Staunton Spectator.

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Local Department.

LOOK AT THE FIGURES ON YOUR PAPER, and ask yourself the question: "Am I reading my paper or that of the Publishers?" If you cannot answer the question satisfactorily, come forward and pay up, and it will give us great pleasure to change the figures.

RAGS! RAGS!!—Cash paid for clean linen and cotton rags at the SPECTATOR office.

SALES OF LAND ADVERTISED IN THE "SPECTATOR."

The following *memoranda* of sales of tracts of land and houses and lots refer to sales, public and private, advertised in the columns of this paper, to which, for particulars, attention is specially called:

PUBLIC SALES OF LAND.

Saturday, Feb. 17.—Messrs. Bumgardner, Cochran, Michie, Paul and Yancey will sell that valuable Springs property, in this county, known as the "Augusta" or "Stribling Springs."

Friday, March 2.—Jas. Bumgardner, jr., will sell an undivided half of the valuable tract of land known as the "Ewing Farm," containing 260 acres, situated near Middlebrook in this county.

Friday, March 2.—Wm. B. Kayser will sell twenty half-acre lots within one mile of the city limits, opposite the Federal Cemetery, on the old Scottsville turnpike.

Saturday, March 3.—D. S. Young, com'r, will sell 200 to 250 acres of valuable land in Augusta county, adjoining the lands of Jas. Bumgardner, Sr., T. A. Lightner and others.

Saturday, March 3—Preston A. Baylor, trustee will sell a valuable tract of 174 acres of land, situated on the North bank of Middle River in Augusta county.

Wednesday, March 14.—Messrs. Mathews and Harris, com'rs, will sell a valuable farm in Greenbrier county, about two miles south of Lewisburg. This farm contains 148 acres and has fine improvements on it.

Wednesday, March 14—Messrs. Bell and Patrick, com'rs, will sell 1700 acres of mountain land, on South mountain, near Waynesboro'. It is well timbered and is thought to contain valuable deposits of iron.

Thursday, March 15—Edward Echols, trustee, will sell the desirable brick house and lot now occupied by P. B. Hoge, Esq. This is one of the most desirable and valuable residences in the city of Staunton, situated on East Main Street—Gospel Hill.

Thursday, March 15—Geo. M. Cochran, jr., com'r, will sell a house and 10½ acres of land in Churchville, owned by Dr. J. A. Wilson.—This is a valuable property, suited for a physician.

Thursday, Mrrch 15—Messrs. Anderson and Cochran, com'rs, will sell 164 acres of valuable land on Middle river, known as the Samuel Sterrett farm. Sale will take place in front of the Court-house.

LANDS OFFERED AT PRIVATE SALE.

Mr. T. D. RANSON offers for sale a Cottage House and lot on east Main street. Terms easy.

MR. S. J. BONDURANT offers for sale a fine farm of 180 acres, located near Fishersville, in Augusta county.

JONATHAN KOINER, Executor of Jacob Coyner, dec'd, offers a tract of land for sale privately—known as the "Grove tract," containing 110¾ acres, on the waters of Long Meadows about 2 miles from Fishersville depot, one-half cleared and the rest finely timbered. Address, Jonathan Koiner, Waynesboro'.

SAMUEL H. STEELE offers for sale privately a portion of his Home Farm, near Fishersville, in this county. He will sell 135 or 140 acres as the purchaser may wish, with 25 or 30 acres heavily timbered. Address, Samuel H. Steele, Waynesboro'.

Patapsco Bread Preparation and Yeast Powders beats them all for making bread and biscuits. Try it. For sale by C. C. WHEAT.

SKATING RINK.—If you "want to see the wheels go round" you ought to go to the Skating rink in the Grange building, where they revolve with a variety and contrariety that would appease even the persistent desire of "Toddle." Theoretically, it is one of the easiest things in the world to make the little wheels revolve, and even practically it is not difficult, but stopping them is what upsets a man's ideas of mundane happiness. Like the Irishman who, when asked if his fall hurt him, replied, "Ah faith, no, but stopping so suddenly was what made it uncomfortable." It is a beautiful sight to see the curves and demi-curves made by the skatists, but when such an abrupt end is made to this graceful sight it reminds one of a stroke of lightning. It is, however, a very graceful and invigorating exercise when one has learned, although the learning is obtained under some difficulties.

