Staunton Spectator.

Tuesday, February 25, 1873.

CITY COUNCIL ON VALLEY R R.—At a called meeting last night, after much discussion, participated in by Cols. Baldwin & Harman, Judge Sheffey, Messrs. Stuart, Evans, English and others, the following resolutions, offered by Mr. Stuart, were adopted by a vote of 9 to 2—Messrs. Evans and Bickle voting against them, and Mr. Bagby was absent.

Resolved, That the Council of the City of Staunton will faithfully fulfil all the obligations heretofore incurred to the Valley R R. Co., but they will not recede from or relinquish any of the conditions annexed to said obligations.

Resolved, That when the conditions preceden t to this subscription, by the City of Staunton, shall have been complied with, the bonds of the Corporation shall be delivered and received by the Valley R. R. Company, on the express condition that they shall bear interest from the date of the several payments made by the City of Baltimore, on account of its stock in said Company.

At 10.20 the Council adjourned.

Richardson & Bell still have some of that Sweet-corn on hand. Those who have not tried this really superb article should not fail to do so. Only about 100 lbs left.

Rev. John W. Rosebro visited Mossy Creek earlier than was expected, spent ten days in the congregation, preached some six sermons, and created a very favorable impression. It is expected that the church will extend to him a call to become their Pastor.

IRON FOUNDRY.—J. J. Echols, Esq., with McClure & Miller, offers for rent or sale, his fine foundry in Buchanan. The property is all he states in advertisement, and being on the canal with the certainty of soon having the Valley Railroad to it, makes it a very desirable opening for an enterprising party.

A SUGGESTION.—Maj. Jed. Hotchkiss will return in two weeks or sooner, and every one will be anxious to hear all he has to say about old England. Therefore, we suggest to Col. Skinner and the Confederate Memorial Association that they arrange for an address from the Major in City Hall, for the benefit of their work. If we know his heart, and we think we do, this will meet his approbation and gratify all parties.

OUR CHURCHES.—The census of 1870 gives Augusta 95 churches; 78 edifices; 23,620 sittings and $239,350 value of church property. The Baptists had 19 church organizations, 3,830 sittings; Episcopal 2, and 1,300 sittings; Lutheran 8, and 2,700 sittings; Presbyterians 12, and 4,140 sittings; Reform German 3, and 1,000 sittings; U. B. in Christ 15, and 2,100 sittings. Methodist 35, and 8,250 sittings.

BRIDGE AT SPRINGHILL.—We think the wealth and population and trade, dependent on this important crossing of Middle River, would justify the Supervisors in giving it proper aid. Staunton merchants are much interested and should subscribe liberally. With proper energy this bridge should be built by April, and thus avoid the danger and roundabout route required by high water.

IN DISTRESS.—The people of Love Rock Hill, back of Gospel, are the folks. They can get no wood; the school-girls can't keep their shoes clean and spoil their pretty feet; the boys are all tan-colored, and their water supply is short. In the name of these distressed fellow-citizens we beseech our street commissioners to "mend their ways" up there.

STILL PROGRESSING.—A look at the internal revenue statistics shows that we didn't fully state the progress our friend Charley Haines has made. Last year he made over 400,000 cigars, which he shipped to all parts of the U. S., from New York to New Orleans, and from present increase he will make a million this year. His motto is to turn out none but the best, and smokers say his last "sensation," "The Top of the Pot," is the finest cigar ever made. His retail trade is increasing and it gives us pleasure to notice this development of honest enterprise, and we hope all our manufacturers will give us the facts to let the world know what they are doing too.

