Staunton Spectator.

Conservative Meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPT., 16TH, 1871.

A meeting of the Conservatives of the County of Augusta and the City of Staunton will be held at Staunton, on Saturday, September 16th, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of selecting a committee of two from each Township and Ward, and a Superintendent for the County and City, according to the plan of organization prescribed by the State Convention.

The attention of Conservative voters is earnestly called to the importance of this meeting, upon whose action depends the entire machinery of County and City organization.

The voters are expressly warned that if they fail now to attend and see that the matter is fairly and properly started, it will be absurd and useless to complain hereafter. They will find it is true in politics as in everything else, that while the slothful grumble the vigilant govern.

JOHN B. BALDWIN.
County and City Superintendent.

City papers copy.

Pay your subscriptions in advance, and make *fifty per cent.* on your investment.

There will be a tournament, gander-pulling, blind wheel-barrow race, Fancy Ball, &c., at the Stribling Springs, on next Thursday, the 7th instant.

PERSONAL.—Ex-Gov. Johnson is now on a visit to Mr. Jno. A. English, of this place, where he will remain for several weeks, and would be pleased to see his friends.

Mr. W. W. Peaco, who lives about three miles from this place, will accept our thanks for a box of most luscious grapes. The box in which the grapes were put up was of his own manufacture, and is equal, if not superior to any of the Northern made boxes.

John Pilson, son of Matthew Pilson, Esq., of this county, died at the Red Sulphur Springs, W. Va., last Wednesday. His body was brought to this county for interment. Mr. Pilson was a worthy young man and leaves many friends who will mourn his loss.

THE MARKET HOUSE, which has been undergoing repairs for several weeks past, is now open. It was opened to the public for the first time this morning. We trust it will be well supplied with meats, vegetables, &c., and that in a short time Staunton will afford a market equal to any of the markets in the larger cities.

An Excursion train will leave Staunton to-day at 1:15 P. M., and arrive in Richmond at 8:39 P. M. Round trip tickets, good until the 11th instant, only $4.00. Persons desiring to attend the Pomological exhibition, or having business in Richmond, would do well to embrace this opportunity.

Mr. Douglas Webb, of Appomattox county, died at the residence of Mr. Geo. Harlan, in this place, on last Sunday evening. He had been employed on the western end of the C. & O. R. R., where he was taken sick about five weeks ago. Soon after he was taken sick he started for his home in Appomattox, but on arriving at this place he was so ill that he could not proceed farther. He was taken to the residence of Mr. Harlan, where he was kindly cared for until death put an end to his sufferings.

DARING INCENDIARISM.—On last Friday night, 1st instant, the barn of Mr. Chas. S. Patterson, on South River, was destroyed by fire. On Saturday morning a negro boy by the name of Wm. Brown, was arrested and taken before K. B. Koiner, Justice of the Peace, who committed him to jail on suspicion of having been guilty of the burning. The loss of Mr. Patterson is estimated at about $1,200.

We might give other particulars but forbear, as the case will be legally investigated.

Daniel Wine, of Long Glade, in this county, exchanged the farm on which —— Shank lately lived, formerly a part of "Egypt," a farm well known as the residence of the late Abram Smith, with Conrad Sanger, of Muddy Creek. He exchanged on the same day (Saturday last) the Sanger farm, with his brother-in-law, Miletus G. Jones, for his farm, lying near Emmanuel Church, in this county. Mr. Shank expects to find a home in Missouri, whither one of his sons, one of Mr. Wine's, and one of Mr. Jones' have gone.

FINE BLACKING.—Mr. Geo. W. Fuller, of this place, has left at our office a box of blacking, of his own manufacture, which we find to be of a very superior quality. It requires a less quantity, is applied in less time, and produces a more bailliant and durable polish than any other blacking which we have ever tried. Mr. Fuller contemplates manufacturing this article on a large scale for the wholesale trade, and proposes to supply retail dealers at as low, if not a little lower than they can procure the best standard blacking. We are glad to see enterprises of this kind springing up in our midst, and wish Mr. F. the greatest success.

At a meeting held in Monterey, Highland county, on the 25th ult., the following gentlemen were appointed delegates to represent that county in a Railroad meeting to be held in Franklin, Pendleton county, on the 11th inst.:

J. K. Campbell, A. Stephenson, B. Hansel, Wm. Hevener, John Waybright, B. B. Campbell, Paul Lightner, John M. Rexrode, D. V. Ruckman, Jonn Trimble, W. D. Gibson, John M. Myers, Judge J. M. Seig, L. H. Stephenson, C. P. Jones, Job Puffenbarger, Jas M. Terry, W. W. Fleming, J. Siron, J. J. Armstrong, Jos. Layne, Ro. Sitlington, S. A. Wilson, Wm. Vance, Dr. H. H. Jones, B. J Hook.

