Staunton Spectator.

Tuesday, August 29, 1871.

Beaver Dam and other Falls—How they were Formed—Pleasant Summer Resort, &c.

SWEET CHALYBEATE SPRINGS,
Alleghany county, August 25th, 1871.

In my letter of last week from this delightful watering place, I spoke of this beautiful valley and of the waterfalls on the stream which runs through it. It is my purpose now to speak more particularly of these interesting waterfalls. There are four or five of them on the property connected with this pleasant Summer resort. These falls range from 25 to 40 feet in height on a stream which never fails in the severest droughts, and which never freezes in the coldest weather known to this latitude, which qualities adapt it in a peculiar manner for mills and factories. The only fall which has, as yet, been utilized, is the one near the spring. At that one is located the mill which grinds the wheat, rye and corn for this neighborhood. The stream which now turns this mill, at some time in the remote past ran immediately over the place where the triple fountains of health-giving waters now gush forth at the rate of 800 gallons per minute.—The massive rocks from which they issue are encrusted with the calcareous deposit peculiar to that stream—thus establishing the fact by indubitable record evidence, written by the hand of Nature, that where these springs now are, was once beneath a fall in the bed of the stream which now runs the mill. The junction of this stream with a smaller one—"Cove Creek"—ten miles below here, forms the stream known as Dunlap's Creek, which empties into Jackson's River at Covington. At the junction of these streams is a fall, some 40 feet in height, known familiarly as the "Beaver Dam Fall," and several hundred yards higher up the stream is another of nearly the same height, and rivalling it in picturesque beauty. I visited these two falls to-day and was much interested in them. None who come to this place should fail to avail themselves of the opportunity to see them. The opinion founded upon tradition which prevails in this neighborhood in reference to the origin of these falls, is, that they were built by beavers. Though tradition is recognized as the strongest kind of testimony, and though I do not question the fact that this stream was in times past inhabited by beavers, yet I do not concur in the opinion that these dams owe their origin to beavers. It may seem an ungracious act to dispel this illusion, for it serves to add a peculiar interest to them. It reminds me of a stanza in the poem of Campbell respecting the rainbow:

"When Science from creation's face,
Enchantments' veil withdraws,
What lovely visions yield their place
To cold, material laws."

This stream, as before observed, possesses the characteristic of depositing calcareous matter, and this quality endowes it with the property to construct dams wherever it meets with an obstruction. If a ledge of limestone crosses the path of the stream, or if fallen trees obstruct its course, the water commences, slowly but surely, to deposit its calcareous matter upon the obstructing body, and thus builds up a dam. This process of accretion goes on from age to age till the dam is built up to a height higher than the land adjacent, when the stream will change its course to run over the lower land. Where obstructed, it will again build up, and then change as before, and this process of self-damming and changing of its course has been going on, and will continue to go on, for thousands upon thousands of years. Though this stream is not more than ten or fifteen feet in width, yet above and below Beaver Dam Fall, for the distance of a quarter of a mile, there is unmistakable evidence that, at one time or another each part of the precipice for that distance had constituted the fall. The man who will visit Beaver Dam Fall a thousand years from this time, will not find it where it is now. This stream builds up dams in the way we have stated, and when it changes its course, and leaves the matter it has deposited to the action of the rains, sun and air, it becomes, in course of time, disintegrated and forms fertile soil. To this effect is due in no small degree the remarkable fertility of this lovely valley. The deposition of matter at these falls, it may be readily understood, tends to form projections, and they are built till they project so far over the base that the weight, with its advantage of leverage, causes the mass to fall. Such masses may be seen beneath the precipices which once constituted such falls, and some of them are of great size and of immense weight.