LOCAL ODDS AND ENDS.—The young lady who earnestly remarked "he certainly is handsome," as we passed, has a proper appreciation of the subject.....The ground hog men now have it that he didn't come out on the 2nd, because it was Sunday, but waited till Monday, when it was cloudy. He has evidently "busted.".....Twenty-two yearlings sold for $275 last Wednesday.....The late rains have filled all the springs and a fine one is spouting out on the edge of the pavement below Snapp property—milk is 20 per cent. lower.....Mumps are raging on Middle River.....The "patent reversible, double back action door fastener," is a new and useful invention, that can be seen at this office....."Why do the heathen rage" and the gay and festive youth threaten "to duck" a poor old man on the "Hill Top?" is the question among admirers of brave and gallant deeds.....Gabe Hirsh had his 'ourty' look on last Thursday and "smoled a ghastly smole." Look out for another sensation.....The police should see to the reckless handling of powder kegs or we may have to note a few first class funerals.....2800 Valentines vibrated on the 14th.....Gladke is preparing for a large Spring trade, and making his store more attractive than ever.....Much stock passing East..... Measles have run too low to longer make a mark in the city.....The last pair of boots imported from England only weighed 73 pounds, without straps.....Billy Whooley is still "standing to it," and warrants all his work .....This is a good season for watch-makers in Staunton.....The Logan property, on Augusta street, is the place for Mechanics' Hall, P. O., &c.....Powell & Blackley have opened opposite Depot, as fine as their new house.....Gorman has several new wrinkles in the grocery line, and is always up to time.....An expeditionary force is organizing to attempt the rescue of the swamped and mud-blockaded citizens of Washington street and Love Rock Hill.....It is worth the price of a box of Yara Boquets at C. Haines's, to see the Napoleonic way "Brooks" orders his "devil," Hunt, around.....The city clock has had the epizooty for some time back, but is recovering. .....Preparations are making for the grandest musical displays ever seen in Staunton at next Commencements.....Several skillful surveyors of "areas" want situations..... The gentlemanly proprietor of Va. Hotel and the polite Kennedy will have everything O. K. for Spring folks soon.....Travel increasing every day.....Mud bad..... The robins are singing, the people are buying onion sets, and Wayts' have fresh garden seeds.....The first detachment of sappers and miners, having failed to discover any of the wagons and teams sunk in the Middlebrook road, near depot, the reserve has been ordered up and are now at work, and the former ordered to "prospect" along the Greenville road which now "shows a narrow path with here and there a traveller," to guide their researches. Total loss so far, 20 men, 8 horses, and 100 gallons of Bumgardner's.....The buying price of Mechanics' Building Association stock has been raised from $60 to $70.....Two alarms of fire last week—no damage.....The Mechanic's Union elected officers last week.....The Odd Fellows are discussing "ways and means" of erecting a new hall.....Four columns of "pi" were made at one fell blow in this office last Tuesday morning. Not a cuss word was uttered, as the "pi" to the newsparts was hurried.....Lewis Rosenbaum has moved his clothing store to room in Va. hotel, next to Wilkes'.....Staunton pays 25 cents a gallon for milk and consumes about 150 gallons daily, and the dairy business is growing rapidly. Now for a large cheese factory..... John Kurtz donned a new 'tile' last week and reports police items scarce, and city never so orderly.....Mrs. James F. Patterson was thrown from a sleigh recently, near Horeb church, and seriously injured.....Not having seen any young ladies trip "the light, fantastic toe," coming out of church since our last warning, and the failure of the whittling cow-driver to put in an appearance, forces us to quit picking up "hods and hends" till next week.

MCGILVRAY'S GEARED HAND-CARRIAGE.—Our ingenious young mechanic—L. T. McGilvray, of Greenville—has invented what he calls "The Geared Hand-Carriage." It moves upon three wheels, two of which are upon the axle that supports the body of the carriage. The third is in front, and turns upon a pivot, so that the direction may be changed by a slight pressure of the foot upon a lever. It is propelled by a crank, and the power is applied in so simple, and yet so efficient a manner, that even an invalid may attain a speed of five miles an hour, without exertion enough to produce fatigue. On a smooth, level road, an expert might get up to eight miles, and the inventor claims that the rider's control of the vehicle is so complete, that when traveling at this speed, it may be turned around within its own length. It travels up hill, as well as upon a level, though, of course, at a slower speed and with more labor to the driver. It can be made large enough to accommodate four or six persons, and with this additional size and weight, it can be propelled by any person in the party. Or if it is desired, they can all take a hand at the crank together, and thus travel more rapidly and with less fatigue. It bids fair to become a popular vehicle. It is admirably adapted to the use of persons in feeble health, who have not strength enough to take proper exercise on foot or on horse-back. And it would be a valuable addition to the calesthenic apparatus of our female schools, as it is entirely free from the objections to the use of the velocipede. It would also be a pleasant vehicle for small parties going on short excursions, and it may become a formidable rival of our livery men. A model has been deposited in the Patent Office and letters patent will probably be issued to the inventor within a short time. We wish him success, as he is a most deserving young man.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS.—Regular meeting last Tuesday night.....Mr. Stuart reported some lamp posts ordered not up to time, but would wait longer.....Mr. Nelson said Chinese gong had not been found yet, and police were ordered to look it up.....Committee not ready to report on J. D. Shomo's petitition to build shops in Gallowstown.....Ed. Hall's report on poor, for Ward No. 1, received and $75 allowed....J. A. English was elected to fill vacancy in Council, vice Timberlake resigned. A good appointment.....Finance Committee was ordered to report a tax-bill for 1873-74.....Police committee ordered to see if chain-gang couldn't be placed under policemen, alternately, while at work on streets..... The weather was reported at fault in stopping paving.....A gaslight was ordered at corner of Frederick and Green streets, the Gas Company to pay for ditching and pipe.....Mr. Evans said Bagby and Jordan monopolized the brick business and raised the price of brick, which were no account, and thereby prevented the laying of a number of pavements.....There was considerable talk over city's subscription to Valley R. R., and the President requested to go to Baltimore and look after city's interest, which he thought a nice thing, as the small-pox lay pretty "loose" around there.....Election of City Engineer March 4th.....Adjourned to meet March 4th.

