Staunton Spectator.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1877.

Local Department.

☞ Subscribers, Look at the Figures on your paper and make the calculation how much you owe us; then just imagine how much pleasure you can create in our hearts by giving us the trouble of changing them.

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.

Friday, April 20th.—Wm. M. McAllister, Com'r., will sell, in front of the Warm Springs hotel, in Bath county, two tracts of valuable iron ore lands, situated on both sides of the turnpike leading from Millboro' depot to the Warm Springs.

Friday, April 20th.—Messrs. McAllister and Porter, Com'rs., will sell, in front of the Warm Springs hotel, Bath county, a valuable grazing farm, near the Healing Springs, sold to contain 287 acres, known as "the Hull place."

Saturday, April 21st.—Cushing, Piper, Hoge and Marquis, trustees of the Mechanics' Building Association, will sell the following property, to wit: 1. A two story frame residence and lot on New Street. 2. A house and lot on the east side of Market Street. 3. A house and lot opposite the Western Lunatic Asylum. 4. A parcel of land near the city limits on the C. & O. R. R.

Monday, April 23.—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.

Wednesday, April 25.—Wm. M. McAllister, Com'r., will sell, in front of the Court-house, in Bath county, a valuable river bottom farm, in Alleghany county, on Jackson's river, about ten miles north of Covington.

Saturday, April 28.—Thos. C. Elder, com'r, will sell a house and lot in Staunton, situated on the cross street running from Weiford's shop to Lewis street.

Saturday, April 28.—Richard P. Bell, com'r, will sell a valuable farm of 133 acres, located on Middle River, adjoining the lands formerly owned by Samuel Hansberger's heirs, and others.

Saturday, April 28.—Messrs. Cushing, Hoge and Piper, Trustee of the Mechanics' Building Association, will sell the following property: 1. The brick dwelling house and lot, opposite the cemetery, now occupied by Jas A. Piper. 2. The house and lot on the north side of Kalorama street, now occupied by H. B. Michie. 4. A house and lot on the east side of Washington street.

Wednesday, May 2.—Messrs. A. F. Mathews and Wm. Skeen, Comrs., will sell in Huntersville, Pocahontas county, W. Va., very valuable grazing and farm lands belonging to John W. Warwick. For particulars, see advertisement.

Tuesday, May 1.—H. M. Bell, substituted trustee, will sell three lots fronting on Carolina street, with new and valuable brick dwelling houses and out-buildings on them. Also a large number of valuable building lots lying along the Valley turnpike.

Saturday, May 5.—Messrs. Moore, Steele, Davidson and Anderson, Com'rs., will sell the "Big Spring Mill Property," situated on Kerr's creek, Rockbridge county, Va. This is a valuable large and new merchant mill, completely equipped with new and superior machinery, and has 8 acres of land attached.

Saturday, May 5.—The Trustees of the Mechanics Building Association will sell that valuable brick residence on Gospel Hill, now occupied by P. B. Hoge.

Saturday, May 12.—Geo. M. Harrison, com'r, will sell, in front of the Court-house in Staunton, a valuable farm of 118 a. 1 r. and 16 p., situated in the Southeastern part of Augusta county. Improvements good.

Monday, May 28,—Messrs. Cochran, Fultz and Craig, comm'rs, will sell that valuable property known as Mt. Solon Mills.

Saturday, May 26.—Messrs. Cochran and Echols, com'rs, will sell 446 acres of very valuable land on Middle river, lately owned and occupied by Jacob Hanger, dec'd, situated about 6 miles from Staunton.

Thursday, May 31.—The com'rs J. H. McCue, Jas. Bumgardner and M. F. White will sell on the premises, near Mt. Solon, the mansion house tract containing 106 acres, and a wood-land tract of 25 acres, now in the possession of Maj. J. M. McCue; also two other tracts of valuable land adjoining containing together 46 acres, 1 rood, 31 poles, may be sold at the same time.

Thursday, May 31—H. W. Sheffey, Trustee, will sell several tracts of land near Mt. Solon.

LANDS OFFERED AT PRIVATE SALE.

R. E. Pogue offers 5,700 acres of timbered land Lewis county, Ky., and a No. 1 Circular saw Mill. Address, Quincy, Lewis Co., Ky.

Mr. H. A. Palmer offers a valuable mill property for sale, located on Middle River, near Spring Hill.

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'.

