Staunton Spectator.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1877.

Local Department.

WOOD! WOOD!! WOOD!!! WOOD!!!!

WANTED.—At this office, a few loads of good cord wood.

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 19.—Messrs. Wm. E. Craig and Alex. H. Fultz, com'rs, will sell on the premises the Burkes Mills, on Naked Creek, on the Valley Turnpike.

Thursday, Sept. 20.—Messrs. Harrison and Sheffey, com'rs, will sell between 23,000 and 28,000 acres of land in Augusta county, known as the "McBride Survey."

Saturday, Sept. 22.—Hugh W. Sheffey, trustee, will sell three parcels of land, as trustee of J. M. McCue, adjoining the mansion house tract of said McCue.

Monday, Sept. 24.—Wm. E. Craig and P. A. Baylor, com'rs will sell in front of the Court-house, 5¼ acres of land, two miles S. W. of Staunton, containing a dwelling-house and out-buildings, the property of Philip Greaver.

Monday, September 24—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.

Monday, Sept. 24—Maj. H. M. Bell, com'r will sell 325 acres of land, about 5 miles east of Staunton, now occupied by Jas. H. Trotter.

Monday, Sept. 24—Messrs. Grattan and Fultz, com'rs, will sell a house and lot in Mt. Sidney.

Monday, Sept. 24—Messrs. Cochran and Quarles, com'rs, will sell three lots of land with improvements thereon, situated in Buffalo Gap.

Tuesday, Sept. 25—H. M. Bell, com'r, will sell about 150 acres of land in Alleghany county, being a part of the "Peyton Farm," lying on Jackson's river.

Tuesday, Oct. 2—Messrs. Mathews and Skeen, com'rs, will sell 4 tracts of valuable grazing lands, located on or near the waters of Clover Lick Creek in Pocahontas county.

Monday, Oct. 8.—Mr. Jno. W. Harris, com'r, will sell five tracts of valuable grazing and farming lands in Greenbrier county, W. Va. These lands offer a fine opportunity for investment or speculation:

Saturday Oct. 13—Fultz, Elder and Patterson, com'rs will sell a desirable farm on Middle River, containing 500 acres.

LANDS OFFERED AT PRIVATE SALE.

J. W. DOLIN, Att'y, Charlottesville, offers an excellent farm of 575 acres, in Albemarle county, near the James River Canal, at $10½ per acre, on accommodating terms.

DR. WM. M. CRAWFORD, of Mt. Sidney, Va., offers for sale the valuable farm, five miles orth of Staunton, containing 292 acres, known as the home of the late Major James Crawford.

JONATHAN KOINER, Executor of Jacob Coyner, dec'd, offers a tract of land for sale privately—known as the "Grove tract," containing 110⅝ 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'.

LADIES—If you fail to examine J. W. NEWTON'S stock of Shoes and Walking Boots before purchasing, you will regret it. If you wish to fit on shoes without taking them home, you can do so in the Ladies' work room adjoining the Store, *free from observation*. Shoes from $1 to $5 a pair.

GRAND BALL AT THE VIRGINIA HOTEL, GIVEN BY MR. AND MRS. J. D. CROWL.—Not since the grand-mothers of the present generation, wearing their high-heeled shoes and tight bodies, paced through the stately measures of the minuet, has there been gathered together a more fashionable throng of handsome men and beautiful women than was assembled at the Virginia Hotel on last Wednesday evening.—Besides the many beauties, of which our city can so justly feel proud, the cities of Baltimore, Washington and New Orleans were represented in the persons of some of their fairest daughters, lending the additional charms of their loveliness to the festal throng.

From the opening of the Ball with the "Virginia Hotel" Quadrille, the merry feet of joyous dancers threaded the mazes of the graceful Lancers, stately Quadrille, or moved with rhythmic music to the symphonies of Strauss' latest waltz, until the hastening hours with winged feet announced that "night's candles were burnt out and jocund day stood tiptoe on the misty mountain tops."

At eleven o'clock the happy throng adjourned to the supper room, where one of the handsomest tables was spread with fruits from every clime, and arranged with an eye to the beautiful that we have never seen surpassed. There could be seen (and tasted) the finest oranges from the leafy groves of Florida, rosy-cheeked peaches that rivalled the complexion of the fairest face of earth's fair daughters, cooling draughts of lemonade that Gangmede himself might well have been proud to serve, cakes showing in every varied form the cunning and tasteful handiwork of woman, ice-cream as crisp and cold as though just received from the snow-king himself, and over and above all a profusion of the most beautiful flowers, which lent aesthetic effect of their beauty and sweet fragrance to the charm of the banquet.