On motion, the Chairman and Secretary of the meeting—R. Turk and J. C. Matheny—were added to the delegation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING.—The Southern M. E. Sunday School of this place, held their second quarterly meeting in their church, on last Sunday night. The exercises were all very interesting, consisting of singing, prayer, reading reports, and an address by the Rev. A. M. Peterson, of Clay Street Church, Richmond.

Mr. Peterson's address was one of the most pungent, stirring, and beautiful addresses to which it has ever been our pleasure to listen.—His assaults upon many of the fashionable follies of the present day, were completely overwhelming, and must have been convincing to the most stubborn will; and his illustrations were pointed and comprehensible.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND. Our readers interested in the study of medicine will observe the announcement of this favorite institution, situated in the most healthy and beautiful Southern city, and offering every facility to those who wish to engage in the practice of medicine. The Hospitals and dispensaries at Richmond are thrown open to the faculty, and the student can have ample opportunity to observe disease at the bedside, and become familiar with the treatment adapted to our climate.

The faculty, with great liberality, offer to deserving young men without sufficient means, an opportunity to obtain a medical education by applying to the Dean, who will make all necessary arrangements. We hope that our Southern youth will not fail to appreciate this home institution and give it a liberal patronage.

SNAKES.—A correspondent, writing from Highland county, says, "that Jno. Eakle, quite an old gentleman, of that county, was bitten in the hand by a copperhead snake, on Saturday, the 26th ult. It seems that Mr. E. was hunting for a small chicken which had escaped from its coop, and in running his hand under a bunch of weeds, was struck by the snake. His physician thinks his recovery doubtful.

We have heard of more rattlesnakes, copperheads, &c., being seen and killed this season than ever before in the same length of time, but snake *tales* are rather dangerous to deal in."

Our correspondent also says that he saw an account in the Richmond *Dispatch*, of a Miss Kincaid, of his county, having been bitten by a rattlesnake, and that she had died from its effects. A little daughter of Mr. D. G. Kincaid, of Jackson's River, was bitten about that time, but she is now alive and well.

FATAL ACCIDENT!

TWO MEN BURIED ALIVE IN A WELL FIFTY-TWO FEET FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH!!

On last Wednesday evening, about 6 o'clock, two colored men, Handy Harrison and Jordan Steele, were imbedded in the bottom of a well, which they were engaged in digging on the property of Mrs. Linn, in this place. At the time the side of the well caved in Jordan Steele was in a stooping position, and was covered to the shoulders in a thick clay mud, whilst Harrison was imbedded to the waist, thus rendering it impossible for either of them to move.

The alarm was immediately given, and many persons hastened to the place to render what assistance they could to the two unfortunate men. But it was soon discovered that any attempt to succor them would be attended with loss of life. Nevertheless, Adolph Dorsey, (colored) the undertaker of the well, determined to descend and extricate them if possible, but, alas! the fears of the spectators were only too well founded, for he had scarcely reached the bottom when the side caved in again, entirely covering him beneath a mass of earth, thus heroically losing his own life whilst striving to save that of others. After this fatal result of Dorsey's efforts, none could be found to risk a descent to the assistance of Harrison and Steele who were still alive; until, at length, Curtis Grayson volunteered to go down, and, having fastened a rope under Harrison's arms, he was drawn up, but it was very painful to the poor fellow as he uttered many cries and asked to be let alone, saying that he would rather die than suffer the pain of being drawn out; but his cries were not heeded and he was slowly drawn up. Just before reaching the top the rope slipped from under his arms, and he would have fallen back into the well, but fortunately the rope fastened around one of his wrists and he was saved. Grayson again descended to assist Steele, but he refused to be drawn out, and would not let Grayson fasten the rope around him. Mr. Wm. Smith then descended and reported that he would have to be dug out, that he was so deeply imbedded it would be dangerous to attempt to pull him out. Then Mr. Karicofe, a regular well-digger descended; he also said that he must be dug out. Spades and shovels were then procured and Mr. Karicofe proceeded to dig arouud him, but he had scarcely commenced before he discovered signs that the side was about to cave in again. He asked to be drawn out quickly, and had just reached the top, when sure enough, the side caved in again with a heavy rumbling sound. This last fall of earth entirely covered Steele, and he must have perished in a short time. Up to that time he had been talking, and giving directions as to the disposal of his affairs. By this time night was approaching and nothing more could be done to recover the bodies of these two unfortunate men. Lights could not be used in the well for they were extinguished by the draft of air which rushed in from what is supposed to be a cavern opened by the caving in of the side of the well.

