

Staunton Spectator.

Tuesday, October 21, 1873.

Conservative State Ticket!

FOR GOVERNOR: GENERAL JAMES L. KEMPER, OF MADISON.

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR: COLONEL ROBERT E. WITHERS, OF WYTHE.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL: HON. RALEIGH T. DANIEL, OF RICHMOND CITY.

COUNTY TICKET! FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES: HON. A. H. STUART, MAJ. MARSHALL HANGER, MAJ. ABRAHAM KOINER.

THE MARKET. STAUNTON MARKET.—Reported by C. A. Richardson—Family flour \$8.00, Extra \$7.25, Super \$6.75, wheat from \$2.25 to 40, oats \$0.65, new-corn \$0.45, old corn \$0.40, Butter 25c, eggs 20c, bacon 13 1/2c. Hog-round, Our markets are improving and prices advancing. Business very good, finances getting easier.

A Word to be Heeded.

Voters of Staunton! Have you changed your residences and voting places since the last election? If you have, you must secure your transfers before the regular days of registration close, for after that time you cannot do so, and consequently forfeit your right to vote. In the country or in towns with a population of less than 2,000, transfers may be obtained up to the day of election, but in towns having 2,000 or more inhabitants, voters are required to get their certificates of transfer before or during the regular registration days.

Herefore many voters in town lost their right to vote because they failed, either from ignorance of the law or from culpable negligence, to secure their certificates of transfer before or during the regular registration days.

In towns of 2,000 population there are three days of registration, whilst in the country there is but one regular day, but voters can register before that day arrives and on that day, but not after, and that is ten days before the election. In this county next Friday, the 24th, is the day fixed by the registrars. Be sure to register on that day, and don't fail to get your certificates of transfer if you have changed your voting place.

REMEMBER THAT NEXT FRIDAY, THE 24TH, IS THE REGULAR REGISTRATION DAY. SEE THAT YOUR NEIGHBORS REGISTER.

A Word to Conservatives.

But two short weeks will intervene between the date of this issue of our paper and the election, the result of which will determine the weal or woe of this State.

Every Conservative should strive earnestly and work energetically from this time till sunset of election day to increase as much as possible the Conservative vote. Each should see to it that the result depended on, as in fact, may be the case, upon his own individual exertion. The duty which is now incumbent upon every citizen is to do all he possibly can to secure the success of the Conservative ticket.—Conservative votes are now more valuable than rubies. It should be the pleasure, as it certainly is the duty, of every lover of Virginia to labor for the increase of Conservative votes. No Conservative should allow anything to prevent him from voting on the day of election, and he should see that all his neighbors do likewise.—Get out the voters!

Mass Meeting at Lexington.

There will be a Grand Mass Meeting of the people and a barbecue in the Court-house yard in Lexington on Tuesday, the 28th inst., commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following distinguished gentlemen have been invited to be present and address the people: COL. R. E. WITHERS, HON. G. W. WALKER, Gov. of Va., W. W. WALKER, ESQ., HON. WILLIAM MILNES, HON. THOMAS WHITEHEAD.

Refreshments will be provided for all.

We hope the meeting will be well attended, and that on the day of election Rockbridge county may cover herself with glory with a mantle.

Burned to Death.

On Sunday afternoon of last week in Fincastle, Miss Lucy Ferguson, whilst alone, fell from her chair into the kitchen fire and was burned to death. The Fincastle Herald says that, "the body of the unfortunate lady was burned almost completely up, the top and back part of the head and one foot only escaping; the balance of her person being either charred and blackened or burnt into ashes."

The remains were gathered up and on Monday evening interred in the Presbyterian Church-yard.

Her sad fate was discovered late Sunday evening.

When to Register.