After partaking of this collation dancing was resumed, and all had the "maddest merriest time," until the approaching dawn warned them that it was time to bid their host and hostess good-night.

MORE TROUBLE WITH THE WHITE SULPHUR WAITERS.—There was another excitement at the White Sulphur Springs, Friday, among the negro waiters. Mr. Wm. T. McCue, who leased the cigar stand there, a son of Judge J. H. McCue, of Staunton, has been very much disliked by the waiters since he interfered some time ago in behalf of young Bradley, of this city, who they were attacking, and on Friday one of them grossly insulted him. He knocked the fellow down, as he did two others who came at him. This was followed by a general assembly of the negroes on the lawn next day, to the number of over 200, with violent threats against young McCue, who quietly armed himself, determined to stand his ground at any cost. The clerks of the hotel prepared themselves to aid McCue if necessary. Col. Geo. L. Peyton, the proprietor, addressed the negroes, telling those who were peaceably disposed to retire from the crowd to their quarters, while those who were determined on violence might remain and take the consequences, which would be serious to them. The negroes then dispersed. Young McCue, who had not been at all disturbed by the threats of the negro mob, remained at his post until his lease of the cigar stand expired last Monday, when he returned home.—*Vindicator of 7th.*

Nothing more fully demonstrates the fact, of the rapidly increasing popularity of the

Davis Sewing Machine,

than the sale of four in one day (Tuesday last,) to the following persons: Mrs. Harris, Mr. Curd, and Mr. Camden, near Fishersville, and M. R. Coalter, Esq., near Stuart's Draft. Call and examine them at J. W. NEWTON'S.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a meeting of the Augusta Fire Company, on Monday night of last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Michael Cox, 1st Commander; C. S. Crowder, 2nd Commander; C. A. Lushbaugh, 1st Pipeman; E. F. Grove, 2nd do; John Pisher, 3rd do; Geo. Weaver, 4th do; Hans Scherer, 1st Hose director; John Teabo, 2nd do; Maurice Barry, Secretary; Julius C. Scheffer, Assistant Secretary; J. H. Waters, Treasurer; W. B. Taylor, Librarian; Ed. Hall, Assistant Librarian; E. F. Grove, Steward.

Capt. J. H. Waters was recommended to the Council for re-election to the position of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

THE BEST Cotton Yarn made in the U. S. is sold by NEWTON, at $1.10 a bale.

OLD DOMINION BED SPRING.—Mr. Lambert, of Waynesboro', has secured the agency for this celebrated bed spring and is now furnishing them to all who may desire a pleasant, safe and durable spring. We have tried them and can safely say that they are quite as luxurious, comfortable, and in every way equal, if not superior, to any we have ever used. They are sold at only $3.00, and arranged so as to fit on any sized bed. We advise all who want a really cheap first-class article to leave their orders with Mr. C. C. Henderson.

BALDWIN AUGUSTA FAIR.—The Board of Directors of the B. A. F. held a meeting in this place on last Saturday.

Present—A. A. Sproul, President; Col. A. W. Harman, J. D. Craig, J. H. Parkins, Capts. W. I. Bumgardner and J. H. Waters.

A Committee of three was appointed to take into consideration some satisfactory arrangement to settle up the indebtedness of the Fair.

The Board decided to admit all the Female Schools of Staunton at 25 cents when they come as schools.

J. J. Larew was appointed Chief of Police, and E. M. Cushing, ticket agent.

Parties desiring the privilege of keeping confectionery and eating stands will be charged $10,00, and all churches wishing to have tables $5.00.

The Board is very much encouraged, from the present prospects, for a good fair, and they hope to receive the assistance of all citizens in making the fair a success.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the office at the Fair Ground, on Saturday, the 22d of Oct. at 10 o'clock.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On last Sunday night, at 10½ o'clock, a fatal accident occurred on the trestle bridge on the C. & O. R. R., at the west end of this place, by which Mr. F. M. Ash was instantly killed. Mr. Ash was a section-master on the railroad and resided at North Mountain summit. He came to town for the purpose of procuring medicine for an invalid wife, and was returning to his home on the caboose attached to a freight train.—While his train was standing on the bridge another train was seen approaching—backing up—he standing on the rear platform, became frightened lest the backing train should run into the caboose, stepped off and fell to the ground, a distance of some 20 feet, breaking his neck, and shoulder-blade, and otherwise mutilating his body, killing him instantly. It is supposed that Mr. Nash was unaware of the fact that the train was standing on the bridge. The body was viewed on yesterday morning by the Coroner but an inquest was deemed unnecessary. He leaves an invalid wife and seven children to mourn their untimely loss.