On the next day unceasing efforts were made by the Chief of Police, Mr. J. T. Parrent, to procure some one to undertake the job of digging out the bodies, but were for a long time unsuccessful. At length, however, they succeeded in obtaining two colored men to undertake the dangerous task for seventy-five dollars, which was offered by the city council. They immediately began work and towards evening succeeded in recovering the body of Dorsey, but they were unable, that evening to find the body of Steele. On the next day. (Friday) when they descended into the well, they found that another large mass of earth had fallen during the night, but after several hours work they succeeded in finding the body of Steele. On Friday evening their remains were attended by a large concourse of citizens to their last resting place. Adolphus Dorsey, who lost his life in the effort to save those of his employers, leaves a wife and three children, who are fit subjects for the sympathy and charities of the people of Staunton.

STAUNTON, VA., Sept. 1st, 1871.

A meeting was held in the African Methodist E. church, to take into consideration the action of the Council, and the community in general, in rescuing the remains of the men who were buried in the well, at which time the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Rev. W. B. Derrick, which were received and adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, Our peaceful community has been called upon to mourn the loss of two of the citizens of color, whilst in the performance of their duty, in the capacity of common laborers; the stroke of Death was felt by the falling of an embankment of earth, burying two of our fellow-townsmen beneath its awful pressure. And whereas, all efforts made by the friends in rescuing the unfortunates from their perilous condition, proved to accomplish nothing—the municipal authorities came promptly to our aid, exhibiting the spirit of philanthropists, in offering $75. for the recovery of the victims who were beneath said embankment; and, whereas, the white citizens in general seem to sympathize with us in our bereavement—

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the decree of an All-wise Being in thus removing from our midst two of our fellow-townsmen by the stroke of Death.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the members of the City Council for the impartial manner in which the sum of $75. was offered; also the spirit that was manifested by all the members that were present for the recovery of the remains of the victims; also to the Town Sergeant for his untiring effort in securing a decent burial of the deceased, and to the community of whites in general.

Resolved, That we as colored citizens are constrained to believe that from the spirit manifested by the citizens in general there is an esteem for us as a people in this community, that cannot be surpassed in any portion of our beloved State—an esteem of friendliness—and that we will return the same, not in gold, but by an adherence to the laws of the land, which will make peaceful and respectable citizens.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives, together with the assurance that we sorrow with them in this sad dispensation of Providence.

City papers and Richmond Dispatch please copy.

In the account published last week of the difficulty at New Providence Church, between Taylor Swisher and Alexander Craig, which was taken from the Lexington *Gazette*, there were some inaccuracies. The following are the facts as elicited at the examining trial, held before Justices Walker and Jones, as related to us by a friend of Mr. Craig: Craig and Swisher were at the house of the lady on Saturday evening; Craig asked permission to accompany her to church on Sunday—stating at the same time that he did not wish to interfere with any arrangements Mr. Swisher had made, if any. She replied that he (Craig) could accompany her.—On Sunday all three started to church together, and Craig, not wishing to have any difficulty, allowed them to precede him. When services at church were concluded Swisher went with her to the stile, and found Craig there. She then told Swisher not to go home with her as Mr. Craig was going. She and Mr. C. then started off together; Swisher mounted and started after, and when he overtook them struck Mr. C. with a cowhide. Mr. C. told him not to strike or he would strike back. After going a short distance further Swisher took out his knife and cut Craig in the face.

Since the date of the occurrence Mr. Swisher has been arrested and tried before Justices Walker and Jones, who required him to give bond in the sum of $1,000, to appear at the next term of the County Court.

SURGERY.—Dr. A. M. Henkel, of this place, has in his possession a tumor, weighing four pounds and one ounce, which he removed from the back of the neck of Mrs. Minor, wife of Albert Minor, of Highland county, on the 26th of July last. During the past year the tumor had grown so rapidly, and had become so large that it interfered with Mrs. M's breathing. It has been over a month since the operation was performed and she is doing well, and there is every prospect of her recovering entirely.

The new steam railroad brake has been tested. The Pacific railroad train of cars, going 45 miles an hour, on a down grade of forty feet to the mile, were stopped within a thousand feet, in 32 seconds.

STAUNTON, August 31st, 1871.