Any person entitled to vote may, under the law as it now stands, register his name on the second Tuesday in May of each year, in his proper voting precinct, and on any day thereafter prior to the day of the election in November. All voters should see that their names are registered on or before the 24th of October next. Let it be understood that after the 24th of October, no new name can be placed on the registration books. Transfers can be made, we believe, down to the day of election, but to be sure of the matter this should be attended to at once.

Fatal Accident at Winchester.

On Tuesday last Mrs. Harriet Stump, of Winchester, whilst riding on Miss Fannie Whisen to visit a friend, came in collision with a wagon driven by Mr. Clouser, when both ladies were thrown out. Mrs. Stump was immediately conveyed home, and died on Wednesday morning. Deceased was about sixty-five years of age, an estimable lady, and mother-in-law of Col. L. L. Larue, of Winchester.

Death of Miss Agnes Lee.

Miss Agnes Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, died on Wednesday morning last in Lexington, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Mary Custis Lee. On Friday the funeral services were held in the Chapel of Washington and Lee University and the interment was made beside the remains of her father in the vault of the Memorial Chapel which was dedicated as the burial place of the family by the Trustees at the time of the death of Gen. Lee.

Counting the Cost.

The people of Virginia are poor and in debt. Their aim during all the bitter years that have followed the war has been to resuscitate their industries, to support their families, to pay off their debts and to lay the foundation for future prosperity. Under Conservative rule they have, despite floods, bad seasons and financial drawbacks, made considerable progress.

It is now proposed that they shall change their programme, reverse all they have done and hand their political affairs, which involve their business interests, over to the negroes, the carpet-baggers and the few native whites who are acting with them. Before they do so, let them, like wise men, count the cost.

Wherever Southern Radicalism has prevailed it has cost the Commonwealth subjected to its control almost fabulous sums. The taxing power was first exerted to raise money, and the money raised was squandered or stolen by the officials. The address of the State Conservative Committee, published about ten days ago, showed from the report of a Congressional committee that between 1867 and 1871 the State debt of Alabama was increased from \$7,900,000 to \$38,000,000; of Arkansas, from \$4,000,000 to \$19,000,000; of Florida, from \$500,000 to \$15,000,000; of South Carolina, from \$4,000,000 to \$29,000,000. To meet this indebtedness the taxes had to be raised accordingly. The effect upon property-holders may be illustrated by the case of one piece of land in Arkansas, taken from \$8.10, in '67 it was raised to \$16.30; in '68 to \$112.62; in '69 to \$146.48; in '70 to \$210.60.

The people of Virginia complain of having to pay fifty cents on every hundred dollars, worth of property. Suppose they surrender the control of their government to the Radicals—are they mad enough to suppose that their condition will be bettered? Bettered indeed! The taxes will probably be doubled, tripled, quadrupled, quintupled, and so on progressively until the effect will be that of confiscation.

Not content with stealing the public money thus raised by oppressive taxation, the Southern Radical Legislatures squandered it in all kinds of extravagance. For instance, in South Carolina the Radical Legislature ordered (among numberless other articles) a mirror for the Speaker's room at the cost of \$750, clocks at \$480 a piece, chandeliers at \$650 apiece, and two hundred fine porcelain spittoons at \$8 a piece!

Let Virginia be surrendered to the Radical party and the same result would follow. Why not? Is the party any better here than there? The material is the same, "the morals" the same, the hunger for plunder the same, the barbaric love of show the same.

This is but part of the cost that Radicalism would entail upon the tax-payers and property-holders of Virginia. Are they prepared to purchase Radical rule at such a cost—irretrievable bankruptcy, ruin and disgrace?—Rich. Whig.

Shooting Affray at Wheeling, W. Va.

On Wednesday last, J. J. Sweeney, candidate for the Legislature, assaulted and beat O. S. Long, editor of the Register, for an abusive article published in that morning's paper.—Thursday morning's issue contained further reflections on Sweeney's character. About 11 o'clock Sweeney met Lewis Baker, proprietor, and J. S. Clark, local editor of the Register, and after some words all three drew their revolvers and commenced firing. Baker was slightly wounded, and Clark had his arm broken.