At these falls some fine specimens of petrefaction are found, and beautiful impressions of leaves of plants which grew in the early spring of vegetable creation, countless ages, it may be before the first human pair found a blissful home in Eden before the first "terrible temptation." This valley is fruitful with objects of much interest to scientific geologists, botanists, and mineralogists, as also to imaginative poets and practical utilitarians. It is no wonder that those who visit this place feel the influence of its sweet attractiveness, and remain as long as the condition of their finances will allow. There are visitors here now who have been here since the season opened, and yet have no desire to leave, and who will when they take their reluctant departure, cast many a "longing, lingering look behind," regretting that their stay cannot be indefinitely prolonged, and hoping that they may live to enjoy many returns to this delightful resort of health and pleasure in this beautiful valley, rivalling in attractiveness the "Happy Valley" of Abyssinia. If the self-exiled Prince and Princess of the "Happy Valley" had been denizens of *this* valley they would never have left it—the outside world would have had no attractions sufficient to induce them to do so.

If space allowed, I would like to mention the combination of things which makes this place so attractive—such as the beauty of the large lawn with its nice walks and shade trees; the innocent sports, such as bowling, billiards, croquet, dancing, &c., the copious "Fountain of Youth" for which Ponce de Leon searched in vain, delightful baths, beautiful surrounding scenery, good fare, systematic management, &c., but I must forbear, as I have already made this letter longer than I desired. I will conclude by asking those, if there be such, who think that I embellish or "tell a flattering tale" to come and see, and then they will "know how it is themselves."

Mr. Horace Greeley is not for Grant's renomination for President for various reasons, chief among which are, first, he (Greeley) is for the one-term principle, and second, he don't think Grant will run as strongly as some men who might be selected. Nevertheless, the mild and amiable Horace, if he is overruled, will support their election of Grant, believing that it would be an awful thing to have a Democratic President. The English of this is, I am against you, but if you beat me, and I rather guess you will, it will be all right, for I will then go with you.

EXCITEMENT IN A HOTEL—ALMOST A TRAGEDY.—The Richmond *Enquirer* says: "We learn that yesterday morning the parlor of one of the hotels down town was the theatre of a most exciting scene, which came very near terminating in a bloody tragedy: The wife of a boarder had discovered in her husband's pocket a letter from another woman, which indicated that their relations were not of the character to be borne with by a wife. While she was talking over the matter with the landlady it was announced that there was a lady in the parlor who desired to see her husband. She went down, and there found the lady who had written the note. They soon discovered their relative positions, and a terrible encounter took place. The husband intefered, but only made matters worse, as each thought herself the most deeply wronged. A crowd was collected from the street in the house by the noise, and the excitement reached its climax when both ladies drew pistols and seemed bent on shooting one another, themselves, and the husband, who had taken a seat and quietly given up all as lost. The interference of outsiders alone prevented bloodshed. The sequel of this affair will probably be told in another, and, it may be, a more tragic chapter."

The Boston Traveller says: "Some of the officers and soldiers of the rebel army have long since acknowledged their error, and by their words, their acts and their votes, given evidence of their adherence to the Union, and their satisfaction over the results of the war. Prominent among these is Gen. Longstreet, who has held office under the Government, with the assent and approval of many of the truest and best of the supporters of the Union during the war. But very few rebels of lower rank have been placed in office by the General Government." Very true; but, then, you must remember that very few rebels of lower rank are, like Gen. Longstreet, related to the Grant-Dent family. You can't expect rebels of any rank to be appointed to office by the General Government when it is so very difficult for even the truly loyal to obtain appointments unless they are related to that family in some way.

NEGRO CADET SMITH AGAIN.—A Washington telegram to the *World* says: The trouble is not entirely over with the celebrated negro cadet Smith yet. It seems that when the second cadet of this color, who was appointed early in the present summer, was sent to West Point he was placed under the charge of Smith, who was to initiate the new comer into the mysteries of his position. Charges are now brought against Smith to the effect that he is hard, tyrannical, and overbearing, and that he treats his protege with a genuine savage cruelty. In several instances the officers of the institution have been obliged to reprimand Smith severely for his inexcusable conduct. The new negro cadet is said to be very popular with his white associates, and to be extremely gracious and affable in his address.