At a meeting of the School Trustees of the county, held in Staunton, August 28th, 1871, on motion M. R. Coalter was appointed Secretary. A vote was taken on the adoption of a Dictionary for use in the public schools, which resulted in the selection of Webster's Dictionary by a vote of 11 to 1.

On motion it was determined that all the public schools (outside of Staunton) shall begin the 1st of November. Any one, however, wishing to teach a ten month's session may begin a private school in September, and have it converted into a public school the 1st of November, and continue it as such for five months.

It was also resolved that each district Board shall appoint one or two physicians in the district, whose duty it shall be to procure a supply of vaccine matter and vaccinate every child that applies.

It was further resolved that the trustees shall hereafter meet regularly the first day of every monthly court in Staunton, to confer upon school matters.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. E. GUY, Co. Supt. Schools.
M. R. COALTER, Secretary.

No child will be admitted to any of the public schools in the county next session, unless supplied with the text books he needs out of the following list:

McGuffey's Spellers and Readers; Davies' Arithmetics; Guyot's Geography; Harvey's Grammar; Spencer's Writing Series, and Webster's Dictionary. Except that "when pupils arranged in classes of proper size have previously made considerable progress in text books on Geography or English Grammar, other than those prescribed and selected for general use, the board of school trustees may authorize teachers in such cases only to continue to use such books * * * until such pupils shall have completed these studies."

Children of parents, really indigent, will be supplied with text-books by the district boards. The above books will be used for three years.

Physicians appointed as vaccine agents will look to the parties vaccinated for pay. It is suggested that said physicians appoint a day to meet the children of each neighborhood at their school house and vaccinate them.

Dr. A. M. Fauntleroy will act as agent in Staunton and will soon be ready to furnish county physicians with pure virus. J. E. G.

Vindicator please copy.

Conservative Mass Meeting.

On last Thursday night, after the adjournment of the Conservative Convention, there was a grand mass-meeting held at the Assembly Hall, Richmond.

The meeting was called to order by Gen. P. T. Moore, on whose motion Mayor Keiley was appointed chairman.

Speeches were made by Messrs. W. W. Walker, Esq., of Westmoreland; "Extra Billy" Smith, "Billy" Gilmer, and Hon. John B. Baldwin. The following is the Richmond *Whig's* report of Col. Baldwin's remarks:

He said a long time had elapsed since he had undertaken to address the people of Richmond on any political question. He wished it distinctly understood that he was not a politician. He had quit politics. He was one of that class that was not considered fit to hold office, State or Federal, and he didn't intend to ask any one to relieve him of that disability.

Mr. B. referred to the lamentable condition of Virginia at the close of the war. On every hand despair was presented to the people.—They looked around them for sympathy. They looked naturally to the government at Washington for some measure of relief. They knew, of course that they had attempted the overthrow of that Government, but they also knew that the history of all civilized nations showed that the vanquished invariably received the sympathy of the victors. He then recapitulated the vindictive legislation of Congress, and of the manifestations of hostility and bitterness against the South in all parts of the North. Mr. B. discussed the subject thus presented in its various phases. He also denounced the carpet-baggers. Sheridan threatened in his raid down the Shenandoah Valley that he would make the country so desolate that a buzzard flying across it would have to carry a carpet-bag. From that day to this the flight of such buzzards has continued. The carpet baggers are lineal descendants of the man who asked why the ointment and spikenard was not sold, and the money given to the poor. That man did not care for the poor—not he, for it is recorded that he was a "thief," and "held the bag." It was a serious thing when we reflect that a great party having control of the government should have sent down upon us such a set of men.

Mr. B. said he had been an old-line Whig, of the straightest sect. He was now a Conservative. A Conservative, as he understood it, was one who was ready to take that which is most attainable, and not the most imaginable—one who "accepts the situation." He was not a chronic conspirator against the government. He had done his best to burst it wide open, but now he acknowledged the government as his government, and would do what he could to improve its administration and rid it of the curse of Radicalism, which is bringing it into disgrace. That is what he understood to be the opposition of the Conservatives in Virginia.

Our first duty is to rid the State of Radicalism. Hereafter he would ally himself with any national party that would help us. He did not care what the name of that party might be. He was not afraid of names, and to secure the deliverance of the country he would as soon be called a Democrat or Locofoco as anything else.

Mr. B. closed with an earnest appeal to the Conservatives to make a good fight in the approaching contest.