McClanahan's Battery.—Lieut. Hugh H. Fultz hear this city is the senior officer of the McClanahan battery which performed such a conspicuous part in the engagement the day before the battle of New Market, Capt McClanahan having died at his home in Texas a few years after the close of the war, and the hope is expressed by the sergeant of that company, Sam'l T. Shank, that he will take the proper steps to have the company represented in the coming celebration of the anniversary of the battle of New Market on the children ximo.

State Convention.—The basis of representation in the State Canservative Convention to be held in Richmond on the 8th of August, giving a delegate to every hundred conservative voters would make that body consist of about 1400 delegates if all should attend. The convention would be too large if half would attend. Staunton will be entitled to 8 delegates, and Augusta County to 34; Rockingham 34; Rockbridge 25; Shenandoah 27; Albemarle 28; Highland 7; Bath 6.

☞ J. W. NEWTON is now receiving his Second Supply of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

Don't fail to call and look at his stock before purchasing.

☞ His Stock will be complete in every respect.

SILKS, DRESS GOODS, MILLINERY, FANCY ARTICLES, and a splendid supply
apr17 of LACE BIBS, &c.

Dwelling Burned.—On Monday of last week, near Mechum's River in Albemarle county, the residence of Mrs. F. T. Lipscomb, mother of Mr. Jno. S. Ligscomb, of the firm of Lipscomb & Somerville of this city, was burned, with most of its contents, inflicting a loss of $4,000. The fire was accidental—being caused by a spark's falling upon the roof.

The Nickel still gets that elegant "Catawba" Cigar at Fiper & Co.'s
apr10-1m

Accident on the Ches. & Ohio R. R.—On Sunday of last week, at Brownstown, Kanawha county, W. Va., a freight train ran over two cows which threw the train off the track, and smashed ten cars, inflicting an estimated loss of $20,000. The Engineer had his ankle sprained.

It is recommended to children to eat plentifully of onions as a preventive of diphtheria.—It is well that it has some compensating advantages. Some would prefer the disease to the preventive.

Just received and for sale, wholesale and retail, 2 crates, 120 pairs stone china, and C. C. ewers and basins, besides other goods at
J. H. Plecker's,
apr3-3ts 109 North Augusta street.

The Churches.—On last Sabbath, the usual services were held in the different churches of this City by their respective Pastors.

Ho! for Staunton!

FOREPAUGH'S GRAND SHOW FOR ALL.

On the morning of the 19th Forepaugh's great show will reach here, and two performances will be given on that day. We are informed that the street display made by the colossal establishment eclipses in grandeur, magnificence and novelty any show parade ever made on this continent. Nearly one mile of

GORGEOUS TABLEAU CARS,

in addition to chariots of the most unique and imposing appearance, are seen in this grand parade.

SIX TRAINED ELEPHANTS

appear, and sixteen thoroughbred Arabian steeds are harnessed to the grand car of the Orient, containing

PERALTO'S MEXICAN BAND,

engaged in the city of Mexico expressly to accompany this Exhibition. A

DROVE OF CAMELS,

radiantly decked, are seen. Upon all the palace cages are costly-carved, gilded life-sized statuary representations of gods and goddesses, heroes, poets, statesmen, kings, and eminent men and women in all periods of the world's history.

THE BUFFALO CORNET BAND,

a second musical organization, appears in this spectacular parade, making two powerful bands. There is also to be seen

LIONS AND TIGERS EXPOSED TO VIEW,

and performed by Herr Darius, as the procession moves. All the horses are plumed, the drivers are uniformed, and

FOUR HUNDRED ART VIEWS

adorn the ironed dens, while automatic figures appear upon the tops of many of them, worked by hidden machinery. Mingling with the music of the bands is heard the merry, joyful peals of a full and perfect set of Russian

MUSICAL CHIME BELL,

and the flags of every nationality float along the line of this immense cavalcade. All the principal performers appear mounted on elegantly caparisoned horses.

Our readers in the country should reach town as early as nine o'clock in the forenoon in order to see this grand street parade.

At one o'clock the world of wonders opens; exhibitions commence at one hour later; and in the evening it opens at seven o'clock and commences at eight. Turn out everybody.

The Alumni of Washington and Lee University.—The Alumni of Washington and Lee University, resident in Augusta county, will meet in Staunton on Monday next (Court-day) for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Club. Such clubs have been formed in New Orleans, Baltimore and other parts of the country, and are exerting an excellent influence in behalf of the University, as the associations of College days are thus revived and cherished, and the welfare of the Institution promoted.