Y. M. C. A.—The Sunday afternoon prayer-meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was well attended.—Mr. H. M. McIlhany read the 3rd chapter of 2nd Peter, upon which remarks were made by Prof. Leo. Poyntz and P. A. Baylor. Mr. T. C. Morton, Chairman of the Committee to confer with the colored chnrches, reported that the colored people were not now prepared to have their *teachers taught*, but would be glad to have assistance in their Sunday schools, if the Association could render any. The subject was, by consent, postponed to the next regular business meeting of the Association. Meeting next Sunday will be led by Mr. H. Jordan. Subject, 1st Epistle of John, 1st chapter.

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BEAUTIFUL MOTTOES,
SLIPPER PATTERNS,
FINE BOXES
Full of Handkerchiefs,
and other articles too numerous to mention.
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SOUTH AUGUSTA STREET,
For Bargains.

DEATH OF REV. H. C. PITZER.—On last Thursday afternoon, Rev. H. C. Pitzer of the M. E. Church South, died at the Parsonage of that church in Union, Monroe county, W. Va., in the 33rd year of his age. He was prostrated with inflammatory rheumatism several weeks ago, but the immediate cause of his death was congestion of the brain. He was a popular and promising minister, esteemed and loved by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and two small children. He was a native of Covington, Alleghany county, Va., to which place his remains were taken for interment.

MILITARY COMPANY AT GOSHEN.—A military company has been organized at Goshen, of which A. C. Harman, formerly of this city, is Captain. A correspondent of the Lexington *Gazette* says: "The company has some excellent material in it, some of them having smelt powder in the ranks with "the boys in gray" in times that tried men's pluck. Capt. A. C. Harman, an old V. M. I. cadet is in command, which insures thorough drill and good discipline."

C. C. WHEAT roasts his own Coffee, and has it always fresh and nice. Try it.

THE RESOURCES OF VIRGINIA.—We are pleased to see that Maj. Jed Hotchkiss's book giving the resources of Virginia, published under the supervision of the Board of Immigration, is receiving attention and commendation from the leading press of England. It is a valuable compilation, requiring great labor and patience, and peculiar qualifications to prepare, and its circulation abroad will be productive of good results.

ROASTED COFFEE.—Our enterprising grocery man, Mr. C. C. Wheat, has secured an air-tight cylinder Coffee Roaster, (such as is used in the cities for roasting coffee,) and is prepared to furnish his customers with fresh roasted coffee in any quantity, at all times. Coffee roasted by this process retains its purity and true flavor, and all the aroma of the coffee is preserved. Give him a trial order.

DEATH OF LITTLE "TODDIE."—Those who have read the book entitled "Helen's Babies," will be sorry to learn that little "Toddie," who had such a desire to "shee wheels go round" in the watch, and who played "whale down to the village," died suddenly of membranous croup a week ago. He was the youngest son of John Habberton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the author of the book.

WEATHER SIGNS.—The goose bone sign which prognosticated worse weather in the latter part of January than the first has proven false.—The ground hog sign for favorable weather after the 2nd inst., has so far held good.

Don't catch cold; but if you do, nothing will meet the requirements of the case as well as Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Isaac Riche Again—Not a Frenchman—A Swiss.

The criminal, Isaac Riche, who was arrested at his home in the Blue Ridge mountains in this county week before last was not a Frenchman, as supposed, but a Swiss by birth, though the crimes with which he is charged were committed in France, and he was arrested, under the extradition treaty between the Republic of France and the United States, on affidavits presented by the French Consul General at the port of New York. Some years ago he emigrated from the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, to France, where he was given charge of a female school, supported by charity, in the village of Erlincourt, district of Montbellard. He had a wife and four children, and for a time prospered, but being charged with having violated the persons of some of his pupils he fled to this country, and, sought to escape justice by settling in a retired home in the Blue Ridge. The *N. Y. Herald* says that if he had remained in the forest shanty he had erected for himself, he would probably have been secure from the reach of justice, but that in an evil hour he went to Newark, N. J., and resumed his old occupation as schoolmaster, where, in the person of his countryman Dubert, the sleepless eye of justice got a squint at him, when he again sought retreat in his mountain home; but he was traced, and found and captured, and taken to New York and confined in jail.

The New York *Herald* says: "The papers in the case show that the accused was a teacher in a government institution for learning in the village of Erlincourt, in France, which was attended by the children of the villagers; that Riche, during the years 1875-6, had committed outrages on several of the youthful pupils, and that the specific charge against him, and on which the papers for his arrest here and extradition are based, was for violation of the person of Anna Alman, a girl between twelve and thirteen years old. It is also stated that the knowledge of a similar outrage coming to the ears of the mother of one of his victims she died from the shock."

The N. Y. *World* says: "Riche is a well educated man, about thirty-six years of age, and it is understood that he has admitted his guilt and is willing to be returned to France without awaiting the formality of the extradition laws. The punishment of the crime with which Riche is charged is in France imprisonment for life."