The Radical papers at the North are assailing Gen. Hancock on the ground that he is a favorite at the South. Says one of them:

"The Southern Democracy, including some of the fussiest of the fire-eaters, are largely in favor of Gen. Hancock as the National Democratic candidate. Even the fiery Toombs will accept Hancock."

This shows that if the South takes any part in a National Convention, and supports the ticket nominated, the fact will be used as an argument against that ticket. We would flank that trick by abstaining from participation in the nomination and reserving our fire for the election.—*Whig.*

Senator Scott, the Chairman of the Ku-Klux Committee, has made representations to Gen. Grant in respect to alleged outrages in South Carolina. He states that these outrages are of constant occurrence, and that the State authorities are unable to deal with them. He urged the necessity of enforcing the Ku-Klux law in that State, and Gen. Grant has consented to issue a proclamation preliminary to a declaration of martial law.

A tornado has swept over the Island of St. Thomas, overturning every house and laying the place in ruins. The Island of St. Kitts is also said to have been swept into ruin by the tornado.

The prospects of our University and V. M. Institute for the next session are said to be more flattering than usual. We hear of more enquiries for places to board and lodge than we have known for several sessions.—*Virginia Gazette.*

The Cincinnati Enquirer says: "It is currently reported that Senator Sherman, during his recent visit to Cincinnati, had an interview with Mayor Davis, and secured a pledge from him not to enforce the Sunday laws until after the election. 'Come in off the road, John, and play your marbles in the back yard; 'tis Sunday.' 'But, mother, isn't it Sunday in the back yard?' 'There is to be no Sunday in the back yard until after the election.'"

Married.

In Washington, D. C., on the 29th of August, by Rev. A. W. Pitzer, Mr. MILLARD FILLMORE BROWN and Miss MARY CORNELIA WISE—both of Alleghany county.

Greenbrier Independent please copy.

Deaths.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., near Greenville, AMANDA, daughter of the late Wm. Steele, in the 25th year of her age.

Orders passed by the Board of Education, August 30th, 1871.

Be it ordered by the Board of Education, That under authority given to this Board by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved December 23, 1870, entitled "An Act requiring certain officers to regulate and supervise elections held for school purposes," (see Acts of Assembly, 1870-71, p. 14,) the following regulations shall be observed by the revenue officers of the counties and townships of Virginia in respect to the collection of county and district school taxes, and the compensation of the officers who take part in the collection and disbursements thereof, to wit:

1. In all cases in which other effective provision has been made, it shall be the duty of the county treasurer in each county to proceed forthwith to extend the county and district taxes which have been voted, and to do so either on the land and property books in his possession by ruling additional columns therefor, or in a small blank book obtained for the purpose, and also to make off tickets therefrom, which he shall deliver to the proper township collectors on or before the 15th of September next, and take their receipts for the same.

2. On the receipt of these tickets, the township collectors shall proceed immediately to collect the school taxes, and to make returns to the county treasurer on or before the 1st of December, as by law required in the case of other taxes, retaining as compensation five per centum of the money collected.

3. The county treasurer shall be allowed thirty (30) cents for every hour of labor actually expended in extending the taxes and preparing the tickets, together with cost of necessary stationery and printing. His account shall be presented to the county superintendent of public schools, and if endorsed as correct by him, the treasurer may enter the charges against the county and district funds respectively.

4. Whatever labor in extending the school taxes may have been performed by the assessors shall, if not otherwise provided for, be paid for out of the school funds at the same rate as in the case of the treasurer; and the county superintendent's endorsement of approval on the assessor's account shall be sufficient order on the treasurer for payment.

5. In cases where the county treasurer has collected the school taxes he shall be authorized to retain three per centum of the amount collected, as a compensation for collecting and disbursing the same. In those cases in which he disburses, but has not collected, county or district money, he shall be authorized to retain one and a half per centum on the amount disbursed from either fund.

6. In regard to the disbursement of the State school funds, the power of this Board to fix a compensation being doubtful, the county treasurer may retain one and a half per centum on the amount paid out, as a compensation for his services, provided that in case the next Legislature shall annul this action of the Board, the treasurer shall hold himself officially responsible for the return of the money to the school funds, or for the return of such portion thereof as may be required.

A copy from the minutes.