☞ Some of our oldest and most substantial citizens are graduates of this University—the venerable Dr. John McChesney residing near Middlebrook, being probably the most advanced in years.

Among the graduates of later years we notice the names of many of our county-men who are well known for their character and usefulness—among others, Gen. John Echols, Dr. James Alex. Waddell, Maj. H. M. Bell, A. T. Gilkeson, Jos. A. Waddell, Wm. B. Kayser, Maj. J. Marshall McCue, Col. Bolivar Christian, Dr. Wm. S. McChesney, Maj. Wm. M. Tate, D. N. Van Lear, J. H. Leckey, Capt. T. C. Morton, M. W. D. Hogshead, Wm. J. Nelson, Arch'd A. Sproul, Rev. R. C. Walker, Senator A. B. Cochran, Rev. G B. Strickler, A. G. Christian, Dr. R. A. McChesney, Geo. W. Swoope, Capt. Wm. A. McCue, J. Emmett Guy, Captain Alex. H. Fultz, John W. Gilkeson, Dr. J. Newton McChesney, Donald Allen, J. Fred. Effinger, Captain Thos. D. Ranson, Rev. Alex. Moffett, Jas. R. Guy, W. B. McChesney, Edward Echols, Sam'l Brown, C. S. Craig, E. L. Montgomery, Chas. M. Gallaher, Alexander Tum, George Crawford, James Fishburn, Wm Patrick.

The hour and place of meeting will be designated hereafter.

Col. Jno. L. Peyton.—This gentleman who has returned from a residence of some years in England to this city, his native home, has recently been elected an honorary member of the Virginia Historical Society. Whilst in England he devoted himself chiefly to literary pursuits, and wrote and published the books entitled "The American Crisis," and "Over the Alleghanies." He wields a facile pen, and since the time he wrote his amusing composition on the "Horse," at the English Examination when a student at the University of Virginia, he has been galloping in pleasure rides through the flowery fields of literature.

In coming back to Virginia to spend the meridian and evening of his day of life, he has set an example which we would be glad if other emigrant Virginians would follow. Virginia always gives a welcome greeting to her returning sons, and hospitably desires them to make themselves at home. Virginia is the true home of all born upon her sacred soil.

Concert for benefit of Calvary Chapel.—On next Friday night a concert for the benefit of Calvary Chapel between Waynesboro and Greenville, will be given at that place.

Fine music will be dispensed on the occasion and those who attend will enjoy a rich treat besides having the pleasure of contributing to a good object. We hope that many will attend.

The music will be furnished by the pupils of Mr. J. A. Wright who are closing a course of instruction, assisted by other musicians. A rare musical treat may be expected, and as the object is a most laudable one, all lovers of good music and those who wish to enjoy a most pleasant entertainment should attend. Prof. Joel. Ettinger of this city will assist in the instrumental department, which will insure good music on the organ.

Lectures on Law by Judge H. W. Sheffey.—The Law Class of Washington & Lee University and other auditors have been delighted as well as instructed by the lectures of Judge H. W. Sheffey, as we predicted they would be. The *Southern Collegian*, published by the students of that Institution, says:

"Judge Hugh W. Sheffey of Staunton has, during the past week, been lecturing to the Law Class on "*Wills and Probate Practice.*" We have never heard a more fluent and easy speaker—or one who could impart such genuine instruction in a manner more simple and entertaining. Judge Sheffey is one of the regular lecturers before the Law Class, and comes to us with his subject thoroughly digested, and illustrated with instructive and often amusing cases in his own practice."

☞ 20 cts gets a full sized plug of the best Tobacco in the City for the money at
apr10-1m. Fiper & Co.'s

Terpsichorean.—"There was a sound of revelry by night" on last Wednesday evening at the Grange Hall, and all of Staunton's loveliest ladies were gathered there. The dance was given by the young gentlemen of the city, and was, as usual, a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. It was a subject of remark that the young ladies looked even lovelier than they have a habit of doing, and the young gentlemen, in their regulation "swallow-tails" were as funereal as ever.

Complimentary Present.—Prof. E. Louis Ide, the accomplished music teacher of the "Staunton Female Seminary," has been presented by his pupils with a handsome silver pitcher and goblet as a token of their "love and respect," which he will value not so much for their intrinsic worth, as for the kind sentiments which prompted their presentation.