LATER.—The N. Y. *World* of last Friday contains the following: "Another case before Commissioner White yesterday was that of Isaac Riche, whose extradition the French Government demands, he being charged with committing a criminal assault in the district of Montbellard, France. He said he was too poor to employ counsel, and ex-Judge J. P. Joachimsen was assigned to him, and a copy of the evidence was furnished. A further hearing will be had on Wednesday next."

DEATH OF LORD MILTON.—Lord Milton, who had been an invalid for a long time, died recently in England. He came to this country some years since for the benefit of his health accompanied by his wife and family physician. He resided for a while near Staunton, and then purchased the Callaghan property, 5 miles west of Covington, Alleghany county, to which he removed and made it his home. Not a great while after his occupancy of it, the house was burned, and no time was lost in the erection of new buildings upon the original site.

Lord Milton was the son and heir of the sixth Earl Fitzwilliam. He was born in 1839, received his education at Eton and Cambridge, and sat in Parliament for the southern division of West York from July, 1865, to June, 1872, when he retired from the Commons on account of ill-health. In 1867 he married Laura Theresa, daughter of the late Lord Charles Beauclerk.—The issue of this marriage, a son born in Canada in 1872, now becomes Viscount Milton by courtesy, as heir to the Fitzwilliam title and estates. Viscount Milton was best known to Americans as the author conjointly with Dr. Cheadle, of the "Northern Passage by Land," and an interesting book of travel in the Rocky mountain region which has reached its sixth edition.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING.—About 7 o'clock on last Sunday morning Addison Gordon (colored), aged about 20 years, was caught, whilst in the act of robbing the money drawer in the store of Messrs. Timberlake & Bell, by Messrs. J. Lynn Richardson and Frank Stabler, who were secreted in the store, where they had remained all the night previous, on the watch for the thief, as the money drawer had been robbed on Wednesday night and Friday morning previous of about $3.00 on each occasion.

As after the second robbery suspicion attached to Ad. Gordon who waited on the room in the 2nd story occupied by the clerk, J. Lynn Richardson, and Herbet Coffman, the clerk made the impression upon Gordon's mind that he would spend Saturday night in the country.

When he went to the room on Sunday morning, he inquired of Mr. Herbert Coffman, where Mr. Richardson was, and was told that he was staying with Mr. Stabler; but did not tell him that Mr. Stabler was at that time in the store below on the watch for a thief. Mr. Coffman dressed and soon left the room as if going away into the country. The coast being now clear, as Gordon supposed, he went down the stairway leading from the room occupied by the clerk to the store-room, and unlocked that door and gained entrance into the store with the key to the alley door, with which he was entrusted that he might wait upon the room in the second story. It has been discovered that the alley door key opens the stairway door, and of course he had no difficulty in getting from the room above into the store below. Having gotten in the store, he locked the stairway door behind him, and proceeded at once to the money drawer, but as he was in the act of robbing it, Messrs. Richardson and Stabler arose from their place of concealment and arrested him.

He is now in jail, and will have his trial before Mayor Baithis this morning at 9 o'clock.

MIDDLE RIVER TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The Middle River Teachers' Association met at New Hope on Saturday, the 3rd inst., of which the following are the proceedings: The meeting was opened by a discussion on the formation of the possessive case by Messrs. Cribbins and Bowles; after which a discussion was held between Messrs. Yarbrough and Cribbins on the propriety of using "to" after verbs of rest.—Mr. A. H. Towberman then briefly discussed the division of fractions, showing why we invert the terms of the divisor, &c. Next was discussed at length the subtraction of denominate numbers by Cribbins, Houff and Yarbrough.

The Association then adjourned to meet again in New Hope on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 9½ o'clock, A. M.—all day session. Teachers, patrons of schools and all are invited to attend, and the following members will entertain them on the following subjects; J. W. Beard on "The opportunities and responsibilities of a teacher;" E. L. Houff on "Primary Arithmetic;" A. H. Towberman on the "Spencerian system of writing;" W. A. Bowles on "The extraction of the square and the cube root."

An excellent mixed Pickle ready for use, at C. C. WHEAT'S.

BUILDING FOR CITY OFFICES.—At the meeting of the Council on last Tuesday night it was determined to erect a building for the City offices, on the lot purchased from Witz & Holt on the creek at the bridge on Main street, between the residence of Mrs. W. H. Tams and the Furniture store of Mr. S. M. Wilkes. The plan of the building recommended by City Engineer Allen was adopted by the Council, and the building committee was instructed to advertise for bids.

