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Will practice in the Courts of Augusta. Special attention given to collecting.
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Ladies will find a private room where they can consult him at all times.
Patients while under treatment can procure board in his family.
june 20—6m

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Practice regularly in the Courts of Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas and Nicholas counties, W. Va., the Court of Appeals, and the Federal Courts for the District of W. Va.
☞ Particular attention paid to Collections and to special cases anywhere in their State.
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ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
STAUNTON, VA.,
Will practice in all the Courts holden in Augusta county. jan4—tf

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DENTIST,
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oct7 N. B. HENDRY.

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CORNER MAIN AND AUGUSTA STREETS,
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Begs leave to state that he has always on hand a large and well selected stock of
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His stock embraces everything usually found in a first class grocery, of which he would only mention the following:

SUGAR,	BACON,
COFFEES,	LARD,
BUTTER,	TEAS,
MOLASSES,	EGGS,
SYRUPS,	RICE,

FLOUR,
CHEESE,
BROOMS,
LEATHER,
COTTON YARNS,
&c. &c.
He is determined to give satisfaction to all who may need anything in his line of business, and would ask all those who have not tried him, to do so before purchasing elsewhere.
☞ Special attention given to the purchase of Flour for family use.
He would express many thanks to his friends for the liberal patronage heretofore extended him, and would ask a continuance of the same.
☞ Remember the place for CHEAP GROCERIES—new Brick Building—corner Main and Augusta streets, Staunton, Va.
N. B.—**Mr. James T. Byers** is with him and will be glad to see his friends.
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POWERS & PRITCHARD,
GRAIN AND PRODUCE
Commission Merchants,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.
All of our friends, and the public generally, who desire good cash prices for Flour, Grain and other Produce, will find it to their advantage to ship to our Richmond House—L. POWERS, 1540 Main street, Richmond, Va. Advances made on consignments if required.
We keep on hand in our large, roomy store, nearly opposite the Post-office, a full supply of all kinds of Groceries. Call and see us.
se12-4m POWERS & PRITCHARD.

JAMES T. BYERS. HENRY E. SUMMERSON.
BYERS & SUMMERSON,
DEALERS IN
Family Groceries, Country Produce,
FINE CIGARS,
Chewing and Smoking Tobaccos, &c.
We have opened a new and full stock in the *room opposite the Court-House* recently occupied by N. A. Baylor & Co., and it will be our aim to keep constantly on hand a choice selection of goods in our line. A call is solicited.—We feel confident we can please.
We have a full line of all the different brands of both CHEWING and SMOKING TOBACCOS, and every style and grade of *CIGARS.*
Wanted—for Cash.—FLOUR, GRAIN, BACON, &c.
au25-6m BYERS & SUMMERSON.

JAMES H. BLACKLEY,
(late of Powell & Blackley)
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCER
AND PRODUCE DEALER,
has opened a new and full stock in the large, airy and nice room, directly opposite the Court-house, Staunton, Va., and will endeavor to keep constantly on hand a choice selection of goods in his line, and to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage. Particular attention will be paid to Flour, Grain, Feed and Provisions.
Wanted—for Cash—
FLOUR, GRAIN, BACON.
au8-tf JAMES H. BLACKLEY.

Wheat Fan!—We have a No. 1 wheat Fan, such as we have been using several years, and know to be a first rate article—for sale at moderate figures.
au8-tf BAKER BROS.

ROPE, Rope.—All sizes for wells, and hay forks for sale, and cheap, at
au8 BAKER BROS

Seed Wheat! Seed Wheat.—A lot of *very superior* Deihl white wheat at
au8 BAKER BROS.

Coffees! Coffees.—We have in store, a lot of Rio Coffee, from good to choice, which we can offer to country merchants at such figures as must attract, and induce them to buy. Consult your interest and look, before buying, at
au8 BAKER BROS.

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE paid for Flour and Grain, by J. W. UTLEY & CO., corner of Augusta and Frederick streets
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TEAS! TEAS!—A prime lot of fresh teas, viz:
No. 1 Gunpowder Tea,
No. 2 Gunpowder Tea,
Japan Tea,
Black Tea, just received and for sale at
RICHARDSON.

FRUIT JARS!—½ gal and ¼ 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.

CHEESE.—Young America, Pine Apple, and N. Y. State Cutting Cheese on hand and for sale by CHARLES C. WHEAT.

