

Staunton Spectator. Tuesday, March 5, 1872.

Auction Sales. CHARLES BERRY will sell his personal property...

MARCH 15TH.—Jas. Bumgardner, jr., commissioner, 170 acres known as the Gary land.

MARCH 15TH.—The personal property of the estate of Robert Craig, dec'd., near Craigsville...

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MARCH 21ST.—The tract of 132 acres on Middle River, the property of Wm. H. Dixon, by A. H. H. Stuart as agent.

MARCH 22ND.—By J. W. Hunt, Trustee, will sell 150 acres purchased by J. W. and Joseph F. Gibson of Geo. B. Stuart.

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MARCH 23RD.—Jas. H. Callison, Commissioner, in Middlebrook, Lot No. 43, known as the Fish property.

MARCH 23RD.—N. K. Trout and John B. Watts, Commissioners, will sell, near New Hope, two tracts of land belonging to Jacob L. Humbert, one containing 108 and the other 130 acres.

MARCH 23RD.—By Wm. & Bell, Commissioners, 684 acres of land near Fishersville.

APRIL 8TH.—That valuable property in this county, long known as the "Mosy Creek Iron Works," will be offered for sale by the representatives of the heirs of Daniel Ferrer, dec'd. The personal property of the estate will be sold at the same time by the same agents.

APRIL 4TH.—Cochran, Phillips and Bumgardner, Commissioners, will sell two tracts near Staunton, known as the "Smith and Burwell" places—containing, respectively, and 200 and 100 acres.

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APRIL 5TH.—Commissioners Bumgardner, Trout and White, will sell 347 1/2 acres on South River, four miles East of New Hope.

Whist New York is the butter, Virginia is the better, State.

SMALL POX.—Read the advertisement of Dr. A. S. Stonebraker's preventive and cure for Small Pox, Chills, &c.

The revenue derived from the manufacture of tobacco in this State in 54 months amounted to \$2,071,477.53.

We call the attention of shippers and the travelling public to the change of Schedule on the Richmond and York River Railroad, and connecting steamers. This is a most delightful route to travel, between Staunton and all points North, and is a safe and cheap route for freight.

SIBERTON IRON WORKS.—We are pleased to learn that the Siberton Iron Works at Buffalo Gap in this county, recently destroyed by fire, are to be re-built, as soon as practicable. No time was lost in making preparations to rebuild. We hope they will soon be ready to go to work again. Energy, enterprise and capital will soon restore the status quo of these valuable works.

EFFICIENT AGENTS.—Messrs. Berkeley & Fountaine, general agents of the Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Company, insured for the amount of \$100,000 at the office of that company in this place, during the month of February. Considering that the times are tight, and that February is the shortest month in the year, this is doing remarkably well. Can any other office of this, or any other, company beat this?

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THE AUGUSTA NEWS vs. WAYNESBORO.—Some months since, a hebdomadary, entitled "The Augusta News," was established at Waynesboro, in this county. It is not only a queer, but a querulous, little journal, and it is doubtful whether it will add to the good name and fame of that place.

The last number is so complaining that we do not wonder that it is in *articulo mortis*, and that the Editor announces his purpose to suspend publication "for several weeks, and if no better prospect presents itself at the end of that time, to suspend the publication of the paper entirely." He says, "Waynesboro" can't support a paper at the expense of five dollars a week. To how much expense does he put that town? That paper does not have a single good word for Waynesboro or its inhabitants, male or female. It says, "Waynesboro" has its full share of loggheads, who meddle themselves in the business of other persons, including that of the Editor himself. It says that there is no capital in Waynesboro, and that there were, there is no one who is worth anything in the town, and that it is destitute of such a person. It says that, "there are too many old fogies and thick-skulled wretches in the community to do any good. Look at the great natural resources that surround us! We call that capital. All [that] is wanted is an effort to bring it to perfection, and capital will be abundant. What a pity that, in the opinion of that paper, Waynesboro, like poor Mrs. Dombey, is unable to make an effort. Cannot she be prevailed upon to make an effort, that the golden visions of that journal may be realized?"

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Davis and Parker. In reference to the ticket nominated by the National Labor Reform Convention, the Petersburg Index says: "There can be no doubt that the ticket is a strong one. Judge Davis is a Western man, an old time Whig, a Republican, an appointee and valued friend of Abraham Lincoln, and, in fine, a man in many respects acceptable to the great mass of the moderate Republicans. It is understood that he is and has long been in full accord with the Reform Movement of Missouri and that he commends the good work of such leaders as Fremont and Schurz. Governor Parker, coming from the East, a war Democrat, and a man universally recognized as an honest, capable and courageous State official, possesses probably as large a share of good will as any Democratic politician whatever, while his comparative lack of service in Federal office rather adds to than detracts from his available reputation. The movement of reform, within the Republican organization, commencing in the Gratz Brown campaign and continued in the New York Custom House annexation and in the campaign to-day in the determined assault upon corruption in the sale of arms to France, has steadily grown from day to day.

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