SALE OF LANDS.—On Thursday last, E. M. Cushing, auctioneer, sold for Geo. M. Cochran, Jr., 230½ acres of the land of Samuel Bell, dec'd, thirteen miles from Staunton, to Richard H. Dudley, at $44.95 per acre, and 90 acres of the same estate to John Bell, at $50.50 per acre.

The Asher W. Harman farm, near Staunton containing 456 acres, was sold last Saturday at public auction to W. S. Gurnee of N. Y., and brought $15,060.

RIDING A MINISTER'S HORSE WITHOUT PERMISSION.—On Sunday night of last week, whilst Rev. C. Beard was preaching at the Methodist church in Waynesboro, his horse was ridden off by some person unknown. The horse was found the next day at Afton depot, but the saddle and bridle were missing.

Dried Peaches, peeled and unpeeled. For sale by C. C. WHEAT.

REV. FRANK MCCUTHEN POUNDED.—On Wednesday evening last, the congregation of Rev. Frank McCutchen, Pastor of the Presbyterian church in Waynesboro, paid him and his wife the compliment of a pound party, and made them the recipients of many packages of useful articles.

We are indebted to Hon. J. Randolph Tucker for a pamphlet copy of his able speech in the House of Representatives, on the bill to provide for the counting of the Electoral votes, delivered on the 23rd of January last.

Entertainments for the Benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

The ladies of the city, representing all the churches, have resolved to give entertainments monthly for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association. In accordance with the announcement published in our last issue, the first entertainment of the series was given in the lower rooms of the Grange Building on last Thursday night, which was in every respect a success, and reflected great credit upon all the participants. It consisted of music, vocal and instrumental, tableaux, charade, and operetta in one room, and the sale of refreshments and fancy articles in another,

After good music by the excellent orchestra and a well-executed piano solo, the first scene presented was the tableau—"Wreath of Roses"—by nine young ladies and three little girls, whose united beauty and graceful pose and artistic arrangement made as beautiful a wreath as could be formed by the most careful selection from "a rosebud garden of girls."

The next was statuary—"Hide and Seek"—in three scenes, representing three little girls playing "hide and seek" in a garden.

Then followed the interesting charade—"Fairies' Freaks"—with the King and Queen of the Fairies and their little subjects appropriately costumed—the little ones with bespangled gauze dresses and ample gossamer wings.

The King instructs them as to their duty in punishing and reforming perverse mortals, whereupon Puck apprises him that a fit subject for them to experiment upon is a rough and churlish man in the neighborhood by the name of Grumps, whose name indicates his character.

The King then authorizes the artful Puck to take Grumps in hand, who readily consents and at once instructs the little fairies to tweak his nose, pinch his ears, tickle him with straws, &c., which they do successfully when they find him reposing in the wood. Grumps is thus awakened under the impression that he is annoyed with flies, upon which he visits his imprecations,

Puck wears a magic cap which renders him visible to Grumps when he has it on, and invisible when he takes it off, and by this means is enabled to play his pranks successfully upon him. Grumps is surprised, dazed, wonder-struck to find the table receding and approaching without any visible agency, and that his victuals when he essays to eat mysteriously disappear and reappear, and he finds himself, like Tantalus, unable to partake of food seemingly in reach.

Puck appearing as a mortal is cruelly driven home in the darkness by the irate Grumps, for which when Grumps attempts to go home he is made to lose his way and to fall into a swamp. He calls lustily for help and is amazed to find that the one who comes to his rescue is the little boy he had so badly treated. This kind act of the boy in returning good for evil, has the effect to metamorphose the character of Grumps, and he becomes a kind and cheerful man.

The principal characters—Grumps and Puck—acted remarkably well, and the little ones, some of them quite tiny, did themselves credit by the manner in which they acted their part.

Then followed the successful rendition of the operetta entitled, "The Hunter's Daughter."—The first scene presents a number of ladies and gentlemen in Swiss peasantry costume, singing and dancing around a May pole. The hero of the play, Albert, appears in their midst and announces the approach of Lucille, his lady love. They have a joyous time. Not so, it would seem, with the father and mother of Albert. The mother is violently opposed to Albert's marriage with Lucille, and she and her husband have quite a domestic scene in which the husband comes out second in the encounter. Upon Albert's making his appearance in the presence of his mother before her temper has had time to cool, she gives him, in vigorous language, "a piece of her mind," and declares that he *shall not* marry Lucille. He wins her finally from his rivals by killing the deer, and proving to be the best hunter. The opposition of the mother is overcome, and Albert and Lucille are made happy, amid the congratulations of their friends.