In some comments upon this affray, the Baltimore Sun says that, "it may be that this achievement and that which preceded it disproves the charge of ruffianism, though we are inclined to think that none but ruffians would come to that conclusion. If the press does injustice to any and refuses opportunity to the aggrieved for correction we presume that there are lawful means of redress in West Virginia as elsewhere, and therefore this resort to violence should not be tolerated. The indulgence of it justifies a suspicion of conscious guilt.—Certainly it should not be necessary for members of the press to defend their persons with revolvers whenever the performance of their supposed duty to the public proves displeasing."

Marriages of Newspaper Men.

On Wednesday morning last, at Grace (Episcopal) Church in Petersburg, Capt. J. Hampden Chamberlayne, recently editor of the Petersburg Index, and soon to take the position of Editor of the Norfolk Virginian, was married to Miss Mary Gibson, daughter of Rev. Dr. C. J. Gibson, D. D., the rector of the church. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large number of their friends.

On Thursday night last, in the Methodist Church in Salem, Roanoke county, Mr. Frank G. Webber, publisher of the Roanoke Times, of which Capt. J. A. McCall is Editor, was married to Miss Mollie Parrish, second daughter of Jas. Parrish, Esq., of that place, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. P. Echeverre in the presence of a large number of witnesses.

Both of these newspaper Bachelors have our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity. The Mr. Editor has no ordinary means, and we regret that his voice has not been heard throughout the length and breadth of the old Commonwealth. His appeal to every man to go to the polls on the 4th day of November next, moved the hearts of many lukewarm voters, and a good result will be made manifest on that day. This was a glorious day for our old country. It was the names of our people, we thank these distinguished speakers for changing us from apathy. The County of Bath will be hot duty, and the white population will be a unit for the Conservative ticket.

Our mutual friend, Col. Jno. L. Eubank, has no opposition for the Senate. His nomination is received with great favor throughout the district. Our late colleague, Paul Lee, died without opposition for re-election. God grant that Old Virginia will always be the Government of the white race, and that the result of the election on the 4th day of November next, may be a terrible rebuke to those who are attempting to make her otherwise, in the prayer of many thousands, besides the individual who signs this article with the Soubriquet of an old MOUNTAINEER.

To the Public—Sewing Machine.

The subscriber, Agent for the Domestic Sewing Machine Company, takes great pleasure in informing the public that the Domestic Sewing Machine took the First Premium at the recent Fair in Augusta and Rockbridge counties. It was the great attraction at both of these Fairs.—It is superior in its range of work, simple and easy to learn to operate, and runs so lightly that a girl 9 years old can run it with one dollar and ten cents worth of oil, and as other machines, it needs but a few drops of oil, gives greater satisfaction than any other machine, it will sew any kind of fabric as well as the lightest goods and with any kind of thread, and it is the machine for those who want the best, and it is growing more rapidly in popularity than any other, as is manifested by the fact that it is almost impossible to deliver them as fast as they are demanded. Don't fail to call and see it at Mrs. M. E. Fagan's Millinery store on Main street, Staunton, before buying any other machine. Call and see it operate on all kinds of goods.

It is estimated that the salary grab and the special appropriations made for his household will foot up nearly one hundred and thirty thousand dollars as General Grant's salary for the present year.

Week before last, on his place near Union, Monroe Co., W. Va., several calves of Mr. Stewart J. Warren died of the disease known as the "black leg."

BARN BURNED IN ROCKINGHAM.—The barn of Mr. David Bowman near Bridgewater in Rockingham county, on Thursday morning last, together with a lot of hay, feed, harness, &c., belonging to McLeod & Co., contractors on the Narrow Gauge Railroad, which had used the barn as headquarters for their hands and teams. The fire was accidental, and the loss was estimated at about \$2,500. Two horses in the building at the time were gotten out just in time to escape being burned to death.

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