OUR PAPER TO-DAY.—We treat our guests well, giving "Letters from the People" a full swing on first page, and we are always glad to publish such sharp, pointed letters, but we must urge all to condense. Any "jackleg" can make a crow-bar, but it takes talent and time to make a cambric needle. Hence it is much easier to give forth a long, spongy excresence of words, like unto a "punk" on the oak, than to write one short, sensible, sparkling paragraph. Get what you have to say well fixed in your mind and then say it and quit, is the true idea for newspaper writers. The letters given to-day are all readable, but some on hand are not, and we beg to be excused from publishing and encouraging the waste of time and talent demanded in getting up purposely badly spelt articles, nor can we publish long obituaries without price. Upon inside will be found full editorial, news and local columns, and carefully corrected market reports. We shall continue to spare no pains or expense in making our paper worthy of the city. Next week a series of sketches of the Great Valley, by counties, from Rockbridge to Potomac, will be commenced, which will give matter of interest not only to our people, but to those desiring to settle here. Now is the time to subscribe and circulate the *Spectator*.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.—D. A. Plecker is excavating rapidly for a fine business block on Brook's property, Augusta street.

Robt. Campbell is digging foundation for a dwelling on the street leading to Fair Grounds, near John Peers.

The stone work on Railroad bridge, over Middlebrook road, is nearly completed, and the bricks ready for Round-house.

Thos. Hounihan is preparing to put up two new dwellings, near Railroad bridge, on Greenville Avenue and Garber's Hill, as soon as Valley Railroad line is determined.

Mr. J. D. Shomo informs us he will commence to erect his shops in Gallowstown 1st of March.

Workman are busy as bees inside of Mozart Hall and will finish by July 1st.

The Spring opening for building promises to be lively, and our lumber men and builders are preparing accordingly.

There is rumor that Supervisors will order a new iron fence around Court-house yard next meeting and place a large and besutiful drinking fountain in each square. They could make no appropriation so pleasing to the people generally and of the city in particular.

SALES.—Last Wednesday, Feb. 19th, the farm of Andrew Arehart, dec'd, containing 104 acres, near Sangersville, was sold to John Ruff for $20 an acre.

Major B. T. Bagby has sold a house on quarter acre lot in Tamstown, to Oliver Mann for $1200.

On the 19th, Mr. Tim Hounihan sold a lot fronting 60 feet on Market street, to Capt. J. H. Richardson for $1,000 cash, and Capt. R. will build soon.

On 20th, E. M. Cushing sold a quarter acre lot and house on Augusta street extension, belonging to R. Collins's estate, to Rob. G. Bickle for $951.

On Friday, the 21st, Smith, Elder & Baldwin, sold the Sheffey lot, 4 acres, near D., D & Blind Institution, to John Day for $2,000, and on the same day the residence adjoining and lot of J. A. English to same for $9,000—all cash.

E. M. Cushing sold the Ensor land, 25 acres, on Christian's Creek, Saturday last, to Joseph Reynolds for 25.70 per acre.

Sheffey & Bumgardner, Trustees, sold on last Saturday, the Piper house on Main street, to Col. M. G. Harman, for $5,800. This is a two-story brick, and the lot fronts only 19 feet, runs back 120—making the price $305 the front foot.