Colored Forger.—On Wednesday week, Justice David Maiden committed to the jail of Rockingham Willis Hall (colored) for the offence of forging the name of David Campbell (colored) to an order for two dollars with which he obtained goods to that amount at the Forge Store in that county. On Thursday he was taken to jail.

The Prize Awarded.—The prize of a silver cup to be given to the Sabbath School pupil who should sell the most tickets to the exhibition of the Gospel Panorama last week for the benefit of the West End Chapel, was awarded to Lulu H. Parker, little daughter of Mr. Chas. W. Parker, who succeeded in selling sixty-four

On Tuesday last Mayor Hyde, of Harrisonburg, sentenced Jas. Woods, (colored), charged with stealing wood from J. D. Price, to service in the chain gang for thirty days.

As before announced, the Semi-annual session of the Council of Virginia Friends of Temperance will commence its session at Mt. Crawford, Rockingham county, next Tuesday, the 24th inst.

Fashion Notes.—Fur collars are little worn by ladies this season, and this will give rise to many severe coughs and colds. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a certain and safe cure in every case. Price 25 cents.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, (narrow gauge) will be held in Harrisonburg on next Tuesday, the 24th inst.

Get your sewing machine needle at Perry's, Main street, next to Granger Hall. They are the best.

Chewing Tobacco from 50 to 90 cts per lb at
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The Y. M. C. A. Entertainment.—The entertainment given at the Grange Hall on last Friday night for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. was a marked success and did great credit to the ladies and gentlemen under whose direction and management these entertainments have been gotten up.

The opening transformation scene was very beautiful and the stage machinery managed very successfully.

The *piece de resistance* (as it is now fashionable to call it,) was an Allegory, entitled The Pilgrim's Choice, which was admirably presented and charmingly acted. The costuming of the youths and maidens representing the different virtues and passions was particularly handsome and appropriate. The intervals between the scenes were filled with music by the orchestra of the Stonewall Band and the songs "With Verdure Clad" and "Eve's Lamentation" by by Miss Daniel and Mrs. J. W. G. Smith.

The elegant supper which was set in an adjoining room was also greatly enjoyed by a large number and was in every respect worthy of the reputation of the management for knowing how to "furnish forth a feast."

"La Modello Habana" Watson's Boys choice and After Dinner Cigar at
apr19-1m. Fiper & Co.'s

Legislative Pay Reduced—Payment of Taxes.—A recent act of the Legislature of Va. reduces the pay and mileage of members very materially. The mileage is reduced one half and the pay from $720 to $540.

There is also an important change made in regard to payment of taxes. If a man pays *all* his taxes on the 1st of December he is entitled to a rebate of 2 percent; if he pays *half* he is entitled to indulgence on the other half until the 1st of March; if he pays none on the 1st December, the whole becomes due, with 5 per cent penalty added, and the collector can distrain at once for the whole.

Runaway Team.—At half-past 12 o'clock last Saturday, the four-horse wagon team of Mr. Wm. Wren took fright, at the depot of the Ches. & Ohio R. R. in this city, at the whistle of an engine, and, after running down Augusta street to Court-house street, ran down the latter till they were stopped near the Va. Hotel by the gallant conduct of Mr. Newton Wilson, who seized the saddle horse by the bridle and succeeded in stopping the team before any damage of consequence was done to the wagon.

Get your Chewing Tobacco, Smoking Tobacco, and Cigars from
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Sudden Death of Mrs. Wm. Easton.—Mrs. Wm. Easton, formerly of England, who lived in this vicinity a few years ago, and who has since been living about two miles from Gordonsville, died suddenly of apoplexy on Thursday last. She was returning home in a wagon from a visit to some friends, and when near her residence she fell back in the wagon and expired.

Visit to Weyer's Cave.—Last week being a holiday at the Augusta Female Seminary, quite a number of the pupils availed themselves of the opportunity on Wednesday to pay a visit to Weyer's cave, one of the great natural curiosities of the world. We have no doubt that the appreciative visitors were greatly pleased, and that "perfectly splendid" and other like phrases of admiration were freely used.

A Compliment to Staunton Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F.—At the recent session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, held in Richmond, Staunton Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., was honored by having two of its members selected as Grand officers—Capt. Jas. H. Waters being appointed Grand Chaplain and Capt. Thos. J. Crowder Grand Conductor.