The solos and the duets in the play were enjoyed, and the part of the village clown was admirably enacted—"by golly."

The guests repaired to the refreshment room where they partook of substantial enjoyment in the form of oysters, coffee, cakes, &c., &c.,

On Saturday night the entertainment was repeated, with some variation in the programme—the chief change being in the statuary—"Hide and seek" being substituted by "Rest after the race," which was presented in five scenes, and was admirably done.

The Quartette—"choice airs"—was well executed and created much merriment. The musical director was very emphatic in his style of beating time, and seemed to have his whole soul in its performance.

The music, vocal and instrumental, and particularly the solos by Mrs. Wm. L. Bumgardner, were greatly enjoyed, and the other parts of the entertainment being well performed gave pleasure, particularly to those who did not witness them on Thursday night.

Much of the credit of the success of these entertainments is due to Mr. A. Y. Lee, who acted as stage manager, and by whose skill and taste the stage was erected and the scenery prepared.

REVIVAL IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH.—The revival which has been in progress in the Baptist church of this city for the past several weeks is still in progress and the interest in the meetings continues to increase. About thirty persons have professed conversion, eighteen of whom have connected themselves with that church. On Sunday night last, five more were baptized.

During the past week, the Pastor, Dr. Manly, was assisted by Rev. S. P. Huff of Mt. Ed church in Albemarle. He will also assist in the meetings of this week, which will be held every night. Enquiry meetings are held each afternoon.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Singer Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company. Their agents in this city are prepared to furnish their celebrated machine on easy terms and at low prices.

PERSONAL.—Dr. J. A. Templeton of Bristol, Tenn., is in the city, stopping at the American.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE UNITED BRETHREN CONFERENCE.—The Annual Virginia Conference of the United Brethren in Christ met in Rohrersville, Washington county, Maryland, on the 31st of January, and remained in session four days. The following are the appointments for the ensuing year:

Shenandoah Valley District.—J. W. Howe, P. E. Churchville Cir., J. E. Whitzel; Rockingham Cir., J. E. Hott; Shady Grove, J. M. Dunathan; South Fork Miss., E. P. Funk; Highland, S. H. Wine; Winchester Sta., J. K. Nelson; Winchester, Cir., W. J. Miller; South Branch Cir., J. M. Underwood; Rockbridge Cir., C. H. Crowell; Edinburg Cir., W. O. Grimm; Lacy Spring Cir., M. F. Keiter; Mill Creek Cir., to be supplied; Bloomery Miss., J. M. Hott; Page Valley Cir., G. J. Roudabush; Dayton Cir., M. P. Funkhouser; Madison Miss., B. M. Jones; Rockingham Freedman's Miss., S. R. Wells; Augusta F. Miss., J. A. Evans; J. W. Nihizer, G. W. Howe, and A. Hoover were granted a superannuated relation.

Potomac District.—J. Ruebush, P. E. Frederick city, J. L. Grimm; Mechanicstown, J. D. Freed; Myersville Cir., J. W. Funk; Boonsborough Sta., H. A. Bovey; Keedysville, J. W. Kericofe; Hagerstown Sta., C. M. Hott; Hagerstown Cir., J. Ridenour; Potomac Miss., P. W. Weller; Martinsburg Sta., A. M. Evers; Berkeley Cir., Wm. Beall; Opequan Miss., J. B. Funk; Clark Miss., J. Negly; Bath Cir., C. B. Hammack; Newcreek Cir., Wm. Kericofe; Westernport Miss. Sta., G. W. Stinespring; Alleghany Cir., J. Rodruck; Garret Cir., G. W. Rexrode.

G. H. Snap, Conference Evangelist; J. N. Frieze, A. M., Professor in Dayton High School; J. J. Glossbrenner, Bishop of West Mississippi District.

SENATOR CAMERON OF PA., SUED FOR BREACH OF MARRIAGE CONTRACT.—A Washington city correspondent of the Balt. *Sun* under date of Thursday last says:

"Social and political circles to-day were very much exercised to learn that the venerable Senator, who will be 78 in March, had been sued for breach of promise of marriage, with damage laid at $50,000, by Mrs. Mary S. Oliver, a middle-aged woman of 38 or 40 years, and at present a clerk in the office of the comptroller of the currency.