THE DRAW-STRAWS CONVENTION.—We understand that there was a convention held in a room of the boarding house of Mr. W. B. Hyde, on last Saturday, which resulted in the nomination, (by drawing-straws,) of the following candidates for the Legislature: Geo. Seawright, for the Senate; S. Brown Allen, J. D. Craig, and H. L. Williams, for the House of Delegates.—The platform of principles on which the nominations were made was—"Peaceable 're-adjustment' if possible, but forcible 're-adjustment' if we must." We endeavored to get a report of the action of this body, but were unable to procure anything like a full report of their proceedings.

N.B.—The latest news is that a number of the most influential members "bolted" and would not "readjust" worth a cent.

There will be a grand Sunday School demonstration, picnic, &c., at Stribling Springs, on next Friday, the 14th inst. The schools at Churchville, Parnassus, Spring Hill, Openchain, Moscow, Jennings Gap, Trimble's School House, West View, and Union Hall, of the M. E. Church South have invited the Schools of sister churches—Presbyterian, Lutheran and United Brethren, and the Methodist Schools of Staunton to unite in this grand demonstration. Come one, Come all, and bring your singing books and baskets, well filled, with you.

W. H. WILSON, Pastor.

SALES.—On last Saturday, E. M. Cushing made the following sales:

For Craig and Michie, Com'rs., the Hilbert warehouse, to J. M. Hardy, for $1,225.

For Quarles and Craig, Com'rs., two building lots on Reservoir hill: One to Mrs. Kittie Mullen for $210; the other to D. P. Garner for $141.

ROGUERY.—On last Friday night the house of Mr. Davidson Gearhart, in Smoky Row, in this county, was entered by thieves, and household goods, clothing, eatables, &c., stolen therefrom to the amount of $15.00 to $20.00. Mr. Gearhart and his family had made preparations to go on the picnic with the Presbyterian Sunday Schools, and had left all their eatables on a table in the lower room of the house, and they slept in the upper rooms. During the night the house was entered through a window, and the above result was discovered on Saturday morning.

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERY met at Beverly, Randolph county, West Va., on last Thursday, the 6th inst. Rev. Mr. Rosebro preached the opening sermon on the parable of the great supper, from the xiv chapter of the gospel of St. Luke. Rev. G. L. Brown was elected Moderator, and Revs. Junkin and McCutchen clerks. Twenty ministers and some fifteen elders were present, and a large attendance of the people. The meeting bids fair to be a very interesting one.

Tygart's Valley cannot be surpassed for the beauty of its scenery and ladies.

Millinery.—Now is your opportunity to secure a bargain in a Hat or Bonnet at NEWTON'S, *for cost or less, if you prefer.*

VISITORS TO CLEVELAND.—Among the Staunton visitors to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at Cleveland were Mr. John Howard Wayt, Mr. David C. McGuffin, who took the occasion to visit his brother at Goshen, Ind., whom he had not seen for thirty-two years, Mr. Chas. H. West, Mr. Donald Allen, Mr. S. P. Pugh, Mr. J. E. Graham and Mr. A. S. Lara. The Virginians were all delighted at the election of Senator R. E. Withers, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery.

DEAF AND DUMB AND BLIND INSTITUTION.—The exercises of another session have begun with an unusually large attendance for the first week. Admission has been granted to about twice the usual number of new pupils, the majority of them being blind—a condition of things very different from what has existed heretofore.—*Goodson Gazette.*

TABLEAUX AND CONCERT.—The tableaux and concert at Arbor Hill, on last Friday night, for the benefit of the Sunday School at that place, was a grand success, and it will be repeated on next Thursday night, the 13th inst. There will also be a picnic for the Sunday School on the day of the night preceding the Concert—Thursday. The public are respectfully invited.

PROF. SCHARF will read "The Rivals" at the Grange Hall Lecture-room to-night, when he will impersonate all the characters in this most popular piece.

On Thursday night next, the 13th, he will read again, on which occasion he will present an entirely new programme. Price of admission only ten cents.

Gladke has just returned from the Eastern markets. His store is now packed full of all kinds of dry goods, notions, millinery and fancy goods. He intends to sell goods very cheap, having bought them at a great advantage. Read his advertisement and go and try him.

LOST.—At the C. & O. R. R. depot on yesterday morning, a small red Russia Leather pocket book, containg $12 or $15 in greenbacks, and some other papers. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it to this office.

Prejudice often rules in the physical treatment of Babies. They are allowed to suffer and scream with pain from Colic, Flatulence, Bowel Disorders, etc., when some simple, reliable and safe remedy, as Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup, would give almost immediate relief and perfect ease to the little sufferer. Price 25 cents per bottle.

