,
Her eyes had just that dewy look;
OUR VIOLET is dead.

How slow the days will come and go
Now baby's gone away;
But I will love her best, I know,
Although I weep to-day.

ONLY A TRIFLE.—Precisely; but of seeming trifles—of atoms—the universe is made.—God has dealt with many things, but with nothing has he trifled. We may hold an hour as a trifling possession: yet in every hour thousands of human beings are born and die. The great face of nature takes on some change with every second of time. Not a bud bursts but there is an appointment for its odor. Not a leaf falls, but to enrich some space of earth. By almost invisible degrees, the fens and marshes are lifted by vegetation into habitable soil. The mountain is but an aggregation of motes; and the mightiest oak, stalwart on the hills, and defiant of lightning and storm, was once but a tiny acorn. Only a trifle! Trifles are often the seeds of the weightiest events, beginnings of the grandest ends—steps towards the most momentous conclusions. If a single vote has made a governor, so has some unintended slight of an ambassador kindled a furious war. It is the first small yield to temptation that peoples prisons and feeds the gallows. Trifles are indications, even as straws are weather-vanes