

Staunton Spectator.

INCREASE OF SUBSCRIBERS.—It affords us pleasure to be able to announce that quite a number have already availed themselves of the opportunity offered to get the Spectator at \$2 per annum, paid strictly in advance.

THE CORNER STONE OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN RICHMOND WAS LAID ON THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1878.

COM. M. F. MAURY HAS ACCEPTED THE PRESIDENCY OF ALABAMA UNIVERSITY, AND AS WE LEARN FROM THE LEXINGTON GAZETTE, WILL LEAVE LEXINGTON ABOUT THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER TO ACCEPT THE DUTY OF THAT POSITION.

ON YESTERDAY THE EDITOR WAS CALLED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY TO ATTEND THE BURIAL OF ONE OF HIS CHILDREN WHO IS SICK OF THE SWEET CHERRY SPRINGS, IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE RED SWEET SPRINGS.

THE CHARLOTTESVILLE WEEKLY CHRONICLE ARRIVED ON LAST FRIDAY. THE EDITOR ACCOUNTED SATISFACTORILY FOR HIS NON-ARRIVAL THE WEEK BEFORE. IT IS A LARGE AND HANDSOME PAPER, AND DESERVES TO BE WELL SUSTAINED. WE WISH IT MUCH SUCCESS.

MRS. VICTORIA C. WOODHULL, WHO HAS TWO HUSBANDS, IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY. THE EDITOR OF THE VINDICATOR CAUTIONS HER "NOT TO COUNT TOO LARGE ON HIS VOTE," AND ASSIGNS AS THE REASON FOR IT, THAT HE "AT PRESENT LEANS TO WANTS ANOTHER WOMAN."

DRESS BALL.—There will be a dress Ball at the Sweet Chalybeite Springs on next Friday night, the 18th inst. It is the first of this season and will be an occasion of more than ordinary interest. Those who will attend will have a fine time of it, and many will do so.

THE SECOND OF THE SERIES OF MASQUE AND FANCY BALLS AT THE WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS FOR THIS SEASON WILL TAKE PLACE ON TOMORROW NIGHT, WEDNESDAY THE 19TH. IT WILL BE AN OCCASION OF MUCH INTEREST. THERE ARE A GREAT MANY VISITORS AT THIS TIME, AND THE BALL WILL BE A BRILLIANT ONE.

ADAM FIELD, colored, commonly known as "the old fiddler," was found on Sunday morning near the stable of Mr. Wm. Jordan in this place in an insensible condition, with his favorite instrument by his side. He was taken to his home, where he died on the same day at 5 o'clock, P. M.

THE 5TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE VA. AGRICULTURAL AND POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE 13TH SESSION OF THE AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT ASSEMBLY HALL, RICHMOND, VA., ON THE 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH OF SEPTEMBER.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF A TICKET OF ADMISION FOR WHICH THE SECRETARY, H. K. ELLISON, WILL ACCEPT OUR THANKS.

REV. J. A. STILES, D. D.—REV. J. A. STILES, D. D., OF PHILADELPHIA, ONE OF THE ABLEST AND MOST Distinguished ministers of the Lutheran Church, preached in the morning and evening of Sunday last in the Lutheran Church of this place.

IN THE MORNING, HIS TEXT WAS:—"Awake, awake, in the strength of O. arm of the Lord; awake as he that is asleep, in the generations of old. Art thou not that O. arm that Rahab and wounded the dragon?"—Isaiah, LL. 9.

IN THE EVENING, HIS TEXT WAS:—"The 8th verse of the 17th chapter of Hosea:—"Ephraim is a cake unturned."

IT IS NECESSARY TO SAY THAT THESE DISCOURSES WERE MARKED WITH ABILITY, AND WERE HIGHLY OBTAINING IN THEIR CHARACTER.

COURT OF APPEALS.—The regular annual session of the Court of Appeals at this place began on Thursday last, the 10th inst. All the Judges are present, except Judge Jaynes, who is detained at home by ill health. Two cases have been fully heard and submitted to the Court, but no decision has yet been rendered, viz: Poague et al. vs. Spriggs et al., from Rockbridge, and Blosser et Administrators vs. Harsberger et Administrator, from Rockingham. Many leading lawyers from abroad are in attendance, among them Mr. Conrad, of Winchester, Judge Daniel, of Lynchburg, Judge Brockbrough, of Lexington, Judge Robertson, of Charlottesville, Mr. Giles Cook, of Front Royal, Col. Barksdale, of Halifax, Col. Pendleton, of Botetourt, John C. Woodson, of Harrisonburg, and others. Judges Daniel and Robertson formerly sat on the bench of the Court of Appeals. Judge Brockbrough, as most of our readers know, was before the war Judge of the District Court of the United States, and during the war held a similar office under the Confederate Government.

GOOD ROADS AND BRIDGES.—We are in favor of having good county roads, and are in favor of bridges over all streams of any consequence. Bridges would add so much to the value of the lands of this county as the construction of good county roads with good bridges wherever needed. We think that bridges are needed at a number of places in the county. A bridge over South River at Waynesboro, and a bridge over Middle River at Shutterly's Mill, and bridges are needed at other places, and they should be built. Money expended in such improvements would be wisely invested.

AN EFFORT IS NOW MAKING TO HAVE A BRIDGE BUILT OVER MIDDLE RIVER AT SHUTTERLY'S MILL, AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS. AS THIS COUNTY WILL NOT BE TAXED A CENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE WHICH WILL RUN THROUGH ITS WHOLE LENGTH, WE THINK IT SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO ITSELF FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF GOOD COUNTY ROADS WITH SAFE BRIDGES, AND WE WOULD HAVE TWO BRIDGES OVER MIDDLE RIVER WITH SAFE BRIDGES, AND THE LANDS OF ALL FARMERS WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IN VALUE. ONE OR TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS CAN BE PROFITABLY EXPENDED IN THIS WAY.