BETTER PRICE FOR LAND.—Last week Mr. E. M. Cushing sold for W. L. Mowry, Com'r the home farm of the late Andrew B. Rogers, consisting of 238 acres, a mile from Mt. Solon.—It brought $30,50 an acre, being $5.50 more than was bid when it was offered for sale a month ago.

☞ Depository of the Augusta County Bible Society is at **J. W. Newton's Store.** Persons in want of BIBLES and TESTAMENTS for any purpose will find them cheaper at the Depository than at any Book Store in the county.

H. W. SHEFFEY, Pres't A. B. S.

DEATH OF A VENERABLE MINISTER.—Rev. Basil Barry, the oldest member of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, and who was stationed in Staunton in 1829-30, died in Baltimore Sunday night, the 2nd inst., aged eighty-eight years.

Carpets and **Oil Cloth** in great variety from 25 cents to $1.25 per yard, at NEWTON'S.

BETHEL LAWN PARTY.—Wednesday night prevented the lawn party at Bethel church, but the ladies adjourned to the church and gave a delightful evening and elegant supper, realizing over $50.

Improper articles of food often cause the blood to become loaded with foul humors.—Cleanse the blood with Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture and be healthy.

[Reported for the Spectator.]

Rockingham District Conference, M. E. Church South.

The Rockingham District Conference met at Harrisonburg on last Wednesday, in Andrew Chapel, at 3½ o'clock, P. M., Presiding Elder, Rev. D. Thomas, in the Chair, and Mr. J. P. Houck was elected Secretary.

Appropriate religious services were conducted by the Rev. G. Mauzy.

The roll of members was called and twenty-five responded to their names.

Rev. W. H. Wilson preached at night.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock A. M. Services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Richie.

The following committees were appointed:

State of the Church.—G. Mauzy, C. L. Damron, F. A. Strother, A. E. Pierce, and J. W. Karicofe.

Finance.—W. H. Wilson, W. G. Hammond, L. H. Grabill, G. S. Christle and H. H. Miller.

Examination of Recording Steward's Records.—W. G. Hammond, F. H. Richie, A. S. Robey, J. W. Newton, and C. W. Brubaker.

Sunday Schools.—L. Fox, G. D. S. Collins, G. Hammond, J. C. Scott and Philo. Bradley.

Churches and Parsonages.—M. G. Balthis, J. S. Hopkins, E. Grabill, Geo. Harlan and R. A. Gibbons.

Temperance.—J. S. Martin, W. W. Kinzer, E. Grabill, H. Smith and J. E. Long.

Public Worship.—D. Thomas and W. G. Eggleston.

The regular order of business was called, and reports made as to the State of the Church.

The report from Shenandoah Iron Works showed the unprecedented fact that the Presiding Elder had been *paid in advance*, and all their finances were paid up to date. J. P. Houck represented this grand little station, and their unusual achievements caused Harrisonburg and Staunton Stations to collapse. The report from this station speaks well for the industry and energy of their board of Stewards.

Rev. W. G. Hammond offered the following resolution which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the practice of card playing and attending circuses, balls, and dances, are violations of the discipline and Spirit of the M. E. Church South, and are consequently esteemed actionable cases.

Reports of charges were resumed, and Staunton, Mt. Sidney, Churchville and Bridgewater were heard from.

Rev. Mr. Rowe, of the Virginia Bible Society, and Rev. Mr. Bowman, of the Presbyterian Church of Harrisonburg, were introduced to the Conference.

The Rev. F. A. Strother preached at 7½ P M.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

Religious services were conducted by the Rev. L. H. Grabill.

Reports were heard from Rockingham, East Rockingham and Port Republic.

The President asked Bro. Robey the question: "Do you use our Catechism in your schools and do the children attend public worship?" which was responded to. Dr. Martin, of Staunton, made a powerful address, urging the importance of parents teaching their children the doctrines of the church, and of bringing them out to hear the word preached. His remarks were *to the point* and his address was one of his happiest efforts. The eloquent and impressive language used brought tears to the eyes of every parent present.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty, of the Richmond Christian Advocate was introduced to the Conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 P. M., and religious services were conducted by Rev. G. Homan.

Reports were heard from New Market, Woodstock, Furnace and Strasburg.

The following resolutions were offered by Rev. W. H. Wilson, and advocated by himself, Dr. Martin, and J. W. Newton, and were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Wesleyan Female Institute at Staunton, Va., is in a peculiar sense "*our own*," and whereas under the presidency of Rev. Wm. A. Harris, D. D., it has become *widely* and favorably known, and so extensively patronized as a seat of the highest order of female education, and promises so large in beneficial results to both our ministry and laity in the facilities it offers for the thorough classical and Christian education of our daughters; therefore—

Resolved, By the Rockingham District Conference, in conference assembled, that we congratulate Dr. Harris for his *efficiency* and success as a Christian educator and the unprecedented eminence attained by this school, and we heartily pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to legitimately increase its patronage and promote its efficiency.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish a copy of these resolutions for publication in our church papers.