The adventures, trial before a military commission in Baltimore and imprisonment of John Willis McCue, son of Judge Jno. H. McCue, in the northern bastiles, as taken from Scott's life of Col. J. S. Mosby, will be published in our next issue. The sketch is thrilling, and illustrates Southern heroism and Northern cruelty.

Personal.—We had the pleasure of a call from Dr. Dromgoole, of Louisville, Ky., who is a native Virginian and travelling in the interest of Bailey's Saline Aperient, manufactured by Messrs. J. P. Dromgoole & Co., of Louisville. They challenge the world as to the quality and price of their medicine, advertisement of which will be found in another column. Mr. Wm. R. Tyree is their agent in Staunton.

To Our Representatives.—We have been requested by a number of our patrons to call upon our representatives in the legislature to give an account of their stewardship and let the people know what they have done during the recent session of that body. Let them do so either at a public meeting called for the purpose, or through the columns of the newspapers.

Battery for Staunton Artillery.—Gen. Francis H. Smith of the Va. Military Institute at Lexington has courteously agreed to lend to the Staunton Artillery company a battery of 4 iron three-inch rifle cannons.

Bishop Kavanaugh has appointed Rev. A. Poe Boude presiding elder for the Lewisburg District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. Mr. Coe.

Perry's Collars are always the best—and new styles introduced simultaneously with their appearance in New York and Baltimore.

Advertising.—Many men who are successful in business never properly or thoroughly understand advertising, even those who put advertisements in a paper and pay liberally for them. We have known customers carried to a house and articles sold, merely by the careless remark of one who had heard of the article or seen it. A druggist in this city sold ink, and has perhaps found customers of some importance by a jest in a court room. And so we could mention numbers of sales within our knowledge made in the same indirect manner. The appearance of an advertisement and the appearance and type of the paper in which it appears have much to do with its success. Advertisements chiming in in with the excitement of the day, the humor of the people, falling in with their prejudices and feelings are always successful. A shrewd merchant will take advantage of these things. The merchant who does not advertise must depend on personal favor or accident to bring him custom, and as he finds politeness and attention on the part of himself and clerks necessary to attract and retain custom, so he will find advertising freely the cheapest method of drawing and making new acquaintances. In these days new customers select their markets by what they read or hear, and continue them upon their own experience.

Polite invitations through the press have sold thousands of dollars' worth of goods. Every city and town ought to let the people know what they *manufacture* as well as sell.—*Lynchburg News.*

Births and Deaths.—The Comm'r of State Revenue of Lexington district has completed his list of births and deaths for the year 1876. The total number of births was 141, of which 74 were white and 67 colored; 68 male and 73 female. Of the whole number, 93 were still-births. There were 40 deaths—17 white and 23 colored; 16 males and 24 females; 9 were of old people, 6 of middle-aged, and the remainder children and infants. These statistics prove that more died of consumption and pneumonia than of other diseases.

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Runaway.—We regret to learn, says the Lexington *Gazette*, that Mr John Irvin, whilst *en route* from Lexington to Salem, met with a painful if not severe accident. His horse became frightened whilst passing Botetourt Springs and ran off, throwing Mr. Irvin from the buggy and inflicting painful injuries.

The Louisiana Case.

THE PRESIDENT FIRM IN HIS HOME RULE POLICY—PROSPECTIVE SHUT-DOWN ON PACKARD—THE TROOPS MUST BE WITHDRAWN.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]

WASHINGTON, April 13.—One prominent fact was developed at the cabinet meeting to-day, that the President is not to be deterred or checked in the policy which he has enunciated of permitting home rule and local self-government in the Southern States without the interference of the federal government. The President is determined in this matter, and will not allow the expressions of dissatisfaction which are becoming manifest in the republican ranks to change the course marked out. Leading republicans who have talked with Mr. Hayes say that he will not shirk from a contest with Mr. Blaine and the other dissatisfied radicals if it is forced upon him, and that he does not believe the proper way out of a party quarrel is to seek to avoid it. In other words the President will take issue with the dissatisfied element in his own party, and let the country judge by the fruits of his policy whether he has acted wisely or not.