A New York *Herald* "interviewer" reports that Gen. Grant, in a conversation recently, pronounced the New Orleans scandal "a muddle," the New York riots destructive to the Democracy of that State, the Republican split in the same State a mere spoils scramble, and which would produce no division at the polls, while upon the Corean affair he could not give an enlightened opinion until after a perusal of Admiral Rogers's dispatches. General Grant don't make speeches, but, according to these interviewers, he "talks." He had better follow his rule in the speech-making line. He has not yet figured to any advantage in an "interview."—*Alexandria Gazette.*

Sixteen States and Territories will hold elections during the coming fall. California will elect State officers and Wyoming Legislators on the 5th of September. On the 11th of the same month Maine will elect a Goveruor and New Mexico a delegate to Congress. Texas elects her Congressmen on the 3d of October. Pennsylvania will elect two minor State officers, and Ohio and Iowa all their State officers on the 10th of October. November 7th Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Minnesota and Wisconsin will elect State officers, New Jersey a Governor, Mississippi Legislators and Illinois a Congressman for the State at large.

SALE OF THE WARM SPRINGS.—This celebrated watering place was sold at public auction, on the 21st inst., for $41,000. The following parties becoming the purchasers for the entire property—viz., W. C. Carrington, S. C. Tardy, John L. Eubank, Rev. R. H. Phillips, and C. M. Reynolds. The gentlemen abovenamed are well-known Virginians, and the Warm Springs Valley, under their management, will soon become a lively and attractive place of resort. There are present on the grounds to-day about four or five hundred persons. Col. Eubank will continue the management of the Springs during this season.

Harman & Co., the up-Valley stage owners, have retaliated on Mr. Kemp, who is managing the opposition line of omnibusses between Harrisonburg and Staunton, by placing a line on the route between Winchester and Hamilton. They are now engaged in stocking the road, and expect to open a lively competition for passengers. As Mr. Kemp is no less experienced and energetic in the stage business than "Mike" himself, the struggle will doubtless be an interesting one—especially to travellers.—*Winchester Times.*

HONOR TO A NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT.—Dr. W. H. Russell, the well-known London *Times* war correspondent, who was in this country during our recent "unpleasantness," and made such a vivid pen and ink picture of the Bull Run retreat, has been decorated by the Emperor William of Germany with the iron cross of the second class and the red ribbon.—This honor was conferred as the reward of his distinguished services as correspondent from the German headquarters during the late Franco-Prussian war.

A SOUTHERN SCENE.—A few days ago, six white men were marched through the streets of Raleigh, N. C., in custody on a charge of participation in a vigilance committee to break up a negro brothel, and of whipping the female keeper. The United States marshal marched at the head of the procession, openly armed and with a cowhide in his hand, while the rear was brought up by a party of negroes in burlesque "Ku-Kluz" disguises.

A NEGRO DESPERADO.—On the 18th inst., Mr. Simon Birdsong, of Southampton, made an attempt to arrest a negro man, Ben. Brown, who had stolen a cart and mule in Norfolk county. The negro seized Mr. B's pistol, and shot him in the ear. Birdsong, recovered the pistol, fired four shots at the then escaping rascal, wounding him in the shoulder, but he got away, leaving the stolen property behind.

The Boston Times declares that Gen. Butler is a "safeguard in which the people of Massachusetts can confide." The people everywhere else declare that he is a blackguard in which nobody can confide.

A FEARFUL CATALOGUE.—It would appear that never before in the history of New York had crime been so rampant nor offenders so bold in their operations as now. The columns of yesterday's papers record one murder and suicide, two attempted murders, a shooting and stabbing affray and one car robbery, besides a long list of minor offenses. The car robber and two would-be murderers are in custody; but, says the Herald, "as they belong to a class who generally manage to elude the laws the attempt to bring them to justice is likely to prove a mere mockery. A sad commentary this upon the effectiveness of our police and prosecuting officers."

MOVING.—Botetourt, as the *Herald* informs us, is making arrangements for the coming Valley Railroad. At a public meeting held in Fincastle, on last Monday, a committee was appointed to meet the corps of the engineers on their arrival in the county, and point out to them the several routes. Another committee was appointed to ascertain the amount of private subscriptions which can be appointed, and the names of such citizens as will give the right of way.