FLOUR! FLOUR!—A choice supply of flour always on hand for family use. All grades and brands kept at
RICHARDSON'S.

SUGARS, Coffees, Syrups and all kinds of groceries at the very lowest price, by
RICHARDSON, Augusta street.

IT is a duty that you owe yourself and family to buy your provisions as cheap as possible for the cash—so go to RICHARDSON,
mar30 Augusta street.

P. B. HOGE & BRO.,
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Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Groceries, Produce and Fertilizers.
Highest market price in CASH paid for FLOUR, WHEAT, RYE, OATS, CORN, &c.
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BAKER'S CHOCOLATE, Cox's Gelatine, Vanilla and Lemon Extracts, Paraffine Wax Candles, for sale, by
CHARLES C. WHEAT,
corner Main and Augusta streets.

Groceries, &c.

C. A. RICHARDSON,
(late of Richardson & Wheat),
New Building, Augusta Street,
immediately opposite Spitler & Hunter, and next door to Valley Virginian office,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.
Having again gone into the Grocery business, in connection with my Flour and Produce trade, I can sell choice **Family Groceries** cheaper than they can be bought in the town.
Having purchased a stock of Staple Groceries at the lowest cash rates, I will sell them upon a small profit.
My present stock consists in part of the following choice and selected goods:

SALT,	EGGS,
RICE,	LARD,
SUGARS,	TEAS,
SYRUPS,	FISH,
CHEESE,	BACON,
COFFEES,	BUTTER,
MOLASSES,	
MEAL,	FLOUR,
BUCKETS,	SOAPS,
TOBACCOS,	SPICES,
COTTON YARNS,	BROOMS,
ESSENCES, &c.	

I am determined to sell at the lowest CASH RATES. My motto is *quick sales and small profits* All goods sold are warranted in every respect as represented.
Satisfaction will be rendered to one and all—do not fail to call and see me.
I make a specialty of FLOUR—BUYING and SELLING all brands and grades—a choice stock of flour always on hand for family use. All flour sold warranted as represented.
I tender my thanks to all my friends and patrons who have stood by me so continually and well for the past five years. I tell them now that I am started again and will deal with them as fairly and as liberally as ever. Come one—come all, and give me a trial again.
☞ Be sure to remember the place for the *cheapest groceries*—new brick building on Augusta street, next door to the Valley Virginian office, and immediately opposite Spitler & Hunter and H. A. Glenn & Co.
N. B.—I am not on the corner of Main and Augusta streets as formerly, but in the rear part of the new building, in the store room recently occupied by Messrs. P. B. & P. A. Sublett.
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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.
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FOR Office and Counting-room Waste Paper Baskets, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For India Rubber and Cocoa Foot Mats, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Dried Beef and Beef Tongues, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Salmon, Halibut, Codfish and Scotch Herring, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Prime 2 year old Vinegar, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Sardines, Chow-Chow and Cauliflower, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Key Baskets, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.

TEAS.—Prime Gunpowder, Imperial English Breakfast and Japan Teas for sale by CHARLES C. WHEAT,
Corner Main and Augusta streets

FISH,—No. 1 Potomac new net Herring,
No. 1 " " gross herring,
Nos. 2 and 3 Mackarel—all warranted and for sale by CHAS. C. WHEAT

NONPAREIL Pickling Vinegar a prime article at RICHARDSON'S.

Richmond Advertisements.

FALL WHOLESALE TRADE, 1871
FANCY GOODS, WHITE GOODS, NOTIONS, HOSIERY &c.
VALENTINE & FRANKLIN,
RICHMOND, VA.,
Importers and wholesale dealers,
offer to the Trade this Fall, one of the largest and most complete stocks of goods in their line, of any previous season. Prices guaranteed as low as any Northern market.
VALENTINE & FRANKLIN,
sep12-3m 1208 Main street.

CHARLES L. TODD,
Commission Merchant,
RICHMOND, VA.
Special and *prompt* attention given to the sale of WHEAT,
FLOUR, CORN, OATS,
and all kinds of country produce. Charges light, and quick returns made in every case.
☞ Grain Bags furnished when desired.
Consignments solicited, and liberal advances made by J. W. TODD & CO.,
july11 Burwell corner, Staunton.