The cabinet meeting to-day was devoted exclusively to the consideration of the Louisiana question as presented in the preliminary statement received by telegraph from the Louisiana commission. The meeting was a prolonged one, and the members are very reticent in talking about the proceedings, and say that it might defeat the object sought to be accomplished by making them public at this time. It is known, however, that the opinion was very decided that whether any compromise is brought about by the commission or not the troops must and should be withdrawn. On this point the President is said to have been very decided. It is therefore a certainty that Packard will be left to his own resources within a very few days if the commission fail to bring the two Legislatures together in one recognized body. The withdrawal of the troops will, it is thought here, bring Packard to his senses, and he will then see that the only thing for him to do is to step down and out, which course he will undoubtedly pursue—a la Chamberlain.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]

THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ADJUSTMENT.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 13.—The commission received to-day additional instructions from Washington, which are understood to confer authority upon them to propose an adjustment of the Legislature which, it is considered, will be made an ultimatum, and if not accepted by the conservatives no further effort will be made in that direction. The details of the proposition have not been matured, but certain of the leading conservatives who have had an intimation of its main features assert that it will be satisfactory to their side. It is understood that the effect will be to give an undoubted majority to the Nicholls Legislature, and that a recanvass of the vote for Governor is not included in the plan, which will leave Nicholls in quiet possession.

Tactics of the Radicals.—The fact is becoming quite plain that the Radical professional politicians are bent upon the rule or ruin policy. They will not have peace unless on their own terms. Mr. Hayes must either yield to the extreme and noisy element of his party, or prepare to fight it out to the bitter end on the line he has taken.—The facts developed in the past few days show conclusively that the "bloody shirtists" are backing both Packard and Chamberlain, and will sustain them in any violent course, by voice and pen, at least, if not by the sword, these selfish and unscrupulous knaves may undertake. Their design is to precipitate a conflict between the races in the South which shall prove to the North how impossible it is to establish the rule of civil law in this section, that they may break the solid Democratic vote by a wholesale system of State disfranchisement. They see now, when too late almost for remedy, that all their attempts to break down the power of the South and render her politically tributary to the North, and, therefore, to the Republican party, have not only miscarried and wholly failed in their purpose, but on the contrary have only served to strengthen this section and increase its power in the General Government. And now if they cannot control these States through the ballot or by means of their returning boards, they will keep them in the subject condition of provinces shorn of all power either over their own affairs or those of the General Government.—They would to-morrow remand us back to military government and keep us there forever if they could only find the excuse for it, and that excuse can be found in a conflict of races in the South in which the negroes and carpet-baggers shall, as they surely would be worsted. This would "fire anew the Northern heart," and put all our friends in that section on the defensive again. It is for this reason we think Mr. Hayes should be sustained by all the encouragement we can afford to give him in the South. He has thrown himself into the breach and stands between us and the fiendish herd of raving maniacs, who would turn our fair land into a desolate waste by fire and the sword, and reduce a portion at least of the country to a worse condition than that of Poland in its direst extremity, or Ireland during the most tyrannical and oppressive periods of British rule. It will not do for us to make common cause with these Radical hounds who are now yelping at the heels of their own LUCIFER. We must stand between him and the cowardly pack, and so long as he proves true to the spirit of his inaugural, no matter how slow he may be in action, we should sustain and give him full encouragement.—*The State.*

Fatal Accident.—Otway Byrd, the youngest son of Col. Wm. Byrd of this city, met with an accident on Monday of last week which resulted fatally on the following night. He was running in the upper hall of his father's house with the handle of an old whitewash brush in his hand, sharp at the end, which he held next to his body. It struck against a door sill and he fell upon the sharp point with such force as to cause a break of the coating of the stomach or rupture from which he died.

He was about eight years old, but remarkably precocious and a great darling with his family. The sympathy of the community goes out to them in their bereavement.—*Winchester Times, April 11th.*

The harmony of the Conservative party in Virginia depends upon the prudence of the utterances of its leaders.—We believe in a "masterly inactivity" at present. We would "make haste slowly," be ever vigilant, stand fast by our *conservatism* and wait quietly further developments before, as a party, one step is taken to indicate a definite policy to be pursued. Indeed, no one is authorized in advance of the assemblage of the State Convention, to assemble a few months hence, to speak for the Conservatives of Virginia; then they will speak for themselves through the mouths of their immediate representatives.—*Rich. Whig.*

On Wednesday evening last, as Mr. James H. Renick's wagon, from Spring Creek, drawn by four oxen, was crossing the bridge which spans Howard's Creek, near James R. Caldwell's mill, in this county, the bridge gave way, precipitating the wagon, team and driver into the water below. Fortunately no one was hurt—one of the oxen received a slight scratch. The wagon not injured. Eleven sacks of Salt, however, were lost in the water.—*Greenbrier Independent.*

Runaway.—We regret to learn, says the Lexington *Gazette*, that Mr John Irvin, whilst *en route* from Lexington to Salem, met with a painful if not severe accident. His horse became frightened whilst passing Botetourt Springs and ran off, throwing Mr. Irvin from the buggy and inflicting painful injuries.