IN MEMORIAM.—The death of Mrs. E. T. Phillips caused a profound sensation in this city and the love and respect bourn for her many noble qualities, of head and heart, was worthily shown in the largest attendance we have noticed for years at a funeral. All the female schools and hundreds of citizens turned out, and the deep distress of those so long under her motherly care was truly affecting. Fitting resolutions will be found elsewhere—a testimony of the pupils and teachers of the V. F. I. to her worth. In all good works she was ever active, and her charities, though done in secret, were many and bountiful. Her place can never be filled, but she has set an example, worthy to be followed by all who aspire to the good and pure in womanhood. We tender the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy and, "may the Lord temper the wind to the shorn lambs."

ANOTHER ADDITION TO STAUNTON.—Quite a number of Greenvillians were in city last week. They are getting so fond of coming to Staunton, that Bob Campbell says he intends to haul the place down here, as as soon as Valley track is laid to it, and locate it on a corner lot, near Gays.

The regular through freight train from Huntington to Richmond, passed here yesterday, and reports slides removed and road clear.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

SERMON BY REV. W. E BAKER—*Is the modern Church exclusive, expensive or indifferent to the masses?*—On last Sunday night. Rev. W. E. Baker preached a most interesting and able sermon embodying the observations made in his recent trip, as to whether the modern church is open to the charge of being exclusive, expensive or indifferent to the masses. He took his text from the 35th verse of the 25th chapter of St. Matthew:

"I was a stranger, and ye took me in."

It is proverbially difficult, he said, to see ourselves as others see us. The impression the church makes upon the world is unknown to those in the church, for people are generally unwilling to say unpleasant things; and hence it is difficult to find out what the outside world really thinks of the church. But from the street and through the press it is found out that the modern church is charged with being exclusive, expensive and indifferent to the masses. Now is this so? Is this the reason why so many stay away from church? An effort was made in London, recently, to find out why it was that certain classes did not attend church and various reasons were assigned, but the reason most frequently given was, that the church was expensive, exclusive, &c. If people remain at home, they will never be able to find out anything about their neighbors. So to find out whether his own church is like other churches, the pastor must go among these others and observe their ways and customs. It is worth going away to find out how other churches treat the poor and the stranger. His observations had convinced him that—

EXCLUSIVENESS

was not to be found in the wealthiest churches All the churches are alike, in that in them all the Gospel shows its spirit of gentleness, and care for the stranger. Every convenience is made to accommodate the stranger. But if he is compelled to stand up in a church which is always crowded by strangers, he should not complain. If sometimes he stands by a pew, whose owner will not give him a seat, though their is a vacant one, he should not blame the church because it has rented a pew to a selfish and narrow-minded man. The selfish man has a soul to save too, and the church provides for all. The stranger should be thankful for the privilege of worshipping God standing.

If we turn to other organizations we find exclusiveness in perfection. Let a man be last to enter a concert or any entertainment without a reserved seat and he will find what exclusiveness means. In the church all are welcome. It invites and urges all to come and participate in the blessings it bestows. Whilst individuals, here and there, are selfish and narrow-minded, the church is not at all exclusive. All appropriate methods of invitation are extended to every one, and he who stays away because, as he says, he is afraid of intruding in some one's pew, stays away because he wishes to stay away from Christ.

It is sometimes said a poor man cannot afford to go to church, it is too—

EXPENSIVE,

that he cannot dress well enough, that the large amount spent in erecting fine churches would furnish many poor people the means to worship in some much plainer building. But it must be remembered that those fine churches are built by rich men, who spend large sums in many other ways. You would not have them dwell in palaces and worship in a barn. Moreover, in all countries and in all ages, people have built just as fine places of worship as they were able to—and it is right that they should do so. These rich men give liberally in many cases, and yet they are abused because they do not in others.—Hence they soon learn to give not for the mere act of giving, but for the purpose of doing good.

Fine dressing is not recommended by the church in any way. People will dress as well as they are able to, and those who oppose fine dressing are generally those who cannot afford it. But the follies of people must not be laid upon the church.

The church is the only place open to a stranger. He can enter without a ticket. Wherever he hears the prayer ascending, let him enter—he will be welcome. The church calls to all to come and partake of the blessings of the Gospel.

As to passing around the contribution box, it is done more frequently in many churches than in ours. All are expected to contribute, not as a duty but as a privilege, for every one should feel the good it does himself to give his contribution, however small. It is no admission fee and is required of none, if he is unable to give. If a man leaves a church because he does not like to have the contribution box thrust at him, he ought to be allowed to go; but the church is not to blame for his absence from worship. He had seen no evidence of the church's—

INDIFFERENCE TO THE MASSES.