D. C. LYLE,
Secretary of the Board.

☞ Dr. S. H. Henkel, dentist, will be absent from his office from 1st to 10th of Sept. 1t*

☞ S. M. Wilkes' packers are busy shipping Furniture, Mattresses, Blinds, Pillows, Bolsters, &c., to the country—cheapest house South of Boston. 1t

☞ Everybody buys Furniture from John A. & Y. M. Bickle, who keep constantly on hand the largest and best selected stock in the Valley, such as Walnut, Oak and Painted Suits at Baltimore prices. Parlor Suits in Rep, Hair Cloth, or Terry, at very reduced prices. They have on hand a great variety of cane and wood-seat Chairs, Bedsteads, Washstands, Tables, Bureaus, &c., and, in fact, all other articles usually kept in a first-class furniture store. Their stock can be bought a little cheaper than they can be had in Staunton or elsewhere.

Fisk's Metalic Cases and Caskets always on hand. Undertaking promptly attended to.
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☞ C. L. Weller is selling ladies' Kid Foxed Gaiters for $2.50

☞ C. L. Weller is selling ladies' Lasting Gaiters for $2 and $2 25 jl1

☞ C. L. Weller is selling Men's Brogans for $1.50. jl1

☞ C. L. Weller's stock of Boots and Shoes cannot be surpassed by any house in the city for style, quality and price. jl1

☞ TO THE AFFLICTED.—*Scratch no more!*—Benson's Salalem Broth is warranted to effect a cure of all those annoying diseases, such as Itch, Tetterworm, Ringworm, Poison Oak, Blotches, Pimples, and all eruptions of the Skin, no matter how malignant, or of how long standing.

For sale by all druggists.

Auction Sales.

Commissioners' Sale of a Valuable Naked Creek Farm.—By virtue of a decree rendered on the 30th day of November, 1870, in cause of Shumate vs. David Van Pelt's adm'r and others, pending in the circuit court of Augusta county, we will, on Saturday, the 30th day of September, 1871, proceed upon the premises to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the valuable farm of which the late David Van Pelt died seized and possessed.

Said farm is situated on *Naked Creek* in Augusta county, about one-half mile from the Valley turnpike and Burke's Mill. Has on it a large frame dwelling house, with all the necessary out-buildings, contains one hundred and seventy-seven acres, and is one of the *best and most productive farms* in the county.

Terms—Enough in hand to pay the charges and expenses of sale, and the balance in four equal annual payments, bearing interest from the day of sale, the purchaser executing his bonds for the deferred installments, with approved security and title retained as ultimate security.

DAVID FULTZ,
N. K. TROUT,
JNO. E. ROLLER, } Commissioners.
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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.

Terms for the land—costs of suit and sale cash, and the residue in three equal annual payments from the day of sale, with interest from date; and for the personal property, costs of sale cash, and the balance in 12 months with interest from date. Bonds with good security required for the deferred instalments, and the title to the land retained as ultimate security.

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

All persons having claims against the estate will present them on or before the day of sale, and all persons knowing themselves indebted will come forward and pay up.

au29-4ds D. BASHAW, adm'r.

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.

Mandelbaum & Bro., on Augusta street, are receiving new goods daily which they sell at small profits.

N. B.—All indebted are earnestly requested to call and settle—longer indulgence cannot be given. Hereafter a strict cash business will be done, by which means they will be enabled to sell cheaper than ever.

Mandelbaum & Bro., are selling their stock of Summer Goods at prime cost—call early and secure a bargain.

LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS remaining in the Staunton Post-Office, on the 31st day of August 1871:

LADIES' LIST.

Allen mrs M E
Argabright miss L
Allen miss W J
Bryan miss Clifford 3
Brown mrs Ann
Briant miss C
Brown mrs Nancy
Brown mrs Queen
Brown Queen Ann
Barden miss Isebella
Brooks mrs James
Baily miss Kate A
Bowls miss Virginia
Beard mrs Mary
Brady mrs James
Bryan mrs J D
Cole miss S J
Carey miss Martha 2
Campbell miss Fannie
Culberson miss Ama
Catlette mrs Belle
Creasy miss B H
Denny miss Florence
Davis miss Rebecca
Dier Susan
Faulcomer mrs Bettie
Frager miss Betty
Fishburn miss Dancey
Fatquhon miss Ellen
Fields mrs Emma
Frazer mrs Fannie A
Gilkeson miss Bettie
Graves miss L
Gregerly mrs
Henderson mrs Sarah
Hamilton miss N
Harrish miss M N
Hange mrs
Hill mrs J R
Henry miss J
Harden mrs Ellen
Hopkins mrs C T
Johnson miss S
James mrs E
Jackson mrs Jane
Jackson miss Mandy
Kenney Lavina
Litle mrs M M
Long miss Ella
Leonard miss L E
Lawton mrs Emma
Langtry miss Belle
Miller mrs S D
Miller mrs Nellie
Minor M
Maney miss Mollie 3
Miller miss H
Maupin Fannie 2
Martin mrs Ella
Newmon mrs R
Noper miss F
Parris miss M J
Phillips miss S May
Ragland miss Sally
Richison miss Mag
Robertson miss Bettie 2
Thomas Cally
Tommous miss Falley
Vance miss W E
Woodward miss Ellen
Weane miss Mary
Watson mrs M J
Weeks miss Sallie
Witle mrs S L
Washington miss L
West mrs John
White miss Eliza J
White miss N E
Watson miss Ann
Wilkerson miss Bettie
White miss Sarah
Young Fanry