Cross Husbands and Scolding Wives.

"Domestic infelicity," which newspaper reporters nowadays credit with playing such an important part in life's drama, is often the result of lingering or chronic disease. What husband or wife can be cheerful, smiling, and pleasant, when constantly suffering from the tortures of some dread disease? Perhaps the husband's liver becomes torpid, and he experiences bitter, disagreeable taste or nausea, has chilly sensations, alternating with great heat and dryness of the surface of his body, pain in his sides, shoulders, or back, eyes and skin are tinged with yellow, feels dull, indisposed, and dizzy. Through his suffering he becomes gloomy, despondent, and exceedingly irritable in temper. Instead of resorting to so reliable a remedy as a few small doses of Dr. Pierce's Purgative Pellets, and following up their action with the use of Golden Medical Discovery, to work the biliary poison out of the system and purify the blood, if he play the part of a "penny wise and pound foolish" man he will attempt to economize by saving the small cost of these medicines. Continuing to suffer, his nervous system becomes impaired, and he is fretful and peevish—a fit subject to become embroiled in "domestic infelicity." Or the good wife may, from her too laborious duties or family cares, have become subject to such chronic affections as are peculiarly incident to her sex, and being reduced in blood and strength, suffering from backache, nervousness, headache, internal fever, and enduring pains too numerous to mention, she may become peevish and fretful, any thing but a genial helpmate. In this deplorable condition of ill health, should she act wisely and employ Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, it will in due time, by its cordial, tonic and nervine properties, restore her health and transform her from the peevish, scolding, irritable tempered invalid to a happy, cheerful wife. Laying aside levity and speaking seriously, husbands and wives, you will find the Family Medicines above mentioned reliable and potent remedies. For full particulars of their properties and uses, see Pierce's Memorandum Book, which is given away by all druggists.

The Murdered Mail-Carrier.—The mail carrier between Moorefield, Hardy county, and Franklin, Pendleton county, W. Va., who was murdered on 4th inst., near Petersburg, Grant county, and the mail robbed, was David S. Hiser, aged 20 years who resides near Brushy Run in Pendleton county. A Washington Dispatch to the Baltimore *Sun* furnishes the following particulars:

"Hiser had left Petersburg, Grant county, on the way to Moorefield, on that morning, with the mail, and was overtaken and shot three times and killed. A person on the opposite side of the river (south branch of the Potomac) witnessed the struggle between Hiser and his murderer. The latter rode a horse which had a defect in one of his shoes, and with this clue the special agents of the Department took the case in hand. W. Seymour Douglass, a young man respectably connected, was arrested on suspicion of being the murderer and lodged in jail.

The mail-pouch was rifled and thirty-two dollars in money taken from letters, which were burned. Hiser, before leaving Petersburg, had endeavored to get a one-hundred-dollar bill changed, but not succeeding, he left the bill with a frien. It is supposed that Douglass became aware that Hiser had one hundred dollars, and was incited to commit the murder to obtain the money.

General Goff, United States district attorney for West Virginia, has gone to Petersburg to prosecute the case. No mails have been carried on Hiser's route since the murder.

Petersburg Gap is a wild, romantic spot. On either side of the road running through this gorge are perpendicular cliffs of rocks many hundred feet high. The South Branch winds its way at the base of these natural walls. Here it appears the murderer waylaid and in cold blood shot to death his victim; then, after stripping the body threw the corpse into a deep hole in the river, attaching a weight to make it sink."

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of "death from wounds inflicted by a weapon supposed to be in the hands of W. Seymour Douglass." There is great indignation against the accused, and the authorities have deemed it necessary to station a guard of twenty men at the jail to protect him from violence.