THE CHOLERA.—The cholera is still reported as increasing the number of its victims in Konigsberg, Prussia, and also as having appeared at Dantzig. On all sides preparations are made against the spread of the disease. Among the commendable ideas presented in this connection is that of the Montreal authorities, who, in view of the possible approach of the infection, have distributed disinfectants gratuitously to the inhabitants of that city.

We see that surveys are being made for a line of railway in West Virginia, connecting Fairmont with Charleston, Kanawha. The route is considered feasible, and many advantages to the State are expected from it. The road is to continue from Fairmont to Pittsburgh. The distance by this route from Charleston to Pittsburgh is 240 miles. The route is said to be marked by deposits of iron and coal.

For the Spectator.

A large portion of the citizens of Highland county, met in Convention at the Court-house, on the 25th day of August 1871. Col. Rudolph Turk was called to the chair and Charles P. Jones elected Secretary.

The object of the meeting was explained by Capt. J. W. Myers, on whose motion a committee of three from each township were appointed by the chair, to recommend three suitable persons as delegates, together with a corresponding number of alternates to represent the Conservatives of the county in the State Convention, as follows:

Stonewall.—R. Sitlington, Ewin Devier and Dr. H. H. Jones.

Monterey.—W. D. Gibson, David Stephenson and Job Puffenbarger.

Blue Grass.—B. Hansel, Geo. W. Hevener and Col. Charles Wade.

The committee retired, when the Convention was addressed by A. Stephenson, Esq., and Dr. Balser H. Pullin. The committee upon returning reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

1st. *Resolved*, That this meeting cordially approves the recommendation of the State Conservative committee to hold a Convention of the Conservative party of Virginia on the 31st day of August 1871, and the purpose for which that Convention was called, as expressed by the 3rd resolution of the committee, in meeting assembled in said city, on the 20th day of July last.

2nd. *Resolved*, That this meeting being deeply impressed with the necessity and importance, at this time, of a thorough and efficient organization of the Conservatives of the State as a party, will individually and collectively, abide by and carry out to the best of their ability, any plan of discipline and action, which may be devised by said Convention for the government of the party in the ensuing fall campaign.

The committee also recommended the following delegates and alternates to State Convention who were elected:

Monterey.—W. W. Fleming, delegate; John W. Myers, alternate.

Blue Grass.—D. V. Ruckman, delegate; Charles L. Campbell, alternate.

Stonewall.—R. Sitlington, delegate; J. T. Armstrong, alternate.

On motion Hon. R. T. Daniel was appointed alternate for the county, in the event that none of the delegates attend said Convention.

On motion the Convention adjourned.

R. TURK, Chairman.
CHARLES P. JONES, Secretary.

For the Spectator.

At a meeting of the Conservative voters of the Middle River Township, on motion Judge John Kenney was called to the chair and Dr. J. A. Waddell was chosen Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been explained by the chairman, Mr. Wm. Crawford was nominated by Mr. Charles Grattan to represent this Township in the Conservative Convention to be held at Richmond on the 30th inst., and was elected by the meeting.

Maj. James Walker was put in nomination as alternate by Dr. Waddell, and unanimously elected.

It was then moved by Mr. Grattan that on the event of the failure of the Delegate and Alternate to be present, that Col. John B. Baldwin be requested to represent the Township in the Convention.

On motion of Mr. C. L. Roler the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved 1st. That in the opinion of this meeting, the sole object of the Convention called to meet in Richmond on the 30th inst., is to thoroughly organize the Conservative Party for the defeat of the Radicals in the approaching fall elections, and therefore that it would be injudicious and inexpedient for said Convention to entertain or discuss local or national questions that might have a tendency to produce discord and division in the ranks of the Conservative Party.

Resolved 2nd, That the Delegate and Alternate appointed by this meeting are hereby instructed to vote against the consideration of any question not contemplated in the address of the Executive Committee as calculated to disturb the harmony of the Convention, distract the party and endanger its success at the polls.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JOHN KENNY, Chairman.
J. A. WADDELL, Secretary.