The following delegates and alternates were elected to the next session of the Baltimore Annual Conference:

Delegates.—Rev. Wm. Milnes, Moses Walton, G. S. Christle, and Maj. J. W. Newton.

Alternates.—Rev. Jos. Funkhouser, C. Eakle, J. W. F. Allemong, and E. L. Lambert.

Woodstock was selected as the place for holding the next District Conference.

The following report from the committee on finance was adopted:

That they have heard with pleasure the improved condition of the finances in the district, especially in the stations, and we hereby urge on the Stewards of the district, and all concerned, the plan of finance, reported by joint board and adopted by the Annual Conference, as the best we can suggest, and if made the basis of action and carried out faithfully, and our people pay methodically, and do it quarterly and religiously, difficulties will soon be unknown in our charges.

The Rev. Dr. Lafferty addressed the Conference in his accustomed happy style.

The committee on Temperance reported, through their chairman, Dr. Martin, the following, which was adopted:

A presentations of the evils of Intemperance in the form of an extended written report to the Conference, may be viewed as unnecessary. The statistics of the enormous pecuniary expense of Intemperance to the State, and of its social evils to the families of our land, have often been set forth by the secular and religious press. But to us, as ministers and members of the Church of Christ, the spectacle is yet more painful, of the moral debasement in life, and extinction of hope in the death of so many, consequent upon the indulgence of this evil; therefore—

Resolved, That we cherish with delight the spirit and rule of this church in relation to this subject; that we will not suffer the former to die out by religious indifference, nor the latter to become inoperative by lack of ministerial diligence in its enforcement.

Resolved 2nd, That we will give our influence and effort to prevent the use of intoxicating beverages, by pronouncing upon any sentiment, custom or indulgence, that would in the least degree directly, or even impliedly, favor the evil of Intemperance.

Rev. Dr. Lafferty preached at night, and his sermon was a powerful one. His theme was the nearness of the second advent of our blessed Savior. He said that he believed that if our children live right, ourg rand-children would live to see the second crowning of our blessed Redeemer.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Wilson.

Water Lick mission was represented by Rev. Mr. Homan.

Luray circuit was represented by Bro. Balthis.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

WHEREAS camp-meeting committees, in order to meet the necessary expenses, frequently permit huckstering, stall stores, &c., which prove detrimental to the prosperity of the meetings, not to say gross and open violation of the law of the Sabbath; therefore—

Resolved, That we, the members of Rockingham District Conference, in conference assembled, do recommend that camp-meeting committees do prevent huckstering, stall stores, photograph galleries, and any other things not absolutely necessary to the interests of the meeting.

Resolved 2nd, That we recommend to camp-meeting committees to furnish and keep a boarding-tent for the accommodation of visitors, and, after paying expenses, the profits, if any, to meet the expenses of the camp.

Resolved 3rd, That we request the Presiding Elder not to order or request the attendance of any preachers at any camp-meeting where the foregoing resolutions are not enforced.

The committee on the state of the church, after a lengthy preamble, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That we believe the spiritual condition of the church may be greatly improved if the preachers in charge will earnestly urge upon their people to hold class-meetings every Sabbath at all the appointments.

Resolved 2, That this Conference regard card-playing, dancing and other wordly and sinful amusements, such as attendance on circuses, &c., as contrary to the Discipline and spirit of the M. E. Church South, and consequently actionable offences.

Maj. Newton offered an amendment to this resolution as follows:

That after the word "circuses" insert "billiard saloons, bowling alleys, and drinking intoxicating liquors, either moderately or to excess."

Resolved 3, That the foregoing be published in our church papers, and that the preachers be requested to read the same to their congregations.

The report, as amended, was adopted.

Reports from the committees on churches and parsonages and Sunday schools were read and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Lafferty addressed the Conference on behalf of the Richmond *Christian Advocate.*

Rev. John T. Rowe made an address in behalf of the Virginia Bible Society.

The committee on recording Steward's Records reported all in due form, and some of them as models of neatness and correctness.

Rev. Mr. Eggleston offered a resolution, which was adopted, requiring all preachers in charge to bring with them to the next District Conference their church registers.

A collection of thanks to the citizens of Harrisonburg for their generous hospitality, and to the President and Secretary of the Conference, were adopted.

It was resolved that the next session of this Conference will assemble at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday of the week on which it is called, instead of Wednesday, as heretofore.