TEMPERANCE PICNIC.—On last Saturday, the Friends of Temperance of this County held a picnic at Tinkling Spring Church, under the auspices of the different Councils of the County. It was numerously attended from all parts of the County. The two Councils from this place were well represented. The crowd that assembled at the grove by 8 o'clock, and by 11 o'clock it was estimated there were eight hundred or one thousand persons on the ground.

AT ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT SPEAKING WOULD COMMENCE, AND THE CROWD BEGAN TO ASSEMBLE IN THE CHURCH, UNTIL IT WAS FILLED TO ITS UTMOST CAPACITY. THE CROWD THAT ASSEMBLED TO BEING ABLE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO ONE HALF-BED ROOM WAS NOT MORE FAVORABLE TERMS THAN TO SAY IT WAS WORTHY OF THE CAUSE BE REPRESENTED.

AFTER THE CLOSURE OF REV. MR. BEARD'S SPEECH, DINNER WAS ANNOUNCED, WHICH WAS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT FOR THE LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE.—The Committee of Arrangements deserve credit for the order and decorum preserved during dinner.

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THE GRAND FANCY MASQUE BALL WHICH WAS advertised to come off on last Friday night, has been postponed until Tuesday the 15th inst. The names of every variety and every line have arrived, and the young folks are making the most active and extensive preparations for an event which promises so much pleasure. Parties of ladies and gentlemen from Staunton, Lexington, Covington and other counties are expected to be present at the ball. There are now five hundred visitors here and the constant daily accretions indicate a season of extraordinary brilliancy and life. The Ball Room, which by the way is one of the most capacious and splendid in the State, is thronged every night and presents always a magnificent display of youth, beauty, wealth and fashion. There are quite a number of beautiful and interesting young ladies here from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Richmond, Savannah, Mobile, Galveston, and other cities of the Union, and the consequence is, the young men are sadly afflicted with the "blues" and other complaints. Your correspondent does not claim to be an expert in the art of medicine, but he has seen many a young man who has been cured of his "blues" by the use of the pure mountain air and mineral waters of these regions.

MARKET ORDINANCE.—We invite the attention of our readers, and particularly of those in the country who expect to attend the market, to the Market Ordinance published in this issue. It is a very important ordinance, and one which will be victims through ignorance, we would advise them to get the ordinance out for presentation that they may refer to it frequently, "read, ponder and inwardly digest it" till they know perfectly all its provisions. For some time, the Market Master will have, we opine, a busy time of it. It will be some time before the machinery will work smoothly, if it ever will be such is doubtful.

ON SUNDAY LAST FIVE CARLOADS OF COLORED PEOPLE, packed like sardines in a barrel, went on an excursion to Buffalo Gap to attend a meeting. We suppose that they numbered about 400 persons. They seemed to be as happy as larks in June when they arrived at this place on their return. A number were from the neighboring villages of Waynesboro and Fishersville, at least a number remained upon the train which went East from this point, and we suppose that they belonged to the neighborhoods of the villages mentioned.

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FOR THE SPECTATOR. A Visit to the "Cave of the Fontainns." Being recently in the neighborhood of the "Cave of the Fontainns," located near the elevated Weyer's Cave in Augusta county, I called myself of the kind invitation of the proprietor to visit this great natural curiosity.

THE "CAVE OF THE FONTAINNS," which has never been brought prominently to public attention until within the last few years, by the Proprietor is now prepared to receive visitors at any time, and on the most reasonable terms. This Cave is in so many respects equal to Weyers Cave, and is so different from it in formation and general appearance that visitors will find that the interest in one will not be abated by having visited the other. The party, consisting of two gentlemen and three ladies, whose bright eyes and laughing voices added much to the pleasure of the occasion, ascended to the entrance of the cave about three o'clock on the morning of the 20th inst. The cave is a broad beautiful valley, dotted here and there with comfortable residences, suggestive of rural quiet and contentment, broad fields of waving green corn presenting a marked contrast to the rocky hills and the recently harvested grain fields, and winding through the midst of the valley you behold the clear sparkling waters of the South River, winding their way to the Shenandoah. Just as we entered the Cave, a heavy shower of rain fell, and we were proceeding, and shortly after entering, we could hear faint rumblings of the thunder, reminding us in the wild silence of those subterranean depths of the war of the elements raging without the entrance of the cave, and the distance further no sounds reached our ears, save the occasional drip of the water, which in a creaking monotone seemed to be calling our attention to the humble, unobserved agent by whose means the late and sudden deluge had been formed.

FROM THE ENTRANCE THE DESCENT IS VERY RAPID for a considerable distance, and, in fact, you gradually descend throughout the length of the Cave, though at intervals you have considerable ascents to make in passing from one apartment to another, until you reach the end, where we were informed by the accommodating guide that he had descended three hundred feet below the entrance of the cave, and that he had seen one of the most interesting and beautiful formations of the kind in the world. The impressions made upon the mind are so various and so numerous, and so widely extended, that you are in a continual whirl of excitement. The first feeling is that of apprehension mingled with curiosity, and as this wears off admiration, surprise and delight succeed each other in a rapid, rapid, and rapid succession, and you are in a continual whirl of excitement. The first feeling is that of apprehension mingled with curiosity, and as this wears off admiration, surprise and delight succeed each other in a rapid, rapid, and rapid succession, and you are in a continual whirl of excitement.

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