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THE VIRGINIA PROTECTION
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Highest Market Prices
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1000 BARRELS FLOUR,
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My Stock will be select and complete, embracing in part, the following:
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Thanking my friends for their liberal patronage when in business before, I will endeavor, with good goods at low prices, to give satisfaction, and by strict attention to business, to merit a renewal of our old business relations.
☞ All Goods delivered free of charge.
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We intend to keep good Goods and sell them low as possible. Call and see us.
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CONFECTIONERIES,
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At No. 7, New Street, Staunton, Va.
Having had a long experience in the business, think they can suit the most fastidious tastes.
They propose to sell cheap for cash, and ask a share of the public patronage.
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LANDRETH'S
GARDEN SEEDS,
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Does not deceive invalids into false hopes by purging and creating a fictitious appetite, but assists nature in clearing and purifying the whole system, leading the patient gradually to perfect health.

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Says a Boston physician, "has no equal as a blood purifier. Hearing of its many wonderful cures, after all other remedies had failed, I visited the laboratory and convinced myself of its genuine merit. It is prepared from barks, roots and herbs, each of which is highly effective, and they are compounded in such a manner as to produce astonishing results."

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PROOF.
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Mr. H. R. STEVENS:
Dear Sir—About one year since I found myself in a feeble condition from general debility. VEGETINE was strongly recommended to me by a friend who had been much benefited by its use. I procured the article, and after using several bottles, was restored to health and discontinued its use. I feel quite confident that there is no medicine superior to it for those complaints for which it is especially prepared, and would cheerfully recommend it to those who feel that they need something to restore them to perfect health. Respectfully yours,
U. L. PETTINGILL.
Firm of S. M. Pettingill & Co., 10 State st., Boston.

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Dear Sir—The two bottles of VEGETINE furnished me by your agent, my wife has used with great benefit.
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I have used only two bottles and already feel myself a new man. Respectfully,
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Dear Sir—This is to certify that I have sold at retail 154½ dozen (1852 bottles) of your VEGETINE since April 12, 1870, and can truly say that it has given the best satisfaction of any remedy for the complaints for which it is recommended that I ever sold. Scarcely a day passes without some of my customers testifying to its merits on themselves or their friends. I am perfectly cognizant of several cases of Scrofulous Tumors being cured by VEGETINE alone in this vicinity. Very respectfully yours,
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To H. R. STEVENS, Esq.

Prepared by H. R. STEVENS, Boston, Mass.

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NEED THE
Words of Advice,
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CURE SICK HEADACHE.

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A CLEAR HEAD, elastic limbs, good digestion, sound sleep, buoyant spirits, fine appetite, are some of the results of the use of TUTT'S PILLS.

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Dear Sir:—When in Aiken, last winter, I used your Expectorant for my cough, and realized more benefit from it than anything I ever took. I am so well that I will not go to Florida next winter as I intended. Send me one dozen bottles, by express, for some friends.
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To the People of Augusta County.

FELLOW-CITIZENS:—It was my wish, at the close of the last session of the General Assembly, to make a public address to you, at the Court-house, on some suitable occasion, for the three-fold purpose of returning to you, in person, my sincere thanks for the many evidences of confidence and kindness which I have received at your hands; of explaining what I had aimed to do, as one of your Delegates, for the last four years, in the General Assembly; and of announcing to you my determination to decline being a candidate for re-election. But, as the condition of my health disabled me from speaking at the April or May terms of our Court, and my engagements, as Rector of the University of Va., will require me to be absent at the June Court, I have concluded to make my address to you through the press.

Forty-one years ago I was first called by your fathers, under very flattering circumstances, to represent the county of Augusta in the House of Delegates. I was then an active young man, and was chosen because of my known devotion to the cause of internal improvement.

It is difficult for men of the present generation to realize the condition of things which existed in our county forty years ago. Then the only mode of transporting our agricultural productions to market was, by cumbrous and expensive road-wagons, and the only public vehicles for the conveyance of passengers, from place to place, were the old-fashioned stages.

The flour, whiskey, bacon, and other products of the county were hauled, either directly to Richmond or to Scottsville, whence they were sent by the James River Canal to Richmond. The average load was from 12 to 15 barrels of flour, and from a ton and a half to two tons of merchandise. A trip to Richmond and back occupied about two weeks, and to Scottsville, from five to eight days. The cost of hauling flour to market, varied with the condition of the roads, from a dollar to a dollar and a half, and other things in proportion. The cost of getting the products of our farms to market was generally from 20 to 33⅓ per cent of what they would bring in market. The hauling was not only slow and expensive, but it was attended with personal exposure of the wagoner, and great injury to the horse and wagons. In the winter and early spring the roads were almost, and sometimes altogether, impassable. It often happened, therefore, that when the farmers and their teams were at leisure, they could not be employed in hauling their produce to market, and when the roads became passable, the time for preparing for spring crops was at hand.