In this it bears a gratifying resemblance to Him who went about doing good. Christ taught his Apostles and sent them forth, so the church teaches its missionaries and sends them forth to teach the Gospel, to erect Sunday schools and to bring the people to God. Christ comforted the sick, so the church goes to the prisons and hospitals and gives consolation to those in suffering and distress. It sends its ministers to houses of refuge to invite the wretched inmates to places of worship and prayer. It has established free colleges, where the every-day laborer may be taught the truths of the Gospel, and may be prepared to go forth to teach others the doctrines of hope and life instilled into his heart by the most devout preachers of the church.

There are also private Christians who advance the Gospel and are like jewels in the crown of the Church and of Christ. Their teachings have been called, not inappropriately, "sermons in shoes." They go about teaching others during the week what truths they learned on Sunday.

As to the work the church has to do—if money could do it, if money could make evil good, the funds would soon be raised. The world is not yet converted, because the material is difficult. But the church is nobly doing her work, and when the Savior comes he will say to her, "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

In conclusion, he urged the members of the Church to do their duty by the Church and appealed to outsiders to come into its fold. There they would find peace and quiet and happiness. The church is doing all in its power to smooth the way for them—the rest remains in their own hands.

Dr. Witherspoon, Chaplain of the University of Virginia, will preach in the Presbyterian church, in this city, on to-night and to-morrow night. Dr. Junkin, of New Providence, will preach in same church on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, and Sunday morning.

On next Saturday morning, the elders elect of the Presbyterian church will be ordained, and on Sunday morning Communion services will be held.

METHODIST.—The Rev. H. H. Kennedy, pastor of the So. M. E. Church, preached morning and night of last Sunday. This was his last Sunday for preaching during the present Conference year. He has been pastor of the Church in Staunton for three years past, and his re-appointment for another year would give general satisfaction.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference will be held on Wednesday (to-morrow) night, after sermon by Rev. J. H. Waugh, P. E.

The last Church Conference will be held on next Friday night.

There will be a meeting of the Sunday school on next Thursday night, for the purpose of making arrangements for a S. S. exhibition, which will be held in a few weeks.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting will be held next Sunday. Presiding Elder Waugh will preach morning and night. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered after morning service.

EPISCOPAL.—Rev. W. Q. Hullihen preached a powerful sermon upon the subject of God's personal interest in every human being. There will be service to-morrow at 11 A. M.—Ash Wednesday—and on Friday. Assistant Bishop Whittle will administer Confirmation and preach here March 21st.

At the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Hart preached two able and interesting sermons.

SOIREE.—The young ladies of the Wesleyan Female Institute gave a delightful soiree on last Friday night. The programme was made up of 21 pieces of select music from the best authors, and the performers all exhibited a degree of musical culture which reflected the highest credit on their instructors—Pref. Julius Schneider, of instrumental department, and Miss Lizzie Daniel, of the vocal department. We were deprived of the pleasure of hearing all the pieces, but among those we did hear the following are deemed worthy of special mention:

Overture—"Siege of Corinth"—performed by Misses Elerbe, Thornburg, Harris and Prof. Schneider. "Nightingale's trill"—by Miss Mattie Bonner. "Oh, Cara, imagine"—Misses Pattie and Furr. "Nightfall and Darkness"—by Misses Pattie, Pearce and Furr. Overture—"Tancredi"—by Misses Jones and Daniel; and "'Tis the last rose of Summer," and "Home"—by Miss Lizzie Pattie, and Miss Daniel's class.

COUNTY COURT.—Judge Hendren opened the quarterly term yesterday. Many people were in attendance and business lively. The powers of C. B. Coiner, adm'r of S. D. Coiner, revoked. John B. Quidor, and J. F. Davis renewed bonds as Notaries. J. A. B. Wilson and C. D. Koiner qualified as adm'rs of Mary Long. Certificate granted to J. H. Dull for leg. D. B. Hinton was appointed comm'r of roads for Middle river. D. S. Wine qualified as adm'r of Thos F. Jones. Grand Jury found true bills against James C. Bosserman, for house-breaking and larceny; Henry McCutchen, (col.) for house-breaking; H. M. and A. C. Stoutamoyer unlawful trespass. Whole of Commonwealth's docket cleared and issue docket comes up today.