FIGHTING OVER A SWEETHEART.—The Lexington *Gazette* tells the following romantic and sanguinary story:

"The staid and sober community of the New Providence congregation was very much excited on Sunday the 20th inst., over an altercation between two young men near the Church. Taylor Swisher and —— Craig, as we get it, had been paying their *devoirs* to a young lady of the neighborhood, and in their competition for the hand and favor, of the fair one, had allowed their minds to be wrought up to a very high pitch of jealousy to each other. Swisher, it seems had accompanied the lady to Church on Sunday, and after the services were concluded assisted her to mount her horse. Whilst he was getting his horse, Craig watching his opportunity made a swoop at the game and rode off with the young lady, leaving Swisher in the lurch. Undaunted by the situation and enraged at his rival's success, he mounted and charged down upon the retreating couple.—Gaining the side of the lady opposite Craig he prepared to decide the matter *vi et armis.*—Using their riding whips upon each other over the neck of the lady's horse, Swisher drew a knife and cut Craig, making an ugly and serious wound the whole length of his face perpendicularly. The wounded man bled profusely and the excitement over it was for a while intense among the large congregation assembled, it being a communion occasion."

GOAT RAISING IN VIRGINIA.—A number of New Englanders have leased a farm in Powhatan county, Virginia with the intention of devoting it exclusively to the raising of goats. They have made a beginning with 2,000 goats, and expect to increase the number to 20,000.

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—To the parties to the suit of Samuel H. Newbury vs. David A. Bell's adm'rs and als. in the circuit court of Augusta, and all others concerned—

Take notice, that in pursuance of a decree at June term last, in said cause, I shall, on the 20th day of September, 1871, at my office in Staunton proceed to take accounts showing—

1st. Proof of the loss of the negotiable note described in the Bill, and whether the same is a subsisting demand against the estate of said David A. Bell, dec'd.

2nd. All other debts against said decedent.

3rd. A settlement of the accounts of James Bell and William A. Wise, administrators, c. t. a. of David A. Bell, dec'd, showing the assets still in their hands; and

4th. The balance of purchase money due and unpaid from the purchaser of the lands belonging to the estate of said David A. Bell, dec'd.

And at such time all creditors of David A. Bell, dec'd, are required to file legal proof of their claims.

Given under my hand as commissioner of said court this 22nd day of August, 1871.

THOMAS D. RANSON, Com'r.
au29—4t

COMMISSIONER'S SALE of LAND IN HIGHLAND.—By virtue of a decree of the circuit court of Highland county, rendered at its May term, 1871, in the causes of Ruckman, Gibson & Co., and A. J. Bird's adm'r vs. Robert Botkin et als, I will on the

30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1871,

on or near the premises, offer for sale at public auction, the lands belonging to, and on which the said Robert Botkin now resides, lying on Crab-run in said county, to wit: **390, 19** and **25 acres,** on one of which is a comfortable dwelling house. Also any of the personal property conveyed by said Botkin to Devier, trustee, still in said Botkin's possession.

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J. L. SHUMATE, s. h. c.,
au29—4w and commissioner.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—As administrator of James Berry, dec'd, I will offer for sale at public auction, on the railroad, 2 miles West of Craigsville, on Thursday, the 12th day of October, 1871, the personal property belonging to the deceased, consisting in part of horses, milch cows, hogs, sheep, some young cattle, all the household and kitchen furniture, &c. Terms made known on day of sale.

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VALUABLE POCAHONTAS GRAZING AND TIMBER LANDS FOR SALE.—Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, rendered at the June term, 1870, in the case of John S. Crawford against Samuel Lewis, the undersigned, as special Commissioner therein appointed, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in front of the court-house of Pocahontas county, on THURSDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1871, the lands in the bill and proceedings in said cause mentioned.

These lands consist of 1¾ acres near the town of Huntersville, and **1358½** acres on the waters of Elk, Williams' River and Stony creek.

The latter tract embraces some of the finest grazing and timber lands in the county of Pocahontas—is well watered, and offers a good investment to stock-raisers and lumber men.