WM. D. TOMPKINS, JAS. E. TOMPKINS,
formerly of Albemarle county.
***Established* 1851.**
W. D. TOMPKINS & BRO.,
General Commission Merchants,
11th street and Basin Bank,
RICHMOND, VA.,
for the sale of
TOBACCO, FLOUR, GRAIN, AND PRODUCE GENERALLY.
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WM. H. TYLER S. N. TYLER.
TYLER'S SON & CO.,
(successors to John Tyler & Son)
General Commission Merchants,
No 1210 Cary Street, Richmond,
Give undivided attention to the sale of Country Produce. Liberal advances on Consignments in hand. may9-1yr

THOS. BRANCH & SONS, Petersburg, Va. | BRANCH, SONS & CO., Augusta, Ga.
BRANCH & SONS, Savannah, Ga.
THOS. BRANCH & CO., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 1201, Cary Street, corner Twelfth, (under Corn Exchange,) Richmond, Virginia.—Having transferred our Banking Business to the Merchants' National Bank, of which our Senior is President, we shall confine ourselves to the **Commission Business.**
Consignments of Tobacco, Grain, Flour, &c., solicited, and liberal advances made on same when in hand or on Bills of Lading.
Make liberal advances on consignments to our friends in the principal Northern Markets, and in Liverpool, London, Bremen, and Antwerp.
Mr. M. A. CHAMBERS is with us and will be pleased to serve his friends.
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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

Medical.

BALTIMORE LOCK HOSPITAL!
Dr. JOHNSTON,
Physician of this celebrated Institution, has discovered the most Certain, Speedy, Pleasant and EFFECTUAL REMEDY in the world for all
Diseases of Imprudence.
Weakness of the Back or Limbs, Strictures, Affection of the Kidneys or Bladder, Involuntary Discharges, Impotency, General Debility, Nervousness, Dyspepsia, Languor, Low Spirits, Confusion of Ideas, Palpitation of the Heart, Timidity, Trembling, Dimness of Sight or Giddiness, Disease of the Head, Throat, Nose or Skin, Affections of the Liver, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels—those terrible Disorders arising from Solitary Habits of Youth—SECRET and solitary practices more fatal to their victims than the song of the Syrens to the Mariners of Ulysses, blighting their most brilliant hopes or anticipations, rendering marriage, &c., impossible.
Young Men
who have injured themselves by a certain practice, indulged in when alone, a habit frequently learned from evil companions or at school, the effects of which are felt even when asleep, and if not cured, renders marriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body, should apply immediately.
What a pity that a young man, the hope of his country, the pride of his parents, should be snatched from all prospects and enjoyment of life by the consequence of deviating from the path of nature, and indulging a certain secret habit!
Marriage.
Married persons, or Young Men contemplating marriage, aware of Physical Weakness, (Loss of Procreative Power—Impotency), Nervous Excitability, Palpitation, Organic Weakness, Nervous Debility, or any other Disqualification speedily relieved.
He who places himself under the care of Dr. J. may religiously confide in his honor as a gentleman, and confidently rely upon his skill as a physician.
Dr. Johnston,
Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, Graduate of one of the most eminent Colleges in the United States, and the greater part of whose life has been spent in the hospitals of London, Paris, Philadelphia and elsewhere, has effected some of the most astonishing cures that were ever known; many troubled with ringing in the head and ears when asleep, great nervousness, being alarmed at sudden sounds, bashfulness, with frequent blushing, attended sometimes with derangement of mind, were cured immediately.
Take Particular Notice.
Dr. J. addresses all those who have injured themselves by improper indulgence and solitary habits, which ruin both body and mind, unfitting them for either business, society or marriage.
These are some of the sad and melancholy effects produced by the early habits of youth, viz: Weakness of the Back and Limbs, Pains in the Head, Dimness of Sight, Loss of Muscular Power, Palpitation of the Heart, Dyspepsia, Nervous Irritability, Derangement of the Digestive Functions, General Debility, Symptoms of Consumption, &c.
MENTALLY.—The fearful effects on the mind are much to be dreaded. Loss of Memory, Confusion of Ideas, Depression of Spirits, Evil Forebodings, Aversion to Society, Self-Distrust, Love of Solitude, Timidity, &c., are some of the evils produced.
Persons ruined in health by unlearned pretenders who keep them trifling month after month, taking poisonous and injurious compounds, should apply immediately.
OFFICE—*7 South Frederick Street, Baltimore, Md.*, left-hand side going from Baltimore street, a few doors from the corner. Fail not to observe name and number. ☞ No letters received unless postpaid and containing a stamp to be used on the reply. Persons writing should state age, and send a portion of advertisement describing symptoms. The Doctor's DIPLOMA hangs in his office.
Endorsement of the Press:
The many thousands cured at the Establishment, year after year, and the numerous important Surgical Operations performed by Dr. Johnston witnessed by the representatives of the press and many other persons, notice of which have appeared again and again before the public, besides his standing as a gentleman of character and responsibility is sufficient guarantee to the afflicted.
Organic Weakness. Impotency, Loss of Power.—This distressing Affection—which renders life miserable and marriage impossible—immediately cured and full vigor restored.
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Fertilizers.