A collection was then taken up for the sexton and the Conference adjourned *sine die.* N.

THE JEWISH NEW YEAR.—Last Saturday was the commencement of the Jewish year 5638, reckoning from the Creation, and was appropriately observed by the Israelites of this place. While, therefore, letters are dated "September 8, 1877," as with Christians, this day is still the first day of the month of Tishrei in the year 5638. This festival is one of those commanded in the Scripture:—"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, saying, in the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation."—Lev., xxiii, 23, 24.

To this day the traditional cornet or ram's horn is publicly sounded in all orthodox synagogues in the new year. The notes sounded are the same everywhere, and are traditional, so that the devout of Israel probably still listen to the identical tunes at which the walls of Jericho fell before the victorious Joshua. Saturday being the Jewish Sabbath, the trumpet was not sounded, this ceremony being postponed until Sunday, when the orthodox celebrate a duplicate holiday in their synagogues.—In the "temples," as the places of worship of the reformed or rationalistic sect of the Jews are called, the conventional ram's horn is not used, nor is the second day observed.

The first ten days of Tishrei are called Aasares Yemy Thesuva, the ten penitential days, and the Sabbath occurring September 15th is called Sabbath Shuva. This name is derived from the Haphtorah, or conclusion, the reading of which is a part of the New Year service in the synagogues. The history is that Antiochus Epiphanes, after conquering the Egyptians, made war with the Israelites, and, conquering them, gave orders to burn all their books and prohibited the reading of the weekly portion of the Pentateuch. The Israelites then selected certain chapters from the books of the prophets corresponding as nearly as possible to the text of the Pentateuch, and these chapters were read instead, and are called the Hephtorah—hence reading on this occasion at present time. Monday, the 3d of Tisheri, is the fast of Gedaljah, in remembrance of his assassination.

SOL SMITH RUSSELL.—This world renowned humorist, with his corps of musical stars, gave one of their chaste and elegant performances in the Grange hall on last Friday night, before one of the largest and most appreciative audiences which has ever assembled in Staunton.—Misses Dora Wiley, Soprano; Anna C. Holbrook, Contralto; Annie L'Estele, Pianist; and Messrs. L. M. Packard, Tenor; Jules G. Lumbard, Basso, all sang and performed so well that it would be invidious to undertake to draw distinctions. They all sang so well that the general verdict was that it was the best quartette that ever appeared on the stage in this place; and "Sol Smith" excelled himself in his facial and character songs. Their rendering of the Sunday School hymn—"Sweet bye and bye"—called forth the most vociferous applause. The receipts, we understand, were $380.00.

BRIEFS.—The September term of the Corporation Court began yesterday.

The Supreme Court meets to-day.

"When the swallows homeward fly,"
Then the school-girls this way hie.

Prof. Scharf gives another of his interesting readings to-night.

The clouds yesterday w(b)elted the farmers' hopes, but that was all.

Mr. Jacob Neff passed through town yesterday on his way to Rockbridge, bear hunting.

St. Francis (Catholic) Church of this city has recently been repaired and repainted.

Lewis M. McClung is appointed postmaster at Clover Creek, Highland county, *vice* John C Dixon, resigned.

The Sol that illumines the day is no less inimitable than he who filled the night with pleasure for the citizens of Staunton on last Friday.

San Francisco *Mail:* Button-up-behind shirts gives that cheerful insect the flea a military advantage never before heard of in modern warfare.

An *Exchange* says, that husbands should not tell their wives tales on the boys, for their wives will tell their sisters, and their sisters will tell everybody else in town.

SERVICES AT THE CATHODIC CHURCH ON SUNDAY.—The services at the Catholic Church on Sunday were of a peculiarly interesting character. There was a rededication of the Church, growing out of the recent repairs which have been made to the building. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Hasty, of Lexington, assisted by the resident priests Father McVerry and Fitzimmons. The Church has been beautifully frescoed and was pronounced by Father Hasty to be the most handsomely finished edifice within the diocese. The attendance on the services were quite large, there being an excursion train here from Harrisonburg bringing quite a large number of people.

Y. M. C. A.—The Y. M. C. A. Hall was crowded last Sunday evening, quite a number of ladies being in attendance.

The leader, Mr. J. J. Ladd read the 17th chap. of Acts, and made appropriate and very interesting remarks thereon. Brief but excellent remarks were also made by Rev. W. F. Richardson and Messrs. Heber Ker and W. A. McCue.

Mr. McIlhaney will have charge of the exercises next Sunday. Subject: the 18th chap. of Acts.

