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CHAS. GRATTAN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Will practice in the Courts of Augusta, Rockingham and Highland.

A. S. MAUZY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Will practice in the Courts of Augusta, Rockingham and Highland.

GEO. M. HARRISON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Will practice in the Courts of Augusta, Rockingham and Highland.

WILLIAM B. MCCHEE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Will practice in the Courts of Augusta, Rockingham and Highland.

D. B. REESE, PHYSICIAN. Has removed to his office at the Market House, corner of Frederick and Water Streets.

THOMAS D. RANSON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Offers his professional services in the County and Circuit Courts of Augusta, and in the District Court and in the Circuit Courts of the adjoining counties.

PHILLIPS, EFFINGER & CRAIG, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. Will practice in all the Courts of Augusta, Rockingham, Albemarle and Nelson.

A. M. HENKEL, M. D., Physician and Surgeon. Respectfully tenders his services in the various branches of his profession...

M. E. WHITE, Attorney-at-Law. Will practice in the Courts of Augusta, Rockingham and Highland.

B. M. MATHEWS, ALEX. E. MATHEWS, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. Practice regularly in the Courts of Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas and Nicholas counties...

D. JAMES JOHNSTON, DENTIST. Office—Over Cass's Confectionery Store.

FIRST-CLASS SEWING MACHINES \$40 FAIR PRICES. \$40 THE McLEAN & HOOPER Elastic Lock-Stitch Family Sewing Machines.

Tailoring. Tailoring Tailoring Tailoring. The partnership heretofore existing between Graves & Sprinkle has been mutually dissolved...

Groceries and Produce.

CHARLES C. WHEAT, (successor to Richardson & Wheat) CORNER MAIN AND AUGUSTA STREETS, STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Begs leave to state that he has always on hand a large and well selected stock of Family Groceries.

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.

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, CORNER MAIN AND AUGUSTA STREETS, STAUNTON, VA. N. B.—Mr. James T. Byers is with him and will be glad to see his friends.

WANTED—FOR CASH—FLOUR, GRAIN, PORK, CLOVERSEED. Immediate Delivery.

JAMES H. BLACKLEY, directly opposite the Court-house, no28 Staunton, Va.

200 SACKS LIVERPOOL SALT, in prime order, For sale very low for cash. JAMES H. BLACKLEY, directly opposite Court-house, no28 Staunton, Va.

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Poetry.

What the Sparrow Chirps. BY PEARL RIVERS.

I am only a little sparrow, A bird of low degree, My life is of little value, But the dear Lord careth for me.

He gave me a coat of feathers; With never a speck of crimson, For it was not made for show.

But it keeps me warm in winter, And it shields me from the sun, Were it bordered with gold or purple, Perhaps it would make me vain.

And now that the spring-time cometh, I will build me a little nest, With many a chirp of pleasure, In the spot I love the best.

I have no barn or storehouse, I neither sow nor reap; God gives me a spot of portion, But never a seed to keep.

If my meal is sometimes scanty, Close pecking makes it sweet; I have always enough to eat, And "life is more than meat."

I know there are many sparrows; All over the world we are found, But I have only one to love, When one of us falls to the ground.

Though small, we are never forgotten; Though weak, we are never afraid; For the Father who loveth us so, The life of the creature He made.

I fly through the thickest forest, I light on many a spray; I have no chart or compass, But I never lose my way.

And I fold my wings at twilight, Wherever I happen to be; For the Father is always watching, And no harm will come to me.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. To the Senate and House of Representatives: In addressing my third annual message to the law-making branch of the government, it is gratifying to be able to state that during the past year success has generally attended the efforts to execute the laws...

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that the friendly feelings of that government are fully shared by the United States. The ratification of the consular and naturalization conventions with the Austro-Hungarian Empire...

In conformity with the established policy of the United States I have recognized this change. The ratifications of the new treaty of commerce between the United States and Italy have been exchanged...

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an equality with the representatives of Great Britain and of some other powers. As now situated our representatives in Japan and China have to depend for interpreters and translators on former years...

There has been imposed upon the Executive branch of the government the execution of the act of Congress approved April 20, 1871, and commonly known as the Ku-Klux law...

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responsibility, and requiring ability and character to fill properly, is one to which your attention is invited. But few of the officials receive a compensating equal to the respectable support of a family, while their duties are such as to involve millions of interest. In private life services demand compensation equal to the services rendered, and wise economy would dictate the same rule in the government service...

More than six years having elapsed since the last hostile gun was fired between the armies then arrayed against each other—one for the perpetration, the other for the destruction of the Union—it may well be considered whether it is not now time that the disabilities imposed by the XIVth amendment should be removed. That amendment does not exclude the ballot, but only imposes the disability to hold office upon those who have not taken the oath...

It may be said that the former violated an oath, while the latter did not. The latter did have the power to do so. If they had taken this oath, it cannot be doubted that they had broken it as did the former class. If there are any great criminals distinguished above all others, for the part they took in opposition to the provisions of the XIVth amendment, let them be excluded from the government of the country, but let the rest of the country be restored to its former position.

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