AN ELEPHANT FOR THE BAPTISTS.—Some amusement was created yesterday at the weekly conference of Baptist ministers by the proposition of Rev. Dr. Read, of Williamsburg, to start a subscription to buy an elephant. The Doctor explained that the animal was needed for the missionaries employed in the Gharo country in India. The cost of the beast would be about $500, and the only expense would be $3.25 per month for his keeper. The subscription was started and the elephant will be purchased.—*N. Y. World.*

TURNPIKE FOR SALE.—S. R. Sterling, treasurer of Rockingham county, advertises the turnpike from Harrisonburg to Stanardsville for sale on the 17th of February, for taxes for 1875 asssessed against Henry Forrer.

For the SPECTATOR.

Mizpah Lodge, I. O. G. T.

The members of Mizpah had a joyous reunion at their hall last Thursday night. The workers in the glorious cause of Temperance had given out the gladsome news that several additions would be made to the lodge; and right well was the pledge redeemed. Five candidates—two gentlemen and three ladies—were initiated by Worthy Chief Templar, Bro. Charles E. Haines, who seemed to perform the ceremony with a hearty good will, no doubt thinking that it would be a sweet remembrance of his term of office just expiring, and truly this last act of his administration was a good one.

The following officers were installed for the quarter:

John W. Bryan, W. Chief Templar.
R. O. Haines, W. Vice Templar.
Prof. A. J. Turner, Chaplain.
W. H. Barkman, Secretary.
L. F. Snyder, Assistant Secretary.
P. N. Powell, Treasurer.
J. F. Kingan, Financial Secretary.
W. W. Bryan, Marshal.
Sister Kate Bryan, A. Marshal.
George T. Harlan, Guard.
W. C. Straughan, Sentinel.
Sister Nora Parker, Right Supporter.
Sister Bryan, Left Supporter.
C. E. Haines, P. W. C. T.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. N. M. Varner, of West Augusta Lodge. It is useless to say it was well done—it was splendidly done. All Good Templars know Bro. Nathaniel's earnestness of manner and his splendid execution of any part allotted to him.

A large number of members from West Augusta were present. Oh! how goodly a sight to "see brethren dwelling together in unity"—aye, and working together. And thus it should ever be, for we are all working for the same great ends, to "save fallen humanity" and to "drive intemperance from our land." Let us all work for our common cause, brethren, and let the strife wherein we engage be that of endeavoring to advance our noble order.

Mizpah workers have another set of initiates for next Thursday night. Come up to the feast, brothers and sisters, and let us renew our strength, and be filled with earnestness and zeal for our cause.

Mizpah looks to West Augusta, her elder sister, for encouragement and support. West Augustians, come over into Macedonia and help us.

Remember we are to have a good meeting Thursday night and several initiations. M.

[Correspondence of the Commonwealth.]

Bold Attempt at Rape.

BRIDGEWATER, VA., Feb. 6th, 1877.

A negro calling himself Ras Coffman, asserting that he formerly belonged to Maj. Geo. Chrisman, made a bold and daring attempt to commit a rape on the person of a lady (Mrs. John Hatfield) who resides on the suburbs of Bridgewater. This deed was doubly daring from the fact of its being committed in broad day light, and near other residences.

The circumstances, as we gathered them from Mrs. H., are as follows: The black fiend came to her yard gate about nine or ten o'clock on Monday morning and enquired of her whether or not she knew any one that wanted to hire a man. Mrs. H., replied that she did not. He then asked her if she did not wish to hire a man; she replied that she did not need any help. He then enquired if her husband was at home; she told him he was not, but was down town. He then asked her if he might light his pipe; she told him she had no objections. He then entered the house, and while she was attending to her domestic affairs, he caught hold of her, threw her on the floor, choked and otherwise injured her, but did not succeed in his damnable designs—the screams of Mrs. H., bringing assistance, who frightened the monster. He attempted to escape, but this was impossible, as the citizens, being notified, turned out in mass and succeeded in overtaking him near Mr. Jas. Davies, about two miles from town. He was taken before Joseph Byrd, Esq., who committed him to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

The negro's guilt is conclusive. We interviewed him and obtained the following:

Negro.—"Please do all you can for me, and do not let them kill me."

Reporter.—"Why did you go in Mrs. H's house? Why didn't you behave yourself?"

Negro.—"I just went into the house to light my pipe, and just put my hand on her, and she got skeered and fell over, and I felt sorry for her and jest tried to help her up. I'm innocent. I did not mean to do wrong. I'm a good christian man; always try to do right" have a good character; Mr. Chrisman knows me, he can give me a good character."

Reporter.—"But why did you put your hand on Mrs. H?"

Negro.—"O, God, don't let 'em kill me; I'm innocent."

The negro was very much alarmed and prayed fervently, larged drops of perspiration rolling down his ebony face. When first arrested the gentlemen told him to stop, and remarked to him that some kind of depredation had been committed and he must stop.