CITY COURT.—The Sept. term of this court has been in session for some days, but nothing very important has been done, except the action of the grand jury in finding indictments against sundry parties for gambling, selling ardent spirits on Sunday, &c. To-day the grand jury examines the assessor's books to find if any irregularities in the income returns exist.

The Hook and Ladder company will meet to-night at 7 o'clock sharp, in the Sullivan building. All members of the old Company having uniforms will please turn them over to the chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

The *Daily Press* is the title of a live little paper published in Alexandria. J. Willard Greene, editor; T. S. K. Hawkshurst, business manager. It contains 20 columns, neatly printed from new type. Price $3 per annum.

Candidates and aspirants for Legislative honors were out in full force on last Sunday in attendance on divine worship at the various churches. We are glad to see them turning their attention to spiritual things.

We were greatly pained at the news of his death by accident, at his home in Halifax county, on August 23d, of Willie Adams, a deaf-mute. He was twelve years old and had been a pupil here for one session.—*Goodson Gazette.*

The Basket Picnic and Excursion of the Presbyterian Sunday School of Staunton, advertised for last Saturday has been postponed until next Saturday, the 15th inst.

The remains of an infant child were found yesterday evening in a lot above the tanyard, in this city.

PERSONAL.—Wm. S. Martin, a merchant of Philadelphia, was on a visit, last week, to his brother, Dr. John S. Martin, of this city.

Stamping on Linen, Cotton and Flannel, neatly and satisfactorily executed at Newton's.

THE COMING FAIRS—WHEN THEY ARE TO COME OFF.—The Fair of the Virginia State Agricultural Society will commence on Tuesday, October 30th.

The Fair of the Lynchburg Agricultural and Mechanical Society will be held on the 23d, 24th, 25th, and 26th of October.

The Baldwin-Augusta Fair will be held at Staunton on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of October.

The Fair of the Tazewell County Agricultural and Mechanical Society will take place on the 2d, 3d, and 4th of November.

The Fair of the Piedmont Agricultural Society will commence on October 16th and continue until the 19th.

The Virginia and Tennessee Border Fair will take place on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of October.

The Washington County Agricultural Fair will be held at Abingdon on the 26th of September.

The Fair of the Berkeley County Agricultural and Mechanical Association will be held at Martinburg on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th.

The Fair of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society will take place at Weldon, N. C., on the 23d, 24th, 25th, and 26th of October.

Brigham Young's widow must have caused a flutter in the mourning goods market—there are so many of her.—*State.*

It is stated that Henry Ward Beecher is strongly pressed as the natural successor of Brigham Young.

Correspondence.

September 7th, 1877.

CAPT. WM. L. BALTHIS, Mayor, &c., of Staunton:

Dear Sir:—I take the liberty to address you this letter in view of your official position and as such the representative of our city population, and through you the people of the county whose co-operation in the matter of securing the object desired is ardently wished.

You will agree with me, I doubt not, that it is much to be regretted that we have not had and have not now in our town a repository or museum where things that have a relation to literature, art, science or natural history might be preserved. Were a suitable building or apartments in an existing building secured, the industry of the antiquarian, the arborist, the geologist and mineralogist would soon fill its shelves—make it a cabinet of curiosities. Such a museum where one might not only gratify an antiquarian taste, but see displayed the products of the soil, fruits, grains timber, ores, &c., would become one of the most attractive resorts in our community: where might be studied from specimens every branch of science relating to organic and inorganic nature. The science of geology has within the memory of the present generation made immense progress. Aided not only by the higher branches of the physics, but by recent discoveries in mineralogy and chemistry, in botony, zoology and comparative anatomy, it has extracted from the archives of the interior of the earth, records of former conditions of our planet, and deciphered documents which were a sealed book to our ancestors. It has, indeed, extended its researches into regions more vast and remote than come within the scope of any other physical science except astronomy. Yet in our midst we have no collection of the evidences of the formation of the earth, of native or extraneous fossils, such as minerals, earths, salts, combustibles, metals, or bodies of vegetable or animal origin, such as plants, shells, bones and other specimens—many of which are petrified and have been buried in the earth accidentally.

Virginia abounds in these interesting specimens—our forest alone produces several hundred different kinds of wood, mostly of excellent quality. Who amongst us has seen them all brought together or could name or classify them if they were? Our soil is rich in minerals, coals, iron, salt, copper gold, and gypsum, yet where is there an interesting collection of these to be seen and studied?

When a boy I remember to have seen in the county many relics of the red men such as stone arrow heads, hatchets and instruments in the form of adze, which the barbarians no doubt used to fell timber and scoop out their canoes. What an interest a cabinet of these curiosities would now possess! I trust it is not now too late to secure many of these memorials, but to be successful no time should be lost. I see with surprise no mementos of the late civil war, but a few rusty blades and now and again a delapidated scabbard or broken gun barrel. Let us collect these mementos also of that period in our history

"When civil discord first grew high,
And men fell out they knew not why."