FOR WHEAT—FALL 1871.
Gilham's Tobacco Fertilizer
AND THE
OLD DOMINION FERTILIZER,
MANUFACTURED BY THE
Southern Fertilizing Company,
RICHMOND, VA.
COL. WM. GILHAM, PRES'T & CHEMIST.
These fertilizers are made of the best materials, after the formulæ, and under the personal supervision of Col. Gilham for many years Professor of Chemistry and Agriculture in the Virginia Military Institute. *The high standard is, therefore, absolutely guaranteed.* His work has been tested in all quarters of this State and North Carolina, where concentrated manures are used, during the past five years, and notwithstanding bad seasons, it has received the unqualified approval of our people. Where the land is deficient generally in the elements necessary to produce wheat, the Tobacco Fertilizer has acted admirably. Where it is in good enough heart to bring straw, the "Old Dominion" will make the wheat.
The following letters are appended:
AUGUSTA CO., VA., Aug 31st, 1871.
Capt. Geo. E. Price, Ag't., Staunton, Va.
Dear Sir—I am indebted to the ton of "Old Dominion" Fertilizer I bought of you last fall, for all the wheat I raised. I applied it on the thinest part of my land, and had a fair crop in spite of the bad season. On my best land unfertilized, the wheat was not cut because it was not worth it. Yours Truly,
E. A. FULCHER
LOUISA CO. HO., June 8th, 1871.
Col. Wm. Gilham, Pres't Southern Fertilizing Co., Richmond:
Dear Sir—I have too long postponed an answer to your enquiries as to the effect of your Tobacco Fertilizer on the wheat crop. I have used it the last two seasons, and should do you injustice if I did not voluntarily tender my unqualified testimony in its favor. I consider it the best Wheat Fertilizer in the market, and am especially pleased with its effect upon the Clover. My wheat last year not only yielded well, but was of most excellent quality, commanding an extra price. The present crop is pronounced by all who have seen it one of the finest in this section, and is remarkably healthy in its appearance, being entirely free from disease, well filled, and uniformly heavy. But for my failure in plants, I should have used it upon Tobacco this season. My experience with it has only been upon the wheat crop, and I am entirely satisfied that your Tobacco Fertilizer is not only an honest preparation, but that it contains all the elements needed to make a wheat crop. I shall use it next Fall more largely than ever before, and cordially recommend my friends and the farming community to try it upon wheat and clover. I have used it by the side of good land, without any Fertilizer, and did so to satisfy myself whether it would pay or not. The result is, that I am convinced that a judicious use of your Tobacco Fertilizer upon wheat and clover will prove a profitable investment as a crop, besides the general improvement to the land. You will hear from me this Fall at seeding time.
Yours, very respectfully,
R. G. KENDALL
For sale by Geo. E. Price, Agent, Staunton, Va., who will gladly furnish all needed information. Sept 12 2m

R. E. BISHOP. C. W STAFFORD. J. M FULLER.
HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTING.—The undersigned are prepared to execute
HOUSE, SIGN AND
ORNAMENTAL PAINTING, GLAZING,
AND PAPER-HANGING,
IN THE NEATEST AND MOST WORKMANLIKE MANNER.
They offer their services to the public and solicit a liberal share of patronage.
Particular attention paid to country work.
BISHOP, STAFFORD & CO.,
oct11-1y Staunton, Va

H. J. LUSHBAUGH & BRO.,
Manufacturers of
Sash, Doors Blinds,
BRACKETS, MOULDINGS, FLOORING,
&c. &c. &c.
Near Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Depot,
STAUNTON, VA.
N. B.—No material but seasoned lumber used by us. no29-1yr

HOMŒOPATHIC DISPENSARY—open daily from 12 M. to 1 o'clock, P. M., in the office of Dr. REED, over Richardson's store. au8-tf

Poetry.