SAD.—A few months ago Mrs. Martin Whitmore, near Parnassus, visited her friends in Iowa, where she had lived several years, and was the widow of C. Bolton, late of Rockingham. She took with her, her only son, by that marriage, a sprightly boy of about 14, the idol of his grand-mother—the widow Myers, late of Mt. Crawford—and at her earnest solicitation left him. She had a telegram a few days ago, informing her of his illness, followed rapidly by a second, announcing his death, and that his remains would reach her about the 5th. Her visit was a sad one, because of the illness of so many of her friends of typhoid fever and other diseases. Why will Virginians exchange this State for any in the West to die of fevers in summer, and freeze in winter, or make themselves comfortable in burning their corn for fuel? X.

BROOKS OBSERVES "SOME THINGS."—The Woodward House will soon have its new omnibus out, and it is useless to add Joe Woodward keeps a good house. He couldn't help it if he tried and and all his "trys" are successfully the other way. "Brooks," who is a man of parts and observation, says "that since Thornburg, Jack Doyle and Bob Kinney, started to board there, their personal pulchritude strikes terror into the hearts of every boarding-house keeper they pass, but it pleases 'old Joe' to see his folks eat and grow fat." He also adds "that a man who would grumble at his fare there, or at the price and quality of Charley Haines' cigars, is so mean he would walk across the lower regions, on a rotten log, for a cent."

THE LARA MINE.—Col. B. J. Jordan, undoubtedly the greatest "mineral ferret" in the State, has opened up this mine and shipped 500 tons of iron ore. It is in 100 feet of Fishersville depot, on the lands of A. S. Lara, Esq. Col. Jordan gets 500 tons for developing it, and has leased it, giving Lara a handsome royalty. Coal is said to lie near, by Rodgers in his Geological Report, and Jordan has an eye on it. The vein improves every day. We congratulate "Uncle Ben" and Lara on their good fortune. The former makes Fishersville his home now.

PERSONAL.—Judge S. P. Chase, of the U. S. Supreme Court, stayed all night at the American Friday night.

Mr. F. Montague one of the editors of the London Telegraph was in our office yesterday. He will spend several months in America, and by his constant communication with his paper in London, will exercise a healthy influence on English emigration. He expressed himself as highly delighted with Staunton and what he had seen of the Valley.

GOOD BOOK.—Messrs. Eldredge & Bro., publishers, Philadelphia, have sent us a copy of "First Lessons in Composition," by John S. Hart, LL. D. Price 90 cents. To teachers for examination, 50 cents. It is a neatly printed book of 168 pages, and no pains have been spared to make it a book eminently practical and adaptable to the school-room. It is highly recommended by teachers and others, and has been adopted by a large number of the graded schools.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—Sunday night, Dennis Nelligan, blacksmith for Lara & Condon, contractors on V. R. R., near Mt. Sidney, laid down on the outside of his bed in a shanty, and yesterday morning he was so badly frozen he could not answer at roll call. Dr. Wm. Crawford was called and did everything he could for him but at 6 P. M. yesterday, he died while being bro't to Staunton.

A GOOD CAUSE—The Good Templars and Staunton Council, Friends of Temperance, will give a splendid Supper in their new Hall, next Thursday and Friday nights. Everything will be gotten up in style and the proceeds go towards paying for their new Hall. The good work always being done by these noble orders deserves the encouragement and support of all, and we are sure the object needs no further appeal to liberality of our citizens.

STEIFF'S PIANOS.—Lewis Gaehle. of Balt., general agent for Charles M. Stieff & Co.'s celebrated pianos, paid our city a visit last week.—The business of this firm is immense and growing daily, and they could have no more gentlemanly and efficient agent. He was warmly welcomed by a host of friends.

Through the firm will and indomitable energy of just one man—Col. Mike Harman—Staunton is made a city, rich and prosperous. Have we any one, to work alike for Harrisonburg?—*Old Commonwealth.*

A good many troublesome questions can be avoided by looking at the clock in the Post Office, near "Ladies' Delivery," and the schedule posted by it. It will tell you all the Postmaster can and not take him away from his work either.

De Costa's European Gallery of Art and Beauty will exhibit in City Hall on next Wednesday and Thursday nights. Go and see it. It promises a delightful entertainment.

Augusta should have a population of millions, and can have it, if proper efforts are made to show the world what she is capable of. Send us the facts and figures from every neighborhood.