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Anderson L C
Askew J R
Adams Capt C L
Anderson F T
Amiss S Y
Brown Adam
Brawner S
Brady W H
Breckinridge H A
Brown Alfred
Bell J E
Barbour Aaron
Bosworth E B
Bright D M 2
Boyd Cato
Badger Capt
Baldwin C C
Carroll L L
Cook P S
Coiner M A
Cammeron C J
Carmack C J
Dull C F
Dink W M
Fishburne G W
Farris J N
Gordon Wideie
Garrigon John
Grady Jack
Goins Henry
Green Jas
Grubbs Robt L
Hatese W H
Hair W M
Hays Austin
Hudson Dr R W
Hewit P W
Harris J T
Harris James
Hushour D
Heller C D
Irving Mrs Jane
Jones H
James Isaac 2
Johns J S
Kerr D M
Lamb J
Lyons Chas
Lewis A R
Marshall J W
Mackamer M V
Moore S R
Minrier R C
Mackall Dr L Jr 3
Monroe John
MoormanH
Nuron Jas
Parrish G D
Plato Rev J K
Pryor James
Payere
Quan George
Shelton John G
Smith John H
Smith V
Sutton Lewis
Sites W
Teaford G H 2
Tyler S N
Thompson W S
Withes Wm 3
Wieb Moses
White Wm W
Wine John H
Walker J T 4
Woodson H
Whitnew G
Washington Geo
Wilson D C
Zumbro John

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E. H. SEARS, P. M.

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Debility and Emaciation

Both result from the lack of ability to convert the food into nutriment. How necessary, then, for those suffering from these alarming symptoms to immediately resort to a remedy that will strengthen the stomach and digestive organs.—For, as soon as this desirable object has been accomplished the health improves, and the patient resumes his usual personal appearance. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters have attained a world-wide popularity in such cases, and have been proven the best and safest means of removing constipation, toning the stomach, giving energy to the liver, and relieving every symptom of nervousness and depression of spirits. Its cheering and beneficial effects are highly spoken of by thousands, who owe to it their restoration to health. No restorative in the annals of medicine has attained the same popularity in the short space of time it has been before the public, or has won the high endorsements accorded to this excellent tonic. Many other preparations, purporting to be correctives and restoratives, have been introduced, and have perished one by one, while the popularity of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters continues to increase, and is now recognized as a standard household medicine. The success which attends the use of the Bitters evinces at once its virtues in all cases of debility and disease of the stomach. Certificates, almost without number, have been published, attesting its truly miraculous power in removing those painful and fearful diseases. And at this time it seems idle to do more than call attention to the great remedy of the age, in order to awaken public attention to its excellence. It is the only preparation of the kind that is reliable in all cases, and it is, therefore, worthy of the consideration of the afflicted. au8-1m

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THE LARGEST STOCK THIS SIDE OF BALTIMORE!

HATS & CAPS—a full stock always on hand. Gent's Furnishing Goods, such as shirts, drawers, collars, cravats, socks, handkerchiefs, &c.

GOODS ORDERED ON SHORT NOTICE.

SHIRTS MADE TO ORDER.

All goods not as represented, can be *exchanged or returned.*

☞ I am now receiving my fall and winter stock of goods, and will continue to receive additions to my stock daily, and will sell cheap for cash. *Call and examine.*

JOHN W. ALBY,
No. 15 New street.

Parties owing the old house of Roane & Alby will please call and settle. au22-3t

JORDAN'S Iodine ALUM WATER!

From Jordan's Springs, Alleghany county, Va., for the cure of

Dyspepsia, in its various forms! Chronic Diarrhœa, Scrofula, all Diseases of the Skin, Leucorrhœa, Amenorrhœa, Anemia, Diseases of the Bladder, Ulcerations wherever found.

Dr B. P. REESE & CO.,
opposite Spectator office, Staunton, Va., agents for the Valley. au22

CHEAP WALL PAPERS.—We are selling our stock of Wall Paper at *reduced prices*, to make room for Fall stock.