There is no Death.

BY SIR BULWER LYTTON.

There is no death! The stars go down,
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown,
They shine forever more.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain, or mellow fruit,
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize
To feed the hungry moss they bear;
The forest leaves drink daily life
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,
The flowers may fade and pass away—
They only wait through wintry hours,
The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate,
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones
Made glad these scenes of sin and strife,
Sing now an everlasting song,
Amid the tree of Life.

And where he sees a smile too bright,
Or heart too pure for taint and vice,
He bears it to that world of light
To dwell in paradise.

Born unto that undying life
They leave us, but to come again;
With joy we welcome them—the same,
Except in sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear, immortal spirits tread:
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there is no death!

From the New Orleans Picayune.

Roadside Jottings in Virginia.

STAUNTON, Sept. 27, 1871

Ed. Pic.—After a short and pleasant trip from the Old Sweet Springs, I arrived in this snug town in an exhilarated condition, caused by a bracing ride up and down, around and on the sides of stupendous mountains; now coursing along the beautiful banks of the Jackson River, and then rushing in and out of dark and mysterious tunnels, subduing the high-voice conversation to a stage whisper, and leaving the convicts (at work in bricking these tunnels), with their little lamps looking like glow worms flitting about, in the dark distance behind us, as we swiftly glided through into the bright, cheerful sunlight, when the hearty laugh was again heard and the broken thread of conversation reunited. As I was standing on the platform of the car drinking in the beauties of the variegated exhibition of autumn leaves flitting by us on distant mountain sides, I asked a young lady to what she would compare them? "A large, beautiful bouquet," she said, and I suppose an humble offering from nature for bounties received.

What shall I say of Staunton that will prove interesting to your readers? I can say that it is a fair, pretty town, some of it nestled in a pleasant, fertile valley, whilst other parts of it are climbing the high adjacent hills, reaching the summits and looking down with rested, comfortable aspect upon those parts which still are gradually climbing.

There is in this apparently quiet town, the steady hum of busy enterprising men, pushing ahead with indomitable will and energy. Improvements of the most substantial kind—brick houses—are being built in every direction; gothic and Swiss models being predominant and fashionable, and very pretty styles of architecture they are, so pleasing to the eye.—Staunton has a population of about 6000 inhabitants, very few of them, I take it, who are not genial, generous and ever hospitable.—There are five pretty churches in this town, but the one that struck me as pretty, was the Episcopal Church, so quaint and antique in its architecture. In its enclosure there is a "God's Acre," where the graves of dear and departed ones are scattered here and there, causing one to feel as he enters the gate, which must not be sacrileged by any jesting or flippant remark. I think that the principal attraction in Staunton is its female schools, being five in number, of different religious denominations, and well attended. They do remark that those who deal in artificial sweets—the confections—do a most thriving and profitable business.—There could not be found a better place than this for the establishment of such schools; rich and productive lands, unsurpassed natural advantages and, above all, a healthy and invigorating climate, for the most natural and rosiest of all rosy cheeks, have I seen here.

Last Sunday evening I accompanied a party in a visit to the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Asylum, (all combined in one,) and was filled with pleasure and wonder. I say wonder; for we saw a mute teacher, very graceful in all his gestures, delivering a discourse from St. John, xv. 13 and 14, to which his audience of mutes paid the strictest attention, understandingly approving or disapproving by nods or shakes of the head. It was interesting, indeed, to watch the various emotions as they passed over the sullen faces of these afflicted beings. After the professor had finished, Col. Breckinridge, one of the gentlemanly and exceedingly polite attaches of this institution, went out at our request and found Toby, a young man bereft of his sight, who is renowned in this place for his musical acquirements, as we wished to have an exhibition of his skill on the chapel organ.—He came very cheerfully, spoke to us, then took his seat at the instrument, and with his exquisitely delicate touch, caused this grand instrument to emit some beautiful strains; now a delicate, sympathetic symphony, then a voluptuous, triumphal swelling, making the blood tingle and flow with excited fervor. He played the sublime Old Hundred Doxology as the finale, which was his crowning effort. After inspecting the building and well laid off grounds, we left well satisfied with our visit, feeling that these poor, afflicted creatures were well cared for, and as happy as possible. I got into a writing conversation with one of the mutes, and he expressed himself contented and well cared for.