Terms of sale—Enough cash in hand to pay costs of suit and expenses of sale, and for the balance a credit of 6, 12 and 18 months will be given, the purchaser executing bonds with approved security for the deferred payments, and the title retained until all the purchase money is paid. The above will be sold in tracts to suit purchasers. JOHN M. LIGHTNER,

au22—tds Commissioner.
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VALUABLE POCAHONTAS GRAZING AND TIMBER LANDS FOR SALE.—Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, rendered at the October term, 1870, in the case of James W. Crawford against John S. Crawford's heirs, the undersigned as special commissioner therein appointed, will sell (in tracts to suit purchasers) at public auction to the highest bidder, in front of the court-house of Pocahontas county, on THURSDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1871, the lands in the bill and proceedings in said cause mentioned.

These lands consist of several tracts, amounting in the aggregate to **2,663** acres, situated on the waters of Elk, Williams' River and Stony creek—are among the best grazing lands in the county, well watered, and the unimproved portions finely timbered. They offer a good investment to stock-raisers and lumber men.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE of valuable land.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, rendered on the 17th day of June, 1871, in the suit of Mowry's widow and *als vs.* Mowry's heirs, &c., the undersigned as special commissioner therein named, will proceed to sell at public auction, on the premises, on FRIDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF SEPT., 1871, a valuable tract of land containing **322 acres,** lying about 7 miles East of Staunton, on the New Hope road, it being known as the home farm of Geo. W. Mowry, dec'd, and the same upon which his widow resides.

This is one of the best farms in Augusta county—the land of excellent quality, well watered and enclosed, and in a fine state of cultivation. It has upon it a fine *brick mansion house*, a good barn and all other necessary out-buildings.

Terms of sale—Enough cash in hand to pay costs of sale, and the residue in four equal annual payments from day of sale, the purchaser executing his bonds with approved personal security for the deferred payments, and the title retained as ultimate security.

G. M. COCHRAN, Jr.,
july18—5t Commissioner.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE of valuable Real Estate.—By virtue of a decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, rendered in the case of Carson's creditors vs. Carson and others, the undersigned will proceed on the premises, on FRIDAY, the 22nd day of September, 1871, to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, that valuable farm containing 304 acres, situated about 3 miles South of Greenville in Augusta county, adjoining Martin Miller and others, now owned by the late Adam Shultz, also at the same time and place the undivided interest (being one-half) of James E. Carson, in a tract of land situated near said farm, owned jointly by James E. Carson and R. N. Carson

Terms—So much in hand as will pay the costs of suit and sale, and the remainder in four equal instalments payable, respectively, in one, two, three and four years from the day of sale, with interest from said day of sale, the purchaser giving bonds with approved personal security and the title retained as ultimate security.

Sale at 11 o'clock, A. M.

N. K. TROUT,
JAMES BUMGARDNER, Jr.,
au22—tds Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE of Land. In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Highland county, at its May term, 1871, in the chancery cause of Cameron's administratrix against George W. Lockridge, &c., I will, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of September next, at McClung's mill, on the Bull Pasture river in said county of Highland, proceed to sell a certain tract of land, containing 200 acres, lying on the Bull Pasture River in said county, being the same lot of land assigned to George W. Lockridge by the commissioners in the division of the estate lands of Robert Lockridge, Sen., deceased, and known as lot No. 6 in the second grand division of said lands.

Terms—Cash in hand sufficient to pay costs of sale and the costs of the Rule to re-sell, and the residue in three equal installments of one, two, and three years, the purchaser to execute bonds with good security, and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

W. M. SOMMERS,
au22—tds Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS' Sale of Middle River Land.—By virtue of a decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, on the 3rd day of July, 1871, in the cause of Humbert vs. Crickenbarger, we will, on Saturday, the 16th day of September, 1871, proceed to re-sell the land in the bill and proceedings in the above cause mentioned.

Said tract of land is situated on Middle river in Augusta county, adjoining the lands of Rife, Kerr and others, and contains one hundred and sixty and one-third acres.

Terms of Sale—Cash in hand to pay the costs of suit and sale, and the balance in three equal annual instalments, payable in one, two and three years from day of sale. The purchaser executing bonds with approved security and the title retained as ultimate security.

N. K. TROUT,
ALEX. H. FULTZ,
au22—4w Commissioners.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF LAND.—By direction of the last will of John Lotts, deceased, I will offer at public sale on the