The members of Charity Division, Sons of Temperance, are earnestly requested to be present at their next meeting.

The O. & A. R. R. trains now run through to Washington, over Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad track.

H. Risk, Esq, U. S. S. C. C., is busy taking testimony of the "loyal" for claims against the U. S.

Our thanks to Hons. R. T. W. Duke, Jno. F. Lewis and Col. T. F. Owens for valuable public documents.

There is an unmailable letter in Lexington P. C. for Franklin Farrow, Mt. Sidney, Augusta county.

C. D. Fishburne, one of the new Editors of Charlottesville *Chronicle*, is a native of Waynesboro, in this county.

A large Brewery is to be opened at McMahon's property, near gas works.

Criminal expenses of Augusta, for 1872, $2,491.22.

THE PETERSBURG PRESS.—The ePtersburg *Index* comes to us in a new dress, which would improve it, but even new type cannot accomplish the impossible. The Petersburg Press is showing an energy, talent and enterprise, that is fast putting it at the head of the daily press of the State, and "Big Richmond" "should profit by the example" of *Index* and *Appeal.*

We have just received a full supply of stationery, bill and letter-heads, cap and card paper and cards and are better prepared than ever to do justice to our patrons.

A fragrant breath and pearly teeth are easily attained, and those who fail to avail themselves of the means, should not complain when accused of gross neglect The Sozodont will speedily eradicate the cause of a foul breath, beautifying and preserving the teeth to the oldest age.

Spalding's Glue; stickiest thing out: ready.

LIST OF PATENTS.—The following patents were issued from the U. S. Patent Office to citizens of Virginia, for the week ending Feb. 4th, 1873. Reported for the *Spectator*, by Alexander & Mason, solicitors of Patents, 605 Seventh street, Washington, D. C.

Broom Head—B. C. Cook, Richmond.

A WORD TO THE WISE.—"*A Stitch in time saves nine!*"—No doubt you have seen my advertisement of change of firm on 1st of January and a desire to settle up "old scores." Those indebted, *failing* to call and settle *immediately*, if called upon by a *collector* must not think hard of me, as I have no time to run around and *dun*. Remember the accounts of the old firm must be settled. Very respectfully, J. W. NEWTON.

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THE MARKETS.

Staunton Prices Current.

Corrected Weekly by
RICHARDSON & BELL,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
GROCERS AND PRODUCE DEALERS,
Augusta, Street,
Staunton, Va.

WHOLESALE PRICES

FLOUR	Fine	$7 00@$7 00
	Superfine	8 00@8 00
	Extra	8 50@8 50
	Family	9 00@900
WHEAT,	Red	1 85@ 1 90
	White	1 90@ 1 95
CORN,	Yellow	0 65@ 0 65
	White	0 65@ 0 70
OATS		0 50@ 0 50
RYE		1 00@ 1 00
PORK		6 00
LARD		0 10@ 10½
BACON,	Hog round	9 00@ 9 50
	Sides	0 10 10
	Shoulders	0 8 0 8
	Hams	0 12 0 13
BUTTER		0 25@ 0 25
EGGS		30@ 0 30
MEAL		0 80@ 0 80
SALT,	American	3 50@ 0 00
	Liverpool	3 50 3 50
SUGAR,	Brown	0 10@ 0 12
	Coffee	0 14@ 0 15
	Crushed	0 16 0 17
	Puiverized	0 17 0 00
	Granulated	0 17 0 00
COFFEE	Rio	25a30c
	Laguyra	30a30c
	Java	35c
TEAS,	Black	1 50@ 1 75
	Green	2 00@ 2 25
	Japan	1 50 1 75
	Gunpowder	2 00 2 50
MOLASSES		0 45@ 0 75
SYRUP		0 60 1 00
GUANO,	Pacific	58 00
	Peruvian	100 00
BONE DUST		60 00
GROUND PLASTER		12 00
LUMP "		60 00
IRISH POTATOES		0 00@ 0 75
FISH,	Potomac Nett Herring	10 00
	" Gross "	8 00
	N. C. Nett "	8 00
	" " Gross "	6 00@ 7 00

Richmond Markets.