We had the good fortune of stopping at the Virginia Hotel, Frazier & Sale, proprietors. Mr. Geo. W. Kennedy, a very polite and attentive gentleman, in the office. These gentlemen are noble caterers of the first degree, and "they know how to keep a hotel." By the way, they give up this hotel in a few days, but may be found next summer at Capon Springs, Hampshire county, Va.—reached via Winchester, Va.—and my word for it, every one will be pleased who favor them with their patronage. Saturday morning bright and early, in landau with a pair of fine horses, we took a pleasant road leading to Weyer's Cave, where we arrived in a very short time, after an invigorating ride. Having rested, we took our way to the cave, and found it situated in a ridge of about two hundred and fifty feet high, running nearly in a northern and southern direction, about one mile from the Blue Ridge Mountains. Tradition has it that in the year 1807 one Bernard Weyer, a hunter, while making search for a ground hog who had been playing the wild with his traps, came up on him in this ridge, and whilst digging for him discovered this natural phenomenon. It has since borne his name. The general course of the cave is nearly horizontal; the temperature fifty-four degrees all the year round, and the entire ground one walks over in traversing the cave is two and a quarter miles, which distance seems doubled after having traveled up and down hill in the cave seeking new beauties.—It seems hardly credible that the constant dripping of water could form such fantastic, sublime and wonderful figures as I beheld in pursuing the precincts of this magnificent cavern. It takes a century to form an inch and a quarter of these stalactites, some of which are twenty feet high. These different stalactites have names given them on account of their close resemblance to the objects whose namesake they are. Without prolonging this part of my letter, I will touch upon a few of the most notable stalactites which may be distinguished below by those words beginning with capital letters. Mr. J. R. Mohler, our attentive guide, first took our party, as was proper, to the Cathedral where we received our benisons; then, proceeding via Jacob's Ladder, and taking a look at the Elephant, we squirmed our way through the Fat Man's Misery, and knocked up against John Tyler's nose; passed on our way through the Garden of Eden to the Post Office, where we dropped our cards, and after taking a look at the Oyster Shell and playing an anthem on the big Organ, we retraced our steps by the light of the Rising Moon, and had a fine Winter View from the Natural Bridge. Fountain Cave, situated in the same ridge as Weyer's Cave, and half a mile from it, is just the opposite to Weyer's Cave, in regard to stalactite beauty. Its scenery is of the more grand and sublime type, appearing as if there had been an earthquake, throwing up hills in majestic confusion. After coming out of the cave we ascended the ridge, and in the distance saw the battle-fields of Port Republic and Cross Keys, in the Shenandoah Valley, where Stonewall Jackson defeated the separate armies of Fremont and Shields. At the foot of the ridge we saw a hog cooling himself in a mud hole, whereupon the incorrigible of the party remarked, a porcine (poor sign) for comfort after all. We waited and descended. Good hotel accommodations can be had at both of the caves.

Having spent Sunday in recuperating our exhausted energies, we started early Monday morning for the Natural Bridge via Lexington. Blushing, beautiful Aurora was just arising from her roseate couch, with the blithesome birds twittering their homage, while we saw in the distance vast, clean-shaven valleys, dotted with even rows of fodder; men plowing and sowing, and the "solitary horseman" winding his way around the foot of a mountain, a rippling stream at his feet. The *coup d œil* was glorious. Late in the evening, on the road, we had the misfortune of breaking the tongue of our carriage; a negro coming up just then said he 'heard dat tongue speak," which remark dispelled the inspirations which we were enjoying in seeing the sun sink behind a mountain and hearing dogs barking and cattle bells tinkling in the distance.

We were soon righted and proceeded on our way to the Bridge, where we arrived late at night. Next morning we went down early and took a look at the Bridge, which we found a grand and rugged excavation 225 feet high.—Our first view was from the bottom; looking up we plainly discerned the figure of an immense eagle imprinted on the rocky arch as if some one had painted it there; on the jagged sides of the Bridge, mosses, ferns and trailing vines were growing over the names of visitors cut in its rocks. We clambered to the top and looked over this yawning precipice until we grew dizzy; throwing a pebble over we found five seconds pass away before it reached the bottom. One lady, speaking rapturously of this grand curiosity, was brought back to stern reality by her male companion remarking:—"That's nothing but a culvert." Ah, the depravity of human sentiment!