HUNTER & CO'S,
Booksellers.

ANOTHER NEW SUPPLY OF BLANK AND MEMORANDUM BOOKS—a very complete stock, at

HUNTER & CO.'S.

FRUIT JARS!—½ gal. and ¾ gal. Protector Jars, either by the dozen or gross, to which we call the attention of merchants, as we can offer inducements to purchase here.

au29 BAKER BROS.

CO. SYRUP of the Phosphites,
English Female Bitters,
DeBings' Viafuga,
DeBings' Pile Remedy,
Staffords' Olive Tar,
Forrests' Juniper Tar, at
Dr. WAYT & BRO.'s
jan8 Drug store.

THE MATTRESS AND CANE CHAIR SHOPS of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution are again opened, and persons wishing work done will apply to

A. N. BRECKINRIDGE,
au8-3m Steward.

HYDRATE CHLORAL, Hydrastin, Podophylin, Leptandin, Iridin, Boudoult's French Pepsin, Purified Opium, Sweet Quinine, and Lactic Acid, at Dr. WAYT & BRO.'S
mar22 Drug store.

EXTRA SUGAR-CURED BANNER HAMS, Sides, Breasts and Shoulders.—White Drips and Bartol's Syrups; Chewing and Smoking Tobacco; Family, Extra and Superfine Flour; Coffees, Teas, Sugars, &c.

J. W. TODD & CO.,
Burwell Corner.

CARBOLIC TROCHES for Coughs, Colds, and Sore Throat,
Carbolic Toilet Soap—a superior article for chapped hands at
Dr. WAYT & BRO.'S drug store.

Mandelbaum & Bro. have received a nice line of Black Cloth Suits for wedding purposes, which they are selling cheap.

Richmond Markets.

REPORTED BY P. B. & P. A. SUBLETT.

FLOUR — Family	$8 50@	00
FLOUR — Extra	7 50@	0 00
FLOUR — Superfine	7 25@	0 00
WHEAT — White	1 50@	
WHEAT — Red	1 50@	
CORN — White	81@	
CORN — Yellow	81@	
CORN — Mixed	81@	
OATS	47@	
FLAXSEED	1 75@	
TIMOTHYSEED	4 50@	0 00
BEES WAX	35@	40
EGGS	14@	
POTATOES—Irish	1 00@	00
BUTTER—Prime	25@	
BUTTER—Common grade	12@	
BACON—Hog round	11@	
LARD	13@	
PEAS—Black eye	000@	
HAY—Timothy	1 20@	

Baltimore Cattle Market.

Old cows and scalawags	$0.00@$0.00
Ordinary thin steers, oxen & cows	3.50@ 3 75
Common to good stock cattle	4.25@ 4.75
Fair quality of beeves	4 75@ 6 00
Very best beeves	6.00@ 6.50

SHEEP—good fat—3¼a6 cts per lb.
HOGS—$6.50a$7.00 per 100 lbs.

Staunton Prices Current.

Corrected by C. A. Richardson, Flour Merchant.

WHOLESALE PRICES

FLOUR — Fine	$5 00@	$5 00
FLOUR — Superfine	5 75@	5 90
FLOUR — Extra	6 52@	6 30
FLOUR — Family	6 75@	6 90
WHEAT, Red	1 25@	1 30
WHEAT, White	1 40@	1 50
CORN, Yellow	0 65@	0 68
CORN, White	0 68@	0 70
OATS	0 35@	0 40
RYE	0 65@	0 00
LARD	0 12@	0 00
BACON, Hog round	10½@	0 11
BACON, Sides	0 11	0 00
BACON, Shoulders	0 10	0 00
BACON, Hams	0 13	0 14
BUTTER	0 20@	0 25
EGGS	0 12@	0 14
MEAL	0 70@	0 75
SALT, American	3 00@	0 00
SALT, Liverpool	3 00	3 25
SUGAR, Brown	0 10@	0 12
SUGAR, Coffee	0 14@	0 15
SUGAR, Crushed	0 16	0 17
SUGAR, Puiverized	0 17	0 00
SUGAR, Granulated	0 17	0 00
COFFEE, Rio		18a25c
COFFEE, Laguyra		25a00c
COFFEE, Java		30c
TEAS, Black	1 50@	1 75
TEAS, Green	2 00@	2 25
TEAS, Japan	1 50	1 75
TEAS, Gunpowder	2 00	2 50
MOLASSES	0 45@	0 75
SYRUP	0 60	1 00
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