The consequence of this condition of things was, that all products of the farm brought very low prices. I have known flour sell in Staunton as low as $2.50 per barrel, and it rarely brought more than $4 or $5. Butter, poultry, eggs, &c., brought but little more than one-half the present prices. If a rise in prices took place in Richmond or Baltimore, we could not avail ourselves of it because we could not deliver our commodities promptly in market.

The return trade, in groceries and dry goods, was burthened with similar difficulties. Our merchants went to market for goods twice a year, generally about the 1st of April and September, and their goods were delivered at heavy cost for freight and insurance, in from three to five weeks after they were purchased; and the farmers who bought them were obliged to pay all these high charges, in the form of increased prices.

To give you some idea of the facilities of traveling, which existed in those days, I will refer to my own experience in getting from Staunton to Richmond in December, 1836. I left my house in Staunton in the stage, at 2 o'clock in the morning, and after a laborious day's travel, walking up the mountain at Rockfish Gap, and, after we got into the red lands of Albemarle, occasionally assisting in prizing the coach out of the mud with fence rails, we arrived at Charlottesville after night. The second day, we left Charlottesville at 2 o'clock in the morning, and after a laborious journey of fifteen hours, arrived at Wilmington in Fluvanna. The third day we left Wilmington at 12 o'clock at night, and arrived at Richmond an hour or two after dark. According to my best recollection, the stage fare was 11 or 12 dollars, and the cost of eight meals and two nights' lodgings, at 50 cents each, was $5, making the aggregate cost of the trip $16 or $17.

Other parts of the State labored under still greater difficulties. Until 1839, there was no passable wagon road from Staunton to what is now Highland or Pendleton counties. The tow linen, maple sugar, bees-wax, deer-skins, and dried fruit, which were then the principal marketable commodities of that country, were brought to Staunton on pack horses.

In many of the tobacco counties, the condition of things was no better. Men are now living, who remember when the tobacco of many sections was packed in tight hogsheads, into the ends of which spikes were driven, to which shafts were attached, and they were thus drawn or rather rolled by mules to market.

It is not, therefore, a matter of surprise, that the people should become impatient of the intolerable evils and inconveniences under which they labored, and seek relief from them by improved and cheaper means of transportation and travel by turnpikes, canals, and railroads.

I was personally cognizant of these grievances, and I was commissioned as one of the representatives of Augusta, to urge the Legislature to provide for the construction of the desired improvements. It was known that we had no money in the treasury to pay the cost of constructing them, nor were the people in a condition to bear very heavy taxation. But they believed that the construction of these works would increase the value of their lands, and of the products of their farms, and thereby enable them to pay the taxes necessary to meet the interest on the money borrowed to construct them.

In the session of 1836-7, Gen. Kenton Harper was my colleague. We labored earnestly but unsuccessfully, to get relief for our people. In the sessions of 1837-8 and 1838-9, (Gen. Harper having declined a re-election) Mr. Wm. Kinney was my colleague. At an early day in the session of 1838, I moved a reference of the general subject of improvement to a committee, and I was selected by that committee, to prepare a report on the subject. I, accordingly, did prepare a report, which will be found among the documents of 1838. In that report, I indicated almost all the great lines of improvement which have since been constructed. A long and able debate ensued on the adoption of that report, but the general scheme was defeated by a small majority. Not disheartened by defeat, Mr. Kinney and I brought forward and succeeded in carrying as separate and independent measures, the Valley McAam Road, from Winchester to Abingdon, and the Staunton and Parkersburg road, through the mountains, from Staunton to the Ohio River. The State paid the entire cost, ($250,000) of the latter road, and agreed to subscribe three-fifths of the stock of the Valley Turnpike.

We also succeeded in having the Deaf and Dumb Institution established at Staunton; and in obtaining liberal appropriations for the enlargement of the buildings and grounds of the Lunatic Asylum, and adding to the comfort of its inmates.

The aggregate cost of these works has probably exceeded a million of dollars. This money was borrowed by the Board of Public Works, on a pledge of the faith of the State, that she would pay the interest semi-annually, and ultimately redeem the principal.

At this early day, Railroads had recently been introduced, and our people did not know much about them. The first Railroad in America was a short road built in Massachusetts about 1827. The idea then prevailed, that it was impossible to overcome high grades with a railway; and if a man, at that time; had spoken of tunneling the Blue Ridge, he would have been regarded as a madman!

By degrees, however, the sentiment in favor of Railroads strengthened, and the knowledge of their capacities for the transportation of freight and passengers increased.

Within the next twenty years, the internal improvement feeling in Virginia, and especially in Augusta county, became so strong that no man could have been elected to the Legislature, who was suspected of indifference to the cause.—Nothing short of open and avowed advocacy of the system would satisfy the public mind.