That evening we returned to Lexington, visited the tombs of Lee and Jackson, the Washington and Lee College, saw the cadets at Virginia Military Institute at dress parade and passed a most delightful evening with Mrs. Lee and daughters. We had the honor of having Gen. Custis Lee call upon us in the evening, who, by his culture and intellectual capacity, has been appointed successor to the chair which his father so honorably filled. He is a general favorite of the students.

When the contemplated railway to this point is completed, Lexington will be the Mecca of the South, where all may go to pay their humble devoirs at the shrines of the Christians—Lee and Jackson.

I cannot finally conclude without referring to that most glorious of summer resorts, the White Sulphur Springs. The fare, attention and accommodation received the full approbation of every visitor, and those finding fault (if any) were voted as belonging to the firm of Grumbler & Co.

And now, most lenient Mr. Editor, I will not trespass any longer upon your good nature and the valuable space of your paper; but before closing I must tender my acknowledgments for the insertion of "Roadside Jottings" by, yours truly, CARLOS.

Effect of a Radical Legislature.

Let us consider for a moment what would be the effect of electing a Radical majority to the next Legislature. In attempting to forecast the consequences of such a contingency, we may appeal to that history which is philosophy teaching by examples. We know that the Radical State Convention which allowed cornfield negroes six dollars a day for their efforts to improve the work of Madison, Marshall, Monroe, Doddridge and their illustrious compeers, the great statesmen of Virginia, held firmly to their seats at the State Capital until they had exhausted the last dollar in the Treasury and were told flatly by our military ruler, who was disgusted at their course, that they should have no more. Then, and not till then, did they consent to disperse and submit the Constitution which they copied from those of the Northern States, (with the exception of the test-oath and the disability clause,) and could have compiled as easily in two weeks as they did during the many months of their foul incubation.

Let us look further at the history of those Southern States that have, unfortunately, fallen under the dominion of this party. Every one of these has had its public debt increased to such an extent that bankruptcy is imminent and reputation looked to as the last desperate resource to escape the effects of Radical abuses under the reign of robbers and plunderers.—Such would have been the condition of Virginia if she had not overthrown the party that ruled in the convention of 1867.

But further; we see how desperately this party which is all powerful in the councils of the nation,—a party that did not hesitate to *pack* the Supreme Court of the United States, and passed laws to deny to American freemen the benefit of the great writ which was wrung from a British king, and has not been violated by the monarchy of England for more than two hundred years,—is struggling to get control of our State Judiciary, failing in which, thus far, it has extended the jurisdiction of Federal (which, in these days, is but another term for Radical) courts. We have seen, or heard, that, but recently, a Carpet-bag Congressman, representing our metropolitan district, openly advocated the abolition of our State judicatories so as to bring all of our affairs within the jurisdiction of Federal courts presided over by such men as Underwood and Bond. Whether Congress, at the instigation of such a wretch and enemy of Virginia as ball-and-chain Porter, shall attempt to do this or not, we know that if the Radicals get control of the Legislature they will turn out every county and corporation judge in the State and fill their places with such men as will serve their ends. And this is one, only one, of the great issues that depend upon the November election in this State. But this, of itself, is sufficient to induce every Conservative to exert himself to the utmost to prevent the Legislature from falling into the hands of the Radicals.

We therefore appeal to those with whom, for the sake of Virginia and her welfare, we are in accord, to sink all minor differences and go for the candidates of their party, that the State may be saved and her honor preserved. Never let her fair escutcheon be tarnished, as it would be, by the predominance of the Radical party in the Old Dominion.—*Lynch Virginian.*

A Western sign of distress—hogs at half-mast.

The Forest Fires—Great Loss of Life and Property.

The fires that are raging in the forests of Wisconsin, Michigan and other Western States continue to increase in violence. They were, or a time, overshadowed by the Chicago conflagration, which was concentrated at a single point in direct communication with all of our cities. The rural fires are diffused over a vast surface removed from the lines of communication and inaccessible to immediate relief. But as intelligence of the desolation spreads, public attention and sympathy are being aroused. Whole towns have been consumed, leaving literally nothing but ashes to mark the spot where they once stood; whole counties have been swept bare of houses, fences and woods; hundreds and perhaps