The negro (without the character of the deed being made known to him) remarked that if he had raped anybody he he would not be walking along there.

This was a very trying case on the forbearence of our people, but be it said to their credit, they are content to let the law take its course.

PARDON OF SAMUEL H. THORBURN.—On Tuesday last, Governor Kemper pardoned Samuel H. Thorburn, the young bank officer of Petersburg who was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for false entry and larceny.—The Governor in granting his pardon, gives the following reasons:

"The person is a young bank officer who took funds of the bank, fled the country, then voluntarily returned, made every possible restitution and reparation and surrendered himself for arrest and trial. His previous life, through peace and war, was one of unblemished honor and of the best domestic and social relations. Insanity had existed on both sides of his family, and it has marked his own mind, which was one of morbid excitability and insane manifestations in times of trouble. Many leading citizens, including eminent professional men, furnish proof which exclude the idea that he could have been sane, when in an hour of frenzy he contradicted the tenor of his life by committing crime, convicted on his own voluntary plea, no testimony and no defense being heard.

"The question of his sanity was not then tried as it should have been. The application is signed by thirty-one officers of the court, including the prosecuting attorney, all the members of both juries which indicted and tried him, all the officers of the bank, many public officials, and more than 500 citizens. I am led to believe that this pardon rescues a young man from ruin and shame and restores him to a life of usefulness and honor."

ARM BROKEN.—In Lexington on Wednesday last, says the *Gazette*, a young gentleman named Barnum, from Baltimore, fell from the porch at Dr. Waddell's house, and had his arm broken by the fall.

SUDDEN DEATH.—The Fayetteville *Enterprise* says D. D. Rodes, of Fayette county, W. Va., died suddenly on the 21 of February. He had been married only the day before.

Rev. W. E. Munsey has been compelled to give up his church in New Orleans on account of his fast failing health. He is now recruiting in East Tennessee.

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Of all the loathsome diseases Catarrh stands pre-eminent. It renders its victim as disgusting to himself as to others. And the most humiliating of all is the consciousnessness that his presence is offensive to those around him. If any disease deserves the name of universal, it is this. Dietetic errors and the follies which Fashion imposes upon us tend to foster and disseminate it. To the pitiful cry of its victims, *is there any cure for Catarrh!* there is but one answer consistent with Christian reason. God has never sent one evil into the world for which he has not sent the remedy. For the greatest of all spiritual and moral evils, the Great Physician has prescribed a potent and never-failing remedy. He has given explicit rules for the treatment and preservation of the spiritual and moral man, but He is silent in all matters relating to the physical man. It would be an unwarrantable detraction from His beneficent character to suppose that He has afflicted the greater portion of humanity with an incurable disease. The day for plagues is past. The God of Christianity is a God of Love, of Mercy, His message is "good will to all men." The earth and all contained therein was intended by the great Designer to supply man's wants; and surely he has no greater wants than remedies for his infirmities. Science is rapidly proving that the earth is fitted to supply man's uttermost need. New medicinal plants are constantly being discovered and new properties developed from those already known. For Catarrh, the most potent remedy yet discovered is Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. Its efficacy has been tested in many thousand cases with uniform success. Cases that had been repeatedly pronounced incurable, readily yielded to it. In confirmed, or obstinate cases, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery should be taken in connection with the use of the Catarrh Remedy. Full particulars in Pierce's Memorandum Books. They are given away by druggists.

THE DEBTS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES—A COMMITTEE CONSIDERING THEIR ADJUSTMENT.—Messrs. George S. Coe, President of the American Exchange National Bank of New York; Enoch Pratt, President of the National Farmers and Planters' Bank of Baltimore; J. D. Vermilye, President of the Merchants' National Bank of New York; B. B. Comegys, of the Philadelphia National Bank, and Benjamin B. Sherman, President of the Mechanics' National Bank of New York, representing the holders of Southern bonds, met last night in parlor C, Continental Hotel, to consider the adjustment of the debt of the Southern States.

The Committee organized by electing Mr. Coe, President, and, after discussion, adjourned to meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, on Wednesday, 14th instant, so that parties interested in the work of the committee may have an opportunity to submit their views.

It is the purpose of the committee to consider thoroughly the condition of every State between the Potomac and the Gulf of Mexico, and to ascertain definitely the debt of each and its ability to pay. The combined indebtedness of the Southern States is now about $200,000,000, and if the committee can devise a way in which their obligations can be discharged with honor to them and fairness toward their creditors, they will submit it.