My interest in the subject is doubtless the greater from the fact that I have visited many celebrated museums in Europe, particularly in Italy, which contain innumerable specimens of the three ages into which antiquarians divide the primeval or pagan ages, namely, first, the stone; secondly, the bronze; and thirdly, the iron; each betokening a different degree of advancement and civilization. All collections also of all succeeding ages with the natural productions, &c., of every country.

With the hope that such a want may be supplied in our prosperous and growing city, I address you this brief and hurried note and ask your valuable co-operation.

I am, Mr. Mayor,
Very truly, yours,
JNO. LEWIS PEYTON.

COL. JNO. LEWIS PEYTON:

Dear Sir:—I have just read with much interest, your letter of the 7th inst., in regard to the importance of establishing in Staunton a suitable place for the reception and preservation of specimens secured by the antiquarian, the geologist, &c., &c. I think it a matter of *peculiar interest* to the citizens of this section of country where the industrious geologist alone, could soon supply a cabinet that would not only add to the knowledge but to the wealth of our community.

I feel sure, sir, that your experience will enable you to give proper direction to the project, and that you will find many lovers of science who will be glad of an opportunity to give material aid in furtherance of the proposed object.

With the assurance of a hearty co-operation on my part, I am yours, truly,

WM. L. BALTHIS.

A CARD.

GEN. JOHN ECHOLS, Staunton, Va.

Dear Sir:—Recognizing your superior financial abilities, and believing you to be eminently qualified to act in the adjustment of the State debt, we respectfully request that you allow your name to be used as a candidate to represent Augusta county in the next House of Delegates.

You are aware that the question of the State debt is agitating the minds of our people from one end of the Commonwealth to the other, and that upon the next General Assembly devolves the task of finally disposing of the matter.

We believe that a determined and well directed effort on the part of a few competent and influential men would result in an adjustment satisfactory to the tax-payer and just and equitable to the bondholder.

Trusting that you will be willing to serve our State at this critical time,

We are very respectfully,
Your ob't serv'ts,

Samuel X. Kerr,	James S. Haupe,
James R. Stout,	James Borden,
Wm. M. Tate,	C. F. Fry,
Thornton G. Stout,	Jas. A. Bumgardner,
Joseph B. Trimble,	Edward D. Bell,
Geo. W. Swoope,	Wm. Bell,
Wm. Crawford,	Fleming R. Talley,
W. T. Rush,	N. E. Norman,
Geo. M. Cochran, Sr.,	W. S. Snyder,
Wm. J. D. Bell,	John S. Churchman,
Ephraim Geeding,	Enos Ott,
Cornelius J. Colner,	Chas. J. Bell,
C. R. Mason,	Geo. W. Trimble,
David S. Bell,	H. F. Borden,
W. W. Peace,	Wm. H. Pilson,
H. C. Kindig,	Henry D. Peck,
David W. Hanger,	John C. Thompson,
Geo. B. Dunlap,	J. A. Ashby,
Jno. Bumgardner,	Wm. Jordan,
J. Wayt Bell,	Edward H. Stuart,
J. W. Brooks,	Zach. T. Stuart,
Wm. F. Ast,	Wm. A. Burnett,
G. B. Shuey,	J. K. Coiner,
James B. Collins,	John Christian,
Jno. Waldrop,	John C. Bell,
C. S. Williams,	C. C. Doyle,
John B. Brownlee,	James E. Smith,
Wm. L. Walters,	P. Swink,
James Foster,	John A. Stuart,

M. H. McComb.

STAUNTON, VA. Sept. 5th, 1877.

To Messrs. Samuel X. Kerr, J. R. Stout, Wm. M. Tate, Thornton G. Stout, Jos. B. Trimble, G. W. Swoope, Wm. Crawford, W. T. Rush and Geo. M. Cochran, Sr., and others:

Gentlemen:—I have had the honor to receive your communication, requesting the use of my name as a candidate for the House of Delegates. Whilst I am conscious that you estimate much too highly my capacity for usefulness in the grave emergency in which the State of Virginia is now placed, yet I beg to assure you that no one can be more anxious than myself to see the prosperity of the State advanced and her honor preserved. If, therefore, my fellow-citizens of Augusta county think that I can properly represent them, I am willing to serve them in the position indicated to the best of my ability. I am, very respectfully,

JOHN ECHOLS.

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County Organization.

The Lynchburg *Virginian* publishes a letter on the subject of county organization and comments as follows:

Much of the