A Devil Fired at and Killed.—A strange story that is wafted from the north of Spain into the "*Pall Mall Gazette*," brings to mind a chapter in "Midshipman Easy." A landed proprietor refused to receive the consolations of religion. His family sent for the parish priest, but the sick man declined to receive him, and the priest withdrew, declaring that the devil would come in person to carry off so hardened a sinner as soon as he was dead.

A few hours afterward the sick man died, and while the family were watching over the body the door of the room was opened with a great noise, and there appeared upon the scene a personage arrayed in red, brandishing a pitch-fork, dragging a long tail after him, and smelling very strongly of sulphur. His appearance created so much terror that the women present fainted and the men rushed out of the room by another door. A man-servant armed himself with a revolver and made his way to the room. For the moment he was terrified by the appearance of the devil, who by this time had got the body in his arms; but mastering his fears, he fired three barrels of his revolver at him, and the devil fell to the ground. His majesty proved to be the parish sexton, who by the orders of the priest, had disguised himself as satan. Four priests, who are suspected of complicity in the attempt to work upon the superstitious feelings of the family, have been taken into custody.

In the death of Ross Winans Baltimore has lost a good and useful man. He held high place among the most enterprising spirits in the country, and although a little visionary in his inventions and schemes, he was very successful in business and a great benefactor. His warm sympathy for the South during the late contest endeared him to our people, in whose cause he suffered.

Strange Bird.—Mr. Isaac Cash living near Union Forge in this county, killed a strange bird near his residence some days ago. It was in color a dusky blue, with a head of a brilliant red. It measured six feet four inches from tip to tip of wings, and was four feet eight inches high. The bill measured five inches in length.—*Shenandoah Herald.*

Revival at Winchester.—The Winchester *News* says that the revival at the United Brethren church of that city, under the auspices of the pastor, Rev. J. K. Nelson is still in progress.—Penitents nightly present themselves at the altar. Revs. Miller and Haymaker are assisting the pastor.

Anna Dickinson, after her performance was over Monday night of last week at the Eagle Theatre, New York, came upon the stage and lectured her critics for an hour. Her strictures on some of the newspaper writers were severe.

The municipal election in Huntington, W. Va., on Thursday week, passed off peacefully, and the whole Democratic ticket was elected by an average majority of 157.

Whilst Mr. Samuel Wingfield, of Frederick county, was engaged with a party in felling trees, one fell upon his leg and broke it.

A Tragedy in Montpelier, Vt.—*Montpelier, Vt.*, April 10.—This afternoon Hiram Arbuckle, of East Montpelier, shot Geo. Short twice; then leaving him for dead, repaired to the blacksmith shop of his brother-in-law, Geo. Bancroft, and shot him through the arm. Bancroft ran, and Arbuckle pursued, shooting him in the back, and the third time through the head, killing him. Arbuckle then went to his house and shot himself through the heart. He is believed to have been insane. Short is still alive, though in a critical condition.

A John D. Lee was a clerk in the Winchester postoffice under Colonel Roberts, many years ago, and developed Mormon propensities while in that position, which led to his sudden departure for the West. He is believed by many of our elder people to be the Mormon bishop who was shot recently for his connection with the Mountain Meadow massacre.—*Winchester Times.*

Mrs. William Morrison, of Holbrook, L. I., was bitten in the wrist by a dog two months ago. The wound was immediately cauterized, but on Monday Mrs. Morrison was seized with hydrophobia, and died Wednesday night after intense suffering.

Caleb Cushing's Resignation.—Gen. Cushing, our Minister to Spain, has sent in his resignation. He comes home to resume his law practice, which was always very remunerative. Two foreign missions have now vacant, the Swiss and Spanish.

Mrs. General "Stonewall" Jackson is writing a sketch of her heroic husband's life for the Philadelphia *Times*, for which Col. McClure has offered to pay her $100 a column.

False Impression.

It is generally supposed by a certain class of citizens, who are not practical or experienced, that Dyspepsia can not invariably be cured, but we are pleased to say that Green's August Flower has never, to our knowledge, failed to cure Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint in all its forms, such as Sour Stomach, Costiveness, Sick Headache, palpitation of the Heart, low spirits, &c., &c. Out of 30,000 dozen bottles sold last year, not a single failure was reported, but thousands of complimentary letters received from Druggists of wonderful cures. Three doses will relieve any case. Try it. Sample Bottles 10 cents. Regular Size 75 cents. For sale by Dr. N. Wayt & Bro., or G. W. May & Co.
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