The following table taken from the Report of the Auditor of Public Accounts, made in 1866, will show the amount expended prior to 1861, for various classes of improvements:

For Railroads	$18,584,928 28
Canals and Navigation Companies	12,234,116 30
Plank Road Companies	399,755 41
Turnpike Companies	2,371,069 10
Bridge Companies	104,471 62
State Roads	1,825,828 83
Aggregate	$35,520,109 59

It will thus be seen that over thirty-five millions and a half of dollars, of what now constitutes the public debt of Virginia, was incurred in constructing internal improvements in the State of Virginia. These improvements are still in existence, and are, every day, ministering to our comfort and profit. Every time we ride on a Railroad or a Turnpike, we enjoy the benefit of this expenditure. And every barrel of flour, or whiskey,—every pound of bacon, or butter, or lard,—and every head of cattle, hogs, sheep, lambs, and calves, that we send to market, by the cars, furnishes substantial evidence of the wisdom of the outlay of this money in the form of a reduction of from fifty to seventy per cent. in the cost of transportation, and reminds us of the fact that before we had Railroads neither calves, lambs, hay, nor many other articles, which are now sources of profit could be shipped at all.

If any man has any lingering doubt as to the wisdom of making this large expenditure for railways, &c., let him bring the matter to practical test, by asking himself the question: "Would I be willing to see all these improvements blotted out, and our people put back to the condition they were in forty years ago, if thereby we could be relieved of the public debt?" I venture to affirm, there is not a sensible man in Virginia, who would give an affirmative answer to this question.

Let us pause for a moment to consider what these improvements have done for Virginia, notwithstanding the ravages of a four years' civil war, and the depression in business caused by eight years of Federal misrule.

They have raised Richmond, from a small town, of but little over thirty thousand population, to a prosperous city of over seventy-two thousand souls, whose wealth enables it to pay ONE-NINTH PART of all the taxes paid into the State Treasury!

They have converted Norfolk, from a sleepy, and declining borough, by the sea, to an active, enterprising city, which is now the second cotton port in the U. S., and destined, at no distant day, to be an emporium of general commerce, with the Western States, and with the outside world.

They have infused new life into Petersburg, Lynchburg, and Winchester, and Harrisonburg, and dear old Fredericksburg, the Rip Van Winkle of Virginia cities, under the magic influence of railways, is awaking from her slumbers, preparing for a new career.

They have raised Danville and Staunton, from small lethargic towns of 2,000 population, to busy marts of industry, with four times their former numbers!

But, as you fellow-citizens, are more interested in Staunton, your county town, than in any other city, I beg your attention to a few facts connected with her history.

In 1836, when I first went to the Legislature, the population of Staunton was very little over 2,000. Such a thing as a grocery store was not to be found in her limits. She had little or no trade. She furnished no market for the products of agriculture, beyond what was necessary for the consumption of her limited population. Two wagon loads of flour would have glutted the market, and often, in looking up and down her principal streets, not a vehicle of any description could be seen!

How different is the condition of things now! Everything is lite, activity and bustle! Our population has increased to near 8,000, and is steadily increasing. Dry goods and grocery, and produce stores in abundance, are to be found in all parts of the city, and it is often difficult to thread your way through the streets from the crowd of vehicles which obstruct them. A ready market is raised up, as it were, at the very doors of our farmers, for everything they can raise on their farms; and accommodating merchants and mechanics are ready to supply, on moderate terms all the wants of the people from the country.

Two noble public charitable Institutions which cause an annual expenditure of over $100,000, in our county, adorn the suburbs of our city, and four first class female schools, which draw to us every year, three or four hundred young ladies, from abroad crown our principal hills!

What is the source of all this prosperity? I hesitate not to say, that it is, in large measure, due to our railroads and turnpikes. The ready means of access which we now have, to all parts of the country, not only give facilities to trade and manufactures, but they make Staunton an eligible place for residence, and a centre of female education. Does any one suppose that Staunton would have been chosen as the best site for the Lunatic Asylum, the Deaf and Dumb Institution, and the Court of Appeals or that the large female schools which contribute so largely to its prosperity would continue to prosper if it were remote from lines of railway? Strike our railways out of existence, and how long would our schools survive their destruction? Our public Institutions might remain, but they, certainly, would never be enlarged.

This historical review, naturally brings me to the consideration of various questions connected with the PUBLIC DEBT, and as that is a subject which concerns us all, and on which, I am sorry to find, that much ignorance prevails, even among men of general intelligence, I propose, even at the hazard of prolixity, to present to you, in a plain common sense, business way, the more important facts bearing on it.

At the first session of the Legislature, after the close of the war, measures were taken, to ascertain the amount of the public debt, which had been incurred prior to 1861, with a view to the adjustment of the relative liabilities of Virginia and West Virginia. In response to a call made by the House of Delegates, the Auditor reported, that the entire debt of the old State of Virginia on 1st of January, 1867, was

Principal	$36,928,894.50
Interest	6,237,391.93
Aggregate of indebtedness	$43,166,286.