Whatever basis of settlement the Committee may suggest, whether it be a reduction upon the face of the bonds, or an extension of time, will, it is understood, prove satisfactory alike to the authorities of many of the States and to their largest creditors.

So far, the authorities of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee have been corresponded with on the subject which brought the Committee into existence, and they are represented to be heartily in accord with its objects.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Feb. 6th.*

BURNED TO DEATH.—On Friday morning a week, a colored woman at Winchester attempted to kindle the fire with kerosene oil. The oil can was exploded, and the clothes of the woman set on fire, by which she was so badly burned that she died the same day.

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MARRIAGES.

PANNEL—REED—Near Sherando, Feb. 8th, Mr. Samuel Pannel and Miss Julia Ann Reed, daughter of Wm. Reed, Esq.

HINEGARDNER—KEAGY—In Rockingham, on Jan. 25th, by Rev. Solomon Garber, Samuel Hinegardner and Annie Elizabeth Keagy.

LAMB—LAMB—In Rockingham, Jan. 28th, by Rev. L. Fox, Claiborne H. Lamb and Matilda A. Lamb.

BROWN—SCOTT—At the M. E. parsonage in Harrisonburg, on Feb. 3rd, by Rev. S. S. Roszel, Samuel Brown and Mary Elizabeth Scott.

TYREE—STATON—In Lexington, Feb. 1st, by Rev. E. L. Kregloe, Mr. Daniel Tyree and Miss Eliza Staton, of Amherst, Va.

BAYLOR—SMITH—At Churchville, Thursday, Feb. 8th, by the Rev. J. E. Whitesell, Mr. Jas. W. Baylor and Miss Virginia C. Smith, daughter of Gideon Smith, Esq., all of Augusta county.

DEATHS.

Obituaries are charged for at advertising rates. Notices of deaths published gratuitously.

MARTZ—At Tenth Legion, Rockingham, Feb. 5th, Mrs. Jackson Martz, aged 51 years, 10 months, and 5 days.

TROXEL—At the residence of his father, near Newport, Augusta county, on the 3rd inst., Mr. James Troxel, aged 23 years and 6 months.

TRIBBY—Ellen Rebecca Tribby, wife Mr. Wm. Tribby, died at the residence of her father, Henry Kelley, Esq., in Harrisonburg, on Wednesday night, Jan. 31st, aged 32 years.

POWERS—Jan. 22nd, at the residence of his son-in-law, Edward Hefrin, in Lexington, Va., Richard Powers, aged about 70 years, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland.

BRUIN—At Spring Hill, Feb. 7th, after a brief illness of pneumonia, Sidney Bruin in the 45th year of his age. He leaves a wife and several children.

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KERR—Feb. 1st, at the residence of her son, Samuel H. Kerr, near Fishersville, of diabetes mellitus, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Kerr, widow of late Mr. Bell Kerr, near New Hope, aged 75 years, 3 months and 13 days. Mrs. K. was a consistent christian for years, and died with the brightest assurance of eternal happiness.

WAYLAND—On the 22nd of January, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Dr. W. G. Jones, of Amherst county, whither she had gone in pursuit of health, Mrs. Sarah Ann Wayland, daughter of W. Edwin A. Wayland, of Waynesboro', Augusta county, Va.—She loved her Saviour with a love that casteth out all fear, and the dying message to mourning friends was "Grieve not not me."

THE MARKETS.

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Flour—Family	$6 75@7 00
" Extra	6 25@6 25
" Superfine	5 25@5 25
Wheat—Red—per bushel	1 20@1 35
" White	1 30@1 40
Corn—White	35@ 35
" Yellow	35@ 35
Rye	60@ 65
Oats	30@ 33
Buckwheat—per lb	2@ 3
Butter	20@ 25
Eggs—per dozen	23@ 25
Lard	11@ 12
Bacon—City Hams	15@ 16
Country Hams	13@ 13
" Shoulders	10@ 10
" Sides	12@ 12
Bacon—Hog round	10@ 10
Pork	6½@7
Coffee—Rio	20@ 25
" Laguyra	25@ 28
" Java	30@ 35
Sugar—Brown	10@ 11
" White	11@ 12
" Cut-loaf	14@ 14
" Granulated	13@ 13
" Pulverized	14@ 14
Tea—Black	90@1 00
" Breakfast	1 00@1 10
" Green	1 25@1 50
" Gunpowder	1 50@2 00
Syrups	40@1 00
Molasses	40@1 00
Salt	1 90@1 90
Leather	25@ 30
Cotton Yarn	1 15@1 20

We report a duller market this week. Flour declining some, and Grain not so firm in price. No change in small products; demand good with ready sales, &c.

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