FLOUR	Family	10 00@10 50
	Extra	9 25@ 9 25
	Superfine	8 75@ 8 75
WHEAT,	White	2 00@ 2 20
	Red	2 00@ 2 10
CORN	White	78@
	Yellow	75@
	Mixed	78@
OATS		55@ 60
BEES WAX		35@ 40
EGGS		25@
POTATOES—Irish		75@ 00
BUTTER—Prime		20@ 30
BACON—Hog round		10½@
LARD		10@

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P. JACCHERI.

june 25 tf—Town papers copy.

TEMPLE OF FASHION—Removal. MRS KATE M. KELLEY begs to inform her customers and the public generally that she has removed in rear of her former store. The store-room formerly occupied by her is now for rent. de10-tf

ARMENTROUT & CO., are paying the highest cash prices for BUTTER, EGGS, CHICKENS and TURKEYS. nov 19 tf—V & V copy 1t

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FOR SALE—A number 3 'Morning Glory' Coal Stove in good order—cheap. Apply to J. A. NOON, at P. O.

FRESH CAN-TOMATOES—a prime lot just received, warranted fresh and nice, by jan28 RICHARDSON & BELL.

$5 to $20 per day! Agents wanted! All classes of working people, of either sex, young or old, make more money at work for us in their spare moments or all the time than at anything else. Particulars free. Address G. Stinson & Co., Portland, Maine.

The Muddy Roads.

Editor Spectator:

Sidney Smith once said "nothing would be done to warn railway officials from the danger of accidents on the line, till they had killed a Bishop" On this principle I would recommend the county to send Judge Hendren out on a tired horse, an hour or two through the mud, which covers all the outlets to Staunton more than knee-deep. It would be too cruel to ask him to drive a team, except in the interest of the wheel and axle makers.

I only wish the horses could write you a letter on their miseries. It would be a more eloquent one than my powers are equal to.

Yours truly, C. LEMPRIERE.

Buckhorn, Jan. 21, 1873.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.—Why are Haines' Cigars so far superior to those that come from Baltimore and New York? Because he uses the very best selected Havana Tobacco and spares neither pains nor expense to retain his merited reputation. His "*Top of the Pot*" and "*Golden Star*" brands are the finest flavored cigars in the city. 25

Married.

On Feb. 18th, by Rev. R. S. Shreve, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Stony run church, on Jackson's River, Highland county, Rev. LESLIE H. DAVIS of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South, to Miss MARY D. daughter of David Stephenson.

On Feb. 13th, on Mossy Creek, by Rev. J. J. Engle, Mr. AMBROSE H. ROGERS to Miss MARGARET F. ODOR.

On Feb. 15th, near Sangersville, by Rev. J. J. Engle, Mr. JOHN H. VANCE and Miss AMANDA L LANDES.

At Centrefield, Ohio, on the 16th of January, 1873, JOHN T. HARRISON of Ray county, Mo, formerly of Rockingham county, and Miss EMMA WHITE, of the former place.

On the 19th instant, in Washington city, by the Rev. Mr. Jatton, of the Baptist church, Mr. GEORGE L. GLOVER and Miss EMMA V. MILLER—both of Augusta county.

Deaths.

At Montgomery Hall, near Staunton, on the 21st, WM. W. DONAGHE, Sr., in the 76th year of his age.

In Dayton, Rockingham county, on the 8th instant, MARY JANETTE, infant child of James P. and Ella McLeod, aged five months and six days.

At the residence of her son, Edward H. Stevens, in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 7th instant, Mrs. ELIZABETH STEVENS, widow of Edward Stevens, dec'd, formerly of Harrisonburg, in the 77th year of her age.

On February 1st, 1873, at the residence of his uncle, in Iowa, EDDIE BOLTON, aged 16. His remains were interred on the 12th. at Parnassus. Slight and fragile as the lilly of the Valley, his life was one long struggle for the perfection of Christian grace, and he leaves a memory fragrant with holiness to his friends.

DIED.—On Sunday night at 12 o'clock M., at his residence, in Staunton, Wm. R. Woodhouse, in the 44th year of his age, after an illness of excruciating pain of nearly three weeks, caused by Erysipelas. He was beloved and highly esteemed by all who knew him, and in his death Staunton loses a good citizen. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his untimely end. In their sad bereavement they have the heartfelt sympathies of this entire community. His funeral takes place from his residence in Tams Town, and the services will be conducted by Rev. H. H. Kennedy and Rev. Wm. E Baker, at 11 o'clock to-day, (Tuesday.) His friends and the public are respectfully invited to attend.

At a meeting of the Teachers and Pupils of the Virginia Female Institute, on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 1873, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted